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PLANS SET FOR ANNUAL FIREMAN PICNIC JULY 4TH

Dancing, Games and a Good Time at Tucker's Corner All Day and Evening Next Tuesday.

The empty-seventh annual picnic of the Downers Grove Fire Department will be held next Tuesday, July 4, at the corner of Belmont and Forest avenues. These picnics were started so long ago that almost no one can keep track of what each succeeding one should be numbered. By a process of deduction and one thing and another, the officer Sherlock Holmes pronounces that this one should be the 25th annual, so that's that.

However, a few words about the picnic. It is to be held in the heart of town, no need to take a long train trip, auto trip or walk; simply step down to the depot and there you are.

There will be dancing to wonderful music produced by Schulte's Brothers, of Aurora. These syncopaters are known wherever there are dancers and can be relied on to keep your feet stepping.

There will be refreshments of all kinds. The festive ice cream cone will vie with pop, sandwiches, pie and coffee as to which is the most popular. There will be things to eat and things to drink galore.

Many and varied will be the games. You can try your luck at ringing a cane or a knife; popping the baboon on the beazer or carrying a teddy or box of candy away from the wheel. You can try anything once and if you don't win the first time, try, try again.

The firemen are working hard, as they usually do, to make this one of the biggest picnics they have ever had in the Grove. They have picked a nice shady spot, close to all our homes and we should all turn out and patronize them.

Stay in Downers Grove on the 4th and attend the firemen's picnic, is a good slogan.

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL WILL NOT BE STARTED HERE

Voters Turn Down Proposition at Saturday's Election in Spite of Great Benefits.

By a majority of 133 the voters of the proposed Downers Grove community high school district turned down the proposition of the establishment of the school at the special election held last Saturday afternoon.

Following are the figures:

	For	Against
Downers Grove	574	468
Westmont	2	101
Cass	0	107
Belmont	5	38
Totals	581	714

In spite of the great benefits to be derived and the great need for the school in this territory, it was turned down. We are indeed glad that the people of the village voted a substantial majority in favor of the school. This is an indication that our own folks in the community are alive to the needs and the great benefits to be derived from the proper education of the young folks.

The polling places were busy almost every minute they were open as will be seen from the fact that but five less than 1300 votes were cast.

The voters of Cass, Belmont and Westmont certainly registered a united front against the proposition. That in the form of government we have is their prerogative. We cannot help believe, however, that the school would have



The Fourth of July

To the sages who spoke, to the heroes who bled;
To the day and the deed, strike the harp-strings of glory!

Let the song of the ransomed remember the dead,
And the tongue of the eloquent hallow the story!

O'er the bones of the bold
Be the story long told.

And on fame's golden tablets their triumphs enrolled,
Who on freedom's green hills freedom's banner unfurled,

And the beacon-fire raised that gave light to the world!

They are gone—mighty men!—and they sleep in their fame:
Shall we forget them? Oh, never! no, never!

Let our sons learn from us to enbalm each great name,
And the anthem send down—"Independence forever!"

Wake, wake, heart and tongue!
Keep the theme ever young;

Let their deeds thru the long line of ages be sung,
Who on freedom's green hills freedom's banner unfurled,

And the beacon-fire raised that gave light to the world!

—Chas. Sprague.

Where liberty dwells, there is my country.

—Benj. Franklin.

The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time.

—Thos. Jefferson.

God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it.

—Daniel Webster.

ALPHA SIGMA BANQUETTED AT WABROOK INN MON.

Raymond S. Schultz Elected President at Annual Meeting Held After Banquet.

The Alpha Sigma Beta fraternity held its anniversary banquet and annual election of officers at the Wabrook Inn Monday evening, June 26.

Raymond S. Schultz was elected to the office of president for the ensuing year. He will be ably assisted by the following officers: Don C. Hawkins, vice-president; Harold Grumhaus, secretary; June Ehninger, Treasurer; Hugh O. Brown, Sergeant at Arms.

Gamma Chapter of Alpha Sigma Beta was organized the last part of June last year with four members as a nucleus. This organization has grown rapidly since then and at the present time there are sixteen Alpha Sig boys in the Grove and two pledges. They have conducted several successful dances at the Library Hall during the past season and promise much for the coming year.

A cottage has been rented on Fox Lake for the month of July which will be opened today and will close the last week in August with a house party for their friends in Downers Grove.

Monday's meeting was well attended and much spirit shown to work for the future. Emery Klein and Harold Heal were elected to be pledges.

The success of the Alpha Sig is primarily due to the untiring efforts of Carlyle Stair, the retiring president and his corps of officers.

Mrs. Pauline Chappis of Jackson.

REV. T. PETERSON FIRST SPEAKER AT OPEN AIR SERVICES

Superintendent of Chicago Vacation Bible Schools to Speak on the Subject Here.

The Rev. Thomas Peterson, acting superintendent of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools for the Chicago area of the Methodist-Episcopal church, is the first speaker at the union open air services to be held Sunday night.

The first of the services will be held in the Chautauqua tent in the rear of the Maple avenue school and the others during the month of July will be on the lawn of the Methodist-Episcopal church where they were held last year.

The Rev. Mr. Peterson will speak about the vacation Bible school work and the local workers can confer with him following the service. His talk should prove very interesting taken in connection with the fact that Downers Grove's churches are cooperating in a vacation school here.

Following is the press matter about open air services prepared by the Rev. Arnold H. Kehrl, pastor of the First Baptist church:

Have you been informed of the splendid arrangement for the Union Open Air Sunday Evening Church Services? Another season has come when we enjoy this privilege. We recall blessings of the past and the messages delivered by many of the splendid men on the program of last year are still vital to us. Can we expect even more this year? We answer Yes. We believe in the Union services because of their importance, their influence and their intent.

MRS. R. GAEHNER ENTERTAINED FOR MRS. LAWRENCE COX

Twenty-four Guests at Gift Shower at Gaehner Home in Summit Street Wednesday.

Mrs. Ralph Gaehner delightfully entertained at a gift shower at her home in Summit street Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Lawrence Cox, of West Maple avenue. Bunco was played, Miss Anna Meyers winning the first and Mrs. B. J. Stevenson, the second prize.

The favors, place cards and decorations were all in keeping with the occasion and a very enjoyable afternoon resulted.

Those present were Mesdames T. E. Brooks, H. Stugh, E. Uhlhorn, E. Chessman, S. Gaehner, C. E. Baker, A. E. Bricker, D. F. Lindsley, F. F. Kelly, W. J. Staats, E. L. Cox, B. J. Stevenson, L. Cox, W. H. O'Brien, H. E. Wright, Perkin, Fred Bollow and H. Clarke and the Misses Anna Meyers and Georgia Beresford.

Mrs. Cox was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

The Junior Infant Welfare Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Lee Beidelman, 58 Highland avenue, on Thursday afternoon, July 6.

of the associating churches. The place of regular meeting is the lawn of the Methodist church as per arrangement of last year. Good programs will be provided and all of the people of Downers Grove are invited to attend. There will be room for all, come and bring your friends. Watch for the announcements of the speaker and his theme for each service Sunday. You should not miss

ELMER UHLHORN TO MANAGE THE DICKE THEATRE

Curtiss Theatre to be Closed Starting Tomorrow Night—Only One Show Here.

Arrangements have been made between Elmer Uhlhorn, owner of the Curtiss Theatre and C. H. Dicke, owner of the Dicke Theatre, whereby Downers Grove will have but one movie show in the future. Mr. Uhlhorn will close his Curtiss Theatre, the last show there to be run tonight, and will take over the full management of the Dicke Theatre, starting with tomorrow's performances.

The contracts for the best pictures, the First National and the Paramount which have been run by both theatres will be kept up. Besides these only the biggest and best of the output of the other film companies will be used.

Downers Grove is too small to really support two motion picture houses. It is the only town of its size in this part of the country that operated two, Hinsdale, LaGrange, Wheaton and the other neighboring villages having only one. Besides this Mr. Dicke is too busy in his factory to give the theatre the attention it deserves. We believe that under the new management the public will see better pictures and that both Mr. Dicke and Mr. Uhlhorn will be bettered financially.

Just what will be done with the Curtiss theatre is problematical. Mr. Uhlhorn has had several offers to rent the room and when he has decided the kind of business he wants there, will remodel to suit.

G. H. BUNGE WINS IN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CASE

Defeats Three Able Attorneys Monday at Hearing on Local Improvement

Attorney G. H. Bunge, who has been handling all the legal matters in connection with the special assessments which the village has been putting through and contemplates putting through, won a decisive legal battle in the County Court Monday.

The fight was in connection with the paving of the streets in the Straube subdivisions east of Washington street known as special assessment No. 61. Mr. Bunge had opposed to him Attorneys T. Harry Slusser and John O'Conner, of Chicago and Alben Bates, of Elmhurst. O'Conner is the attorney who handles all the matters for Glos, the tax buyer, and is noted for his ability to pick flaws in special assessments and thus get them thrown out by the courts.

Judge Rathje upheld Mr. Bunge and the village on every point under contest, confirmed the assessment as originally made and the objectors lost the entire case.

Mr. Bunge has established quite a reputation in matters pertaining to special assessments and won a legal battle against some of the most able railroad attorneys in the state last year when he represented the village of Earlville in their special assessment matters.

POST OFFICE HOURS THE FOURTH

The post office will be open until 9:30 a. m. next Tuesday, July 4th, for window and box delivery of mail. There will be no mail deliveries either by village or rural carriers on the routes or in the office as these men are entitled to the holiday.

C. H. STAATS, Postmaster.

R. C. HASKELL PASSES AWAY

R. C. Haskell, formerly

REDPATH FIVE DAY CHAUTAUQUA STARTS TOMORROW

Exceptionally Good Programs With Best of Music and Speakers Coming to Downers.

Tomorrow, Saturday, July 1, is the opening date for the big five day Redpath Chautauqua in Downers Grove. The tent has again been pitched on the grounds back of the south side school and at the first afternoon program will be heard the New England Male Quartet. This organization will feature some of the best songs for male voices and also character impersonations and monologues.

The best of music and some of the best lecturers on the Chautauqua platform will be heard here during the five days.

There is no chautauqua program Sundays and for this reason the tent will be used Sunday night for the union church service.

No particular organization is backing the chautauqua this season. The ticket guarantors are citizens from every part of the village who signed up to dispose of their share of these pastboards last year. All profit made from the sale of tickets will go to the school library.

The afternoon program starts at 2:30 and the evening program at 7:30.

Following is the program for the series:

First day—Afternoon: New England Male Quartet. Evening: Lewis A. Convis, "Under the Paws of the Russian Bear."

Second Day—Afternoon: The Alexander Trio. Evening: Frank Dixon, "The Indispensable Tools of Democracy."

Third Day—Afternoon: The Zedler Symphonic Quintet. Evening: Granville Jones, "The Creed of America."

Fourth Day—Afternoon: Edwin W. Unangst, "Furnishing the Home Beautiful." Evening: "Friendly Enemies," comedy-drama.

Fifth Day—Pattison Kline: "What Do You Think When You Think?" Evening: Solis' Marimba Band.

It will be seen from the program that instruction and entertainment has been packed into the five afternoons and evenings for almost an entire winter's entertainment course. No one attending and hearing these lectures can help being benefited by them.

NEW DIRECTORY BEING COMPILED BY THE REPORTER

R. J. Swift, Advertising Man, to Call on Local Merchants for Ads Beginning Monday.

Realizing that one of the greatest needs of the village at present is an accurate directory of the community, The Reporter is now compiling such a book. The last directory was issued in 1916 and the many changes in here in the last five years make this book absolutely no good. Most of the community has been covered to get the information necessary, and if there have been any changes since this canvass was made, the people are asked to call The Reporter office, 188-J, and make them known.

The compilation and printing of such a book is costly. The Reporter is doing the work so that the community may benefit and not with the idea of making money on it. Each copy will be printed so that a door-to-door distribution can be made.