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GRAND ARMY VETS GUESTS OF GROVE LODGE WEDNESDAY

For Sixteenth Time Local Masons Entertained the "Boys Who Wore the Blue."

For the sixteenth time the members of Naper Post, G. A. R., were entertained Wednesday night by Grove Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

At the invitation of Howard P. Jones, chairman of the evening, the veterans of the Civil war marched to the front of the hall, their flag, carried by Comrade Daily, flying at their head while the Temple Quartet, Messrs. Elarton, Knoblauch, Wildish and Rosenbaum sang. The audience sang the "Star Spangled Banner" as the lodge flag was brought in by Walter Johnstone.

M. A. Sullivan, Master of the lodge, welcomed the "boys who wore the blue" with a few well chosen words. "Uncle Billy" Beidelman, Commander of the Post, responding.

The evening was enjoyed by both the members of the lodge, their ladies and the veterans. Comrades George Heartt and R. W. Bond told how their respective branches of the service, the infantry and the cavalry, had won the war. Wm. Ellis and J. W. Nash favored with a few words and B. C. Downes, in a few eloquent remarks, paid tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic with especial mention of the local members of that organization ,which will linger long in memory. Interspersed were songs by the audience, the program ending with the singing of America.

Ice cream and cake and a social hour ended another evening which both lodge members and G. A. R. men will cherish in their memory.

LOCAL CHURCHES HAVE SPECIAL SERVICES THANX DAY

Union Service to be Held at Congregational Church at Nine-Thirty O'Clock.

Local churches are announcing special services for Thanksgiviny Day, next Thursday, November 30.

In accordance with an arrangement made several years ago the Union service will be held this year at the Congregational church. The service will be at nine-thirty and will last one hour. The Rev. A. S. Phelps will have charge of the service and the special music. The Rev. J. Alfred Nansen will preach the sermon. The churches cooperating in this service are the Methodist, First Baptist, the First Evangelical and First Congregational.

At St. Joseph's Catholic church high mass with sermon will be held at 8:00 o'clock in the morning with special prayers for the leaders in government. There will be special Thanksgiving music.

At St. Paul's Evangelical church in Grove street the regular Thanksgiving service will be held at ten o'clock. The Rev. Wm. Grotefeld will preach a special sermon.

S. Andrew's Episcopal church is having special Thanksgiving services at 7:30 and 9:00. It being S. Andrew's Day a special patronal feast of the church will be held. There will be corporate communion for all communicants.

The Christian Science church is having special Thanksgiving services at eleven o'clock.

The Immanuel Lutheran church, which meets in the Congregational edifice, is having its Thanksgiving services Sunday afternoon.

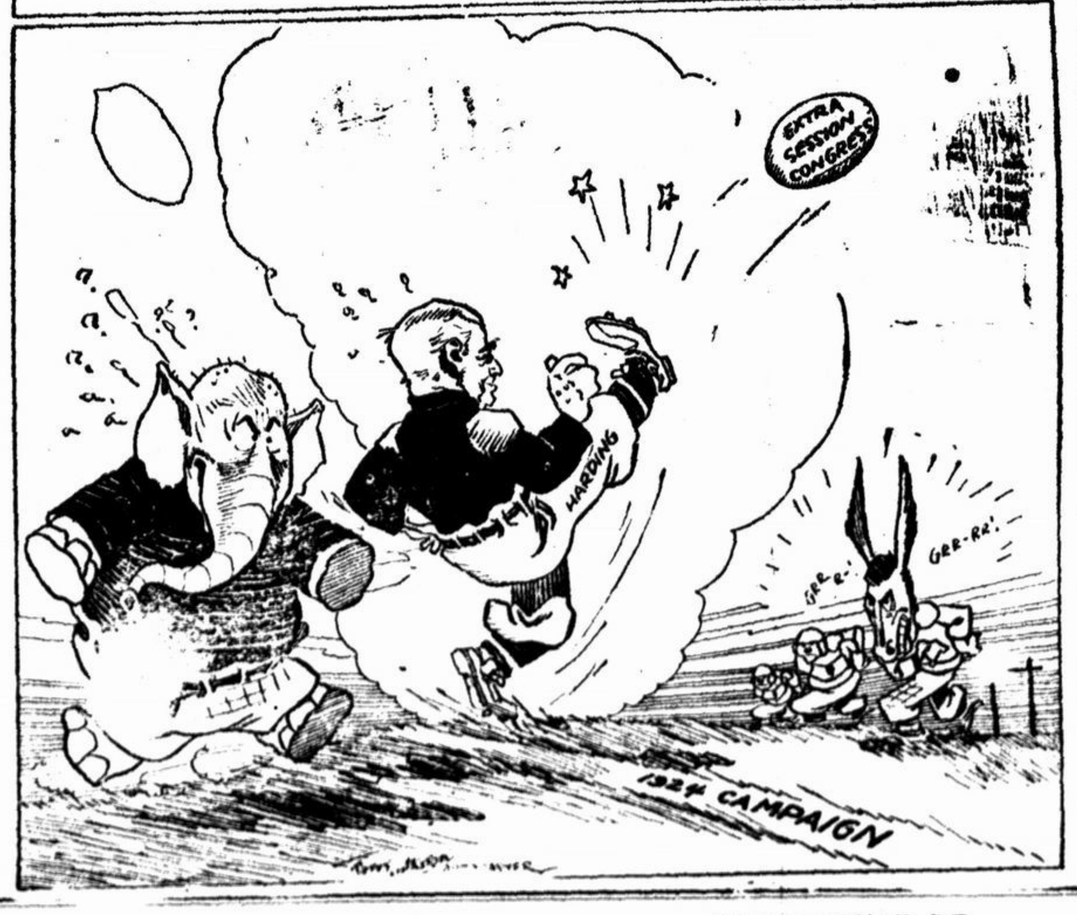
CELEBRATED ANNIVERSARY LAST SATURDAY EVENING

Former neighbors relatives and friends of Mr and Mrs C. H. Staats gathered at their home in N. Main street last Saturday evening and took them by surprise. The occasion was the thirty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

The evening was pleasantly spent playing bunco and five hundred and in song, old and young poining in the festivites. Bountiful lunch which the surprisers brought with them, ended a very pleasant evening.

Mr and Mrs Staats were presented with a reed fernery as a token of the esteem in which they are held by their friends.

"The Kick-Off"



Hundreds See O'Neill Victory Parade Saturday Evening Last

Red fire and noise, the latter consisting of everything from the fire whistle and bell to the cheer of the small boy, were the outstanding features of the community celebration last Saturday night of the election of Mrs. Lottie Holman O'Neill to the State Legislature. The automobile parade was late in starting but when it finally got under way was a pretty sight coming down Main street. The blazing torchs, the flags, the whistles, horns and shouts made a combination which struck the eyes and ears of the hundreds gathered to see and participate as a harmonious whole.

Boy Scouts, Camp Fire girls, high school cheering squads, the women who worked local precincts for Mrs. O'Neill, American Legion boys, the Blackfriars orchestra, and citizenry in general were in the trucks of local business men and the many pleasure cars in the line.

The parade wended its way north on Main street to Prairie, west to Oakwood, south to Belmont, east to Main, down Main to Curtiss and then to the Library where the meeting was held.

Mrs. Ernest Fisher, of Gilbert avenue, presided and opened the program by introducing County Judge S. L. Rathje. Judge Rathje congratulated Mrs. O'Neill and the women of the county in their wonderful victory. He called attention to the strides made in the past ten years as making this possible. "Ten years ago," said the Judge, "women did not even have a voice in the selection of members of this state law making body while today they are eligible for membership in it. To my way of thinking this is an indication of progress little dreamed of by our grandmothers."

Jeanette Rankin, the first woman to be elected to the national Congress was the speaker of the evening. She gave a long, eloquent talk on the part to be taken by women in the government of the United States and of the separate states of the union. She said that the vicory of Mrs. O'Neill was not due to her personality, to the fact that the women worked for her so much as it was due to the fact that Mrs. O'Neill was just as capable of representing the 41st district at Springfield as any man who ran on the ticket.

Miss Rankin reviewed the world war and the disappointment which have come out of it. She reminded her hearers that it was to have been a war against war and now one hears talk of future war and preparation for war than ever before in history. She said that with the softening influence of women in the governments of the world the old war fever would gradually quiet down and that was one of the big reasons why women should be entitled to participate.

Mrs. O'Neill, introduced by Mrs. Fisher as the Honorable Lottie Holman O'Neill, made a few brief remarks. That was one of the most interesting features of her campaign, her briefness. She gets on her feet to talk ,says what she wants in as few words as possible, and then sits down.

She thanked the people of Downers Grove and of the district for the great honor conferred upon her. Giving the women of the district the greatest credit, she said, "My election was due primarily to the women. They worked hard for the principle that if women have the vote they also have the right to sit in the legislature. Acting on this principle they took a big part in the campaign and through them the men of the district were influenced to throw their support to the woman candidate." Mrs. O'Neill said she would go to Springfield to represent the entire district and asked that she have here at home a constituency which would help her, cooperate with her and make her efforts at Springfield count for the majority of the people of the district and state.

Miss Hattie Glos, of Wayne, secretary of the county central committee, was called on for a few remarks. She congratulated Mrs. O'Neill on her victory and said she was happy that she had had a hand in electing the first woman to the state legislature.

Music for the evening was furnished by Prof. Remington, of East Maple avenue, and Mrs. Philip Weinheimer of Elm street, two local soloists whose music is always appreciated by Downers Grove audiences.

Following the meeting an informal reception was held when those present were presented to Miss Rankin, Mrs. O'Neill, Miss Glos and Judge Rathje, the speakers.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Why go to church on Thanksgiving Day?

In the early spring of 1493, Columbus returned to Palos from his first voyage of discovery. Before he met the Spanish Sovereigns at Barcelona where he was received with great ceremony by Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus and his crew, accompanied by the whole population, went to the principal church and offered up solemn Thanksgivings for the success of the expedition.

God first, surely we are still indebted and have much for which to offer thanks. Therefore come to the First Congregational church at 9:30 a. m. Thanksgiving morning and have part in the worship.

The Rev. J. C. Nansen, pastor of the First Evangelical church, will preach the annual sermon.

ARNOLD H. KEHRL,
Sec. of Association.

MANY HEAR DR. JOSEPHINE YOUNG AT WOMANS CLUB

Mrs. Ward Announced at Wednesday Meeting $160 Cleared Thru White Elephant Sale.

Josephine Young, M. D., of Chicago, was the speaker at the regular meeting of the Womans Club held Wednesday afternoon at Library hall. There was a very good proportion of the membership present to hear her illuminating talk on "The Retarded Child." Dr. Young is connected with the Rush Medical college, in Chicago, where many children are brought for observation and her explanation of the process by which their mentality is tested was very interesting.

By means of charts she showed how and why many children are slow mentally because of heredity.

Mrs. Earl Whidden, contralto soloist, sang a group of songs beautifully. Her voice is harmonious and her selections were very pleasing.

Mrs. Ward, chairman of the Home and Educational department, was roundly applauded when she annuonced that $160 had been cleared by the "White Elephant" sale held last week at the Kidwell Garage.

Miss Morse announced that the books, gathered together for Children's Book Week, were on exhibition in the library and invited the women to look them over. Following the meeting the women visited the library where tea was served by the library board.

MET MONDAY TO PLAN EX-SERVICE MEN'S CHRISTMAS

Many Local Organizations Combine to Make Wounded Men Happy at the Yuletide.

With almost every organization of the community represented at a meeting held at the George Allison home last Monday night, the wounded and sick soldiers at the Speedway hospital were assured a Merry Xmas.

Norman Anderson, commander of the local Legion post, was elected chairman; Mrs. George T. Knox, vice chairman; Mrs. J. L. Lozier secretary and Mrs. Hawkins, treasurer.

Besides supplying articles that the boys needed the most, several sweaters as well as quite a sum of money were pledged.

With the idea of not only helping the boys at the Christmas season, but keeping in touch with them through out the year, an organization which was called "The Soldier's Friend," was organized and any one interested in the wounded, sick or needy ex-service man is welcome to join.

Any one desiring to contribute to the soldier's Christmas is asked to get in touch with any of the officers.

Another meeting will be held in the near future and all who are interested in helping the ex-service man are urged to attend.

Contributed.

IS SCHOOL WORK OF YOUR CHILD A PROBLEM NOW

Monthly Meetings for Mothers Designed to Smooth Paths of Parents and Teachers.

Fifteen mothers of pupils in the 8th grades spent an hour last Wednesday afternoon in the south side school discussing in an informal manner some of the school and home problems of their boys and girls.

The work being done by the Red Cross nurse, Miss Tauber, was explained, and the mothers urged to visit the classes which are held on Friday afternoon. The work is of such a practical nature that the mothers would derive a great deal of benefit from attendance.

Mrs. Whiffen explained the Illinois Pupils Reading Circle. The plan i sto carry out that work in the 7th and 8th grades, the pupils each paying a penny a week for the purchase of the books.

The home study question and its advisability or need was brought up by one mother. In answer to the question, it was brought out that a lack of application on the part of any pupil in the study period provided for, left the pupil always ill prepared to get the most but of the recitation. Some students acquire early the correct study habit thru ability to concentrate, others need to take lessons home for further time upon them.

Occasionally, in departmental work, where the teachers of the various major subjects do not have the opportunity to know the assignments of all the others, more than one teacher may expect special work on some phase of the next day's lesson—resulting in the necessity for time at home being put upon at least one school study.

Some pupils prefer to carry work home rather than prepare through strict self direction their work in school.

Pupils with regular systematic home habits usually carry that type of work to their school rooms.

It was brought out that the lack of ability to read understandingly was one reason for failure to get concrete work in arithmetic. Perhaps in no other school subject is every word in the statement or conditions of a problem so fraught with essential material. There is no excess verbiage.

Watching children's speech at home for incorrect verb forms, clear cut sentences, and meaningless expressions—here is one, "Now listen, mother," insisting on distinct enunciation of words ending in t, g, etc., is one way the school and home may work for a common purpose.

Miss Larson spoke of the plans on foot for a continuance of the work in musical appreciation which she carried out so successfully last year.

These meetings are a mother's opportunity to aid the teacher, and the teachers' opportunity to learn how she may become of more service to the individual pupil in his or her school work.

The next meeting is on December 13 at four o'clock.

SIX MEETINGS FOR NEW CONSTITUTION IN THIS VICINITY

Many County Speakers to Talk Nov. 28 to Dec. 5 for New Basic Law for Illinois.

A series of six meetings will be held in this vicinity between November 28 and December 5 to discuss the proposed new constitution for the state. All voters are urged to be present at the meeting nearest their home.

The meeings will be held as follows:

November 28—School hall ,Lisle.
November 28—Goodrich school.
December 1—School hall, Brynville
December 2—School hall, Lace.
December 4—School hall, Westmont.
December 5—School hall, Belmont.

Among the DuPage county speakers who will talk at these meetings are the following: County Judge S. L. Rathje; State's Attorney C. W. Reed; C. W. Hadley; Joseph Reuss; Arthur Marriott; Michael Kross; Alfred C. Hoy; W. V. Hopf; Alben Bates; F. E. Herrick; Russell Keeney; Robert J. Scott; Wm. Friedrichs; G. H. Bunge; C. D. Clark; John Prendergast; John W. Leedle and others.

HARD ROAD BOND ISSUE UP TO VOTE NEXT WEDNESDAY

People to Decide if County Shall Build and Use its State-Aid Roads Immediately.

DuPage county votes next Wednesday, November 29, at a special election on the proposition of issuing $1,350,000 in bonds for the building of the state-aid highways in the county. Every polling place will be open for this election at seven o'clock and remain open until five.

This highway system is designed to connect every city, village and hamlet in the county with every other one and with the existing and to be built state bond issue roads, with a hard surfaced pavement which will permit auto and other traffic twelve months of the year. It is initiated by the hard roads committee of the Board of Supervisors by the popular demand of people living in every section of the county. In order to feel out the sentiment the board several weeks ago called for a mass meeting at Wheaton. The meeting was attended by representatives from every corner of the county and the sentiment expressed was unanimous that the road system be built now so that the present generation could enjoy the roads.

Under the state-aid plan the county is authorized to issue bonds, pay for the paving and then at a later date one-half of the money expended will be returned by the state to the county. The bonds will be of the serial type and will be payable over a period of twenty years. They will only be issued as the money is needed to build roads. Present plans call for the complete construction of the system within two or three years and the first work will be done next spring.

The road system as it will be when completed on the map printed this week on page four. The heavy black lines show the state bond issue roads of which there are three running thru the county from east to west. These are the Plank road, Roosevelt road and Lake street in the south, center and north part of the territory respectively. The alternate black and white roads are the highways to be improved with the county bond issue funds. They have a total mileage of 155 miles and connect with present or to be built highways in adjoining counties.

The plan will give this township a much needed hard road from Lemont north through the village, out Highland avenue to Roosevelt road and then north through Lombard. Every other village in the territory will receive the same treatment.

ANOTHER "QUEER" NAPERVILLE FIRE STIRS INHABITANTS

Fire which started from a ball of oily waste, believed to have been thrown into the window of the veneering room at the Kroehler Mfg. Co. at Naperville last Saturday night was checked by the sprinkler system before very great damage was done.

This is another of those mysterious Saturday night and early Sunday morning fires which have aroused the inhabitants of the village. While everyone is sure a fire-bug is operating in the community, so careful is the maniac that no trace has ever been found which would point to one person. Among the big fires which have occurred there in the past few years are the Sanitarium, SS. Peter & Paul church, the Boecker grain elevator, and many others.

HIGH SCHOOL HOME COMING TURKEY DAY

Starting with a football game between the high school and an alumni team on the local field Thanksgiving day, it will be a "home coming" for the grads of the local high school. The game will be called at 10:30 a. m. on the field on Warren avenue east of the station.

A dance for the high school students and those who have graduated from the school will be held in the evening in the gymnasium and there will be many reunions of the "boys and girls" who went to school together.