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COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTE PROVED TO BE BEST EVER

Large Attendance, Good Speakers and Wonderful Exhibits Features Annual Get-Together.

The annual DuPage County Farmers' Institute closed a three-day session at the Court House in Wheaton last Saturday, one of the most successful of the many that have been held in the county.

At the first session last Thursday, Prof. C. B. Bowman discussed truancy, consolidation and the community high school and explained the laws covering these subjects. He urged regular school attendance and that the pupils be allowed to complete the high school and college courses.

In the afternoon, Mr. L. C. Brown of LaGrange, gave a fine practical talk. He is one of the leading seedmen of this vicinity. Dr. F. G. Blair, State Supt. of Public Instruction, closed the session with a splendid inspirational address.

During the day the farm exhibits were judged by practical farm men of the vicinity. Dr. F. G. Blair, and the domestic science exhibits by two domestic science teachers who used the score card method of determining the prize winners. The school exhibits were judged Friday.

The morning session was addressed by Dr. David Felmley, president of State Normal University, and by E. A. Carncross, the new county advisor. In the afternoon there were addresses by Dr. Felmley and by Frank L. Mann, one of Illinois' most successful and practical farmers. A domestic science section met in the county court room morning and afternoon. Readings were given by Miss Jeanne Goddies.

At the Saturday morning session E. E. Durst spoke on the care of the farm orchard giving many practical hints on how this much neglected part of the average farm can be made to pay. One realizes in a trip thru the county that most orchards are left to take care of themselves and that a little labor and a little money would make them one of the best paying parts of the average farm.

One of the most interesting talks given this year was that of Ira C. Copley, of Aurora, Congressman of the 11th District. Mr. Copley gave an exposition of problems facing the government in these reconstruction days and a few of the ways in which these problems will be met.

He brought forth a storm of applause when he said, "One of the biggest mistakes made by the government during the war was the draft act, it was alright, fine, as far as it went, but along with drafting the boys, we should have drafted every man, every industry, every dollar in this country to the winning of the war."

Speaking of the economic condition in which the world finds itself today, the Congressman said that not until the nations of Europe, including Germany and Austria, were back upon a basis of production, would conditions improve. He made a plea for a council of world nations, not a league with war in each fist, but a peace council.

At the afternoon session Saturday the following officers were elected: President—Irving Goodrich, Naperville.

1st Vice-President—Wm. Hammerschmidt, Lombard.

2d Vice-President—J. R. Steven, Wheaton.

Treasurer—J. J. Case—Elmhurst.

Secretary—C. B. Bowman, Naperville.

Town Committeemen

Addison—A. W. Fischer, Bensenville.

Bloomington—N. W. Lies, Cloverdale.

Wayne—W. E. Aule—Bartlett.

Winfield—Ralph Herrick, Naperville.

Milton—Wm. J. Yackley, Wheaton.

Downers Grove—F. J. Littleford, Downers Grove.

Lisle—H. C. Vial, Downers Grove.

Naperville—George Ferry, Naperville.

Household Science Department

President—Mrs. Collins Goodrich, Downers Grove.

Vice-President—Mrs. D. W. Martin, West Chicago.

Secretary—Mrs. Harry Gregory, Naperville.

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WINNERS OF CONTEST TONIGHT TO REPRESENT SCHOOL

Eight Girls and Four Boys in High School Declamatory Contest at Curtiss Theatre.

The big Declamatory Contest to take place at the Curtiss Theatre on Friday evening of this week promises to be one of the very best affairs of the kind ever given in this village. The stage is now all set and those students who are to take part are all in excellent shape to do credit to themselves and the school that they represent. They have been working very hard during the past ten days and all those who are interested feel that the affair can not help but be a big success in every way.

The following young men and women will contest for first, second and third honors. Those winning the above named places will be chosen to represent their school in contest with other High Schools over the State. The music for the occasion will be furnished by students of the school under the direction of Miss Sheel, supervisor of music.

Hester Moore—A Lover of Music.
Mary Curtis—Tale of Old Madrid
Gwen Griffiths—Madame Butterfly.
Martha Shaffer—Dolores and Her Father.

Elma Kelly—Story of Patay.
Dorothy Towlesley—The Mustard Master.

Elizabeth Plumly—Tom Sawyer's Love Affair.
Ruth Waples—Ice Water Please.
John Babbage—The Song and the Man.

Karl Kellogg—The Music Master.
Preston Snow—The Man of Flesh and Blood.

George Bunge—Madame X.

The seats for this attraction are now on sale among the students of the high school and are going rapidly. Get yours at once.

Mrs. James Prichard of Princeton, Ill., who is coaching this contest has never had a failure. She assures us that this will be one of the best she has ever staged.

CONG'L ENDEAVOR SOCIETY ENJOYS A "STUNT PARTY"

Those Present Furnished New and Unusual Entertainment—Lunch Was Served.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational Church gave a "stunt party" in the parlors of the church Saturday night, to which the members and friends were invited.

The chairman of the Social Committee, Edwin Graves, presided and succeeded in discovering some real talent. Practically every person present assisted in making the evening a success, but the principal stunts were given by John Miller "The Piano Toner," Richard Drees and Evan Gollan, as "Mutt & Jeff," and Jack Reed and George Bunge, who presented "A Study in Hypnotism." Miss Ethel Phelps took charge of the games and kept every one busy until lunch was served.

A COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

To be successful, a "Community Newspaper" must be the organ of no one faction, no one group of men and women, nor one religious body. It must be the means of disseminating news and information regarding all phases of the community it serves and then only can it be regarded as successful. This is what we are trying to accomplish in The Reporter. Not yet can we say that we have achieved that long-sought for state known as "success." We can, however, truthfully say that we are on the right road and that from month to month and year to year our paper (your paper would be better) is getting to be more and more an ideal "COMMUNITY" paper. Help us make it so. Suggestions are always appreciated.

MOVIE METHODS ON THE FARM



MARY S. DIENER, LONG A RESIDENT, BURIED MONDAY

Life of Usefulness Ends When Well Known Local Woman Passed Away Thursday.

Mary Selig Diener was born in Jechheim, Alsace, France, on the 13th day of June, 1866. She was called home to her eternal reward on the evening of January 27th, 1921, at the age of fifty-four years, seven months and thirteen days.

She attended the Kindergarten and public schools of Alsace until eight years of age when she emigrated with her parents, two brothers and her grandmother to this country.

After leaving London enroute for New York, her mother died aboard ship and was buried in the sea. Her father, grandmother and two brothers reached New York safely and came directly to Downers Grove, where they made their home. Sister Diener resided here until she went to make her home with her son, The Rev. Ed. Diener of Dakota, Illinois, about three months ago.

She attended the public schools of Downers Grove for several years but when the duties of the home fell too heavily upon the grandmother she gave up school work and kept house for the father.

In 1895 she opened up a bakery and confectionery store in Downers Grove and conducted a successful business there for thirteen years.

In March 1908, she turned her business over to her son and the following December took up a Nurse's Training Course at Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in Chicago. She completed the course, graduating with the class of 1912. Since her graduation she has been actively engaged in a ministry of selfless service as a nurse in Downers Grove and community.

She took sick with Lumbago last May and never completely recovered. After a prolonged illness she died of (Continued on Page 8)

M. E. FELLOWSHIP CLASS ENTERTAIN THEIR HUSBANDS

Dinner and Social Time in Parlors of Church Tuesday Evening Was Successful.

The Fellowship Class of the M. E. Church gave a dinner at six-thirty on Tuesday evening to the members of the class, their husbands and sweethearts. Needless to say the meal was thoroughly enjoyed by those present as well as the social time which followed.

The evening was given over to the playing of games, to music and singing and to various other pastimes which the women had arranged for the entertainment of their guests.

A large crowd was present and the evening voted a great success with the addition that another be held soon.

DOWNERS GROVE OVERSUBSCRIBED "HOOVER" FUND

More Than Two Thousand Dollars Given Locally for Starving European Children.

Downers Grove more than "went over the top" in the drive for the relief of Central Europe, known as the "Hoover Fund." This is the big organization made by bringing together under one head six different associations which were all working for the same cause and putting at their head Herbert Hoover, who made such a success of similar relief measures during the war.

At a meeting of the committee in charge at the Library Monday evening, reports of the ward chairmen were read and of the voluntary contributions left at the First National Bank. The total was \$2,039.74, a magnificent amount from a village as small as ours. In addition to this amount estimated at least \$370.00 should be credited to us. This is the amount which was turned over to the Hoover Committee from various organizations and individuals here before the drive started.

The money is to be used to feed children of the following countries: Poland, Austria, Czech-Slovakia, Serbia, Hungary, Finland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, North Russia, Persian Armenia and Germany. There are in this vast territory more than 3,000,000 children who are looking to America for food. The amount asked was \$33,000,000 which would be 40 cents for every man, woman and child in this country. Figuring on this basis, the local committee set as its quota \$1,400, but on account of business conditions in this country some doubt was had about our ability to raise this amount. The ready response which met the solicitors, and the work which they put in on the drive swamped that paltry \$1,400 figure and raised more than \$2,000 for the great work.

HI Y CLUB MET AT PHELPS HOME MONDAY EVENING

Young Men of Village, Irrespective of Church Affiliation, Are Invited to Join.

The Hi Y Club met in the home of Rev. Arthur S. Phelps Monday night for their regular bi-monthly meeting. The Hi Y Club is an organization of high school fellows, who plan social and inspirational meetings every other Monday night.

The meetings are to be held in the parlors of the Congregational Church but the membership of the club is made up entirely irrespective of their church membership, and any young man of clean ideals can join the club, which is under the leadership of Rev. Phelps. This club is a part of the Y. M. C. A. plan for county work, and is under the auspices of the local committee.

TO DEMONSTRATE NEW FIRE TRUCK AT LAKE, SUNDAY

Demonstration to be Preceded by an Automobile Parade Led by Apparatus.

Downers Grove's new automobile fire truck arrived Monday evening, the screech of the fire siren heralding its safe arrival in the village. Since that time the firemen have been like children with a new toy and their joy at the appearance of the new apparatus can be compared to no other thing than the joy of children when the good Saint Nick makes his annual visit.

To properly introduce the efficient apparatus to the people through the generosity of whom it was made possible, a demonstration will be held next Sunday afternoon at "the lake." Preceding the showing of what the equipment can do will be an automobile parade around the village. It is hoped that every auto owner in the village will groom his car for the occasion and get into line.

Automobiles will assemble on Main street heading north at 1:45 p. m. The start will be made at 2 o'clock sharp. The head of the line will be at the fire station, next to the village office and it is expected that the cars will be lined up way around on Maple avenue. There will be no set order for the autos so the first into line will be at the head of the procession, and so on.

Leading the line will be the old fire truck which has served our needs for so many years. Next will come the new truck, resplendent with its red paint and shiny brass fittings. After a short run around town the procession will be led to the lake and here the actual showing of what the apparatus can do will take place.

We hope that every auto owner will have his car in line next Sunday afternoon. On similar occasions in the past Downers Grove people have turned out en masse to celebrate some new acquisition to the village. We anticipate that this occasion will be no different than the precedent set at other times.

SELF-INVITED SUPPER GUESTS HAD FINE TIME

Mrs. Louis Hodges Reminded of Birth day by Ten Friends in Unique Way

Mrs. Louis Hodges was very agreeably surprised on the anniversary of her birth Tuesday by ten friends unexpectedly dropping in to supper. Just as she was beginning to worry about where enough food was coming from to feed so many, the table was extended and an abundant repast spread ready for the hungry guests.

The evening was pleasantly spent in playing 500, Mr. M. A. Sullivan winning the gentlemen's prize and Mrs. Henry Grumhaus the ladies' prize.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grumhaus, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grumhaus, Mrs. Harry Darnley, Mrs. A. R. Cramer and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Sullivan.

OUR CLASSIFIEDS AND RESULTS

One of our fellow townsmen, who has sold his property here and expects to leave soon, advertised in week before last's Reporter a long list of articles he had for sale. When asked what results he had had, he replied, "You know this isn't the first time in my experience that I have used advertising, but I can frankly say that the results I received from that classified last week beat any results I ever had from advertising in any publication."

Coming from this man, whom we know would not say anything like that unless he really meant it, and from one who knows something of the advertising game from the standpoint of experience, the words were more than gratefully received. Try our Classifieds. They pay.

SPIRIT OF CO. H. REBORN AT FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET

B. E. Balczynski Chosen to Command Veterans Association—Other Officers Were Elected.

Amid the clink of knives and forks on table ware, amid smoke from innumerable cigarettes and cigars, amid laughter and good fellowship, was reborn in the G. A. R. Hall last Friday evening, January 28th, the "Spirit of Co. H."

The occasion was the first annual banquet and re-union of the "Veterans Association of Company H." More than seventy-five former members of this war-times military organization enjoyed the magnificent banquet which had been prepared and served by the wives of the members. Never did the hall look prettier than it did when the signal to be seated was received. The long tables, with their shaded candlesticks, their miniature silk American flags and other decorations had a festive appearance.

Following the banquet, Toastmaster (otherwise known as Czar) Burr C. Downes, one time First Sergeant of the Company, called on various men present for short talks. Most of those called on answered to their names with some funny incident of past good times with the boys which drew howls of laughter from the banqueters. The "Razzing" of several of the fellows waxed hot, but all took it in the same spirit in which it was given and the evening was one of the most successful Downers Grove has ever seen.

Major John P. Hobbs of Riverside, who commanded the "Q" Battalion of which Co. H was a part, was the guest of honor and made the principal talk of the evening. He has been made an honorary life member of the Association. A small inkling of the place he holds in the affections of Co. H could easily be gained from their reception of him last Friday. As he rose to speak, the men came to their feet with three rousing cheers for the man who had led and looked after them in the days of the "African" war "down back of the yards."

Major Hobbs showed the feeling was mutual when in his talk he praised the men for their adherence to duty in the days of their enlistment, for the cooperation they had given him. He said it was the most democratic organization in any village along the Burlington and that he was proud to be named on the rolls of the organization as a member.

Following the speech making and the songs, the first election of officers for the newly formed organization was held. The following were nominated and elected by acclamation, without a dissenting voice:

B. E. Balczynski—Commander

Ed. Huntington—Vice-Commander

E. F. Laury—Secretary

M. King Bush—Treasurer

H. F. Jones—Chairman Finance Committee.

W. W. Henderson—Chairman Auditing committee.

Stanley J. Brown—Chairman Social Committee.

Walter J. Staat—Chairman Publicity Committee.

Major Hobbs, with appropriate remarks, entirely in keeping with the spirit of the evening, acted as installing officer. His remarks brought a storm of applause and the meeting broke up at a late hour.

Henry E. Tank introduced a set of resolutions which follow:

WHEREAS, The many loyal citizens of Downers Grove encouraged and supported the activities of Company H of the Second Battalion of the Second Regiment I. R. M., and

WHEREAS, The former members of Company H have created an organization known as the "Veterans of Company H." There be it

RESOLVED by the veterans of Company H in annual reunion assembled, that it extend to the citizens of Downers Grove its heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the generous support and assistance extended Company H, financially and otherwise, and be it further

RESOLVED that the veterans of Company H do hereby pledge its aid.

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