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SIX-DAY PROGRAM DRAWS CROWDS TO CHAUTAUQUA TENT

American Legion Complimented For
Bringing Good Talent to
Downers Grove.

In spite of the inauspicious start which the Redpatn Chautauqua had last Saturday the six day program drew the biggest crowds in the history of local chautauqua movements. Under the auspices of Alexander Bradley Burns Post, American Legion, wonderful talent has been entertaining people from this community for nearly a week. Many are the compliments the Legion has been receiving for making this possible.

Advertised to start last Saturday afternoon it was found in the morning that the big tent had not arrived. Telegraphing soon located the tent on the C. & A. west of Bloomington where a wreck had held up its delivery to Downers Grove. Arrangements were quickly made to secure the Curtiss Theatre for the afternoon and in the evening the "Closed Street Church" between the Library and the Congregational Church was utilized for the performance.

Singers, nationally known orators and lecturers, musicians and players all have been contributing this week to the entertainment of those who attended the chautauqua.

Many people have expressed the opinion that the lecture the first evening given by Mr. Bennett more than gave them the worth of their season ticket money. "The Man Who Can" was the title of Mr. Bennett's talk, one he has given on the platform many times. He brought out points with an emphasis which could not be misconstrued and left a message to those who heard him which will live with them always.

Kry's Band, here the fourth day, rendered band music which was exceptionally fine. The ensemble work as well as that of the soloists was of the highest order possible and the music lovers received a treat.

Another banner evening was the fifth night when "It Pays to Advertise" was played to a packed house. This delightful American comedy has been seen by a great many people on the legitimate stage and three of the original road company were in the cast which played here. There was nothing amateurish about the performance, the players all seeming to enter into the spirit of the play and gave an evening of real entertainment.

Finishing the week was Reno, the magician. Its hardly necessary to say that this wonder worker made a hit with those who attended. Tricks and sleight of hand and generally mystifying was the evening's work.

Taken all in all, the entire chautauqua program was the best thing which has come to Downers Grove in years. Not only was each day an entertaining one but each day was an instructive one.

The best of music is not heard every day. It is usually the so-called "popular" music which most people are acquainted with. There were but few "popular" pieces either played or sung during the six days and yet the music was the most enjoyable and enjoyed part of the week.

Elevating as well as entertaining can well be said of the program.

SPECIAL SERVICE SUNDAY MORNING FOR WAR VETERANS

A. S. Phelps, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will preach a special sermon Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service. It will be in the nature of a patriotic address. All veterans of the world war, members of the American Legion and the Grand Army men are invited to participate.

Mr. Phelps was to have given this sermon on the morning of July 4th, but postponed it on account of the chautauqua.

A very cordial invitation is extended to all war veterans to be present.

ELECTION FOR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL JULY 17TH

Voters of Proposed District to Register
Opinion Week From
Saturday.

On next Saturday, July 17, the voters of the proposed Community High School District, will have a chance to register their opinion as to whether or not the district will be a dream or a reality.

This community has been discussing a district of this kind for more than three years but this is the first time the rank and file of the people have had a chance to say if it would be acceptable to them. In the first place it was unfortunately brought to the attention of the voters in a manner which strove to ram it down their throats without giving them a chance to realize its many advantages and very few disadvantages.

Roughly the proposed district is bounded on the east by the Gregg road, on the south by the north boundary of the Lemont district, about four miles south of the Grove, on the west by a line running north and south a mile west of Lisle and on the north by the Butterfield Road.

When those interested in the proposed district started to define the northern boundary they found that Wheaton had already included in their district territory which really should be included in the local district. Wheaton's proposed southern boundary line came within a mile of School District No. 58 and within a half mile of the village limits. A. C. Miskelly, President of the School Board, immediately had a conference with the Wheaton men and they agreed to split a section in half. This move places the proposed local district's north line just south of the Butterfield Road.

It is true that if the proposition carries it will increase the tax rate a little. But this will not be very much and it will be worth all it costs to increase the educational facilities of the community.

CHAUNCY W. REED A CANDIDATE FOR STATES ATTORNEY

Prominent West Chicago Young Man
Has Tossed Hat into County
Political Ring.

Interest and excitement is promised for the county election this fall by the recent announcement of C. W. Reed of this city that he will be a candidate for state's attorney. As far as can be learned, there have been no other definite announcements of other candidates, but it is quite generally thought at Wheaton that present State's Attorney Charles W. Hadley will come out for re-election. Rumor has it, also, that Attorney Michael Kross of Elmhurst is slated to be among the candidates for this office.

Mr. Reed ought to make a good run for this office. It will be remembered that he was defeated for county treasurer four years ago by a comparatively small majority only because of his lack of acquaintance in the southern part of the county. Now having practiced law for several years in Naperville and having built up a large friendship and acquaintanceship in that part of the county his chances look very bright. —West Chicago Press.

Miss Teloir Hendren returned home Tuesday after a weeks' trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada, while in Toronto she attended the National B. Y. P. U. convention as a delegate from the Downers Grove Baptist church.

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 secondhand furniture. Now is the time to sell. Advertise.

FIREMENS PICNIC JULY FOURTH AT- TENDED BY MANY

Annual Independence Day Event
Proved Lucrative for the
Fire Fighters.

Monday afternoon and evening the Downers Grove Fire Department held their twenty-seventh annual picnic in the north side woods. So long ago was the first one given that even the oldest inhabitant does not remember what number each year's picnic should bear. By looking up old files we find that "23rd" should precede the annual picnic. This would make the first one come in the year 1897 and as our memory of firemen's picnics goes back that far we'll let it go at that. From rather a vague recollection we get the idea that that was the year we won a penny whistle for coming in first in the 6 to 8 year old race for boys.

This year's picnic was rather a repetition of those that have gone before. The wheel drew the usual crowd willing to take a chance on getting a basket of groceries for a little money, or failing that a box of candy.

The usual games, from ringing the gong to hitting the doll baby on the nose had their devotees. Considering the coolness of the day, a great deal of ice cream was sold as well as other confections.

In the evening the dance floor was by far the main attraction. Good music had been furnished by the fire boys and the floor was crowded from early in the evening until late with devotees of the art.

It was the most lucrative picnic the firemen have ever held. They took in more money, and of course had larger expenses, than any year they have been running this annual event. The profits from this and subsequent affairs will be used to pay the expenses of the department to the annual state tournament which this year will be held in connection with the State Fair at Springfield.

A Moonlight picnic will be given by the Firemen on Saturday night and it is rumored that if that one is a success, one will be given every Saturday night this month.

CELEBRATED 7TH BIRTHDAY ENTERTAINING FRIENDS

In response to invitations sent out by Helen Jane King, a number of children gathered at her home on Warren ave. on July seventh to celebrate her fourth birthday.

After playing the usual children's games all partook of refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake. The table was decorated in pink and white and little pink candies were placed at each plate.

Little Helen Jane blew out the candles and cut the first piece from the birthday cake as calmly as though she were accustomed to such affairs. They all wished their little hostess many happy birthdays and departed declaring they had a delightful time.

Those present were Margaret Anderson, Betty Coleman, Mildred Miller, Olive Morgan, Zelma Riggsbee, Ruth Riggsbee, Rosalie Seymour, Frances Thomas and Margaret Wolf.

OLD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CAUGHT FIRE YESTERDAY MORNING

The fire whistle blew its clarion call yesterday morning at 11:35 for the first time in months.

Fire had started from some unknown cause in the vestibule of the old Congregational Church on Curtiss. The flames had gained considerable headway and the wooden structure might have been doomed but for the prompt arrival of the firemen with their apparatus.

The flames were confined to the vestibule and an old organ and several sewing machines standing in the hall were completely burned.

Claire and Helen Zarn of the Center Cass school made an enviable record last term. They were neither late nor absent the entire year. Claire is in eighth and Helen in th grade. Miss Georgia Gregory is the teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL MASS MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

Board of Education Calls for Discussion
of Community High
School Proposition.

Prof. C. B. Bowman, DuPage County Superintendent of Schools, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting in the Assembly Hall of the high school next Tuesday evening. The meeting has been called by the Board of Education to discuss the proposition of a Community High School for this community.

There are many questions regarding the high school which have been discussed on the streets in the last several years that it has been talked over by those interested in the question. Several of the angles have not been satisfactorily explained and it is the purpose of this meeting to throw light into the dark places.

The school board is anxious that every member of the community attend this meeting. They feel sure that when the people of Downers Grove and vicinity realize the importance of the project and its real need that it will be carried with hardly a dissenting vote.

Those who attend are asked to prepare questions beforehand which they wish answered. Mr. Bowman has assisted the formation of several of these districts and has made a study of the law under which they are organized. He will be prepared to answer any questions put to him.

ASSESSMENT LIST FOR DOWNERS TWP. IN THIS ISSUE

Valuation of Changes in Real Estate and All Personal Property is Listed.

In another part of this issue of The Reporter will be found the assessment list for Downers Grove Township for the year 1920.

Listed are the valuations of all property in the township which has changed hands in the past year. Everyone who pays personal property, and this includes nearly all of us, are also listed. Behind the name is the assessed valuation of the property and it is on this amount that you will pay taxes next spring.

Lots and farm lands are only printed in full every four years. This is when all the property of the county is re-valued. This was done last year and the present valuation of real estate will hold good until 1922.

GOVERNOR COX OF OHIO DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE

Roosevelt, of New York, Named as
Running Mate by San Francisco Convention.

Governor Cox of Ohio will carry the standard of the Democratic party in the race for the White House next November. He was nominated at the San Francisco convention after many hours of balloting. His running mate is Franklin Roosevelt, assistant Secretary of the Navy, of New York.

It is generally understood that the selection of Cox means that the party heads are slightly moist and would favor a light wines and beer amendment to the Volstead Act.

Newspaper men all over the United States have no hesitancy in backing either Cox, or Harding, the Republican nominee, as both of them are newspaper owners and both rose in life after starting on the lowest rung of the ladder as printer's devils.

BIG BOOST FOR F. N. DAVIS IN P. O. DEPARTMENT

The Postmaster General has notified F. N. Davis that he has promoted him to the highest grade inspector in his office with an increase of \$1300.00 in salary.

DOUBLE FUNERAL FOR VICTIMS OF WHEATON MANIAC

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown, Killed by
Son-in-Law, Buried Sunday
Afternoon.

A double funeral was held last Sunday afternoon at the Gary Memorial Methodist Church, Wheaton. The Rev. Harlow V. Holt, pastor of the church, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown, were buried in the Wheaton cemetery after the services, the Wheaton Masonic Lodge having charge of the services at the grave over Mr. Brown and the Eastern Star over Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown both died from injuries received at the hands of their son-in-law, Nolen B. Robinson. He with an iron bar, tried to wipe out the entire family, his wife, their infant daughter and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown. The attack was made a week ago Saturday in the Brown home in Wheaton. Mrs. Brown died on Monday afternoon, June 28 and Mr. Brown Thursday evening, July 1st.

A coroner's jury composed of Supervisor George Fix, Foreman and A. Pernbach, W. W. Steven, John LeFevre, County Clerk A. A. Kuhn and Attorney F. E. Herrick, has been sworn in. After hearing the testimony of Sheriff Leineke, L. H. Brown, Claire Brown, Drs. Oelke and Raach and two of the Elgin hospital doctors, a recess was taken. Robinson has been indicted by the Grand Jury for murder.

Robinson was adjudged insane and sent to the Elgin State hospital for the insane from DuPage County after he had kidnapped his infant girl early in the spring taking her to the home of his parents in Texas.

Attorneys John Leedle and Michael Kross were appointed by the Court to defend Robinson and the trial will probably set for the latter part of July.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE IN TEXT BOOKS

Chautauqua Speaker Gives List of
Volumes for Parents and
Children.

Chester Milton Sanford who lectured at the chautauqua on Wednesday afternoon gave the following list of books to guide those interested getting people started on the right track in business life.

Readings in Vocational Guidance, by Bloomfield, for high school students.

The Vocational Guidance of Youth, by Bloomfield, for parents.

Choosing a Career, by Marden.

Choosing a Vocation, by Puffer, for boys and girls.

Training for the Professions, by Brewster, for parents.

Vocations for Girls, by Weaver.

Vocations for Boys, by Weaver.

Vocational and Moral Guidance, by Davis, for parents.

The speaker emphasized the need for guidance of the youth of the land in selecting the trade or profession fitted to the individual.

PITCHER INSTALLS SLICING MACHINE

Hugh Pitcher, proprietor of the North Side Grocery and Market, has installed one of the latest and most up-to-date slicing machines on the market.

The machine is designed to slice cold cooked and raw meats such as various kinds of hams, bacon, corn beef and so forth. It does away with the inaccurate hand work and can be set to cut either thick or thin slices.

YOU LIKE TO READ LOCALS

The little personal items telling the intimate details of the every day 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.

"CHURCH OF THE CLOSED STREET" OPENS SUNDAY

Rev. John Stewart Will Preach
Sermon on "The Lordship of
Jesus Christ."

No doubt many people of the community will rejoice with those who have been regularly attending services at any of the co-operating churches that the open air meetings will again be held during the two hottest months of the summer.

Again this year these services will be held at the "Church of the Closed Street" between the Congregational Church and the Public Library on Curtiss street. They will begin with a Gospel Song Service in charge of the Music Committee promptly at 7:45.

We expect a large attendance at the first service next Sunday evening. A practice has been called for the volunteer orchestra. It is expected that they will open the service next Sunday evening with a half hour of good music. All persons in the community who play orchestral instruments are invited to meet the leaders at the Congregational Church next Saturday evening for a preliminary practice.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart of the Baptist Church will be the speaker next Sunday evening. He will preach the opening sermon on the general theme adopted for the series of services, "The Lordship of Jesus Christ." His discourse will be limited to a treatment of the sovereignty of Christ over Personal life. The special vocal numbers of the evening will be furnished by Miss Gwendolyn Griffiths.

The arrangements, seating, ushering, etc., will also be in charge of the men of the Baptist Church. This method will be followed through the series. This will divide the responsibility for the success of the services equally among those churches co-operating in the movement. Rev. J. Alfred Nansen, pastor of the First Evangelical Church, will preside at the meeting next Sunday evening and the other pastors will all participate in the service.

No one ought to feel it a burden to attend a religious service in comfort in the beautiful hour of evening twilight when held under God's own canopy of Heaven. YOUR presence will add to the success of the services this year.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

TWO SENT TO PEN FOR HINSDALE CRIMES

Judge Slusser Sentences Men to
Joliet Under Indeterminate
Law.

Judge Slusser passed sentence Thursday on two men indicted by the grand jury for crimes committed in Hinsdale. George Packard, the Freight car thief, pleaded guilty and was given one to twenty years in the pen, while his wife who confessed to being accessory to the disposal of stolen goods, was paroled on account of her children.

Connors, the "gentleman burglar," who was caught in the George MeCurdy home by Walter Parker last winter, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to Joliet under indeterminate sentence.

WEST SUBURBAN SCOUT COUNCIL INCORPORATING

C. T. Lamb and E. H. Bingham of Hinsdale and F. N. Davis of the Grove are taking out incorporation papers for the West Suburban Council Boy Scouts of America. This will be a corporation not for profit and will be under the control of the officials of the Council who are elected annually by the several towns. Raymond Pruitt, formerly assistant to the Attorney General is attending to the legal phases.