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FINE PROGRAM AT I.O.O.F. HALL MONDAY EVEN'G

Members From All Lodges in District No. 12 Attended Anniversary Celebration.

One of the finest programs of the year was enjoyed at the Odd Fellow celebration last Monday night, the occasion being the 101st Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America and the regular monthly District meeting.

Members of all lodges along the "Q" from Morton Park to Downers Grove, number over one hundred and fifty circled the hall when the District meeting was called to order and opened by singing the Opening Ode. The meeting was of short duration and closed promptly to make way for the main event.

After a few introductory remarks by Mr. W. H. Rogers, Chairman of the local Booster Club, Mr. Henry R. Rathbone, prominent Chicago attorney and Odd Fellow gave the main address of the evening. He delivered one of the finest orations heard in Downers Grove for some time. His theme was Fraternism and his masterful execution held the audience breathless throughout. His talk centered around three points which he maintained are the bulwark of our government in great, free America, Liberty, Equality and Fraternism. We fought for liberty in 1776 and still cherish and retain it to this day. We fought for equality in 1861-65 when Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves, and now after the greatest conflict for peace on earth has been fought and won, nothing but fraternalism, brotherly love, the extended hand of good fellowship will help the stricken peoples and bring the world out of chaos. In speaking of the great Emancipator, Mr. Rathbone added a few personal touches of the martyred Presidents last day. Mr. Rathbone's father and mother sat in the box at the show, the only invited guests of the President and Mrs. Lincoln on that fateful evening, and it was his father who grappled with Booth, the slayer, after he had fired the shot and, discarding his pistol drew a dagger and stabbed the elder Rathbone in the arm and then sprang from the box to the stage, catching one of his riding spurs in the American flag which draped the presidential box causing him to break a small bone in his ankle as he landed and made easy his capture. Mr. Rathbone drew round upon round of applause as he concluded and it is hoped that he can be secured again at some future date to favor us with a talk.

Master Arthur Shaler, dressed to imitate Al Jolson, made the hit of the evening with his ukele and a song by the I. O. O. F. Quartette and a tenor solo by Mr. Harold Hinchcliffe of Berwyn were greatly enjoyed.

Mr. H. A. Rogers of Brookfield, an accomplished pianist, favored with a piano solo and the Rising Sun Lodge Orchestra gave us some real jazz.

Mr. Geo. Caygill of Berwyn, the District Deputy Grand Master gave a short history of the founding of the Order at Baltimore, Md., by Mr. Thomas Wilde and few other men and of its growth to one of the largest fraternal orders in the world. Bro. Waters, President of the District organization gave a short review of the work being done at the Odd Fellow Orphan's and Old Folk's Homes in southern Illinois and the great work being done there.

Veteran Jewel Presented.

Mr. Samuel Hoffert received the surprise of his life when, with a few well chosen words Mr. W. H. Beideman, presented him with a Veteran Odd Fellow Jewel, a mark of appreciation of Downers Grove Lodge to Bro. Hoffert who has been a faithful member for over twenty-five years.

The evening's program concluded with luncheon served in the dining room, after which cigars and reminiscences were indulged in.

The celebration was by far the best tendered by Downers Grove I. O. O. F. but is just another chapter added to our Village's fame, known along the line as one of the most entertaining and hospitable of towns.

COUNTY TEACHERS HAVE INSTITUTE HERE TOMORROW

Bonaparte School Dedicated as "Superior" by State Superintendent Blair.

The teachers of DuPage County will be in attendance at a one day institute to be held in the High School Auditorium Downers Grove, Ill., Saturday, May first. The sessions will begin promptly at 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

President J. Stanley Brown of the Northern Illinois State Normal School and Prof. Nathaniel Butler of Chicago University will be the speakers both morning and afternoon. The Downers Grove high school orchestra will furnish special music. Teachers are to bring with them "The Victor" song book which was used at the Institute last October.

The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

Superior School.

Bonaparte school, located 4 miles south of Glen Ellyn and 2 miles north of Lisle, was dedicated a Superior School with appropriate exercises on Wednesday evening, April 21st. The school room was over-crowded with invited guests, among whom were teachers and pupils of twenty-five years ago.

The dedicatory address was delivered by the Honorable F. G. Blair, Superintendent of Public Instruction, who had come from Springfield for this purpose.

The program opened with songs and a comedy sketch by the pupils, all of whom rendered their parts with an ease and skill that delighted the audience, and brought forth many expressions of praise of the teacher. The Misses Wisbrock presented piano solos and several guests brought reminiscences of the old log school house.

Mr. Blair spoke on the merits of a superior school, superior in its physical equipment, in its faculty, in its directors, and in its community. At the conclusion of his address he presented the diploma and sign of the superior school to the County Superintendent, C. B. Bowman, who in turn presented the diploma and sign of the superior school to Mr. W. A. Rogers, President of the Board of Trustees, which includes Mr. Thos. Stanton and Mr. Joy Morton. The exercises closed with the "Bonaparte Song" by the school and the "Star Spangled Banner" by the audience. The teacher is Miss Margaret Ritchey to whom belongs much of the credit for the superior excellence of the school.

Bonaparte School District No. 39 and District No. 40 (Wagner) recently consolidated with a unanimous vote. Supervisor Wm. J. Yackley, also a director of District No. 40 and many of the friends of the same district were present.

Bonaparte School is the 29th school in the State of Illinois to be dedicated a superior school, and the first in DuPage County.

ANDERSON — OSTEWIG

Mac Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fairweather of 181 Belmont street and Osmond B. Ostewig, son of O. Ostewig of Shabbona, Ill., were quietly married at the home of the bride last Saturday afternoon, April 24th, the Rev. B. H. Fleming, pastor of the First Methodist church, performing the ceremony.

They left immediately after the ceremony for a short stay at Minneapolis and are now at home at 181 Belmont street to their many friends.

Vesta Juniors will meet at the home of Miss Lorraine Tope on Highland avenue on next Tuesday evening.

A LITTLE TALK FOR NON-SUBSCRIBERS

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SCHOOL BOARD STATEMENT REGARDING FUNDS

Official Proceedings of the Board of Education — Last Three Meetings.

The following is the statement regarding the shortage in the tax levy for educational purposes:

Proceedings of meeting of the Board of Education of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, held at the Downers Grove High School

Oh-h-h-h---h, THAT'S Different



Building April 16th, 1920. The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the Board at eight o'clock p. m. and the following were present:

Mr. James R. Shaffer, Chairman.
Mr. Fred E. Dowe, Secretary.
Mr. Walter Curtis.
Mrs. M. H. Prince (who came later)
Mr. Henry E. Tank.
Hon. C. B. Bowman, County Supt. of Schools.

Hon. Charles W. Hailey, State's Attorney.
Hon. A. A. Kuhn, County Clerk.
Hon. Vigo Simonson, Township Treasurer.

Hon. A. B. Snow, Village Attorney. THE CHAIRMAN: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the financial condition of the Board at this time.

Mr. Tank: Mr. Snow has been asked to act as spokesman of the Board this evening.

Mr. Snow: Recently it was brought to my attention by the members of the finance committee of the Board that instead of their receiving as they had expected, approximately \$37,000.00, they received their tax returns from the collector and found out, after due investigation, that they were going to be about \$10,000.00 short. Another investigation followed and it developed that the resolution which the Board passes annually for the purpose of furnishing to the county treasurer, through the proper channels had provided for the appropriate levy, but that the levy had not been spread. It further developed that there had been held an election on the second of August, 1919, for the purpose of raising the amount of taxation from two to two and two-thirds per cent. Now it seems that the two-third per cent was not spread. I do not know exactly what our object is at this time, except to find out if there is any way in which we can exonerate the Board and devise a plan for taking care of the future. It struck me when they told me you gentlemen were going to be here tonight, that perhaps the various parties having to do with the spread could tell their respective stories and we could find out the reason for it and then we will come to the next question, how are we to meet the situation? If there is anything the members want to suggest, I would be glad to hear from them, or they can take the floor themselves and speak.

Mr. Tank: We would like to have this situation brought to an investigation. To us it seems to be a simple inadvertence somewhere, but we being public servants and all those who act in the capacity of public servants, act for the benefit of the public, and it is necessary that we have a statement of all the facts that enter into the situation, and we cannot go about it in any more formal or determinate manner than to begin at the first and go to the last and let each one tell all he knows about it. I suggest that you begin and ask the county superintendent of schools, who is our largest boss I believe; ask him such questions as will bring out in detail the facts as they should be presented to the public of Downers Grove.

After which remarks Mr. Snow proceeded to interrogate the parties possessing the desired information. Mr. Dowe stated in substance that

COMDR. FOREMAN TO ADDRESS "Q" LEGION MEMBERS

Mass Meeting to be Held at LaGrange Town Hall on Next Saturday Evening, May 8th.

State Commander of the American Legion, Milton J. Foreman, will address the posts along the "Q" at a mass meeting at the LaGrange Town Hall on next Saturday evening, May eighth.

This is a postponed meeting from this evening and is held over so that Mr. Foreman could so arrange his state speaking tour to be present. Each post in the district will have

part in the program.

In addition to the State Commander it is planned to have Judge K. M. Landis present and give a talk, if possible. It is almost an assured fact that the Judge can make satisfactory arrangements. This meeting is part of the state-wide drive for members for the Legion.

PETER ZEIER, OLD COUNTY RESIDENT DIED LAST FRIDAY

Peter Zeier, an old settler of DuPage County, died at his residence just north of the village Friday morning, April 23. Mr. Zeier was born in St. Wendels, Prussia, January 3rd, 1846. He came to this country with his parents when he was two months old. The family settled in Naperville. During the Civil War Mr. Zeier served in the 141st Illinois Volunteers with distinguished valor. He then moved to West Chicago where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. About forty years ago Mr. Zeier left DuPage County and went to Chicago and from there to his farm in Wisconsin. In the fall of 1916 he returned to DuPage County and resided near this village until his death.

Funeral services were held Sunday noon in St. Joseph's church. An appropriate sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin. Mr. Zeier is survived by three daughters and a son, Alphonse Rendler. Louise Ranen, Barbara Barnickel and Miss Martina Zeier.

A beautiful solo was sung by Miss Henrietta Riedy accompanied by Mrs. Dum.

Burial was at St. Mary's cemetery, Chicago.

IS YOUR STORE ROOM OVERCROWDED?

In almost every home in the village is a "store room" where the cast-offs of the household are stored. Here are put the articles of furniture which have been replaced with new. They are too good to throw away and you hate to see them taking up valuable space. Advertise them for sale in our classified columns. They will be snapped up.

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D. A. R. BRONZE MEMORY TABLETS TO BE UNVEILED

Program to be Given Twice Next Friday Evening to Accommodate All

Arrangements are being made for the formal presentation of the Bronze Tablets, which are being hung in the High School Assembly Room and the Rooms of the American Legion, under the auspices of the local Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The exercises are planned for the evening of May 7th, Friday evening.

The same program will be given in both places, the program at the High School Assembly Room, at 7:15, and the program at the American Legion Rooms at 8:30 p. m. If it is found advisable on account of the crowd to secure larger quarters the place will be announced later. Because of the limited space at the High School Assembly Room, admission will be by card only.

The program will be as follows: Bugle Call. Star Spangled Banner, by the Audience.

Presentation of Tablet, by the Regent of the D. A. R.

Response, by the President of the School Board and by the Commander of the American Legion.

Quartet—"Lest We Forget."

Address—American Ideals, William R. Moss, Esq.

It is hoped that every family in the community will be represented at the exercises.

WEST SUBURBAN BOY SCOUTS TO HOLD CONTESTS

Boys Practising Now for Tests of Skill at Riverside on Saturday, May 8th.

On Monday evening April 19th, the Scout Masters of the West Suburban District met at the home of Scout Master King at Riverside and organized the West Suburban Old Scouts' Club. The club consists of Scout Masters and Assistant Scout Masters of the West Suburban District.

At the same time the details for the contest, to be held at Riverside Saturday, May 8th, were announced.

It is evident from the large number of events and the interest being shown generally, throughout the district, that this contest will be well worth attending and it is expected that this will be one of the most successful ever held because already the Scouts are beginning to pick out their special events and trying to perfect themselves.

As an example of the many things that the scouts are trying to perfect before the date of the big contest they will participate in the following events. Each is designed to make the youngsters skilled in various things which improve the mind and body. There will be a "Scouts Pace;" Judging of distance, height, weight, etc.; Knot Tying; First Aid; Litter Drill; Water Boiling; Fire-by-Friction; Nature Study; Drill.

Following the contests there will be Retreat, Supper, which each scout will furnish for himself; a game, and Campfire.

All the troops will assemble at the Riverside station at 2:30 p. m., and led by the Riverside Scout Band, will march to the field where the flag will be raised.

Anyone interested in the doings of boy scouts and of the boys in general are invited to attend the meet. To those who have never seen anything of the kind it will prove interesting and instructive.

The Downers Grove Council met on Monday evening, W. H. Ray presiding. \$150 was voted the West Suburban Council as the semi-annual allotment.

O. A. Stoops was elected a member of the District Court of Honor in place of Dr. W. S. Bebb, resigned. Troop No. 1 served refreshments which were much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kidwell and son visited with relatives in Chicago last Sunday.