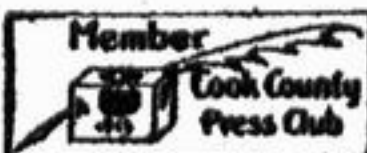


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MICKIE SAYS



THE G. A. R.

Another Memorial Day is almost here. This is the day set apart by the Grand Army of the Republic when this fast dwindling body of men, pauses a moment in their daily task and remembers the dark days of '61-'65 and the comrades who have preceded them to that last roll call.

On Sunday May 23rd the Annual Memorial Day service for the living and the dead veterans of the Civil War will be held at the First Evangelical Church, Main street and Maple avenue.

All too soon that day will come when the last of the soldiers who wore the Northern blue and who saved the United States for posterity, will have journeyed down that last long trail. While they are still here let us honor them, not for what or who they are, but for what they have done.

On Sunday, May 23rd, at the Memorial Service, the church should be packed to the doors with people of all creeds to breathe up a prayer of thanksgiving to Him who sits on the great judgment seat, that we had men like these when the honor and future of the Nation was threatened.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN A TOWN WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL?

It may seem rather far-fetched to say that unless the Community High School proposition is adopted in our village, we soon will be in the class of hick towns which have no high school, but we are reliably informed that this is the truth.

With the rapidly advancing cost of maintaining the schools on a modern basis, hiring the best instructors and keeping abreast of the times, staring the School Board in the face with no possible way of increasing the revenue; it becomes a question of using the money available for gram-

mar school purposes only.

What is to be done? There is only one answer to that question — "The Community High School." It has been in successful operation in other towns, it can be here.

Let's all work together to provide proper educational facilities for the children who will soon be going beyond the grammar grades. If we do not act soon, Downers Grove will have nothing to offer them in the way of high schooling.

NEW FICTION TO BE LOANED FOR TWO CENTS A DAY

Library to Try New System of Paying Costs of Latest Literature.

Owing to the high price of new fiction and the great lack of funds for essential books, the Library Board plans to try a system which has been used with success in the East, in California, some of the branch Libraries in Chicago, and in a great many of the smaller Libraries.

The Board will purchase a number of the latest fiction, and put them on a special shelf, these books to be loaned to the patrons of the Library

for the low sum of two cents a day until such time as the rental receipts cover the original cost, when they will be placed on the shelves and circulated in the usual manner. This will release money usually spent for current fiction, and making it possible to purchase new, and replace old books of lasting worth.

This plan will be put in operation the first of June, and a list of books which will be ready at that time for the Loan Collection, will be published in The Reporter at an early date.

BOX SOCIAL AT PUFFER SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY

The Belmont Improvement Association will hold a box social at the Puffer School Friday evening, May 21. Prizes will be given for the three best boxes sold and hot coffee and lunch will be served to those not bringing or purchasing boxes. Come and have a good time and help the association to purchase a piano. Everybody welcome. Friday evening, May twenty-first.

LISLE NOTES

Mrs. Jakey and children of Downers Grove, spent Thursday visiting

her mother and sister. Mrs. Lew and Miss Martha Low.

Mrs. W. A. Rogers visited her daughter Margaret, at Evansville, Indiana, last week and attended a mother and daughter banquet.

Miss Ethel Plumb and Miss Ethel Rayner of Downers Grove, enjoyed a trip to Omaha, Neb., for the weekend.

Mr. Thomas Dobbs has been quite ill at the home of his sister in Chicago, but is now on the road to recovery.

The Illustrated lecture given on Sunday evening by Dr. Jernburg, of the Union Seminary, Chicago, was very interesting and instructive.

The Community Club will meet on Friday evening, May 14th, and a good program has been provided. Refreshments will be served.

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