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## BOOSTERS FOR GOOD ROADS TO MEET TONIGHT

Supervisors Extend Invitation to All Who Favor Hard Highways to Attend.

Much has been said and much has been written in the last two or three months about a county system of hard highways for DuPage. All this smoke has at last stirred up a little real fire and our dream of a hard road from every place in the county to every other place may be realized through a hard road meeting to be held tonight, Friday, October 6, in the Circuit Court room at the county seat.

Through a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors Monday, every resident of the county interested in hard roads, is invited to be at the meeting and advise with the Board on the location and improvement of the State Aid roads within the county.

There are at present three state roads running through DuPage County. One, Roosevelt road is completed; the other two, Lake street to the north, and the Plank road are under construction. These three roads are built and will be maintained by the state.

These are the main highways and are built of concrete. A secondary system of roads, designed to connect every village and hamlet in the county one with another and with the state roads is now under consideration by the county board. It is to designate these roads and get the opinion of the people of the county on a bond issue to build them at once that the meeting is called. Everyone from Downers Grove interested in good roads should make it a point to be at the meeting.

In this secondary road system will be such roads as Highland avenue from the village limits to Roosevelt road and South Main street with its jogs to the county line north of Lemont. By a resolution, passed at Monday's meeting of the board, the county will pay the cost of constructing such roads through municipalities and half the cost of building bridges.

These highways will be built by state aid and will be maintained by the county as the county road system.

Still a third class of roads will be the township highways, built and maintained by the townships. These will be all other roads not under the state or county system. This township has already voted a special hard road tax and many roads have already been graveled with the money obtained from this tax. After the opening of the Plank road between here and Fullersburg some type of permanent construction will be put on Maple avenue through the township. If the other townships in the county vote on and carry a proposition for a special hard road tax, in five years we will have the best roads in the state of Illinois.

## FALL FESTIVAL OF VESTA CHAPTER WAS BIG SUCCESS

Members Thank Business Men and All Who Helped—Benefit For New Temple.

Members of Vesta Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, are elated over the showing they made at their Fall Festival, held last Friday and Saturday at Curtiss and Washington Sts. On both days the attendance was good and the tent was filled with a throng which purchased everything in sight.

The band from the Masonic Orphanage at LaGrange, which played here Saturday evening, made the hit of the festival. Containing both boys and girls the youngsters made a brand of music which many older hands would be proud to attain.

The chapter members wish to thank the merchants of the village for their generosity in donations to the festival and all who helped make it the financial success it was. Quite a sum was realized to help finance the proposed Masonic Temple.

## PEP-SESSION AND PARADE TO OPEN ATHLETIC SEASON

Main and Curtiss to be Scene of a Big Blow-Out Tonight—Sell Coupon Books Cheap.

The usual evening peace and quiet of Main street will be shattered with a roar shortly after seven tonight when a bowling mob of high school students will assemble at Main and Curtiss for a pep-session to officially open the local high school athletic season. This is the second annual "Jamboree" which is designed to work up enthusiasm for the "Purple."

Among those who have been asked to peak are Messrs. Brevillier and Stephens for the villagers; two members of the school board; Supt. Reed, Principal Vernon and Coach Reeve for the faculty.

As a start of the evening will be a parade of automobiles and Fords from the school down Maple avenue to Main. Freshmen and others with torches and banners will sing and shout and sell coupon books good for admission to the football games to be played on the local grid.

There will be songs and cheers ending with the good old "Loyalty" tune which has cheered many a local team to victory on a hard fought field.

Following the pep-session the Seniors will hold a social hour at the school to which the high school students, their parents and the members of the faculty have been invited.

## CONTRACT AWARDED FOR PAVING FOUR SOUTH SIDE STS.

Lyman, Farley, Summit and Benton to be Improved with Concrete Curbs and Pavement.

The contract for the paving of Lyman avenue from Maple avenue to Farley Place; Farley Place from Lyman avenue to Park avenue; Summit street from Lyman avenue to Park avenue and Benton avenue from Maple avenue to Summit street, was let at a meeting of the Village Council performing the duties of the Board of Local Improvements at the meeting Monday evening. E. A. Meyers, of Quincy, Ill., was the lowest bidder and his bid of \$48,882.20 for grading the roadways, the parkways, building curb and gutter and bringing to line and grade existing manholes and storm water inlets, was accepted by the council.

The streets will be paved with concrete and all storm water drain ditches which go under the pavement are to be filled with cinders. If they were filled with earth as was the practice when most of the present brick pavement was laid, the earth would settle and cause the same thing which is now happening to our pavements, a lowering of the earth underneath them and a consequent hollow in the street.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS GIVE "PUBLICITY TEA" OCT. 18

Twelve Hostesses for Affair to Start Season's Work—Good Program Promised.

A "Publicity Tea" will be given by the local branch of the League of Women Voters at Library Hall Wednesday afternoon, October 18. There will be speaking and music and every woman of the community is invited to be present. This is in line with the teas being given in all parts of the state by local groups of the League who are starting out on their programs following the summer vacation.

Hostesses for the afternoon will be Mesdames B. E. Balezynski, J. D. Gillespie, R. C. Toombs, Rose Waples, Lewis Howe, Philip Weinheimer, Edward Bradley, J. Replinger, Melvin Skinner, S. C. Hurley, Matilda Vernon and William Parrish.

## DR. MAURY, LONG TIME PHYSICIAN FOR COUNTY, DIES

Dr. J. M. Maury, for many years county physician and well known throughout DuPage county in church and social circles, passed away at his home in Wheaton Monday afternoon, October 2, following a months illness.

Funeral services were held from the family home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 and burial was made in the Wheaton cemetery.

## The Story Of Good Old Indian Summer.



## SCOUT TROOP 3 ENJOYS OVERNIGHT TRIP TO HINSDALE

E. L. Adams Elected Chairman Committee to Build Cabin in Forest Preserve.

Saturday afternoon committeemen of Troop 3, Mr. E. L. Adams and Mr. F. N. Wildish, took several of their troop for an overnight trip to the cabin in the Hinsdale forest preserve. Horace and Edward Adams, Robert McVitty, Edwin Lawson and Robert Moore were the fortunate Scouts that took this trip and cooked their meals around the cheering camp fire. Troop 3 meets at the school gym at 7:30 o'clock each Tuesday evening.

Mr. Adams was elected chairman of the log cabin building committee and the work on the cabin will be rushed so that the cabin can be occupied some time this winter. It is planned to make the cabin as permanent and as rustic and beautiful as possible so that it will enhance the natural beauties of the preserve and give the boys the joy of building, of ownership, of comradeship made around the camp fire, and of the week end camp. It's big fireplace will provide a place for cooking, doing away with the necessity of building open fires in the preserve; and on week camping trips the Scouts can assist in policing the preserve.

Mr. A. A. Langosch has been commissioned as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 3. The troop is fortunate in securing this leadership. Scoutmaster O'Neill and Assistant Langosch plan a busy program for their new registration year beginning in November. This troop meets each Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the South Side school.

The Methodist Church Troop meets Monday evenings at 7:30 in the church basement. Mr. Chambers, who is chairman of the troop committee, and Rev. Newland, a member of the committee, are giving the scoutmaster and assistants their full support in organizing this troop. This is to be a super-troop, doing double duty for in addition to carrying out the scouting program all of its scouts who are registered will be asked to teach an associate scout who may be between 10 and 12 years of age the Tenderfoot test so that when this associate scout reaches the scout age (12 years) he will be able to immediately pass the Tenderfoot test and secure his badge.

Tuesday, October 10, a joint meeting of Troops 2 and 3 will be held at the gym. The merit badge for tests taken in June will be given to the Scouts at that time. Scout officials and parents and friends are invited.

## VESTA CHAPTER TO CELEBRATE ALLIE L. WHITE NIGHT

Worthy Matrons From Chapters in Vicinity to Fill Stations Here Tuesday.

Allie L. White night will be celebrated by Vesta Chapter, O. E. S., at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, October 10. Mrs. White is a Past Matron of the local chapter and is a Grand Lecturer of the order in Illinois. She is frequently called on by chapters in the vicinity for instruction in the work and is well known in Eastern Star circles in the state.

Worthy Matrons of many of the chapters in the vicinity will take the chairs for the initiation ceremonies next Tuesday in honor of Mrs. White and full class will be initiated.

At the close of the evening light refreshments will be served.

## LAUNDRY EXPECTS TO OPEN AGAIN MONDAY, OCT. 23

Work has progressed very rapidly on the re-building of the George Hoffert building in South Main St., which caught fire last Thursday. The building operations were held up several days because the village ordinance in regard to fire proof buildings. The structure was in the fire limits of the village and an estimate of the damage was necessary before a permit could be issued to reconstruct the building. An unbiased contractor from Hinsdale was called in and estimated the damage at 45 per cent. If it had been 50 per cent or over a permit could not have been issued for frame construction and Mr. Hoffert would have been forced to tear it down and rebuild of some fire proof material. The work was started Wednesday morning.

The Downers Grove Laundry, who occupied the building, are busy with plans for opening up again about Monday, October 23. They have made a settlement with the insurance company and will replace or repair all machinery and be ready for an even bigger business than they have been doing during the four years they have been here.

## WILLCUT—MERTZ

Announcements have been received in the village of the marriage of Miss Allena Willcut to Mr. Fred Mertz in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Thursday, September 28.

Mr. Mertz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Mertz, of East Curtiss street. Quite a number of years ago he went west and settled on a claim in North Dakota. He proved up and is now engaged in income tax work for private individuals and corporations. He is well known to many people of this community.

## CITIZENS MET TO CONSIDER DIST. 58 SCHOOL SITUATION

Committee to be Appointed to Devise Ways and Means of Improving Condition.

Called together to consider the school situation in this community, a group of local citizens met in the high school building Tuesday evening and listened to some plain facts about the financial and other angles of the schools of District 58.

Frank N. Davis, president of the Board of Education, presided at the meeting. Carl Carlson, chairman of the finance committee, was the first speaker called on. He outlined the financial side of the problem which the board, and the people of the district, are facing. In fact the whole problem is a financial one, because if sufficient money was available there would be no problem.

Mr. Carlson pointed out the fact that the district is in debt more than \$40,000, that it is operating now by borrowing money against the 1922 taxes which will not be paid to the district until next April, and that some way must be found to raise money to cancel existing obligations.

Superintendent of schools Reed, told of the crowded conditions which prevailed in the grade rooms and some of the problems which were continually coming to the front and which had to be met due to the lack of funds. S. S. Vernon, principal of the high school, gave some pertinent facts regarding the high school. He said that it was overcrowded; that the classes were too large and that sanitary conditions in the schools were far from being even decent, much less ideal.

Mrs. Hattie Remmers and F. J. Littleford, members of the Board of Education told of things that were vitally needed and how the board had rescinded here and there, in places which were essential just because they had not the money to do things as they should be done.

The whole school situation was presented in a manner which brought home to those present that something must be done and done at once. The question of the organization of a high school district within the limits of the present district was discussed and it was the general opinion that this was the only solution to the problem.

Upon motion the chair was authorized to name seven people of the community to look over the possible solutions and to pick one for presentation to the people. Mr. Davis is now engaged in picking this committee, and when called by phone last night said that something concrete would be presented to the people next week.

## ESCAPES INJURY WHEN HEAD GOES THRU WINDOW

Three men, M. A. Sullivan, of East Curtiss street, L. E. Jones, of North Main street and James Slepicka, of Belmont, had narrow escapes from serious injury Tuesday morning when the Jones' Nash Sedan in which they were riding had an argument with a Ford truck on the Plank road just west of Highland avenue. The men were on their way to Wheaton where they are members of the Grand Jury. As they were passing a truck driven by young Banks, whose home is on the Plank road, the driver, without giving a signal of any kind or turning to see if the road was clear, abruptly turned down a side street. Mr. Jones had signaled with his horn that he was about to pass and when the driver of the truck turned, he tried to turn with him and thus avoid a collision. On account of the narrowness of the road and a deep ditch, this was impossible and the sedan hit the truck and a tree, almost at the same time.

Both front fenders of the sedan were torn and dented, one running board was sheered off, the front axle bent, the frame bent and Mr. Sullivan's head went through the side plate glass window. No one, luckily, was injured, but the sedan looked pretty well wrecked although it was driven in under its own power.