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"FOLLIES" AGAIN THIS EVENING BY SPECIAL REQUEST

Wonderful Home Talent Show for the Benefit of Library Packed the Curtiss Theatre.

The Downers Grove "Follies," one of the cleverest home talent shows ever given in the village, will be repeated at the Curtiss Theatre again this evening, Friday, March 11th, by special request. The show packed the Curtiss Theatre last Thursday and Friday nights to capacity and those not fortunate enough to get tickets to either of those two performances have requested that it be given again. It is thought that the theatre will again be filled to overflowing this evening, some of those who have seen it expressing a desire to go again.

From the first number to the last the show was great. Full of tuneful melodies and of jokes which had a local slant giving them piquant flavor appreciated by the audience.

Bill Smith in the character of announcer for the circus was a scream. He introduced the "Deserters from Ringlings," Henry Tank, Ringmaster, Russell Tholin and Walter Johnstone, clowns; Laurence Dunn, the strong man; Lester Barry, tent boy; Jack Fischer, police and Albert Smith, Bob Carpenter and Don Hawkins, the Zoo.

Dunn made a hit with his exhibition of strength, tearing decks of cards and a telephone directory as if they were but single pieces of paper. His weight lifting made the audience gasp especially when he juggled a 150 pound weight with his right hand and a hundred pound one with his left.

The "ballet," Grace McKee, Hazel Bensley, Grace Green, Lela Hamner, Dorothy Phelps, and Elizabeth Shaffer, showed the results of their weeks of training in the dancing.

The Misses Gwen Griffiths, Lucile Bush, Mary Spinner, Marther Shaffer, Virginia Tank, Dorothy Borswell and Ruth Gregory and Mrs. L. W. Wells, the "peaches" with Edgar Garrison, Robert Dickson, Lester Barry and Thomas Rogers, the "berries" and L. J. Foster as interlocutor, made a hit in the fourth number with catchy songs and more or less new jokes.

Each of the "berries" favored with a solo. Rob Dickson's sweet voice especially pleasing. Rogers drew a big laugh with his impersonation of the dying son and his father.

One of the cleverest acts every seen in the village was that of L. J. Foster and Russell "String" Tholin. Tholin as "Madame Za Za" went into a "trance." Foster went among the audience asking for first names of those present. Tholin would give the name and the names of certain articles when asked to do so. It was a "mind reading" stunt and was really clever.

In a "Glimpse of the Orient," Miss Gwen Griffiths took the solo part assisted by the Misses Jeanette Wells, Dorothy Phelps, Elizabeth Shaffer, Kathryn Heckman, Ruth Lohaffer, Grace McKee, Beatrice Anthony and Mrs. L. W. Wells. Miss Griffiths' sweet voice has often pleased local audience and last weeks performances were no exception.

The seventh number was a Spanish dance by Miss Grace McKee. She more than justified the advance notices of what she can do. Although young, she is very graceful and one of the most accomplished dancers ever appearing in the Grove.

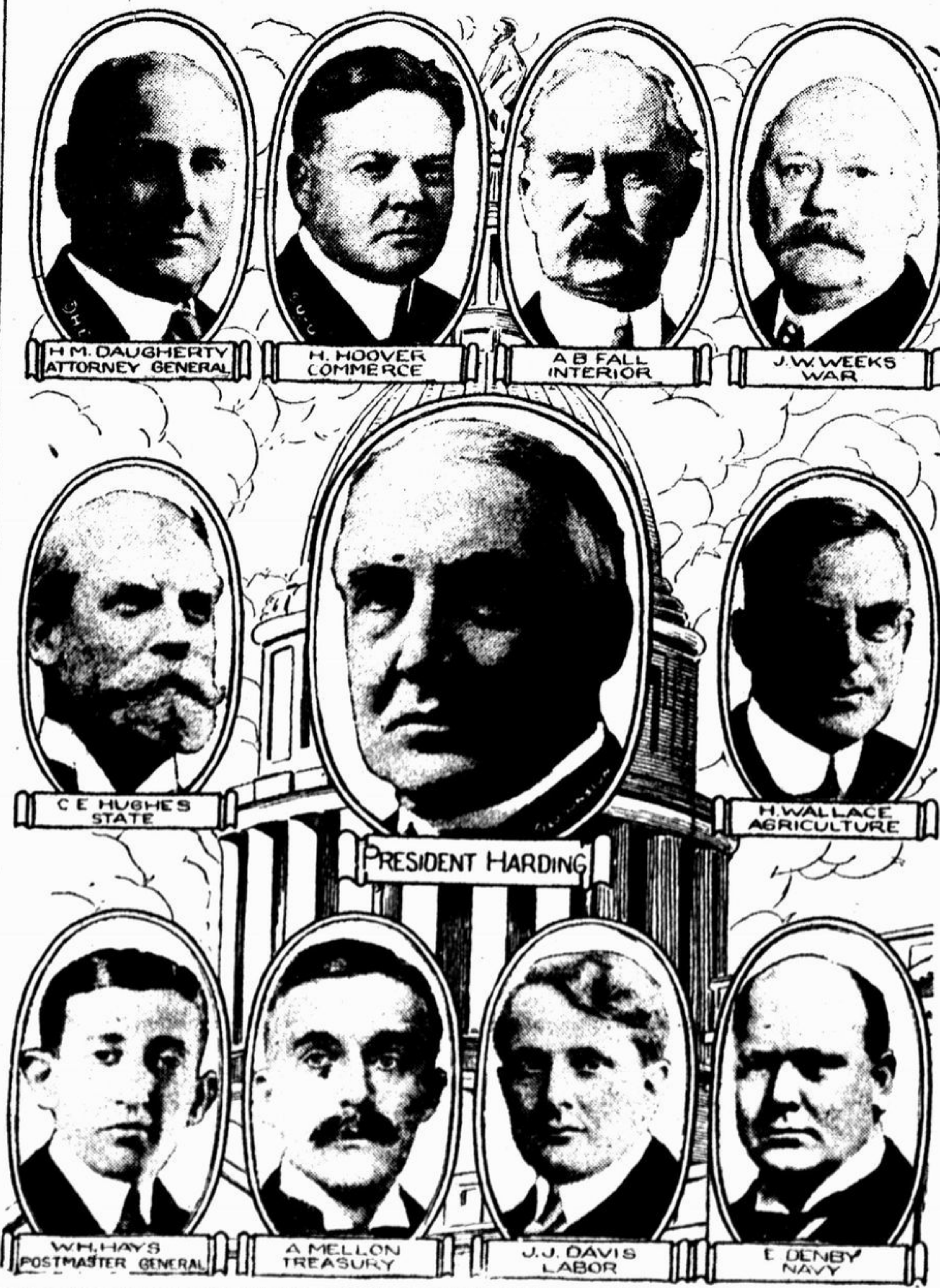
The "Non-Union Shop" was great. Marjorie Whiffer as Chief Kitchen Mechanic, was enabled to escape from the ceaseless round of house duties by Ruth Thatcher, Master Mechanic and her helpers, Marie Woodson and Jeanette Wells and the Apprentices, Virginia Woodson and Elizabeth Wells.

The last two numbers, "Rummy with Queens Wild" and "The Wooing of the Woods" were in keeping with the high class performance.

The success of the benefit was due to all who took part and many on the outside who helped with the staging, with suggestions and with their moral support. The show itself was directed by Miss Helen Newton and Mr. J. C. Thomas Rogers, of the faculty of the Downers Grove school. These two worked long and hard to

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President Warren G. Harding and the Cabinet Members Now "On the Job" in Washington.



PERMANENT COMMUNITY ATHLETIC FIELD UNDER WAY

American Legion is Taking Subscriptions for Purchase of the "North Side Field."

Feeling that sooner or later some one would purchase a part or all of the present athletic field which would mean that baseball, football and other outdoor sports would cease in Downers Grove, thru the support of our public spirited men, who look to the future of our village, the field has been purchased, and we are now certain of having a Community Athletic Field.

This field is to be used as a Community proposition, which means that the High School and the younger boys

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE "GO-GETTERS"

You know in business when a man shows signs of being on the job at all times, is willing to tackle hard problems and bring them to a successful conclusion, he is often referred to as a "Go-Getter." It means all that one would naturally expect such an expression to mean and we have adopted it as an expressive phrase descriptive of Reporter Classified Ads. They are "Go-Getters." Working from the time the paper is off the press they sell furniture, real estate, washing machines and pianos. Find buyers for some and sellers for others. They make their cost in one day. A Reporter Classified is one of the best investments in town. If you have anything to advertise, use the Classifieds, THEY ARE READ and the cost to you is very low.

in Downers Grove will have a place to hold athletic games as well as the American Legion and that in years to come we will have a field we can depend upon from year to year and know that athletics in our community will not come to an end because of no field.

The American Legion which looks at this proposition from an on-offish viewpoint is taking active charge of the purchase as it realizes what a great benefit this will be in the future. They now have nearly one-half of the purchase price by public subscription and hope to have the entire amount and the work on the field started within three weeks.

Naturally they need assistance and as they are not benefitting to any great extent they feel that the people of Downers Grove should be more than willing to help out in this as it certainly is a permanent community improvement and something we would sorely miss if we were without it.

The plan to acquire the field and reserve its use for the Community did not originate with the Legion. Public spirited men of the village, interested in athletics conceived the idea of purchasing the tract of land and dedicating its use to the community. They asked the Legion to lend their aid in the project and this was readily granted as the executive men were working on a similar enterprise. It is the purpose of these men that the land be owned by the village and that the Legion have a long term lease which will revert to the community.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Teacher's examinations will be held at the court house, Wheaton, Thursday and Friday, March 17th and 18th commencing at 8:30 a. m. on Thursday and at 8:00 a. m. on Friday. Examinations for all grades of certificates will be given at this time.

A JOINT MEETING OF P-T ASSN. AND AMERICAN LEGION

Col. John V. Cinnin Will Speak on Athletics and Benefits to Old and Young.

A joint meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association and the local post of the American Legion will be held next Thursday evening at the high school auditorium. It is an open meeting and everyone in the village interested in either organization, though not a member, is invited to be present.

The speaker of the evening will be Col. John V. Cinnin who was commander of the 130th Infantry of the 3rd Division during the war. This regiment was formerly the old 4th Illinois National Guard.

Col. Cinnin will speak on athletics and the benefits to be derived from participation in various out and indoor physical exercises, either in games or otherwise. Being the leader of thousands of men both before and during the war, Col. Cinnin is conversant with the subject. He has found the need for athletics in his army work. Coming into personal contact with hundreds of men, physically unfit for military service, he has seen them built up into efficient fighting men just thru the use of the commonest forms of exercise.

Col. Cinnin is a fine speaker. He has a personality which wins him friends and it will be a treat to hear him.

To close the evening a musical program will be given by local talent and it is expected that a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this joint meeting.

THIRD ENTERTAINMENT NUMBER IS TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Elias Day, Impersonator and Lecturer, to Give Popular Entertainment.

The third number in the series of entertainments presented at Dicke Theatre under the auspices of the Community Council will be given on Tuesday evening, at 8:00 p. m. The first two numbers have been musical programs by artists and were greatly enjoyed and highly appreciated. The third number will be a popular entertainment by Elias Day, Impersonator and Lecturer.

The following press comments will give us an idea of what we can expect of Mr. Day next Tuesday evening.

"Elias Day appeared in the Auditorium Tuesday night. He portrays character true to life. This number was the best in the Carnegie Course" —Pittsburg Press.

"Elias Day's makeup was excellent and he won deserved applause." —Chicago Evening Post.

"The work of Elias Day gave rare pleasure to the audience." —New York Musical Courier.

"The program given by Elias Day in the Auditorium last night was clever and artistic in every detail." —San Francisco Call.

The price of admission will be 75c for adults and 50c for children. Tickets may be bought for the two remaining numbers at the ticket booth next Tuesday evening for \$1.00 for adults and 75c for children. The last number will be Tuesday, April 19th, a musical recital by three artists starring Margerie Maxwell of Chicago Grand Opera Association.

SUNDAY MOVIES KNOCKED OUT BY LARGE MAJORITY

Women Voted Overwhelmingly "No" on the Silent Drama and Men Favored Opening.

Sunday movies were knocked out here by the voters last Saturday by a majority of 131. 907 votes were cast, 441 by women and 466 by men.

It was the women's vote which put the kibosh on the showing of movies in Downers Grove on Sundays. Their vote was 397 for and 134 against. The men were for the proposition by a majority of 40. 213 men voted for and 253 against.

Those who were in favor of having the ordinance stand on the statute books as drawn by the Village Council were the only ones who got out and worked. They had automobiles running to the polls all day. The other side made no effort to get out the vote but left it to the people themselves to decide the proposition on its merits.

BEG YOUR PARDON

In telling of a new bungalow being built at Saratoga and Franklin street last week we said that it was being built by Mr. Wells, who is a conductor on the "Q". This should have read as being built by Mr. J. F. Trahy. Mr. Trahy is also a conductor on the Burlington and although a newcomer is well known to the railroading fraternity of the village.

DON'T WAIT—BUT BUY NOW!

We have had many conversations in the past few weeks with people of the village who are putting off buying needed articles, not only for the household, but for personal wear. In each case we have advised that a policy of waiting might save them a few cents in actual money, but that their attitude if adopted by everyone in the country could make for nothing but hard times. Everyone in the United States is dependent upon someone else and the whole makes up our economic structure. If you stop buying the things you need, someone, somewhere in the United States will have to stop making those things. This gradually works back and in an ever widening and vicious circle until everyone is included and we have very hard times. Don't wait—Buy Now.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN VICINITY MONDAY BY GOLF BALL HAIL

Local Florists Again Heavy Losers When Hail Storm Hits the Town Monday.

Downers Grove florists and others in this vicinity suffered a heavy loss Monday afternoon as the result of a hail storm. Hail which averaged as large as golf balls fell for almost five minutes breaking more than half the lights in the houses of local florists.

Hail had fallen at intervals for almost an hour before the big storm broke but it was not of sufficient size to do any damage. No glass could withstand the force of the larger ice pellets which peppered the greenhouses like shrapnel. The ground was white with the hail as if it had snowed.

The Kidwell greenhouses were the largest losers, estimating their damage to the plant at \$5,000 without trying to arrive at an estimate of their loss of stock. They had an unusually large amount of decorative flowers and foliage for the Easter trade and this is almost a total loss as the perforations in the roof will not allow them to keep the houses warm enough for the forcing process necessary to bring the flowers to a full bloom for the great church festival.

Rudolph Ellsworth at Belmont, figures his loss at nearly a thousand dollars, and he alone carried hail insurance.

John Gollan, whose greenhouses are on North Washington street, faces a loss of well over a thousand dollars from broken glass alone.

C. V. Wolf, of Prairie avenue, will be forced to stand a loss on glass alone of more than a thousand dollars and Wm. Herrick, whose plant is on South Washington street, lost about half the lights in his greenhouse.

The florists have just figured their loss on glass. On top of this will be the almost as great a loss on stock and on time lost just when the spring work is the heaviest. It will take a good many days to reset the glass and this time is lost as far as the other work in the greenhouses is concerned.

This is the second time within a year that local florists have been hard hit by hail. Last March when the tornado wrecked Metcalf Park hail fell on Downers Grove driven by the high wind. The loss to the greenhouse men then was not one-third which they will have to face as the result of Monday's storm.

The big Bassett & Washburn plant at Westmont was hit as hard as any in this vicinity. More than half the glass has been smashed though the larger loss to growing plants and flowers.

Luckily the storm Monday was not accompanied by a high wind. Very few windows in homes were broken.

At Kidwell's Monday evening a force of men worked nearly all night to cover one of the houses with tarpaper so that if the weather turned cold, it could be kept warm enough to save at least some of the plants.

Every expedient known to the modern florist was used to stave off a greater loss and among other things 2000 yards of unbleached muslin was procured from Chicago to protect the plants.

JUNIOR INFANT WELFARE SOCIETY MET ON MARCH 3D

Next Meeting Will be at Home of Mrs. W. C. Barber on March 17th.

The Junior Infant Welfare Society met last Thursday afternoon, March 3d, at the home of Mrs. A. D. Abercrombie, 17 Highland avenue. Mrs. Abercrombie proved a most gracious hostess and although the work was comparatively new those present agreed that the results of the afternoon's work were very encouraging. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. C. Barber, 81 W. Curtis street, Thursday afternoon, March 17th at 1 o'clock.