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## M. E. WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY BANQUET WAS BIGGEST EVER

### Not Enough Room in Church Parlors For All — Program Was Thoroughly Enjoyed.

The twenty-third annual Washington Banquet held in the newly decorated parlors of the Methodist church Tuesday evening, February 22nd, was the best of its kind in the twenty-three years it has been carried on. It was so well attended this year that there was not room in the basement for all the banqueters so a few had to be served in the Men's club room upstairs.

The parlors were a pretty sight, the walls being decorated with flags and the tables with candles and boxes of red tulips.

It is interesting to know that of the three hundred present, forty were present at the first banquet twenty-three years ago, and two of those have been present every year since it started. Those two are Mrs. Jane Wallace and Miss Helen Kenyon.

The feast of good things to eat was enjoyed by all, especially good were the chicken pies, baked by Mr. Ross, the baker, free of charge.

Rev. T. R. Greene, a former pastor, brought home to us in full force the real meaning of the term "America First." Referring to the toastmaster's story of how young Washington was famous among his playmates because he could throw a silver dollar across the Potomac, which at that point was a mile wide, Greene said "what's better Washington threw a sovereign across the sea." Brother Greene brought out the fact that America was first in several evils such as murder, divorce, lynching, graft and general lawlessness. But passing over this, he said, quoting the words used in describing Washington, that America was first in war—a war of liberation; first in peace—with Wilson's humanitarian ideas representing the ideal American spirit; first in the hearts of all the world! especially China, where we are feeding those stricken with famine and Europe, where Hoover is giving food to three and one-half million children. Rev. Greene closed by saying we have internationalized nearly all business, now let us internationalize friendship.

Dr. Charles E. Guthrie, national head of the Epworth League, was the main speaker of the evening. The toastmaster, Rev. Newland, said something about a Ford in introducing Guthrie and so Dr. Guthrie told us that the Ford was to be renamed, after the girl friend of the manufacturer's childhood days. The girl's name was Ophelia Dump. Dr. Guthrie spoke to the theme, "Loyalty, the Soul of Religion." He pointed out that loyalty to the nation made the patriot, loyalty to the home made the right kind of parent, in fact loyalty was the soul of the home, the nation and the church. He told how a kite carried a thread from Canada to the States at Niagara Falls, that the thread pulled across the river a string, the string pulled across a cord, the cord pulled across a rope, the rope pulled across a cable and on these cables hung the bridge that carried the traffic of two nations. Likewise loyalty, is the mystic cord that holds together all the finest and best in life.

The musical numbers such as the piano duet by Marion Lower and Adelaide Walter, and the Ladies' Quartet by Mrs. Michel, Mrs. Vernon, Mildred Potter and Lillian Washburn were excellent. The men's chorus received a good cheering. The Sunday school orchestra did itself proud in playing throughout the banquet. It was cheered repeatedly. Of course we will not forget the jokes told by Rev. Newland, the toastmaster.

Some of those present from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Woods from Crescent, Iowa; Rev. Greene and wife; Dr. Guthrie, Mrs. J. F. Jenness from Hinckley, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Evanston.

Mrs. Frank Bahrs, of Libscott avenue, was pleasantly surprised Monday afternoon by the members of the Catholic Women's League in honor of her birthday. Games were played and a dainty luncheon served at four o'clock, a very enjoyable time was had.

## HUNDREDS ATTEND BLUE LODGE CARD PARTY AND DANCE

### Library Capacity Taxed at Function for Local Masons and Ladies Monday Evening.

The capacity of the local Library, upstairs and down was taxed Monday evening at a concert, card party and dance given by Grove Lodge No. 824, A. F. & A. M. It was one of the happiest occasions ever given in the village as the hundreds who attended can well testify.

The library room was used for purposes here mentioned, twenty-five tables being set. Great interest was taken by the players in the game, two series of one hand each being played.

Mrs. Wallace Eaton, famed in the winning card, Mrs. C. G. Parks, second for the ladies, Mrs. S. S. Hamilton and A. J. Nelson were first and second in the gentlemen's division, while Mrs. G. W. S. and Mrs. J. S. were first and second in the ladies' division.

The Masons, each in their own way, enjoyed a short concert of popular and classical music in the hall, after which those who preferred dancing, to the playing, were accommodated.

The entertainment committee had provided punch and water, and later in the evening sandwiches and coffee were served.

This is the first time in years that Grove Lodge has held an entertainment of any kind for the members and their ladies, but from the opinions heard on all sides Monday evening, it will not be the last. The party was one of the best informal affairs ever given in the village. Everyone enjoyed the card playing, the card playing of the good flowers, of those present.

## SERIES OF MEETINGS ANNOUNCED BY FARM BUREAU

### Work of the Farm Bureau, State and National Association to be Discussed.

The Du Page County Farm Bureau is planning a series of local meetings covering the entire county, and the meetings so far arranged for are as follows:

11th Township—Lisle Community Club, Lisle Church, Thursday evening, March 10th.

Wayne Township—Morgan Memorial Community Club, Wayne, Friday evening, March 11th.

Milton Township—Court House, Wheaton, Wednesday evening, March 9th.

Naperville Township—South part, Naperville Rural Life Progress Club, Y. M. C. A., Tuesday dinner and I. M., March 8th.

North part—Big Woods Community Club, Big Woods School House, Tuesday evening, March 1st.

York Township—Natoma Farm, 31st and Spring Road, Hinsdale, Wednesday evening, March 2d.

Public School, one half mile west of York Center on the Roosevelt Rd., Friday evening, March 4th.

Bloomington Township—Bloomington Town Hall, Saturday evening, March 5th.

At these meetings the work of the farm bureau, and of the state and national associations will be taken up and survey sheets considered.

W. N. Coleman, of Chicago, father of M. E. Coleman, of Highland ave., has purchased the Behrel home on Fairmount avenue. He will take possession in the spring. W. H. Blodgett handled the deal.

## PAYS FOR THREE—ONCE ENOUGH

Two weeks ago a local resident inserted a Classified Ad in the Reporter advertising quite a bit of furniture for sale. He paid for three insertions of the ad, "hoping" as he said, "to get rid of the articles by this method." The Tuesday morning after the paper was out he notified the office that everything was sold and to discontinue the ad. We did so, crediting him with the other two insertions. This is but another testimony to the pulling power of Reporter Classifieds. What they do for others, they will do for you. Try a Classified Ad.

## GONNA BE MANY MOTHER HUBBARDS SOON



## BOYS AND GIRLS CONFERENCES TO BE MARCH FIFTH

### Swimming Meet in Naperville "Y" to be One Feature of Annual Event.

The annual get-together of Older Boys will be held a week from Saturday on March 5th at the Naperville Y. M. C. A. The annual Older Girls' Conference will be held on the same day at the First Baptist Church at Wheaton.

Arrangements have been made for adequate transportation by auto-truck, conducting with railroad trains and third rail electric. Registration should be sent in promptly to Mr. John Bentz of Naperville or Miss Ruth Campbell of Wheaton.

There will be a swimming meet in the pool at the Naperville Y. M. C. A. for delegates from the respective towns. Preliminaries will start at 9 in the morning before the first session of the Conference, which will open at 10:00 a. m.

The finals in this aquatic meet will be held at 4:30 in the afternoon, and should reveal what sort of talent Du Page County has in the way of swimmers and divers.

The morning and afternoon sessions of both Conferences will discuss the Christian Program in the Home and in the Community. In the evening at the banquet sessions, will be short topics from representatives of foreign countries who are now in this country, and addresses will be given on the Christian Program in the World; to the Girls' Conference, by Mrs. L. H. Segar, and to the Boys' Conference, by Major C. R. Webster, recently returned from India.

Owing to the fact that the world is now become very much of a "neighborhood," it is important that young and old appreciate the need of making it a "brotherhood."

## MUSIC FEATURE OF WOMANS CLUB RECIPROCITY DAY

### Delegates From 11th District Clubs Gathered Here for Meeting Wednesday.

Wednesday, February 23d, was reciprocity day at the Downers Grove Womens Club.

The program consisted of several piano solos by Mrs. Heisler of Chicago, and violin and piano duets by Mr. and Mrs. George Nargney. An afternoon spent with these artists always seems much too short and we thank them very kindly for their gracious assistance.

After the program delegates from the different clubs gave short reports as to the principal things their clubs have done this year. The report of Mrs. Bliss, delegate of the Kane County Federation, was especially interesting.

The house committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Jenkins, served dainty refreshments. The club colors and flower being used in the decorations.

## SECIAL SESSION GROVE LODGE, A.F. & A. M. TOMORROW

### Chapter Held Special Meeting Last Saturday With Supper at Six-Thirty.

Grove Lodge, No. 824 A. F. & A. M. will hold a special session for the conferring of third degrees tomorrow. Work will start at three o'clock in the afternoon and will continue until six when supper will be served in the dining room to all members and visitors. These special Saturday meetings of the "Blue" Lodge are popular affairs and it is expected that as usual many local Masons and visitors will take advantage of the opportunity of attending the meeting.

Chapter Held Special Last Saturday Grove Chapter, R. A. M., held a special meeting, calling to order at three o'clock. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two teams. In the afternoon Chas. J. Hall, Harry S. Case and Walter J. Staats were initiated into the mysteries of this beautiful degree and in the evening Fred N. Wildish, Frank Kosack and Carl A. Carlson traveled the same road.

The meeting was well attended, recess being taken at six for the supper served by the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren.

Before opening the Chapter for the evening session, E. H. P. Theodore Drenttel called Major John P. Hobbs of Riverside, to the East for a few remarks. Major Hobbs is Grand Sword Bearer of the Knights Templar of the State of Illinois and is well known to Masonic circles in this vicinity.

## EVELYN BROWN GUEST OF HONOR LAST SATURDAY

### Mrs. G. R. Rasmussen of Beatrice, Neb., Hostess at Luncheon at Schumaker Home.

A very delightful two o'clock luncheon was given last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Schumaker when their niece, Mrs. G. R. Rasmussen of Beatrice, Neb., formerly Miss Gladys Snyder, of the Grove, entertained twelve in honor of Miss Evelyn Brown who is soon to be a bride.

Pink and white decorations were used, the dining room looking very beautiful with pink roses at each plate as the guests were seated.

Those present were the Misses Evelyn Brown, Alice and Marie Olson, Lucille Bush and Kathryn Heckman and Mrs. Howard Pfaff of Downers Grove, Mrs. Elmer Aft and the Misses Mildred May, Gertrude Keck, Anna Syslo, Cassandra Thomas and Muriel Collings of Chicago, and Miss Alverna French of LaGrange.

The weather this year is rather funny. It actually tried to snow Tuesday afternoon and after several hours of trying one could notice a few feathery flakes on the ground. Wednesday morning ice was apparent to the unwary pedestrian. Tomorrow it will either be warm or cold.

## FORMER PASTOR SPEAKER AT EV. CHURCH BANQUET

### Annual Washington Birthday Supper Successful Affair — Fine Program Given.

The annual Washington Birthday Banquet given by the Brotherhood of St. Paul's Evangelical church on Tuesday evening will be recorded in the history of the church as another of its nice affairs. The Brotherhood can well be proud of the successful event. Both menu and program were such that everybody felt it had been a worth while coming.

Prof. Paul N. Crustus of the Elmhurst Academy and College, and a former pastor of the church, was the speaker of the evening. He gave a most interesting and inspiring address on "George Washington and America Today." Mr. G. H. Bunge, who acted as toast master and the Rev. Wm. Groffeld, pastor of the church, also spoke briefly.

The dinner was prepared by members of the Ladies Aid Society and served by the young ladies of the "T. & T." class of the Sunday school.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Misses Clara and Laura Selig, who played a piano duet and Miss Mildred Leibundguth who favored with a vocal solo, accompanied by Miss Esther Klein.

## JUNIOR INFANT WELFARE GROUP ORGANIZED HERE

### Local Group to Co-Operate with Hinsdale in Supporting the Burlington Station.

Last Thursday afternoon, February 17th, a group of young women met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Parrish to consider Junior Infant Welfare work. Mrs. Horace Hench and Mrs. Ralph Herring of the Hinsdale Junior Infant Welfare Society, were present to explain the work and offered the support of the Hinsdale Society in any way possible.

The result was the organization of a committee of Junior Infant Welfare Work to cooperate with the Hinsdale Society in supporting the work of the Burlington Station.

Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Wm. Parrish—Chairman, Mrs. W. C. Barber—Sec. and Treas., Miss Ella Mertz—Press and Pub., Mrs. Geo. Staiger—Work Com.

Meetings will be held the first and third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p. m.

Next regular meeting at the home of Mrs. M. D. Abercrombie, 17 Highland avenue.

## INTEREST GROWS IN REFERENDUM AS TIME DRAWS NEAR

### Big Vote Predicted For March 5th on the Question of Movies On Sundays Here.

Interest is growing in the referendum on the question of Sunday movie picture shows in the village. A vote will be taken on Friday, March 5th and the Village Board will decide by the decision of the voters. If a majority favor shows, the ordinance prohibiting them will be repealed; if a majority votes against them the law will be left on the statute books.

Polls will be open from seven in the morning until five in the afternoon and both the Village Hall and J. W. Tucker's Real Estate office will be used as polling places. Men and women will vote.

## \$2.00 PER YEAR IS LOW!

Every once in a while someone comes into the office, picks up one of our exchanges and after looking it over says something to the effect of, "Is that the kind of a paper they run in — why, The Reporter is much better than that." We have consistently tried in the past to give our subscribers a great deal more than two dollars worth for the \$2.00 they pay for a year's subscription. That we have succeeded is our belief and it is gradually becoming the belief of a majority of our readers. Two dollars is low for a community newspaper like ours.

## DOWNERS GROVE "FOLLIES" TO BE HIT OF SEASON

### Best Talent in Village Assembled for Library Benefit at the Curtiss Theatre

Downers Grove will have her own "Follies."

This was assured today when our reporter interviewed the manager of the production.

After waiting most of the morning the inquiring reporter was finally admitted to the manager's office. "Is it true," he asked, "that Downers is to have her own Follies?" "It sure is," replied the overworked manager, "and it is going to be some production. I have secured all the headliners of the most successful shows that have been shown here and have enough stars to keep the theatre lit up the whole time. You remember the Co. H. show don't you? Well I have signed up Zita Norpel, 'String' Tholin, Gwen Griffiths, Bill Smith—in fact nearly every one that enabled that show to make such a long run at the Curtiss Theatre.

"Is it true," asked the reporter, "that you have secured Burr Downe's signature to a contract?" "Yes indeed," quoth the manager, "not only has, but also those of Henry Tank, and Stanley Brown who have agreed to appear in person which is enough in itself to make the show a success. By the way," he continued, "as he opened the morning mail, 'I have just received the signed contract of the greatest Blackface Troupe in the country, 'Lester Barry' of the famous High School Minstrels, C. J. Thomas Rogers who sing, even better than he plays football or basket ball, Ed. Garriotti the master of the saxophone and 'Bob' Dickson, the sweet-voiced station caller on the renowned 5:10. It certainly is some combination."

"Are you going to have a beauty chorus," asked the reporter as he sharpened another pencil. "You said something when you said beauty chorus" piped up the manager, "we sure have one just about the best I've ever gazed on and I have seen a few in my day, here's where we're going to pull the real surprise. This show is the Follies and our chorus is up to standard, believe me the occupants of the hall headed row will be back the second night. We have gone from Downers Grove to Japan to get ideas for the various scenes and they certainly are the best to be found. Johnny Mochel and Ted Curtis our Oriental travellers looked over the Japanese scene the other night and both declared that our chorus out-Japaned the Japs."

"Besides the usual number of scenes the management has signed up a complete circus, an act of big time vaudeville and an emotional scene. The circus is headed by long Master Henry Tank, has a group of daring performers such as Grace McKee, Hazel Bensley, Grace Greene, and Lelia Hammer, a strong man in the person of Laurence Dunn and a couple of clowns, named, Gus Tholin and Walt Johnstone."

"The real surprise of the show is the extremely low price of admission" opined the manager as he closed down his roll top, fifty cents will entitle you to the best seats in the house. The sale will be conducted by the Downers Grove Womens Club and tickets may be obtained from them, the First National Bank or the Library. The show will make a two night stand at the Curtiss Theatre, Thursday and Friday, March 3rd. and 4th. Better tell every one to get their ticket early before the scalpers get hold of them.

Little Mabel Becker, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Becker of Middaugh avenue, was taken to the contagious hospital in Chicago last Friday being ill with infantile paralysis. She is getting along nicely. The other children are ill with chicken pox.