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TWO AUDIENCES APPLAUD OPERA "BOHEMIAN GIRL"

Talented Singers Please Many Under Auspices of Downers Grove Schools Chorus

One of the best, if not the best, amateur musical events ever given in the community was the rendition of the opera, "The Bohemian Girl" at the high school auditorium, Monday and Tuesday evenings. It was presented under the auspices of the high school chorus and showed the careful drilling and directing of Mrs. Virginia Sanford, Musical Director in the local schools.

Gwen Griffiths, as Arline, Thelma Roe as the Gypsy Queen. Robert Dickson as Count Arnheim, Carl F. Mathieu, of Elgin, as Thaddeus, Lester Barry, as Florenstein and John Lehmann, as Devilshoof, the leading characters, were well cast. Miss Griffiths, Miss Roe, and Messrs. Dickson and Mathieu, with their wonderful voices, frequently drew the applause of the audiences.

Never has Gwen Griffiths appeared to better advantage. Her part seemed made for her and with her silvery voice charming her hearers with the old favorites such as, "I Dreamed that I Dwelt," made a combination hard to surpass on the grand opera stage.

Thelma Roe, was a queenly Queen. Although the part was not as large as she deserves, she made the most of it. Her actions and her stage presence, in her desire for revenge on Arline and Thaddeus, were fine as was her acting in the scene where she stab the Count. Carl Mathieu, of Elgin, was a real lover. His acting was excellent and although several times the action did not go exactly right, he did not lose presence of mind but passed it over so that the mistakes were hardly noticeable. He has a fine tenor voice and a way of "getting his stuff across."

Robert Dickson, as the Count Arnheim, was superb. His fatherly manner, both when his daughter, Arline, was stolen by the gypsies as a child, and later returned to him as a young woman grown, left nothing to be desired. Mr. Dickson has a voice and a personality of rare charm and his appearance is always hailed with delight.

Lester Barry, the incomparable, out-Florensteined the original Florenstein. Those of you who have seen Lester in several local plays know he is good. But as the better-than-thou near-royal nephew of the Count, he was one of the snobbiest snobs on record.

John Lehmann, taking the part of Devilshoof, the Gypsy Chief, in his (Continued on Page 6)

E. C. WOLCOTT IS TO SPEAK AT BOYS' CONFERENCE

Business Man of Sioux City, Iowa, Much in Demand - Has a Message.

Mr. E. C. Wolcott, a business man of Sioux City, Ia., is to be in this state on business. He will speak at a number of Boys' Conferences on this trip. He spoke at the Boys Conference at St. Louis, Mo., February 24; is to be at the Boys Conference at Champlain, Ill., March 10; at Du Page County Boys Conference, Hinsdale, March 18; at Evanston Boys Conference, March 26. A number of other places are trying to secure dates while he is in the state.

The Boys Council feel they are very fortunate to secure him. Mr. Wolcott will speak to the Boys during the day and to the Boys and Men at the Banquet in the evening. It is hoped that a number of men from Downers Grove will plan to hear him.

The Warrenville Pioneer Group gave a very unique Social this week. They had an old fashioned New England Bean Feed. Following this some of the boys put on some magis stunts. Then Mr. Clyde Newman gave a very interesting talk on "Pep," and Mr. Caster, County Secretary, put on a number of interesting group games.

BELMONT IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETS TOMORROW

Banded Together for Mutual Protection, People of Belmont to Discuss Conditions.

The first meeting of the newly organized Belmont Improvement Association will be held tomorrow, Saturday evening, March 4, in the Ellsworth greenhouses.

Banded together for mutual protection and mutual help, these folks who live in the vicinity of Belmont, are endeavoring to make life more livable for themselves and for the people of the community. They are trying, by community cooperation, to get for themselves better roads, better schools and an appreciation of each other's problems by thus getting together.

James Slipicka is chairman of the association and Chas. Krieml, secretary.

One of the things which the new association has stopped was the move to incorporate Belmont as a village. They think the time isn't right.

MRS. KAREN BOODE

Mrs. Karen Christine Boode, nee Askeland, wife of Mr. Walter Boode, died at her home in Elm street Saturday, February 25, following an illness of over four years, the last two of which she was confined to her bed. Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. J. Alfred Nansen, pastor of First Evangelical Church, officiating. An obituary was made at Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Mrs. Boode was born January 17, 1875 in Stevanger, Norway and came to the United States in the winter of 1890 in company with two sisters, one of whom is now Mrs. J. J. Johnson, of Chicago. She was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Boode, of Chicago. This union was blessed with one daughter, Lillian, who with her father, four sisters and other relatives and friends remain to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Boode was confirmed in the church as a girl in Norway. Later she transferred her membership to the Trinity Lutheran Church of Chicago and in 1905 to the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Medford, Wis. Here she was instrumental in starting a Sunday School and served efficiently as its Superintendent until she was taken ill. She also served for a time as president of the Ladies Aid Society. During her many weary months in bed she bore her trial with beautiful resignation and Christian patience until the end came.

SAFETY FIRST - AND LAST

A Communication
If we would stop to consider why a flagman is stationed at the railroad crossing, many of us who are in the habit of taking chances of trying to cross the tracks ahead of an approaching train would discontinue this practice, its not only very dangerous, but it also places the flagman's position in jeopardy, especially if a serious accident happens, and if we do succeed in "beating it" few of us know that the flagman is "called on the carpet" and censured for allowing us to take these chances, so for the safety, and good of all concerned, let us think of this when we cross the tracks and discontinue this practice. A Convert.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Herring, of Hinsdale were in town Sunday.

A COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

There is only one reason for any business, that it serve some part of the people of a community. The Reporter, a Newspaper for the Community, is in this respect different from almost every other local business. It serves ALL the people of the community. It serves them every week by bringing to their attention the daily doings of the people who call Downers Grove "home." It brings into their homes the offerings of local merchants; tells them where they can get a carpenter, a plumber, an electrician or what not. It informs them of the contemplated improvements and of the changes of local laws. A community without a newspaper is hard to imagine. Can the Reporter serve you? Let us know in what way and we will be glad to oblige.

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Spending money away TO PAVE BELDEN PL WITH BRICK - OTHERS FOLLOW MISS CLARA LACEY ENTERTAINED FOR FRIEND SATURDAY Luncheon and Wedding Shower for Miss Olive Platt Was a Happy Event.

A dozen happy young ladies came out from Chicago on the 1:17 train last Saturday afternoon to the home of Miss Clara Lacey in Highland avenue. That they were expected was evidenced by the fact that a delicious luncheon had been prepared to which all did full justice.

The occasion was a shower in honor of Miss Olive Platt, who has been associated with Miss Lacey for more than ten years in the offices of Industrial Publications, Inc. Miss Platt is to be an April bride, and the love and esteem in which she is held by the other girls, was shown by the many useful and pretty gifts with which she was "showered."

To add to the enjoyment, an original poem, written by Mrs. Charles Ide, was read as the dainty packages were unwrapped - reference being made in the lines to each gift and the giver.

All too quickly the afternoon passed with song and laughter until time to leave for home, the girls all declaring it was one day they would never forget.

Mrs. Albert T. Lacey assisted Mrs. Frank Lacey in the preparation and serving of the luncheon.

"FLORIST SHOP," ONE ACT PLAY BY CLUB WOMEN

Mrs. Ralph Herring to Direct Play for Benefit of Downers Grove Schools

The Downers Grove Womens Club will present the one-act play, "The Florist Shop" at the Dicke theatre on Monday evening, March 27. The play is directed by Mrs. Ralph Herring of Hinsdale, who has on more than one occasion charmed Downers Grove audiences with her impersonations and readings.

Those who take part in the production are Mesdames, D. B. Eastman, B. E. Balczynski, F. E. Hurley, T. F. Kelly and Floyd Easton.

The proceeds from the affair are to be used for the Downers Grove schools and it is expected that a full house will be the result.

The Board of Local Improvement decided on the paving of Belden Place, that one block street between Maple avenue and Curtiss street, with brick this year. The estimated cost is \$4,300 a front foot. This does not seem so high when one considers that the paving of similar streets more than ten years ago cost in the neighborhood of \$3.70 a front foot. A hearing will be held on this improvement and if no objections are filed it will go through.

Others of the outlying streets will get needed improvements this summer if the plans of the Board go thru. Hearings will be held in the County Court March 13 on Special Assessments, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 57. These provide for the laying of water mains and sewers in Prince, Saratoga, Linseott, Highland and Forest avenues and Main and Grant Streets, north of Chicago avenue to the new village limits.

A tentative proposition for the paving with brick of North Washington, Elm, Rogers and Warren, is also hanging fire and if these improvements go through it will be the making of these parts of the village.

G. A. SHAUNESSY REVENUE MAN; TO BE HERE MAR. 1-4

Expert in Income Tax Matters to Help Local People in Making the Returns.

G. A. Shaunessy, an internal revenue man, from the Aurora district, will be at the First National Bank March 1, 2, 3 and 4, to help the people of this community in the making out of their income tax statements. He will answer any of the puzzling questions which have been bothering those conversant with the law and will render such assistance as he can.

Mr. Shaunessy will not make an effort to boost the amount of tax to be paid, but will merely strive for a fair return, fair to the government and fair to the individual. There is no charge for his services and the people are invited to consult him.

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child her father migrated to a farm near Niles, Michigan which he later sold and came to Warrenville, Illinois. There Mrs. Rogers has lived continuously until February 1 when she came to Downers Grove for a visit with her son. There she was married to Henry Philip Rogers in 1866, there her children were born and she was loved by all who knew her.

One sister, Mrs. Emma Gloss, of Melrose Park; two brothers, Frank Beardsley, of Geneva and Herbert Beardsley, of Batavia; four daughters, Mrs. Fanny Sears, of Aurora, Mrs. Lily Burkholder and Mrs. Jennie Dunbar, of Warrenville and Mrs. B. F. Morgan, of Downers Grove, and three sons, Clinton, of Wheaton, I. E. of Warrenville, and Walter H. of Downers Grove, besides thirty-three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, remain to mourn her loss.

COMMUNITY GO-TO-CHURCH CAMPAIGN

Slogan: Every family in the community attending church services regularly during Lent.

This is the first in the series of Lenten themes to be presented in this paper weekly until Easter Sunday. The various pastors of the town have chosen and titled the Scripture Lessons and also assisted the secretary, the Rev. J. Alfred Nansen, in collecting the quotations which are used.

NATIONAL BEATITUDES And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that Jehovah (Continued on Page 6)

Mrs Geo. A. Smith is recovering from her recent illness.

CLASSIFIED AD TIME COMING

There are two periods in the year which we designate as "Classified ad time." One is in the early fall and the other in the early spring. At these times the housewife is either cleaning house or making preparations to do so. She finds that the family has outgrown this or that, or that she desires something new and must dispose of the old. The natural way to get rid of the old things is thru Reporter classifieds, so this method is used. Remember, during the next month or six weeks, as you decide to sell something, that Reporter results are sure. A tip to those who are in the market for second hand furniture is to be extra exact in studying the classifieds for the next two months. There are sure to be some very good bargains offered.

words, the abnormal was emphasized so that after he had been elected president of the Epworth League his home church, he looked back over his own life, in the church he had joined from a probationers class and really wondered whether he was a Christian. However, through faithful service he gained real blessings and then came the conviction out of his own every day life that God was in these common affairs of common place life. God was in the storm but God was also in the voice of gentle stillness. The glory of religion is that it can come to people in the everyday experiences of life keep them pure in the midst of the temptations, even of the modern city. Dr. Fuller said he would like to live a hundred years until God had filled all life with his presence.

The assembly sang "America the Beautiful" and the evening closed with the Benediction by Rev. L. B. Lott.

SEVEN THIRDS IS PROGRAM IN BLUE LODGE TOMORROW

Degree Teams From Highland Acres and S. Andrew's Church to Put on the Work.

Seven third degrees will be conferred by Grove Lodge, A. F. & A. M. tomorrow, Saturday, March 4, in an all-day session starting at ten o'clock in the morning. This is the "limit" of candidates in any one day and is the third time the local lodge has had such an occasion.

Lunch will be served the workers at the noon hour and at six-thirty a dinner will be served members and visitors in the lodge dining room. Members of Vesta Chapter, O. E. S. will serve the dinner.

Two local degree teams will put on the work during the day. The Highland Acres team, which has performed in Grove Lodge before and which by the excellence of their ritualistic work, won the plaudits of the brethren, will confer on degrees. A new team, members of S. Andrew's also take the stage. Telephone 281

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