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## WHAT HAVE THEY DONE? ANSWERED TUESDAY EVENING

Closing Exercises Daily Vacation Bible School Held at the Baptist Church.

What Have They Done? This was a question asked in last week's Reporter. It was answered at the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, at the closing exercises of the Daily Vacation Bible School when the children who have been in attendance for the last three weeks, showed the results of their efforts.

The things accomplished in this short space of time show that the school was no playhouse but a place for work. There were many and beautiful objects, creations of boys and girls from six years up. Beautiful hammered brass picture frames, wonderful baskets, aprons, bags, book racks, hammocks and what not, all done by nimble little fingers under the direction of a volunteer teaching force.

There is one regret, voiced by the Rev. Arnold H. Kehrl, pastor of the Baptist Church and Supt. of the Vacation School, which was held by those present Tuesday night. This was that not more of the grown people of the village attended to see what their youngsters had been doing. The church should have been filled to capacity with parents and those interested in children.

Opening the program the Rev. Kehrl gave a talk on what the vacation Bible schools teach and how they teach it. He gave a short history of the idea, which started in Chicago in 1918, and how the church federation of that city is increasing the number of schools each year. He emphasized the fact that it was a strictly non-sectarian institution and that here in the village all the work had been done by volunteer workers.

Mr. Kehrl was more than anxious that the credit for the success of the school go where it was due, to the teaching staff. He said that alone he could have accomplished comparatively nothing and only with the hearty support and cooperation of those who so faithfully worked with the children were the results accomplished.

Following his opening remarks a session of the school was held. The children marched in and were seated at a signal. Then came the opening prayer followed by fifteen minutes of delightful church music. The leader asked the youngsters to name the song they wished to sing and from

## ANNUAL PICNIC OF DOWNERS FOLKS IN CALIF. AUGUST 6TH

Election of Officers and Other Business to be Held in Lincoln Park, Los Angeles.

Pasadena, California,  
July 21st, 1921.

Dear Mr. Staats:

Will be pleased to have you announce thru the Reporter the Annual Basket Picnic of the Downers Grove Association of Southern California, to be held Saturday, August 6th, at Lincoln Park, Los Angeles.

At this meeting the election of officers and other matters of business will be disposed of. EVERYBODY will be expected to come provided with their own lunch, also cups. Coffee will be served by the committee.

Everybody is invited to attend. This will no doubt be the best attended gathering yet held. Dinner at 2:00 o'clock.

Respectfully,  
A. C. RIDDLER.

This annual gathering of folks who once called Downers Grove home is an interesting affair. Each year the date is announced thru the Reporter columns and in this way reaches people who would otherwise not know of it.

We would like to be there and shake hands again with the good people who have migrated to sunny California from the old town, give them news of tried and true friends still here, and listen to their tales of "the old days."

'Tis possible tho and some other year perhaps, who knows?

## FIREMEN PLAN BIG CARNIVAL FOR LABOR DAY

To Hold Another Moonlight Picnic on Next Saturday Evening, August Sixth.

Plans are now being considered for a big Downers Grove carnival under the auspices of the Downers Grove Fire Department for Labor Day. With the other schemes they have for raising money it is expected that by the last of the year the fire truck indebtedness will be paid off.

The firemen will hold another moonlight picnic in the Forest Preserve west of the village a week from Saturday night, August 6th. They are also contemplating another big raffle. This time they will put up \$300 worth of coal (winter is coming) in three prices and every coal user in the village is expected to plunge on the purchase of chances.

Efforts are to be made to make the Labor Day affair a really big one.

## CURTISS THEATRE CLOSES DOORS FOR CHAUTAUQUA WEEK

No Performances at South Side Show House Until Next Wednesday Evening.

The next show at the Curtiss Theatre will be next Wednesday evening, August 3d. Elmer Uhlhorn, proprietor of the theatre made the announcement Tuesday night giving his reason that he would do everything in his power to make the Redpath Chautauqua under the auspices of the American Legion a success.

The Curtiss will have no show Saturday evening nor next Tuesday, following this announcement.

## UNION SERVICES IN CHAUTAUQUA TENT NEXT SUNDAY NITE

Musical and Religious Program For Evening Should Prove High Spot of Summer.

The Open Air Service of Sunday, July 31, 1921, beginning at 7:30 p. m., will be held in the tent of the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, which is conducting a Chautauqua here under the auspices of the American Legion of Downers Grove.

The program of the evening will be under the auspices of the Downers Grove Woman's Club and the St. Paul's Evangelical Church, the Rev. Wm. Grotsfeld, pastor. It will be a two part program, music and a brief religious service. The Civic Music Association of Chicago secured the musical talent for the evening. Mr. Frank Parker, baritone singer, Miss Nest Smith, violinist, and Miss Margaret Wilson, accompanist. All three musicians are artists of the highest grade.

The program which follows shows a variety of selections, secular and religious.

Downers Grove Community Council and the

Downers Grove Woman's Club

Cooperating with the

Civic Music Association of Chicago

Frank Parker ..... Baritone

Nesta Smith ..... Violinist

Margaret Wilson ..... Accompanist

Lightweight ..... Goatley

I Am Thy Harp ..... Woodman

When the Dew is Falling ..... Schneider

Down the Vale ..... Moir

Mr. Parker

Tambourin ..... Gossec-Franco

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## THE UNIVERSAL VERDICT IS—

"It pays to use Reporter classifieds." For over a year we have been boosting the use of Reporter want ads. During that time many doubters have been turned into enthusiastic boosters of these little business getters. How? They used one or two ads and found that they accomplished everything we claimed for them. For instance, just last week a local man lost his panama hat at East Grove when the wind blew it from his head. He came in, said, "Don't suppose it'll do any good but I'll advertise for it anyway." He did and he now has that hat back again and all for the small sum of thirty-five cents. Besides finding lost articles Reporter classifieds sell lots, houses, baby buggies, etc., etc. They will find what you want to buy and sell what you want to sell. Try one next week. The cost is small.



E. W. FARRAR, First White Child Born in County

## "TAPS" SOUNDED LAST MONDAY FOR "GENE" FARRAR

Was First White Child Born in Du Page County—Lifetime Resident of Village.

Taps sounded last Monday for Eugene W. Farrar, veteran of the Civil War and a lifelong resident of Downers Grove.

For months, Captain Farrar, as he was affectionately known throughout the village and more than half the county, had been ill. The infirmities of age, his eighty-sixth birthday was last Sunday, weighed heavily upon him and even his accustomed stroll down town was beyond his strength for nearly a year.

Captain Farrar enjoyed the distinction of being the first white child born in DuPage County. He first saw light July 24th, 1835 streaming through the windows of a log cabin which stood beside the highway which is now Maple avenue almost opposite the present high school building. His home for more than half a century was only a few rods west of his birth place.

Captain Farrar, "Gene" as the old timers all called him, was for years a prominent figure in village affairs. He served several terms as school director and from the early days was a leader in local happenings.

He responded quickly to Lincoln's call to arms at the outbreak of the Civil War and enlisted in the Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving till the close of the war, much of the time as sergeant. He was a leader in Naper Post, No. 468, Grand Army of the Republic and until a few years ago his erect figure was always seen when the Post marched leading the blue clad veterans as officer of the day.

It was a sore trial to him when he was obliged to relinquish his command on Decoration Day. The year after the World War his was the word of command which led his comrades and the overseas veterans into the cemetery where the first joint Memorial Day ceremonies were held. He was ever a man of positive opinions. Black was black and white was white with him, no neutral tints mattered with the doughty old soldier.

His friends were many and he leaves a memory of a good soldier, an upright citizen and a kind husband and father.

Eugene W. Farrar was born in Downers Grove, Illinois, July 24th, 1835. In 1866, a year after he returned from the war he married Martha J. Carpenter, who with four sons, two daughters, and eleven grandchildren, survive him.

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## CITIZENSHIP WAS TOPIC OF A GOOD SPEAKERTUESDAY

Organization of Local League of Women Voters to be Perfect August 9th.

A group of thinking and "politically interested" women gathered at the Library Hall Tuesday afternoon and organized themselves into what shall be known as "A Local League of Women Voters." There is a National and a State League of Women Voters, to which this organization is linked. Although it is in a sense political it is not partisan and is not a Woman's Party. Its members come from all parties but act and are guided by the firm and steadfast principles of good citizenship. They aim to make each woman an intelligent voter, to better conditions under which they live and to strive at all times for higher political ideals.

Mrs. W. J. O'Neill, acting as temporary chairman, expressed the ideas of organization when she said that steps would be taken to obtain speakers of renown to talk to and explain, as well as instruct, the women of our community on all the problems of the day which confront us from a political view and few are those who understand them and can vote intelligently on all such subjects. This the women will endeavor to overcome by means of the League of Women Voters and their class in citizenship. The organization is pushing a worthy cause and filling a long felt need in local political circles. They will not confine their discussions to National topics but will also dwell on local topics as well.

The meeting was in the form of an informal talk. Mrs. W. J. O'Neill appointed a nominating committee and a committee to draw up a proposed constitution. Mrs. J. F. Jenness is chairman of the nominating committee with Mrs. C. B. Reed, Mrs. A. H. Barnhart, Mrs. F. C. Lancaster and Mrs. J. L. Remmers, as cohorts. Mrs. A. Whitehorn acts as chairman of the constitution committee with Mrs. H. S. Paine and Mrs. Lavera Hannum as co-workers.

Mrs. George Mathes, who is President of the Woman's Church Federation of Chicago, gave a wonderful talk to the group. Mrs. Mathes is a woman, well versed on all the political problems of the day and told of a number of them in a simple yet forceful way. Speaking from the topic "Good Citizenship," she emphatically said that only one versed with the ideals of good citizenship could be an intelligent voter and urged the women to attend all such meetings as may strengthen them on political

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## DU PAGE COUNTY "SLACKER LIST" IN LEGION HANDS

Full Investigation Will be Made Before the Names are Given to The Public.

The lists of names of men of Du Page County alleged to have evaded the draft laws are now in the hands of the American Legion and the County Authorities.

Each local Post with the cooperation of the County and City authorities, will endeavor to run down each man listed, but publication of the names will be withheld until each man located is given an opportunity to prove that he was in the service.

The close organization of the Legion in DuPage County will assure that the most energetic measures will be taken in the search and prosecution of every draft evader.

Draft evaders are classed as deserters and when apprehended will face army court martial.

## SAINT HEDWIG'S SOCIETY GIVES PICNIC SUNDAY

Proceeds Go For Educational Purposes in the School of Saint Mary's Church.

On Sunday, July 31st, 1921, the St. Hedwig's Society from St. Mary's Church, is arranging a picnic and a dance in the grove at Fairview and Prairie avenues, for the benefit of St. Mary's School.

As the proceeds are for the education of our children to be God-fearing and law-abiding citizens of this country, it is expected that our friends and business men of Downers Grove will heartily support this undertaking.

A hearty welcome is extended to all by the Picnic Committee and Rev. J. Grzesinski, Pastor.

## THOMAS DOBBS FARM BUILDINGS SAVED FROM FIRE

Auto Truck Again Demonstrates its Usefulness Pumping Water From a Cistern.

A still alarm from the Thomas Dobbs farm on the Warrenville road, just east of Belmont, Wednesday afternoon, called the fire truck and three members of the local department.

In some unknown manner a bunch of corn shocks had caught fire and the blazing stalks were being blown into a large barn by the strong wind. Immediately after reaching the scene, one of the chemicals was brought into play, quickly dousing the large flames. The suction hose was then lowered into a cistern and with the engine going a stream of water quickly put out the rest of the fire.

Mr. Dobbs was loud in his praise of the quick response to the alarm and the efficient way in which the firemen worked. He says that their arrival undoubtedly saved the barn and probably some of the farm buildings.

On the way out, Grant Dicke, who was driving, barely missed the new Buick car whose driver thought he would contest the road with the heavy truck. It was Dicke's clever driving which saved the Buick from being knocked for a row of tenement houses as the truck was going full speed. Auto drivers would do well to heed the fire truck warning for it is no light vehicle.

## FOR DOWNERS GROVE NEWS READ—

THE REPORTER. Local people are interested in the happenings of Downers Grove. They seek in a local newspaper one which covers the town in a clean way; which slings no mud at anyone and conscientiously tries to publish a community paper which is worth double the small subscription price asked. The Reporter is, as its slogan indicates, "A Newspaper for the Community." It is our constant aim to give the people of this community a paper in keeping with the high ideals of those who live here; one which reflects the daily life of all the people and not of some small faction or clique. With this as a beacon to guide us, we have for years published a community newspaper which is recognized as one of the best in the State. For Downers Grove news, read The Reporter. \$2.00 per year. Subscribe today.

## ALTON PACKARD, THE CARTOONIST, IS TO CLOSE CHAUTAUQUA

If He's as Good as His Letter He'll be a Roaring Hit From the Start to the Finish.

Downers Grove's five-day Chautauqua program opened with a bang yesterday afternoon the Hippie Concert Co., giving one of the best entertainments ever heard in the village.

At the request of the local Legion, which is sponsoring the chautauqua, the Rev. Arthur Spencer Phelps, pastor of the Congregational Church, introduced "Chautauqua Bill" Wright, one of the best men in this line in the United States, who will superintend the program here, remaining until next Tuesday evening. Mr. Phelps also made a strong and eloquent plea that local people back up the Legion in their effort to bring to the village an uplifting program at a very low cost. He told how the boys are almost \$500 behind in the guarantee to the Redpath Bureau, urged folks to buy season tickets at once and show the fellows that they are with them.

Last night George L. McNutt, the "Dinner Pail Man," gave a stirring lecture on the all-important and always interesting question of food. His lecture, "War on Hunger," will live for many years in the minds of those who heard him.

The chautauqua will start every afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and every evening at 8:00 o'clock during the five days. The story hour will be held at ten o'clock every morning when the children are invited to the tent free of charge to be entertained by "the story lady."

The balance of the course will be as printed in last week's Reporter, one of the greatest chautauqua programs ever seen in this part of the country.

Closing the chautauqua next Tuesday evening, August 2d, will be Alton Packard, the cartoonist fun-maker. His slogan, rare fun—well done, should prove to be a true one if the following letter is any criterion of what he can do.

The letter was so good that we simply had to pass it on to our readers exactly as it was written. We would like to reproduce a picture of him which headed the letter, and which he called his home made letter head, but we can't.

But go on and read—  
Dear Mr. Staats:  
I am sending you this outburst pri-

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## SANITARY DISTRICT SELLS BOND ISSUE IN A LUMP AT PAR

B. E. Balczynski Handles Transaction and Board Ratifies Action at Meeting Tuesday.

Compton & Company, of Chicago, have signed a contract with the Downers Grove Sanitary District to take the full amount of the bond issue of \$75,000. This firm will pay par for the bond and the entire issue will be taken in one lump.

Mr. B. E. Balczynski, a member of the drainage board, negotiated the transaction which is a very good one. In a market such as the one at present, it was the opinion of some that in order to get rid of the bonds they would have to be sold at a premium. The news that Mr. Balczynski has been successful in making the good deal he did comes as a very pleasant surprise.

The Drainage Board ratified the action of Mr. Balczynski at an adjourned meeting on Tuesday evening and as soon as the necessary preliminaries can be complied with, the money will be paid into the treasury.

On the recommendation of Edgar D. Otto, engineer for the district, the present disposal plant will be used so far as possible. Other units will be added, the filter beds will be changed to comply with the latest research in these matters. That part of the present system which will fit in with the needs of the new one, will be made a part of the new disposal plant.

Using the present system as it is, so far as possible will be the means of saving quite a bit of money to the people of the district.