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NINE MEN HOLD UP CUTTEN FARM — GET VALUABLES

Employees Pursue Bandits and Exchange Shots — Pre-War Whiskey Taken

Nine armed and masked men raided the Arthur W. Cutten home on the Butterfield Road north of town Monday night securing almost \$20,000 worth of loot and apparently making good their escape.

It was shortly after six o'clock when the men, riding in two automobiles, drove into the yard. John Johnson, the butler, was standing near the garage and, after being threatened with a gun, told the men who were in the house and what they were doing.

The Cuttens were at the dinner table, when led by the protesting Johnson, the yeggs forced an entrance. The family and servants lined up against the wall and while part of the gang searched the house for valuables, one bandit stripped Mrs. Cutten of a necklace and a diamond ring, valued at about \$12,000.

After securing all they wished upstairs, the bandits made the Cutten family and servants go into the cellar. Here Mr. Cutten was forced to open a liquor vault and after taking all the whiskey in cases, the yeggs locked the vault with Mr. and Mrs. Cutten, his brother and three servants inside.

They then proceeded to the yard where they loaded the loot into the farm flivver truck and drove east on the Butterfield toward Chicago.

Just as Hollis, one of the chauffeurs, drove into the yard, Johnson succeeding in freeing the party from the vault, ran out and told him the story. They quickly secured a little 16 gauge shot gun and three shells, all the arms and ammunition left on the place by the hold up men, and started out in pursuit.

They overtook the farm truck near the Salt Creek bridge and several shots from the little shot gun stopped the flight of the bandits and made them scatter. Johnson and Hollis, afraid that a volley of shots from the bandits would be the next step, hung back as their own ammunition was gone.

When they did go up to the truck it was empty and blood on the floor led to the belief that one of the men had been wounded by the scatter gun.

The police from LaGrange, notified of the affair, ran into the gang on Roosevelt road and surprised them as they were transferring the loot from the truck into the touring car. The gang opened up with a wicked rifle and revolver fire which was answered by the police but before the officers could close in the yeggs had transferred most of the stuff into the touring car and made their get-away down the cement toward Chicago. Four cases and two jugs of whiskey were found in the truck which was taken to LaGrange and returned to the Cutten farm yesterday morning.

Every policeman, deputy sheriff and constable in the county was notified of the affair in a few hours, the Chicago police were watching the roads and all towns between here and Chicago were notified to be on the lookout. In spite of the fact that they were sighted twice and that pretty good descriptions of all the members are on file, they are still at large.

JEANETTE RANKIN AT HINSDALE CLUB TUESDAY, APRIL 4th

First Congresswoman and Mrs O'Neill Legislative Candidate, Speak to Hinsdale Women

Miss Jeanette Rankin, who served one term as a member-at-large from Montana in the National Congress, will be the speaker of the afternoon at the Hinsdale Womens Club, next Tuesday, April 4. Miss Rankin will talk on her experiences in Congress.

Mrs. Lottie Holman O'Neill, of Downers Grove, will also be a speaker. Mrs. O'Neill is the DuPage County candidate for Representative from the 41st district, comprising the counties of Will and DuPage.

We understand women of other clubs in the county are invited to be present.

The Ruling Passion



BAN HEAVY LOADS FROM ALL ROADS IN DU PAGE CO.

County Highway Superintendent and Township Commissioners Set Limit at 12,000 Pounds

In an effort to stop the cutting up of county highways already in an almost impassible condition, a limit has been set on truck traffic until April 15. The maximum load to be driven over the roads is 12,000 pounds and this includes the weight of the truck.

This order was issued last week after a conference between County Highway Superintendent E. L. Gates and the Highway Commissioners of the various townships.

Just what has caused this unusual condition on our gravel roads is not known, but every road in the county is soft. Heavy trucks cut right thru the gravel making deep furrows and the Plank road, east of here, is so bad that it has been closed entirely. It was impossible to get to the worst places with stone trucks for filling in.

The unusual amount of rain we had last fall, the winter frost and the rain this spring are blamed by road men as the cause of the giving out of DuPage county's gravelled highways.

ORGANIZER OF ST. JOSEPH MISSION BURIED MONDAY

Rev. Father Joseph Bollmann Passed Away at La Grange Last Thursday Noon

Rev. Joseph A. Bollmann, pastor of St. Francis Xavier's parish of La Grange and the organizer of St. Joseph's parish, Downers Grove, died last Thursday noon of pneumonia.

Funeral services were held Monday morning and burial was made at Mt. Carmel cemetery.

Rev. Bollmann was one of the best known priests in the diocese of Chicago. Born sixty-eight years ago in Cincinnati, he was educated in the Cincinnati Seminary later attending Kankakee College. He was ordained at Peoria June 17, 1880, and said his first holy mass in St. Joseph's church Cincinnati, June 24, 1880, the church where he had been confirmed.

For two years he was the assistant pastor of St. Stephens church, Chicago. He was then assistant at Lemont for a while and in 1882 he was appointed pastor of St. James church at Sag Bridge a place he held for twenty-two years.

From Sag Bridge he was transferred to LaGrange in 1903 and has served there ever since. Fifteen years ago Rev. Bollmann organized St. Joseph's mission in Downers Grove under Archbishop Quigley and served for two years until the Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, the present pastor was appointed.

Rev. Bollmann was a leader in Catholic church work in this vicinity and will be missed by his many co-workers and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reger entertained a few friends at five hundred last Saturday evening.

UNION MEETING PALM SUNDAY AT CURTISS THEATRE

Culmination of Community Lenten Campaign—Dr. Frederick S. Shannon is Speaker

As the culmination of the pre-Easter community go-to-church campaign, a union service will be held at 2:30 the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 9, at the Curtiss Theatre. A special effort has been made by all local churches to increase attendance during Lent and it has brought good results.

Dr. Frederick S. Shannon, pastor of the People's church, Chicago, will be the speaker at this union service. He is the head of Dr. Gun-saul's old church and for the last two years has been the speaker at the big lenten week services of the Chicago Federation of churches. A speaker of unusual ability, it is expected that the theatre will be too small to accommodate all who wish to go.

There will be special music and all are invited.

COUNCIL DECIDES ON CONCRETE FOR PAVING PROGRAM

Steel Reinforced Cement Roadways to Make Out-lying Streets Among the Best

Concrete has been just about decided upon as the paving material to be used on the village program for the coming summer. This was the result of a meeting of the Village Council, acting as the Board of Local Improvements, Monday night. J. S. Lozier, village engineer, made the recommendation.

It is the opinion of the Council that the concrete roadways can be built at a little better figure than brick and that they will be more satisfactory. The specifications will call for re-inforcing with a steel mesh and with this type of pavement, the out-lying streets of Downers Grove will be among the best.

One of the advantages of this kind of paving is that the re-inforced concrete will "bridge" any depressions under them whereas the brick settles, as can be seen in the older pavements around town.

ROSCOE W. MORTON ELECTRICIAN FOR "STUDENT" OPERA

Local Boy on Staff of Illinois University Annual Musical Production.

Roscoe W. Morton has been appointed stage electrician for the 1922 student opera of the University of Illinois. The student opera is an annual production and to be placed on the staff is considered an honor among the students.

The opera is both written and played by men students, even the chorus "girls" are men. This year's production has a cast of 50 men, and is called "Tea Time in Tibet."

For the first time in history, the opera will tour outside of Champaign and Urbana, the seat of the university. It will be played first in Urbana on April 7 and 8, and will then go to the Aryan Grotto, Chicago, for two performances April 15.

Morton, who is a junior this year, will aid in the Chicago production.

TO USE VILLAGE WATER IN PLANK ROAD CONCRETE

Ward & Son Lay a Pipe Line From Mains to Job — Buy Water at Meter Rates

One of the problems road contractors must meet is the securing of a sufficient supply of water with which to mix concrete. This has been met here by Ward & Son, who have laid the contract for the Plank road from Fullersburg to Belmont, by contracting with the village for a supply for the water end of the piece.

A pipe line is being completed to lay the mains on Highland avenue and carry the supply direct to the mixers out on the job.

This water will be paid for at the regular village meter rates and it is estimated that they will use 30,000 gallons a day while running a full force of men.

It was expressly stipulated by H. W. Bryce, the Commissioner who has charge of this, that during the hot summer months the village would shut off the supply should it become necessary.

NEAR EAST RELIEF FUND DRIVE CONTINUED A WEEK

Solicitors for Fund for Starving Children in Final Drive for Our Quota

The local drive for contributions to the Near East Relief has been continued one week and solicitors are engaged in a final effort to raise the Downers Grove quota. The money is for the relief of starving little children a cause which should open the purse strings of all.

If anyone has been overlooked in this drive or if anyone wishes to increase his contribution, payments can be made direct to the ward captains or to Mrs. M. H. Prince, local chairman or J. L. Remmers, treasurer.

The ward captains are as follows:

- 1st Ward.....Mrs. H. S. Paine
- 2d Ward.....R. E. Bateman
- 3d Ward.....Mrs. J. H. Drees
- 4th Ward.....Mrs. J. W. Graves

One hundred thousand orphans in orphanages, and five hundred thousand children and refugees outside the orphanages are directly dependent upon the United States to keep them from actual starvation. So far we have been able to do this and the work will continue through the contributions of people such as live in Downers Grove and other millions like them in this great country of ours.

Ninety-five per cent of the amount given goes directly to the purchase of supplies most of which are bought in the United States.

Wilfred, the fifteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolf of Hinsdale, passed away last Sunday morning following a short illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon.

ELECTION FOR TWP. OFFICIALS NEXT TUESDAY

Only One Contest—Three Candidates for Highway Commissioner Make Lively Race

One contest in the election of officials for Downers Grove township next Tuesday, April 4, it is thought will bring out a good vote.

Four offices, those of Assistant Supervisor; Township Clerk; Assessor and Commissioner of Highways are to be elected. The candidate for Assistant Supervisor is W. H. Blodgett, of Downers Grove, now serving his second term. Geo. Ruchty and J. A. Hall, of Hinsdale, are the candidates for Assessor and Town Clerk.

The contest is for the job of Commissioner of Highways with three candidates in the field. Chas. K. Roe of Downers Grove, the present commissioner, is up for reelection on the Non-Partisan ticket. He is opposed by Lewis Edam, of Hinsdale, regular nominee running on the Republican ticket and by Claude W. Hartgrove, of Downers Grove, running by petition on the People's Party ticket.

The race for commissioner is a hot one with the three candidates and their friends working hard for the election.

Some people have confused this election with the primary of April 11. That is a state-wide primary. The township election will be held next Tuesday, April 4. All the polling places of the township will be used and the polls will be open from 7:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

MEN AND WOMEN OF WILL COUNTY FOR MRS. O'NEILL

DuPage Legislative Candidate in a Vote-Making Visit to Joliet Last Saturday

That the men and women voters of Will county are very favorable to the candidacy of Mrs. Lottie Holman O'Neill, of Downers Grove, in her race for the state legislature, was proven last Saturday. Mrs. O'Neill with the other candidates from the district attended a luncheon and meeting of the Will County Republican Central committee at Joliet where each was introduced and each made a short talk.

The reception accorded Mrs. O'Neill as she rose to speak indicates that the prejudice against women in politics is just about gone and the Will county people look with favor on her attempt to win a seat in the lower house.

In talking with the committeemen and with those influential in Republican circles, it was learned that at last the Will county people are awakening to the importance of having DuPage county directly represented at Springfield. For the reason Mrs. O'Neill is the DuPage county candidate, will poll a good vote in Will.

Her strength in Will county is not only with the women. Many men assured her backers Saturday that one of their votes would be for the candidate from DuPage.

The Republican women of Will have a very strong organization, one of the best in the state, and they are very much interested in the woman candidate from DuPage county.

NO OPPOSITION AT SCHOOL ELECTION ON APRIL 8th

President and Two Members are to be Elected — Polls Open From 2 to 6

A president and two members of the Board of Education will be elected for school district No. 58 at the regular school election to be held on Saturday afternoon, April 8.

Only one candidate has filed for each place to be filled and the election will be a tame affair.

Frank N. Davis is the candidate for President of the Board. Wm. B. Herriek is up for election to succeed himself, and F. J. Littleford is slated for the place left vacant by the end of Walter Curtis' term.

Only one polling place, the Village Hall, will be used and the polls will be open from two to six o'clock in the afternoon.

MISS ROCKWOOD EXPLAINS LEAGUE TO LOCAL WOMEN

Official, State League Women Voters, in Interesting Talk Tuesday at Kindergarten

Miss Edith Rockwood, Secretary and Organizer of the Illinois State League of Women Voters, was the speaker at a meeting of the local chapter Tuesday afternoon. About thirty women gathered at the Kindergarten in Grove street for a most interesting session.

Miss Rockwood told of the activities of the league, how they are trying to interest women in the fundamental duties of citizenship thru the local chapters; how they are organizing the state by counties and the success which has thus far been their share.

Miss Rockwood urged a regular attendance at meetings and the spreading of information when would be acquainted more women with the aims and ideals of the league. She made a point of interesting all women in the ballot from a non-partisan attitude and stressed the importance of all women voting.

Frank R. Reed, of Aurora, who is opposing Congressman Ira C. Copley, also of Aurora, for the Republican nomination for the National House, was also a speaker. He used the old, time-tried method of saying all the bad things he could about his opponent and all the good things he could about himself.

Major A. C. Marriott, of Lombard, a candidate for County Judge, was a speaker of a different caliber. He kept to the theme of why he should be the next Judge of the county and said nothing about his opponent, S. L. Rathje, of Wheaton, the present Judge, who is a candidate for reelection.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Wm. Parrish, president of the local League, and was very interesting.

SOCIETY NEEDS MORE BASS AND TENOR VOICES

Director Pape is Pleased with Progress of Eighty Members of Choral Society.

The regular weekly meeting of the West Suburban Choral Society was held at the Kindergarten Thursday evening at 8:00 p. m.

Director Pape congratulated the 65 members present on their rapid progress, but pointed out that more bass and tenor voices were needed to balance the part—more men needed.

At future meetings a five minute talk on selected musical items will be given by the different members, the next talk being by Miss Grace Stover.

There are now about 80 members in the society and it is hoped to increase the number to 200, therefore those that have singing qualities should at once join and help to perfect the society.

Patron members are also urged to support the organization and attend the rehearsals. This is the seed time of musical Downers Grove and we should plant well so that we may reap the high hope that are inspiring the best Suburban Choral Society member.

Thanks are due the management of the Curtiss and Dieke theatres for showing free of charge slides announcing choral events.

L. KLEIN & SON IMPROVE STORE WITH FIXTURES

Refrigerator Display Counters the Latest in Effort for Real Sanitary Market

With the installation of refrigerator or display counters at the meat market of L. Klein & Son, that firm is one step nearer to their goal of having the most sanitary market in the vicinity of Chicago. These fixtures were installed Tuesday and have already been favorably commented on.

The counters are really glassed in refrigerators and are connected with the ice machine put in by the firm last year. The meats can be cut and displayed to the customer and still kept in a sanitary condition.