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"KENTUCKY BELLE," VESTA JUNIOR SHOW, A COMEDY SUCCESS

Amateur Players do Remarkably Well
in Masonic Temple Benefit at
the Dicke Theatre.

As prophesied, the three act comedy, "A Kentucky Belle," given Monday and Tuesday nights at the Dicke Theatre under the auspices of the Vesta Juniors for the benefit of the Masonic Temple building fund, was a laughing success. The two audiences showed by their laughter and applause that they appreciated the efforts of the amateur players, who by their finished performance, showed the work they had put on the play and the directing of Mr. John R. King.

The comedy deals with the adventures of John Cason Gordon, of New York, who, while working as a line-man in Kentucky gathering facts for a new work on sociology, is injured in a fall from a telephone pole. He is taken to the home of Miss Mariah Douglas, where he naturally falls in love with her niece, Miss Isabel, and, after thinking up a scheme to foil his rival, old Col. Wm. McMillen, wins her.

Miss Loraine Tope, in the part of Isabel, was perfection. She registered comedy, tragedy, wistfulness and love with equal facility where the action of the play and the lines called for these varied emotions. She is an amateur actress of ability, unquestionably.

The Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter as John Cason Gordon was an ardent lover. His expression, his deep voice and his natural ability as an actor, all helped to add realism to a part which was, at times, a difficult one.

Miss Bessie Pape must surely be "some kin to the Douglas family." As the aristocratic maiden aunt, Miss Mariah Douglas, she was superb. Never once, no matter how trying the situation, did she forget her "Douglas dignity" nor the fact that in her veins ran the bluest of blue blood.

Walter Staats, as the dignified, egotistical, Col. Wm. McMillen, was dignified enough for all practical purposes. Through the hint given him by Marie Van Harlingen, (Miss Margaret Hitchcock) a local dancer, engaged in directing an amateur show, he transfers his matrimonial attentions from Miss Isabel Douglas to her aunt, Miss Mariah, and succeeds in winning her. Marie, through a clever story, is able to save Isabel from hearing a flowery proposal written by the colonel.

Cindy, a negro maid, Walter Johnstone, and Henry, a negro servant, Stewart Miles; make a team hard to beat. Their comedy is clever; their dialect is the real southern kind and they get their "stuff across" in a way which is entertaining. Both are short and both have that spirit of fun in their real personality, making them real comedians.

Miss Ruth Gregory was excellent as Miss Madden, a nurse who attended Cason during the illness following his accident. She was unburied and natural. Also in the third act where she takes the part of Mrs. Gordon, she and her daughter, Miss (Kitty) Gordon (Miss Dorothy Bordwell) are realistic.

Dr. Blake, Hugh Brown, a middle-aged practitioner, is a real "doctah." He has that suave, professional manner so noticeable in all successful physicians.

Miss Frances Bensley, a solo dancer, who is taking part in the amateur show being arranged by Marie, gives a classical dance hard to equal by any but professionals.

Miss Gwendolyn Griffiths sings a solo number with the Misses Dorothy Bordwell, Ruth Miskelly, Mary Spinner, Kathryn Heckman, Dorothy Phelps and Frances Bensley as the "chorus" girls. It is a dreamy song, and catchy air and never was "our Gwen" in better voice. Her singing is the pride of her many friends and the management of "A Kentucky Belle" felt themselves fortunate in being able to secure her services.

The telephone linemen, Messrs. Harry Case, M. E. Coleman, Theodore Dreuttel, Jr., and Samuel Kenison, make a hit with their barber shop chords when they pay a visit (Continued on Page 6)

ST. JOSEPH A. C. WIN FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON

Beat St. Benno Nine on Local Field
Last Sunday, 6 to 4—Team
in Good Shape.

The St. Joseph A. C. won their first regular scheduled game last Sunday over the St. Benno nine of Chicago by a score of 6 to 4. It was a closely contested game from the start.

Bradley twirled for the St. Joe's featuring with ten strike outs and allowed but one walk. Bradley is good this year and with him on the mound the St. Joe's are sure of a victory.

Brady caught a good game and is right there all of the time with his mouth, ears and eyes wide open. Moran has shown wonderful improvement on first. Shrimp Wimmer is on second this year and going good. He is also captain of the team. Tom Canty is at short and lets nothing pass him and he is also doing fine. And Bender at third is a whirlwind. Miller, Pelling, Safranski and Rieff are in the field and are coming along in good shape.

The St. Joe's have a good fighting team this year and are booking games with the best of teams in Chicago and vicinity. The team is getting some good coaching and dope on inside baseball from Mat. Foley, manager, and Ed. Bradley, Asst. Manager. If the team works together as good as they did last Sunday there is no doubt that they will lose but few games this season.

So come on baseball fans to some of their games and see a real ball game.

CARL ANDERSON, SCHOOL BOY, IN A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Flesh Torn From Leg as Lad Hitches
on Wagon—Taken to Hospital
in Ambulance.

Carl Anderson, nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Anderson, of East Maple avenue, was very seriously injured in a peculiar accident Monday morning. The lad was on his way to school and in trying to "hitch" on a wagon, the tail gate dropped, throwing his right leg into the wheel.

The flesh on this leg was stripped from the bone almost from the ankle to the knee, the large bone broken and he was horribly cut and gashed in other places below his waist.

Dr. G. R. Tope was called and gave hurried first aid. He found it necessary to apply a tourniquet above the knee because of the wound. A Hinsdale ambulance was called and the boy rushed to the West Suburban hospital where three doctors worked for more than two hours cleaning out the injuries, cutting away the bruised places and taking stitches in the cuts. Considering the nature of the injuries, the lad is doing fine and we understand that he will suffer no permanent crippling. Physicians who saw him say it is lucky that he will not lose the injured leg.

MRS. CALLENDER ENTERTAINED FOR MRS. F. EDGEWORTH

Bunco and Five Hundred Played at
Birthday Party Last Friday
Afternoon, May 5.

Mrs. W. C. Callender very delightfully entertained at luncheon Friday, May 5, in honor of her sister, Mrs. F. A. Edgeworth for her birthday. Bunco and 500 furnished the amusement for the afternoon. Mrs. A. R. Cramer and Mrs. E. F. Chessman taking first prizes and Mrs. E. Clow and Mrs. F. F. Chessman the consolation prizes.

The invited guests were Mesdames W. F. Heintz, W. W. Heintz, Fred Drissler, Frank Hawkins, E. Clow, J. Gray, Maurice Smith, E. F. Lacey, W. E. Chessman, R. O. Miller, E. F. Chessman, A. Ray Cramer, Walter Moberg, C. A. Carlson, E. Goltry, and F. F. Chessman.

Upon leaving the guests presented Mrs. Edgeworth with a beautiful linen tablecloth.

A Mother's Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD AND FATHER, I COME BEFORE
Thee now to speak unto Thee about the children whom
Thou hast given to me.
They are very dear to me, and I earnestly desire
that they may walk in the narrow way that leadeth
to Everlasting Life.

But I feel my own ignorance and sinfulness, and I need Thy grace and wisdom to train them aright. Thou, O God, hast said, "Ask and ye shall have;" I do ask Thee for the gift of Thy Holy Spirit for myself and children. Help me to set them a good example in word and deed; create in each one of them a clean heart, and renew in each a right spirit. Give each a tender conscience; make them obedient, respectful, gentle and unselfish. Strengthen them to resist temptation, to speak the truth, and to be diligent in their work, ever remembering that Thine eye is upon them.

Grant, O Lord, to each one of my dear children, a sure trust in the precious blood of Jesus Christ as their only atonement; and clothe them each in the blessed robe of His Righteousness.

Watch over them, good Lord, by day and by night, in health and in sickness; and after they have served Thee on earth, take them to dwell with Thee forever in Heaven.

I beseech Thee, O God, mercifully to read my Prayer and grant my heart's desires, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, my Saviour.
Amen.

SUNDAY IS "MOTHER'S DAY"

WOMANS CLUB TO CHECK UP ON BIRTH REGISTRATION HERE

Take Part in Health Promotion Week
May 7-13 as Proclaimed by
Gov. Small.

May 7-13 are the dates set for the fourth annual observance of Health Promotion week. This has been so proclaimed by Gov. Small.

Three things are being emphasized above all others during this week. Birth Registration Campaigns, Milk pasteurization drives and better Baby Conferences.

The Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs has accepted a Birth Registration program as a part of its official work and this seems to be an opportune time to carry it through. The Downers Grove Women's Club is doing its bit in this program by organizing a birth registration canvass. Through this canvass the committee will attempt to secure a list of names of all babies in this village born between May 1921 and May 1922. This (Continued on Page 10)

LAST RECITAL OF SACRED MUSICAL SERIES IS SUNDAY

Date Advanced Because of Nearness
of Commencement at North-
Western College.

The last of the series of Sacred Musical Recitals for this season will be given in First Evangelical church on Sunday evening, May 14. It was hoped by the local committee cooperating with the faculty of Northwestern college in arranging for these recitals that the last one could be given near the first of June. Local commencement exercises of the High School and the Commencement season in the school of music make this impossible and May 14 was the last chance, so of course was very gladly grasped for the series of recitals has brought lasting inspiration and blessing into the community. Ask any one of the big audience of nearly three hundred people who attended the last recital?

The third concert in the series has been omitted entirely because of the evangelistic campaign in a sister church. This concert was planned as the climax in quality and will certainly be worth the while of any one who loves music to hear. There will be six musicians in the party: Miss Umbreit, soprano; Miss Moser, contralto; Mr. Raymond Veh, tenor; Mr. Otto Knechtel, baritone; Mr. Arthur Ehret, violinist and Miss Esther Hein, pianist. Mr. Knechtel is not only leading baritone of the college but gives promise of being one of the leading baritones of the country and Miss Umbreit also possesses a voice of unusual quality. She will travel with the Glee Club as soloist during their summer tour. The rest of the party are advanced students in the school of music all doing work of an exceptional grade.

The program Sunday evening will commence at 7:30.

FRATERNITY BOYS MAKING PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Initiation Celebration Dinner Held at
Wa-Brook Inn on Tuesday
—Dance Tomorrow.

Alpha Sigma Beta fraternity held an initiation at Zindt's Hall last Monday initiating five candidates to the mysteries of the fraternity and the rough work entailed therein. Wednesday evening the candidates received the formal work at the home of Bennett Allison. Those taking the strenuous work were, Harold Grunhaus, Karl Kellogg, Frank Waples, Frank Dewey and Melvin Binder.

On Tuesday evening the organization held a dinner at the Wa-Brook Inn to celebrate the occasion of the initiation and to lay plans for the coming year which will be even greater than those of the previous year which have been very gratifying. Plans are being made for a vacation at some lake resort for several weeks this summer besides many others to foster the fraternal spirit of the group.

The "Alpha Sigs" will give another of their parties and dances, which have been so successful and have showed that there are a few organizations that can put over some good times in town, tomorrow evening at Library hall. This is in the form of a May party and should prove to be an interesting social affair.

The Oak Park and the Grove chapters of the Fraternity will meet in a joint meeting in the Morrison Hotel Friday evening for the purpose of furthering the fraternity and increasing its number of chapters.

E. R. DUNNAGAN BUYS GILLESPIE HARDWARE STORE

Firm name Will be the Downers
Grove Hardware Co.—Change
Was Made Monday.

E. R. Dunnagan, who for the last ten years has managed the hardware store of J. D. Gillespie & Co., closed a deal last week whereby the store becomes his sole property. The store name has been changed to The Downers Grove Hardware Co., and in announcing the change, Mr. Dunnagan says that they will endeavor to give to the people of Downers Grove a hardware service which will be a real one.

Mr. Dunnagan has had many years experience in the merchandising business. He is capable of handling the many details incident to running a store as it should be run. Already he has inaugurated a rest room feature with stationery, telephone service and other accommodations for the buying public.

The change was made Monday and Mr. Dunnagan is now in full control. He had an interest in the business before the deal was made and this entered into the consideration.

CITIZEN'S ASSN. ADOPTS CONSTITUTION MONDAY

R. C. Toombs Elected President and
J. F. Reed, Secretary of a New
Local Organization.

After considerable discussion, the constitution for the newly organized Citizen's Association of Downers Grove, was adopted at a meeting of that body at the High School Monday evening. About fifty men, representative citizens of various parts of the community, were in attendance and all signified their willingness to help in making the association a real help in community effort.

R. C. Toombs, temporary chairman of the meeting, presided. Mr. Toombs explained the reason for including several objected-to provisions of the constitution and after understanding the reason, there was no further objection. The constitution was passed just about as printed and distributed to members of the association. A few minor changes do not radically effect it.

Four of the officers called for by this ruling document were elected at the meeting. They are:

Roy C. Toombs—President
John F. Reed—Secretary.

John L. Remmers—Treasurer
E. L. Kellogg—1st Vice-President
It was decided to hold over the election of the other three vice-presidents until a later meeting.

Those officers, now elected, will draft by-laws and make other preliminary arrangements for the functioning of the organization and will call a meeting in the near future. It is planned to make a drive for members as it is realized that the larger the membership, the greater the good which can be accomplished.

CLARENDON HILLS SEEKS TO BECOME PART OF HINSDALE

Annexation Petition Received by the
Village Board—Fullersburg
People Waking Up.

A petition has been presented to the Hinsdale village board asking that Clarendon Hills and the new addition there being promoted by the McIntosh real estate firm, be annexed to the village. It is the general talk on the street in Hinsdale, that should the matter be brought to the attention of the voters at a special election, that they are almost sure to turn the proposition down.

We understand that a petition is now being circulated in Fullersburg asking that that territory be annexed to Hinsdale. This is logically a part of the village and no doubt will carry if it comes to a vote.

Hinsdale is one of the most progressive villages in the county. The board showed this at their meeting last Monday night when they made arrangements for a public automobile parking space in the vacant tract north of the depot. This space has been secured for the parking of cars to relieve the congestion around the station and the parking privilege is free.

CHILD WELFARE EXHIBIT AT COM- MUNITY FAIR

The DuPage County Tuberculosis Society calls the attention of the public to the free moving picture exhibit at the Wheaton theatre, 2 to 5 p. m., on May 17 and 18. These health pictures are most interesting and instructive and should be seen by all teachers, school children and their parents.

The public is also urged to visit the child welfare booth at the Wheaton Community Fair on May 18, 19 and 20. The exhibit is under the direction of Miss Frances Cook, who had charge of the Crusade work of the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute.

The Tuberculosis Society has completed the physical examination of 1200 school children of Milton township and photographs showing the results of this work will be on exhibition.

The ladies aid society of the Congregational church, will meet in the church parlors on next Thursday afternoon at 1:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and their friends.

REAL DARKTOWN MINSTRELS AT THE DICKE THEATRE

Benefit Show for Fire Truck Fund
Next Monday and Tuesday to
be "The Berries."

The "Darktown Minstrels" will entertain the fun-loving public of Downers Grove at the Dicke Theatre next Monday and Tuesday night, May 15 and 16 for the benefit of the fire truck fund.

It is hoped that everyone will support this show. We realize that everyone has been bothered to death with tickets for this and for that and for the other. We also realize that one of the important things in the life of any community is adequate fire protection and that we haven't that protection without the fire truck. We can thank the firemen for their wonderful effort in bringing this truck to the village. They have, in the last two years, saved thousands of dollars worth of property by its effective use.

It should have been purchased with village funds (LaGrange just voted \$15,000 for more fire apparatus, among the items being a truck similar to ours) this, however, was considered impossible and the firemen did the next best thing, decided we needed the protection and decided also to go through all the grief of getting together the money for its purchase.

In various ways and by persistent effort, they have succeeded in raising most of the money necessary. They hope to clean up the rest of the notes through this show and the big bazaar they are to hold on Friday and Saturday evenings, June 9 and 10.

But to get back to the show which is to be, in the classic language of the day, the berries.

In the olio are several feature numbers which are almost a show by themselves. There will be "our own Gwen" Griffiths, who will sing a solo number of her selection.

Mr. Jimmy O'Dae, a name to be conjured with, will do a song and dance turn. He was for many years connected with the Geo. Primrose minstrel and can be relied on to give a professional performance, because that's what he is, a professional minstrel.

The end men will be Howard Odell, quite a comedian in his everyday life, and a dusky singer of note, especially at the baseball games; Harry Walker, an old minstrel amateur who has made a hit in many local shows; Russell "String" Tholin, who 'tho new to minstrel work, has been quite a success in other dramatic "act." There are Ransome Parody, a new-comer to the local stage but with a record in other communities. And last, but by far from the least, Robert Dickson and Errol Sanders, two of the best known of the local songbirds.

The Darktown "Sympathy" quartet is guaranteed to please. The tenor is Ransome Parody; second tenor, Leslie Sanders; baritone, Lawrence Foster and bass, Harold Beideman. Here are four who can drag out the "barber shop chords" until one is reminded of days of yore — "In the Evening by the Moonlight" and "Sweet Adeline."

Among those in the circle will be the three Brownlee brothers, Leslie Sanders, John Lehmann, Ed. Swigard and sixteen others. Their voices in the chorus work and in the special numbers harmonize wonderfully.

There will be plenty of local hits and with the sting removed in most cases. For example there will be an extra issue of the Downers Grove Reporter, only one copy printed. It will contain quaint news items of the village and of the people who live here.

Solos, quartets, duos, dancing, and many laughs, everything which a successful minstrel show should have, will be found at the Dicke Theatre next Monday and Tuesday. The sale of the tickets is in the hands of the school children and two crowded houses are expected.

Mrs. A. Krambe of East Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kuetemeyer of West Maple avenue and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Winter of North Prince avenue, attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Winter, Chicago, last Saturday evening.