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POLLING PLACES GET FIRST USE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Four Precincts Now — Interest is Growing as State-Wide Party Primary Date Nears

Next Wednesday, September 15th, the date of the state-wide party primary, four polling places will be used for the first time in the history of Downers Grove. So heavy was the vote at the last general election that the County Board of Supervisors re-districted the territory, adding two precincts here and two at Hinsdale.

Where to Vote

As this is the first time these new precincts will be used the following should help those not familiar with their voting place.

Those living north of the track and west of Main street will vote at J. W. Tucker's Real Estate Office.

South of the tracks and west of Main street at the Village Hall.

South of the tracks and east of Main street at the Curtis Theatre.

North of the tracks and east of Main street at the Kidwell Garage.

The latter two are the new Downers Grove polling places and will be used for the first time at this election.

People who have been voting at the Lacey precinct will continue to do so.

State Fight Hard One

The fight in Illinois for the Republican nominations for state offices is one of the hardest ever witnessed in the state. It centers between the "Thompson-Tammany" crowd, which has a strangle-hold in Chicago, and the harmony ticket with Oglesby at the head.

Very little of the fight has been carried into DuPage county up to date as early in the game the Thompson managers conceded this part of the state to the harmony ticket. An Oglesby booster party will come through Downers tomorrow morning and will make short talks on Main street at 10:30 as the first meeting on the state fight locally.

States Attorneyship Anyone's

In DuPage county there is but one contest that for the States Attorneyship between C. B. Reed, of Naperville, John Prendergast, of Wheaton, and John W. Ledlie, of West Chicago.

Each of these three men has been making a campaign that will go down in the political history of the county. They are pulling every string to win they have worked long and hard for the nomination. All three are claiming a victory and the final outcome will not be known until the votes are counted.

Legislative Fight Close

In the race for the nominations for the state legislature are four candidates with two to be nominated. They are George M. Smith, of Wheaton, John Walker, of Joliet, Wm. McCabe, of Lockport and James R. Bentley, of New Lenox. The latter two are the present representatives. All of them are from Will county with the exception of Smith who is the DuPage county candidate.

Smith is conceded a fine chance for the nomination by old politicians if men and women of this county will "plump" their votes for him. He has the endorsement of every paper in the county whose editors are interested in seeing DuPage county represented directly in the legislature. Every paper is advocating voting for but one man in this fight and that man, George M. Smith.

Polls Open at "Seven"

The polls for the election next Wednesday, September 15, will be open at six or seven o'clock, depending on how you keep your clocks going. They will be open from six to five, Standard Time, which means seven to six, Chicago local time, under which we are now running. This makes necessary other arrangements than usual for most people work in Chicago as the polling places will open after they leave and close before they get back. They should arrange now to either take some time off in the morning or in the evening.

Women to Vote

This is the first election held in Illinois at which women can vote for every office regardless of state or national. That they will take advantage of the opportunity is evident.

Party Primary

Wednesday's election is a "party primary." It is designed to select men on the different tickets who will oppose each other in November. Three tickets will be in the field, Republican Democratic and Socialist.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR BOOSTERS TO BE HERE TOMORROW

To Speak for Oglesby at Street Meeting at 10:30 a. m. in Tour of DuPage Co.

Boosters for John G. Oglesby, present Lieutenant Governor of Illinois, who is the harmony Republican, anti-Tammany candidate for Governor of the State, will be in Downers Grove tomorrow morning.

Among the boosters who will speak here is Adjutant General Frank Dickson and they will arrive at 10:30. "Somewhere on Main Street" is the designated place for the meeting and it is hoped that as many people as possible will make it their business to be downtown at 10:30 Saturday morning.

The boosters are making a tour of DuPage County. They will speak at Hinsdale first, then here, Naperville, West Chicago, Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Lombard and Elmhurst.

TRIM HINSDALE IN TWO GAMES OVER WEEK END

Excitement Runs High as Record Breaking Crowds Watch Old Rivals Play.

Our battering Legion team climaxed its numerous victories and great success last Sunday and Monday when they cleanly and decisively trounced Hinsdale in a twin weekend bill. In fact, the Hinsdale outfit was out-shown in every part of the game and were beaten so neatly that they can say nothing. The old rivalry no doubt has been kindled anew but the great fact remains that the teams of Downers Grove are far

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SMITH—MIKOLEIT

A beautiful wedding was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Maude Smith at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, September 8th, when Miss Essie E. Smith became the bride of Mr. Frederick H. Mikoleit. The Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Miss Evelyn Bostelmann of La Grange, sang "I'll Love You Truly" after which Mrs. Laura Stevenson played the wedding march.

The bride was attired in a gown of white satin and old lace wore a beautiful veil of net and carried a shower bouquet. She was attended by her sister, Sarah, who wore lavender and carried pink roses. William Smith, brother of the bride, gave her away. The groom's nephew, Wesley Radell, acted as best man.

Covers were laid for seventy-five persons, the out of town guests being: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burkhardt and J. M. Burkhardt of Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. C. Huls, Mr. and Mrs. W. Putz, and Miss Martha, Charlie and William Stevens, of Morgan Park, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kebbeman of Bensenville, Ill., Mrs. Augusta Eichler, of Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. W. Cook, the Misses Jeanette Winters, Mable Wheeler, Madeline Reitz and Julia Laughlin and Mr. B. L. Bohnet of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beyer, Miss Evelyn Bostelmann, and Miss Mildred Fletcher of LaGrange and Miss Margaret Tate of Hinsdale.

The happy couple left after the ceremony for a few weeks honeymoon at the Dells of Wisconsin and will be at home to their many friends after October 1st, at 74 North Forest avenue.

DON'T VOTE FOR BUTTS

County Clerk A. A. Kuhn has been notified by the secretary of state that Lucas I. Butts has withdrawn his name from the Republican primary ballot. The withdrawal came too late however, to have the name taken off the ballot. So don't vote for Butts for clerk of the supreme court or your vote will be wasted.

A LITTLE TALK FOR NON-SUBSCRIBERS

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MAYOR ISSUES STORE CLOSING PROCLAMATION

Asks Business Houses to Close for Big County Soldier Picnic September 18th.

Mayor Walter C. Barber has issued a proclamation asking local business houses to close on Saturday afternoon, September 18th, the date of the big DuPage County soldier reunion and picnic to be held at Glen Ellyn.

PROCLAMATION

Believing that it is the desire of the citizens of this Village to assist in every way possible to make the soldier re-union and County picnic given under the auspices of the DuPage County Branch of the American Legion, which is to be held at Glen Ellyn on Saturday, September 18th, 1920, a success, I therefore, hereby declare Saturday afternoon, September 18th, 1920, a half holiday, and request all merchants to co-operate by closing their places of business on that afternoon.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of September, A. D. 1920. W. C. Barber, Mayor

Included in the plans for this monster picnic are all the veterans of wars of the United States. The Civil, Spanish-American and World War boys who wore the uniform of the army or navy will be the guests of honor and every resident of the county is invited to participate in the big day.

Having charge of all the arrangements for the day, the County posts of the American Legion are working hard to make it the biggest day DuPage has ever seen.

There will be exhibition boxing bouts in which professionals from Chicago will participate. There will be a big ball game between players along the Burlington and those whose homes are on the Northwestern. The athletic events are directed by the Downers Grove Legion, each post is to have its share in the day's doings.

Many concessions will be scattered about the grounds all of them being in charge of the Legion boys exclusively. The money derived from them will be split among the posts on a basis of the membership after the expenses of the day are paid.

HARD ROADS WIN MORE THAN FOUR TO ONE SATURDAY

Township Board Canvassed Vote and Certified Levy to County Clerk For Spread.

Men and women voters of Downers Grove Township last Saturday put themselves on record as favoring better highways for this territory. And they did it by more than four to one majority.

The election was held to vote on the proposition of increasing the road and bridge tax for the township for a five year period and the following is the vote by precincts:

Precinct	Yes	No
1st	103	5
2nd	54	15
3d	48	20
4th	159	14
5th	61	24
6th	38	25
Totals	463	103

It will be seen from these figures that every precinct in the township gave the proposition a majority and the final was more than four to one.

On Tuesday the town board met, canvassed the returns and certified the levy to the County Clerk. Mr. Kuhn will make the spread this fall and the first taxes on hard roads will be paid next spring making this additional revenue available almost at once for the construction and maintaining of the highways.

Every road in the territory was included in the scheme for improvement. The worst roads will receive attention first, notably those in the south part of the section that are impassable in the winter.

Just what type of highway will be laid is problematical, but that some hard surface type will be decided on is true.

LET US KNOW NEXT TIME

"The daughter of a prominent farmer living near West Chicago has offered four kisses to the farm hand who would do the most work in a day. Before noon three of the hired hands were prostrated by the heat."

DOWNERS GROVE SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Grade and High Schools are Ready For a Record Breaking Enrollment.

Next Monday morning, September 13th, the Downers Grove Schools, grade and high, will open for the 1920-21 term. The usual day of opening was postponed on account of the annual county teachers' institute which has been in session at Hinsdale this week.

A record breaking enrollment is expected in both the grade and high schools and a great year of accomplishment is looked for.

The teaching faculty this year is the best ever. Each member has been picked for some special qualification.

Following is the faculty:

- Departmental
- Superintendent—Kenneth M. Snapp.
- Maude E. Whiffen.
- Ruth O. Larson.
- Mary G. Spinner.
- Grace Manning.
- 6th Grade—Mary Lane and Florence Sherlock.
- 5th Grade—Annie M. Herring and Dorothy Allison.
- 4th Grade—Ruth Lohofer and Dorothy Clover.
- 3d Grade—Lucy S. Bellinger and Edith Butler Case.
- 2nd Grade—Hazel Hurd and Lucille Fischer.
- 1st Grade—Agatha M. Sweet and Lillie Roth.

The high school faculty includes:

- Mathematics—Samuel Vernon.
- Science—Thomas Rogers.
- Manual Training—Smith Geeting.
- Latin—Garnet E. Trott.
- English—Ada Goodspeed.
- History—Florence Galbraith.
- French—Lydia Sprecher.
- Commercial—Ruby Radcliffe.
- Domestic Science—Helen Newton.
- Art—Minnie Clayton.
- Physical Training—Irene Harris.
- Music Supervisor—Winnifred Sheel.

We had hoped to be able to publish in this weeks paper a list of all books that would be needed by each grade at the start of the term. We were unavoidably prevented from doing this however.

FIRST ANNUAL LEGION BANQUET NEXT THURSDAY

G. A. R. Hall to be Scene of Big Night — Election of Officers and Delegate Reports.

Alexander Bradley Burns Post, American Legion, will hold its first annual banquet in the G. A. R. Hall here next Thursday night, September 16th. Post cards have been sent to each member of the local post and these will be returned to Emery Klein who has charge of the arrangements for the big night.

Following the feed will come an important business meeting. The second annual election of officers will be the most important thing to come up. Reports of Tom Kidwell and Edwin Pfaff delegates to the state convention held in Chicago last week will be read as well as reports of committees for the past year.

Two minute talks will be made by members and an orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

As can be seen from the title of the evening, it is planned to make this an annual affair. That it will stimulate interest in the post and keep ex-service men together, is a certainty.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational church will serve the dinner.

DOWNERS GROVE POPULATION IS PLACED AT 3543

Increase for 10 Year Period 942 According to the Official Announcement.

Preliminary announcement of the population of Downers Grove has been received from the census bureau. The figures give this village a total population of 3543, an increase of 942 over the 2601 total of 1910.

In next weeks paper we expect to publish the figures for the entire county as they have been issued by the Bureau.

LEGION AUXILIARY GARDEN PARTY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Dancing Main Feature of Gathering At Straube Home on Fairmount Ave. Friday.

A wonderful evening was spent last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Straube on Fairmount ave. when the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion were hosts to their members and members of the local Legion and ladies.

Dancing was the main feature, Fitzgerald's orchestra of Aurora, furnishing the music and the young people tripping the latest steps on the smooth pavement. During and following the dancing light refreshments were served.

The committee in charge wish to thank the village for the lighting, cleaning the street and other favors, Mr. and Mrs. Straube for the use of their grounds and all those who helped in making the affair the success it was.

TWO FILE FOR UNEXPIRED TERM ON SCHOOL BOARD

Election to be Held from One to Six Saturday Afternoon September 18.

Two men, Frank N. Davis and W. D. Herrick have filed petitions with the secretary of the school board of District 58 as candidates for the unexpired one year term on that board.

The vacancy was caused by the resignation and removal from the village of C. W. VanBeynum who was elected last spring for the one year term.

The election will be held on next Saturday, September 18, at the village hall and the polls will be open from one to six in the afternoon.

PAYNE—NARGNEY

An informal wedding of beautiful appointments was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Payne, 206 John st. Wednesday morning, September 1st, at ten o'clock, when their daughter, Kathryn Anita, was united in marriage to Mr. George Fidler Nargney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nargney, of Downers Grove, Illinois.

The service was read by the Rev. W. H. Shannon of Lansing, former pastor of the bride.

Baskets of pink gladiolas and festoons of lovely clematis paniculata graced the spacious rooms of the home. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Herman Pigott, accompanied by Miss Marie Reed sang Grieg's "I Love Thee."

The bride was charming in a gown of apricot brocaded satin, combined with georgette of the same shade and she wore a corsage bouquet of Ophelia roses and sweet alyssum.

While felicitations were being extended, Miss Reed played selections from MacDowell, "To a Water Lily," and "Midsommer."

Following the ceremony a three-course luncheon was served by the Misses Harriett Dewey, Evelyn Ward, Esther Lyon, Helen Hall and Elizabeth Pond. In the dining room the bridal table was beautifully decorated with pink and lavender bebesasters and Japanese fern.

After a month spent at Lakeside, Lake Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Nargney will be at home in Chicago.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nargney, and daughter Jean, of Downers Grove, Miss Marie Reed of Galesburg, Ill., Miss Murial Shannon of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. T. M. Euler of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Herman Pigott and Mrs. Harry Bowles of Detroit, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. George Payne and daughter, Esther, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Parker, of Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Euler of Durand, Miss Mae Osborne of Perry, Miss Aletha Braden of Byron and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shane of Bancroft. — Owosso Argus-Press. (Mich.)

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE WORKS AGAINST COUNTY

Endorses McCabe and Bentley for Legislature Ignoring Dry DuPage Aspirant.

The Anti-Saloon League, through the endorsement of McCabe and Bentley, of Will County, as candidates for the legislature, is working against George M. Smith, the DuPage County aspirant for legislative honors.

Not only have they endorsed the two present representatives of this district for re-election but they are working hard to see that no votes whatever are given to Smith who is a real dry and is this county's only candidate.

Representatives of the league give as their reason that to endorse Smith would split up the dry vote and so give the wets a chance to slip in their candidate. They are endorsing McCabe and Bentley on their voting record on wet and dry legislation.

The anti-saloon league by this action practically asks DuPage County voters to repudiate a staunch, tried-and-found-true citizen of this territory. A man who is not a dry because it would bring him votes as some others are, but a man whose principles are dry. That's the kind of a man George M. Smith is and that's the kind of a man the Anti-Saloon League is trying to beat.

Carry out the conclusion a little farther, bring it to two years from now. Take it for granted that Bentley and McCabe are re-elected. In two years they again receive the endorsement of the league. Men who are fitted for the office as well, if not better than they, refuse to make the race because the league will endorse no one but the two. This will work out to keep DuPage County where it has been the past eight years without direct representation at the Capitol in Springfield.

The Anti-Saloon League people say "Yes, we realize Smith is a good man, we know he is a clean, moral young man, we have looked up his record and can find nothing against him—But, these other two men have voted as we wished and we are going to endorse them. Besides Smith has no chance to win and to endorse him we would lose our dry men in the legislature."

Voters of Downers Grove, don't take that statement about "no chance to win" without a grain of salt. Smith can win if the people of DuPage County will vote for NO ONE BUT SMITH in the legislative fight.

In this way every vote counts for THREE and Smith will be elected. Downers Grove anti-saloon leaguers are showing the hardest opposition to Smith. Will County will give Smith a good scattering of votes, more than most people realize. He has been down there and has the assurance of big men of the county that they will support him, giving as the reason that they would (rather support a man whose principles are with what he advocates rather than a man who advocates a principle just to get the votes.

Right here is a good place to insert a paragraph regarding the legislative fight of two years ago. You will remember that our fellow townsman, T. A. Verdenius was to be a candidate. He withdrew because he could not get the endorsement of the Anti-Saloon League in spite of the fact that he had at all times contributed money to the cause and was one of the most ardent workers for it.

In announcing his withdrawal Mr. Verdenius wrote as his principle reason the following:

"Ist. Because, the Anti-Saloon League, which terms itself the "Church in Action" has repeatedly refused to endorse my candidacy, although Rev. Scott McBride, State Superintendent of this League, said that as a personal matter, he would rather see me at Springfield than either of the two candidates which the Anti-Saloon League has endorsed from this district, because he felt that I would be a more aggressive fighter for the cause for which the League stands. Furthermore, Rev. Reed, a representative of the League, made the assertion that it was the policy of the Anti-Saloon League, in their work throughout the State to endorse candidates who had a legislative record of having voted for the dry issue, no matter if said candidates should be seen drunk on the streets two weeks before election."

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