

JUNIOR ATHLETES SAID "FAREWELL" TO MR. GEETING

Originator of Grade Athletic Assn. Resigns to Take up Position at Dayton, Ohio.

Teachers and pupils of the Downers Grove Schools are sustaining a loss in the departure of Mr. Geeting, who has been our manual training teacher for the past year and a half. The death of his mother which occurred about a month ago has made it almost imperative that he locate near the home town.

In addition to his manual training work, Mr. Geeting's interest in the boys led him to organize a Junior Athletic Association in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. This association fostered a strong school spirit and also produced a higher standard of class work, as the boys were ineligible for the teams unless their class work and deportment were up to grade. Mr. Geeting's moral influence over the boys was marked in both the class room and athletic training.

It was due to Mr. Geeting's efforts and planning with the physical culture teacher of Hinsdale, Miss Bodenstein, that a DuPage County grade basketball tournament was held last March at Hinsdale, which was the first grade tournament in the history of the county. As a result of this tournament our boys brought home a large pennant which hangs in the upper hall of the South Side grade building.

The Junior Athletic Association, to show their appreciation of Mr. Geeting's efforts, assembled in the High School auditorium Friday afternoon to hold a farewell meeting for him. Douglas Huntington, former president of the association, with Edwin Lawson, Gordon McCollum and Spencer Lott spoke appropriate words of appreciation and farewell in behalf of their respective grades. The talks given by these boys were interspersed with three songs, two of which were written in honor of Mr. Geeting. Near the end of the program Robert McClure, speaking in behalf of the association, told Mr. Geeting that a gift, consisting of two Wallace Nutting pictures, is being sent to his home as a token of our appreciation and love. Mr. Geeting responded in his usual modest and sincere manner describing to the hard work of the boys themselves the success of the association. He said he did not expect to enjoy the work with the children of the new place as he had enjoyed working with the boys and girls of Downers Grove. The meeting closed with cheers led by our very efficient cheer leader, Richard Kellogg. The children dispersed singing: "Then it's rip, rip, rip. For our jolly friend so true, And it's rah, boys, rah We'll always think of you. Of the many times so pleasant We have always with you had, And now that you must leave us, It, indeed does make us sad." We wish Mr. Geeting the best of

success in his new position at Dayton, Ohio.

Three of the High School teachers, Miss Trott Miss Bradbury, and Mrs. Sanford, together with Principal Vernon and Superintendent Reed, attended the High School Conference at Urbana last week. This was the annual State meeting of high school administrators and teachers, at which various problems of the high school touching the various phases of education are presented and discussed.

The sessions of Thursday and Friday were shortened by the absence of teachers. This permitted a good crowd to attend the Elmhurst game on Thursday afternoon.

Our football season has closed. This has been a successful and beneficial season in several ways to our school. Well organized and executed this activity of our school life has functioned throughout the entire school. It has unified the whole school body—given an impetus to like effort in a dozen channels, and has been a means to self discovery on the part of many students.

The entire absence of unsportsmanlike conduct on the field, both at home and abroad on the part of those who had the honor of representing our high school has been a matter of congratulatory comment by spectators and the lesson taught to the younger children who witnessed the games was of the most wholesome sort.

The support given the team and school in this season's games by the entire community, is the kind we believe is back of all their efforts in every school activity.

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There will be no sessions of the public schools on Friday following Thanksgiving. Nearly all of our teachers whose homes are out of the city will be out of the city for this four day recess.

Mr. Pfaff, one of our efficient school janitors, who is recovering nicely from a very serious operation, was remembered in a pleasant way by every teacher in the South Side school on Thanksgiving Day. We appreciate the effort of all those who make our work easier by keeping working condition favorable.

One of the moving picture reels this week depicted the growth of teeth from childhood to adult life—illustrated the substitution of permanent teeth for those of early childhood and emphasized the necessity of constant care to avoid the pain.

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