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LAGRANGE HERE SUNDAY TO OPEN BASEBALL SEASON

Legion Nine Preparing for Big Year—High School Lost a Close Game to Elmhurst.

The LaGrange American Legion baseball team comes here next Sunday to open the local baseball season against the American Legion team of Downers Grove. The game will be called at three o'clock at Memorial Park, formerly the North Side Field.

Captain Mel Binder is preparing for a big baseball year here this summer. The success of the team last year has drawn hundreds of fans to their support and some good baseball is looked for. All the old players will be in the line-up. Pitcher Herb Ehninger's arm is in great shape to fan 'em as last season; Nash and Kingsley in back of the plate; Bruns, Carpenter, Hawkins, Klein, Mochel, Curtis, Mrkwicka, Shanabrook, Cline, all are ready to play the best of their careers.

A game was scheduled with Bensenville for last Sunday, but owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding the team did not show up and the game was called off. The manager of the Bensenville team was here Sunday (Continued on page 6)

EPISCOPAL CLERGY HOLD CONFERENCE HERE ON MONDAY

Northern Deanery Meets in Quarterly Sessions—Woman's Guild To Serve Dinner.

About sixty of the clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will meet at Saint Andrew's Church here on Next Monday, May 9th. The occasion is the Quarterly Conference of the Northern Deanery and will draw many of the leaders in the work of that church to Downers Grove as these conferences are always interesting.

Opening the sessions will be the celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 and 11:00 a. m. This will be followed by a short business session at noon and a dinner served by the Woman's Guild and Auxiliary of the church.

At two o'clock the afternoon session will be opened. It will be conducted by a clergyman sent on from New York by the Presiding Bishop and Council to present a matter of importance to the clergy.

The work of Mr. MacWhorter and his loyal band in Saint Andrew's has drawn the attention of the Episcopal world to our village.

LEGION MEETING MONDAY TO MAKE MEMORIAL PLANS

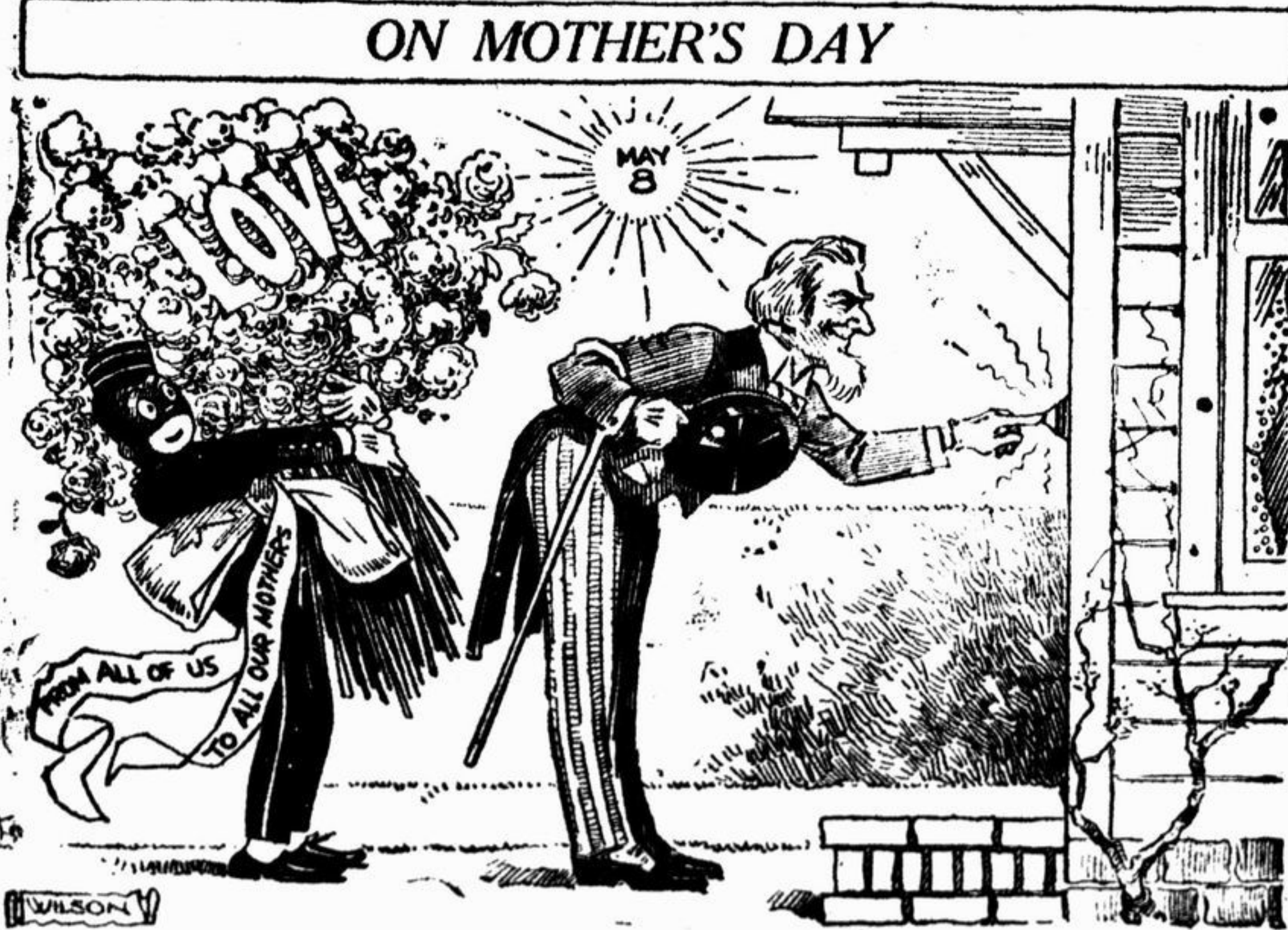
Members Requested to Come Prepared With Suggestions for Proper Observance of Day.

Next Monday evening, May 9th the local post of the American Legion will meet in their rooms at Belmont and Forest to discuss and make final arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day in the village.

Every member of the post and all ex-service men are invited to attend this meeting as not only the Legion members but all who were in the army and navy during the world conflict will wish to pay honor to their buddies who gave up their lives during that struggle.

As in previous years the younger vets are co-operating with the older in the proper observance of the day. It is thought that the program will be along the general lines which precedent has set for the day. The Grand Army program will come first, followed by the boys of 1917-18. Music has been arranged for and a parade will be part of the day's doings.

Besides the Memorial Day program other items of interest will come up Monday in which Legionnaires have a vital interest.



ON MOTHER'S DAY

ANNEXATION NEXT SUBJECT AT THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Everyone Interested in This Vital Question—Library Hall on Monday, May 16th.

"Is it advisable to annex adjacent territory?" This will be the question discussed at the next meeting of the People's Forum to be held on Monday evening, May 16th, in Library Hall. This hall has been secured through the kindness of L. B. Wells, the chairman of the Library Board as it was thought enough people would be interested in this vital subject to fill it.

Mr. G. H. Bunge, well known Downers Grove attorney, has consented to be the principal speaker on this evening and will answer any questions regarding the proposition. Mr. Bunge has made a specialty of the laws regarding municipalities and has taken charge or assisted in the putting through of many special assessments in other cities.

Everyone will be given a chance to say their say on the subject.

Petitions are now in to the Village Board asking them to set the date for the election for the annexing of the Westmont and north of Downers Grove territory and of the Branigan subdivision west of the village limits, the old north side woods. The Westmont proposition will be cut down so as not to include any of the Plank Road in the territory until that highway is completed by the State. The Branigan petition was presented at the meeting on Monday evening. The Board took no action on either one.

Everyone interested in the future of the village is invited to be present May 16th at the Library. These discussions are non-sectarian, open to all and interesting.

Forum Monday

The program of the Forum Monday evening opened with vocal selection by Miss Martha Bender and a recitation by Miss Rose Canty.

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SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE REPORTER

Often and often you make a purchase in one of the local stores through the medium of the printed word. You saw an ad in THE REPORTER and this directed your attention to the fact that some store was handling a product you desired or that they were having a special on some article you wanted. This happens really more often than you realize because the subconscious power of advertising is equally as great as the conscious. When you happen to think of it when buying some advertised article from one of our advertisers just say "I saw it in The Reporter." This will help us tremendously and will please also yourself, and the storekeeper. Those who advertise like to feel that they are getting their moneys worth from the space they are using, this will show they are. We know they are but would like your assistance in proving it. We thank you!

FINE MENU FOR BENEFIT OF FIRE TRUCK ANNOUNCED

Tickets on Sale at Puffer's Drug Store, Lehmann & Michel's and Gillespie's.

The menu for the dinner being given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church for the benefit of the fire truck fund has been announced. It will be Tomato Soup, Roast Beef, New Potatoes, Green Peas, Fruit Salad, Rolls, Coffee and Lemon Cream Pie.

Thursday evening, May 12th, between the hours of six and eight is the time set for the dinner. All the money made from the affair after the expenses are paid will be given to the department to apply on the purchase price of the truck. It is expected that more than three hundred will take their dinner at the church on that evening.

Tickets at \$1.00 are on sale now at the Puffer Pharmacy, Lehmann & Michel's and J. D. Gillespie & Co., and can be purchased there or at the church on the evening of the dinner.

M. E. PHILATHEAS ENTERTAINED BY MRS. SCHLAUDER

May Day Party Enjoyed by All on Monday Evening at Meeting of the Class.

The Philathea Class of the Methodist Church were the guests of Mrs. Otto Schlauder, last Monday evening, at her home on Middaugh ave. It was by way of a May Day party with wild crab apple blossoms on the dining table and nearly sixty ladies came through the wintry weather to attend it.

After the regular business meeting, Mrs. Schlauder, in the name of one of the committees of the class presented a bouquet of red roses to Mrs. O'Brien, whose wedding anniversary it happened to be.

Everybody had a good time, a Philathea's always do when they gather. Mrs. Schlauder was assisted in serving by her daughters, Mrs. Elmer Chessman and Miss Schlauder.

REV. GROTEFELD SPEAKS AT HINSDALE ON SUNDAY

Jubilee Service at Immanuel Evangelical Church Celebrates Church Remodeling.

The Immanuel Evangelical Church, Hinsdale, of which church the Rev. G. H. Stanger is pastor, celebrates a jubilee and thank-giving service on Sunday, May 8th, upon a successful completion of remodeling and renovation of church and parsonage.

The Rev. Wm. Grotefeld of Downers Grove, Vice-President of the Northern Illinois District of the Evangelical Synod and the Rev. J. H. Schiek, President of Elmhurst College and Academy, will be the speakers at the thanksgiving services.

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES AT LOCAL CHURCHES

All Denominations Recognize the Occasion in Some Way Next Sunday.

All Downers Grove churches will make some special recognition next Sunday, May 8th, of "Mother's Day."

At the First Evangelical the Rev. J. Alfred Nansen will speak at the morning service on "The Responsibility and Blessings of Motherhood." A quartet of parents will furnish the special music and a carnation will be given to every mother.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Newland has announced as his subject for the morning service, "The World's Greatest Woman—Mother," at the Methodist-Episcopal Church. There will be special music and some significant little items in the service for mothers.

Mother's Day will be observed at St. Paul's Evangelical, Grove Street, Church, in due form. The choir will sing and Miss Anna and Mrs. Theo J. Grotefeld will render a duet. All mothers of St. Paul's Church and their daughters of 12 years and above are specially invited. The mother's day sermon will be delivered by Prof. Robert Leonhard, formerly at Waverly, Ohio, now at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois.

At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church special prayers will be said, but the importance of Ascension Sunday in the Church Calendar precludes Mother's Day.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church will inaugurate a special service for mothers and daughters as explained by Dr. Goodwin in another part of The Reporter this week, on that day.

At the First Baptist Church the Rev. Arnold H. Kehrl will speak at the morning service a special Mother's Day sermon.

The Congregational Church is making elaborate plans for Mother's Day at both the Sunday School and the morning service recognition will be made of the significance of the day. The program in the Sunday School is under the direction of the Christian Endeavor. The young people have spared no pains to make this meeting a success. A "Mother's" quartet will furnish special music. Addresses will be made by members of the society as well as by older people. A feature of the program will be a solo by Mrs. Warren Wells.

The church will be decorated in a suitable manner for the occasion and a committee consisting of Wm. Miskelly, Jack Reed, George Bunge, Harold Phelps, Marion Lacey and Lurabel Sherman has been appointed to secure autos, so that the mothers who are aged or infirm or ill may have an opportunity to attend.

The Christian Endeavor has accomplished some splendid things in the last few months, but they expect to outdo all their former efforts. The power of mother's influence is wonderfully demonstrated by the fact that the young people of the church so eagerly plan such a program in such an enthusiastic manner. Real-

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NEW FIRE TRUCK SAVES FARM HOME MONDAY AFTERNOON

Chas. Venard's House in Plank Road Would Have Been a Mass of Ruins Without Aid.

The efficiency of the new automobile fire truck was demonstrated on Monday afternoon when the Chas. Venard home on the Plank Road was saved from complete destruction by its use.

Fire started from the chimney up in the attic and when discovered had made such headway that it was impossible to control without the use of much water under pressure.

Mr. Venard called Downers Grove and a still alarm was turned in. Men from the two garages, and from Buschman Bros., with all the firemen available on short notice, manned the big truck and the run to the farm was made in a few minutes. F. J. Littleford with his crew also went to the assistance of his neighbor.

Due to the practice the firemen have been having at the lake, it was but the work of a few seconds to drop the suction hose into a large trough of water used to water stock, start the pump and have a stream playing on the flames which by this time were arcing over the entire roof. The trough was emptied in a few minutes and the suction hose changed to a cistern.

By the time the available water had been consumed the flames were under control. The balance of the fire was then quenched with the aid of chemicals and a bucket brigade.

There is no doubt had the truck not been available for immediate use at the Venard farm their home would be but a mass of blackened ashes. As it was, so hot was the blaze, that several times it seemed as if it was getting beyond control.

The entire upper story of the house will have to be rebuilt and besides this a considerable amount of furniture was burned and is a total loss. Mr. Venard carried a small amount of insurance on his home, not enough however, to entirely pay the loss.

About 12:30 Monday night the call of the fire whistle drew the firemen and a few hardy citizens from their beds to the W. K. Wallace home south (Continued on page 2)

COLORED PASTOR AT S. ANDREW'S NEXT WEDNESDAY

Rev. Henry B. Brown of Evanston, a Graduate of Oxford, Eng., is the Speaker.

The Rev. Henry B. Brown, who is pastor of a colored Episcopal church in Evanston, will be the speaker at S. Andrew's Church here at 8:00 o'clock next Wednesday evening, May 11th. This is one of the special Wednesday night meetings which the Rev. MacWhorter, pastor of the church is arranging for the benefit of the community in general.

The Rev. Brown came to America from England where he was educated at Oxford University and other English schools. He is an interesting speaker and always has a message which interests his hearers. His pastorate in Evanston is one of the largest colored churches in this part of the country.

FOR RESULTS—USE CLASSIFIEDS

Again REPORTER classified ads have demonstrated THEIR USEFULNESS. A black silk bag, containing a pair of child's dancing slippers was lost. A lost ad in the classified column brought them back to the rightful owner. This is only another instance where these little ads prove themselves. The reason is that almost everyone in this community is a regular reader of THE REPORTER and to be a regular reader means that part of the time spent reading the news of this vicinity is given over to the reading of the classified column. This has become a fixed habit with thousands of people because they have found from experience that these little ads will not only save them money but will also bring them money when they have something to dispose of. Be a regular user of REPORTER classifieds. It pays. The cost is small.

MARSHAL RIEHM OF WEST CHICAGO SHOT BY ROBBER

Police Seeking James Witt, of St. Charles—Accomplices are in County Jail.

James Witt of St. Charles, is being sought by the police of all northern Illinois as the murder of Chief of Police George Riehm, of West Chicago early last Friday morning. His alleged accomplices, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowne and Mrs. Elsie Betts, all of St. Charles, have been installed in the county jail at Wheaton by Sheriff Leincke.

The story of the shooting as reconstructed from the story of eyewitnesses and the women in the case is as follows:

Witt and Bowne went to West Chicago late Thursday night, presumably with a load of "moonshine," unloaded it is not known where. After getting rid of their load of contraband, the pair drove up at the lumber yard and proceeded to load their truck with lumber. In the meantime Mrs. Bowne and a Mrs. Elsie Betts in a Buick roadster were acting as look-outs for the men.

It was this car with its two women occupants standing on the street near the Mell General Store at two o'clock (Continued on page 2)

FRED FINK, OLD RESIDENT, DIED YESTERDAY MORN

Funeral Services to be Held From First Evangelical Church at 2:00 Sunday

Fred Fink, who was 83 years of age last week, April 24th, and one of the older residents of DuPage County died at his home at Maple avenue and Lane Place, early yesterday morning, from a stroke of apoplexy which he suffered last Thursday.

At his bedside were his children, Mrs. Ed. Walker, of Chicago, Mrs. Martin White, of Oak Park, Mrs. Iehl of Plainfield, Andrew Fink, of Naperville, and Mrs. George Binder, Mrs. Mary Timko, and Mrs. Wm. Stoner, of Downers Grove.

Short services will be held from the home Sunday afternoon, May 8th, at 1:30 o'clock. The body will be taken to the First Evangelical church where the funeral service will be read by the pastor, the Rev. J. Alfred Nansen. Burial will be made in the Naperville cemetery.

Mr. Fink was well known in this vicinity. In the literary business for years, he was wiped out by the Grove by fire. His establishment was at the corner of Highland avenue and Rogers street.

REMOVAL OF POLES FROM MAIN STREET BIG IMPROVEMENT

Unightly Telephone Cables and the Wires Now Underground—Electric Poles Next.

Main street, between Warren ave. and Maple ave., has a decidedly improved appearance since the unsightly telephone poles, cables and wires have been removed. The new underground conduit is now in full operation and the service was interrupted but a half a day during the process.

The view down the west side of Main street is certainly pretty now with only the ornamental light poles in the walks and with the green of trees showing here and there. On the east side of the street the village light poles are still raising their cross arms to hold the wires through which runs the juice to supply the business district, but an improvement in this is promised. The light and water department is now working on a scheme to remove these poles also and run the wires down the alleys and along the backs of the lots where there are no alleys. With these poles removed, Main street will be a regular thoroughfare.