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TWP. HARD ROADS QUESTION IS UP TO VOTERS TOMORROW

Proposition Up to Increase Tax of District for a Period of Five Years.

Tomorrow, Saturday, September 4, Downers Grove township will vote on the proposition of increasing the road and bridge tax rate of the township for a period of five years under the state hard roads law. The increased tax is for the purpose of "constructing gravel, rock, macadam and other hard roads" in the township.

Included in the proposition are the following highways to be hard surfaced with money received from the increase: Maple ave., Greigs road, Main street and Highland ave., Madison street and the following roads: Plainfield, Bluff, East Grove, Pange, Panke, Prescott, Gower, Clarendon Hills, Coon or Marwitz, County Line, Orchard, Heartt, Davey, Smart, Lacey, Town Line, Schuster, Cooper, Tenny, Merrill and Lacey.

The tax to be levied for this purpose falls principally upon the Rail Road Company running thru Downers Grove Township it being the largest tax payer in the town. Under the statute, the tax can only be levied for five consecutive years. It will not increase taxes more than 2 or 10 per cent. On the other hand, the construction and repair of all the roads will enhance the value of all real property much more than the amount of the tax. It is one of those improvements the benefit of which largely exceeds the cost, and the benefits will be shared equally by people in every walk and station of life. It is not generally known that in the winter and spring it is almost impossible for the mail carriers on rural routes to make deliveries, resulting in a congestion of mail at the postoffice and needless confusion through failure or inability to make delivery.

It is the duty of every person in favor of better and safer roads, to go to the polls and vote in favor of the proposed improvements on Saturday, Sept. 4th, 1920. The election will be held between the hours of 7 a. m. and 5 p. m., standard time, which means between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. Chicago time. Women can vote, as well as men, and it is confidently believed that the ladies will take advantage of an opportunity to vote in favor of an enterprise so essential to the welfare and happiness of all the inhabitants of Downers Grove Township.

There was a meeting at Cower on Thursday, Sept. 2nd, 1920, at 8:30 p. m., which was largely attended by the voters in the south part of the township.

There will also be a meeting at the Hinsdale club house Friday, Sept. 3, at 8:15 p. m., for the purpose of giving all those who desire any information upon the subject, an opportunity to ascertain all the facts respecting the proposed improvements and the levy to be made to pay for same.

New Road Completed.

The new stretch of experimental road on Maple avenue near the Hinsdale golf club has been opened to traffic. This makes a fine road to ride over and Commissioner Roe started to scarify the long hill just east of the East Grove road. This hill and a little beyond will be treated the same way and his plans include the fixing of Highland avenue just north of town in the near future.

McMURTREY — BAKER

A quiet wedding was celebrated last night at the home of the Rev. Gustav Pahl, 2054 N. Albany ave., Chicago, when Mrs. Marie McMurtrey of LaGrange, became the bride of Charles E. Baker. Mrs. McMurtrey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fraher of East Maple ave. and is well known here. The groom needs no introduction to Downers Grove people as he has lived here for many years and has been identified with the life of the village first in the livery and now in the bakery business.

Rev. Pahl, a former pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church here, performed the ceremony before a few close relatives of the bride and the groom.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Baker left for New Lisbon, Wis., where they will spend their honeymoon with relatives. They will make their home in Downers Grove.

WOMEN VOTERS SHOULD SELECT POLITICAL PARTY

Must Call for Party Ballot Under Ill. Preferential Primary Law Select Party Now

Several million new voters will cast their first ballot this fall at the preferential election to be held Tuesday, November 2. These are the women who were granted full suffrage last week by the ratification of the 19th amendment to the constitution.

In Illinois women have been voting for a good many years, first on school matters and later in almost every state office. On September 15, they will have their first chance to vote at a state-wide primary and in the following few paragraphs we will endeavor to explain the primary law so that it can be understood by the new voters of this community.

The Illinois preferential primary law was adopted to get away from the old caucus system of selecting candidates of the political parties to make the race for various offices. Under this system delegates were elected to county, senatorial, congressional and state conventions of both parties. These conventions would meet and the selections would be made, disgruntled candidates often running "independent." The people themselves had no choice in the selection of candidates by the caucus system and it was claimed that the "bosses" whoever they were, picked all the men who were to run.

It was this condition that brought on the preferential primary which was to cure all the political ills of the state. In actual practice it has not worked as well as could be expected but this is the law we are functioning under now.

Under this law each voter, which now means women as well as men, must call for their party ticket. This means when they step into the polling place the election judge will ask them for their party preference. As the election is to select candidates of the political parties who will run against each other in November, each voter must ask for either a Republican, Democratic or Socialist ballot, the three entitled to have tickets in Illinois now. After receiving the ballot they will mark a cross, as usual in the square before the names of those they wish nominated for the various offices. In another part of the paper this week we are printing a list of the offices to be voted on at the September 15 primary.

For instance on the Republican ballot will be found under the heading "For Representatives in the General Assembly," the names of four men, W. R. McCabe, James R. Bentley, John I. Walker and George M. Smith. These are the four seeking the Republican nomination for representatives at Springfield. Each voter can give three votes in this instance and two will be nominated as there are two places to be filled. If but one man is voted for, that man receives all three votes; two men, one and a half each and three men, one vote each. In DuPage County the newspapers are advocating voting for only one man, George M. Smith, of Wheaton. In other words "plumping" the three votes for Mr. Smith. This will assure this county of direct representation at Springfield, something we have not had in a good many years.

After a voter has made a party selection at a preferential primary, he or she, must vote that ticket at the primary for two years before he can change his party affiliation. Therefore if a woman calls for a Republican ballot on September 15th, she cannot change her party for two years.

WE APPRECIATE NEWS "TIPS"

A community newspaper, such as ours, striving to give its readers all the news of the community which it serves, must rely to a great extent on its friends for news "tips." The money return is so small that to employ a regular reporter would be prohibitive. We are always anxious to give more than value received for the \$2 per year it costs our subscribers and we have done it. However, our plans for The Reporter include its growing in every way, every week. We must have your cooperation to accomplish this and the best way for you to cooperate (Continued in 5th Column)

ROBINSON TRIAL POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16TH

G. H. Bunge and John W. Leedle, the Defendant's Attorneys, Get a Continuance

The trial of Nolen B. Robinson, for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown at Wheaton on June 25th, which was set for next Tuesday, Sept. 7th, has been postponed. G. H. Bunge of Downers Grove and John W. Leedle of West Chicago, who were appointed by the Court to defend the man, succeeded in getting a continuance from Judge Slusser of the Circuit Court Monday. The trial will open Thursday, September 16 in the DuPage County Court House.

States Attorney Charles W. Hadley and County Judge Louis Rathje, who has been appointed special prosecutor will handle the case for the state. Robinson is an escaped inmate of the state insane asylum at Elgin. He was adjudged insane before County Judge Rathje last spring and sent to the asylum following his kidnapping of his baby and a trip to his parents' home in Texas. He brought back to Wheaton by the sheriff, his commitment to the Elgin institution following.

Included in the special venire of 100 men from which the jury will be picked to try him are the following Downers Grove men: George Denny, Don Frenshagen, Gay Hawkins, E. W. Konack, O. E. F. Heet, G. W. Lusher and L. E. Jones.

Besides being responsible, as the state alleges, for the death of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who were his father and mother-in-law Robinson also bent on wife and baby with an iron bar. The latter two survived the beating and the shock.

The Illinois law forbids a wife testifying either for or against her husband and this will take away the star witness of the state.

HARD COAL USERS FACE SHORTAGE AS HEAT TIME NEARS

Not a Pound of "Range" Coal in Town and Prospects Poor For Shipments.

Users of hard coal in Downers Grove are face to face with a difficult problem as the time nears for getting the old base burners set in its usual place to furnish heat thru the long winter.

The truth of the matter is that today there is not a pound of the usual size of hard coal used in these stoves in the coal yards of the village. There are less than forty tons of the size known as "pea" coal in town and this is the small stuff which lasts about as long as a snowball in that well known place the minister was speaking of just last Sunday.

Local coal dealers have on their books orders for about 1,500 tons of hard coal of various sizes, of course some of this is for use in furnaces but the biggest share is for those who use base burners to heat their homes. The dealers are up a stump. The strike in the anthracite fields has continued for so long that it seems it won't be settled until too late to start shipments for the first cold of the winter. When it is settled and mining operations commence the demand from the entire country will be so great that what coal is mined will have to be scattered pretty thin over the country.

This seems to be rather a pessimistic view to take but those who depend upon hard coal for heating should be prepared for eventualities.

Those who have orders with the local dealers for hard coal should realize that it will do no good to keep bothering these men as to when that coal will be delivered. The dealers of Downers Grove will do everything in their power to see that people of this community have fuel. They demonstrated that during the fuel famine days of the war. If they possibly could arrange to have fifty cars on the track tomorrow, they would do so. Not a car of hard coal has been delivered in Downers Grove for more than a month.

Doris J. Foster, the three day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Foster of Lisle, died last Friday and was buried at the West Side cemetery here Saturday.

COUNTY PAPERS BACKING SMITH FOR LEGISLATURE

Realize DuPage County Should Have Direct Representation at State Capitol.

DuPage County new papermen met Monday evening at Hinsdale and talked over the possibilities of furthering the candidacy of George M. Smith of Wheaton, who is a candidate for the state legislature from the 41st Senatorial district including the counties of DuPage and Will. Those present were of the opinion that DuPage County is entitled to direct representation at Springfield and will work hard to see that this is an accomplished fact.

Being districted with Will County, which outvotes us more than two to one, has made it a hard proposition to elect DuPage County candidates. The voters of our neighboring county never do exert themselves in giving candidates from this end of the district many votes. Therefore it is strictly up to the voters of DuPage to see that they have direct representation in the state capitol. It can be done by voting for but one man for Representative. Simply mark a cross in the square before the name of George M. Smith, leaving the others blank. This will give Mr. Smith, the DuPage candidate three votes.

Under the caucus system it was comparatively simple for the two counties to get together on the three legislative candidates. Will County always had two and DuPage one. Under the primary law it is still simpler if men and women of this county will "plump" their three votes for the DuPage man. This simply means voting for Smith and no other contestant.

Many Names on Ballot.

This year there are certainly more candidates than offices. The following (Continued on Page Four)

"BOOSTER" DAY AND NIGHT FOR HINSDALE GAME

Legion Plans "Big Noise" Tomorrow Night to Create Enthusiasm For Monday's Contest.

"Booster Day" for the local Legion baseball team which has been cleaning up everything in sight during the past summer, is on the cards for Labor Day, next Monday afternoon.

Just what a booster day is, is hard to define. The fact remains that the team wants to see an exceptionally big crowd at the game Monday at Hinsdale will be the opponent and it is certain that the fans and fanettes from that village will attend to back their team. Monday's contest will be the second of a series, the first to be played at Hinsdale on Sunday afternoon.

Tomorrow evening the Legion plan to create enthusiasm for Monday with a "Big Noise" on the Main "stem." A large auto truck will be secured, the Legion piano hoisted thereunto and with a jazz band and sweet singers to render music to an admiring populace, will tour the town. A small man with a big voice will be behind the megaphone to announce the schedule.

The same orchestra and singers will be at the game Monday and before the umpire announces the play ball, and between the innings, the crowd will be entertained.

BLAIR — FOSTER

The marriage of Miss Iva Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Blair of Centralia, Illinois, to Lawrence J. Foster, of Downers Grove, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Foster, of Chicago. They were married at Salem, Ill., on August 25th, the Rev. P. H. Hearn, performing the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster will make their home in this village after the fifteenth of October.

MRS. PETER GRENIER TO BE BURIED TOMORROW MORNING

Mrs. Peter Grenier died at her home on Highland avenue, Wednesday evening, September 1st. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at St. Josephs church at 10 o'clock. Interment at St. Bernards cemetery. Obituary next week.

COUNTY OGLESBY CLUB ORGANIZED FRIDAY EVENING

Republicans Met at Wheaton and Made Plans for Winning DuPage for Oglesby.

Representative Republicans from every part of the county met at Wheaton last Friday evening and perfected the organization of a county Oglesby club. D. O. Dunbar of Wheaton, was selected as temporary chairman and introduced the speakers of the evening. Several county officials and Robt. R. McCormick of Chicago, explained the purpose of the gathering and urged the formation of the county to back Oglesby for Governor.

Following the speakers a permanent organization was formed with the following men as officers: President, L. P. Conover of Hinsdale; Secretary, A. A. Kuhn of Wheaton; and Treasurer, A. D. Miller of Naperville.

Appointment was made of a member of each committee in each community of the county. These men are to organize their own district in an effort to roll up a majority in this county for Oglesby that will stand as unique in the annals of politics.

Following are the appointments made: Jas. McClintock, Hinsdale; H. P. Jones, Downers Grove; C. B. Bowman, Naperville; C. H. Hoy, Warrenville; Harry Benjamin, West Chicago; F. L. Rathje, Wheaton; C. H. McCleskey, Glen Ellyn; Otto W. Balgeman, Elmhurst; Herbert Strausen, Addison; F. M. Beck, Itasca; Ludwig W. Kobusch, Bloomingdale; Hattie Glos, Wayne; W. R. Plum, Lombard; Walter Tedeschini, Cloverdale; G. A. Jewett, Villa Park; A. C. Mabey, Ardmore; A. M. Hopkins, Winfield; Fred Benbow, Meehan.

In speaking of the political situation in regard to state officers, A. A. Kuhn, county clerk and secretary of the Oglesby organization, said: "As a general rule I do not mix in matters of this kind at all but when I realize what the city of Chicago has gone through in the last four years and when I think of the millions of dollars which Illinois will have in her treasury, I am furred as a citizen of this state to do what I can in electing men who I know will guard the rights of the people." Mr. Kuhn said this in a private conversation with a representative of The Reporter and we quote his words because they echo the thought in the mind of so many people.

STATE'S ATTORNEY CANDIDATES TALK IN GROVE SATURDAY

Reed and Leedle Billed to "Discuss The Campaign" in Street Meetings Here.

John Leedle of West Chicago, and C. W. Reed of Naperville, candidates for State's Attorney for this county, are billed for talks here Saturday evening. Mr. Leedle will be the first speaker, his arrangements calling for him to appear at 7:45. Reed's itinerary will bring him here about nine.

Both have selected the corner of Main and Curtis streets as the place they will hold their meetings and both will "discuss" the campaign.

Not for a good many years has there been a three-cornered state's attorney fight in this county. The one this year, with John Proeder-gast of Wheaton, hooked up with the two men above, is furnishing fireworks a-plenty. All three men have been working day and night in prodigious efforts to win votes from the other and the outcome is undecided.

WE APPRECIATE NEWS "TIPS"

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is to let us know PROMPTLY of any news in your neighborhood. It is not necessary that you write it, we will do that, but let us know. No matter how large or how small the story, telephone it in. It may be something that you are certain we have heard of, no matter, if its news we want it and care not if twenty people call us about the same story. The Downers Grove Reporter is now DuPage County's best newspaper, we have striven hard to achieve this. We are ambitious to make it even better than it now is. Can we have your cooperation in doing this?

EX-SOLDIER BIG PICNIC AT GLEN ELLYN SEPT. 18th

Local Legion Appointed Committees Monday Evening to Work With County Posts.

Glen Ellyn will be the mecca for all DuPage County ex-service men and their friends on Saturday, September 18th. This is the date set for the monster picnic under the direction of the county executive committee of the American Legion for a gathering of veterans of the Civil, Spanish-American and World Wars.

The County Board of Supervisors have appropriated the sum of \$1,500 to help defray the expenses of the picnic. This money will be used to feed the thousands of soldiers expected to attend.

Sub-committees have been appointed by the county leaders to have charge of certain specific duties. Each post in the county has been notified that they are to have charge of certain parts of the day. These are: Auto raffle, Naperville; Music and Street Dancing, Hinsdale; Speaker, West Chicago; Athletics, Downers Grove; Concessions, Lombard; Grounds, Glen Ellyn; Barbecue, Wheaton; Publicity, Elmhurst. In addition to this each post is to operate some concession on the grounds and no others will be allowed.

The picnic is primarily for ex-service men and their families, but it is expected that almost the entire county will take advantage of the occasion to attend. This is the hope and wish of the Legion having the affair in charge and to this end they will request the business men of the county to close their stores on Saturday afternoon, September 18th, the picnic date.

Local Committees Appointed

At a meeting of the local Legion post held last Monday evening the following committees were appointed on the picnic:

Baseball—Hinder, Michel. A game will probably be arranged with Glen Ellyn.

Raffle Tickets—Dewey, Al. Johnson, Brady, Pfaff, Waples.

Concessions—Klein, Hawkins, Mac Dougall, Nash, Tholin.

Transportation—Kidwell, Ehninger, Publicity—Staats, R. Schultz.

Election Soon.

The state convention of the Legion is being held today in Chicago. Tom Kidwell and Ed. Pfaff, delegates will make their report at a meeting to be held in the near future when officers of the post for the new term will be elected. Present plans call for a banquet on that date.

Legion Football.

With the successful baseball season drawing to a close, the local post is planning for the football days to come. To this end the first practice hours of the season will be next Sunday morning at the north side field. Every man who ever played the game or thinks he can play the game is expected to report.

LOCAL FISHERMEN CAUGHT IN "FINE TRAP" AT GENEVA

Judge and Deputy Game Warden are Working Old Automobile Game on the Fox

Emil Marchand and Roy Heinke were caught in a "fine trap" at Geneva last Sunday while fishing for the elusive black bass in the Fox river near the dam at that place. A deputy game warden arrested them for fishing within 100 feet of the dam contrary to the state law.

Mr. Marchand is positive that he was outside the 100 foot limit and the fact that he is conversant with the law would argue that he was. However neither the judge nor the warden would consent to adjoining court while the distance was measured and the fishermen were given a fine.

It looks very much as if the said judge and the said warden were playing the auto trap game to their mutual profit. Local fishermen contemplating a trip to the Fox at Geneva should watch the distance they fish from the river obstruction.

Oh boy! Some Games! Hinsdale at Hinsdale Sunday and Hinsdale at Downers Grove Monday.