

AMERICAN LEGION TAKES CHARGE OF WHITNEY FUNERAL

Downers Grove Young Man Killed in Mine Accident, to be Buried From M. E. Church.

EX-SERVICE men of Downers Grove will have charge of the funeral of Hilliard Whitney, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Whitney, of East Grove, at the Methodist-Episcopal Church at three o'clock tomorrow.

Whitney was killed last Saturday, December 18, in an accident at the Katherin granite, Kingman, Ariz., of which property he was the owner.

At the church service, Mr. Downer will speak of Whitney as "A Young Man, A Soldier" and Mr. Adams, a mining engineer, will speak of him "As an Engineer."

Hilliard Whitney was born in Downers Grove, February 24, 1895. He was a graduate of the local grade and high school, and of the College of Engineering, University of Illinois in 1917.

Lieut. Whitney signed from the service and entered the U. S. mining service as an inspector for New Mexico and Arizona. He spent two years in this work until taking the assistant superintendency of the Katherin mine.

He was a young man of sterling character without an enemy in the world. The men of his outfit in the army swore by him and tell many tales of his heroism and fortitude on the trip across when almost the entire battery was laid out with the flu.

PARENT-TEACHERS REGULAR MEETING WAS HELD DEC. 15

Noonday Lunch and Other Activities Discussed in High School Assembly Hall.

The Parent-Teachers Association held the regular monthly meeting for December in the Assembly Hall last Thursday.

The evening was given over to discussion of local activities of the Association and receiving suggestions from members.

The popular noonday lunches was discussed and the working of the machinery explained. Also a demonstration of how effective are the results was given after the meeting when the parent, adjourned to the Domestic Science room and sampled a hot dish and coffee.

The school board committee reported that they were in readiness for the opening of the next term for teachers at the beginning of next term.

Miss Reed led the community singing, with Mrs. Sanford at the piano. Mrs. Michels sang with violin and piano accompaniment by Mrs. Sanford and Miss Thelma Roe. Also Miss Roe gave a piano number.

The meeting was well attended and the interest shown was most gratifying. The next regular meeting of the association will be held the third Thursday in January.

HOLSTEIN ASSN. TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING DEC. 28

Cow Judging Demonstration at Rathbun Farm in Morning—Meet at Glen Theatre.

The DuPage County Holstein-Friesian Association will hold an all day meeting on next Wednesday, December 28. It is the annual meeting.

Meeting at the John K. Rathbun farm, three miles north of Glen Elgin at 10:30 for the morning session, the leaders of the white and black will have a cow judging demonstration. Mr. Rathbun is the owner of the Grand Champion bull of the Illinois State Fair, and the cattle men can get some practical pointers on cow judging.

Dinner will be served at noon in one of the Glen Elgin churches and the afternoon session will be held in the Glen Elgin church. There will be talk, music, and a closing prayer.

Anyone interested in cow judging or cattle, with more than ordinary interest, will be glad to attend. DuPage county men invited to attend.

RIFLE CLUB IS TO SHOOT NEXT WEEK WEDNESDAY NIGHT

No Shoot Tonight as "Exam" Will be Held by American Legion for Basketball.

The Downers Grove Rifle Club will have the first of the high school gymnasium next Wednesday evening. The first of the year has been announced to the members because of the Legion's using the room for basketball practice. There will be no shoot tonight for the same reason and it is understood that in the near future some arrangement will be made so that the devotees of the small calibre rifle will be assigned a certain night and assured that they can have the gun on that night.

Enthusiasm is growing among these hill's eye experts and it is thought that their ranks will be augmented by others in the future. Anyone interested is invited to participate in the shooting and then "join up."

I. O. O. F. KIDDIES MET SANTA CLAUS—GIVEN PRESENTS

Fifty Children and Their Parents Made Merry at Annual Xmas Party Monday Night.

Fifty children, sons and daughters of local Rebekahs and Odd Fellows, made merry at the third annual Christmas party of two orders at the Odd Fellow hall on Monday evening, December 19. Santa Claus, with his pack in spite of the many other calls on his time, made it a point to be there and distribute gifts and candy to the happy kiddies. There was a Christmas tree, decorated from bottom to top with shining ornaments and lights and the Christmas spirit of happiness, good will and peace on earth seemed to hover over the gathering.

The grown-ups were more than repaid for their time and trouble by hearing the little ones in short recitations and song of the Christmas tide and the sound of childish voices, piping the old, old story of the Nativity, will not soon be forgotten. Growing each year, the Odd Fellows Christmas is now eagerly looked forward to by the kiddies and is a permanent affair with the only part they enjoyed themselves was on parent from their happy smiling faces.

ST. JOSEPH A. C. BASKET BALLERS LOST SATURDAY

Three Extra Five-Minute Periods Necessary to Decide Hard Fought Battle.

St. Joe's travelled to Chicago last Saturday night to lose a hard fought game of basketball to the St. Benno's of St. Paul's Parish, Hayne and 2nd Place. The St. Joe's held them to a tied game for the regular time allowed. Three extra five minute periods were played and in the third St. Joe's, who seemed to be all in simply bowed to St. Benno's and let them toss three baskets in succession. The game finished with a score of 23 to 17 in favor of St. Benno's.

A week ago Saturday night the St. Joe's took in camp Herd Island team from Aurora, Illinois. The game was well played on both sides but the St. Joe's seemed to be better than the Islanders as the final score was 23 to 15. Watch for announcements for their future games.



LEONARD H. WHITNEY Killed at Kingman, Arizona, last Saturday and who is to be buried at the West Side cemetery tomorrow.

C. H. STAATS NEW POSTMASTER FOR DOWNERS GROVE

Appointment was Confirmed by Senate Monday—Stood High in Examination

C. H. Staats, editor of The Downers Grove Reporter, has been appointed Postmaster for the Downers Grove post office. President Harding made the appointment on December 14 and it was confirmed at an executive session of the Senate on Dec. 19.

Mr. Staats ranked high in the Civil Service examination, which according to a ruling made this year by President Harding was necessary, and his name was certified by the Civil Service Commission to the President for action several weeks ago.

When the post office will be taken over by the new appointee is not known. However, the general opinion is that shortly after the first of the year will see the change. John Downer was the appointee for this office under President Wilson and is still holding the job.

When a keel regarding any change in present practice at the local office, Mr. Staats said, "I will endeavor to give service. It is my belief that the Government policy with the mails is to give a service that is all-embracing and not one for making money. If I can make any change in the local office that will improve the service to the people of the community, that change will be made."

Mr. Staats will give up entirely the management of The Reporter. The paper will be in the hands of his son, Walter J. Staats and his son-in-law, Chester J. Winter, who have been associated with him in the business for several years.

Having been a resident of Downers Grove for the past twenty-five years, Mr. Staats is no stranger to the folks of the community. He has served on the Village Board and has always taken an active interest in civic affairs of the community and county.

ATTORNEYS ARGUE TOMORROW FOR A NEW KLEIN TRIAL

Judge Irwin Says Physical Condition and the Law Makes Case Bailable.

Attorneys for the defense in the case of Jacob Klein, convicted for the killing of Leo Neumann, of Chicago, will argue for a new trial before Judge Irwin in the Circuit Court at Wheaton tomorrow morning.

The case was to have come up last Friday but the defense attorney, watched the new trial plea to one for bail and Klein was admitted to bail in the sum of \$20,000. He is now at his home south of the village awaiting the outcome of the latest legal moves in his defense.

In admitting Klein to bail Judge Irwin gave a lengthy opinion in which the physical condition of the defendant entered. The law in the case was cited and is substantially as follows:

"While in Illinois the law does not recognize degrees of murder in so many words, it does in fact establish three degrees of murder—namely: murder punishable by death; punishable by life imprisonment; punishable by a term of years. Klein has been convicted of the third, punishable by a term of years, and can never be sentenced for any punishment greater than that. The law says that all crimes in the State of Illinois shall be bailable except capital cases. It is a common error to say that murder is a capital offense and therefore not bailable, but Klein was not convicted of a capital offense, therefore as a matter of law he was entitled to bail."

Defense attorneys are prepared to take the case up to the Supreme Court. Mr. Klein is rapidly failing in health and it is the opinion of competent doctors that he has not very much longer to live.

\$30,000 PLEDGED TOWARD BUILDING MASONIC TEMPLE

Good Attendance at First Annual Association Meeting Last Friday Evening

Thirty thousand dollars has been pledged by local members of the Masonic fraternity toward the building of a Downers Grove Masonic Temple. This is the word which inspired the members of the local temple association to enthusiasm at its first annual meeting last Friday night.

There was a good attendance, the ways of the members being especially noted among those present. Officers for the first year, elected at the organization meeting several weeks ago, were ratified as was also the constitution and by-laws of the association. The date of the annual meeting was fixed for the third Friday in December each year when new officers will be elected and other business taken care of.

The Board of Trustees will meet the first Monday of every month for the transaction of such business as may come before it. These sessions will be open to the association members who are cordially invited to attend. They will be held in the parlors of Grove lodge.

FIRE CHIEF IN OFFER TO FLOOD LAKE FOR SKATERS

Henry Dicke Says He Will Keep It Glazy if the "Kids" Will Keep Snow Off

Chief of the Fire Department, H. Dicke, has a plan to make the skating rink on "the lak" all winter. He says if the "kids" will keep the snow and the ricks off the ice he will see that it is kept flooded so that it is glazy all the time.

Here's your chance boys, and also girls, to make the best of the winter sports now when will be available all the time and not dependable on the weather. With the completion of the new cooling system at the electric light plant no more water will be taken from the lake for the cooling of the engines. This will make it possible for the entire body of water to freeze over and not make the south end unsafe as it has been the past few winters. Also the water level will be kept higher, making the skating surface larger.

The fire truck proved itself again last week in the high water from the recent rains. It was used to pump the water from the basements at the North Side Grocery & Market and from the Kidwell Greenhouses.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FARM BUREAU THURSDAY, JAN. 5

Meet in County Court House at 10:30—Dinner in Wheaton M. E. Church at Noon.

Members of the DuPage County Farm Bureau will meet in annual session at the County Court House on Thursday, January 5. The meeting is for the election of officers for the year 1922 and will be called to order at 10:30 a. m.

Reports of officers and of the activities of the Bureau during 1921 will be read and plans made for the future. Beside the business there will be movies, smokes, talks and a dinner served by the ladies at the Wheaton Methodist-Episcopal Church at noon.

J. J. Case, of Elmhurst, took first prize at the International Live Stock Exposition on his area Poland-China boar. This is the same one shown at the Lisle County Fair last fall and shows that the Live Four boars are some of the best exhibits in the world.

A. T. Calk, whose farm home is north of Wheaton, won prizes at the International on his herd of milking Southbreds.

WOMANS CLUB TO PACK CHRISTMAS BOXES SATURDAY

Donations of Food and Clothing Should be at Library Hall Tomorrow Morning.

Christmas boxes for the needy of the community will be packed tomorrow morning by the Philanthropy committee of the Womens Club at Library Hall in their annual effort to bring Christmas cheer to local areas where it is sadly needed.

All donations of food, clothing or money should be sent to the Library by this morning to insure delivery where needed. There are some special cases which can be supplied by persons desiring to cooperate and these will be made known to interested individuals if they will call Mrs. M. H. Prince, who has charge of the work.

COUNTY PLANS A PATROL SYSTEM ON MAIN ROADS

First Step to be Taken in Plan of Making DuPage the Best Good Making DuPage County Best Good Road County.

The Good Roads Committee of the DuPage County Board of Supervisors are about to take the first step in making this the banner county of the state in the making and up-keep of roads. The main highways of travel, north and south, have been taken over by the county in the new plan of state, county and township roads, each to build and maintain a share, and DuPage is now working on a plan for systematic road patrol.

On another page will be found a notice for bids, signed by E. L. Gates, Highway Superintendent, and in it will be found the roads to be kept up. The plan is modeled after that in use in Wisconsin and which has been found to be satisfactory. A patrolman will be assigned to a certain stretch of road. He will have a team and wagon and will fill in the small holes as soon as they are made, take the large ricks away and in general keep his stretch of road in good condition.

The county will furnish the stone or gravel, the grader and other necessary tools and the men will be paid by the hour for their labor.

MRS. D. H. UHLHORN HEADS AUXILIARY FOR YEAR OF 1922

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting at Legion Rooms on Tuesday Afternoon.

Mrs. D. H. Uhlhorn was elected president of the Auxiliary of the American Legion at its annual meeting at the Legion rooms Tuesday afternoon. Reports of officers of the past year were read and plans made for the future.

The list of officers elected follows: Mrs. D. H. Uhlhorn, President; Mrs. Roland Schultz, V. President; Mrs. E. Pfaff, Secretary; Mrs. G. F. Hawkins, Treasurer; Mrs. James, Chaplain; Mrs. J. Dickson, Sergeant at Arms; Executive Board—Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Straube and Mrs. Nargney.

Final plans were made for the Legion-Auxiliary Christmas party and every ex-service man and his family of the vicinity is given a cordial invitation to be present at the Legion rooms, Belmont and Forest avenues, next Wednesday night, December 28.

MRS. W. W. RAMSEY SPEAKER AT W. V. L. MEETING TUESDAY

Educational Problems up for Hearing at Library Hall on December 27.

Next Tuesday evening at seven thirty in Library Hall will be held the regular monthly meeting of the Downers Grove League of Women Voters. Mrs. W. W. Ramsey, who spoke last week will again talk and lead the discussion on Illinois Educational Legislation.

The Citizenhip Committee of the local league has arranged with Mrs. Ramsey to come out and talk to all interested in civic enlightenment every second and fourth Tuesday in each month until a series of six talks has been completed. There are not lectures but classes with a leader who is informed and interested in informing others. The meetings are far more as well as women. Those who are informed about legislation on Education in Illinois and feel that they cannot learn anything from Mrs. Ramsey's talk will be welcome as assistant instructors so there is a reason for attending many classes.

As we all like to know to whom we are indebted for just action and benefits of all kinds, the citizenship chairman of the League gives this opportunity to explain that Mrs. Ramsey and others who are working along this line are giving their services under the direction of the Illinois League of Women Voters for the purpose of awaking a civic conscience and informing the voter, both men and women, on points about which they are largely either misinformed or entirely ignorant. In other words this is a service rendered by earnest women anxious to be of service in the world.

The Library Board has donated the use of the hall for the meetings, believing that it comes within their aims when the League is trying to make known to the people the truth about their government, and how to remedy defects by earnest effort and cooperation.

The committee has made an effort to find an evening which does not conflict with other organizations but it seems impossible to find any date clear now so that we can only ask those interested to try and attend at least those meetings in the series that is possible for them and in that way Mrs. Ramsey will have a chance to reach a gratifying number among us even if we cannot all attend every meeting. Mrs. W. B. Parrish, the president of the local branch of the League will be pleased to receive the names of those interested who can attend the entire series, or will give information concerning this work to those who apply to her.

LEON E. STIMSON TAKES PLACE AS R. A. M. LEADER

Visiting Masons Installed Officers of Grove Chapter Last Saturday Evening.

Royal Arch Masons of Grove Chapter, No. 230, A. F. & A. M., held a semi-public installation of officers for 1922, on Saturday evening, December 17, at the hall of Grove Lodge, Main and Curtis streets. In spite of the inclemency of the weather, and the "counter-attraction" of the American Legion bazaar (in which numerous members of the Chapter were interested), the attendance compared favorably with that of any previous occasion of the sort. Invitations had extended to all members of the Blue Lodge and resident Masons, and their ladies. The installation was the beginning of Grove Chapter's 1922 year of activity, closing the administration of 1921, which had been one of the most flourishing of its career.

The installing officers were members of York Chapter and of Columbia Commandery, Chicago. High Priest-elect Leon E. Stimson being a Sir Knight of the last named body. They arrived late, due to the blizzard which prevailed, but after presenting themselves in the full-dress uniform of Knights Templar, executing some Commandery maneuvers, and getting away with the exercises in the fashion they did, it was agreed that the ceremony was worth waiting for.

A basket of beautiful cut flowers was presented to High Priest Stimson by His Commandery associates; and this, with the speeches which followed, gave the impression that Leon stands high with the Sir Knights. (We also absorbed the idea that these Chicago chaps have enough affection to go around, for they did not forget the other officers, several of which are Masonic acquaintances of long standing.)

The following Companions of York Chapter were among those who took (Continued on Page 5)