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SENIOR PLAY "THE AMAZONS" GREAT SUCCESS

Dicke Theatre Crowded to the Doors Monday Evening at Benefit for Annual

The Dicke Theatre was crowded to the doors Monday evening at the performance of "The Amazons," the Senior Class play which was the second entertainment in the course being given by the high school for the benefit of the school year-book, "The Cauldron."

The next number, the third, will be a reading, "The Fourth Estate" by Mrs. N. R. Feasley at the Curtis Theatre next Friday evening, May 6. All who have heard Mrs. Feasley know what a delight this will be to Downers Grove people.

From the opening number by the locally famed High School Orchestra to the final curtain Monday it was an evening of real entertainment.

The first scene is laid in "The Tangle" an overgrown corner of Overcote Park, at Great Overcote, a two-hour railway journey from London. The substance of "The Amazons" is a farcical romance, is that Miriam, Marchioness of Castlejorion (Elma Kelly) has raised three daughters to be "boys" at Overcote Park, no intruder having gained entrance within its boundaries to upset her ladyship's plans for her "boys" or disilluision them.

At the opening of the first scene, Youatt, a servant, (Leroy Sullivan) announces Rev. Roger Minchin (Edwin Graves) and a very good reason he is, at "The Tangle" who tries to persuade Lady Miriam to raise her daughters as "girls," but is unable to convince her of the error of her way. Miss Kelly takes the part of the Marchioness very admirably.

Enter the three daughters, Lady Wilhelmina Belturbet, (Mary Curtis) known as "Will"; Lady Thelma Belturbet (Virginia Maple) known as "Tom"; and Lady Noeline Belturbet (Elizabeth Shaffer) known as "Noel." Three splendid young "men" who act their parts exceedingly well and who do not want to be changed to petticoats, until Lady Noeline visits London and gets mixed up in an opera and the three daughters having been under the supervision of "the Sergeant" Slater, (Dorothy Towles) who has trained them well in gymnastics. After the fight Noel runs away so as not to be discovered and is so fatigued she faints, even a man.

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NASH GROCERY OCCUPYING NEW STORE BUILDING

After Nearly Thirty Years in One Location J. W. Nash Moves To Modern Building.

J. W. Nash has moved his grocery store into his new building on Main street, just south of the old location where he has been located continuously for nearly thirty years.

The new store, modern in every particular, is a distinct addition to the business houses of the village. It is a one-story building 28x60 feet in size. On the south side shelving has been built in and new counters placed. Here will be dispensed the groceries and allied products. On the north wall will be the cigar counter and a line of men's shoes and furnishings. This line will be greatly augmented by new stock in the future as Mr. Nash will make a greater effort to push it with the added facilities he will have for display in his new quarters.

Ground for the building was broken on February 9th, and although the store is not completely finished, the people who have purchased the old building desire to start immediately on the re-modeling and Mr. Nash is giving them a chance to get at it. Favorable weather helped greatly in making a record of the erection of the new store.

LEGION SMOKER WELL ATTENDED MONDAY NIGHT

Members Discussed Various Activities of Post Over a Good Lunch.

The regular meeting of the local post of the American Legion drew a good attendance on Monday evening at the post's rooms on Belmont and Forest at a "smoker."

The various activities of the post were discussed at some length. First and foremost on the program was the baseball situation in the village. The petition of several residents living in the vicinity of the newly created Memorial Park asking that baseball be declared a nuisance was fully discussed. It was reported that everyone signing the petition had been seen, to find their reasons for it and with one exception of the one who had taken it around, none knew what they were signing. They had been under the impression that the petition called for the installation of electric lights on the stretch of Franklin street east of Elm. Taking into consideration these facts, the Legion decided to go right ahead with their program for a full schedule of Sunday baseball for this season. They voted to accept the trust agreement, printed in the Reporter several weeks ago and conclude the deal to purchase the property.

The diamond will be changed slightly, the outfield plowed, disked, and rolled and the infield "skinned" and put into good playing shape in the near future.

The clautanqua for this community was a topic of eager talk. The legion members are resolved to put over the entertaining and instructive program this year in a way which will be a credit to the community and to the Legion. The date of its appearance here has not yet been announced but the program will be one of the best on the six-day circuits of the Redpath.

Discussion preliminary to the Memorial Day program was had, and a

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ARNOLD H. KEHRL BAPTIST MINISTER HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Graduate of Moody Bible Institute—Finishing Theological Course Now.

The Baptist Church is looking forward to the coming of their new pastor next Sunday, May first. Mr. Arnold H. Kehrl, who has been called by the church, was born in Michigan and after his conversion decided to enter the ministry. Graduating from the Moody Bible Institute, he was in Evangelistic work for a year and is now attending the North Baptist Theological Seminary, finishing his Theological course.

He is a very bright and talented young man, an interesting speaker, a good singer and a real leader in every way. We hope a good many will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him.

The Reporter joins with the rest of the community in welcoming the Rev. Kehrl to the village and wishes him a successful pastorate here.

CIRCULATION COUNTS

Downers Grove business people who expect to and do business with the residents of Downers Grove and vicinity can have no better advertising medium than one which enters the homes of Downers Grove people. Such a medium is THE REPORTER. It is read each week by nearly every resident of this community and that means by nearly five thousand people. These are the natural customers for stores of the village and the right kind of advertising will bring them to your place of business to purchase articles you have for sale. When advertising one of the biggest factors in results is circulation; not the mere sending out of so many papers, but the homes into which those papers go. If you are doing business with people in this community, advertise in THE REPORTER because that's where ninety-nine per cent of the more than one thousand Reporters go every week. ADVERTISE!

SPRING AGAIN



SCHOOLS PRESENT PAGEANT MAY 5TH AT NORTH SCHOOL

Elaborate Program Under Direction of Miss Irene Harris, If the Weather Permits.

On next Thursday afternoon, May 5th, the children in the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th grades and the girls of the high school will give an elaborate "May Fete" under the direction of Miss Irene Harris, Physical Training instructor of the local schools. Miss Hazel Hurd will be at the piano.

The fete is in the nature of a pageant and will be staged on the grounds of the north side school, weather permitting at 2:30 o'clock on next Thursday afternoon. If the weather does not permit it will be postponed.

The pageant was written from a poem telling the story of the change of seasons in the way they were explained in Greek Mythology. As the story opens all are doing homage to the Goddess of the Harvest, when she is called away. During her absence, her daughter, Persephone, the Goddess of Spring is stolen by Pluto, the God of the Under Regions. While she is gone all the flowers and insects die because they can not live without her. Her mother, Demeter, offers a sacrifice for her, and her playmate Mercury, or Hermes, promises to bring her back. Pluto says she may return provided she has eaten nothing while down there, but, or being offered pomegranate, she had tasted it and had held a poppy, the flower of death; so she is condemned to spend half her time below and half above, as a pomegranate is half seeds. Upon her return with Mercury to the upper world all the flowers return and the merry making.

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FARMERS TO SEE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE "MOVIES"

First Four-Reel Being Filmed at Peoria—Monthly Release is Considered.

The first four-reel motion picture showing what organized farmers of Illinois Counties are doing is now being filmed by the Illinois Agricultural Association at Peoria, according to a report received from Chicago by Mr. E. A. Carneross, Farm Adviser of Du Page County.

This picture, so Mr. Carneross declares, is only the first of a number of others that will be taken of state and county farm activities. The putting out of a monthly farm news film is considered. Six reels of pictures have been already purchased from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and will be shown over the state.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bicket and Mr. and Mrs. Hector Elwell and son, Gordon, of Chicago, spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jones at their home in Gilbert avenue. Mr. Bicket is manager of the Editorial Department and Mr. Elwell, City Editor of the American.

MARGERY MAXWELL GRAND OPERA STAR HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Final Number of Musical Extension Series at Dicke Theatre May the Third.

The last number in the local Musical Extension Course will be given at Dicke Theatre on next Tuesday evening, May 3d, at 8:00 p. m. The number should have been held April 29th but it was impossible for Miss Margery Maxwell to come at that date because of her work with the Chicago Grand Opera Association and the local committee postponed the entertainment rather than to deprive the local ticket holders of the privilege of hearing this prima donna in our own community. Miss Maxwell will be assisted in the vocal part Tuesday evening by two other artists.

Many competent critics have pronounced the Musical Extension Course backed by the churches and the American Legion, the best series of entertainments that has ever been offered to local people. The net proceeds of the course will be divided equally between the Fire Truck Fund and the Local Library. It is hoped that a similar course can be arranged for next year, perhaps extending the course to five numbers by the addition of a lecture.

About fifty years may be had by single admission next Tuesday evening. The charge will be 75c and we feel sure that there will be more than that number who will be turned away. For Margery Maxwell cannot be heard in Grand Opera engagements, under a dollar and a half. The Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky., remarks: "There is no comparison made in this country today that exceeds Miss Maxwell in beauty. She has rare strength and sweetness in the superlative degree."

GARAGE FOR FIRE TRUCK IS INSTALLED

Portable Building Has Been Erected East of the Kidwell Garage to House Apparatus.

The semi-portable garage, bought several weeks ago by the village council, has been installed just east of the Kidwell Garage to house the new automobile fire truck and other apparatus. This was the most central location which could be found and the building is now being used. Mr. Kidwell has donated the first year's rent of the land.

During the winter the garage will be heated by gas which is furnished them under the terms of the franchise by which the Western United Gas & Electric Company supply the village.

The garage was made in the new plant of the Lord Lumber Co.

We understand that tickets for the "May Moon," the dancing and singing entertainment to be given at the Dicke Theatre for the fire truck fund, May 17th and 18th, are selling fast. The principal attraction will be the dancing of fifty little stars under the leadership of Miss Ruth Edison.

102d ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY ODD FELLOWS

Local Organization Held Annual Event Monday Evening—Many Visitors Present.

The annual "Big Night" of Downers Grove Lodge No. 750, I. O. O. F., was held last Monday evening, April 25th, at the lodge hall and was very well attended.

This celebration is the commemoration of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the United States 102 years ago at Baltimore, by Thomas Wilde, who with four other companions, met in a dingy, poorly lighted back room to found this great order. The historical account of this meeting is interesting. They got the name of Odd Fellows from the fact that no two of the men had anything in common. By that is meant that none were of the same religious denomination, no two had the same trade or profession, the same kind of homes, in fact each was reared and went along the rugged path of life under widely diverging circumstances.

It is from this gathering of men so dissimilar in every respect that the underlying principles of the order are taken and followed, bringing together in one great organization, men from all walks of life for their own good and the raising of the moral principles of those with whom they come in contact to a higher plane.

Visiting brothers from the various lodges within a radius of fifty miles were in attendance to witness the conferring of the First Degree by the local team and to hear the stirring words of the speaker of the evening, Mr. J. Paul Kuhn of Batavia, Ill., son of County Clerk A. A. Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn is Official Instructor for the State of Illinois and an able orator. After an explanation of the work of the order he amused his hearers for an hour with story telling, of which stories he has a good supply.

Refreshments of Ice Cream and cake were served to finish an evening.

MASONIC BODIES TO ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

To Worship at M. E. Church Following Invitation of Pastor Gilbert H. Newland.

Members of Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar, of LaGrange, Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M., and Grove Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M., will attend divine worship the afternoon of Sunday, May 8th, at the Methodist Episcopal Church here following an invitation tendered to them by the Rev. Gilbert H. Newland, pastor of the church. The occasion is a convention Sunday and the service will be held at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. Newland will take a full theme "The Onward March of Brotherhood" a timely, appropriate subject when one considers that brotherhood is the main reason for the remarkable growth of great societies in this country and of the Masonic bodies in particular. The M. E. Choir will render special music for the occasion.

A WANT AD MEDIUM

Very seldom does one hear a report of a classified ad not bringing results when run in The Reporter. For every one of these we have twenty-five or more people tell us of the wonderful things these little ads do for them. It seems strange that ninety-nine out of a hundred people read the classifieds, but it is a fact. That is the whole secret of their wonderful power in selling almost anything, and in finding what you want, when you want it. The best thing about the ads is their low cost. Thirty-five cents, cash, or fifty cents, charged, pays for one insertion. The same ad can be run three times for 75 cents cash, or one dollar, charged. You get the benefit by paying before the paper is issued. If you have not yet tried out the wonderful results of The Reporter as a classified ad medium, try it next week. There must be something around the house you want to get rid of.

VESTA JUNIORS FILLED OFFICES AT EASTERN STAR

Younger Members of the Chapter Had Charge of Initiation Ceremonies Tuesday.

Vesta Juniors, the organization of young people, members of Vesta Chapter, No. 242, Order of the Eastern Star filled all the stations at the regular chapter meeting on Tuesday evening.

The occasion was the annual young people's night and a class of four candidates was beautifully initiated into the solemn mysteries of the degrees of the order. The exemplification of the ceremonies as done by the Juniors was almost perfect. It showed the long hours of practice which the young folks have been doing in the past few weeks to learn the ritual so thoroughly for one evening's work.

One of the features of their performance is that the greater number of those who took stations have been members of the order for a year and less.

The chairs were filled by the following Juniors:

Worthy Matron Lydia Pfaff
Worthy Patron Walter J. Staats
Asso. Matron Margaret Wolf
Conductress Lorraine Tope
Asso. Cond. Bernice Binder
Secretary Dorothy Bordwell
Treasurer Lucille Bush
Marshal Ruth Gregory
Chaplain Kathryn Heckman
Adah Elmyra Wenzel
Ruth Dorothy Phelps
Esther Elizabeth Staats
Martha Virginia Tank
Electa Maud Bateman
Warder Lucille Schultz
Sentinel Carl J. Staiger
Organist Kathryn Nargney

During and after the initiation a quartet composed of Mrs. A. G. Michel, Mrs. R. E. Russwiler, Miss Doll Winters and Miss Lillian Washburn sang very beautifully. At the close of the evening Mrs. Clara Barnhart, Worthy Matron of Vesta Chapter, thanked the Juniors and complimented them for the efficient work they had done. She was followed by the Acting Matron, Mrs. Lydia Pfaff, who in a few well chosen words in behalf of the Juniors, thanked the officers and members of the Chapter for the opportunity of taking the stations for the evening.

The Chapter could have had an added feature to the evening by celebrating the passing of the 150 mark in membership. It is growing constantly, new petition being received at every meeting.

A fitting close to the refreshment were served in the dining room to more than two hundred who attended the meeting.

"PREVENTION OF DISEASE" TOPIC AT NEXT FORUM

Dr. Frank J. Smith Principal Speaker at St. Joseph's Church Monday, May 1st.

After a vacation of several months the "People's Forum" will open next Monday evening, May 1st in St. Joseph's Church Hall. Dr. Frank J. Smith will be the principal speaker on the topic "Prevention of Disease." Following his talk there will be an open, free-for-all discussion of the interesting points in this intensely interesting subject.

The Forum is non-sectarian, anyone and everyone is invited to attend and anyone with anything to say will be given a hearing. The free discussion of this and other problems which will aim to bring the light of general knowledge upon things which interest the mass of people, is the object of the meetings.

The Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, is moderator of the Forum and expects to do much good for the community through these meetings. It is that the next topic for discussion will be the advisability of annexing the Westmont and intervening territory to the village. The date and topic will be announced later.