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COUNCIL FAVORS ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY

With All Wide Awake Citizens, Believe that Downers Grove Should Grow.

Contrary to rumor, untruthful jade that she usually is, the Village Council is a unit in favor of the annexing of adjacent territory to the Village. With all other wide-awake citizens, they believe that our town should be given a chance to grow, to expand, to get out of the swaddling clothes she has worn for so many years and get into a real stride before our neighbors out-distance us in the race.

Commissioner Harry Bryce is authority for the statement that the Council favors the annexation of not only the Bunge Subdivision, which comes up for an expression of the people next week, but also favors the taking into the village of the Westmont and north of town territory. He says that the Council discussed the proposition from all angles, weighed the merits against the demerits and decided that the good of Downers Grove demanded that this territory be made a part of the village.

There are a few residents of the village who have a mistaken idea of what we should have to do, should this territory be annexed. We have heard in the last few days various reasons why we should not vote in the Bunge Subdivision and the Westmont territory. Of all the reasons given not one was a valid one and most of them were misapprehensions. The principle objection seems to be that this land will be an expense to the town. Most folks against the idea seem to think that we will be forced to extend our water mains, our sewers, sidewalks, and paving to serve the territory to be taken in. This is not so. Every improvement desired by the people living in these new subdivisions, will be paid for by them, and by no one else. For instance, there are certain streets already within the corporate limits of Downers Grove not paved. When they are paved the village as a whole will not pay for the improvement. ONLY THE PROPERTY BENEFITING FROM SUCH IMPROVEMENT. The same rule applies should this territory be taken in and streets and sidewalks laid there, it is not a rule but the LAW.

For several years Downers Grove will get little or no benefit from the addition. But after these subdivisions grow, after residences dot the place where only prairie grass now grows, it will be different. The village will have a much greater taxing power, not increased taxes but a larger territory over which to spread the tax; a much larger bonding power, at present our bonded indebtedness cannot be increased, but with the larger territory it can, thus allowing for more improvements; a population which will outnumber any other incorporated place in Du Page County and will be known for its progress throughout the entire Chicago district.

"A Greater Downers Grove" should be the slogan for every one interested.
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HAYES—BRADY

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brady of 135 North Forest avenue, announce the marriage of their son, George A., to Miss Edna C. Hayes, who formerly resided with her cousins, the Misses Williams, of 19 Long avenue, Austin.

The ceremony was quietly performed Sunday, April 11, by the Rev. Fr. Daniel Luttrell of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady expect to make their home in Downers Grove and for the present are at home to their many friends at the residence of the groom's parents.

Many of the lower grade teachers are, almost daily, taking their groups on field trips to the woods which surround the Grove. This is the time of year when the wild flowers are at their best and the little people are learning a great deal of the birds and flowers. Supt. Snapp has been a good bit of time recently for the different grades "Friends."

ANNUAL JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET WAS SUCCESSFUL

Gymnasium Beautifully Decorated Last Saturday Evening for Big School Event.

Probably the most enjoyable social event of the school year was celebrated last Saturday evening, April 9th, when the High School Juniors entertained the Seniors with the annual banquet.

The Juniors received their guests, the Seniors, the Faculty, and Members of the Board of Education, in the gymnasium which was beautifully decorated for the occasion in the Junior and Senior class colors, red and white, and green and white crepe paper. The appearance was of a real ball room. The decorating showed a great deal of ingenuity and hard work for which much credit is due Miss Helen Newton and the members of the decorating committee.

When all the guests had arrived they were led to the upper halls where the banquet was served by the Womans Guild of S. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The tables were prettily decorated with red and white and green and white candles and carnations.

After dinner the following toasts were given with their introductory speeches by the toastmaster, Mr. Feasley.

Opportunity—Mr. Miskelly.
Impressions—Mr. Snapp.
How to Behave at a Banquet—Mr. Vernon.
Wishes—Miss Goodspeed.
Toast—Miss Newton.
Reminiscences—Arthur Tylor.
Prophecy—Leroy Phelps.

After the Seniors and the Juniors had sung their class songs and everyone had joined in the Loyalty song, the company adjourned to the gymnasium where a few stunts were put on by the Juniors.

As soon as the "Black Friars" arrived a grand march was started, led by Mr. Rogers and Miss Newton, after which the programs were filled out and the dancing progressed rapidly until midnight.

PRESENT JUDGES RENOMINATED AT GENEVA FRIDAY

Convention Demonstrated That Perfect Harmony Prevails in G. O. P. Ranks.

The present Judges of the 16th Judicial Circuit, Slosser of DuPage, Carnes of Kane and Cliffe of De Kalb Counties, were renominated at the Judicial Convention held last Friday morning in the court house at Geneva.

That perfect harmony prevails among the ranks of the Republican party in this district was apparent. Only three nominations were made, and the three men declared the regular nominees by a unanimous ballot.

Paul Kuhn, son of County Clerk A. A. Kuhn, of DuPage County, who is the chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Kane County, acted as chairman of the convention.

Delegates from Downers Grove Township were: W. H. Blodgett, Chas. Moebel and Walter J. Staat.

ONE GOOD PAPER IS SUFFICIENT

In a community the size of Downers Grove, one good weekly newspaper is sufficient to serve the territory. When there are two, they naturally gravitate to opposite sides of every question, stirring up unnecessary strife, and keeping alive old hatreds between various cliques, serve to disrupt the town instead of getting folks to work together for the common good. When one paper is representative of the whole people, when it makes no distinction between one faction or another, in short when it is FAIR TO ALL, as the Downers Grove Reporter has been, and when it also gives the news of the community in a readable way, it is doing better alone than two papers could. This has been proven in more than one community in this vicinity.

FORMER DOWNERS BOY LOST WITH NAVAL BALLOON

John O. Elder, Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Elder, Attended the Local Schools.

John O. Elder, a former Downers Grove boy, well known to many of the younger folks as he attended school here for several years, was one of the Marine students which made up the crew of the balloon which left the Naval Aero station at Pensacola, Florida March 22d for an all-night practice flight. The balloon, a "free" one, drifted out over the gulf and was not heard of. A thorough search by scout cruisers and air craft of the coast from Pensacola to Appalachicola and of the adjacent land area failed to reveal any trace of the fate of either balloon or crew until late on Friday, April 8th when fishermen found the huge gas bag, floating on the waters of the Gulf. The supposition is that the crew was drowned and that the facts of the case, the manner in which they met disaster, will never be known.

John O. Elder was the son of Oreal Otto Elder and Clara Strong Elder. Born at Osawatomie, Kansas, July 11, 1901, when a boy he lived with his parents at Los Angeles where he often watched the balloon flights of the Wright brothers. When he was five years old he returned to the Grove with his parents. He attended the local schools and was well known among the children of his classes. His mother is the daughter of Mrs. H. E. Strong of 192 East Maple avenue, and was graduated from the Downers Grove schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Elder left the village in 1913, moving to Georgetown Station, New York, where he attended school and at the age of 16 attended the Agricultural School at Morrisville. During the war he enlisted in the army at Syracuse and was sent to Fort Slocum. He was rejected there because of his age returned to Morrisville and graduated with the class of 1919.

In July 1919, a few days after he was 18 years of age, he entered the Marines, enlisting at Syracuse and was sent to Paris Island for training. About a year ago he was sent to the balloon mechanics school at the Great Lakes Station, Chicago, and while there made frequent visits to Downers Grove on his week end leaves. From the Great Lakes he was again transferred to Quantico, and then to the air station in Florida where he was recommended to take the examination as a dirigible pilot.

His father and mother, three brothers and three sisters, besides many other relatives still live in hope that some trace will be found of him, and other members of the balloon crew.

ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMANS CLUB NEXT WEDNESDAY

The annual meeting of the Downers Grove Woman's Club will be held on next Wednesday, April 20th, at Library Hall. The meeting will be called to order at eleven a. m. for the reading of reports of committees, officers and so forth. At one o'clock a recess will be taken for lunch which will be served Cafeteria style.

The afternoon session will be called to order at 2:30 when the balance of the business of the old year will be disposed of. Officers for 1921-22 will be elected, and plans made to make the coming season a banner one in the club's history. The past season has been successful, the club is larger than ever and a real factor in the growth of the village.

Every member is kindly requested to contribute to the luncheon and to bring with her a knife, fork and spoon.

MANY ATTENDED PHILATHEA ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Dr. Fred Stone, of Oak Park, Was Principle Speaker Last Friday Night.

Certainly no organization in Downers Grove is better or more favorably known than the Philathea Class of the Methodist Sunday School. Fourteen years ago it was organized with a membership of something like a dozen women. Last Friday evening it celebrated its anniversary by a banquet at the church, and it was a great occasion.

Such a crowd as there was of the members and their families. It reminded one of the Washington banquet itself. The supper was excellent, the program short enough so that its end came as a surprise instead of a relief.

The Sunday School orchestra played the opening march. Mrs. A. E. Olson, president of the class, presided during the program and welcomed the guests in gracious and fitting words. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Louis Lott. Mrs. Frank Lower, so long the teacher and advisor of the class, told briefly their history from the time when a former superintendent of the school had called them "a bunch of unruly women" to this time when they hold so large a place in the church and community.

The Rev. G. H. Newland spoke words of appreciation of the cooperation and assistance which the Philathea class had already given him in his present pastorate. Mr. R. E. Kassweiler, as superintendent of the school, also spoke his approval of the class and his appreciation of their work.

Virgil Hecht gave two readings in a very pleasing manner. Two duets were sung by Mrs. Stough and Mr. Riggsbee, both songs of the springtime, which everyone enjoyed. Mr. Newland delighted his hearers with a solo, "In An Old-Fashioned Town" and with a sea song for an encore.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Fred Stone of Oak Park. Someone said afterwards that it was the best post-war speech he had heard. His theme was, "Battlefields of Peace." He said that so long as war apparatus had been invented which would be so deadly as to destroy a city in a day and a nation in a week, not war but peace must make the advance in the world's affairs. He also pointed out that, because America fought for the safety of democracy, we must not forget that not all the wrongs and ills of the world have been due to autocracy, for the voice of democracy has not always spoken the right; that democracy need a dream of a world without crime, without poverty; and that peace, power, science, society, each without a soul is to be feared since they may all drive men only to death. Also, that what the world needs most of all, according to a police official of Chicago, is a program of righteousness, and that righteousness and progress cost less in dollars and cents than anything else in the world.

The banquet closed with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. A. S. Phelps.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE NEXT SATURDAY

No Opposition — Three Have Filed Petitions and Three to be Selected.

The annual school election for School District No. 58 will be held next Saturday afternoon at the Village Hall from one until six. The election this year is a quiet affair as there is no opposition to the three candidates in the field.

A. C. Miskelly, who has proved in the last year to be an able leader, is the candidate for President of the Board of Education. Mrs. Hattie Remmers is candidate for the short term and Fred E. Dove, who for many years has given his services as Secretary as well as member of the Board is the only aspirant for the full term. Mr. Dove is one of the most valuable members the Board has ever had on its rolls, and some able men have served Downers Grove schools.

HOME AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HELD FINAL MEET

Mrs. Frances B. Ward, Chairman of This Important Woman's Club Dept.

The Home and Education Department held its last meeting on April sixth in the Library.

The following officers were elected for the year 1921-22:

Chairman—Mrs. Frances B. Ward.
Secretary—Mrs. Florence Balczynski.

Treasurer—Mrs. Florence Kolm. The business meeting was followed by a very interesting program arranged by Miss Morse.

Miss Babcock, a Librarian from Chicago, talked on library conditions in Chicago and brought suggestions for enlarging the scope and usefulness of our library. Some of these methods, she found we were already using. She urged that many write immediately to Springfield advocating the passage of Senate Bill No. 164 and 165, and House Bill No. 224 and 225, which would raise the library appropriation from 1 1/2 to 2 mills on the dollar.

Miss Crum gave an outline of the number and character of the books in the library.

Miss Ward told of the use the younger children were making of the books and pictures.

Supt. of Schools Snapp gave some surprising facts concerning the number of books read in the different grades, showing the very close cooperation between the schools and the library. Altogether we feel we can be very proud of our library.

After the program, tea and a social hour were enjoyed by many.

PROPOSITION OF ANNEXING BUNGE SUB. UP TUESDAY

Three Directors of Library Board to be Chosen—No Opposition is Seen.

The first chance Downers Grove voters have had in years to register their opinion on adding new territory to the village will be given next Tuesday when the question of annexing the Bunge Subdivision comes up before the electorate. Only one polling place, the Village Hall, will be used and the polls will be open from seven o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the evening.

The Bunge subdivision is that tract of land lying at the west end of the paving and south of Maple avenue. It is a beautiful piece of land, wooded in spots and containing some choice building sites. With the building restriction in force, it should in future years be one of the best residential spots in town.

The proposition will be on the "for" ballot and will read: "Shall a certain tract of land, known as Bunge Subdivision, be annexed to the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois." YES or NO.

At the same time and place will be elected three directors of the Downers Grove Public Library. Mrs. Edna M. Perron is the candidate for the unexpired term; Lewis C. Mahoney and George Peckoff for the full term of three years. The fact that there is no opposition to the three makes it almost a certainty that there will be a light vote cast.

GET YOUR VIEWS TO THE PEOPLE

If you have any good ideas for the betterment of the community in which you make your home, don't keep them to yourself—merely tell a few of your friends about them; tell everyone who would naturally be interested in such views. Write a letter to The Reporter stating concisely what you have to offer and in this way it will be read by thousands instead of heard by a few. If there is merit in your idea, the germ will not fall upon barren ground and waste away, but rather upon fertile ground and will sprout, bringing forth benefits to all. Anything having to do with the good of the whole people, when it is brought before them thru these columns, is discussed in every part of the community. Take advantage of this and "tell the world" your ideas.

FIRST NUMBER OF H. S. ENTERTAINMENTS TO BE NEXT MONDAY

Musical in Assembly Hall Opens Course for Benefit of the Annual.

The teachers of the grades and high school and the students of the high school are making extensive plans for a musical which will be held next Monday and Wednesday evenings in the high school study hall. The money realized from the affair will be turned over to the Senior class to be used in defraying the expenses of publishing the year book. A great deal of enthusiasm is being shown by the entire faculty and student body and everyone seems confident that the venture will be a decided success.

Mr. Snapp is general chairman of the committee in charge and Mr. Vernon, Mr. Rogers, Miss Larson, Miss Newton, Miss Anthony, Mrs. Sanford and Miss Griffith, have charge of various sub-committees.

The following teachers and students will have parts in the program: Misses Larson, Anthony, Radcliffe, Sprecher, Newton, Whiffan, Belinger, Lane, Clover, Lohfer, Hurd, Manning, Fischer, and Mrs. Sanford. Messrs. Vernon and Rogers. The students taking parts are: Misses Lempke, Griffith, Howsley, Shaffer, Gesner and Messrs. Phelps, Barry, Kellogg, Smith, Drew, Bunge and many others who will sing in the Glee Club and who have not been selected at this writing.

In addition to the octets and Glee Club there will be the orchestra and various vocal and instrumental solos, duets, etc. The songs and music produced by the faculty will be in the nature of songs of long ago and will carry the older folks in the audience back to the days of their childhood and enable them to relive for a short time, the days of real sport. The students will take up the later songs, so that the evening should be one of interest to those who like the new and those who love the song and music of other days.

It is hoped that all who are interested in our schools, and we know that all of the good folks in Downers are interested, will plan to turn out and hear this musical. Remember that the money goes to further a good cause and that you will be giving your money's worth.

The concert, consisting of four numbers, all of a different character is given for the benefit of the high school annual, "The Cauldron," which makes its second appearance this year.

The second number is the Senior Class Play to be given at the Dickie Theatre on Monday, April 26th. The third is an entertainment by Mrs. Feasley to be given at the Curtis Theatre on Friday evening, May 6, and the fourth is the Junior Class Play to be given at the Dickie Theatre on Wednesday evening, May 11th.

Most of the tickets have been sold for the concert and it will be extremely hard to get single admission tickets. In this, as in other things, given for the benefit of local organizations, the crowd is limited to the capacity of the hall.

HINSDALE VOTES TOMORROW ON A \$50,000 H. S. GYM

Hinsdale is voting tomorrow on the proposition of issuing bonds to build a \$50,000 high school gymnasium near their beautiful township high school building. The gym will be housed in a separate building such as holds similar places at large schools and colleges, is the plan.

The gym floor itself will be 50 by 91 feet in size, much the largest in the county and will have plenty of light and ventilation. It will have a capacity of 1,500 persons, more than any other in this vicinity. There will be the usual locker and shower rooms, one for visitors one for boys and one for girls; a directors room and private office and a spectators gallery. At each end of the gallery will be a retiring room, one for men and one for women.

It is thought that the proposition will carry by a large majority.