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FOREST PRESERVE SWIMMING POOL PROSPECT BRIGHT

Supervisors Give Permission to Use Ground for Pool and Also Athletic Field.

We had several days last week when a dip in the old swimming hole would have been "the berries." If our summer is to be anything like the hot, sticky one of 1921, we'll all be looking for such a place near our doors.

That "near our doors" has troubled us for these many years. The stumbling block was that there just wasn't no such place. Nature had passed us by when she distributed places available for bathing purposes. But she did leave a spot in the forest preserve ideally situated for the purpose and it is the intention to utilize this place for an artificial pool which will, so far as this is possible, take the place of a natural one.

Official permission to use the ground, which is where the pond known as the "Barker" now is, was given by the Forest Preserve committee of the Board of Supervisors last Friday night. Supervisors Hammerschmidt, Dooley, Liles, Miller, Littleford and Bloigett were taken to the preserve, shown the place and explained the plan of procedure. Mr. Hammerschmidt voiced the sentiment of the others when he said, "I think the spot is ideal. The plan feasible and I think we can help you a little further than the mere permission to use the ground."

The party then proceeded to the cleared ground in the preserve, just north of Maple avenue, which it is proposed to lay out as an athletic field. Permission was also given to use this land and go ahead with the improvement.

It is proposed to grade down the hills, filling in the low places and make a perfectly level field which can be used for baseball, football and track for the high school and town teams. When finished it will be a natural amphitheatre and plenty of space will be in reserve for the parking of cars. Those who donated the money for the purchase of the north side field, which deal has fallen thru, will be seen individually and if they have no objections, the money will be used for this purpose.

Following the visit to the preserve, the party of supervisors with the addition of H. S. Paine, Bob Carpenter, W. J. O'Neill, E. L. Kellogg, Walter Curtis, W. J. Staats, County Clerk A. A. Kuhn, State Attorney C. W. Reed had dinner at the Wa-Brook Inn. Following the meal an informal meeting was held with F. J. Littleford acting as chairman. Each of the supervisors was called on to express an opinion of the two projects and all were favorable. Details of just what the forest preserve law will allow in propositions of this kind were explained by State's Attorney Reed and it was found that nothing in this direction would interfere with the project.

It seems as if Downers Grove people and those of the territory around us could count on having a swimming pool AT OUR DOOR in the near future. The plan is to go ahead immediately on a scheme of financing and when it is seen that the money will be available, to immediately start actual operations.

It is the plan to raise money not by contribution, but by selling shares in a company to be organized not for profit. In this way those who advance the money will get it back from the charges made for the use of the pool. Backers believe it will make the financing task much easier.

Tentative plans for the construction of the pool call for the deepening of the Barker, slipping the slimy black dirt back from the edges; erecting a cement retaining wall and using the clay and hard pan, under the black earth, for a bottom to retain the water. Over this clay would be placed a layer of gravel and over this a layer of finer gravel and sand. This would give the general appearance of a natural bathing beach, just deep enough for children to wade at one end, and gradually deepening to a diving depth at the other.

The pond has been drained and an examination indicates that the clay subsoil is just what is needed. Well—here's hoping.



ANNEXATION REFERENDUM SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Commissioners Hold Present Departments—Village Appointees Are the Same.

The Village Council at its meeting Monday night received a petition asking that a special election be called for the purpose of annexing to the village territory south of Maple Ave. which has been subdivided by G. H. Bunge. The council decided to call the election on Saturday, June 17 when the proposition will be put up to the voters.

The tract lies south of Maple Ave. and east of Dunham street. (The last street west, running south of the end of the pavement at Maple avenue) and is 338 feet wide and a block in length.

It was the annual meeting of the Council and appointments were made for the ensuing year. The commissioners retain the same departments as last year, namely: Walter C. Barber, Mayor; Commissioner of Public Affairs; Irving G. Heardt, Department of Accounts and Finances; Chas. Haller, Department of Public Health and Safety; William Bender, Department of Streets and Public Improvements; Harry W. Bryce, Department of Public Property.

The appointments were as follows: The same as the last term: Chas. M. Hitch—Village Clerk; Aubrey B. Snow—Village Attorney; C. Ford Davis—Village Treasurer; Chas. M. Hitch—Village Collector; Michael Venard—Chief of Police; Henry Dicke—Fire Marshal. The usual routine business finished the evening.

ALL ASKED TO A SCHOOL MEETING AT KINDERGARTEN

Residents of District 58 Invited to Discuss School Conditions This Evening.

A school meeting will be held at the Junior Elementary school (the Kindergarten) tonight (Friday), May 19, at 8:00 o'clock to which every person in the community with the welfare of the schools at heart is invited.

School conditions in the district are such that something must be done immediately if we are to keep up the standard of education for our children. There are no half way measures—either something must be done or we will be back about twenty years in our schools and conditions which are not to be tolerated will be before us.

Every citizen of the community, men and women, are urged to be present at the meeting tonight. Don't say, "Oh let George do it." "George" has been responsible for too many things now. After the meeting don't say we. I don't approve of this or that, come to the meeting and express your views.

This is an invitation to attend a school meeting. The kindergarten should prove too small to hold the crowd which should be there. Will YOU be one?

Kids is Kids

Carl Vincent Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Anderson of East Grove, was born August 14, 1912 and passed away at the West Suburban hospital May 14, 1922; aged nine years and nine months.

Carl started into school at the age of six, attending the South Side school of Downers Grove, and had reached the fourth grade. He has been a faithful member of the Sunday School of the East Grove Chapel during the past four years, his bright smile and sunny disposition winning the love and admiration of all who knew him.

Due to a severe injury sustained in a wagon accident on May 8, he was rushed to the West Suburban hospital where the best of medical aid failed to accomplish its purpose and he departed this life at 11:50 o'clock Sunday night. Death was due to tetanus from the injuries he received last week.

He leaves to mourn his loss his father, Mr. Axel Anderson; his mother, Mrs. Axel Anderson, three sisters and numerous relatives and friends.

Though his cheerful face will be missed from among us yet the remembrance of him will follow us as a blessing and a benediction and the bereaved will find comfort in the hope of the union beyond the sorrows of death.

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WEST SUBURBAN CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT MAY 30th

Tickets for First Annual Musical Event Under Direction of Mr. Pape, Out

Tickets for the first annual concert of the West Suburban Choral Society are now out and Mr. H. S. Paine has been made chairman of the committee for their distribution. The concert will be given in the Methodist Episcopal church on Memorial Day evening, Tuesday, May 30.

Mr. Thomas A. Pape, director of the society, is very anxious that the entire membership be present at the next meeting to be held in the Kindergarten next Sunday afternoon, May 21, at 3 o'clock. This is the last practice before the concert and he desires to start on time and get in a real afternoon's work. Mr. Pape is arranging to have cello soloists from Chicago assist in the program.

At the last meeting of the society Mr. S. J. Felton read an interesting and instructive paper on "Early American Music." It was much appreciated.

The Society is indebted to the board of the Methodist church for the use of their auditorium for the concert and appreciates very much the favor.

MEMORIAL FOR MARGARET KOLM THIS MORNING

High School Student Passes Away Yesterday Morning Following Two Weeks Illness

Margaret, the 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Kolm, of 142 Oakwood avenue, passed away yesterday morning from diphtheria following a two weeks illness.

The little miss was a member of the Freshman class of the high school and several weeks ago took one of the leading parts in the play, Green Stockings. She was naturally a leader in the sports of the school and her sunny disposition will be missed. Memorial services were held at the assembly at the high school this morning for Margaret. Mr. Samuel Vernon, principal, will make a short talk and several of her classmates will pay tribute to her memory.

Margaret Kolm was born in Chicago, May 11, 1907 and has several years made her home in the Grove. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

LOCAL CHAPTER, D. A. R., ELECTED OFFICERS MAY 16th

Miss Grace Stover, Regent—Meeting Held at New Frankenfield Home, N. Main St.

The Downers Grove Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met for their annual meeting at the beautiful new home of Mrs. J. H. Frankenfield, in North Main Street, Tuesday evening, May 16.

Officers for the ensuing year will be as follows: Miss Grace Stover—Regent; Mrs. Thos. Remington—Vice-Regent; Mrs. L. L. Hannum—Chaplain; Mrs. J. H. Frankenfield—Treasurer; Miss Helen Clifford—Secretary; Miss Helen Downer—Program; Mrs. G. M. Allison—Registrar; Mrs. A. R. Whitehorn—Historian; Mrs. G. H. Whitney—Press. Refreshments and music completed a most delightful evening.

WILLING WORKERS OF EAST GROVE CHURCH BAZAAR

The Willing Workers society of the United Brethren church, of East Grove, will hold a bazaar Saturday afternoon and evening, May 27, at the store of Mrs. Emily Mrkvicica, in Fairview avenue, north of the "Q."

Women of the church have been working hard the past four months preparing for the event and will have for sale a fine collection of aprons, dresses, caps, children's clothing and other articles dear to the heart of the housewife.

There will also be many pieces of fancy work, bakery goods, candies, etc.

This is the first rather big thing attempted by any organization of this church and they are anxious to see it succeed.

MINSTREL SHOW TO BE REPEATED NEXT WEDNESDAY

Laughing Success at Dicke's Monday and Tuesday Hits at Many Downers People.

Filled to overflowing with local hits the "Darktown" minstrel show, given at the Dicke Theatre Monday and Tuesday nights for the benefit of the fire truck fund, was a laughing success. There wasn't a dull moment in the entire evening which was enjoyed by two capacity houses.

In the olio Miss Gwen Griffiths and Mr. Jimmy O'Dea, of Chicago, gave of their best. Gwen sang as only she can, giving pleasure to all who heard her.

Jimmy O'Dea showed he had not lost any of his old time cunning, when, as an end man with the George Primrose Minstrels, he brought down the house. Mr. O'Dea did a song and dance specialty.

The minstrels, local talent all, were very entertaining. From Melon Time in Dixieland, their opening chorus to You'll Always be Welcome in Dixie, the finale, they kept the audiences in a gale of laughter.

Eightball, Bob. Dickson, opened with a pretty ballad, Dawn, and was followed by Midnight, Howard Odell, with Those Days are Over.

Ain't Nature Grand gave Inkspot, Errol Sanders, a chance to charm with his very pleasing voice and then Moonshine (which kind not stated), Harry Walker, told 'em to Save Up Your Money.

Leslie Sanders and Eddy Swikard in The Trumpeter and Pick Me Up and Lay Me Down in Dear Old Dixieland, gave two delightful solo numbers.

Howard Odell made the hit of the show with his Sleep Baby Sleep. His voice gave a correct imitation of a chamois leaping from crag to crag in this yodeling number and Daddy Grobner and his Swiss yodelers, who have been here twice, had nothing on "Howard." Both nights he was forced to respond to many curtain calls.

Errol Sanders in his number Angel Child, also made a big hit. Using Odell as a foil, he brought down the house with his correct imitation of a love-sick swain.

The biggest laugh producers, however, were the local hits, and there were many of them. Names such as Burd Downes, Carl Staiger, Frank Dwyer, Dr. Tope, Dr. Worsley, Chas. Hitch, John Remmers, Dr. Gourley, L. E. Wells, and many others, with appropriate lines, went big with the audience. The "mistakes" made in The Reporter, were the means of starting a flock of laughs some of which haven't stopped yet.

In the circle were W. H. Beideman, Chas. Carpenter, John Nicholas, Ted York, Earl Tholin, Hugh Brown, Jack Browner, Leslie Sanders, Wm. Harvey, Jr., Harry Fraisher, John Lehmann, James and William Brownlee and Eddy Swikard. The end men were Howard Odell, Russell Tholin, Hansom Parody, Harry Walker, Earl Sanders, and Robert Dickson. Lawrence J. Foster directed the putting on of the show and acted as interlocutor the first night. The second night he was ill and Russell "String" Tholin took both Foster's and his own parts in great style. A great deal of credit for the success of the show can be given to Lawrence Foster who worked mightily.

The orchestra was composed of Mrs. Laura Stevenson and Miss Elsie Sanders, pianists; Miss Zita Norpel, violin and Mr. Eddy Williams, drums.

Owing to popular demand, and the fact that the theatre was not large enough to hold all who desired to see the show in a two night run, the Darktown minstrels will again perform next Wednesday evening, May 24. Tickets will be on sale at the door and it is expected that another full house will be the result.

JOINS HUSBAND AT GALVA

Mrs. G. Swanson and nephew left Wednesday morning for Galva, Ill., where Mr. Swanson and Mr. Hogren have located and will operate the grocery business recently purchased. Their many friends wish them success in their new home and regret their removal from the village.