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"EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION" IS TOPIC OF MRS. RAMSEY

Enlightened Her Hearers on the Smith-Towner Bill—Will Speak Again.

Last Tuesday evening at 7:30 in Library Hall Mrs. W. W. Ramsey, of Chicago, gave the second in her series of six talks before the Citizenship Class of the League of Women Voters. Her subject was "Educational Legislation." She confined herself almost entirely to enlightening her hearers regarding the Sterling-Towner Bill now up for discussion and which takes the place of the former Smith-Towner Bill. Mrs. Ramsey advised that this bill is the result of years of thoughtful deliberation by leaders in public education throughout the nation. In its preparation and revision every state superintendent or commissioner of education was consulted together with hundreds whose opinions on questions of public education are worthy of consideration. It was favorably reported in its present form by the Committee on Education of Both Senate and House of the Sixty-Sixth Congress.

The educators of the country feel that the very life of the nation depends on whether or not we do something immediately to do away with illiteracy, both native and foreign of our citizens. There is a profound indifference on the part of the masses on this question and a studied and well supported propaganda on the part of others to prevent educational legislation becoming effective.

Before President Harding was elected he intimated that he was in favor of a new department in the cabinet which was construed hopefully by the educators and thinking people of the country to mean that he would favor the appointment of a Secretary of Education. Since his election, however, he has turned a rather willing ear to those who now talk of a Welfare Department with Education as a sub-department. Knowing that the men of the country are now clamoring for a chance to have something to say in the management of affairs, it has been given out that a woman might be appointed as head of such a department. This comes about apparently through the knowledge that the work appeals strongly to the women and that the organized women of the country will work for a Welfare Department where they would perhaps so strongly back a Department of Education. Then also there is no large appropriation back by the Welfare Department such as is provided for a Secretary of Education and carried with it a maximum appropriation of one hundred million dollars.

In the face of the fact that the people of the United States like to regard their country as among the foremost of the world in every line it would seem only necessary to call their attention to the fact that many other countries have better educational facilities and also many have already a Minister of Education in their cabinets, this should be enough to convince the most boastful of our citizens that it is time for this country to do something about education.

In order for a state to share in this appropriation it will be necessary for such state to show the Government that they have spent during the year immediately preceding application the sum for which they are applying. In this way it will not be possible for states to cut down their own expenditures for education at the expense of the Government.

In other words, the whole aim of the bill is to make education within the reach of every single child in this country. Fifty Million Dollars is proposed as the amount to be used in equalizing educational opportunities. Fifteen Million Dollars for training teachers and establishing scholarships in an endeavor to attract young men and women into the teaching profession. Seven and a half million dollars each for the adult native illiterate and adult foreign born illiterate.

When we stop to consider the tremendous toll we are paying for the lack of education opportunity—in dollars and cents to support criminal in-

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NEW ENGINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT THE VILLAGE PLANT

Not Yet Carrying Load but Will Probably Be in Commission by End of Week.

An item of interest that will no doubt interest a good many people of the village is the fact that one of the new Fairbanks-Morse Diesel type engines, recently purchased by the Village Board, has been installed and is being tried out. Supt. Allen informs us that it will be several days before everything is adjusted. If the installation is found okeh will be put in service at once.

This will be a welcome addition to our overloaded electric light plant. It will give an additional 200 horse power and while not sufficient in connection with the old Diesel, to carry the load, it will be of great benefit until the other units are in, allowing for shut downs on the standing equipment and the service thereby somewhat improved.

Work will proceed on the other installation at once and by the time spring or summer rolls around the plant will be in condition to supply all the juice for this town and surrounding territory.

SUCCESSFUL O. E. S. YEAR CLOSED WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Vesta Initiates 100th Candidate on Tuesday Evening Then Enjoys Xmas Tree.

Initiation of the four hundredth member of Vesta Chapter, No. 242, O. E. S., at its regular meeting on Tuesday night marked the closing of the most successful year Vesta Chapter has ever enjoyed. Not only have the petitions been numerous and the work well done but harmony has prevailed and members and friends have been interesting themselves in the varied activities.

During the past year Vesta has arranged and carried out quite a few "big evenings." Tuesday's meeting was one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held.

A reception was held for those who have taken the Eastern Star degrees during the past year and over fifty of the sixty-six who have "gone thru" were presented to the East and then to the chapter.

Following the meeting, a huge Christmas tree, glittering with tinsel and colored electric lights, adorned one corner. Beneath it rested a pile of gifts to be distributed to each one present. A grand march past the tree was formed and the gifts distributed, one being found for each of her officers from Mrs. Clara Barnhart, retiring Worthy Matron.

The evening ended with the serving of refreshments everyone present enjoying the Annual Christmas Party.

Installation of officers for the year 1922 will be held on Friday evening, January 6.

SUPERVISOR MCCLINTOCK, OF HINSDALE, RESIGNED

James McClintock, of Hinsdale, one of the oldest and ablest supervisors of DuPage county, resigned his office yesterday, owing to poor health. It was with deep regret that the Board accepted his resignation.

Mr. McClintock for many years prior to his position as postmaster, was supervisor of this county and his record at Wheaton shows him to be one of the most valuable men on the board.

Upon the death of George Roger, Mr. McClintock was elected to fill the vacancy somewhat against his wishes as his health and business responsibilities gave little time for public duties. The county and township loses an able and efficient officer.

Frank E. Ayres has been chosen to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. McClintock and the township is again fortunate by the choice of a man whose record is of the highest in his participation in county affairs.

His record as county treasurer is highly commendable and he has been in close touch for many years with township matters.—Hinsdale Doings.

XMAS SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES WELL ATTENDED

Special Services During the Day and Parties for the Children Carried Out Spirit.

The services of Downers Grove churches were well attended on Christmas Day this year. The programs for the various congregations were well worked out and the story of the coming of the Christ Child was brought to the young and old alike, depicted by pageants, recitations, songs and sermons. Reports from the churches are that all available seats were taken at the services.

At the Congregational Church Sunday morning a pageant, "The Way to Christmas," was given by the older members of the Sunday School. Miss Hazel Easton gave a reading. In the evening a musical program was given and Scripture by the Rev. A. S. Phelps, "The Christmas Story." On Friday evening, December 23, a Christmas party for the smaller children at which was the usual program and Christmas tree with the distribution of gifts.

On Saturday evening, December 24, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church held a special service of communion, Xmas services and carols at 11:00 p. m. Services of Holy Communion were held Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:30. The party for children was given Thursday evening, December 22, and featured by recitations and songs by the little tots who made merry around the Christmas tree while Santa Claus distributed gifts and candy.

The Christian Science Church held their regular services the subject of the reading being "Christian Science." St. Paul's Evangelical Grove Street Church held their program for Sunday School and congregation in the evening. Christmas songs and recitations by children and grown ups featured the evening and the children were delighted with the tree and presents. (Continued on page 4)

MASONIC TEMPLE TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 4th

Regular Monthly Business and Progress of Association to be Taken Up.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple Association of Downers Grove will be held in the parlors of Grove Lodge on Wednesday evening, January 4, at eight o'clock. This meeting had been set for Tuesday evening, but it was afterward learned that the room was engaged for that time.

Regular monthly business will be transacted, and matters concerning the Association's progress will be taken up. A full attendance is necessary for the harmonious and most beneficial working of the organization. The responsibility of each member is equal to that of another, and you can't "let George do it."

It should be borne in mind that the Trustees' meetings are not a "closed shop." Every member of the Temple Association is not only eligible to attend them, but his presence is desired at any time he wishes to come. It is especially urged upon the officers of the several Masonic bodies, and the chairmen and members of the several committees of the Masonic Temple Association, to come to these monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees.

OPEN HOUSE MONDAY AFTERNOON AT MASONIC HALL

Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M., will observe New Year's Day by keeping "Open House" at the Lodge Hall, third floor Main and Curtis streets, Monday afternoon, January 2, 1922, from 1 to 5 o'clock.

All Masons are urged, and their families and friends invited, to "drop up" and have a cup of tea Monday afternoon.

The custom of "keeping open house" on New Year's, like Masonry, dates from time immemorial, and as a means of spreading good cheer and cementing fellowship there is nothing like it on the social calendar.

SIMPLE BUT IMPRESSIVE SERVICES MARKED FUNERAL

Services for Leonard H. Whitney Attended by Fellow Officers and Legionnaires.

When six fellow-officers carried the body of Leonard H. Whitney to the grave in the West Side cemetery, last Saturday afternoon, it marked the culmination of funeral services, which closely paralleled the kind of life he had led, simple, straightforward, without ostentation, were the last rites for Lieut. Whitney.

The local Post of the American Legion had entire charge of these services which were unique.

Held in the M. E. church and attended by many ex-service men both uniformed and in civics, the Methodist choir under the leadership of Mrs. Ralph Bassweiler, sang two beautiful numbers. The Rev. Gilbert Newland, pastor of the church and chaplain of the Legion post, read the obituary and a prayer.

The actual funeral service was in three parts. In the first Dan Diener, commander of the local post, told of "Love" Whitney as a young man, as a student in the local schools, Lieut. Glenn Craigmile, of La Grange, told of "Whit" as a soldier, Craigmile was his "buddy" and room mate for twenty-two months during the world war. Ray S. Adams, Commander of the Kingman, Arizona post of the Legion who accompanied the body to Downers Grove paid the final tribute, when he spoke of "Whit" as an engineer. Being assistant Superintendent of one of the largest mines in Arizona speaks for his technical ability.

Mr. Adams brought word of how well liked he was both those over him and under him. His good qualities, his kindness and his all around manliness in the face of any phase of life, were emphasized by each speaker.

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PROGRAM AT THE NATURE STUDY EXHIBIT NEXT WEEK

Local Chapter, Wild Flower Preservation, Will Act as Hostesses on Saturday, Jan. 7.

A popular program has been arranged at the Nature Study Exhibit, Art Institute, Chicago, for next week, with Downers Grove Chapter acting as hostesses and guides on Saturday, January 7, 1922. Mrs. E. G. Lemon is chairman of Press and Publicity for the local chapter and hopes that many local people will take advantage of seeing this exhibit, especially on January 7th.

Following is the program arranged for next week.

Monday, January 2—
Out of Door Attractions, Mr. Jesse Lowe Smith, Vice-President of The Audubon Society.

Thursday, January 5—
Mushrooms, Edible and Otherwise, Dr. W. S. Moffatt.

Saturday, January 7—
A chalk talk on Nature subjects, Mr. Henry T. Bailey, Director of the Cleveland School of Art.

Downers Grove Chapter, Wild Flower Preservation will act as hostesses and guides on this day.

LEGION XMAS PARTY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

The Woman's Auxiliary to the American Legion entertained the Legion boys and their friends at Dickie's Hall, Wednesday evening, December 28.

It was their annual Christmas party and all present surely enjoyed themselves. The hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion and the committee in charge worked hard to make the affair a success.

About one hundred people were present and danced, made merry and partook of the delicious refreshments consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, ice cream, cake and coffee.

GROVE LODGE INSTALLED OFFICERS LAST THURSDAY EVENING

M. A. Sullivan Takes Best Year's Chair for 1922—Closed Master Year of Its History.

Last Thursday evening, December 22, Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M., held its annual installation of officers. Mr. N. C. Leavce was the installing officer. The meeting was very well attended and after the ceremonies which were private, luncheon was served in the dining room. M. A. Sullivan was installed as Worshipful Master for the year 1922.

The other officers installed were: D. Harry Jenkins, Senior Warden; Dennis H. Jenkins, Junior Warden; Fred E. Dowe, Secretary; Geo. O. Prickett, Treasurer; Burr C. Downes, Senior Deacon; A. R. Whitehorn, Junior Deacon; Fred N. Wildish, Senior Steward; E. A. Veroneau, Junior Steward; W. F. Beidelman, Tyler; C. F. Knoblauch, Marshal; E. M. Brunson, Organist.

Grove Lodge has just closed one of the most successful years of its history and the new officers are looking forward to another banner year.

COUNTY REAL ESTATE BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS DEC. 19th

George Beaton, of Hinsdale, Elected President at the Annual Meeting of the Board.

The DuPage County Real Estate Board held its annual meeting and banquet at the Association Building, Monday, December 19, 1921.

The following officers were elected for the year 1922: George Beaton, Pres., Hinsdale; O. J. Roath, 1st V. Pres., Lombard; Arthur L. Webster, 2d V. Pres., Wheaton; Otis Cushing, Vice-Pres., Hinsdale; Leo O. Farnsworth, Vice-Pres., Glen Ellyn; Monroe Christ, Vice-Pres., Naperville; Will Blodgett, Vice-Pres., Downers Grove; Ralph Manning, Vice-Pres., Warrenville; Otto Balgeman, Vice-Pres., Elmhurst; J. C. Starritt, Vice-Pres., Villa Park; E. M. Chase, Secretary, Wheaton; A. P. Steck, Treasurer, Wheaton.

Under the capable administration of the retiring president, O. J. Roath, the Board grew from the nucleus of five members last March to a very strong organization of 38 active members at the present time. Every community in DuPage County is represented. Much work has been accomplished toward standardizing rates of commission, Sunday closing, beneficial legislation and cooperation among the members.

The Board is offering a substantial cash prize for a good slogan for DuPage County. It will be used to boost the county and all the realtors will give it plenty of publicity.

A REAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT FOR COMMUNITY

One of the most interesting legal notices ever published in The Reporter was "Ordinance No. 9" of the Downers Grove Sanitary District which authorized the building of a new outfall sewer and disposal plant for this community.

Reading between the lines and going around the more technical of the details one finds how the local sewage disposal plant is to be transformed from a joke, condemned by the State of Illinois, to a real system.

The new plant is to be just east of the Belmont road and south of the Burlington. The present sewer will be extended from the end in the woods at the gravel pit and twice will cross the creek.

At the termination a sewage treatment plant will be erected with pumping machinery and all manner of modern devices for sewage treatment. A power line will be erected from the village limits to the plant and the proposal for bids includes a complete job, equipment and installation of the entire system.

Estimate of Edgar D. Otto, engineer for the district for the job \$665,205.50. Bids will be opened January 7, 1922 and work is to start as soon as practicable.

VILLAGE BOARD ASKED TO REMOVE DUMPING GROUNDS

Delegation of Citizens in Gilbert Ave. Want Dump Filled in and Trees Planted.

On December 19, a delegation from Gilbert Avenue met with the City Council at Downers Grove, and requested that the unsightly plague spot known as the city dump be abandoned and put out of commission, and further, that same be covered over with enough soil that a few trees could be planted and other natural vegetation started, and to then present the same to the village of Downers Grove for use as a park.

This same delegation now desires to inform all the citizens of Downers Grove of this request, and earnestly desires the co-operation of every one interested in the civic betterment of this community. This is not alone a Gilbert Avenue project; it concerns every one living within our town.

This plague spot has for many years been the breeding place for rats and vile odors have contaminated the air for blocks around; rats are there now by the hundreds, and this right at your very door.

Until recently this condition possibly did not concern many people. But now Gilbert Avenue is improved right up to the door of the dump, with splendid homes on every hand, and the beautiful wooded lots at this end of town which lays right up to the fine new Forest Preserve, is the delight of any nature lover, for one will go many miles before you find another such a splendid wooded spot as this, and all this beauty defiled by this unsightly and very unsanitary dump; and not only this, but property values are depreciating to no value at all if you desire to sell, and if you live here this vile place rather jolts that fine artistic part of the best that is in man, the part that makes for betterment in anything, and remember, too, what hurts Gilbert Avenue, hurts Downers Grove, so that there is no one whose interests are here but what this request for betterment should make an appeal to.

Especially do we ask the various clubs, the Downers Grove Woman's Club, the Women's Voters League, or Welfare Club, and all women who are interested in the fine, clean, sanitary conditions of the town in which they live, in fact, every one who reads this request, we appeal to you to lend a hand to influence the removal of this pest from this nature spot that could mean so much to our pretty, little town if it was turned from a dump into a park.

The citizens who have done much to beautify this end of Gilbert Avenue ought to have the support of all who desire better things and also the support of the merchants with whom they trade.

We are living in an advanced age, which calls for something better for the people of Gilbert Avenue than a dump at their door, and it hardly seems possible that there could be any one so unbrotherly to their neighbor as to selfishly desire this dump retained, for we contend that in these modern times everything that is now allowed to go to the dump can be disposed of easily in some manner, burned, buried or sold at a very little expense or labor.

With this dump causing this splendid surrounding property to have a depreciating value, it cannot be maintained longer lawfully, but we desire it removed peacefully, loyally, and in a manner befitting co-operation, the good of Downers Grove, and this is done, you will all be proud to have this beautiful spot, and your stroll through the woods in the spring will not be marred by a dump.

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