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## SCOUT COUNCIL PLANS PURCHASE OF CAMPING SITE

Scout Executive Barnes Will Meet With Local Boy Scout Heads On Monday.

A meeting of the local council will be held in the old Congregational church next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Troop No. 1 will serve as host and Scout Executive Barnes will be present, so that tests may be taken for merit badges by any scouts who have filed written application prior to the meeting.

Recently a meeting of the West Suburban District Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held at LaGrange, at which it was considered whether or not it was advisable for the district to purchase a camping site with adequate acreage, bathing facilities and accessible to the district. A committee consisting of C. T. Lamb of Hinsdale, Dr. A. M. Harvey of LaGrange, P. N. Davis of Downers Grove, Capt. P. C. Porter of Riverside and J. A. Hessler of Berwyn, was appointed to consider the subject, recommend to the council the proper method of procedure, and the most available manner in which to finance the proposition. This committee held a meeting and agreed upon a plan. It is believed that a camp site will be purchased, and the camping committee, consisting of C. C. Gilchrist, E. H. Bingham of Hinsdale and R. W. Teeter of Berwyn together with Scout Executive Barnes and President Lamb, is looking for a suitable site.

A Scout Masters association, for the West Suburban District, has recently been formed and the first meeting of the association was held at the home of Scout Master King of Berwyn last Monday evening.

This month the first of several cabins to be built in the Forest Preserve for the scouts of this district was completed and dedicated. The dedication was under the control of the Berwyn Council and the cabin is located in the State Forest Preserve near DesPlaines. These cabins will be substantially built for scout use and may be used for entertainments, over-night hikes, etc. It is expected that eventually each town having two or more troops will have its cabin in the State Preserve.

Scout Executive Barnes has rented rooms in Hinsdale where he will reside until he is able to rent or purchase a house within the district.

## MACHINE GUN CO. KEEPS TITLE TO CHALLENGE CUP

Wins From Company C. of Oak Park In Shoot-Off of Tie on Last Wednesday.

By the phenomenal score of 151, the highest yet made in competition for the cup, the Machine Gun Co. team successfully defended its title to further possession of this trophy, Wednesday night.

This was the shoot off of the tie with Co. C. of Oak Park on April 7, our boys fulfilling their determination that no further tie would result by the score above, resulting in an average of 143 7/8, against an average of 141 1/8 for Co. C.

The scores of our team:

Henderson, W. W.	143
Medjrick, Ed.	143
Chambers, H. C.	146
Uihorn, Elmer	138
Rigsbee, H.	146
Carpenter, B. M.	147
Briggs, R. C.	145
Tholin, K. E.	143

Co. C scored 1129 with Privat as high man with 149, being the highest individual score in this competition.

## WHITNEY-PEARSON

Miss Mildred Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Whitney of East Grove, and Mr. Morris Pearson of LaGrange, were married at LaGrange on Saturday, April 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson left last Saturday for a honeymoon to be spent in the west when they will visit Los Angeles, Denver, Santa Fe, New Mexico and other cities. At Santa Fe they will be met by Hilliard Whitney, brother of the bride who is a United States inspector of mines for New Mexico and Arizona.

## 11TH DIST. FEDERATION MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

Delegates From Downers Grove Woman's Club Make A Detailed Report.

The delegates of the Downers Grove Woman's Club to the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Eleventh District Federation of Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, were beautifully entertained at Lombard, Ill. The Lombard Club were fortunate in having the Parish House of the Congregational church in which to entertain the Convention and it made our local ladies almost envious. Perhaps Downers Grove will soon be able to have a community center equal to theirs.

The keynote of the Convention was "Service," and after hearing the reports of the twelve departments of Club work, we were certain that the women of the district have lived up to that motto. The Chairman of the departments gave detailed reports, covering the work of Art, Civics, Civil Service, Conservation, Education, Household Economics, Legislation, Library Extension, Literature, Music, Public Health and Social and Industrial Service. Our Mrs. M. K. Bush, Chairman of Art, gave a delightful report of which we were proud. The delegates were also glad to hear an eloquent address by Mrs. William H. Hart, the President of the State Federation.

Recognizing the necessity for a general interest in the coming political campaign the opening session of the Convention took a patriotic turn. The delegates were addressed by Mrs. George Bass on "The Principles of the Democratic Party" and by Mrs. Fletcher Dobyns on "The Principles of the Republican Party." The ladies are the best of friends and showed their broad spirit by avoiding any personalities. They told in a simple and impressive way why they as women wanted their friends to consider deeply the principles of both parties before arriving at a conclusion as to how they will vote.

The Convention made a number of very practical recommendations which may be of interest to the local Club members, as follows:

- Weighting and Measuring of Children in Schools.
- Special dental work for school children.
- Medical Inspection of School Children at frequent periods.
- Local Classes in First Aid and Home Care of the Sick.
- Sending of flowers to the Flower Mission in Chicago during the summer months. (Flowers will be sent free on Monday afternoons, if delivered to the express company with proper label).
- Substitution of other nourishing food during the present shortage of potatoes, such as hominy, rice, etc.

Watch the Label campaign, insisting that manufacturers mark their goods truthfully (violations should be immediately reported to the State Federation officers).

Under the work of Americanization, it is urged that services in all churches be held in English at least once every Sunday.

It is urged that newspapers printed in foreign languages print an English translation alongside for the benefit of the children in foreign speaking families.

Mrs. Mary B. Coultrap of Naperville, Illinois, was elected President of the District Federation and Mrs. Grace Bliss of Aurora, Recording Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary will be appointed by the President.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice M. Paine,  
President.

## YOU LIKE TO READ LOCALS

The little personal items telling the intimate details of the everyday life of the community are among the most interesting features of The Reporter. You like to read them, your neighbors, also. Help to keep this department interesting by sending in those you know. Telephone 188-J.

## FIRE DESTROYS HINSDALE GOLF CLUB QUARTERS

Lack of Water Responsible for the Total Loss of Building—Was Insured.

A fire which is supposed to have started from crossed wires in the roof, totally destroyed the beautiful club house of the Hinsdale Golf Club at West Hinsdale on the Maple avenue road yesterday morning.

An alarm was turned in to Hinsdale department and they immediately rushed to the scene along with hundreds of volunteer fire fighters.

## P.T. ASSN. ENTER-TAINED BY HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Nominating Committee Appointed to Name Officers for the Ensuing Year.

The Parent-Teacher Association held its regular meeting for April on the evening of Thursday the 15th in the High School on account of the present vacation period at the Junior Elementary School. The scheduled speaker, Mr. Wm. B. Owen, was unable to be present on account of being detained unexpectedly in the East. The weather was unfavorable

## SMALL VOTE AT SCHOOL ELECTION LAST SATURDAY

Regular Nominees Elected as Members of the Board of Education.

Last Saturday the annual election for the President and Members of the Board of Education of School District No. 58 was held. Not very much interest was taken, only ninety-six votes in all being cast.

The regular nominees were easily elected, although quite a scattering of names were written in.

The vote stood:

For President:  
A. C. Miskelly.....92  
For Members of Board (Full Term):  
C. A. Carlson.....80  
N. R. Feasley.....85

For Member of Board (To Fill Vacancy):  
C. W. VanBeynum.....86

With the above president and members and the addition of Mrs. M. H. Prince, Fred Dove and Walter Curtis, who are the hold over members, the board has a very good personnel for the coming term.

At the organization meeting of the new board held on Monday evening, the following committees were appointed:

Finance—Curtis, Carlson, Van Beynum.  
Teachers—Mrs. Prince, Feasley, Carlson.

Building and Grounds—Dove, Van Beynum, Prince.

Shortage of Funds.  
The old and the new boards, together with county officials and interested parties, held a meeting at the school building last Friday evening to discuss the shortage in the available funds for the district during the new term.

Through a loophole in the school law the tax was levied on the old basis and the new board faces a shortage of nearly \$10,000 in available funds. No one is to blame in the matter and both the old and new boards have prepared a statement explaining the proposition, in which is included part of the testimony given at last Friday's meeting. This explanation will be printed in the next issue of The Reporter.

## LA GRANGE BURIED UNDER SIX INCHES OF HAIL STONES

Hail Piled in Two Foot Drifts—Automobiles Could Not Navigate.

Downers Grove experienced a cloud burst early Tuesday morning and so much water fell that the capacity of the storm sewers was not adequate to carry off the water. Almost every street in the Village was flooded until the sewers could catch up and easements were flooded as the sewers backed up.

The storm here was accompanied by a little hail and everyone was reminded of the big storm which several weeks ago wrecked so many neighboring cities.

At LaGrange hail fell in great quantities. The streets were six inches deep with hail stones and in numerous places the frozen rain drops were blown into drifts two feet in height. So great was the fall that on some of the side streets automobiles could not navigate.

Many windows were broken and general havoc wrought by the hail. Even in Chicago the sewers were not large enough to carry off the enormous fall of water. The flood ran into the lower floors of many apartment buildings on the north and northwest sides and the people were obliged to take refuge on the upper floors.

## THEY SELL ANYTHING

We have yet to see anything that couldn't be sold through one of our Classified Advertisements. These little business pullers seem to be read by everyone—young and old. Especially are they to be recommended in disposing of second hand furniture. Now is the time to sell. Advertise.



The lack of sufficient hose and of water, however, made it impossible to combat the flames and all that standing of the club house this morning is two chimneys.

It is estimated that the loss sustained by the club will be between \$50,000 and \$55,000. This, however, is fully covered by insurance and the Board of Managers is already at work on plans for a new building.

Some of the furnishings of the club, which is among the richest in the Chicago district, were saved. The greater part of the furniture, especially the larger pieces were burned with the building.

## TELEPHONE FRANCHISE ACCEPTED BY LOCAL VOTERS

Library Board Selected at the Regular Election Held on Last Tuesday.

Local voters approved the terms of the new franchise which will be granted the Chicago Telephone Co. to operate their lines in Downers Grove, at the regular Village election held on Tuesday.

The vote was almost unanimous, 22 being cast for the franchise and 2 against. In all probability the two people who voted against the proposition thought they were casting their ballots in favor of it for there is nothing in the new permit which should make it undesirable to anyone.

At the same election new members of the Library Board were selected for the ensuing term. These were: Walter R. Curtiss, Lucia B. Morse and W. B. Towlesley.

There being no contest for any of the offices, not much interest was manifested by the men and women of the village, who did not turn out to vote in very large numbers.

and the attendance was consequently not large enough to greet a speaker who takes the trouble to come to the village especially so that his absence was not so much regretted as would have been the case otherwise.

The High School Orchestra was the feature of the evening and their efforts were highly satisfactory to those present. This group of young people is one of the features of our community life of which we can be justly proud. They are talented, earnest and public spirited adding an interesting touch to many of the programs presented in the village. Their able director, Miss McIlhenny, deserves great credit for her painstaking and untiring efforts to perfect this musical body.

Miss Gwendolyn Griffiths, another of our gifted young High School people added to the pleasure of the evening with a vocal contribution.

Following are the names of those making up the High School Orchestra:

Director—Miss Mary McIlhenny.  
First Violins—  
Ellsworth Bogart Ralph Graves  
Vance Gesner Vernon Fuller  
Preston Snow Ray Klein  
Myron Wimmer  
Second Violins—  
Marie Neilsen John Twohey  
Helen Wimmer  
Cornet—Merville Morton  
Saxophone—George Bunge  
Trombone—Harry Putnam  
Drums—Richmond Shurte  
Piano—Miss Reed  
Soloist—Miss Gwendolyn Griffiths

As this was the next to last meeting of the year a nominating committee was appointed to secure officers to carry on the work of the Association for next year. Following are members of the committee:

Miss Frances Hughes.  
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## ILLINOIS GRAND MATRON VISITED VESTA CHAPTER

Grand Officers Made Annual Inspection of Local Order of Eastern Chapter.

Mrs. Vivian Scott, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star of Illinois, accompanied by a corps of Grand Officers, made her official annual inspection of Vesta Chapter, O. E. S., on Wednesday evening. Besides the Grand Matron the visiting officers present were: Effie Redman, Grand Conductress; Helen N. Brakefield, Associate Grand Conductress; Alma Johnson, Grand Marshall; Sally Bolz, Grand Aida; Dagnar J. Stevens, Grand Esther; Clara May McCloud, Grand Martha; Amalia Huelh, Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter; Emma Rabe, Secretary of the Board of Grand Examiners; Grace Simons, Member of the Board of Grand Examiners; Albert Daniels, Past Worthy Grand Patron.

Starting the evening a delicious banquet was served the visiting notables and members and friends of the Chapter. Almost a hundred and fifty were served making it necessary to seat the guests in relays.

Lodge Hall Taxed.  
The Masonic Hall was taxed to its capacity when the Grand Officers were conducted to the East and introduced. Every available space was taken up with chairs to seat the members and many visitors, as the fame of Vesta Chapter has traveled.

With the regular officers in the chairs, the beautiful initiation ceremony of the Order was conferred on a class of six men, Harry Sutter, Carl J. Staiger, Franklin Dewey, Harold Beidelman, Arthur Iehl and Albert Vix.

Following the meeting, Mrs. G. O. Prickett, Worthy Matron of Vesta Chapter introduced, Mrs. Scott, Worthy Grand Matron of the State. Mrs. Scott favored with a very interesting ten minute talk in which she extolled the virtues of Vesta Chapter. Her remarks were very flattering to the present corps of Officers and all those having to do with the work of the O. E. S. in Downers Grove. Her praise of Mrs. Allie White who is Grand Lecturer, was praise well merited. Not only does Mrs. White take a great interest in the affairs of the local Chapter, which by her untiring labor she has made a model, but she is greatly interested in the work of the Grand Lodge.

One O'Clock Luncheon.  
At a one o'clock luncheon at their home on Saratoga avenue, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White entertained the Grand Officers present Wednesday night. Beside the officers those present were: Mrs. Susie Abbott, Worthy Matron and Mrs. Coehn, Treasurer, Berwyn Chapter; Mrs. Emma Howe, W. M. LaGrange Chapter; Mr. Wm. Groundberg, W. P. and Mrs. Groundberg of LaGrange; Mrs. Minnie Perry, W. M., Althea Chapter, Naperville; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Prickett and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Near of Downers Grove.

Gifts Presented.  
As an expression of the love that Vesta Chapter has for their Worthy Grand Matron, it presented her with a picture of Lover's Lane, Downers Grove. Mrs. White was presented with a token by the Chapter for the Wonderful work she has done for the officers and members.

## SATURDAY CLOSING NOTICE

The undersigned firms wish to announce that they will close at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturdays during the months of May, June, July and August.

Lord Lumber Co.  
Harry Sutter.  
Sam. Hoffort.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the sympathy expressed and the lovely floral offerings in the death of our sister, Isabel Washburn.

Lillian and Gale Washburn.  
Emma and Mary Fletcher.