

ADVOCATE FOREST PRESERVE AS SITE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Rupert E. Bateman Boosts Beautiful Building Spot in an Interesting Communication.

Our local newspaper is recognized as the best medium thru which matters of interest to all and which effect very materially the welfare and growth of our village, can best be brought to the attention of its citizens. Agitation for or against any proposition, be it good or bad, is most readily started thru the public press. For that reason I am addressing this same letter to the editors of both our papers, knowing that they have in the past and will in the future endorse and continue to fight for the things which stand for the best interest of our village and its people.

Our visitors to Downers Grove do not need to ask whether it is growing and its population increasing; they have the evidence of it on every hand. New homes are continually being built within our village and for nearly a mile in every direction. Good people with families of children are clamoring to rent houses which are not to be had; so the number of children reaching school age each year would be even greater than it is if more homes were provided.

It, therefore, is no wonder that the grade rooms in our public schools are crowded to overflowing each year and that our school board is helpless in making provision for the necessary additional teaching room. Conditions are just as bad in the high school department and will be more so as our young people realize the value of at least a thorough high school education, and endeavor to complete the full course study.

The one gleam of hope and salvation from the existing conditions has been wisely provided for by law, in the Community High School. We can have it if we want it. If the thinking and daring people of Downers Grove will act we can have, before

ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday the 17th day of June 1922 at the Village Hall in the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, an election will be held for the purpose of deciding the question "Shall certain territories be annexed to the Village of Downers Grove, the external boundaries of which are as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the center line of Orchard Street and the center line of Dunham Street, and running thence easterly, the center line of said Orchard Street, 338.5 feet to the east line of Lot Eighty-six (86), (extended northerly in its course) of the Plat of Branigar Bros. Downers Grove Farms; thence southerly along the east line of said Lot, so extended, and then continuing southerly along the east line of Lots 86, 87, 90, 91, 94, 95, 98, 99, 102 and 103, to the north line of Blanchard Street; thence westerly along the north line of Blanchard Street and the south line of said Lot 103 (as extended westerly in their courses) to the center line of said Dunham Street; thence northerly along the center line of said Dunham Street to the place of beginning, all a part of the plat of Branigar Bros. Downers Grove Farms being a subdivision of Sections 17 and 18, Township 38 North, Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois.

Also the territory described as follows: A parcel of land, being a part of Section 7, Township 38 North, Range 11, east of the Third Principal Meridian, the exterior boundaries of which are as follows, to-wit: commencing for a place of beginning at the intersection of the south line of said Section 7 and the center line of Maple Avenue (also known as the Chicago and Naperville Road) thence northeasterly along the center line of said Maple Avenue to the center line of Dunham Street; thence southerly along the center line of Dunham Street to the south line of Section 7; thence along the south line of said Section 7 to the place of beginning, situated in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois; all as is more fully shown on the map hereto attached and made a part of this petition.

Lot 1 of the County Clerk's Subdivision of part of the A. C. Ducat Estate on the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 38 North, Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian in DuPage County, Illinois, plat of which was recorded November 24th, 1896, as No. 62873 in Book of Plats on Page 36, in the Recorder's Office of DuPage County, Illinois, which election will be opened at 8 o'clock (Standard Central Time) in the morning, and will continue open until 5 o'clock (Standard Central Time) in the afternoon of the same day.

Given under my hand at Downers Grove, Illinois, the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1922.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk. 5-24-2

we fully realize it, just the high school building our community demands and is actually longing for. Procrastination will not get it but prompt action and cooperation by all who are interested and benefitted, means the realization of a modern high school building with suitable and beautiful grounds (with emphasis on the grounds), such as Downers Grove and the surrounding territory may justly be proud of. We will have to pay a little more in taxes, sure thing! But why not do it cheerfully and for the good of the coming generations. You cannot take any of the "filthy lucre" with you when you pass on. Why not put a little of it into a monument which will stand for years to come; a gift, as it were, to the coming young womanhood and manhood of our community, a true example of the American Free Public School. Let's do it! To use real up-to-date automobile parlance, let's step on the throttle, go into high and get there.

Now that it has been definitely decided just where that long talked of "athletic field" is to be located, of course there is only one logical location for our fine new community high school building, and that is on the partly wooded hill which nature has so beautifully provided, just a little west of the entrance to the Forest Preserve on West Maple Avenue and adjoining the selected sight of the new athletic field on the west. What finer bit of judgment and wise provision for the public need could our County Supervisors use than to dedicate for all time for public school purposes two or three acres of that fine woodland for the building site and suitable grounds for our new high school. I have already spoken to Supervisor Will Blodgett on this phase of the project and he agrees that it looks good. He with our other esteemed Supervisor Littleford, will see to it that the necessary steps are taken to provide the site when needed. Forest Preserves are being located and purchased in every part of the country. They belong to the people, their tax money pays for the acres of beautiful woodland and will pay for their up-keep for years to come. What more fitting conclusion could there be than that a few acres should be dedicated to the great cause of higher education for our young women and men. If by paying a little more in taxes a greater opportunity for better education is afforded them, I am for it, and all parents will I am sure express this same sentiment.

Those of us who subscribed to the fund for buying and fixing up the proposed athletic field near East Grove are glad to know that the same fund will be used to get into shape the new athletic field in the Forest Preserve. But more money will probably be needed than has already been subscribed. This athletic

field should be made a thing of beauty as well as a place for games.

Suitable grading to conform to the needs of the various games and sports should be done. A crushed stone drive should surround the field with entrance and exit approaches from Maple Avenue and possibly a stone road thru the wood to meet the one branching off from Gilbert Avenue. Some landscape gardening around the border of the field would add beauty. Benches or a grand stand should be provided. This will all take money but it will be worth all it costs, so let's provide the money that should be economically and wisely expended in fixing up our athletic field right. We shall then be proud of it and it will be wholly in keeping with the beautiful new community high school building which would overlook it from the high hill to the east.

In order that ample funds shall be provided for properly laying out and completing the athletic field I shall be glad to be one of ten men to give one hundred dollars each or one of twenty men to give fifty dollars each to provide additional funds to fully complete the necessary work on the athletic field.

Sincerely yours for our growing boys and girls and better citizenship in Downers Grove,

RUPERT E. BATEMAN. P. S. There is just one idea I overlooked in the body of this letter, and that is when the new athletic field is completed, about September 1, and plans are well under way for the new high school building, why not have a real celebration, sort of a village carnival and parade and let folks know from Aurora to Chicago that Downers Grove is on the map.

BEG YOUR PARDON

The Resolution presented at the meeting of the Village Board last Monday evening for the election to be held June 17, 1922 should have read as follows:

Resolved, That the polling place for the election which will be held on Saturday, June 17, 1922 will be the Village Hall.

Mayor Barber appointed C. Ford Davis, W. H. Blodgett and J. R. Foster as Judges of election and W. D. Herrick, Harry Blodgett and George Schnabele as Clerks to serve at the election to be held on Saturday, June 17, 1922.

Mrs. Hurley was reported as the Treasurer of the League of Women Voters; she is the Secretary and Miss Vernon the Treasurer. Following is the list of new officers: Mrs. John Replinger—President Mrs. Melvin Skinner—Vice-Pres. Mrs. S. C. Hurley—Secretary Miss Vernon—Treasurer

WHO'S NEXT?

Ouch!
I do not like
The buzzing fly;
Its a job I find,
Is stinging me.
—Aurora Star.
Ugh!
Nor do I like
The buzzing fly;
For it gets in
My apple pie.
—Wheaton Progressive
Slap!
Now I don't like
The little skeeter,
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A quiet home wedding was celebrated last Saturday evening, May 27, when Miss Elsie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Scholz, of Fletcher Street, Chicago, became the bride of Mr. Elmer H. Ebeling, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ebeling, of Lane Place, Downers Grove. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in Downers Grove and will make their home for the present with the bride's parents in Chicago.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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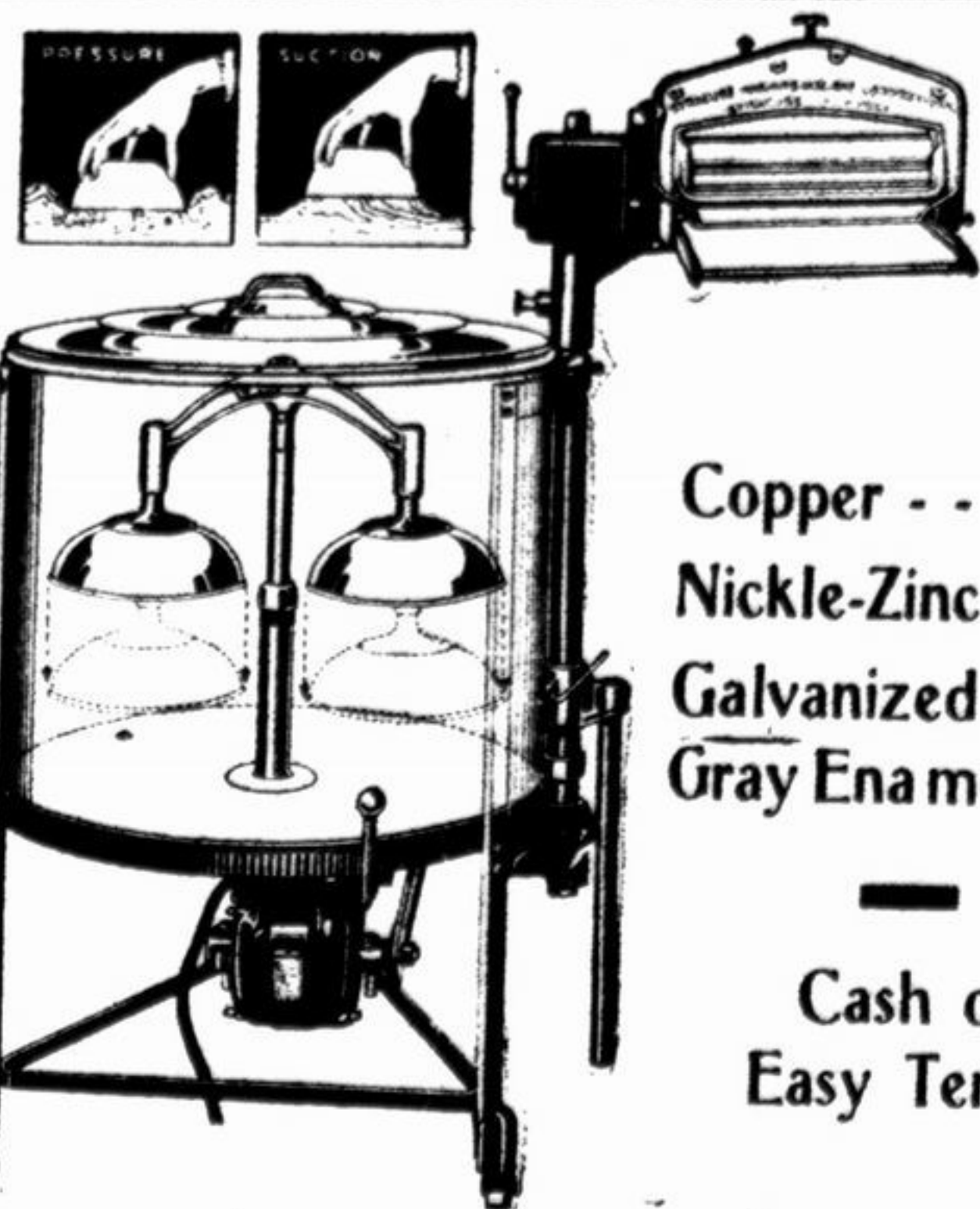
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