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IMPROVEMENTS HERE IN POSTAL SERVICE MARKED

Two Mail Deliveries a Day Started
Tuesday — Sunday Hours on
"Daylight Saving Time"

C. H. Staats has been delivering on his promise, made when he took over the postoffice here February 1, that he would do all in his power to serve the people of the community as they should be. That he would improve the delivery service, if that were possible and that he would keep after the postal inspectors until something was done to remedy conditions here.

The postoffice has been open for every kind of business from the time the doors are opened in the morning until closing time. The service windows are never closed. This is one very good feature. Mr Staats has succeeded in getting an adding machine and a 500 pound platform scale to facilitate the handling of the details of the office. He has received word from the department that a cancelling machine has been ordered for Downers Grove and will be shipped soon. He has arranged for the installation of three additional "drop" boxes around the village.

Probably the best thing accomplished so far, however, is the addition of another mail carrier. This gives Downers Grove people two complete mail deliveries a day all over the village. There will be three in the business district if desired. The inspectors ordered a full time carrier and a part time. Otto Vix, who has been working in the office as a clerk, has been transferred to the carrier place and those who took the examination for carrier are being seen to ascertain if they desire the part-time job.

After July 1, another full time clerk will be added to the office force and this should insure real service to the patrons of the office.

Everyone in the village is entitled to two mail deliveries a day, if certain provisions of the postal laws are complied with. First, there must be a continuous walk of some kind running up to the house so the carriers may have good footing in all kinds of weather. Second, there must be a mail box on the house; and third, the house must be numbered. This should be good news to those who have been asking for mail delivery and could not get it.

The postoffice is now running on "daylight saving time." The office is open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., "Chicago" time. Sunday mornings it is open from 9:30 to 10:30, also "new" time.

"Q" SUB-DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE BANQUET TONITE

Each of Nine Leagues Along Burlington Has Part in Program at M. E. Church.

Members of the Epworth Leagues along the Burlington from Berwyn to Downers Grove will meet in the Methodist Episcopal Church tonight for their annual banquet. These leagues form the "Q" sub-district and have been active in their respective churches. It is expected that there will be many visitors from Chicago and from other parts of the county.

The program is as follows:
Teastmaster James W. Woodard
"Persian Song" Gladys Leland
Art Sketches Arthur Viemeyer
Report of "Q" Cabinet:
President Ed. S. Nelson
Treasurer Anton Broberg
Secretary Irvine Miller
Third Department Lillian Caygill
Fourth Department Forrest Gilbert
Election of Officers
Presentation of Shield
Piano Solo Fredrika Wood Wiley
"Soap" Burgess Johnson
"Why" Anonymous

Each league in the district will have a part in explaining the sentence, "Loyal Epworth Leaguers Serve Christ Joyfully, Courageously, Earnestly, Willingly." The leaguers to be represented are from Morton Park, LaGrange, Cass, Riverside, Brookfield, Clyde, Congress Park, Berwyn and Downers Grove.

In Touch With The Outside World



CLEVER COMEDY MAY 8 AND 9 AT DICKE THEATRE

"A Kentucky Belle," in Three Acts,
to be Given by Vesta Juniors
for Temple Assn.

Is it hard to imagine Hugh M. MacWhorter in the role of a student of sociology and a romantic lover? Can you see Walter Johnstone garbed as a "niggah Wench" and playing the servant in a southern family, with Stewart Miles as "her" lover, himself a gentleman of color? Can you conceive Walter Staats in the part of a DIGNIFIED old southern colonel, sweet on a sweet young thing? Then this—Hugh Brown as a medical doctor.

All these suppositions are not only possible but are facts in the three act comedy, "A Kentucky Belle" to be shown next Monday and Tuesday nights, May 8 and 9 at the Dicke Theatre. The play is given by the Vesta Juniors for the benefit of the building fund of the Downers Grove Masonic Temple Association and it promises to be a real "knock-out."

Its rather hard to imagine some of the male members of the cast in their several roles. It is an easy matter to visualize Miss Loraine Tope as the "sweet young thing"; Miss Bessie Pape as the dignified maiden aunt, so proud of her ancestors; Miss Margaret Hitchcock as Marie, the dancer and cabaret artist; Miss Ruth Gregory as the mother; Miss Dorothy Bordwell as the hero's little sister now wearing "long" skirts; Miss Gwen Griffiths as a soloist and Miss Frances Bensley as a dancer.

The action of the play is in old Kentucky and deals with the adventures of John Cason, a student of sociology, in a southern home. He wins the girl of his dreams through a combination of circumstances even though he has a rival in the person of a rich old colonel. With the girl's
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A REAL NEED

Do you remember what a bright, beautiful day it was yesterday? The sun was shining and the warmth of spring was in the air.

There is very little sunshine right now in the lives of the people of the flooded districts around Beardstown. The great flood has left them in a pitiable condition and money is sadly needed for their rehabilitation.

The Reporter has started a fund to help these Illinois folks and it is appealing to its many readers for contributions to help these stricken people. The need is great; the cause is a worthy one and we must remember that these are OUR OWN PEOPLE asking for help.

Next week we will publish the first list of contributors. Donations made up to Thursday noon will appear in this list. You will feel better spiritually, if your name is there. Contributions can be left at either bank or at The Reporter office or mailed to either of the three places.

May we count on you?

MRS CLEVELAND HEADS PRESER- VATION SOCIETY

Officers of Local Chapter Elected at
the Annual Meeting Last
Week Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Downers Grove Chapter, Wild Flower Preservation Society, of America, was held last week Thursday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Mrs U F Cleveland—President
Mrs Ernest Fisher—Vice-President
Miss Elizabeth Strong—Secretary
Mrs W H Baker—Treasurer
Mrs E G Lemon—Publicity
Mrs A R Whitehorn—Field Marshall.

Arrangements were made to entertain the Chicago chapter at a luncheon and hike through the Forest Preserve on the third Thursday in May. The luncheon will be held at the home of Mrs W F James in the Sellers estate in East Maple avenue.

Plans were also made for a picnic luncheon and day in the woods with the boy scouts the first Saturday in June. They are doing good work in looking out for the protection of the birds and wild flowers in the preserve and have posted the reminders all through the woods.

The local chapter has adjourned its meetings for the summer months.

SEWER AND WATER CONTRACT AWARDED ROCKFORD MAN

Chas. E. Hughes Bid Lower Than the
Engineer's Estimate—Was the
Second Lowest Bidder

Chas. E. Hughes, of Rockford, was awarded the contract Monday night at a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements for the water and sewer extension in Linscott, Saratoga, Prince, North Forest, North Main, and Highland avenues. His was the second lowest bid and was accepted over the lower for several reasons.

Mr. Hughes bid was lower than the estimate made by the engineer for the improvement. His figures were: for the water extension, \$13,060.02, which is \$162.28 lower than the estimate; and for the sewers, \$9,362.58, which figure is \$3,847.42 lower than the estimate. If there is any saving to the property owners by these lower bids, it will be taken off the deferred installments for the improvement.

FAREWELL SURPRISE

Bluebird Rebekah Lodge No. 147, had a nice little surprise in store for several of its members Tuesday evening. After the regular business session they adjourned to the dining room where a farewell party was held for Mr and Mrs G. A. Hogren and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Swanson, who are leaving town. Games were played, speeches made and delicious refreshments served. Mr. Hogren has sold his home in Middaugh avenue and left last night for Galva, Ill., where he and Mr. Swanson have purchased a grocery and market. Mrs. Hogren and Mr. and Mrs. Swanson will leave next week.

ST. JOSEPH A. C. OBSERVES FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

Banquet at Central Hotel Starts the
Evening—Wm. Brady Re-
elected President.

The St. Joseph Athletic club celebrated its first anniversary on Thursday, April 27, with a magnificent banquet at the Central Hotel. The menu included everything from soup to nuts with roast chicken in the place of honor.

Beside the regular members, those present were, the Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, spiritual director; J. Reiff, and the club's advisory board made up of the following, William Bender, Sr., Peter Reiff, Matt O. Foley, and Edward F. Bradley, Sr.

The affair began at 8:30 with a prayer by Dr. Goodwin and was a success from the start. The cake, bearing the emblem of the club, which had been on display in the bakery window, Thursday, was destroyed as a work of art but found to be delicious.

Mr. James Straka started the entertainment for the evening at the piano, president Brady favoring with a solo.

The club song was introduced by the "composers," Lester Reiff and John Twohey. Its name is derived from the initial letters of the club, "S. J. A. C." and follows closely the old high school song.

The song was followed by an excellent talk by Father Goodwin in which he expressed his appreciation of the good work of the club, speaking also of its vitality from a religious standpoint. He thanked the young men for the interest they have and are taking in church affairs.

William Bender thanked the boys for the good time he had been shown and for having been honored with an invitation to such an affair. He complimented the young men on their
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SELIG - SCHULTZ

A quiet home wedding was celebrated Wednesday evening, May 4, when Miss Freda Selig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Selig, of Orchard street, became the bride of Albert Schultz, son of Christ Schultz of Lisle. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home in the presence of immediate members of the two families, the Rev. J. Alfred Nansen, pastor of the First Evangelical church, officiating.

The bride, gowned in white charmuse, carrying a bouquet of white roses, was attended by Miss Elsie Ward of Chicago, who wore pink charmuse and carried pink roses and Miss Eda Carlson, of Hinsdale, who wore blue charmuse and carried deep red roses. The groom's attendants were Albert Anderman and Albert Selig, brother of the bride.

Mr and Mrs Schultz have gone to Indiana for their honeymoon and will make their home in the upper flat of the Selig home on their return.

FIRST CONCRETE ON CANNON BALL POURED TUESDAY

Completion of Highway from Aurora
to Fullersburg Expected by
November First

Indications that Downers Grove people will soon be riding on concrete without having to go miles away, are seen in the fact that the first concrete was poured on the old Plank road, west of town, Tuesday afternoon.

This is the work we have been awaiting for many months. Grading has progressed on the stretch between the township line on the west and Fullersburg, until the teams are just west of Highland avenue.

W. H. Knapproth, the state engineer in charge of this contract, says he thinks the entire road from the Cook county line on the east to the Aurora city limits on the west, will be completed by November 1. If his estimate of the time is correct, the road will be open to the public by the first of December as it must stand for thirty days before being open to traffic.

On the section between Aurora and Naperville grading is now being done and they will begin pouring concrete soon. This is the piece that will be constructed of concrete mixed in the gravel pit east of Naperville and carried to the end of the road by truck.

Most of the grading on the east end of the road between Downers and Naperville has been completed and it is expected that concrete will be poured there next week.

On that piece several curves have been eliminated almost entirely and the road shortened, cutting down several hills very materially. Culverts and bridges of concrete are being installed and the work is progressing nicely.

The Board of Supervisors of the County have asked for bids on the Naperville-Bloomington road which is to be of bituminous macadam and will be built by funds received from the state as payment for the Roosevelt road stretch through the county. The plans have been approved by the state highway department and the construction will start soon. This is the first hard road to be built in the program of north and south highways to connect the villages and cities to the east and west hard roads.

NEAR EAST RELIEF COMMITTEE SENDS THANKS FOR FUNDS

Downers Grove Raised \$850 in Effort
to Save Lives of Orphans of
the Great War.

Increasing interest in being displayed in DuPage county in the campaign to save the lives of 140 orphan children in the Near East. The most recent contribution was \$850.00 made by Mrs. M. H. Prince of Downers Grove for the people of that community.

The Illinois committee has taken the responsibility for 20,000 of these starving children of Armenia and Syria, whose only hope for life lies in the generosity of the people of the United States. Of this 20,000 placed in the care of Illinois, 140 will be given food by the people of this county and the committee has sent thanks for the interest shown.

Word from the Illinois headquarters at 19 South LaSalle street, Chicago, to those in charge of raising funds here, says that the need in some parts of the Near East has become even greater as a result of recent political changes. The withdrawal of the French from the Cilicia region has left thousands of the helpless and homeless children at the mercy of Turkish cruelty, bloodshed and deportation. The present orphanages, now taxed to more than their capacity, are unable to take care of these additional children and unless they are given food and shelter, thousands of them, who escape being killed outright, will starve to death within a few months.

In the face of this emergency, every effort is being put forth through the state to get food to these children.

Twenty young folks surprised Miss Martha Shaffer last Thursday evening at her home in East Chicago ave. The occasion was her birthday.

CITIZEN'S ASSN. IS TO MEET NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

The Tentative Constitution has Been
Printed and Distributed to
Present Members.

The next regular meeting of the newly formed Citizens Association of Downers Grove will be held at the Kindergarten, Grove street, next Monday evening, May 8, at 8:00 p. m. For several reasons the meeting has been advanced one night, it was to have been held Tuesday the ninth.

The tentative constitution has been printed and sent out to those present last week Tuesday at the preliminary meeting. They are invited to read it over carefully and come prepared to offer constructive criticism, if any, so that a constitution can be adopted and real work started.

There is a need for the organization or one operating along similar lines. This has been proven since the meeting and the talk "on the street" is that if the right men can get together behind the Citizens Association that it is sure to be a great power for good in the community.

A body of men, associated together with the purpose in view of making any community a better one, no necessarily for themselves, but for all, cannot help but do good. Those with axes to grind or who are after some personal profit from such an association, are soon weeded out of the place where they have some influence. This, as those vitally interested in the formation of the new movement say, is the greatest danger.

During the war Downers Grove functioned as a unit. This was thru the efforts of the Community Council, started, in a small way, even before Congress declared war, but when we could all see it coming. Everything regarding local participation in the drive for funds, in community planting, in the selling of the war loans for funds, in everything to do with the local participation in that conflict, was handled through this central agency. It is along this line that the Citizens Association would function, if formed right.

It is the duty of every man in the community to take an interest in the affairs of Downers Grove. One way in which he can take that interest is through an association of this kind, which, rightly started and nurtured through the first six months or so of its existence, will be a powerful factor in making Downers Grove an even better place in which to live than it is at present.

RADIO FANS LOOK FORWARD TO BIG RADIO EXPOSITION

Amateur Wireless Operators to Compete for Honor of Being
Fastest "Sender."

Plans are being perfected for the participation of the army, navy, the Government, Boy and Girl Scouts, Technical schools, the Radio Corporation of America and the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., in the National Radio exposition to be held in the Leiter building, Chicago, June 28th, to July 1st, according to an announcement made today by Milo E. Westbrook, general manager of the exposition.

Alfred Thomas, Jr. district manager of the Radio Corporation of America, a member of the show's advisory committee, is arranging for a contest of amateurs at the national exposition. This contest will settle who is the fastest amateur radio operator. Mr. Thomas is working out the details of the contest with Mr. Westbrook. L. R. Schmitt, United States Radio inspector for the ninth district, another member of the committee, will have an exhibit from his department at the exposition. G. E. Jaspert, who has charge of the Westinghouse Broadcasting station in Chicago, announced that Westinghouse would install the official receiving station at the exposition from which the visitors at the show would get the complete service of the Broadcasting station, K. Y. W.