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## MANY SURPRISES AT EIGHTH GRADE EXERCISES FRIDAY

Class of Sixty-five Graduated from  
Grade Schools of District  
Number 58.

Many and pleasant were the surprises at the graduation exercises of the eighth grade last Friday evening in the high school assembly when the 1922 class of sixty-five received their diplomas.

Robert McVitty started the surprising when he called Mr. E. J. Matson to the front of the room and in a few very well chosen words presented him with \$40.00. The money represented the profit from the grade school operetta, "Jack and the Bean Stalk," and was given to be applied on the purchase of a high school library. Mr. Matson, as treasurer of the Parent-Teacher association, last year, was given the money because that organization is raising funds for high school library purposes.

Mrs. Whiffen and Miss Manning, eighth grade teachers, were presented with a \$10 gold piece and a silver pin, respectively, by their pupils. Each also received flowers. The Misses Larson and Herring, seventh grade teachers, also received beautiful flowers as a token of the esteem in which they are held by the children they taught during the term.

Dorothy Calcedo received the award given by the local chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for excellence in United States history. Mrs. L. L. Hannum, retiring regent of the chapter made the presentation. In making it she told the reasons which prompted the offer.

Mr. Frank N. Davis, president of the Board of Education, in awarding the diplomas, said a few words which were full of plain, common sense, something hard to find nowadays. Both the children and the parents appreciated his talk which was short and to the point.

An innovation in affairs of this kind were three minute talks by Messrs. A. B. Snow, M. A. Sullivan and H. S. Dum, three fathers with children in the class.

Each of them took a different theme and each said something which the graduates can remember, can carry through the four years of high school and then on into the life after school days are over.

## LA GRANGE AHEAD \$1800, BOOTLEGGERS CAUGHT AND FINED

Beer Flows Down Sewer as "Mourners" Pause in Last Rites  
Saturday Noon

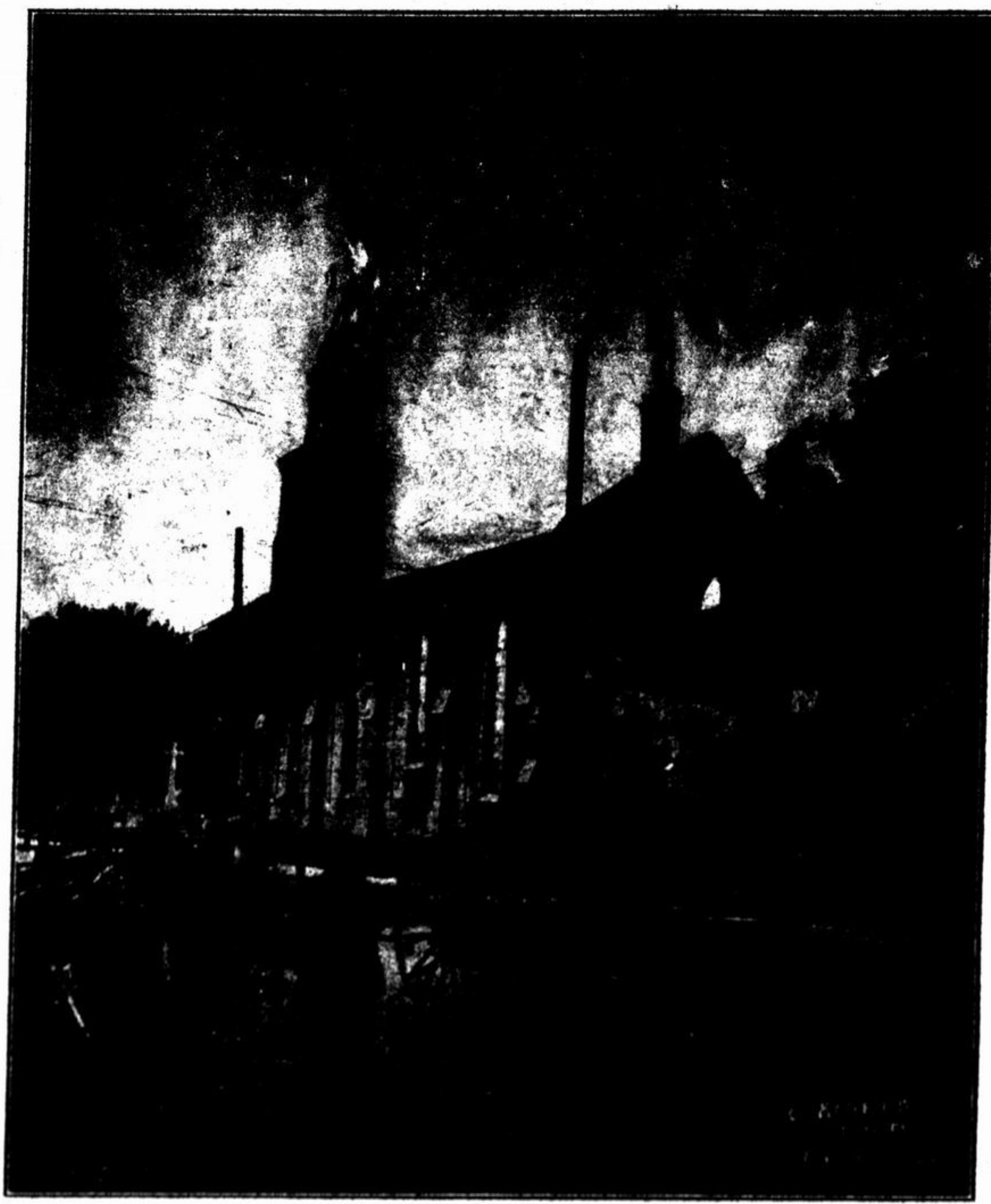
Chief of Police, Matthews of La Grange, was one of the most popular men in the state last Tuesday night when the word went around that community that a truck containing thirty-two fifty-gallon barrels of real beer had been "pinched" and was reposing in the station house.

All day Wednesday men came to pay their respects to the Chief and at night it was almost necessary to put a uniformed man at the door to direct the traffic in and out of the station house. Men vied with one another as to their ability to tell the real stuff on the taste of the liquid, more as a hint to the chief to open up, but there was nothing doing. The beer continued to age within its wooden casing.

A court order was issued on the brew and it was confiscated by way of the LaGrange sewer in front of the station there Saturday afternoon. Plans were made to care for the crowds that witnessed the event.

The line of mourners formed on Fifth avenue and passed west on Calender avenue, pausing at the bier (?) in front of the police station and moving quietly on to Ashland avenue where the parade disbanded.

The six bootleggers, picked up at the same time the truck was captured, were arranged before Justice of the Peace Johnson. Each pleaded guilty to the charge of transporting liquor and each was assessed the tidy sum of \$300 and costs, netting the village of LaGrange \$1,800. The fines were paid in cash.



A tragic moment in the burning of SS. Peter & Paul church at Naperville last Sunday morning. The steeple just starting to fall toward the north. A few seconds later it swung to the east and fell squarely between the walls.  
Picture by courtesy of Naperville Clarion

## COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION SET FOR JUNE 24th

Captains of Districts Appointed at  
General Meeting Held on  
Monday Night.

The proposition of the establishment of a community high school district with Downers Grove as its center, will be brought to a vote at an election to be held Saturday afternoon and early evening, June 24. Two and probably three polling places will be used. Two will be in the Grove, one on each side of the tracks and one at Westmont.

At a general meeting of those favoring the proposition held Monday evening in the Kindergarten, a general plan of campaign was worked out. A house to house canvass will be made and the following have been selected to secure workers in their respective districts.

Belmont—James Slepicka  
Branigar Subdivision—E. J. Matson  
North Side, west of Main St.—W. A. Myers.  
North Side, east of Main St.—Wm. Bender  
East Grove, north—D. Harry Jenkins  
North Side, north of Chicago Ave.—A. C. Miskelly.  
South Side, west of Main St.—A. H. VanValen, Al. Modjeska and Rupert Batemau.  
South Side, east of Main St., W. D.  
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**A REPORTER CLASSIFIED**—is a little thing in itself. Two, three, four or five lines, it tells that someone has something to sell. But that little thing (at a little cost) sells that something to someone else. A profit is made on the sale, the seller and the buyer have both accomplished something they wished to do and at a small cost. Reporter classified ads pay for themselves over and over in profit from transactions. They sell furniture, vacant property, houses; find lost articles and in general perform a SERVICE that is invaluable.

## RECEPTION ON 25th ANNIVERSARY CORNERSTONE LAYING

New Rectory of S. Andrew's Church  
to be Scene of Reception  
Next Tuesday.

Saint Andrew's Episcopal church will hold a reception in the new rectory from eight to ten o'clock next Tuesday evening, June 13. Everyone in the community is invited to attend and celebrate with the parish the completion of the rectory and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the church. There will be music and refreshments.

The rectory is a beautiful two-story structure on the corner of N. Forest and Franklin streets adjoining the church. It was completed several months ago and the formal opening was delayed to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the corner stone laying.

The following extract is from the story in The Reporter of June 17, 1897, describing the ceremonies incident to that event.

"With the words, 'To the glory of God and the furtherance of the Faith, once delivered to the Saints, I lay the foundation stone of S. Andrew's Church,' by Bishop Wm. E. McLagan of Chicago, dedicated the pretty stone church of the Episcopalians, Sunday, at the corner of Foote (Forest) and Franklin streets. Notwithstanding the intense heat of the day, over 300 people were present to witness the interesting ceremonies.

"The services were conducted according to the Episcopal order for laying the cornerstone of a church."  
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## ATZEL—WERNER

Friends of Miss Nettie Atzel, of Lane Place and Mr. Frank Werner were very much surprised this week when the news came out that they were married last Saturday afternoon at Lombard. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mrs. Dora Werner, Mr. Werner's mother, the Rev. Mr. Tuttle, pastor of the Lombard Congregational church, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner will make their home in Lane Place and are now receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

## ELEVEN GRADUATE MONDAY FROM ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Exercises Will be Held in the Dicke  
Theatre—Mr. Anthony Matre  
is the Speaker.

Eleven scholars will graduate from St. Joseph's church school next Monday evening in the annual exercises to be held in the Dicke Theatre.

An elaborately staged operetta, "The Feast of the Red Corn," in two acts, will be presented by the school children. In it are tuneful melodies, dances, dialogues and representations which should please the audience.

Those taking part in the operetta are:

Mary Mrkvicka  
Martha Bender  
Barbara Wimmer  
Helen Sarduowski  
Charlotte Baron  
Bernice Drella  
Wenec Mrkvicka  
Margaret Carty

Besides these principles, all the children will appear in the chorus numbers.

The accompanists are, piano, Miss Rose Carty and drum and cymbals, Master Joseph Mrkvicka.

The address of the evening will be given by Mr. Anthony Matre, President of the Marquette Life Insurance Co., a publisher of books, and a well known speaker. The Rev. Fr. Eneas B. Goodwin, pastor of St. Joseph's church considers himself fortunate in being able to secure Mr. Matre's services as he is in such demand at affairs of this kind.

Frank N. Davis, president of the Board of Education, will present the diplomas to the graduates and will say a few words in so doing.

The class roll is as follows:

Martha Marie Bender  
Margaret Artabasy  
Mary Jane Mrkvicka  
Marjorie Mary McCabe  
John Peter Seal  
Genevieve Brady  
Bernice Eleonore Drella  
Isabel Dorothy Holloway  
Florence Catherine Reha  
Mary Louise Reiff

## LEGION AUXILIARY GIVES MOVIE FOR WOUNDED "VET"

"The Prodigal Judge" to be Shown  
at Curtiss Theatre Next  
Monday-Tuesday.

There are at the "Speedway" hospital in Roosevelt road near Maywood, many wounded veterans of the World war. The government is supposed to care for their every want, but you know and I know that that is impossible.

To furnish the things necessary for their well being and their peace of mind the Legion Auxiliaries along the Burlington are banding themselves together. Most of the Auxiliaries have a fund to work with but the local one is so situated that this is impossible. Hinsdale, LaGrange and Riverside women have been doing a great work and the women of Downers Grove are keen to get into the game and do their share.

The local Auxiliary has been hampered by lack of funds. To raise the money for this most worthy cause they have arranged for a benefit moving picture show at the Curtiss Theatre next Monday and Tuesday nights, June 12 and 13. Almost everyone attends a movie now and then and they should make it a particular point to attend this one, see an excellent feature film and at the same time help along the good work, and a work which must be done.

The film selected for showing is "The Prodigal Judge" adapted from the world famous novel by Vaughan Kester. It is a story of heart interest that appeals to every human being because the characters are flesh and blood creatures and their actions those of human activity. Jean Paige and Macklyn Arbuckle take the leading roles.

"The Prodigal Judge" brings to the screen a character who has long lived in fiction and has become endeared to the hearts of fiction lovers. Eloquent at every bar, Falstaffian in capacity of appetite and intellect, the judge is a man to be reckoned with. In him the ridiculous struggles for mastery with the sublime. The spectator laughs over him and then loves him and in the end rises to a point of delightful admiration for the vagabond who still remains the high-minded, great-hearted gentleman. He is the most striking character in a picture of many striking characters; a romance rich in incident, hearty in humor, full-flowing in a broad current of life and events. Love and hate and private feud, true friendship and evil ambition, the mysterious and unexpected, all have their place in the plot of this great American picture. And the very core and focus of interest is the unforgettable, magnificent figure of the Prodigal Judge. It has been termed a Rembrandt of the screen and the greatest picture of the year.

## 11th DIST. BOARD DIRECTORS WOMANS CLUBS MEETS HERE

Local Club Women are Invited to  
Program at Blodgett Home  
in the Afternoon.

The Board of Directors of the 11th District of Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. W. H. Blodgett in East Maple avenue, next Wednesday, June 14. Luncheon will be served at one o'clock.

In the afternoon a program will be given. Mrs. Wm. Hefron, of Chicago will be the speaker and the music will be furnished by Miss Marie Reed, vocalist and Miss Mayme Engelschall, violinist. Local club members will be welcomed to attend the afternoon program.

**ISN'T IT A STRANGE THING**—that the first thing a business man will do when his wife catches him kissing the maid; and starts an awful fuss; and drags him into court for the judge to look over; and tells the judge what a soft old fool he is; and the size of his family; and of what her suspicions about him have always been; and everything—that his very first thought will be to rush to the Newspaper Office and try to keep the story out of print? The next day he turns down advertising with the argument that advertising doesn't advertise.

## BENEFIT BAZAAR FOR FIRE TRUCK RUNS TWO NIGHTS

Entertainment, Home Made Articles,  
Besides "Number Drawing"  
are Attractions.

The big bazaar for the benefit of the fire truck fund will be held at Dicke's hall tonight and tomorrow night, Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10.

There will be entertainment by local talent, some of the best singers and musicians of the village having promised to lend their assistance in making the bazaar a success.

Many booths have been erected around the hall and prettily decorated for the occasion. There will be articles of fancy work made by the nimble fingers of local women and girls; bakery goods; candies; ice cream; and many other things on sale.

Those having charge of the booths are as follows: Fancy Work, Congregational Philathea Class; Candy, M. E. Philathea Class; Grab Bag and Hoop-la (whatever that is) Woman's Guild and Auxiliary of S. Andrew's Episcopal church; Bakery Goods, Ladies of the Maccabees; Ice Cream, and Refreshments, Royal Neighbors.

A number will be drawn on one of the nights and the lucky holder of its counterpart will be presented with a one hundred dollar bill. On the wheel will be the usual hams, bacon, flour, chickens and then an attraction for auto owners, many accessories such as stop lights, horns, spot lights, tubes, etc., etc.

It is the aim of the firemen, who have striven long and hard to raise the necessary funds for this truck, to make up most of the deficiency by this bazaar. They cannot accomplish this aim unless everyone attends the bazaar and spends some money.

The fire truck is a necessity. Naperville's experience with low water pressure last Sunday morning when the Catholic church there burned, should be an example to the people of the village that something is needed to make pressure when it is absent in the mains. Through the far-sightedness of the local firemen we have that something in the shape of the truck. Several of the boys mortgaged their homes as security for the notes to pay for the outfit. Can we do less than to back them up?

## SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED BY VICTOR THOLIN'S

Were Married in Downers Grove  
Twenty-five Years Ago  
June the Fifth

Mr and Mrs Victor Tholin, of Midlaugh avenue, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage last Sunday. They were married here June 5, 1897 and have made Downers Grove their home ever since.

Fifty-seven relatives and friends, from Downers Grove and vicinity, helped in the days doings and left, as remembrances, a silver candlebra, silver spoons and silver money. It was a glorious day, greatly enjoyed by the "bride and groom" and by those who attended the silver wedding anniversary.

Victor Tholin and Miss Anna L. Hangren were married June 5, 1897. They were attended by Mr. Ernest and Miss Josephine Hangren, brother and sister of the bride and little Rose and Edgar Tholin, children of the groom's brother, acted as flower bearers. The Rev. Albion Anderson, of Hinsdale, performed the ceremony.

## INVESTIGATE BURNING OF NAPERVILLE CHURCH

States Attorney Chauncey Reed has been assisting the state fire marshal in the conducting of an investigation to determine the cause of the fire which consumed the SS. Peter & Paul church at Naperville last Sunday morning. Mr. Reed says that enough evidence has been discovered to warrant the belief that a fire-bug applied the torch and that one or probably two men would be questioned today.