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WORK ON SCOUT CABIN IN FOREST PRESERVE PUSHED

Troop Three Held Important Elections Tuesday—Honor Court to Meet Soon.

At Tuesday's meeting of Troop 3 several important elections and announcements were made. Jack Blakeslee, who has faithfully and efficiently acted as scribe for the troop for some time past, resigned his position account having graduated into the Rangers of the Rectangle. Bob McVitty was elected new scribe, and while the troop stood to salute the change in scribes was made. Bob, in his speech of acceptance, said that it might take some time for him to become fully acquainted with his new duties but with the help of the retiring scribe he expected to master them and promised to do his best in keeping the records of the troop. The old and the new scribe were accorded hearty cheers as was the Senior Patrol Leader whose election followed.

"Chuck" Seivers was elected Senior Patrol Leader by a goodly majority and immediately assumed his new office. The troop is fortunate in having this loyal scout as their leader. The council of the troop arranged a contest for the next month, closing the third Saturday of November. Points in contest are: first patrol, 15; good turns, 10; each; 3; extra for 7 good turns, 9; each; 10; order in patrol, 25.

The Bear Patrol furnished this evening's program and it was exceptionally good. The program for the next indoor meeting will be planned by the Crow Patrol. The Patrol winning in the months contest will be taken on an overnight hike.

Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Prickett was absent and Commissioner Palmer was in charge, assisted by Mr. Kester and Senior Patrol Leader Seivers. The old scoutmaster, F. N. Wildish, whose faithful services have made the troop what it is, has accepted the position of committeeman of this troop and the troop for the present is without a scoutmaster. Mr. Kester, who has worked with the Scouts at various times, is considering accepting the scoutmastership of this troop.

The log cabin building is progressing by leaps and bounds. Night work by aid of artificial light has been introduced and no time is being lost. Last Saturday Adams and Savage and scouts from Troops 2 and 3 spent the day in working on the cabin and ate their dinners in the woods. The lines of the foundation were staked out, the holes dug and the concrete forms for two of the supporting pillars lowered. Wednesday night Troop 2 marched out in a body and with picks, shovels, axes and wheelbarrows, they dug and shovelled and hauled stones by the light from lanterns and camp fires. Commissioner Palmer, Scoutmaster O'Neill and Assistant Langosch directed the work. The busy toilers at night gave the appearance of the gold diggers in the history stories of the western gold rush when work was carried on both day and night.

Saturday, October 21 the scouts of both troops will work on the cabin as they did last Saturday.

Monday evening, October 23 the scouts of the M. E. church (Troop 4) will have a weiner roast in the forest preserve. All wanting to go will meet at the church basement at 7:30 p. m.

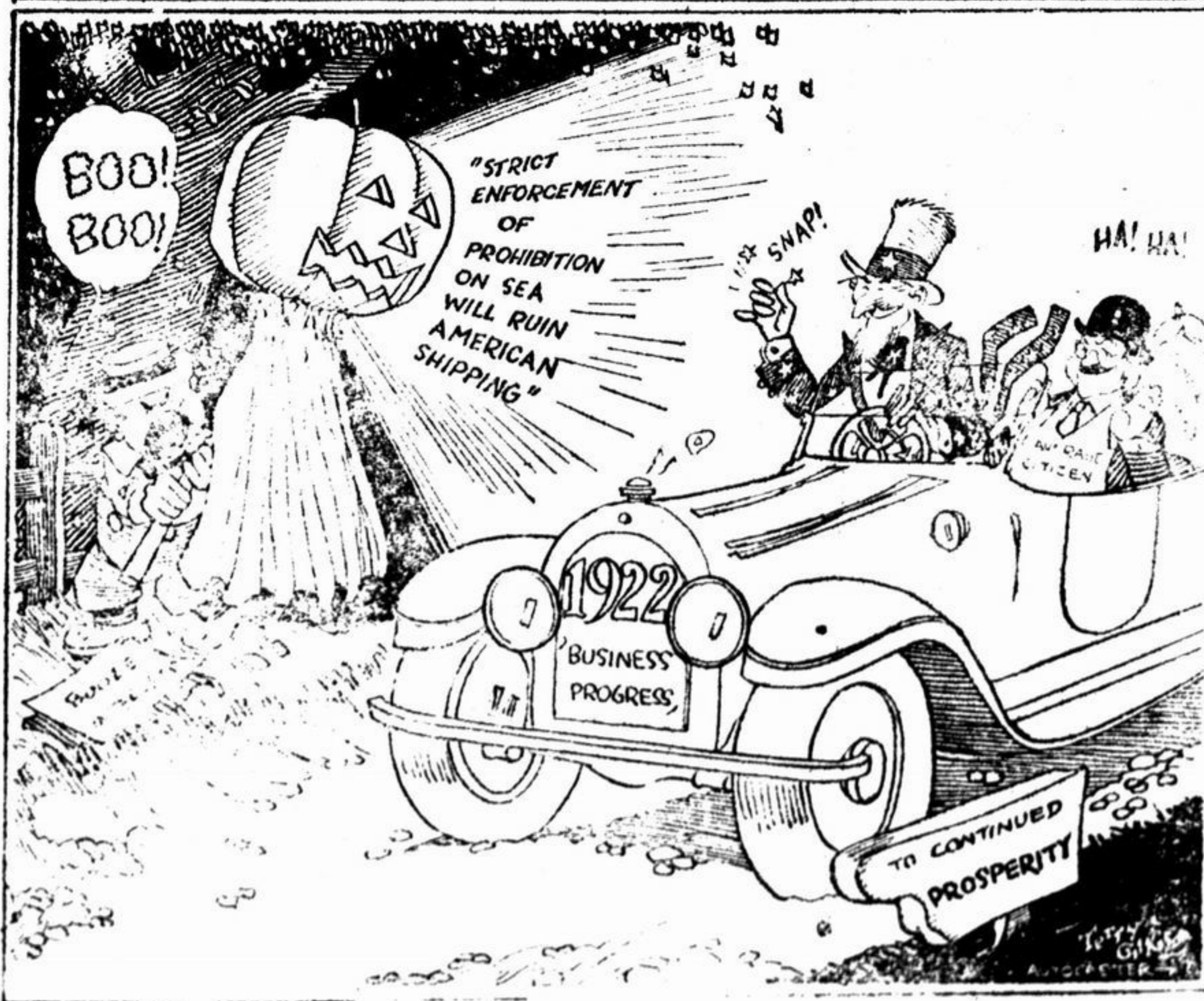
Tuesday evening, October 24 Troop 2 and 3 will hold an inter-patrol contest of "Capture the Flag," in the (Continued on Page 6)

CHORAL SOCIETY TOLD ABOUT MUSIC FOR THE CHILDREN

Miss Potter of the Kindergarten, Tells About Her Work With Boys and Girls.

At the last meeting of the Choral Society Miss Potter of the faculty of the Junior Elementary school gave a very interesting and instructive talk on music for the children. It is the result of her experiences with the children of this community. Being too long for this weeks Reporter and wishing all to read it, we are holding it until next week.

Regular Hallowe'en Scare



ATHLETIC CLUB TO BACK ALL LOCAL TEAMS IS PLAN

Meeting Held in High School Gym Tuesday—Football Team is Now Organizing.

Downers Grove will in all probability have a football team this year if a place to play can be secured.

A large group of athletes gathered at the high school field last Sunday morning and engaged in a light workout. The feeling was of such a nature that a meeting was held in the high school gym last Tuesday evening to talk over and formulate plans for a Downers Grove Athletic club to handle all the athletic affairs of the town. Errol Sanders is trying very hard to interest all the local athletes in the village and has been doing much work perfecting preliminary plans for this organization.

The plan at present is of such a nature that all the athletic teams of the village will be sponsored by this organization. The funds will go into the coffers of this organization; the profit from one sport will not be touched for any other purpose except to sponsor the next sport or all football funds will go into backing the basket ball team, etc., until a fund is raised which will be of such a nature as to warrant other means of disposal.

At the present time there are seven local football players playing with the Berwyn eleven and with these back in the fold again and such stars as George Cline, Slip Downer, Sam Bertolin, Errol Sanders and many others lined up the team should make a formidable showing. They will meet this evening to practice under the light of Main and Curtiss streets in anticipation of a game with Westmont Sunday if a playing field is located. It is certain however that a team will be organized and games arranged for very soon.

PHONE COMPANY ASKS FOR NEW ALARM SYSTEM

Making Changes so That all Small Communities Will Have the Same System.

The Illinois Bell Telephone Co. have asked the Village Council to pass an ordinance changing the local fire alarm system to conform with that in use in all the smaller communities in the vicinity. This is done so that any operator from one exchange can substitute at another and, knowing the system, expedite the turning in of fire alarms.

They ask that the village pumping station number be changed to "0" and that the local firemen be given a code word so that they can ring in and get the location of fires from the operators.

PROF. HIERONIMUS SPEAKER AT OPEN MEETING OCT. 25th

Woman's Club Extends Invitation to Community to Hear Talk by Wonderful Speaker.

Professor Hieronimus, community advisor of the staff of the Illinois State University, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Woman's Club, Wednesday afternoon, October 25, at Library Hall. The meeting has been declared an open one and every resident of the community is invited to hear this wonderful speaker.

Prof. Hieronimus will take as his subject, "The City Beautiful." He is well qualified to talk on this subject and his suggestions to villages such as ours, are well worth coming miles to hear. The meeting will open at three o'clock.

The music for the afternoon will be furnished by Mrs. S. S. Vernon, who has on more than one occasion pleased local audiences.

LEGION ANNUAL BANQUET IS NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

Ex-Service Men of Community Elect New Officers at Masonic Banquet Hall

Alexander Bradley Burns Post, No. 80, American Legion, will hold its annual banquet next Thursday night, October 26 in the Masonic banquet hall at Main and Curtiss streets.

The ex-service men have planned entertainment of various kinds, song and stories to go with the chow and officers for the ensuing year will be elected. One of the best features of the evening will be the report of the National convention to be given by Dan Diener, commander of the post, who returns tomorrow from New Orleans where the convention was held.

MISS LETTA DOWNER

Miss Letta Downer, who made her home here last winter with her aunt, Mrs. Mel Downer of East Maple Ave., passed away at the home of her cousin, Mrs. T. H. Slusser in Norwood Park Monday, following a brief illness. Funeral services were held on Thursday, interment being made at Beloit, Wisconsin.

Letta Downer was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Downer.

The Nature Study class will meet with Mrs. Ernest Fisher at her home in Gilbert avenue, October 27. Luncheon will be at 12:30 and the program at 1:30.

Mr and Mrs T H Huntington and Mrs Rose Waples drove to Rockford Sunday and called on Florida Waples who is attending college there.

REGISTRATION FOR NOVEMBER 7 ELECTION IS TUESDAY

All Polling Places Open—New One on North Side—All Urged to Register Name.

All voters of this community who are not now on the poll books of the local precincts must register next Tuesday, October 24 if they wish to vote at the November election. Very stringent rules have been adopted for the election this year and the only way a voter who is not registered, can make his or her ballot count, is by having some property owner swear in the vote.

All four local polling places will be opened and all organizations are asking that those not on the poll books register. The polling places are as follows: north of the "Q" and west of Main street, the old American Legion rooms at Belmont and Forest avenues, this has been changed from the Tucker office; north of the track and east of Main street, the Kibbel Garage; south of the track and east of Main street, the Curtiss Theatre building; south of the "Q" and west of Main street, the Village hall.

While there is no actual compulsory registration in this community, it makes it twice as easy to cast your ballot if you are on the registry. It saves trouble for you and for the officials of the election. There are many new people in the community and they are asked to register next Tuesday.

REPP-ORY

The marriage of Miss Alice Marie Repp and Henry T. Ory at St. Thomas Aquinas church, Chicago, last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock was one of the most charming of the season.

As the organ pealed out the first notes of the wedding march ushers George Repp, Jr. and Harry Weisbrook came down the aisle followed by the bridesmaid, Miss Louise Lelivelt, attired in orchid crepe and black maline hat carrying orchid sweet peas and tea roses. Then Miss Louise Ory, maid of honor in yellow crepe with black maline hat carrying tea roses and sweet peas. Then the bride, on the arm of her father, gowned in white satin crepe trimmed with Spanish lace and pearls and wearing a maline hat trimmed with lilies of the valley and long streamers of maline. She carried a shower bouquet of roses and valley lilies.

After the ceremony a seven course dinner was served in the Oak Arms hotel which was followed by dancing late in the evening.

The happy young couple left on a short honeymoon and will be at home to their many friends in Downers Grove after December 1.

ATHLETIC FIELD IN FOREST PRESERVE TO BE A REALITY

Citizens Association Decides to Take Hold of This Community Proposition.

The proposition of the building of a community athletic field in the forest preserve west of the village was given great impetus at a meeting of the Downers Grove Citizens Association held Monday night in the assembly hall of the high school. The meeting was called to discuss the proposition and ascertain if the association wished to take hold of it and push it through to completion.

It was explained to the members that the local Legion post had raised nearly \$2,000 to buy the old north side field for athletic purposes. Due to unforeseen contingencies, the deal was not carried through and those who had advanced the money were given the option of having their contributions returned or having the money apply on the fixing up of a suitable field in the preserve. Of this \$2,000 nearly half is now available for the new field, if work is started and something done at once. The money is on deposit on the bank.

After viewing the proposition from all angles, the members decided that there is a real need for the field, both for teams of the community and of the high school and that everyone would be glad to support it.

The question of raising the balance of the money necessary to make a first class field has been referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the president, Mr. Roy C. Toombs, who has secured Mr. John F. Kidwell, former mayor of the village, to lead the committee.

Estimates on ditching, laying tile, and grading, all work necessary to make this the best field in the county, have been received and about as much money is still needed as there is on hand. Work still commences on the field next week and all the work possible done this fall so that the field can settle over the winter and be ready for use in the spring.

REVIEW BOOKS AT NEXT FORUM MONDAY NIGHT

Second and Third Articles of Proposed New State Constitution Are to be Studied.

At the next meeting of the Peoples Forum to be held at Library Hall next Monday evening, October 23, some interesting and important books recently published will be reviewed. There seems to be a national revival of interest in politics and especially in every thing that can throw new light on the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Among the new books are: The Declaration of Independence, by Prof. Becker; State Government, by Prof. Dodd; The Causes of the War of Independence, by Prof. Van Tyne; and the American Party System, by Prof. Merriam.

There will be a discussion of some subjects that have a vital bearing on the welfare of the country and citizenry, such as Taxation, and the tendency of politics as indicated by the extraordinary success of Senator LaFollette.

The Second and Third Articles of the proposed Constitution will be commented on, and the extracts from speeches by Mr. Woodward, president of the Constitutional Convention, will be read.

POSTOFFICE GETS NEW U. S. SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS

The local post office has received a supply of the new special delivery postage stamps which are just being issued by the government. The stamp is the same size and color of the old one, but much prettier. The old familiar boy on a bicycle has given place to the more modern and speedier motorcycle. The "boy" is delivering a letter to a smiling housewife standing in the open colonial doorway of a modern American home. It is one of the most artistic of the many stamps issued by the United States and should prove a valuable addition to the books of any collector.

CON-CON MEETING AT LIBRARY HALL THURSDAY, OCT. 26

Chas. E. Woodward, Convention President and Mrs. Lieber to Be Speakers.

That not many people are familiar with the provisions of the proposed new constitution for the state is well known. That all of Downers Grove may have a chance to become well versed in the various articles is the reason for a joint public meeting at Library hall next Thursday evening, October 26. The affair will be held under the joint auspices of the Legislative Committee of the Woman's Club, the local branch, League of Women Voters and the Citizen's Association.

Chas. E. Woodward, of Ottawa, who was president of the convention, will be one of the speakers. He will explain the reasons why it should be adopted by the voters as the basis of the commonwealth.

The other speaker will be Mrs. Gertrude Lieber, of Winnetka, who has charmed a Downers Grove audience before. She is a member of the state Educational commission, well known in womens circles and a fine speaker. Mrs. Lieber will talk on "Womens Responsibilities in the Government."

Everyone in the community is invited to attend this meeting which should crowd Library hall to the doors. As one of those interested in seeing these two come here for a talk, has said, "This is a chance people of communities as small as ours seldom get, to hear two such speakers on one evening."

ANOTHER ARREST MADE IN CUTTEN \$17,500 ROBBERY

Eighth Alleged Bandit of Gang of Ten Captured Near Steger Saturday Night.

Judge Mazzini Slusser of the DuPage county circuit court sitting at Wheaton Monday was asked to hold in \$60,000 bonds John Cominno, the eighth man to be rounded up for the sensational robbery of the home of Arthur W. Cutten, March 27, last. In this robbery a robber band numbering 10 took jewelry valued at \$17,000 and \$500 in cash from Mr. and Mrs. Cutten and Mr. Cutten's brother Harry whom they surprised while at evening dinner. Nine cases of whiskey were also seized by the robbers who locked the Cuttens and their butler and maid in the liquor vault before leaving the scene.

Cominno was arrested late Saturday night at Steger, Ill., in a farmhouse. Deputy Sheriff Fred Yeahy got the drop on Cominno, who had an automatic gun and a belt filled with ammunition.

The house had been surrounded by Sheriff George Leineke, Deputy Sheriff John Poppelreider, States Attorney C. W. Reed and Assistant States Attorney R. W. Keeney.

A deputy sheriff of Mokenca gave the DuPage county authorities the tip that Cominno was at the farmhouse in Steger.

Much of the information that has been used in tracking down the alleged robbers was obtained from the man who it is said planned the job, Joseph Vormettag.

He was employed in the Cutten home as an assistant butler some months before the robbery.

The two men still at large are Simon and Casper Rosenberg. Those taken are Joseph Vormettag, John Cominno, Otto Tempera, Paul Grabowski, John Glowieski, Gus Kaswell, Hart O'Malley and John Cornelison.

All of the men, it is said, were members of a Chicago robber band. O'Malley was to be returned to the state's prison at Joliet today, where he was to serve out a term it was said on a burglary charge.

The Rev. J. Alfred Nansen presided at the quarterly business meeting of the Villa Park Evangelical congregation, substituting for the district superintendent, on Thursday evening. This new congregation, still less than two years old, has had a remarkable growth. The Rev. Wm. E. Grote, formerly pastor of First Evangelical church in Downers Grove is now pastor at Villa Park.