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OVER 500 ATTEND NATURE EXHIBIT AT KINDERGARTEN

Artistic Showing by Local Society Receives Commendation of Chicago Women.

The nature exhibit given under the auspices of the local Wild Flower Preservation Society at the Kindergarten Saturday and Sunday was a wonderful success both from the standpoint of the exhibit itself and the attendance.

The spring-like days of Saturday and Sunday and the beautiful setting in the rooms at the Kindergarten brought out all the natural beauty of the exhibit, and will be long remembered by the 500 visitors that enjoyed it. It was very gratifying to note the men and boys that walked through the rooms studying the exhibit—not just as casual observers, but really studying.

A majority of the school children were benefited by the movie on the formation of the food and the monarch butterfly, and the slides of wild flowers which grow in our woods.

The beautiful pictures of the sand dunes, the collection of sea weeds and sea mosses, the large collection of pressed ferns and wild flowers, minerals, shells, and so forth, the collection of evergreen specimens also the one of branches of native shrubs, and the one showing the process of grafting, could not help but be of a wonderful educational value to the public.

Mrs. Frederick Blockie, Vice-President of the Chicago Society, drove out Saturday afternoon, bringing with her Mrs. Eaton, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George Butler and Mrs. Hendrix, Field Marshals, Mrs. Albert A. Nicholson, Chairman of the Committee on Lectures and several others. These women, who are leaders in the Chicago Society, were enthusiastic in their praise of the exhibit. They said it was the finest one they have seen in as small a place as this. They said it was infinitely better than the one recently held at Marshall Field's, and could compare with any but the larger ones. They were especially delighted with the artistic arrangement of the exhibit and of the rooms.

Members of the local society are stressing the importance of people affiliating with it. The saving of the flora and fauna of the territory, the planting of more wild flowers, trees and shrubs should have the attention of all. The next meeting will be held at the Kindergarten Thursday, March 30, at 3:30 and anyone interested is invited to attend. The annual meeting will be held in April.

MRS. W. S. ELLIS

Mrs. William S. Ellis, 111 Blodgett avenue, passed away at the Hinsdale Sanitarium Wednesday morning, following an illness of a week's duration. Death was caused by pneumonia and her passing was a shock to her many friends and acquaintances in the village.

Funeral services will be held this Friday afternoon at 1:30, from the Methodist Episcopal church, the Rev. Gilbert H. Newland, pastor of the church, officiating, and burial will be made at the Oakwoods cemetery, Chicago.

Mrs. Ellis, nee Sarah W. Pearce, was born December 6, 1873, in Highland Park. June 25, 1901, she was married to William S. Ellis. Her husband and two sons, William S. Jr., 17, and Edward, 12, remain to mourn her loss.

She came to Downers Grove in March 1903, and for the past eight years has lived in her new home on Blodgett avenue. At the time of her marriage she was a member of the Visiting Nurses Association, of Chicago, and her early training has been used by her in many cases of illness of relatives and friends.

SPRING WEATHER

Several days this week bring the thought that we are to have an early spring. The warm sun, the presence of birds who have wintered in the southland and the peeping through the earth of spring flowers seems to assure that winter is gone.

M. E. PHILATHEAS GIVE "FIRE TRUCK" DINNER MARCH 24th

Men's Club of Church to Give Entertainment Following Dinner in Basement.

Members of the M. E. Philathea class, realizing the good work which has been done by local firemen in the purchase of a real fire truck for the community and desiring to help pay for this equipment, are to give a "fire truck" dinner the evening of next Friday, March 24. The dinner will be given in the basement of the Methodist church and every penny taken in will be turned over to the firemen. Nothing will be taken out for expense as everything will be donated by the ladies. Dinner will be served at fifty cents per plate from six to eight, and tickets can be secured at Lehman & Michels or at Miss Ann Meyers.

Following the dinner the Men's Club of the church will give an entertainment in the auditorium. Tickets for this affair are twenty-five cents and can also be purchased at either of the above stores. Anyone can attend either of these or both.

This is another instance where local people get more than their money's worth of food and entertainment and still help a worthy cause. We hope that both of these things will be patronized by everyone.

NEAR EAST RELIEF SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED MARCH 19th

Drive in Downers Grove for Funds Next Week—Mrs. Prince is Local Chairman.

"Near East Relief Sunday" will be observed in Downers Grove churches next Sunday, March 19, when the ministers will make a plea as the start of the weeks drive for funds locally. The local organization was completed at a meeting at the Library last Sunday afternoon.

Following are the officers of the local organization and the house-to-house canvass of the village next week is expected to bring in Downers Grove's quota for this worthy cause.

Miss Minnie Prince, Chairman; Miss Emma Fletcher, Vice-Chair; Mr. H. S. Paine, Secretary; Mr. E. L. Rombers, Treasurer; Rev. E. A. Nansen, Capt. 1st Ward; R. E. Barton, Capt. 2nd Ward; Mrs. Drives, Capt. 3rd Ward; Mrs. J. W. Graves, Capt. 4th Ward; Advisory Committee: H. S. Dunn, W. W. Herzig, E. J. Matson, Miss Harris, Tiffany, Miss Frances Ward, and Rev. Wm. Grosfield.

The workers will meet next Monday evening at the Library to plan for the drive. A speaker from the Near East Relief office will be present.

As for the need, we cannot do better than to quote from a report made by Charles V. Vickrey after visiting Armenia. Mr. Vickrey says in part: "Constantinople, August 24, 1921."

"I have been in the Caucasus and in the heart of Armenia. I have seen the dead and dying of starvation. I walked through streets of once prosperous cities, where not one particle of worth-while merchandise could be seen for sale. Streets and market places are used chiefly as bartering places where people endeavor to exchange a second-hand garment, or other personal property, for food with which to satisfy hunger. And this is the month of August. One's imagination recoils before the picture of what conditions will be in February and March!"

"I have stood beside heaps of human bones and half-decomposed bodies representing the remains of 500 women and children killed in one spot within the present year—and these were only part of the 12,000 non-combatants who perished in that vicinity—suggests the reign of terror that has paralyzed all normal self-supporting activities. The people are trying to help themselves and the existing government is doing all that is humanly possible for a government to do under present conditions, but without outside help there will be a death rate in the Caucasus during the coming year comparable only to that which many of our workers witnessed three years ago. Charles V. Vickrey."

Mrs. Alice Heckman, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is some better but is still confined to the house and under the care of a physician.

MANY CANDIDATES ON BALLOTS FOR APRIL PRIMARIES

Eleven Seeking Places in the General Assembly Brighten Chances of Mrs. O'Neill

Many candidates on the ballots for the primaries of Tuesday, April 11, make the outcome of that election an uncertainty.

There are eleven names to choose from in splitting the three votes allowed for the candidates for the General Assembly. Six of the eleven are from Joliet, three others are from Will county and Kerry Knater, of Bloomingdale, says he expects most of his support will come from that county. This leaves Mrs. Lottie O'Neill, of Downers Grove, as the DuPage county candidate and materially brightens her chances of election as the candidates from Will county should split up that vote between them something frightfully.

William R. McCabe, of Lockport, and John L. Walker, of Joliet, are up for re-election. The other candidates are James W. Owen, Mokena; Jerry W. Knater, Bloomingdale; George H. Doerfler, Joliet; Charles H. Blim, Joliet; James J. Ley, Joliet; Adam L. Smith, Joliet; Charles H. Foster, of Lockport; Silas S. Meyers, Joliet and Lottie Holman O'Neill, of Downers Grove, all on the Republican ticket.

Two candidates, Michael F. Hennebery, of Wilmington, the present incumbent and John Coldwater, of Elwood, are on the Democratic ticket. This is the first real opposition Mike Hennebery has had for quite a while.

There are two candidates for State Senator from the district, Richard J. Barr, of Cherry Hill, Joliet, who has ably represented Will and DuPage for many years, and Pence B. Orr, also of Joliet.

At the same election, nominations for County offices will be made. Here also will be found many candidates. For Sheriff there are John Hesterman, of Glenn Ellyn; Lawrence Hatendorf, of Wheaton; Frank Shimp, of Naperville and Gordon Leonard, of West Chicago.

For County Clerk, A. A. Kuhn, of West Chicago, Clarence Wageman and J. A. Sternberg, of Wheaton.

For Treasurer, George Fix, of Wheaton; George Lincke, of Wheaton and Frank M. Stittler, of Wheaton.

For County Judge, S. L. Rathje, of Wheaton and Arthur Marriott, of Lombard.

For County Superintendent of the Schools, Lewis V. Moigan, of Wheaton.

MANY STREETS ON PAVING PROGRAM FOR THIS SUMMER

Outlying Streets to be Surfaced with Brick—Board is Working on Assessments.

Downers Grove is to have quite a paving program for the coming summer and one which will see every street possible in the limits paved, adding to the already many miles of brick which we now enjoy.

The Village Council, acting as a Board of Local Improvements, is now busy on the assessment features of the paving job and expect to have everything in readiness to go before the County Court for the confirmation of the assessment soon. This follows the action taken in spreading an assessment for water and sewers in that part of the village north of Chicago avenue, voted in last fall.

The streets on the paving program are: South Side—Summit st., Webster st., Church st., Randall st., Lyman ave., Farley place, Benton ave., Lane place, East Railroad, Beldon place, and South Washington. North Side—Warren ave., Rogers st., North Washington st., and two blocks of Franklin st. and Prairie ave.

This will make Downers Grove one of the best suburbs, regarding paved streets, west of Chicago. In most of our neighboring towns the old types of paving are pretty well "shot" and the automobilist driving through them soon realizes this.

Mrs. Wm. Lehmann and children, of Oak Park, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lehmann. Mrs. L. C. Hodge is ill at her home in Prince avenue.

FOLLIES MONDAY AND TUESDAY TO BE "GREAT STUFF"

Second Annual Benefit for Public Library Promises Fine Evening's Entertainment.

A representative of The Reporter was privileged to attend several rehearsals of "The Follies, 1922" this week. Even in its rough aspect it is one of the best things we have seen in a long time.

Downers Grove people are talented and every once in a while a few of them are on some program or other. In this case almost every talented person in the village has been secured and is a member of the big cast.

It will be given at the Curtiss Theatre two evenings, next Monday and Tuesday, March 20 and 21. We are informed that no tickets will be sold at the door, that all of them have been taken to the stores selling them and prospective purchasers must make their purchases early in order to be assured of seats.

The stores selling them are the Farmers and Merchants and First National Banks; Seibert & Norris and Zindt's Pharmacy; Stewart Burns' North Side Grocery and Market and at The Library.

Those in charge are warning the people to remember last year; the crowds which were turned away because they had no tickets and the fact that an extra performance was necessary to satisfy the demand.

Unquestionably "The Follies" will be a good show. There are eleven big acts and hit—one mystery. The mystery is one which will win more laugh and applause than the actors, because its one of the funniest stunts even put on. Be there and find out what it's all about.

There will be tuneful music and graceful dancers; excellent chorus and solos songsters; clean, snappy comedy; a monologue and again hit—the big mystery.

"The Follies" is being given for the benefit of the Downers Grove Public Library, an institution which, while it does not make very much noise, is a real power for good in the community. It is a place visited by many people each week, supplying old and young and intermediate with just what they want to read and a place to read it in, if desired.

Besides the fact that you will see a good show, have several hearty laughs and many quiet chuckles, you will be helping a worthy cause when you buy a ticket to "The Follies."

FINE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TALKS AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. James M. Judson Spoke on Problems of Mothers and Daughters in the Home.

A very fine program was the Mother Daughter afternoon at the Woman's Club Wednesday. The girls of the high school were present, having been excused from their school duties for the occasion and all enjoyed the talks and the general atmosphere of welcome which awaited them.

Mrs. James M. Judson was the speaker of the afternoon. She talked on "Problems of Mothers and Daughters in the Home." Her insight of the characteristics which the modern girl has and which the modern mother has, were wonderful. She advocated a closer co-operation between the "girls," young and old, so that mothers and their daughters might become real pals, thinking the same and doing the same, and believing the same things.

Miss Trott, of the high school faculty, gave a talk on the National High School Honor Society, which is sponsored by the National Education Association. She urged the formation of a chapter in our schools, stressing the great good to come out of it for both the girls and their mothers.

Music for the afternoon was furnished by Miss Gwen Griffiths, who delightfully sang, Old Refrain, and Mother McCree; and by Miss Thelma Roe, who gave several beautiful piano selections.

The Woman's Club went on record as endorsing Mrs. W. J. O'Neill in her race for the legislature.

FRANK N. DAVIS IS A DELEGATE TO SCOUT CONVENTION

Few Visitor Credentials and Banquet Reservations May Be Obtained from Him.

At a meeting of the executive board of the West Suburban District Boy Scouts of America, held Wednesday in Chicago, Frank N. Davis was elected delegate to the National Convention which will be held at the La Salle Hotel March 29 and 30. A very limited number of visitors' credentials will be allowed for this district and may be obtained from Mr. Davis.

The annual National Banquet will be held at the same hotel on Thursday, March 30 at 6 o'clock. Eight plates have been allotted this district. The charge is four dollars each and the same may be secured through the delegate.

President F. N. Davis and Scout Executive C. H. Barnes, of the Boy Scouts' organization have secured, from the Cook County Forest Preserve Commission, a cabin, located about 1 1/2 miles south of Brookfield. This cabin has not been assigned to any particular town but will be used for the benefit of all the Scouts of the West Suburban District.

HIGH SCHOOL IS EXCITED — MISS TROTT MARRIED

Downers Grove High School was given a complete surprise Thursday morning with the announcement by Miss Trott of her marriage to Mr. Thomas D. Todd, on last October 29th. The formal announcement of this marriage came at a dinner party given Wednesday evening by Mrs. Carl A. Carlson and Mrs. Samuel S. Vernon, at the Carlson home in Carpenter street. The guests included Mrs. Todd, Miss Galloway, Miss Maguire, Miss Bradbury, and Miss Spinner, all members of the high school faculty. The announcement came in the form of surprise placards which when opened, disclosed the secret kept by Mr. and Mrs. Todd since last October.

Mr. Todd is secretary of the Farber Cartage Co. of Chicago. Since last October Mr. and Mrs. Todd have been occupying an apartment in the Wilson Ave. residential district of the city. Mrs. Todd expects to complete her year's work in the local high school where she has won a very dear place for herself in the hearts of both students and faculty. Both joined Thursday in congratulating her with sincere wishes for her happiness.

RAYNER—MARGISON

A quiet home wedding took place at the home of Mr. J. Richter on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock, when his daughter, Ethel May Rayner, was united by the bonds of matrimony to Mr. Ray Edward Margison, a contractor of Downers Grove. The Rev. J. Alfred Nansen, pastor of First Evangelical Church officiated, reading the single ring ceremony.

The couple was unattended and only the members of the immediate families were present. They left immediately after the ceremony for a short wedding trip and will reside for the present after their return with the bride's mother in South Main street.

WOMAN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB MEETS

The Woman's Republican Club of DuPage County met in Wheaton last Saturday. At the close of the business session the different candidates for Treasurer and Sheriff were present and introduced to the ladies. Time did not permit them to make campaign speeches; however, each one made a short talk that was very much enjoyed by all.

At the next meeting which will be held March 25th, it is hoped that the rest of the candidates for county and district offices will be present so that the ladies shall have the pleasure of meeting all candidates before the Primary on April 11.

A general invitation is extended to all ladies of DuPage County who are interested in the Republican candidates to attend that meeting, March 25, at 2 o'clock in the Court House.

Mr. Wm. Roth, of Oakwood avenue, spent a few days in Missouri this past week.

MRS. O'NEILL TO TALK TO WHEATON WOMEN MARCH 21st

Local Women Invited to Attend—Jeanette Rankin is on the Program to Talk.

Mrs. Lottie O'Neill has been invited to be a speaker at the next meeting of the Wheaton Departmental Club to be held next Tuesday, March 21. In extending the invitation, Mrs. E. E. R. Tratman, president of the club, said that she would be delighted to see many Downers Grove women present on that occasion and sent a personal invitation to every woman to be present as her guest. Arrangements are now being made for quite a delegation to go from here.

Miss Jeanette Rankin, the first woman to be elected to the lower National house, will be the speaker of the afternoon. Miss Rankin will tell her experiences in Congress and some of the reasons why she thinks women should interest themselves in the government. The meeting will be called to order at 2:30.

In a swing around the county on Monday Mrs. O'Neill met all the editors of the community newspapers. She made quite a favorable impression and it is expected that they will all be for her as DuPage County's candidate.

Lottie O'Neill Club

At a preliminary meeting Monday evening plans were launched for the formation of a Lottie O'Neill Campaign Club. All those interested in her candidacy for the state legislature are requested to meet tomorrow, Saturday, evening, in the G. A. R. hall, Main and Curtiss streets, when an organization will be formed.

One of the most important purposes for the organization will be the collection of a campaign fund. The proper conducting of a primary campaign is rather expensive, especially in a district such as ours with its many community newspapers, and it is mostly through advertising in these papers that a candidate can be brought before the people.

MANY WHEATON PEOPLE ATTEND O. E. S. MEETING

Dinner Tuesday Night for Masonic Temple Benefit Was Well Attended Affair.

Twenty per cent of the membership of the Wheaton Chapter, O. E. S., attended a meeting of Vesta Chapter Tuesday evening. The meeting followed a six o'clock dinner held in the dining room for the benefit of the Masonic Temple Building Fund, which was well patronized.

Several Wheaton people took part in the initiation ceremonies, talks were made and a pleasant evening enjoyed. An invitation was extended Geo. Bell, Patron of the local Chapter, to be present at Wheaton in May and also an invitation to all members of Vesta Chapter.

RIFLE CLUB MEETS SUNDAY MORNING FOR FINAL ACTION

Must Return Government Property at Once or Make Other Arrangements.

Members of the Downers Grove Rifle Club will meet at the school in Maple avenue next morning for final action on the activities of the club. The property loaned the club by the government must be returned at once or other arrangements made for its disposal.

Geo. S. MacDougall, president of the organization, cannot devote the time to it that he would like and without him as the directing head things have not been going as they should. Lack of interest by the members seems to indicate that the club will be no more unless something definite is done immediately. Every member is urged to make every effort to be present next Sunday morning. Important questions must be decided at once.

Come and see "The Photograft Album" in the Congregational church parlors, March 24 at eight p. m. Given by the Philathea class. No admission.