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608 SEATS AND 588 PUPILS IN GRADE SCHOOLS

Largest Enrollment—in History of
Local Schools—Seating
Capacity Taxed

Downers Grove's Board of Education and the corps of instructors are facing a big task in the enrollment of the local school children this year. There are in the grade schools just 608 seats available and 588 pupils were enrolled Monday and Tuesday, the first two days of school, with the possibility of this being increased as folks return from their vacations.

This is 46 more children than were enrolled in the corresponding period last year and all pupils from Westmont and other places outside of the district have been refused admission. Last year Westmont pupils were taken in. This year they have no place to go. A few are going to Hinsdale and a school is being built at Westmont by volunteer labor which will be ready about the first of the year.

In several of the rooms there is not sufficient ventilation for the number of children forced to occupy them and should the enrollment increase very much, especially in some of the lower grades, conditions would be appalling.

The following table, showing the number enrolled in each room and the number of seats in that room, will give a graphic explanation of what the Board of Education is up against. The NS is north side, the S following seats; SS is south side and the S, seats:

Grade	NS	S	SS	S
8th	64	71		
7th	32	35	47	48
6th	37	37	47	49
5th	33	33	39	39
4th	31	25	38	40
3rd	35	35	38	36
2nd	40	49	40	40

Totals 208 214 380 394

All work in the grades above the fifth has been made departmental with the teachers assigned to teach certain studies. This is, in the estimation of educators, the ideal way in which to educate the young in the grade schools, as it is in the high school.

High School Filled

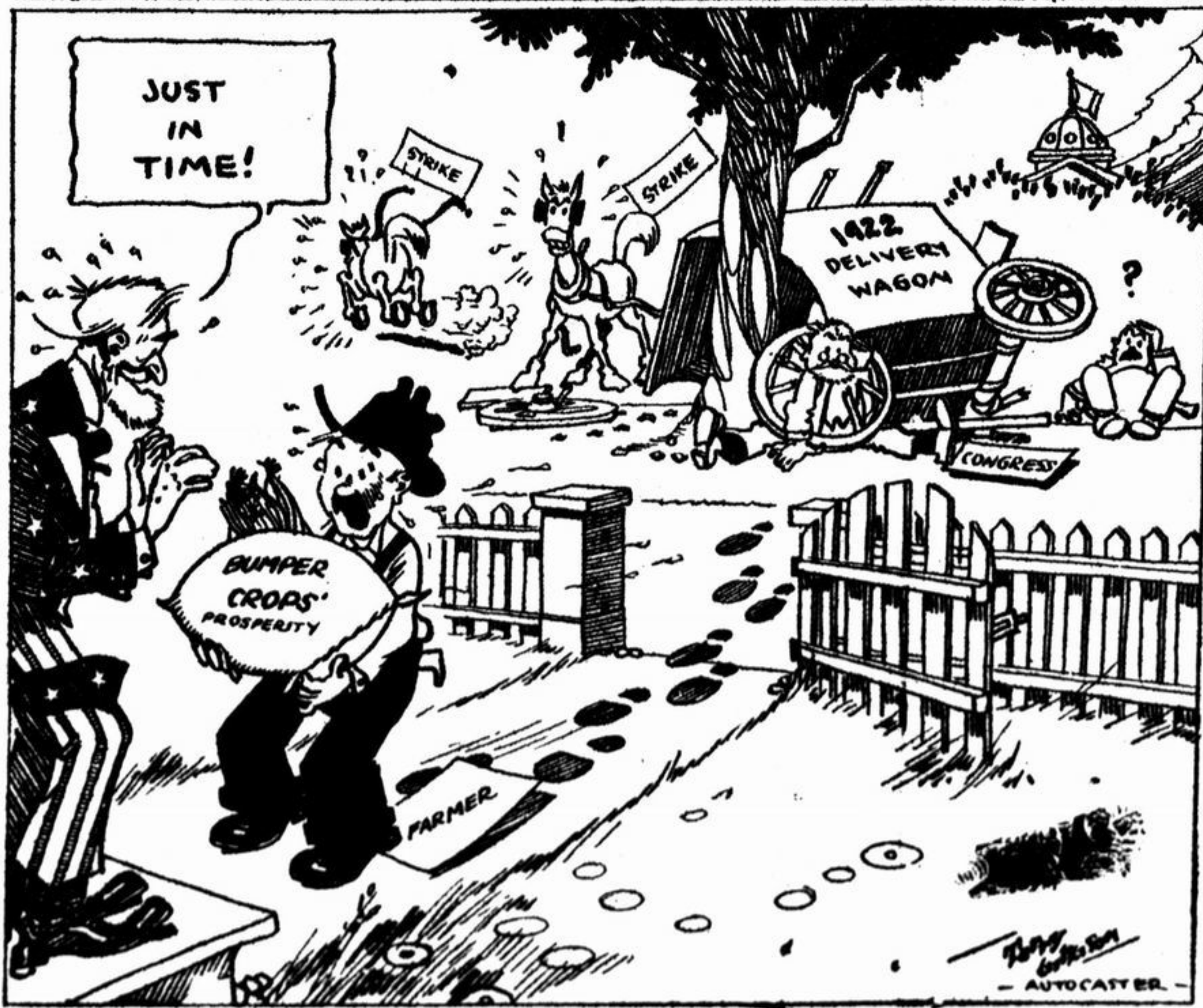
The high school enrollment for the first two days, this term, is also a record breaker. There are at present 223 entered for the various studies, 99 girls and 124 boys make up the classes which are scattered about all over the building. The assembly is not nearly large enough and in some cases students are forced to park their books on window sills and other odd places because of lack of desk room. So crowded are several of the classes, especially those of general science and Latin, that these classes use the seventh and eighth grade rooms three afternoons a week, shifting about from room to room on different afternoons. There classes are crowded because art, sewing and domestic science have been eliminated from the curriculum because of the lack of funds.

Coach Reeve called first football practice for Monday evening and about forty candidates for the team trotted out on the field for the preliminary training. The question now agitating the minds of students, players and fans is a suitable football ground on which to play the home games. Games have been scheduled with county teams and there is no field on which to play.

Under the direction of Carl Moser, the high school chorus with more than 160 voices started Tuesday. They are already preparing to carry off the county banner in music.

Contrary to rumor, the high school is still on the accredited list of the University of Illinois and will remain there until June, 1923. After this there is no telling, and we make the prediction that if the people of this community do not wake up to the fact that the school needs attention, we will be taken off that list. This would be not only a blow to our pride but would be a stumbling block in the way of students wishing to attend colleges and universities.

Getting here just the same



AMERICAN LEGION ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, SEPT. 18

Important Get-Together for Ex-Service Men in the Grand Army Hall

Alexander Bradley Burns post, No. 80, will hold its annual meeting on next Monday evening, September 18 at 8 p. m. The meeting will be held in the banquet hall of the Masonic lodge at Main and Curtiss streets. This meeting bids fair to be of unusual interest because of the many important matters which will be discussed and acted upon, several of which are as follows: Annual Banquet and Election of Officers; The State Bonus; Delegates to the State Convention; More Service to Ex-Service Men; A Greater Legion Post.

Ex-service men everywhere are demanding more of their post each year as it passes on thru time. To cope with this growing demand, requires a well operating organization. While it is the duty of every ex-service man to join some organization which shall heed the crying need of less fortunate buddies, the American Legion is the foremost of these and requires your loyalty and support.

Legion affairs are again in full swing; there is much to be done, a place for all to become active and helpful in carrying out the purpose of the American Legion as expressed in the preamble to its constitution:

"For God and country we associate ourselves together, for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one-hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy and to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by devotion to mutual helpfulness."

MOTORISTS ASKED TO DISPLAY NAME PLATE OF VILLAGE

Mayor W. C. Barber received a letter last week from the Police Dept. of Chicago asking that he request local motorists to display a name plate of the village on their cars while traveling through Chicago. Many motorists have been stopped by traffic cops for not displaying a Chicago vehicle tax plate and they are trying to stop the bother to car owners of answering questions and displaying their state registration cards.

ALBERT RIEDY OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Funeral Services for Lisle Merchant Held at St. Joseph's Church last Saturday Morning

Funeral services were held last Saturday morning, September 9 in St. Joseph's church here for Albert Riedy, of Lisle, who passed away at the St. Charles hospital, Aurora, last Thursday afternoon following a brief illness. Solemn requiem high mass was said by the Rev. Fr. Eneas B. Goodwin, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Valentine Kohlbeck, Rev. Fr. Propok, Rev. Fr. Cyril and Rev. Fr. Aloisius, of Lisle. Interment was made in the SS. Peter and Paul cemetery at Naperville by the side of his wife who passed away March 29, 1921.

Mr. Riedy was one of the oldest settlers and one of the best known men around Lisle. He was born on the old Riedy homestead March 27, 1859, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Riedy who came from Hilsenheim, Alsace and settled here before 1843. With them came Mr. Riedy's grandfather, Xavier Riedy to help make a home in the then pioneer country.

In 1885 Albert Riedy was married to Miss Henrietta Smelzer, of Naperville and in 1889 the firm of Riedy & Engelschall was formed doing a general merchandising and grain business. This firm was very successfully conducted for twenty-five years until 1914 when the partnership was dissolved and the firm of Albert Riedy Company was formed. With him have been associated in the business his sons and they will continue to conduct it.

He leaves to mourn his loss nine children, Mrs. Frank Kawiesel, of Vary, Iowa, and Martin J., August, Lucy, Lola, Henrietta, Louis, Lorene and Elbert; three brothers, Edward, Joseph and Frank and one sister, Mrs. Frank Smith, of Vary, Iowa and one grandson.

D. G. H. S. GRADS. ATTEND COLLEGE

Added to the list of graduates of Downers Grove high school attending colleges and universities are the following from the graduating classes of 1922 and 1921.

Russell Stephens, Illinois U.
Paul Grumhaus, Illinois U.
Elmer O'Neill, Illinois U.
Edward Anderson, Beloit.
Leroy Sullivan, Ripon.
Howard Wilhelm, Northwestern U.
Harley Rogers, N W Commercial.
Russell Winchell, N W Commercial.
Donald Drew, Chicago Piano Col.
Arthur Mills, Iowa State.
Martha Shaffer, Knox.
Geraldine Lacey, Hillcrest College.

NEW BRIDGE ON NORTH FIFTH AVE. NOW COMPLETED

Pavement on North Fifth Avenue Finished and Approaches are up to the Grade

The paving on North Fifth avenue, says the LaGrange Citizen, has been finished except for the new cut-off over Salt creek.

The new bridge has been finished, the approaches have been brought up to grade and within a few weeks the road will be open.

The cut-off does away with the dangerous grade and "S" curve at Salt creek, making a direct north and south road. Another great improvement is straightening Twenty-second street. The road has been cut straight through and surfaced with crushed rock and the new surface has been extended on east from the creek for two miles, putting the road in fine condition.

The new bridge has been officially christened the "Carolyn" bridge, named in honor of Joseph Carolan of River Forest, who was county commissioner for many years. It is a substantial structure, built of concrete and will take the place of the old iron structure that is no longer safe for heavy loads. The old bridge will not be removed, however, as it will be used until the pavement is completed. In all probability the cut-off will not be paved until next spring in order to give the embankments time to settle thoroughly before a permanent pavement is laid.

Within thirty days the top material will be removed from the pavement and North Fifth avenue will then be in fine condition from Brewster avenue—the south end of La Grange Park—to Roosevelt Road.

The paving of the Plank road has been finished to the Cook county line and the auto wheels will be moving over it soon. The contractor on the west stretch is going right along and expects to have the road open to Naperville before Christmas. One bad feature now is that 47th street is closed between Hinsdale and La Grange and traffic is forced to go either way north or way south.

NELLBETA MISKELLY HOSTESS AT A PIRATE PARTY

Miss Nelleeta Miskelly entertained a few of her friends at a Pirate party last Thursday evening. Those present were: Mary Curtis, Florida Waples, Geraldine Lacey, Ruth Miskelly, Lurabel Sherman, Hazel Platt, Ruth Henderson, Ruth Thatcher, Nelleeta Miskelly, Arthur Tylor, Edwin Graves, Ralph Graves, Frank Dutton, Wilfred Pape, Robert Wolf, Arthur Phelps, Eugene Prickett, George Bunge and William Miskelly. Most of the evening was spent in playing games.

NEW IDEA TO BE A REGULAR PART OF THE "FORUM"

First Meeting of the 1922-23 Season Held Monday Evening at Library Hall

The first meeting of the "Open Forum" with the Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, as moderator, for the 1922-23 season was held Monday evening in Library hall.

In this old world of ours, with all of its strange anomalies, nothing is more striking to the thoughtfully disposed than the fact that the imaginative faculty of the human mind runs ahead of its scientific ability, which is only another way of stating the fact of the novelist sometimes—when so inclined—being in advance of his scientific brother.

For instance, Jules Verne, in his "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," beat the submarine by almost a generation, just as Edward Bellamy, in his "Looking Backwards" conceived the possibilities of radio long years before we have it as an actuality. And in the same way, the novelist has served us in matters of reform—using some of his characters in the capacity as a sort of "mirror of human life," and thus the more effectively reaching our will to do what is best and right, by the appeal thus to our feelings that influence the will to action. All will recall to mind the wonderful changes for the better in England as the result of Dickens' life-like delineations of some of the characters of his time, so realistic, "Squeers," Oliver Twist, etc., that the current of thought was switched to a popular demand for improvements accordingly, motivated latent desire to realize the ideal, which is the basis of all human progress.

It will, therefore, be of interest to many of our people to know that one of the features of the Peoples Forum will be that of a "digest" of some one of the greater novels. The first one, "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," which was read Monday night by Mrs. H. S. Dum, peculiarly fitted as one to open with, resulting as it did in the philanthropy so laudably executed of the "People's Palace of delight where the ordinary folk of London's east end, where squalor and wretchedness were the lot of most poor mortals, where even they could meet for the enjoyment of the best in all that life affords. Another ideal made REAL.

Thought-provoking talks were made by Mrs. W. J. O'Neill on the subject of Woman's relation to progress in the matter of representation in the halls of our Legislature by women themselves, and by Professor Reed on the most opportune question of Progress in the educational field.

Discussion was then invited, but doubtless future meetings will operate to make some more vocally turned, the desire expressed, of the Rev. Moderator, Dr. Goodwin, being to promote a full turning on of the light on those things of interest to each of us, primarily for our own personal satisfaction.

"ALPHA SIGMAS" OPENED DANCING SEASON SATURDAY

Sixty Couples Enjoy Fine Time at Library Hall—Music Was Par-Excellent

Alpha Sigma Beta fraternity opened its dancing season at Library Hall last Saturday evening. The affair was the fall opening dance and was a duplicate of the many good times had at the numerous parties held during the last season. Sixty couples enjoyed dancing to the strains of Roameys famous Willis Inn orchestra, which came with a big reputation and left with one a great deal larger. The hall was prettily decorated in bright, flaming streamers and parrots camouflaging the bareness of the walls while a pale blue indirect light gave a mellow atmosphere as the dancers glided over the floor. Many fraternity brothers of the local chapter from Chicago and Oak Park were present and seemed to think that the young folk of Downers Grove are unexcelled.

THIRD ANNUAL LISLE FAIR NOW IN FULL SWING

Big Prize List Draws Many Exhibitors—Free Attractions to Entertain Crowd

The third annual Lisle-DuPage Co. Fair and Stock Show opens at Lisle this morning with a greater variety of exhibits than ever before. The big prize list has attracted exhibitors from all over the county and visitors are assured a glimpse of prize winning sheep, cattle, horses, hogs, chickens, dogs and other animals of many kinds. The grains and vegetables are especially good this year and the number and variety on exhibition is surprising.

The fair will run two days this year, today and tomorrow, Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16. Among the attractions which are counted on to draw the crowds are a horseshoe pitching contest, a baseball game, Dare Devil Dyanshine, the man who skids along behind an auto on his "jeans," airplane wing walking and parachute drops and the St. Charles' Boy school band.

Many concessions will be scattered about the grounds and one will be able to indulge in lemonade, ice cream, red hot, and the games to ones' hearts content.

Carlton Nadelhoffer, manager of the dance floor has secured Roamey's Willis Inn Orchestra for the music. This is an organization which furnishes the brand of music which the present day dancer says is "the berries." They played all season at the Willis Inn at Fox Lake where they made the biggest hit of the 1922 summer season.

It is expected that the fair grounds which are on the Edw. Riedy farm at Maple avenue and the Lisle road, will be crowded all day today and tomorrow.

WILLIAM BENDER FAMILY HOSTS TO MANY LAST SUNDAY

Friends Gather at Residence in Highland Avenue for Delightful All-Day Affair

The William Bender residence on Highland avenue was the scene of a happy gathering Sunday when a host of family friends from Chicago and the Grove were entertained.

The guests arrived early in the day and seemed hardly to have exchanged greetings when all were called to a delightful dinner. Forty-nine persons were served and the meal progressed with a smoothness which spoke well for the hostess.

Due to inclement weather, plans for a beautiful lawn fete were upset and the merrymakers were confined to the house. The dampness of the weather, however, made little impression on the ardor of the guests, who were entertained through part of the afternoon by the playing of Mr. Hartel, of Chicago, who is a most versatile musician.

An interesting event of the day was a game of pocket-billiards, played by the ladies, who, being beginners, furnished entertainment enough for two parties.

Lunch was served at six and at the conclusion of the meal everyone assembled in the drawing room where Mr. Etzkorn obliged with a number of vocal selections, rendered in fine style. His repertoir included a number of amusing impersonations, the best of these being that of an oriental dancer. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and playing games.

The guests were reluctant to leave and when the time finally came all agreed in calling it the crowning event of the summer. Those present with their families from Chicago were: Messrs. and Mesdames E. Branser, F. Michals, J. Wagner, V. Boseman, F. Etzkorn and J. Suerth, and Miss Marie Renter and Mr. Meritt Hartel. From Downers Grove, Mr. and Mrs. B. Becker and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Reiff and their families and Miss Mary Canty.