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WHOLE NO. 1929

HUNDREDS SEE DEMONSTRATION OF FIRE TRUCK

Exclamations of Wonder and Admiration Heard as Pump Increases the Water Pressure.

Hundreds of local people gathered at the lake last Sunday afternoon for the first public demonstration of the new automobile fire apparatus which has been purchased by the fire department.

Many were the expressions of wonder and admiration heard as the motor increased the water pressure at the nozzle over that of the pumps at the light plant.

Fire Chief Henry Dicke acted as master of ceremonies and explained that the truck had been purchased by private subscription, the members of the volunteer company making a house-to-house canvass to raise the money. He also told of the Ford touring car which is being raffled in an effort to raise the additional money to pay for the equipment.

Two leads of hose were then attached, one to a fire hydrant on the west side of the lake and the other to a hydrant on the east side and then to the truck. Water was first turned into the hose on the west side, the stream barely reaching the center of the lake. It was then explained that the other stream would be taken from the main, run thru the pump on the truck and in this way the pressure increased. The first stream from the nozzle made it apparent that the pumping apparatus on the truck would do all that had been promised. The water was shot as if from a gun clear across the lake to the sidewalk on the other side.

So great was the pressure that it took four firemen to hold the hose and even then they were forced to move backward with it.

The most interesting part of the demonstration came, however, when it was shown what could be done by taking water from a reservoir, lake, stream, and so on. A hose was put into the lake, the pump started and in no time two streams of water were being played out over the ice. It seemed as if the force of the water was greater when being pumped from the lake, than it was when taken out of the mains.

The farmers present and those living at the edge of town but out of reach of the water mains, were especially interested in the latter demonstration. They were shown that in case of a fire, it would be possible to go to their assistance with a possibility of being of help. This fact should bring many more dollars into the fund which will go to pay for the truck and the improvements.

Preceding the demonstration was a parade of the new truck, the old apparatus and a number of automobiles around the streets. Leading the line was the horse drawn hose cart and the old, antiquated hook and ladder truck. This truck was purchased from Hinsdale twenty-three years ago after that village had outgrown the outfit.

It's Some Truck.

We believe a description of the truck will be of interest to many people who have helped and are helping pay for it.

It is a White fire truck, with a 45 h. p. engine, equipped with Pirsch fire apparatus, which is very popular on the Chicago department where they have tried out all kinds. Pirsch equipment was used very much by the government in the army camps and in all government possessions.

The White truck was the standard (Continued on page 8)

MR. AND MRS. A. B. SNOW HOSTS AT CARD PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Snow entertained a large party of friends at a Japanese party Saturday evening. This is the third of a series of parties given the first being at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Huntington and the second at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Matson. Everything from the invitations to the refreshments was in keeping with the Japanese custom and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

ORGANIZE TUESDAY TO PRESERVE WILD FLOWERS

Eight Women Form Local Chapter of "Wild Flower Preservation Society of America."

A Downers Grove Chapter of "The Wild Flower Preservation Society of America" has been organized in our village.

Eight ladies, members of the Chicago Chapter, met at the home of Mrs. Paine, Maple avenue, Tuesday, February 8, and elected the following officers:

Mrs. Franklin Cleveland—President
Mrs. W. F. James—Vice President
Miss Elizabeth Strong—Secretary
Mrs. W. H. Baker—Treasurer
Chairman Membership Committee—Mrs. W. J. O'Neill
Legislative—Mrs. H. S. Paine
Press and Publicity—Mrs. Edward Lemon
Field Marshal—Mrs. A. R. Whitehorn

The object of the Society is 1. To encourage by every possible means the preservation and protection of native plants.

2. To secure the better enforcement of existing laws governing such preservation.

3. To induce such further legislation as may seem desirable.

A further object is to interest the teachers in the schools to help in all ways to instill in the minds of the children under their charge a love of plants growing and to influence them to become active protectors of wild flowers.

The public will be invited to the lectures, exhibits and "hikes." All persons are welcome to membership who will join in the movement to save the flowers. The dues will be small and all members entitled to vote and hold office. Become a member and help care for and perpetuate the plants and flowers not only in our Forest Preserve but the way side and field as well.

NASH TO BUILD MODERN STORE ON MAIN STREET

Ground Broken Wednesday on Lot Next to Present Location—Contract is Let.

Ground was broken Wednesday morning for the new store building which will be erected by J. W. Nash on the vacant lot next to his present location on Main street just south of Railroad.

Mr. Nash completed the deal last week whereby he buys the vacant strip from George Volekman of Chicago, who purchased it several years ago for an investment.

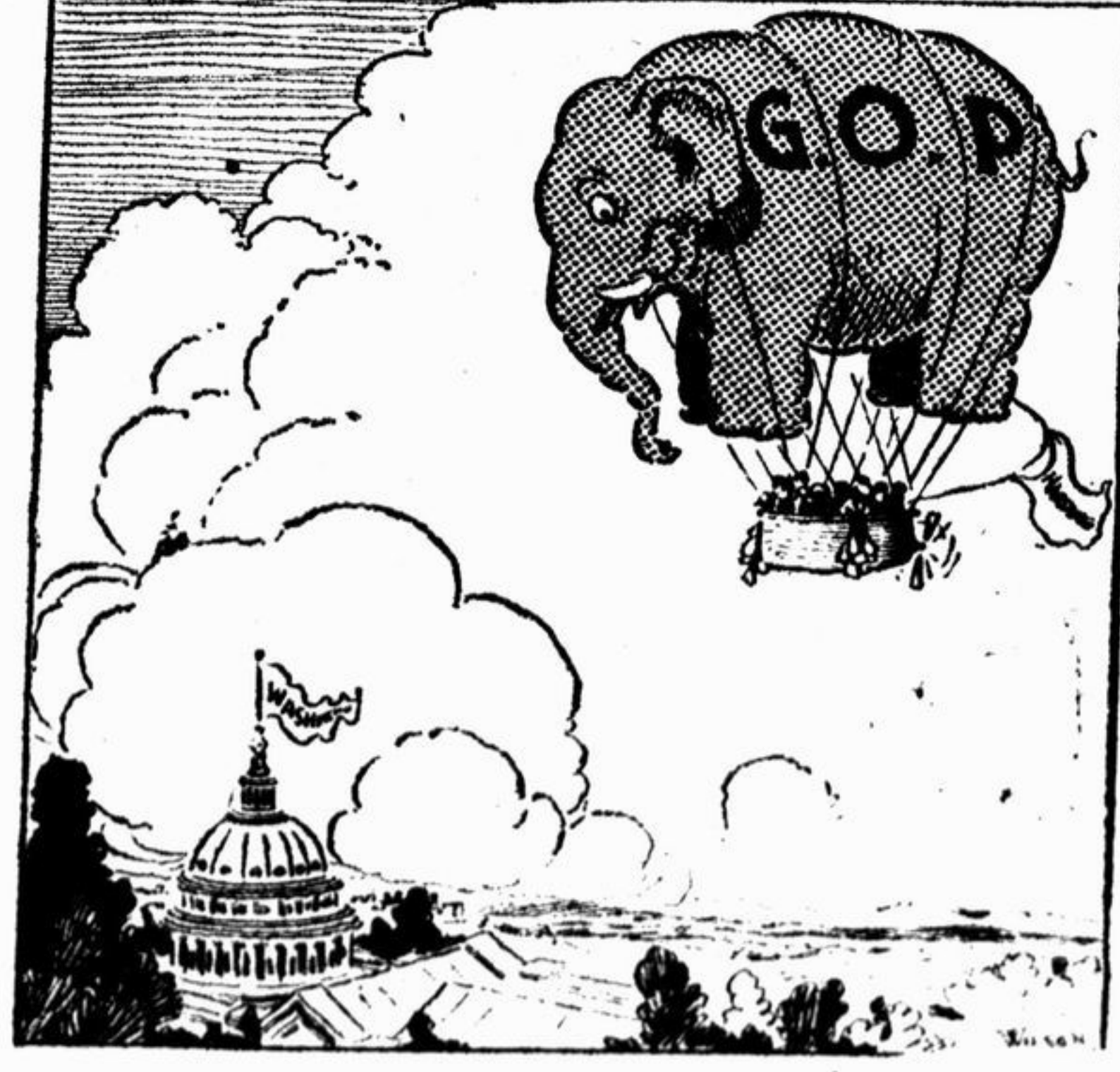
Plans for the store call for a one-story building 28x60 feet in size, which when completed will be a modern grocery with large plate glass front and conveniences such as present day retailing call for. It will be so constructed that an additional story can be erected in the future when the cost of building has lowered.

Mr. Nash has been in the grocery business here for nearly thirty years, starting with his brother. For most of that time he has been in his present location and will now move one door south. The building he occupies as a home and a store has been sold and the new owners take possession April first or as soon thereafter as the new building will be ready for occupancy.

GOLD IN ST. JOE CREEK?

Preposterous! Of course it is, but suppose someone from far away came here and after a little discovery found a gold mine there, what would Downers Grove people think who have lived here for years? That idea applies to advertising. People from far away flood this village with advertising matter thru the mail every day, taking thousands of dollars every month which rightfully belongs in the tills of local stores. These firms do not sell cheaper, they do not give more for the money, they simply tell folks what they have to sell in a way which makes people buy. Storekeepers, there is a gold mine at your door. Don't let the profits slip away to firms not of Downers Grove. Meet them at their own game—ADVERTISE!

ENDING AN EIGHT-YEAR CRUISE



SERMONS IN LENT AT SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Important Series of Lenten Discourses by the Pastor and Visiting Clergy.

The object of the series of sermons and lectures to be delivered in St. Joseph's Church this year during the Lenten season will be to show that an attempt is made to do exactly what the Apostle says should be done. "Therefore," he says, "brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."

At the ten o'clock Mass during Lent the Pastor will speak on the Leaders of the Ante Nicene Church, that is on the men who led the church from Apostolic times to the year 325. In the evening the pastor will describe Christianity as it was lived during the first three centuries. This will include lectures on the Apostles in Rome, on the Catacombs, on Baptism and the Monuments, on the Holy Eucharist, and the Ceremonies of the primitive Church, and on the Communion of Saints.

Wednesday evenings at eight o'clock the Founders of Religious Communities will be the subject of lectures by members of the various communities. St. Benedict, by Rev. F. Mersinger, O. S. B.; St. Dominic, by Rev. W. Sherman, the Servites, by Rev. W. Miller, O. S. M.; St. Vincent, by Rev. F. McDonnell; St. Ignatius, by Rev. P. Mullens, S. J.; and The Paulists, by Rev. F. Mullaly, C. S. P.

Friday afternoons at three o'clock there will be the Way of the Cross and again in the evening at eight o'clock. On Friday evening after the Stations of the Cross and before Benediction the Life of St. Paul will be read from the Acts of the Apostles.

A. D. COOKINGHAM TAKES CHARGE OF PHONE DISTRICT

J. C. Wyllie to Oak Park Office as Head of Traffic of That and the LaGrange Districts.

A. D. Cookingham has been appointed by the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. to the management of the LaGrange District of the company that includes the village of Downers Grove within its limits. He will take charge next Tuesday and is spending the time in traveling around the district getting acquainted with the company employees and the business people of the town and villages in his territory.

J. C. Wyllie, whose place Mr. Cookingham is taking, has been promoted as head of the Traffic Department of the Oak Park and LaGrange districts with offices in Oak Park. This is considered quite a boost for Mr. Wyllie. He has given the people of this district the very fairest treatment while head of the system here and we are sorry to see him leave.

It pays to use Reporter Classified Ads. Try one.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO FURNISH NEXT P-T ASSN. PROGRAM

Meeting Will be Held Next Thursday Evening in the High School Hall.

Children of the upper grades, under the direction of Miss Larson, and assisted by the high school orchestra, will give the program before the Parent-Teacher Association. The affair will be held next Thursday, February 17th, in the high school auditorium.

A sketch by pupils of the North side school, songs, recitations and drills, a minuet and partiotic choruses make up the program. All persons interested in the schools are cordially invited to be present.

The program, in full, follows:

1. Selection—High School Orchestra.
2. Sketch—North Side 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades.
3. "Hats Off!"—James Maxfield.
4. Songs—
 - (a) Land of My Birth.
 - (b) My Own United States.
 - (c) Solo part by Clara Rogers.
 - (d) Flag Drill.
 - (e) 7th and 8th Grade Girls.
 - (f) "Your Flag and My Flag"—Richard Kellogg.
 - (g) Dance—The Minuet.
 - (h) 7th and 8th Grade Girls and Boys.
 - (i) Song—The Minuet.
 - (j) Song—How Betsy Ross Made the Flag.
5. Solo parts by Virginia Lacey and Robert McVitt.
6. Gettysburg Speech.
7. An Eighth Grade Pupil.
8. Songs—7th and 8th Grades.
 - (a) O Mighty Land.
 - (b) Speed Our Republic.
 - (c) The March-Laise Hymn.
 - (d) The Star Spangled Banner.

ODD FELLOW PLAY WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Glen Elyn Players Entertained Two Large Audiences With a Three Act Comedy.

The three act comedy "An Innocent Desperado," presented to the people of Downers Grove at the Dicke Theatre last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, under the auspices of the Booster Committee of the Local Odd Fellows, was very highly enjoyed.

The play was a huge scream from beginning to end and the players well trained for their parts. It was presented by amateurs from Glen Elyn and Wheaton and billed as such, drew quite large audiences both nights.

While no doubt it would have been more interesting to local people if home talent had been used the results were gratifying to the Committee. This is the first time in a good many years that the local Odd Fellows have presented any kind of an entertainment or play to Downers Grove, but they promise to come again before the public possibly with some sort of an affair made up of home talent.

HOWARD P. JONES TO ADDRESS LISLE COMMUNITY CLUB

Speaks This Evening on Activities of Chicago Board of Trade—Edits it's Monthly.

Howard P. Jones, well known to Downers Grove audiences where he has lived all his life, will be the speaker this evening at the February meeting of the Lisle Community Club at the Lisle church on the Plank Road.

Mr. Jones, who is editor of "The Board" official monthly magazine of the Chicago Board of Trade, will speak on the activities of that body. He will explain "Hedging, Cornering and Fixing" in the handling of grain, and will tell of the many and varied activities of the Chicago Board. He will explain why the Board is a help instead of a detriment in the marketing of the grain crop of the United States.

Being connected with the board he knows somewhat of the inner workings of that body and his talk should be interesting, not only to the farmer whose products it handles, but to everyone who buys bread or bakes it. There is a movement on foot to discredit the Chicago Board among the people of the country and Mr. Jones will explain away some of the objections the untitled find to judge against its methods.

At the same meeting will be other entertainers and the music will be furnished by home talent.

CONGL PHILATHEAS HELD INTERESTING MONTHLY MEETING

Home of Mrs. Frank Lacey Was the Scene of a Jolly Time Last Friday Evening—Program.

The Philathea class of the Congregational Church held their regular monthly business meeting last Friday night in the home of Mrs. Frank Lacey.

After the business session a very interesting program was given by the members of the class. Mrs. A. T. Lacey and Mrs. H. M. Callwood each rendered vocal solos which were much enjoyed. A vocal duet by the Misses Florence and Clara Lacey, and also a solo by Miss Florence Lacey was a pleasing part of the program. Instrumental selections by Mrs. Jules Zindt and Mrs. Ernest Easley added to the enjoyment as did also the readings by Miss Elizabeth Strong and Mrs. C. B. Reed.

One of the special features of the evening was the original poem entitled "The Philathea Class," read by Mr. Charles B. Ide.

The attendance and interest at this meeting shows an increasing interest and a promise of even greater results in the days to come.

MRS. E. H. ELLETT

Mrs. Viola C. S. Ellett, wife of Edwin H. Ellett of Fairview, Florida, died Tuesday, February 8th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Talliferro, 3736 Ellis avenue, Chicago. Her husband, three daughters, Mrs. E. S. Talliferro of Chicago, Mrs. Julian P. Bliss of Denver, and Mrs. J. P. Mitchell of Downers Grove, and two sons, H. S. Ellett and Thomas Ellett, survive her.

Interment was at Galesburg, Ill.

BUILDING FOR REPUTATIONS

Did you ever stop to think about the psychology of advertising? In every day words it is nothing more nor less than common sense carried out to the minutest detail. Stop and think of the articles that are nationally advertised. Do you not think more of them than of the unadvertised article when they are laid side by side? Just for a test take the Paris garter. You have been reading about this garter for years, you go into a store and a pair of the Paris and a pair of an unknown (to you) make are laid side by side. They may be similar in appearance, the same in price and yet you buy the Paris. WHY? Simply because the advertiser of it has caused you to entertain a favorable impression of the article.

RECORD-BREAKING CROWD HEARD HIGH SCHOOL ORATORS

Elma Kelly, Dorothy Towles and John Habbage Winners of First Contest.

Before a record breaking crowd at the Curtiss Theatre last Friday night students of the high school unlearned old fashioned oratory in the first declamatory contest.

There were three events, girls dramatic, humorous and boys dramatic. The winners were: Girls Dramatic—Elma Kelly, first; Mary Curtis, second; Humorous—Dorothy Towles, first; Elizabeth Plumly, second; Boys Dramatic—John Habbage, first; George Bunge, second.

Mrs. James Prichard of Princeton, Ill., who has had much experience in affairs of this kind, coached the contestants for the affair. That she did her work well can be attested to by all who were at the theatre.

The Judges were Mr. Warburg, of New Trier Township High School at Kenilworth, Mr. Horst of the University of Illinois and Miss Lytell of the Hinsdale Township High School. To make the work of the judges absolutely fair and impartial, neither of them knew who the other two were and none knew any of the entrants. They were seated in different parts of the theatre with score cards, meeting only after the affair was over to compare scores and announce the winners.

So well trained were the declaimers and so good was their delivery that it was almost impossible to judge who would be the winners. To the audience, not knowing how contests of this kind should be scored, it seemed impossible to pick a winner out of the talent.

The high school orchestra and quartet entertained between numbers on the program in their usual pleasing way.

Following is the program presented:

- Girls Dramatic
Heater 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 Patsy
- Humorous
Dorothy Towles—The Mustard Plaster
Elizabeth Plumly—Tom Sawyer's Love Affair
Ruth Waples—Ice Water Please
- Boys Dramatic
John Habbage—The Song and the Man
Karl Kellogg—The Music Master
Princeton Song—The Man of Flesh and Blood
George Bunge—Madame X

The winners of this contest will now form a debating team and will represent the high school at all meetings with other schools. They will enter the county meeting in the near future and it is understood that contests will be arranged with other schools. Some of these will undoubtedly be held here while others will be away from home.

Those who had charge of the arrangements of the contest are more than pleased with the attendance, with the good work of the students and with everything connected with it. It being a new thing in Downers Grove a little hesitation as to its success was natural before the evening. However the way in which it was received shows that the people of Downers Grove have a real interest in their school and the things it is accomplishing.

HOWARD FAIRWEATHER ATTENDED WATER CONFERENCE

Howard E. Fairweather visited with home folks here this week. He had been in attendance at the conference of Chairmen of the Waterways committee with the Council of the Tidewater Association which met in Chicago, Friday, February 4. Mr. Fairweather is chairman of the traffic, transportation, and waterways bureau of the Ft. Wayne, Ind. Chamber of Commerce.