

LOIS JOHNSON  
SUBSTITUTED FOR  
MARGERY MAXWELL

Famous Opera Star Unable to Sing Here Tuesday Because of Sudden Illness.

Those who attended the final number of the Musical Extension Series at the Dicke Theatre on Tuesday to hear Margery Maxwell, famous Grand Opera Star, were disappointed as a sudden illness made it impossible for Miss Maxwell to appear. Substituting for her was Miss Lois Johnson, also a soprano who more than made up for the non-appearance of Miss Maxwell.

Miss Johnson gave practically the same program announced with a few exceptions. She was very well received and made a decided impression on the audience which filled the theatre. Accompanied by Miss Sylvia Borman, who substituted for Hubert Carlin, Miss Johnson was very generous with her encores.

Minna Krowkosky charmed with three groups of songs on the violin. She is an artist of rare ability and drew from the strings melodies one had no idea were there.

The manager of the bureau which supplied the talent for the series was present. He explained to the audience the failure of Miss Maxwell to keep her engagement. He told of his struggles to secure another artist to take her place and how Miss Johnson had made a flying trip from Detroit to be here. He was profuse in his apologies and said that he thought the situation demanded his presence to explain matters.

The series has been an unqualified success from the start. Sponsored by the community, the profits will be devoted partly to the Library and partly to the Fire Truck Fund. The chances for a more elaborate program for next season are good.

STATE AUTO ASSN.  
URGES SUPPORT OF  
MEENTZ ROAD LAW

Says Bill Will Centralize Maintenance, Patrol and Marking of Highways.

Motorists and all others interested in motor vehicle legislation in Illinois are urged to exert their influence in aiding the passage of the amended Meentz bill, due to come up for a decision in the Senate at Springfield soon, in a bulletin sent out by the Illinois State Automobile Association.

If this bill becomes a law, the association points out, a comprehensive system of state highways will be established and the present haphazard method of piecemeal maintenance and construction will go into the discard.

This bill provides for the department of Public Works and Building taking over the maintenance, patrol and marking of federal aid, state bond issue and state aid roads as fast as the necessary appropriations are made.

Until the roads are taken over by the state, they are to be under control and direct supervision of the county boards and, in that event, the counties are required to maintain and repair them.

Among the important provisions of this far reaching bill, that will centralize the maintenance, patrol and marking of highways in Illinois, are clauses that give the department of Public Works and Buildings powers which when exercised will greatly aid motorists of the state. The department will be vested with the power to enforce the provisions of the motor vehicle act on public highways of the state. It also will cause the erection of standard guide and warning signs for the direction and information of motorists.

Prominent highway officials and men who have devoted many years to the study of good and bad roads declare this proposed measure marks a pronounced stride in the direction of progress in pulling Illinois out of the mire.

All persons and organizations interested in the good road movement in Illinois are urged to interview or write to their Senators at Springfield recommending the passage of the bill. Minor objections to the bill are greatly overshadowed, declares the association, by the benefits to be derived from the grouping of different classes of roads in the state under one comprehensive system that will tend to unify hitherto conflicting interests. The bill will help every community in the state.

Lines to Be Remembered. The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious; as among ourselves we say even of a trifling gift, "It comes from a hand we love," and look not so much at the gift as at the heart of the giver.—Martin Luther.

COMMUNICATION

We take no responsibility for anything written in letters to The Reporter. All we require is that communications be signed. No attention will be given to anonymous letters.

Downers Grove, Ill., April 26, 1921. Editor, Reporter:

As you gave a large amount of your space last week to Dr. Tutt's lecture on Christian Science, I am sure you will accord me a small corner this week for some observations thereon. Thank you.

Dr. Tutt denies the personality of God. "God is Principle." But there are many principles—truth, justice, Mercy, Wisdom, power. Are there then many gods? If not, which principle is God?

Principle is abstract. How can the abstract function except through the concrete—a personality? Inferentially, he denies the efficacy of prayer. But Christian Scientists pray. Why? What use of addressing a prayer to an abstraction? Who would think of praying to the multiplication table?

Dr. Tutt denies the divinity of Jesus Christ. He refers to "the pantheistic dogma that Jesus was God." But in John 3:16, Jesus speaks of Himself as "the only-begotten Son of God." Either he speaks the truth or he was an imposter.

Dr. Tutt denies the existence of matter. "Matter," he says, "has been exposed by Christian Science as merely human belief." "A false concept," as it were. You have no home; you merely believe you have. You own no car; you only think you do. And so on ad absurdum. He graciously confesses, however, that "Christian Scientists wear clothes, eat food, and heat their homes." But all these are non-existent—mere "human beliefs."

After making this concession to the absurd belief in the existence of material things, he says: "The Christian Scientist is putting off daily the old, the material and is putting on the new, the spiritual. His motto is less and less reliance on matter. The vanishing point of matter is foreshown in man's increasing dominion over it." Of course when that "vanishing point" is reached, we will not live in houses; we will drive no cars; we will eat no food; we will wear no clothes. For all these material things have passed away; or rather, they never existed. Then, oh then, we can give Old H. C. L. the merry ha ha. And the Coal Baron, and the Rent Hog, and all their delectable tribe will pass out into nothingness, whence they came. Beautiful! Wonderful! "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian Scientist."

In order that there may be a clear distinction between the Christian religion and Christ Science, I have called attention to three fundamental beliefs of the Christian religion which Christ Science denies; viz., the Personality of God, the Divinity of Jesus Christ, and the efficacy of prayer.

Very truly,  
William A. Brubaker.

SATURDAY'S STORM  
EXPENSIVE TO THE  
ILL. BELL PHONE CO.

Fifty-Seven Hundred Poles Down—  
Lines Between Towns Are  
Blown Away.

Last Saturday's storm was an expensive one for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

A check-up by the Company showed that fifty-seven hundred telephone poles were blown over by the wind. In many cases the lines between towns were entirely down, involving destruction of approximately seventy-seven miles of toll circuit.

By working day and night since the storm, the Telephone Company's crews have been able to restore service to a limited degree to practically all points in the state.

It is estimated that the storm cost the Telephone Company in excess of \$500,000. The area involved was about one hundred miles north and south, extending across the state in a northeasterly direction, approximately north of Peoria. The local service, except for certain farmer lines, has been generally restored and the toll service is rapidly being restored.

Spencer Popular in America. Herbert Spencer, the great philosopher, was more popular in America during his life than in England. When Spencer visited the United States, in 1882, his fame and influence were so securely established that one admirer offered to pay all the expenses incurred by the philosopher on his trip, and heads of railways offered him the most luxurious traveling facilities, while other friends vied with one another to make the tour comfortable, interesting and instructing.

SOME SPEED  
THIS, EVEN IN  
AGE OF SPEED

Burlington Mail Made Record Run Twenty-Two Years Ago—  
Other Items.

Sunday night the Burlington fast mail, No. 15, made the run from Chicago to Burlington, 206 miles in 199 minutes. The train left Chicago at 9:58, twenty-eight minutes late, and arrived in Burlington at 1:17 Monday morning, five minutes ahead of time. Twelve minutes was taken up in stops, making the actual running time 187 minutes. This is the swiftest run ever made between those two points. The train was drawn by engine 1215, Engineer J. E. Kelly.

The above item is from the Reporter of the issue of April 27, 1899, and would be considered "some" speed even in this age of speed.

22 YEARS AGO IN THE REPORTER

From the issue of April 27, 1899.

The death of Miss Jessie Crouse, daughter of Mr. J. Crouse of East Grove, occurred at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Humphrey at Washington, D. C., April 25th. Miss Crouse was a sister of Mrs. J. W. Worley and Mrs. M. Skinner of East Grove and of the Rev. F. C. Crouse.

C. S. Hughes who has purchased the Brode Hardware Store, will move here with his family this week.

Mrs. John Stanley and Mrs. L. P. Naramore received Tuesday the news of the death of their only surviving uncle, C. A. Naramore, in Troy, N. Y., aged 91 years. Mr. Naramore has visited here at different times and will be remembered by the old residents of Downers Grove and Lisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Riddler gave a party last Saturday in honor of the fourth birthday of their daughter, Gertrude. Those present were the following: Earl Prince, Leroy Dickson, Bob Dickson, Walter Barret, Ruth Lancaster, Marion Lower, Marie Olson, Alice Olson, Vera Frey, Anna Heal, Clarence Heal, Garth Farrar, Brian Carpenter, Bob Carpenter, Helen Thatcher, Bill Shannabrook, Edna Hemphill.

Mrs. M. Slusser visited with the family of Rev. H. H. Rood at South Chicago last Friday.

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L A C E N E W S

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marwitz, Tuesday, April 26th, a son, Robert Arthur.

At the election held at the Luther League on Wednesday evening the following officers were elected: Albert Schultz, President; Arthur Zarn, Vice-President; Malinda Andermann, Secretary; John Karsten, Treasurer.

Mr. E. Baethke is trying to drive a Ford truck.

Alvin Knapp, who spent a week's vacation at his grandmother's, Mrs. Andermann, has returned to his home in Chicago.

INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY  
We have a deep and abiding faith in mankind. We believe that people, confronted suddenly with a problem on which they must make a decision between right and wrong, instinctively choose the right. There have been in the village in the past and

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are now various rumors which tend to blacken the characters of certain of our citizens. Before repeating any of these stories which come to your notice, investigate; don't simply retell them, adding a few conjectures of your own thereby embellishing the tale. Idle gossip never does good. Swat it as you would a fly.

St. Joseph's Church  
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