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MISSIONARY FROM BURMA SPEAKER AT OPEN AIR SERVICES

The Rev. L. B. Rogers Gave Interesting Message at Union Meeting on Sunday Evening.

Again last Sunday evening the vesper service was largely attended, the evening being ideal for an open air service. Rev. J. A. Nansen conducted the opening exercises, leading the assembly in singing, "I Love to Tell the Story," and offering the evening prayer. He introduced the Rev. L. B. Rogers who spoke on the subject, "Curios, Customs and Customs of the Burmese People."

Mr. Rogers had spent fifteen years as a missionary in Burma. His lecture was full of curious incidents and replete with information. It was illustrated by many curios which he had himself gathered in various parts of Burma. He wore the native garb of the Burmas gentleman and invited three young ladies to the platform where they were dressed in the garb of the native women.

Mr. Rogers said that the work among the native Burmese is very difficult but that there are many other groups or races of people segregated in various districts. The Chins and the Cachins are very responsive to the gospel message and turn away from their pagan worship to become Christians in large numbers. This is due very largely to the similarities of their belief and doctrine and their expectation of the coming of a fuller revelation which they believe is being brought by the white missionaries.

The Burmese people were pictured as a people of great native ability, artistically inclined. Many small articles were displayed illustrating lacquer work, carving and weaving. Mr. Rogers said that the Burmese love to sing and sang one of the songs which is a favorite among them in the Burman tongue.

At the conclusion of his address he pronounced the benediction in the Burmas language and invited the people to come forward, if they desired and examine his collection of curios at closer range. His message was one which will not be readily forgotten by those who heard it.

On next Sunday evening the people of the Methodist church will be in charge of arrangements and music and the Rev. Mr. Nansen will preach the sermon, speaking on the subject: "A Wonderful Prayer."

TAKE FORD SEDAN FROM HUMBARGER GARAGE TUESDAY

Thieves Use Skeleton Key and Get Car in Spite of a Thief-Proof Wheel Lock.

Automobile thieves broke into the garage of Clyde Humbarger, 110 E. Chicago avenue, Tuesday night and stole the Humbarger Ford sedan.

It is evident that the small door was opened with a skeleton key. After gaining entrance the robbers knocked the pad lock off the big doors, sawed, or in some other manner made ineffective the wheel lock on the car, and rolled it out of the garage. In getting the car away, the thieves cut through two wire fences, and after getting into Elm street, north of Chicago avenue, they made for the Plank road.

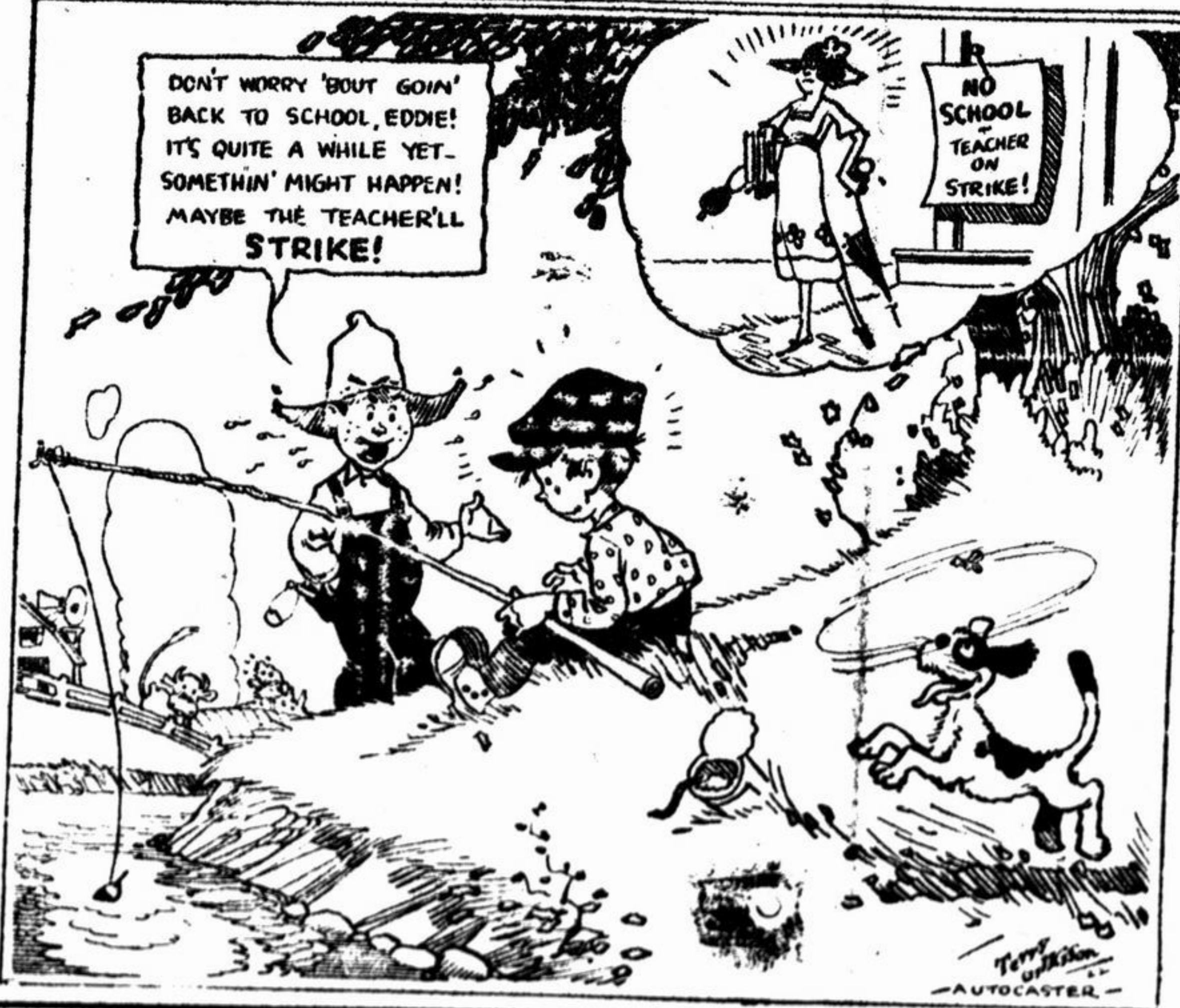
Chief of Police Venard happened to be driving out from Chicago on Roosevelt road that night. He met four Ford sedans, each containing just the driver, at the Illinois Central elevation east of Hillside. It is almost certain that one of these machines belonged to Humbarger.

The car was nearly new and was partially covered by insurance.

This is the second theft of a Ford sedan here in eight months and each was taken in a manner which indicates that local talent had some kind of a hand in the deal.

The Rev. L. B. Lott will fill the pulpit on Sunday August 19 and 26 in the morning, during the absence of the Rev. G. H. Newland, who is visiting down state.

Another Strike Possibility



FINGER SPEECH TESTIMONY IN DIVORCE TRIAL

Deaf Mutes to Testify in Case of Andrew Pond, Mute, Against Wife, Also Mute

Wordless testimony of a romance of two deaf mutes who are alleged to have fled to Europe will be given at the divorce hearing of Andrew Pond, of Pershing Road, near Chicago avenue, Downers Grove, against his wife, Alouisa Pond.

Attorney Mary Belle Spencer, who filed the petition for Pond in the Circuit court last Friday afternoon, alleges that when the case comes to trial seven witnesses from the Deaf Mutes Club, North Clark and West Randolph streets, will be called to testify.

Both Pond and his wife are unable to speak or hear, according to the bill, but have four grown children, who are prosperous farmers in Iowa, and are normal in every way, the bill states.

The couple were married November 23, 1897, and lived in Soldiers Grove, Wis., until the wife is alleged to have eloped with Mike Mialke, the star boarder at the Pond home. Mialke is also deaf and dumb and worked in the same factory as the husband. While the husband worked on night shift Mialke worked days, the bill states and entertained Mrs. Pond in her husband's absence. All three are members of the Deaf Mutes' Club in Chicago, Mrs. Spencer avers.

The first wordless quarrel was caused by the fact that Mike earned more money than her husband, he avers. His wife upbraided him in sign language on many occasions and armed with a stove poker finally chased him out of the house. When he returned home from work April 15, 1918, his wife, the border and all of his savings were gone. Search for them led to the belief that they had gone to Europe, the husband states.

ELMER STAFFELDT

Elmer Staffeldt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staffeldt, died Sunday, August 13 at the home of his parents south of the village. Death was caused by rheumatism and valvular heart trouble. Funeral services were Wednesday at the home and at the Lace Lutheran church, the pastor of the church officiating and burial was made at the West Side cemetery.

Elmer Staffeldt was born on the Austin farm December 31, 1901. He has spent his entire life around Downers Grove, attending the district schools and working with his father on the farm.

FRANCIS STRIKER BADLY INJURED IN FALL FROM HORSE

Young Lady Rushed to West Side Hospital When Steed Falls On Top of Her.

Miss Frances Striker was severely injured Tuesday evening when the horse she was riding reared up, threw her and then fell on her. The young lady was out for her evening ride when the accident happened. Just how it happened is not known. The horse was not skittish and had been ridden constantly. After the accident he simply picked himself up and walked away.

Dr. Worsley was called, the ambulance from Hinsdale was secured and the young lady rushed to the West Side hospital. Several bones were broken and the full extent of her injuries are not known.

LISLE-DU PAGE CO. FAIR AND STOCK SHOW SEPT. 15-16

Present Plans Call for a Bigger and Better Fair—Chairmen of Departments.

Bigger and better will be the Lisle Fair this year. It has grown to such proportions that in the absence of a regular county fair, the local institution will be known as the Lisle-Du Page County Fair and Stock Show. The fair will run two days this year instead of one, the dates being Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16.

Officers of the Lisle Community Club, which backs the fair, are: A. W. Abbott, president; Carleton Nadelhoffer, vice-president; Harry Hatch, treasurer and Lola Riedy, secretary. Chairmen of the various departments have been appointed as follows:

Manager—Graham Wyllie, Oswego
Finances—E. E. Bain, Lisle
Grain—D. D. Barnard, Lisle
Poultry—Frank Meyers, Lisle
Machinery—Arthur Green, D. G.
Horse Show—Riley Riedy, Lisle
Dance Floor—C. Nadelhoffer, Lisle
Arts and Science—to be announced
Domestic Science—to be announced
Educational—Lola Riedy, Lisle
Buildings and Grounds—C. Miller

Those desiring to secure concessions should get in touch with Mr. Wyllie. Exhibitors in the various departments should see or communicate with the department chairmen.

No cattle will be accepted to the fair this year unless they have been tuberculin tested within sixty days of the fair dates.

BAILEY STARTS WORK ON SEVEN NEW BUNGALOWS

Great Improvement on East Parkway—Buildings to be Ready for Occupancy by Winter

Excavation was started Tuesday morning for seven new bungalows in East Parkway, that short street on the east side of the "lake" running between Franklin and Belmont Sts.

G. M. Bailey, of East Chicago avenue, who recently purchased the lots, is building the bungalows for sale. They will be five and six room homes, of stucco over frame construction, different in type and will be a notable improvement for that part of the village. They will all be modern and will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000 each.

Mr. Bailey will handle his own contracting. He has secured John Dressler to oversee the carpenter work. Henry McPherson has the contract for the mason work and Swales will do the excavating. J. H. Frankenfield has the contract for the plumbing, heating and wiring and E. C. Clow will do the painting.

It is planned to rush the work and have the buildings ready for occupancy before snow flies.

FIRST MATERIAL FOR NEW PHONE SYSTEM IS HERE

Common Battery Service to Supplant Ringing System in the Near Future.

The first batch of material to be used in cutting over the telephone system of Downers Grove changing it from a "ringing" system as at present to a common battery system, has arrived at the local telephone office. That the system should be changed was part of the contract which the company signed when they secured their new franchise from the Village Council about a year ago.

The new system will do away with turning the crank to signal the operator. At the office instead of a "drop" coming down when the operator is signaled, a tiny electric light bulb will flash in the board.

Just how soon the new system will be in operation is not known. There is much work to be done, both in the office and out on the lines before the thing will be completed.

Miss Eva Stone, of Hinsdale, is visiting her father here. She is staying with Mrs. Sadie Gaehner, of No. Forest avenue.

MICHIGAN CITY CAMP FOR YOUNG BOYS IDEAL SPOT

Chas. Caster, Camp Director, Borrows Equipment From Michigan City Y. M. C. A.

Last Monday morning Mr. Charles A. Caster, Camp Director, returned from Michigan City very much delighted with the prospects for the Younger Boys' Camp.

The location he secured is far better than he had hoped for. The site is two and one-half miles out from Michigan City back of the first sand hill and about 250 yards from Lake Michigan. There is a fine bathing beach near the Water Works plant, which will provide fine swimming for the boys under the supervision of Don Stookey of Hinsdale.

Mr. Caster found some Michigan City boys camping on this site and through the splendid efforts of Mr. Pasell, Y. M. C. A. General Secretary of Michigan City, was able to secure the tents and also steel cots, so the boys will not have to sleep on the ground as they expected. Kitchen equipment was also secured from the Michigan City Y. M. C. A. The boys will have plenty of fresh water to drink as there is a 40 foot drove well near by.

One or two leaders will go over Friday and take inventory of the furnishings in camp, they will also have a fine dinner ready when the boys arrive Monday at 1:30 p. m. Frank and Richard Drees of Downers Grove will be the cooks and this assures good eats.

The trip on the boat, the "City of Grand Rapids," is a fine one and arrangements have been made so the boys can go through the engine room.

Professor Doolittle, of Wheaton, will have charge of the Camp Fire program and Mr. Thompson, of West Chicago will be in charge of the camp bank and also the camp store and under the direction of Mr. Chas. A. Caster, Camp Director, the boys are sure to have a wonderful time and one long to be remembered.

The new arrangements will enable a few more boys to go if registrations are sent in at once. Boys are registered from all over the county.

Plans are also well under way for the older boys camp which will be at Camp Duncan, Round Lake. Efforts are being made to secure Mr. H. R. Schmidt, Director of Physical Education, to take charge of the swimming, he being one of the best swimmers in this country. Mr. Boyd Walker, Y. M. C. A. Secretary will also be in camp with the boys for a few days. Efforts are being made to secure other strong leaders.

The Glen Ellyn boys are trying to arrange to have their football members go on this fine outing.

POST OFFICE IS SELLING TREASURY CERTIFICATES HERE

New Equipment Brings Local Office on Par with Others in This Vicinity.

Seven thousand dollars worth of the new issue of Treasury Savings Certificates have been sold by the local post office during the past two months.

These certificates come in three denominations, \$25, \$100 and \$1,000. At present prices you pay \$20 for the smaller, \$80 for the next and \$800 for the next. They mature in five years paying an interest rate of about four and a half per cent compounded semi-annually. Any of the denominations can be purchased at the local post office.

Another addition to the office equipment at the local post office is a cancelling machine. This was requested by C. H. Staats shortly after he took charge of the office in February and was received this week and as soon as the plates are received the old hand cancelling will be done away with.

This, with the new parcel post scale, secured several weeks ago, the new platform scale, adding machine and other labor and time saving devices, bring the Downers Grove office on a par with other offices in the vicinity.

60 NEW HOMES IN DOWNERS GROVE SINCE JANUARY 1

124 Permits Issued by Village for a Total of \$327,753 Worth of New and Old Work

Much building has been done in the village during the past year. This is conceded by everyone but just how much is problematical.

In order to determine, if possible, the amounts of improvements which have been put in by local people since January first, a member of the Reporter staff with a penchant for figures waded through the building permits issued by the Village since the first of the year. The total amount is rather staggering when it is considered that the building is of normal growth and not of the boom variety.

Village records show that 124 building permits have been issued by them since January 1. This includes all work, including new homes, repairs and additions. The total amount as given when making application is \$327,753. These are the figures for the permits and as the fee is based on the amount of the improvement, the figures are more likely to be low than high.

We have taken the amounts and figures that each permit calling for \$2,000 or over meant a new home. On this basis 60 new homes were built or are being built since January 1. This is a total of \$285,000 worth of new homes and an average per house of \$4,750. The amount spent for repairs, additions and "shacks" or temporary homes was \$42,753. A little over \$10,000 was the amount scheduled for the most expensive home.

These figures include just the new work inside the corporate limits. There is no way of checking up on the vast amount of building which has been done in the immediate vicinity. The new subdivisions which have been opened in all directions have all had their share of building. A walk through the north side woods, one of the Brannigan Bros. additions reveals the fact that this part of town will some day be one of the prettiest sections. Around Belmont and East Grove, south and north of town, in all directions one sees new homes springing up.

It is a fact that the suburbs of Chicago, especially those along the Burlington and Northwestern, have been enjoying a steady growth during the past few years. That they will continue to grow is a certainty.

In the past week we have interviewed real estate men, lumber men, contractors, plumbers and men who should know conditions in this community. The consensus of opinion is that now is the time to buy vacant property and build homes. The tendency seems to be for higher prices on materials and supplies that go into home building instead of lower.

Downers Grove people are known as home owners. There are, of course, many who rent. These people, most of them, are desirous of owning instead of renting and should investigate conditions now relative to building or buying. The man who owns his own home takes more of an interest in the affairs of the community; he feels closer allied to his neighbors. Home owners, in a majority of cases, make better citizens.

M. E. FELLOWSHIP CLASS PICNIC

Fifty members and friends of the Fellowship Class of the First Methodist Church met in the Cook County Forest Preserve, Western Springs, Saturday afternoon, August 12, for their regular yearly picnic. The weather was ideal and the committee in charge certainly deserve great credit for the delightful plans made to give every one a good time.

A bounteous supper was served at 6:30 consisting of salads, rolls and cakes, in addition to the bacon, eggs and coffee cooked over a camp fire.

The Class hopes to enjoy another picnic during the autumn when several who could not be with them at this time may be able to attend.

Mr and Mrs F. H. Kenison, 171 Prince avenue, have returned from their visit with relatives in Steel, North Dakota.