

DOWNERS GROVE GRADES THIRD IN BASKET BALL

Hinsdale First, Glen Ellyn Second, in Invitation Tournament on Last Saturday.

The first DuPage County Grade Basketball Tournament was held at Hinsdale, Saturday, March 12th. This tournament was the result of the athletic activities which have been taking place in the grade schools throughout the county, during the winter months.

Hinsdale took the initiative and invited Wheaton, Naperville, Glen Ellyn, West Chicago, Elmhurst and Downers Grove to come to Hinsdale and compete for county honors in basket ball. Glen Ellyn, Elmhurst and Downers Grove accepted the invitation.

In spite of the rainy day, a crowd of over sixty loyal Downers Grove supporters of our eighth grade team was ready to board the 9:07 a. m. train for Hinsdale. The wet weather could not dampen their joyful spirits.

In the morning the drawings were made as to which teams should play each other. Downers Grove drew Glen Ellyn for the first game of the afternoon and Hinsdale drew Elmhurst, for the second. At this time it was decided that the winners of the afternoon games should play each other, in the evening, for first and second place, and the losers of the afternoon's games, play each other for third place.

Glen Ellyn and Hinsdale won the afternoon games and so contested for first place in the evening. Hinsdale winning first honors with a score of 54 to 46. Downers Grove won a close and hard fought game in the evening, from Elmhurst with a score of 8 to 7. By winning this game Downers Grove took third place.

Hinsdale taking first place, received a large shield. Glen Ellyn, holding second place, was presented with the new Wilson basketball which was used to play the tournament games, while Downers Grove will receive a large banner made up in the Junior High School Athletic Association's colors—maroon and white.

Enough cannot be said of the cordial treatment received, at the hands of the teachers and pupils of Hinsdale. They had planned to take the visiting teams and rooters for an auto trip around the village but this had to be cancelled because of the bad weather. Reading and rest rooms were provided for all, and victrola music and games were enjoyed between the afternoon and evening tournament games.

A cafeteria lunch and dinner were served at the school to all visitors, by the wives of members of the Board of Education. These meals were greatly appreciated by all.

Everyone enjoyed every moment of the day and expressed the hope that these athletic relations might continue in the county.

The boys representing Downers Grove eighth grade, at Hinsdale were William Ray, Arnold Klein, Douglas Huntington, Harry Frazier, Glenn Singleberry, George Ray, Raymond Carpenter and Crescy Woerhel.

This is the first year the Downers Grove grade boys have had supervised basket ball practice. Nevertheless, they did some good work when put on the floor, against teams that have had several years experience. Mr. Geeting, our manual training supervisor, deserves great credit for his untiring efforts in helping the boys organize their teams and coaching them.

WOMANS CLUB GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY

Miss Lucia B. Morse, director of the Kindergarten, will talk on "Modern Education," at the general meeting of the Woman's Club Wednesday March 23d, 2:30 p. m.

The Misses Winslow and Potter will furnish the music.

This is a subject in which everyone is deeply interested and the music furnished by these young ladies always eagerly anticipated. We hope every member will make a special effort to attend.

Charlotte M. Peck, L. V. P.

ROBINS FLOCKING NORTH FOR THEIR SUMMER MATING

Cheerful Notes of the Red Breasted Songsters Greet the Early Risers Now-a-Days.

The robins have been flocking north in the last few days from their winter home in the southland to their summer home in the north. Early risers now-a-days are greeted with the cheery notes of the red breasted songsters ushering in the new morning with songs of welcome before starting in on the business of the day.

Some of these little feathered friends of ours have been staying all winter but the majority of the flock have just returned. During the last week there must have been thousands of them who came down out of the sky in this town-ship alone.

You can see them everywhere hunting for worms, looking over the best locations for the building of the neat mud and straw houses where the little ones are to be hatched out and raised; and sitting in the trees pouring out their joy at again being "home."

Having two places of residence it seems somewhat egotistical for the people of the north to say that this part of the country is "home" to the robin, but we must naturally say it. Here is where they build their nests, and rear their young. Where they are almost tame and where they sing from morning to night. In the south they travel in large flocks, almost never if at all, sing and do not mate or raise families.

Welcome back little robin, you're welcome in spite of the few cherries and strawberries you make way with.

ANNUAL EASTER MATINEE SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

Fine Program Arranged by Philanthropy Department of the Woman's Club.

For seven years the Easter-tide has been observed by the Woman's Club with an appropriate program given for the benefit of the Philanthropy Department. Many Downers Grove people have come to look forward to this event, not alone because of the quality of the numbers presented, but also because of its peculiar reasonableness, given as it is, the afternoon before Easter Sunday.

Two artists will be presented this year who have not been heard before in Downers Grove. Dora Margaret Owens is a dramatic reader and a teacher and recently won the Diamond Medal in the Dramatic Contest given by the Chicago Musical College in the Ziegfeld Theatre. Mrs. Keyser, who appears with Miss Owens comes highly recommended.

The program will be given, as previously, in the Methodist Church and will commence promptly at three the afternoon of Saturday, March 26th.

The program follows: Organ—Miss Mariana Roe Vocal—Mrs. Keyser "Sing On" "Within the Garden of my Heart" Vocal—Miss E. Coleman "Hear Ye O Israel" Reading—Selected—Dora M. Owens Vocal—Selected—Mrs. Keyser Organ—Miss Mariana Roe

THE HEN—AND ADVERTISING

You have all heard why chicken eggs are so much preferred to the eggs laid by the lowly duck. The answer, of course, being that when a chicken lays an egg she advertises the fact; when a duck lays one she just gets up and waddles away—the moral being, advertise.

There is another characteristic of the common or garden variety of barnyard hen which also points a moral. The hen as you know gets most of her food by scratching for it, the main item she scratches for being worms. You will notice that even if worms are scarce she keeps on scratching just the same. Call yourself the hen, and the worms, business the scratching being advertising and you will readily see that the wise business man keeps on advertising even when business is bad because he knows that without that advertising he cannot get business; just as the hen knows that without that scratching she cannot get worms. Think this over. It's a fact.

SPIRIT OF ST. PATRICK IS STILL WITH US



HALF VESTA JRS. SHOW PROFITS TO FIRE TRUCK FUND

Young People's Organization Giving Play at the Dicke Theatre April 5th and 6th.

The Fire Truck Fund will benefit from half the profits of "A Cheerful Lie," a three act comedy to be given Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, April fifth and sixth at the Dicke Theatre.

The play is to be given by the Vesta Juniors, an organization of young folks, members of Vesta Chapter, O. E. S. They have been working hard on the comedy for several months and expect to play to crowded houses.

The original intention of the young people was to give the play on only one evening. It was suggested to them, however, that as long as the cast was willing to give their services that it be repeated the next evening and the profits be donated to a worthy cause in the village. This was willingly seconded by the amateur players and it was their united opinion that no more worthy object could be found which needed money than the Fire Truck Fund.

The play is a comedy in three acts filled with subtle humor in spots with more hearty laughs in others; with clever surprises and laughing situations. Members of the cast are all well known young people and have been assigned to parts which fit them.

Miss Lorraine Tope in the character of Flora Boomer and Dr. Chas. Davis as Randolph Dearborn, make a very effective pair of lovers, who the forbidden to marry by Flora's father, General Boomer, (Fred Drissler), finally overcome this objection. They are unconsciously assisted in their designs by a scheming, small town justice of the Peace, one Hussle, which character is taken very effectively by I. Haebich. Mixed in with the plot are Guy, Constable and the Judge's right hand man, Walter Johnstone; Birdie Sweetlove, who receives almost as many proposals as there are men in the cast, Marie Olson; Miss Spriggins, a school teacher with a "past" according to the Judge's story, Dell Winters and a fake preacher, the Rev. Ezra Stiggins, Walter Staats.

The cheerful liar is undoubtedly the judge. However, nearly every other member of the cast could qualify as the plot unfolds.

BAPTIST CHOIRS TO SING "CROSS & CROWN" EASTER

Combined Singers Under Direction of Miss Gwen Griffiths to Render Cantata.

Easter Sunday afternoon, March 27th, the combined senior and junior choirs of the Baptist Church will render the beautiful cantata, "Cross and Crown." They have been practicing diligently under the direction of

NEW FIRE TRUCK GARAGE TO BE IN WARREN AVENUE

Portable Building Now Being Completed at the Lord Lumber Company Factory.

A portable garage, to house the new automobile fire truck, is rapidly nearing completion in the factory of the Lord Lumber Co., at Belmont st. and Forest ave. The building will be large enough to house the truck and several small accessories of the fire department and is one of the first complete buildings to be turned out by this firm in their new department under the management of Harry Bryce.

The garage is to be placed on Warren avenue, just east of the Kidwell Garage. This is about centrally located a spot as there is in the village, taking into account the so-called "commercial" district. One of the provisions of the Illinois Inspection Bureau's re-inspection of the village since the purchasing of the truck being that it be kept in the "commercial district." This bureau is the one which fixes fire insurance rates for all companies operating in Illinois. In their inspection of the town they recommended several changes and additions to be made to the fire fighting equipment and to the pumping station, which if they were carried out would materially reduce the fire insurance rates in the village. As it is the acquisition of the truck reduced the rates on some business places.

The new garage will be heated in the winter time by gas, a thermostat controlling the degree of heat. Under the twenty-five year franchise-granted the Western United Gas & Electric Co., they agreed to give the village 100,000 feet of gas a year. Thus the heating of the building will not cost the village anything.

Mr. Kidwell, who owns the ground on which the garage is to stand, agreed to its erection and stated he would charge no rent the first year and merely a nominal charge after that. Being of portable construction it can be moved easily and should the village acquire title to any land in the future it could be moved.

Miss Gwen Griffiths and the rendition of this composition should prove one of the musical events of the season.

Mr. Eugene McCreery, who is a student at Northwestern University, will play the accompaniment. The soloists will be Miss Irma Burns of Chicago, the Misses Avis and Margaret Lempke, Gwen Griffiths and Messrs Rosenbaum and Morton. The local singers have charmed Downers Grove audiences on more than one occasion and we predict that this will be no exception.

A silver offering will be taken.

IDENTIFY MAN WHO HUNG HIMSELF MARCH 4TH

Investigation Leads to Home of Poor Family at 1625 West 20th Street, Chicago.

The identity of the man who hung himself near the Clarendon Hills depot in the early morning hours of Friday, March 4th, has been discovered. Coroner Hopf investigated the address, 1625 West 20th street, which was found written on a slip of paper in the vest pocket the man wore and found that his name was Sam Shibes. At first residents of the house refused to discuss the case, pretending that they did not understand what was wanted.

A second visit disclosed the man's name and that he had two step-daughters and two small children. Nothing was said of his wife and Dr. Hopf took it for granted that she was dead.

The family is very poor and not having sufficient funds to bury the man have refused to take charge of the body. The step-daughters say that Mr. Shibes has always been somewhat of a wanderer and drinker. They also said that he had returned from a two year's absence just a few days before he left to take his life at Clarendon Hills. It was for this reason that they instituted no search for the man, but believed he had just gone off on another of his wandering expeditions.

The body will be taken to Wheaton in a few days and buried at the County Farm.

LORD LUMBER CO. STARTS PORTABLE GARAGE BUILDING

Harry Bryce in Charge of New Department Makes Preparations For National Business.

The Lord Lumber Company has entered the portable garage field and will start the manufacture of these buildings in the near future. In fact the building of them on a small scale has already started and several orders are being completed now in the factory at Belmont and Forest ave.

Harry Bryce, formerly of the Potter Manufacturing & Lumber Co., is in charge of the new department and is making preparations for national distribution. An advertising campaign in the bigger national papers is in preparation. Sample garages are rapidly being erected west of the factory and plans are being completed to care for what is believed will be a good year.

For the start of the new venture garages will be the main line. Plans, however, call for new lines being added as the business grows.

Small portable houses, summer cottages, chicken houses and other small buildings which can be erected in this way will be added to the line from time to time.

The garage field is a wide one. With the hundreds of thousands of new cars being built every year and with the average family unsatisfied unless they have a car of some kind, there is an opportunity for the selling of thousands of these buildings.

WHY READ THE REPORTER?

This is a question many people have asked us, not so much in the last year as when we first took hold of this paper. The reasons for the reading of the community paper are so obvious that they should need no enumeration, but anyway, here goes—

In the first place there is Loyalty to the town in which you live. Everyone, with the slightest sense of pride in his make-up, desires to have it known that he lives in a good town, the better the town the prouder he is to live there. A Community Newspaper is the biggest single item in making a town a good one. Standing as it does for the betterment of living conditions for a majority of the people, it cannot be otherwise than a great power for good. A newspaper, of course, publishes all that news it can, discriminating between news which will interest a majority of its readers and gossip and especially scandal. There are too many reasons to get into this small space but ain't it the truth?

DRAINAGE DISTRICT PETITION IS PRESENTED COURT

County Judge Rathje to Hear Objections and Suggestions on April Eighteenth.

A petition has been presented to Judge Rathje of the County Court of DuPage County for the organization of a drainage and sanitary district with Downers Grove as its center. The petition was filed "pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois entitled 'An Act to create Sanitary Districts and to provide for Sewage Disposal'" passed June 22, 1917 and in force July 1st of the same year.

Roughly the district will run from the corner of Maple avenue and the Belmont road east to Bunge's subdivision south on the west line of that section of land to the southern boundary where it will run east and south and again east through the old Marshall Field estate now "Branigan Bros. Downers Grove Farms." It will take in the "Linden Heights subdivision" and "Highlands Addition to Downers Grove," south again to the center line of Section 17, then east to the east line of Section 9 (approximately the Gregg's road). Here it will turn north, run to the Plank road west on the Plank road to the Belmont road, south on the Belmont road to Maple avenue.

Judge Rathje has issued a notice, published on page 7 of this issue, which contains the legal description of the boundaries of the proposed district in full. He announces that he will hear objections to the improvement and suggestions from all interested parties on the 18th day of April at the hour of ten o'clock in the morning or as "soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit."

All of the above territory will be drained through the Downers Grove sewer system and eventually those who buy or have bought land in the new subdivisions from Westmont on the east to Branigan's on the west will be connected up with our sanitary sewers. It is a good proposition for the Village of Downers Grove and a good one for the people who live outside the village limits but within the limits of the proposed district.

Downers Grove has been ordered by the State Department of Health to build a new outlet for their sanitary sewers. The village must install new filter beds and septic tanks in the immediate future. These might just as well be installed large enough now to take care of the growth of the village for years and also for the outlying district which will eventually be either brought into the corporation or connect up with our sewers as the natural drainage is toward us, or rather the bed of St. Joe creek.

Spreading the cost of this improvement over this large amount of territory will lower the cost of the improvement to property owners in the village and will give those on the outside a chance for drainage and sanitary sewer which they now sadly lack. It will also lower their cost of a sewer system which would eventually come.

It is a proposition which every Downers Grove resident should favor.

GRAMMAR GRADE PUPILS VISITED ART INSTITUTE

Viewed Pictures and Statuary Later Attending Concert at Fullerton Hall.

A group of grammar grade pupils, chaperoned by Miss Larson, spent Sunday afternoon at the Art Institute, viewing pictures and sculpture which they have been studying at school in their art class. They also enjoyed the concert, given on Sunday afternoons in Fullerton Hall, by members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Those in the group were Leona Heinke, Dorothy Perkins, Eleanor Shultz, Helen Wimmer, Gilbert Mochel and Hubert Hoffert.

Another group, chaperoned by Miss Clayton, will visit the Art Institute next Sunday.