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HIGH SCHOOL TO GRADUATE THIRTY-SEVEN NEXT WEEK

Twenty Boys and Seventeen Girls to Receive Diplomas at the M. E. Church

Next week Thursday night, June 3d, will mark the end of the school life of thirty-seven young people when the Downers Grove High School will graduate the Class of 1920 at the Methodist church.

The exercises will mark the culmination of a busy week which the grads have been going night and day. Next Thursday the Class of 1920 will be no more and a new crop of Seniors will rule the local halls of learning.

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday
Starting the week will be the annual Baccalaureate Sermon which will be delivered this year by the Rev. J. Alfred Nansen, pastor of the First Evangelical church. Mr. Nansen will speak on "The Imperative of Progress and, through his connection with the North Western College, being vitally interested in the educational facilities of the country, has made extra preparation on the theme. The Methodist church has been secured for the service.

Class Night Tuesday
An Old Fashioned Singing School, will be the opening number of the 1920 Class Night exercises which will be held Tuesday evening, June 1st in the high school assembly hall.

As the seating capacity of the room is decidedly limited, entrance this year, as usual, will be by ticket only. Innovations, for local graduating classes, have been prepared by the out-going students in this last night of school fun. The class poem will be read by Flora Flood. Delight Verdenius has prepared the Class History and the end of part one will be the singing of the class song.

Robert Anderson, Guthrie Boon, Arthur Tylar, Dorothy Bordwell, Helen Beidelman, and Stanley Huntington, will participate in the reading of the class will. To say more than this would divulge the surprise they have in store with this number.

The Class Prophecy is also in the nature of a surprise. Sufficient to say that Raymond Wales and Harriet Putnam, assisted by the entire class, will draw aside the veil which hides the future from the eyes of mortals and show what will happen many years hence.

Commencement Exercises
The Rev. F. E. R. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Chicago, has been secured by Superintendent Butler to give the address at the Commencement Exercises. He is a speaker of National reputation and will have a message for the graduates.

Miss Marie Reed will play a march as the class comes down the aisle to their places on the platform. The high school orchestra will give a selection, followed by a song by the Senior Class.

Merville Morton will deliver the Salutatory and Edward Kolar the Valedictory Addresses.

A. C. Miskelly, President of the Board of Education, will make the presentation of the diplomas.

Following are the graduates. Those with an asterisk after their names finished the course in three years.

Allison, B. at Hitchcock, Anderson, Robert Margaret Beidelman, Helen Huntington, Boon, Guthrie Stanley Bordwell, Dorothy Kolar, Edward* Bush, Bruce Lyman, Romanzo Deach, Marion McCullom, Sidney Deegan, Helen Morgan, Ben Denny, George Morton, Merville* Dutton, Frank Nielsen, Marie* Fleming, Alwyn Phelps, Dorothy Putnam, Harriet

VESPER CHOIR'S SUNDAY CONCERT WELL ATTENDED

Gave Full Evening's Program Last Sunday Evening at First Evangelical.

At least 250 people enjoyed the concert of Sacred Music at the First Evangelical Church last Sunday evening. The auditorium was packed, even chairs added, but still people came and the Sunday School room was opened for the overflow.

The program opened with the anthem, "O Savior of the World." The pastor read Scripture and offered a prayer. Then followed the beautiful anthem, "Savior, when night falleth," and two Latin numbers entitled, "Sanctus" and "Inflamatus." A variation was brought into the program here by the skillful rendition of a beautiful violin solo by Mr. Disinger followed by the reading, "The passing of a Life," by Miss Cline. The sacred Cantata "Galla" was rendered in its entirety and the program was closed with a quiet evening song entitled, "The Song of the Dew." Professor Pinney himself presided at the piano. He is head of the Pipe Organ Department in North-Western School of Music at North-Western College.

It is the purpose of the pastor of First Evangelical Church to arrange for such special treats for the community quite often as pleasing variations in the regular program of the church activity.

BAPTIST WOMAN'S SOCIETY MONTHLY MEET'G

The Woman's Society of the Baptist Church held its monthly Missionary Meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred B. Towsley on Maple avenue on Thursday of last week.

Gratifying reports were given from the various departments of the work. Miss Martha Froeck, Field Superintendent of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, was the interesting speaker of the occasion. Miss Froeck not only gave much valuable information regarding the Training School but also an illuminating description of work at the Immigrant Receiving Station, Ellis Island, New York, where she had been stationed for ten years as representative of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The attendance was large. At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served and the meeting pronounced one of exceptional interest.

Fraher, Katherine Shurte, Richmond Graves, Ralph Tank, Virginia Grumhaus, Harold Tope, Loraine Hall, Frank Verdenius, Delight Hammer, William* Wales, Raymond Hammerschmidt Weiss, Bernice Judson Wolf, Margaret Harvey, Helen Woods, Vivian

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.

CHAUTAUQUA TO OPEN FOR SIX DAYS JULY 3D

Legion Members Now Have Season Tickets For Children and Adults.

Under the auspices of the local post American Legion, the Redpath Chautauqua System will stage a six-day chautauqua here starting Saturday afternoon, July 3rd.

Season tickets have been distributed to the members of the post and they are also on sale at Klein's Market, Bertolin & Sibert's, Puffer Pharmacy and J. W. Nash, the Corner Grocery.

Never before in the history of local entertainment courses or chautauquas has so much talent been crowded into six days. The big tent will be open practically all day. In the morning their will be a children's hour. The afternoon and evening will be given over to instructive and entertaining entertainment.

The season tickets entitle the holder to attend every afternoon and evening. It is much cheaper to buy in this way as the single admission for two days at least, will be one dollar a person. The price of the season ticket is but \$2.75, including war tax. Children's tickets are \$1.38, including war tax.

It is not the primary purpose of the Legion to make money on the course. Their purpose is to furnish a week's entertainment for the village and surrounding country at as low a price as possible. They have guaranteed the \$1,200 necessary to bring the Redpath here and ask the support of all the people in making their venture a success.

MACCABEES TO GIVE G. A. R. LUNCH MONDAY

As is their usual custom the local lodge, Ladies of the Maccabees, will give a lunch for the Veterans of the Civil War on Decoration Day, Monday, May 31st.

The usual proceedings will be changed this year. Instead of the luncheon being held after the services in the cemetery, it will be held before. On the return of the veterans from Hinsdale they will congregate at the Congregational Church where lunch will be served at 12:30. Every old soldier and wife and every widow of a veteran is cordially invited to be present at the church at 12:30.

Dr. Gourley's home on Forest and Franklin will soon be one of the show places of the village and a joy to passers by.

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS WINS COUNTY HONORS

Under the Leadership of Miss Crane Silver Cup Now in Assembly Hall.

A part of the D. G. H. S. chorus entered the county contest at Naperville last Friday night and returned bearing first honors, a silver cup. According to the rules of the contest the group entering was limited to thirty-six. So good is the chorus this year that it was with difficulty that that small number was chosen. The selection given was Eaton Fanning's "Song of the Vikings."

The chorus work of the high school would be hard to surpass. In their directness of attack, tone shading, distinctness of enunciation and general unity of voice, they are unusual for a high school group. These qualities do not just come to a chorus; they are the result of skilful training and this training has been given by Miss Florence Crane.

Miss Crane has been most generous with her time this year, working with community singing for the Parent-Teacher Association, and rehearsing, besides her concert of two weeks ago and the last Friday's contest chorus, a children's festival which will be produced on the second of June.

All who appreciate good music, and recognize the value of competent musical training in the schools, will deeply regret that Miss Crane is not to return next year.

MAYOR BARBER GIVES WARNING TO BICYCLISTS

Mayor W. C. Barber has asked us to give warning to the many boys of the village who own and ride bicycles.

They have been abusing the sidewalks, using them as roadways to the annoyance and danger of pedestrians. The Mayor calls their attention to an ordinance on the books prohibiting the riding of bicycles on sidewalks and the penalty for the same. This warning is issued so that all who ride may read after which direct action will be the result of disobeying the law.

Ornamental Flower Vases. Just the thing to put the finishing touches on your lawn or to decorate your cemetery lot. H. McPherson, Belmont st., Phone 160-J. adv.

VESTA JUNIORS TOOK STATIONS TUESDAY NIGHT

Exemplified the Work at Annual Young Peoples' Night at O. E. S. Chapter.

Vesta Juniors, the organization of young people members of Vesta Chapter, No. 242, O. E. S., filled all the stations at the regular Chapter meeting held Tuesday evening.

The occasion was the annual young peoples' night and a class of six was beautifully initiated into the solemn and sublime mysteries of the Order of the Eastern Star. The exemplification of the work, as done by the Juniors was almost perfect.

The chairs were filled by the following:

Worthy Matron—Evelyn Brown
Worthy Patron—Owen Griffith
Associate Matron—Maud Bateman
Conductress—Marie Olson
Asso. Conductress—Grace Peterson
Secretary—Edith Case
Treasurer—Alice Olson
Marshall—Ella Merts
Chaplain—Mary Clark
Adah—Mrs. Gregory
Ruth—Grace Smart
Esther—Anna Heal
Martha—Lillian Devereaux
Electa—Ruth Gregory
Wardler—Elsie Steib
Sentinel—Gloria Farrar
Organist—Marion Lower

During the meeting Miss Gwen Griffiths, also a Junior, rendered three beautiful solo numbers.

Mrs. Susan Foster, twenty-five years ago Worthy Matron of Vesta Chapter, gave a delightful talk following the work. She told of the changes twenty-five years have wrought in the Chapter itself and the work that is done. Her talk was filled with reminiscences of by-gone days and was a revelation to those who have joined in recent years.

The refreshment committee under the leadership of Miss Maud Dewey gave the finishing touches to a delightful evening, when they served ice cream and cake to all.

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED LOCAL GRADUATES

Edward Kolar High in Academic Work With a Grand Average of Ninety Four.

The High School graduating class this year numbers 37, 20 young men and 17 young ladies. This is the banner class so far as numbers is concerned and equally as good in their Academic work. We are very proud of these young people and the work they have done. Three honors have been awarded for scholarships this year. These three were so close that it took careful figuring to ascertain which was highest. Edward Kolar gets first honors with an average of 94. Merville Morton is second with an average of 92.3. Delight Verdenius is third with an average of 92.

These three young people are to be congratulated on the record made thru their high school years.

A Little Talk For Non-Subscribers

Did you ever know it to fail that the week you are especially interested in some news in The Reporter the entire edition is sold out before you get around to buy a copy? It only costs two dollars to get your name on our mailing list for a year, this is at the rate of less than 3 1-2 cents a copy. Single copies cost 6 cents. Subscribe now.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE TO BE LARGEST EVER

Local American Legion Post Has Charge of Arrangements For the Day.

Memorial Day, to be observed locally this year on Monday, May 31st, will see the largest parade ever staged in Downers Grove on an occasion of this kind. Veterans of three wars, the local Militia Company and many organizations will be in the long column to do honor to those who fell while wearing the uniform of the United States.

In charge of the parade in the local post of the American Legion and the Decoration Day committee have fixed up the following as the order of the march:

Mayor Walter C. Barber.
Downers Grove Volunteer Fire Department.
Grand Army of the Republic in automobiles.
Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion in automobiles.
Daughters of the American Revolution in automobiles.
LaGrange Band.
Machine Gun Company.
Spanish-American War Veterans.
American Legion and Ex-Service Men and Women.
The Camp Fire Girls.
The Boy Scouts.

Assemble at High School. Promptly at two o'clock those who will participate in the parade will assemble at the high school on Maple avenue. It is urged by those in charge that the various units keep together so that no time will be lost when the order to start is given.

The uniform of the day will be Dress Blues for the Navy, and either Khaki or O. D.'s for the Army, depending on what was last issued to the doughboy before discharge. Those who were in the service and have no uniforms are urged to be present any way, because there will be more than one.

The column will form headed east on Maple avenue and will march to Washington street; south on Washington to Curtiss; west on Curtiss to Main; north on Main to Franklin; west on Franklin to Forest; south on Forest to Railroad; east on Railroad to Main and south on Main to the cemetery. Residents along the line of march are especially requested to display the American flag and whatever other decorations they will. Those who furnish automobiles for those who ride are also requested to appropriately decorate their cars.

School Children at School.
After the parade has left the school house the school children with their flowers will form and march west on Maple avenue to Main street and then south to the cemetery. Here they will form in two lines so that the veterans of the Civil War can march between them. After the veterans have taken their stations the school children will march through the cemetery and deposit their flowers on the monument as in former years.

After this has been done those in the van of the parade will split and down thru this lane will march the Legion members who will take their places on the west of the G. A. R.

G. A. R. Ceremony First.
At the cemetery the usual ceremony of the G. A. R. will be given first. Commander of Naper Post, Frank Rogers, will read the Orders of the Day. The Legion ceremony will be short. Capt. Harry Slosser of Chicago, will present the French War Diplomas to the local Legion and in a short talk explain what they are presented for. Later the Legion

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