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DOWNERS GROVE MAN ORIGINATES "HOSPITAL DAY"

President Harding Endorses Movement in Letter — May 12th is the Date

An idea, originated by a Downers Grove resident, has been hailed by leading hospital executives, government officials and surgeons as one that will hasten the development of the care of the sick and injured of this country to a considerable degree. This idea is for a general observance of "National Hospital Day" on May 12, the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, pioneer in modern hospital and nursing methods.

According to the program outlined by the originator of National Hospital Day and eagerly adopted by hospitals throughout the United States and Canada and by Surgeon General Hugh S. Cumming of the U. S. Public Health Service, who has charge of the hospitalization of the 26,000 disabled war veterans still under treatment, each hospital will hold "open house" on May 12 and invite the people of the community to come in and see for themselves how the sick and injured are cared for. Literature will be prepared telling of the amount and kind of work done and hospitals that operate schools for nurses will invite girls and women interested in nursing to inspect the student nurses' quarters and find out something about the way young women are equipped for this splendid profession. Also, many hospitals have arranged to hold the graduating exercises of the nurses' school on that date.

When the idea was divulged to representative hospital men throughout North America their response was so hearty that the originator organized a National Hospital Day Committee, composed of nine prominent executives from New York to Los Angeles, including Canada, to supervise the general program. This committee to date has appointed state chairmen in 40 states and four Canadian provinces and the rest of the country also is being rapidly organized.

President Harding sent the following hearty endorsement:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON

My Dear Sir:

It is especially a pleasure at this time to express my interest in the work of the National Hospital Day, which seeks to arouse the largest possible public interest in the work of the country's hospitals and similar institutions. You have most properly chosen May 12th, the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, as the day to be celebrated as National Hospital Day. Just at this time those of us who are concerned in the administration of National affairs are having our attention forced to the very great need of expanded hospital facilities, by reason of the requirements of disabled soldiers. I can most heartily extend my good wishes for the most useful results from your efforts.

Very truly yours,
WARREN G. HARDING

SUNNYBROOK AMONG
LOOT FROM NAPER
VILLE DRUG STORES

Seven Cases of Bonded Goods and Other Merchandise Taken Last Wednesday

Some person, or persons, unknown, but with a discriminating taste for liquor, entered the drug store of C. C. Coleman at Naperville last Wednesday night, and along with other things, carried away seven cases of "Sunnybrook." Besides this "medicine" most of his stock of fountain pens, silver-pencils, cigars and \$20.00 in cash are missing.

On the same evening the Oswald pharmacy in the same town was entered and a five gallon can of ice cream spirited away.

The morning after the burglary, it is understood, everyone in the village with the slightest yearning for ice water was under suspicion.

RAZING OF OLD CONG'L. CHURCH NEARLY DONE

Lumber Will be Used to Build East Grove Home—Marks Passing of Old Landmark

The old Congregational Church which for so many years housed a devoted congregation of local people, is no more. The process of tearing down the structure which was started a little over a week ago, is practically completed and the lumber and stone is being hauled to an East Grove site where it will be used in the construction of a home.

Purchased by Mr. Leo Wierenski from the church trustees, the old timbers, rafters and joists will again serve a useful purpose.

In use since before 1880, the passing of the old church seems to mark the passing of an older generation and mode of living which we, in the present age, sense but dimly. Not all of the folks who have worshipped in the building since its erection have passed on, but a younger generation is now here and the razing of the edifice marks the passing of a landmark known to all.

For some time the church society has contemplated selling the building but there was some thought that perhaps it might be used for a gymnasium by the Men's Club and nothing definite was done until last week. Another transaction of interest was the purchasing by the Congregational Society of an additional sixty feet east of the property upon which the old church stood, thus giving them sufficient ground to enable them to build the main auditorium of the church, which when finished will give them the room necessary for their growing congregation and Sunday School. The original plans contemplate such a building, and the new plans allow for a parsonage on the east part of their property.

The history of the building now being demolished is interestingly woven into the life of the community. When the society was organized in 1866 there were fifteen charter members including the pastor and his wife. At the present time there are 250 members.

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ONLY FORTY-ONE VOTES CAST AT SCHOOL ELECTION

President and Two Members of the Board of Education Selected Last Saturday

Only forty-one votes were cast last Saturday afternoon at the annual election of officers for the Board of Education of District No. 58. The quiet of the day was caused by the fact that there was but one ticket in the field and no organized opposition.

The vote was: For President of the Board of Education—A. C. Miskelly, 40; For Members, full term—Mrs. Hattie Remmers, 41; Fred E. Dowe, 39.

Mr. Miskelly was re-elected as President and Mrs. Remmers and Mr. Dowe as members. Mrs. Remmers is a new member of the Board and takes the place which Mrs. Prince has held. Mr. Dowe was re-elected.

It is gratifying to see the village in harmony over school affairs after some of the campaigns of the past few years which nearly disrupted the community.

AND NOW A PAINTER

We have given the testimony of many people regarding the unusual pulling power of Reporter classified ads. This week we wish to add that of a painter and interior decorator. Inserting an ad for three insertions he cancelled it after the second week, because "he had had so many calls that he had all the work he could do for a while." This is but another who has taken advantage of the low cost of Reporter classified ads to reap a harvest from them. It's a queer thing, but these little business getters are read every week by more people than read the news. That's what makes them so valuable to anyone with things to sell. Try one, the cost is low, compared to the results secured.



SENIOR PLAY, "THE AMAZONS," MONDAY AT DICKE THEATRE

Farcical Comedy, in Three Acts, is Second Number of High Entertainments

Next Monday evening, April 25th, the Dicke Theatre will be the scene of one of the season's "high lights"—the Senior Class Play.

At eight o'clock the curtain will rise and before you will be a woodland scene in England, fifty miles from London. Two figures will appear, Rev. Roger Minchin and Youatt, a servant. If you will look closely you may recognize them as Edwin Graves and LeRoy Sullivan, senior classmen of the Downers Grove High School. In fact, the entire cast are members of the Senior Class.

This play is the second number of the High School Entertainment Course which is being given for the benefit of "The Cauldron," the year-book of the school.

While the play is a farcical comedy, it is not the screaming variety. It is full of real humor from first to last, the kind that keeps you chuckling all evening and sends you to bed in a good frame of mind. The absurdity of the plot as well as that of some of the characters, gives rise to many funny, and sometimes, tense incidents throughout the play.

The production is under the direction of Miss Ada Goodspeed, head of the English Department of the High School. We believe, that with a good audience, this should be one of the most successful affairs ever given by the schools of Downers Grove, and everyone attending will thoroughly enjoy it.

"The Amazons" is the name of the play and the cast of characters follows:

Youatt—Leroy Sullivan
Rev. Roger Minchin—Edwin Graves
Lady Castlejordan—Elma Kelly
Lady Wilhelmina Belturbet—Mary Curtis
Lady Thomasin Belturbet—Virginia Waples
Lady Noeline Belturbet—Elizabeth Shaffer
Lord Litterly—Everett Brown
Lord Tweenways—Arthur Tylor
Andre de Grival—Harold Zandt
Orts—Edward Tank
Fitton—Arthur Mills
"Sergeant" Shuter—Dorothy Towlsley

M. E. LADIES TO GIVE "FIRE TRUCK DINNER"

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist-Episcopal Church is planning to give a dinner in the church parlors the second week in May for the benefit of the fire truck fund. The exact date has not yet been decided but all who read this will, no doubt, make plans to attend because of the universal knowledge that dinners given by this organization are always well worth experimenting with.

The date and time will be announced later.

MEN AND WOMEN VOTE IN FAVOR OF BUNGE SUBDIVISION

Proposition Carries by 88 Votes — Directors of Library Were Elected

Both men and women voters of the Village yesterday registered their opinion favorably to the annexation of Bunge's Subdivision to the Village of Downers Grove at the election Tuesday and the proposition carried by a majority of 88 votes.

142 men and 42 women voted as follows:

MEN—
For Annexation—105
Against Annexation—37
Majority—68

WOMEN—
For Annexation—31
Against Annexation—11
Majority—20

Total For—136
Total, Again—48
Total Majority For—88

At the same election Directors for the Downers Grove Public Library were elected, one for an unexpired term and the other two for the full term of three years.

There was only one ticket in the field and the vote was as follows:

Name	Men	Women	Total
Edna M. Perron	112	31	143
Lewis C. Mahoney	119	27	147
Geo. O. Prickett	116	30	146

Several names were "written in" on the ballot the following receiving one vote each: Mr. F. A. Remington, Mrs. Geo. Allison and W. P. Kuegemann. Jonas Foster received two votes.

The Library is an institution of which local people are proud. Service on the Board of Directors is one continual struggle to get enough revenue to meet the demands of this ever growing institution and keep it up to the high mark it has made in the past. Only by private donation and by strict economy can enough funds be gathered together to keep the library on the high plane it has been.

PEOPLE'S FORUM TO RESUME MAY 1 AT ST. JOSEPH'S

The People's Forum will re-open Monday evening, May 1st, in St. Joseph's Church Hall. The meetings are non-sectarian, free for all, and any one who has something to say will be heard.

The subject for the meeting will be "Prevention of Disease," and the principal speaker will be Dr. Frank J. Smith.

Former meetings have been very successful and the Moderator, Eneas B. Goodwin, looks forward to the Forum contributing much of value to the village during the next few months.

DATE FOR DRAIN- AGE ELECTION SET BY COUNTY COURT

Voters to Pass on "Downers Grove Sanitary District" Saturday, May 14th.

County Judge Rathje entered an order in the County Court Monday setting the date for the election on the "Sanitary District of Downers Grove" to be Saturday, May 14th, between the hours of 7:00 a. m. and 7 p. m. (Central Standard time).

This sanitary district is designed to take care of the sewage disposal of the village of Downers Grove and the surrounding territory. The fact that the village is being forced by the State Department of Health to construct new filter beds and other disposal works to replace those near the gravel pit in the north wood, which have been found inadequate, makes the formation of this district a very important thing from the standpoint of those in the village. It is less important to those who reside within the proposed boundaries, but outside the limits, as it will give them a chance to connect up with a sewer system which is already installed when they are ready to install those conveniences, which mean so much in the present day life.

As laid out the district embraces the territory from the Plank road to about a quarter of a mile south of the present village limits and from the Belmont road to east of the Westmont depot. Included are Highland Acres, parts of the Branigan subdivisions, Westmont, and the Bunge subdivision and contiguous territory. The legal description of the district and the court order setting the date for the election, will be found printed this week on page 7.

There will be two polling places: the Village Hall and J. W. Tucker's Real Estate office. Voters residing north of the "Q" are requested to vote at Tucker's and those south at the Village Hall.

This is one proposition on which both the residents of the village and of the surrounding country can stand united for the common good. This district will benefit both, and one no more than the other.

DRAWING FOR THE FORD CAR TO BE MAY FOURTEENTH

Firemen to Again Canvass the Town in Effort to Sell More Raffle Tickets

Saturday night, May 14th the firemen will hold the drawing for the Fire Truck benefit.

The Ford is now at the Kolwell Garage so you will be able to drive it home that night if you hold the lucky ticket. You'll not have any trouble with it as it is brand new.

More tickets must be sold at once. The firemen are going to canvass the town again for they feel that everybody can take a few more tickets, remember it's for your benefit, it's a set to your property to have good fire protection.

Very few, if any, fires are fully covered by insurance, many people think because they are insured they are fully covered but they change their minds after a fire has burned their home.

Tickets are for sale by the boys and also at both our local garages, if the boys have missed you, top in and buy a few at either garage.

Henry Dicke, Chief

NINETY-NINE PER CENT READERS

When ninety-nine per cent of all the people do anything, we can safely say that all do it. That's why we say EVERYONE reads classified ads. In a recent questionnaire sent out by an Iowa newspaper it was found that ninety-nine per cent of the readers read the classifieds. Since reading the results of this survey we have tried by judicious inquiry to find how many of our readers read Reporter classifieds, and we have still to find the first one who will say he does not read them. This explains why a classified will sell pianos, houses, real estate, cows, automobiles and second-hand clothing, almost anything. Try one next week, the cost is low for the results secured.

MRS. A. M. PAINE RE-ELECTED HEAD OF WOMANS CLUB

Annual Meeting at Library Hall on Wednesday Afternoon Was Well Attended

Mrs. Alice M. Paine was re-elected as President of the Downers Grove Womans Club at its annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon in Library Hall. Mrs. Paine has been a very efficient executive during the past year and hopes to make the 1921-22 season even better than the past year's.

The other officers elected were: Mrs. Minnie Gillespie—Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Myrtle Heintz—Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Alene Puffer—Cor. Secretary; Mrs. Mary Mahoney, Treasurer; Mrs. Allie L. White, Parliamentarian.

The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock in the morning. The first order of business was the reports of officers which were very interesting and showed that the club has worked during the year along lines laid out last spring.

At 12:30 a recess was called and the members enjoyed the cafeteria luncheon which had been provided.

During the afternoon session which was opened with an instrumental solo by Mrs. J. C. White, reports of the 1920-21 Departmental heads were read and proved very interesting. Those who served and gave their accounts of the activities of their departments were: Mrs. Minnie H. Prince, Philanthropy; Mrs. Lurabelle Sherman, Home and Educational; Mrs. Emma J. Miller, Civics; Mrs. Lottie H. O'Neill, Art and Literature.

Mrs. Howard Jones as chairman of the Legislative Committee presented a resolution asking the club to endorse several bills now before the State Legislature. This was done. The bills referred to all of various kinds. One provides for censorship for moving pictures after October 1, 1921. Another for an appropriation for the farm colony bill passed in 1919. Library bills, the distributive fund for schools, the Mother's Pension, a bill for the protection of maternity and infancy; all these were endorsed. Mrs. Jones continually kept herself and the club informed of legislation in which women have a mutual interest.

One of the surprises came when the club voted to discontinue the departmental plan, under which they have been working for the last two years, and again adopt that of having every meeting a "general" one. The departmental will now be turned into committees, such as "Art and Literature Committee" and will function much as they have only under the direct supervision of the entire club and all club members, will no doubt, take a greater interest in the work than under the departmental plan.

The meeting ended with a general discussion of plans for the coming club year during which those present were enthralled about the plans.

Mrs. Featherstone, representing the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund, will be the speaker at the Philanthropy department meeting next Wednesday afternoon, April 27. This being the last club meeting this spring, the officers hope that every member will make a special effort to attend.

THREE HAVE NARROW ESCAPE LAST NIGHT AT HINSDALE CROSSING

Fast Train Hits Front Wheels of Taxi Spinning it Completely Around

Three persons had narrow escapes from death about five-thirty last night at the Washington street crossing of the Burlington at Hinsdale, when the taxi in which they were riding was struck by a fast train.

The machine was one operated by the Kolzow company and the driver, Walter Linde, was taking two girl passengers to their home.

Just as the machine's front wheel hit the track, a west bound fast train hit them, spinning the taxi completely around and smashing the front of the auto.

No one, not even the driver was hurt, it being one of the narrowest escapes seen in this vicinity in years.