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MICKIE SAYS:

SOME FOLKS JEST CAN'T PICK UP A NEWSPAPER WITHOUT STARTIN' T' FIND FAULT! BY GOLLY, I WISH WE COULD JEST LASSO SOME OF THEM BIRDS 'N DRAG 'EM IN HERE FER A FEW ROUNDS WITH TH' WORK IN THIS HERE NEWSPAPER JOINT! I BETCHA THEY'D LAY OFFEN TH' ANVIL CHORUS FER A WHILE, I BETCHA!



COMMUNITY PLAY GROUND

The proposition of buying the tract of land known as "the North Side Field" and laying the same out as a permanent community ball and a play ground is a proposition worthy of support. Although the title will be vested in the American Legion after a fashion, it will be a COMMUNITY ground in all that the word implies.

There are possibilities in the plan which even the sponsors do not realize for the future of athletics in the Grove. It can be used for all high school baseball and football games, for track meets, if the high school should decide to go in for track sports. For teams of the American Legion and all other local athletic clubs. For community picnics and Fourth of July, Decoration and Labor Day get-togethers.

The time to put the deal through is undoubtedly now. This is about the only tract of land of sufficient size left in the village which can be secured at a fair valuation. Let's go!

BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Always with the coming warm weather and signs of spring there is talk of building. This year seems to eclipse all others. Almost everyone one meets nowadays discusses plans, lots, prices and what not. Downers Grove seems to be on the verge of a building boom which will increase the housing facilities of the village.

While we are inclined to be optimistic, yet we can hardly see how a little building here and there by individuals will settle the housing problem of the town. If there were one hundred vacant houses here they could be rented in a week. People from Chicago and the surrounding towns come in droves looking for a place to rent.

Wheaton has started on a plan for the business men to raise money, build a whole flock of houses and either rent or sell them. The plan would work to advantage here and Downers Grove being a much better place to live than Wheaton, we could no doubt attract a fine class of people to our community.

A NEW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Some time in the near future the people of this community will be given a chance to vote on the establishment of a drainage district to include the Village of Downers Grove and some of the adjacent lands. This is in keeping with orders issued by the State Department of Health that the septic tanks and filter beds, down in the woods be improved. While this is being done part of the lands lying close to the village may as well be provided with sewage facilities at the

same time as it will be but a few years until homes are built and the first cry will be for sewers.

From time to time as the facts become public property, we will print stories about this new district so that the public may become conversant with its benefits.

It is a step forward not only for those in the village but for the property lying within the proposed district.

THERE IS TO BE A "FIRE" SUNDAY AT CONG. CHURCH

Department Will Not be Called as the "Fire" is Premeditated—Jubilee Service.

Although the fire department has not been notified to be on "special duty", plans have been made for a fire in the pulpit of the Congregational Church Sunday night.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, the chairman reported the final payment on the mortgage and a committee appointed to arrange to burn the mortgage at the Sunday night service, when a jubilee service will be held in which the former and present trustees, the building committee, the congregation and the minister will all have a part.

The officials and members feel particularly happy over the payment of the debt in the short period of five years.

The matter of a new church was agitated during the pastorate of the Rev. Paul G. Viche and the dedication occurred May 7, 1916. The present building is the Sunday School portion only of the church as planned, arranged temporarily to care for the entire services of the congregation.

The Congregational Church was organized September 14, 1866 with a membership of fifteen persons. Mr. L. P. Naramore is the only surviving member of the founders. The church building which stands east of the present edifice, was dedicated October 18, 1874, Rev. Joel Grant serving as "acting pastor" at the time.

Economy and Empire.

As much wisdom may be expended on a private economy as on an empire, and as much wisdom may be drawn from it.—Emerson

ILLUSTRATED TALK ON WILD FLOWERS FOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Speaker From Chicago Wild Flower Preservation Society to Be Present.

The Civics Department of the Woman's Club will hold a meeting Wednesday, March 9th, at 2:30, in Library Hall. The program is in charge of Downers Grove Chapter of the Wild Flower Preservation Society, they have secured Mrs. Albert A. Michelson, Chairman of the Extension Committee of the Chicago Chapter, to give an illustrated lecture on wild flowers. The slides used by Mrs. Michelson have been taken from the wild flowers of Illinois and mostly those of our vicinity.

This will be an open meeting and those interested in wild flower preservation are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. J. C. White has charge of the musical number on the program.

A certain firm of Cleaners of LaGrange in canvassing Downers Grove for customers has been making false statements regarding the business of Harold Clarke. They have been telling local people that they do all the business which Mr. Clarke handles which is far from the truth as Harold says they never have, don't now and never will. It is but one way unscrupulous men have of getting business. Clarke's Clean Cleaning Shop and

MRS. FRANK ALLISON

Mrs. Frank M. Allison passed away early Tuesday morning at the home of her father, Mr. Elmer E. Clithero in Gilbert avenue.

Dorothy Scott Clithero was born in Chicago, January 22, 1895. In 1897, with her mother and father, Nellie Kennedy Clithero and Elmer E. Clithero, she came to Downers Grove where most of her childhood and girlhood were spent.

March 31, 1916, she was married to Frank M. Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Allison also of the Grove and here they have made their home except for a brief residence in LaGrange. They have one son, Francis Mitchell, Junior.

The services were conducted at her father's home Thursday, March 3rd, Mr. Arthur B. Wright of Hinsdale, in charge. Mrs. Philip Weinheimer sang two appropriate numbers. The interment was made in the Downers Grove cemetery.

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S. Andrew's Church

Sunday, March 6th, 1921

11:00 a. m. Sermon by the Rev. H. M. MacWhorter
5:00 p. m. Sermon by the Rev. H. H. Parkinson
S. Ambrose' Church, Chicago Heights, Illinois

Wednesday, March 9th, 1921

8:00 p. m. Sermon by the Rev. W. L. Kimber,
Curate at S. Chrysostom's Church, Chicago

St. Josephs Church

SUNDAY, 10:00 A. M.

LEADERS of the CHURCH FROM APOSTOLIC TIMES TO THE YEAR 325

Irenaeus

SUNDAY, 8:00 P. M.

Holy Eucharist and the Monuments
BY THE REV. ENEAS B. GOODWIN

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P. M.

St. Vincent

BY THE REV. F. OVERBERG, C. S. M.

Yellow Pine Lumber Prices Much Lower

From the peak in April and May, 1920, prices of yellow pine have tumbled downward twenty-five to forty per cent. The average is about thirty-five per cent—variations according to grades and classifications.

That's quite a come-down—a substantial reduction in a house or barn bill of lumber. Yellow pine enters more largely into building construction in this territory than any other variety of lumber. So here's a price reduction that counts—most of what you use, thirty to forty per cent below the 1920 Spring peak.

Yellow pine lumber comes from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia—it's a long haul. Freight rates are very much higher than 1916. The rate at that time was 26 cent per hundred pounds. When the Government took over the roads this rate was raised to 32½ cents. When the roads were turned back to private ownership there was another increase to 44 cents.

The average weight of 1,000 square feet of yellow pine lumber is 2,500 pounds. In 1916-17 the freight was \$6.50 per thousand square feet—now it's about \$11.00—an increase for transportation of \$4.50 per thousand. A raise of about 70 per cent which rate will, in all probability, be continued.

Another distributing expense that has not decreased is labor in the retail yards. Taxes, insurance and other handling expenses are no lower than last April. Yet with the increase in freight charges absorbed by the trade as they have been with no cut in cost of handling building material retail prices of yellow pine have declined on an average of thirty per cent from April 1920 figures. These figures are not mythical or gotten up for advertising purposes only. The lumber is actually down in price and the figures may be checked up by any one who cares to do so.

Prices on other kinds of lumber and building materials have slumped in about equal proportions, reducing the cost of building houses, barns, garages, etc.

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