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## CONSTITUTION OF NEW ASSOCIATION UP FOR DISCUSSION

About Fifty Gathered at the Kindergarten Tuesday Evening to Form Association.

An interesting meeting was held at the kindergarten Tuesday evening when the constitution of the newly formed Citizens' Association of Downers Grove came up for discussion. This was a tentative constitution drawn up for the regulation of the association which is designed to further the best interests of Downers Grove, and the discussion was interesting and illustrative of the fact that most local people are interested in the welfare of the community.

No final action was taken. The tentative constitution will be printed and sent to the membership for study. Another meeting will be held soon at which time the constitution will be adopted as submitted, changes made or whatever a majority of the members deem advisable will be done.

When this association was first proposed it was the thought that it would follow closely the lines of the Civic League of Wheaton. This is an organization which has, in plain words, "budded in" on everything in Wheaton, tried to run the town and has been properly squelched several times as a consequence.

Far-sighted men here seeing the danger, steered the local association away from the Wheaton Civic League idea.

Present plans of the association do not call for a body of men ready to criticize everything done by any organization in or of the community. Rather they are desirous of working with all existing bodies, helping them by real work and by suggestions and boosting everything which will make this village a little better than the average.

This is a laudable purpose. It should have the backing of every Downers Grove citizen provided the association will work along lines which will bring together the various factions of the community, and not, by favoring one more than the other in committee appointments and so on, make the break even wider than it is now.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB HELD WEDNESDAY

Mrs. A. H. Barnhart Selected to Head Organization for the 1922-23 Club Season.

Mrs. A. H. Barnhart, of East Curtiss Street, was elected president of the Downers Grove Woman's Club for the 1922-23 club season at the annual meeting held at Library Hall Wednesday afternoon.

Officers and committee chairman for the next year will be as follows:

- Mrs. A. H. Barnhart—President.
- Mrs. J. D. Gillespie—Vice-President.
- Mrs. J. S. Lozier—Recording Secretary.
- Mrs. W. H. Blodgett—Corresponding Secretary.
- Mrs. J. C. White—Parliamentarian.
- Mrs. T. A. Remington—Chairman, Art and Literature Committee.
- Mrs. Ernest Fisher—Chairman, Civics Committee.
- Mrs. F. B. Ward—Chairman, Home and Educational Committee.
- Mrs. M. H. Prince—Chairman, Philanthropy Committee.
- Mrs. R. E. Bateman—Chairman, Program Committee.
- Mrs. J. R. Shaffer—Chairman, House and Social Committee.

It was a very well attended meeting more than seventy-five women participating in the annual club luncheon and the events of the day.

Reports of officers and committees showed that the club has just closed a very successful year. Mrs. H. S. Paine, retiring president, has worked untiringly for the success of the club and her efforts have met with much success.

Delegates to the state and national conventions, to be held in May and June were appointed and the new officers will take charge of a club that is growing, not only in membership, but in real work accomplished.

## DISTRICT ODD-FELLOWS MET HERE MONDAY, APRIL 24th

Three Temples to be Built Along the "Q" Between May 30 and Labor Day.

Odd Fellows of District No. 12, comprised of lodges along the C. B. & Q. from Downers Grove to Cicero, met for their regular monthly meeting here last Monday evening, April twenty-fourth.

In addition to members of the district, several lodges from the north end of DuPage county and outside the state, were represented. In all there were about 150 present to enjoy the Downers Grove hospitality.

Downers Grove lodge called its regular weekly meeting at 7:30 and after a brief session the district officers took charge. Before proceeding with its business Miss Eleanor Hochm delighted those present with several comic readings.

A roll call of lodges was taken and some fifteen different ones were represented. A general discussion of the various activities of the organization was in order and a closer connection to the district organization by the lodges was apparent. A committee is planning an anniversary celebration for next month and they promise a good time for every Odd Fellow.

Just before the close of the meeting C. J. Winter presented F. H. Kenison with a Veteran Jewel in behalf of Downers Grove Lodge. This emblem is presented to members who have been in good standing for twenty-five years or more. Mr. Kenison has been an active member of the order for forty years. He was initiated into the order in Boston, Mass., and transferred to the local lodge some ten years ago. He has served the lodge in several capacities and is on the list of Past Noble Grand.

The presentation was in the nature of a surprise and Mr. Kenison was visibly affected and in a few words thanked the lodge for the honor conferred upon him.

The good of the order was enjoyed in the dining room where coffee, sandwiches, pickles and cake were served by the C. O. L. Girls of the local Rebekah Lodge. Several short talks were made at this time and it was reported that three Odd Fellows temples are to be erected in the district this year. LaGrange is to have one, the laying of the corner stone is to be on Memorial Day and dedication is planned for Labor Day. Berwyn is also to erect a temple, the site is already purchased and work will begin shortly. Royal Lodge, located at Clyde, is also planning a temple and with the one already in use at Brookfield, there will be four temples in the district.

There is no doubt that Oddfellowship in this district and all over the state is flourishing. The local lodge is adding new members right along and Monday night seems to be a popular night for Odd Fellows at their hall, corner Main and Curtiss streets.

## KNOX — MILES

Miss Marion Eliza Knox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Knox, 46 Franklin street, and Mr. William Ballard Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Miles, 198 Webster street, were married on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock in S. Andrew's Episcopal church, the Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter officiating.

The bride's cousin, Miss Margaret Knox, acted as maid of honor and wore a gown of periwinkle blue crepe de Chine carrying a bouquet of pink sweet peas. The bride's gown was of white Canton crepe and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

The groom's brother, Mr. Stewart Miles, acted as best man, the S. Andrew's church choir sang the marriage hymns and Mrs. Geo. Bateman, organist, played the wedding marches.

An informal reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Knox after the ceremony.

Following a wedding trip to Washington, D. C., and other eastern points, Mr. and Mrs. Miles will reside at 198 Webster street until their new home is completed.

Among the guests from out of town were Mrs. George Dods and daughter, Miss Margaret; Mrs. W. R. Pike; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gorsuch, all from Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Mason, of Aurora.

## A PLEA FOR THE FLOOD SUFFERERS OF ILLINOIS

In the last five years thousands of dollars have been collected in Downers Grove for relief work all over the world. During this period great calamities have overtaken various peoples and in all cases where an appeal was made Downers Grove people were not found wanting. Their contributions have helped Armenians, Chinese, French, Germans, Italians, Indians, and people who dwell in far and strange lands.

Now comes a plea from home. Just a few miles away raging waters have destroyed the barriers erected by the hand of man and whole villages and cities are under from one to sixteen feet of water. Thousands of people of Illinois are destitute and this through no fault of their own. Their homes, household goods, personal belongings, almost everything they own, either swept away by floods, blown away by winds or destroyed. Little babies living in tents on the higher ground with insufficient food, clothing and only the bed rock necessities of life.

This is not a word picture painted by a romancer of what could happen, but actual facts, which our neighbors along the Illinois and Mississippi rivers are facing today while we go along in our everyday way, safe, secure, nothing but little petty worries to bother us.

The people of the Beardstown district, the center of the flooded area and of the Centralia district, the tornado area, have sent no direct call for help. The call has come from the Governor of our State, who has been informed of the appalling conditions by General Black, of the Governor's staff.

So that Downers Grove people might have a part in the alleviating of the distress of our own people The Reporter is starting a subscription list of voluntary contributions for the flood sufferers. There will be no house-to-house canvass, no collectors will be sent around through the village. This is a humanitarian appeal for help for our own. Contributions may be left at The Reporter office or at either the First National or Farmers & Merchants banks or sent by mail to The Reporter. Checks should be made payable to The Downers Grove Reporter and we will see that all monies collected reach the proper people, the committee appointed by Governor Small to handle the funds.

Here is the start of the subscription list. Can we add your name?  
Downers Grove Reporter, \$10; C. J. Winter, \$5; W. J. Staats, \$5

## GIRL SWIMMING CHAMP DOWNERS GROVE VISITOR

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Rush and daughters, Loretta, Edna and Helen, from Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone, are visiting with Mrs. Rush's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Wolf, of East Maple and Fairview avenues.

Miss Loretta, 15 years of age, and the eldest of the girls, has come to the states looking for new worlds to conquer. She is an all-around athlete, a champion swimmer, diver, sprinter, relay racer and high jumper. Self-taught, with never a lesson of any kind from a professional, she seems destined to make her mark in the world of sports and will, no doubt be heard from in the swimming meets to be held in the United States this summer. With proper teaching, and she will get it if attached to some regular club like the I. A. C. or the C. A. C., she should be a leader in a few more years.

With three other girls she holds the world's record for the 440 yard relay sprint and for the 125 yard relay swim. The first time they tried for a record in the relay swim they made the remarkable time of one minute and eighteen seconds for the 125 yards, the second time they lowered their own time three seconds.

Miss Rush has "crawled" the hundred yards in 1:07 and promises with the right instruction to beat even this fast time. She has cleared the bar in the high jump at four feet, eight inches and has sprinted 100 yards in 12-2-5 seconds.

At the Fourth of July celebration last year at Cristobal she was the high point winner, getting three firsts out of a possible four. She won the 100 yard dash, the fancy diving and the broad jump. At Gatun on Memorial Day she was also the point winner and carried off two gold medals



Miss Loretta Rush, Fifteen Year Old Swimming Champion

in one of the most hotly contested field day events ever held in the zone.

Her younger sisters promise to follow in her footsteps as already they have been training. The family will make their home here for several months.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS AGAIN ON SUNDAY MORNING

Clocks Should be Turned Ahead to "Chicago" Time—Council Passes Ordinance.

Daylight saving or "Chicago" time starts again for the summer next Sunday morning. Clocks should be turned ahead an hour so that people will be in accord with the local train schedules and everything else which will be run by the daylight saving time.

To make it legal time in the village the Council passed an ordinance at its meeting Monday night. This ordinance will be published in full next week.

While some people object to the new time it is the only thing possible for Downers Grove, being as we are, in close proximity to Chicago and, in a way, forced to follow the lead of that city.

## YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK STATIONS AT VESTA CHAPTER

Annual Young Folks Night Enjoyed by Large Number at Local Eastern Star.

Vesta Chapter, No. 242, O. E. S. held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, April 25. This was the much anticipated Young People's evening when members of the Vesta Juniors take the various stations for the work. The hall was prettily decorated in pink and green.

The acting officers for the evening were as follows:

Worthy Patron, Owen Griffith; Worthy Matron, Ruth Gregory; Associate Matron, Helen Haas; Conductress, Margaret Wolf; Associate Conductress, Virginia Tank; Secretary, Elmira Wenzel; Treasurer, Lois Bear; Ada, Ruth Broadwell; Ruth, Ollum Mochel; Esther, Beatrice Anthony; Martha, Ruth Block; Electa, Grace Peterson; Marshal, Eleanor Schnabele; Pianist, Esther Klein; Warden, Elaine Wilson; Chaplain, Anna Heal; Sentinel, Ruth Miskelly.

After the opening of the Chapter the following were escorted to the East:

Past Worthy Matrons of Vesta Chapter, Sisters Caroline Mochel, Florence Uhlhorn, Minnie Olson, Louise Kenison, Lottie Pearce, Clara Barnhart, Mrs. Jonas Foster, Mary Graves, Nellie Prickett, Emma Miller. Also Sisters Barbara Gregory of Rose Croix Chapter, Chicago, and Lorraine Tope, president of the Vesta Juniors.

It was reported by Mrs. Jonas Foster that to date the donations to the Old Folks Home at Rockford total about \$70.00. It is very much hoped that Vesta Chapter can increase this amount considerably.

The Worthy Matron urged a large attendance to the All Day Work meeting to be held May 3. As usual, a cafeteria luncheon will be served. It was further announced that the loan of a few sewing machines would be sincerely appreciated. The usual routine of business having been transacted initiation followed. Everyone present was unanimous in their praise of the work done by the acting officers throughout the entire evening.

Sister Gwendolyn Griffiths crowned this fine work with her sweet songs. This pleasant occasion culminated in the dining room where dainty refreshments were served. A very artistic committee had small tables arranged to form the star while the beautiful colors were brilliantly used in the table decorations.

There will be initiation and refreshments at the next regular meeting on May 9th.

## CHORAL SOCIETY TO GIVE CONCERT DECORATION DAY

Plans Now Being Worked Out; Members Enthusiastic—Study History of Music

The West Suburban Choral society is holding its regular Thursday night weekly meetings, except on the third Thursday of each month when they practice the following Sunday at 3:00 in the afternoon. The members are enthusiastic in their praise of their director, Mr. Pape, and all friends of music in the community are congratulating themselves on the good fortune that enables Downers Grove to avail itself of the efficient leadership of Mr. Pape and the president of the organization, Mrs. Philip Weinheimer.

In order to bring even more of a cultural value to these meetings, the president has worked out a plan whereby during the intermission for rest, some member presents a short talk or paper on music and its beginnings. The last two who appeared in this capacity were the Rev. G. H. Newland, with a clear and entertaining paper on Early Christian Music and Mrs. H. S. Paine on Early Musical Instruments. Such contributions are most profitable in promoting a musical appreciation in our community and those present show their gratitude in hearty applause.

It is planned to hold the concert of the Choral society on the evening of Memorial Day.

## VAUDEVILLE ACTS OF FIRST ANNUAL "REVUE" PLEASE

Crowded House at Dicke's Applauds Talent of S. Andrews Young People's Club.

If laughter, applause and other evidences of approval from a full house audience are a criterion, then the First Annual Downers Grove Revue, given by the Young People's club of S. Andrews church at the Dicke theatre on Monday evening, was a decided success. Starting promptly at the hour set, the show moved without appreciable pause for more than two hours and most of that time the audience was smiling, tittering or rocking with laughter. In the intervals intoxicated feet kept time to the rollicking syncopations produced by Ed. Garrison, Roy Bruns and Richmond Shurtz.

The audience was greeted on assembling by pretty girls in fetching caps and aprons carrying be-ribboned trays loaded with home made candies. The supply of sweets was insufficient to fill the demand.

The program opened with a two reel Christie comedy film, timed to the speed of the orchestra.

Following this M. E. Coleman and Stewart Miles "opened the show" with a vaudeville turn, Miles being in blackface and gorgeously bedecked in crimson coat, green vest, white trousers and a wealth of "pop bottle" jewelry. The dialogue was full of local allusions, including a story of "Cap." Balczynski's golf prowess and an imitation "shrivel service" examination for a job in the post office. Responding to applause the "team" imitated Lester Barry and Tommy Rogers in their "Sheik and Shriek" act in the Follies, Miles using a cleverly constructed dummy as a prop and Coleman having considerable trouble in handling a heavy sabre.

Miss Edith Snyder then appeared in "The Dance of the Luna Moth," the curtain rose on a darkened stage with dim blue beams revealing a silvery cocoon from which the dancer emerged to flit among four flowers, posed by Mary Fox, Betty Coleman, Barbara Myers and Martha Blakely.

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## "KENTUCKY BELLE" COMEDY-DRAMA AT DICKE'S MAY 8 & 9

Vesta Juniors Give Amateur Play for Masonic Temple Benefit Week After Next.

"A Kentucky Belle," comedy-drama in three acts, is the next big amateur attraction in the village. It will be given Monday and Tuesday nights, May 8 and 9 at the Dicke Theatre by a cast composed of Vesta Juniors and is a benefit for the building fund of the Downers Grove Masonic Temple Association.

Miss Lorraine Tope and Mr. Hugh M. MacWhorter take the leading roles and others in the cast are the Misses Bessie Pape, Margaret Hitchcock, Ruth Gregory and Messrs Hugh Brown, Stewart Miles, Walter Staats and Walter Johnstone.

The scenes are laid in old Kentucky and a race horse, "Kentucky Belle," two aristocratic families, two old family retainers of "color," a student of sociology, a dancer and several other more or less important personages come on and off stage with clever lines in a well laid plot which should furnish entertainment to hundreds for the two nights.

This is the second play to be put on by the Vesta Juniors. The first, "A Cheerful Liar," played last spring to two crowded houses and was warmly applauded. We presume that the success of the first venture should assure a large attendance at the second.

Mr. J. R. King is directing the amateur players. He is working hard on the production and promises a finished performance.

Tickets are now on sale and an early purchase is advised by the committee in charge as the demand is great.