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WHOLE NO. 1900

POLLS OPEN FROM 7 TO 5 TO SETTLE CIGARET QUESTION

Referendum Tomorrow Will Be First Legally Held Under Commission Form.

Tomorrow, Saturday, July 24th, Downers Grove will hold its first legal referendum under the commission form of government. The election held last year on the Sunday baseball proposition was not legal; merely an expression of opinion to guide the board in their action on the question.

The referendum tomorrow will be on the question of selling cigarettes in the village. The question on the ballot will read as follows: "Shall the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, repeal a certain ordinance passed and approved by it on June 7th, 1920, entitled, 'An ordinance prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers in the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois.' And then 'Yes' and 'No.'"

The question is simply one of whether or not the sale of cigarettes will be prohibited. Those favoring the sale, should vote "Yes" and those against it should vote "No."

The election tomorrow will be the culmination of several months of fighting on the cigarette question. It started when the Parent-Teacher Association presented a petition to the Village Council asking them to make it illegal to sell "tailor-made" to minors. The board went them one better and by ordinance prohibited the sale. A petition was presented asking that this ordinance be repealed and after mature deliberation it was repealed so that another ordinance could be substituted.

A petition was then presented asking for a referendum on the latest ordinance and this was granted, tomorrow's election coming from that petition.

Men and women both can vote on the question.

"IN HIS STEPS" GIVEN BY B. Y. P. U. FRIDAY

Dramatic Entertainment Delight. Many at Baptist Church—Repeated Tonight.

The Baptist Young Peoples Union presented a dramatic adaptation of Dr. Charles M. Sheldon's well known book "In His Steps," at the Baptist Church last Friday night. Its rendition was so effective that many requests have been made that the entertainment be repeated.

The Young People yielding to these requests have decided to repeat it on Friday evening of this week at 8:15. Admission is free, a voluntary silver offering being taken toward defraying expenses of delegate the young people sent to the National Baptist Young Peoples Union recently held at Toronto, Canada. The play was presented in three acts with the following cast of characters:

Henry Maxwell—Pastor of First Church, Raymond
Ernest Hammerschmidt
Edward Norman—Editor of Raymond Daily News
Merville Morton
Alexander Powres—Railroad Superintendent
Kenneth Morton
Dr. Reginald West
S. W. Fuller
Rollin Page—Virginia's Brother
Roscoe Morton
Clark—Managing Editor of News
Don Van Valen
James—Virginia's Footman
Vernon Fuller
John Manning—Printer Tramp
Merville Morton
Virginia Page—a millionaire

Ruth Boland
Rachel Winslow
Teloir Headren
Madam Page—Virginia's Grandmother (with pronounced views)
Marion Deach
Mrs. Winslow—Rachel's Mother
Vance Gesner
Loreen—Child of the Slums
Dorothy Wells
Mary and Jenny—Servants of Virginia
Ruth Henderson and Clara Reider.

Several of the young people proved themselves possessed of considerable talent and the audience apparently enjoyed their efforts.

DOWNERS GROVE NOW HAS FOUR POLLING PLACES

Three Precincts Added to District to Care For Heavy National Vote.

Three precincts have been added to the election district comprising Downers Grove township, making in all ten polling places within the territory which has had seven. The Board of Supervisors took the action at a recent meeting when it was pointed out that under the election laws a precinct should have but 450 voters. By the action of the Board one additional polling place will be added in Hinsdale and two in Downers Grove. This will make five in the former and four in the latter.

W. H. Blodgett and F. J. Littleford, Assistant Supervisors from this district, have made arrangements for the local polling places. The old ones—the Village Hall and Tucker's Real Estate Office, will remain. The Curtis Theatre building and the Kidwell Garage are the new places.

Downers Grove will, under the new precinct lines be naturally divided by the railroad north and south and by Main street, east and west. Those living within the districts as so divided will vote at their respective polling places as outlined above at the primary in September.

MRS. ANNA GROVE INJURED BY AUTO SATURDAY NIGHT

Struck by Car in Belmont Street While Riding Home in Wheel Chair.

Saturday evening while returning to her home on Saratoga avenue, from the Dicke Theatre in her wheel chair, an automobile struck Mrs. Anna B. Grove breaking several ribs and perhaps injuring her internally. Her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Woodson, was pushing the chair containing her mother, Mrs. Grove, who was holding the Woodson baby on her lap. They were going west on the pavement in Belmont street when an automobile, also going west, struck Mrs. Woodson. The car dragged her several feet, tearing her dress and bruising her in several places. The wheel chair was overturned and Mrs. Grove injured.

Mrs. Woodson said, regarding the accident, "The driver of the auto did not even offer to take us home, or assist us and since Saturday night he has not been at our home even to inquire as to the extent of our injuries or how we were getting along."

DR. GOODWIN IS GIVING LECTURE SERIES SUNDAY

Talking on "Applied Psychology" at Ten O'Clock Sunday Mornings.

The Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, is giving a series of lectures on "Applied Psychology." The first lecture in the series was given last Sunday morning and they will continue for some time.

Dr. Goodwin is a deep thinker, he is a student of human nature and is capable of talking on a subject such as this. In talking of the lectures he says, "They are a series of lectures on the power of the mind." As such they are worth hearing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Orth of Tulsa, Oklahoma are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Briggs.

READ BEFORE YOU VOTE

Be sure to read next week's Reporter on Friday evening. Don't wait till after the Community High School election the following day. There will be some important communications on the high school project. They will interest you. They will give you important information. Watch for them. Read them before you vote.



DO YOU 'MEMBER

The day Pat and you found the big tramp dog (the one that you made the harness for)? 'Member how he followed you home from the woods where you'd been fishin'? You tried to chase him away two or three times and he'd only run back a little way and stand and look at you. And finally you let him come up to you and he was all mud and smelled like he'd been havin' a tussel with a skunk. And Pat said: "Come on, what you say we keep him." 'Member how he jumped all over you after you decided to take him home? Seemed as though he understood all about it. And just about the time you got near the house Pat says, "Do you 'spose yer mother'll let you keep him?" And just about then you heard Ma's familiar voice: "No, I should say not; don't you dare bring that filthy creature another inch nearer this house!" BLUNK—and all the joy of life flew, and even the dog's ears drooped, and you looked at Pat and Pat looked at you. And then began the plea for the dog. 'Member how you promised Ma that you'd never let him in the house and you'd earn all the money to feed him and about fifty other promises, and after a while she says, "Well, go on, but take him somewhere and give him a bath; that awful smell will be all over your clothes." Oh! boy—'member how you felt then? And the dog began waggin' his tail and you went back of the house and gave him a scrubbin'.

STATEMENT ON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL BY BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 58

The greatest educational facilities offered by the State of Illinois are now being offered to the people of Downers Grove and vicinity. In order that everyone may have a better understanding of the project, we desire to submit a few facts for your consideration.

In the very beginning, let it be clearly understood that this community high school law was not passed by our State Legislature for the relief of districts who are maintaining both grade and a high school out of one fund and whose efforts are meeting with no success from a financial standpoint. It was passed for the very distinct advancement of educational facilities to the rural districts and for no other reason.

It is a law intended in its final purpose to take the high school education out into the rural communities and by so doing increase very materially the enrollment of scholars from these outlying districts. In other words to give the boy and girl on the farm the same privileges of a high school education that is now enjoyed by the boy and girl from the urban communities. The experience of each district where a community or township high school has been established has amply proven that the enrollment from outlying districts is very materially increased upon the establishment of a community high school.

According to the law the County Superintendent of Schools is required to call an election for this purpose when 50 or more citizens of a compact and contiguous territory sign a petition asking for it.

When a community high school is established it is necessary to elect a Board of Education consisting of five members who have the entire direction of the high school separate and distinct from the district board. They also make up their own budget and spread their own tax levy according to the community high school law.

Taxation.
The taxation for grade schools is \$2.00 per hundred of assessed valuation, unless by special vote and then it may go to \$2.66 2-3 per hundred of assessed valuation.

Downers Grove, school district 58, has authorized the 2.66 2-3 rate by a special election.

The community high school rate may go to \$2.00 per hundred of assessed valuation, but not higher.

The present board of district 58 has arranged for all positions in both high and grade schools for the next year and we find that our tax levy for the grade schools will be \$28,000, making our tax levy \$2.00 per hundred of assessed valuation in district

58, if the community high school is favorably voted upon, but the limit which we will be obliged to go if it is not adopted will be 2.66 2-3. Our tax levy for high school purposes will be \$30,000 for the coming year making our rate for this proposed district about \$1.11 per hundred of assessed valuation, but the limit which the community district may go is \$2.00.

To those living in district 58 we would say that if the community high school is not carried your tax rate will be \$2.66 2-3 for this year. If it is carried it will be \$2.00 for grades and \$1.11 for high school on a total of \$3.11 per hundred of assessed valuation, making the community high school cost you 45 cents additional on each hundred of valuation.

To those in the territory outside of district 58, we would remind you that you are now paying and have been paying, a non-high school tax, which was 17 cents on each hundred of valuation last year and which will no doubt be very materially increased this year. It has been estimated at 30 cents. If the community high school is not carried you will still pay this tax, but if it is carried, you will be assessed according to this tax levy of \$30,000 and the rate would be \$1.11 per 100 of assessed valuation. You will deduct from this the possible 30 cents of non-high school tax, which you would not be required to pay, and the net cost would be 81 cents per hundred of assessed valuation, with the community high school district.

If the taxpayers of district 58, also those outside the district, will consult their tax receipts to ascertain their assessed valuation, they will be able to know immediately the cost to them of this proposed high school district.

We are very positive that no one in the district would find the advance to be over 50 cents per acre. From our knowledge of the valuations around Downers Grove we know that it would average from 25 to 40 cents per acre and only in very rare cases go above this last named figure.

We have examined some of the valuations and taxes paid on farms in this proposed district and would be glad to give these in detail if it were possible. We are convinced from these figures that this project will not lay a burden of taxation on anyone in this district.

We also believe that each farmer in this district is entitled to expect advantages to come to him for this expenditure of money. In this regard

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ATTENDANCE AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SURPRISE

Enrollment Tuesday Was 108 With More Children Coming in Each Day.

The Daily Vacation Bible School opened according to announcement in the Baptist Church on Monday at 9:30 a. m. 73 boys and girls from the ages of 4 to 14 years registered the first morning, on Tuesday the number was 108 and still growing.

The opening exercises each morning are held in the audience room after which every room in the building including the topmost room in the tower are occupied by a busy group of boys or girls in some department of craft work. The eagerness shown by the pupils in the various branches illustrates the readiness with which "venues" can be discovered—a good place for students who wish to become proficient in "Vacation Guidance."

The boys and girls in addition to getting suggestions for doing useful things, are having a jolly good time.

The local workers are assisted in the school by Miss Hortense Goss and others from LaGrange. While Mrs. Stewart greatly appreciates the services of those who are already engaged in the work, at least as many more volunteers are needed.

The school will close on July 30 and on Saturday evening, the 31st, there will be an exhibit of the work done by the school and a program will be presented by the pupils to which parents and interested friends are invited.

REV. GROTEFELD PREACHED AT 2D OPEN AIR SERVICE

Good Attendance Marks Meetings As Was the Case in Past Year's Experience.

The second meeting of the Union Sunday evening services was well attended last Sunday in the Closed Street Church. Rev. Phelps of the Methodist Church presided. The song service was led by J. L. Lehmann of the First Evangelical Church and was enjoyed by all. Rev. Stewart of the Baptist Church offered prayer. The orchestra, led by Guy Camp added much to the services.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Grotefeld of St. Paul's Grove Street Church. His subject was "The Lordship of Jesus and the Home." It was well handled by Rev. Grotefeld. Miss Grotefeld sang two solos.

Next Sunday's service will be in charge of the Methodist Church. Rev. Phelps will preach the sermon.

These meetings are proving the success that they have in other years. An invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS PLAN ANOTHER UNION PICNIC

Saturday, August 7th, has been decided upon by the General Committee as the day for our big Union Sunday School picnic.

It was agreed that owing to the cost of transportation it would be better to hold the picnic at home this year, and also give opportunity for all to attend. And therefore the North Side woods has been secured. Committees have been appointed and are now working out the details relative to lunch, games, concessions, etc. Our aim is to make this the BIGGEST and BEST picnic we ever held.

SIGNED STATEMENT COMING

A communication on the proposed community high school, prepared and signed by the present members of the Board of School Trustees of Downers Grove, will be delivered to all voters in the village and rural territory affected, within a day or so. Watch for it. Read it. It contains facts carefully gathered and presented in full.

BLUEBIRD REBEKAH LODGE INSTITUTED SATURDAY

Large Assemblage Views Initiation of Charter Members—New Officers Installed.

Bluebird Rebekah Lodge No. 147, of Downers Grove, came into being with an enthusiastic reception last Saturday evening, July 17th, at the Odd Fellow hall.

With some forty odd Minnehaha Rebekahs from Aurora and many visitors from Chicago and other points along the line and local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, the hall was filled to capacity. Supper was served at 6 o'clock to about 125 guests, the Divine blessing being invoked by the Rev. Hugh M. Macwhorter and after everyone had been served plenty they assembled in the hall above and the ceremony started promptly.

The humidity in the lodge room was high and the order of the evening was shirt sleeves for the men and plenty of fans for the women.

Sister Reilin of Aurora, had been delegated by the Grand Lodge of Illinois as Instituting Officer and had charge of the evening's ceremonies. All those who had not taken the Rebekah degree were requested to retire to the anti room and the lodge room prepared for the degree to be conferred on Bluebird members. Sixty-five strong, they entered the hall in double column formation and were conducted to the various stations to the tune of a lively march.

Rebekah Degree Conferred. The Degree Staff of the Aurora Lodge, consisting of thirty-five members, nine of whom were men, conferred the degree. This staff is boasted of as one of the best in the state and certainly lived up to their reputation. The work was a revelation and wonderfully conducted. Words fail to describe the effect created. The masterful interpretation of the beautiful old Bible story was impressive and will always be uppermost in the minds of those who witnessed the work Saturday evening.

The staff came to Downers Grove early and familiarized themselves with the hall and consequently performed the work perfectly. The floor drill showed long hours of practice and the hands of a master at the helm. Such team work has not been seen here for many days. Prolonged applause greeted the superb acting and drill and as they executed the final movement and passed out another burst of handclapping broke forth.

The robes, regalia and other articles used showed the touch of woman's delicate handiwork and caused much comment, especially from the ladies. The scenery and lighting effects were excellently staged and brot out with startling clearness the lessons of Odd Fellowship to the initiated as well as the un-initiated.

Bluebird Lodge Instituted. Institution took place immediately following the degree work and was under the direction of Mrs. Reilin assisted by the following officers:

Deputy Grand Master—Fanny Henderson; Deputy Grand Warden—Florence Geick; Grand Marshall—Anna Bris; Grand Secretary—Nora Dorr; Grand Treasurer—Alice Rich; Grand Guardian—Anna Kyes; Grand Herald—Anna Frazier; Grand Chaplain—Emma Lindsey; Grand Conductor—Margaret Doll. Anna C. Reilin was Special Deputy Grand Master.

Officers Elected and Installed.

A short recess was taken for the Bluebird members to get together and decide on the officers to be elected and with Sister Reilin in the chair they were called to order and the nominations made. Mrs. Madge M. Eager of Lincoett avenue, being elected to the Noble Grand's chair by acclamation to guide the good ship Bluebird on the first voyage. Mrs. Henrietta Winter of North Prince avenue, was elected by acclamation as the Vice Grand as were Miss Mary Smith, Redoring Secretary; Mrs. Mae Ostewig, Financial Secretary; Miss Helen Beidelman, Treasurer and Mr. E. M. Brunson as Grand Lodge Deputy.

Another recess was taken to allow the new Noble Grand and Vice Grand

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