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WHAT REMEDY FOR SCHOOL SITUATION IN DOWNERS GROVE

Question Answered by Speakers at Monthly Dinner of Citizens Assn. on Tuesday

A representative gathering of men of the community learned what can be done to remedy the school situation in this district Tuesday night at the regular monthly dinner of the Citizens' association. The meeting, held in the parlors of the Methodist church, was an excellent one and one of the contributing factors was the singing of Miss Gwen Griffiths, accompanied by Miss Esther Klein.

Roy C. Toombs, president of the association, presided.

Frank N. Davis, president of the board of education, started the ball rolling by telling the struggles of that body to keep the schools functioning with the present finances. He was followed by C. A. Carlson, chairman of the finance committee of the board, who told in figures what the district was up against. A. C. Miskelly, chairman of the educational committee of the association and a former president of the school board, pledged the organization's support to the schools and any plan which would relieve the present situation and operate for better schools in the future.

J. C. Hanna, a high school inspector from the office of state superintendent of schools, Blair, was the speaker of the evening. Mr. Hanna traced the evolution of the high school from the remote sources of antiquity and said that if the Hopi Indians could give their children what amounted to a high school education he saw no reason what communities such as this could not.

Mr. Hanna pointed to the small school district as the source of most of the present school difficulties in this state. He told of the township and community high school laws, passed just to remedy this situation and of the remarkable schools which have resulted from taking advantage of the law.

He recommended no course for us to follow, simply told what we can do, under the circumstances to save us from the stigma of being forced to give up our four year school and send our children to some neighboring community for their schooling after finishing the primary grades in this district.

The next dinner and meeting of the association will be held on Tuesday evening, January 16.

GUY A. CAMP IS NEW CONSUL OF LOCAL M. W. OF A.

Annual Election of Officers Held Last Thursday Night—Order is in Fine Condition Here

Maple Camp, No. 898, Modern Woodmen of America, held its annual meeting last Thursday night, December 14 and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- Guy A. Camp, Consul
- Thos. F. Kelly, Adviser
- A. Weiss, Clerk
- W. H. Edwards, Banker
- John R. Campbell, Escort
- Herbert I. Stouff, Watchman
- Wm. W. Conley, Sentry
- W. H. Thomas, Geo. Schindler, and Harry Selig, Trustees.

The organization here has just closed a prosperous year with an excellent addition to its membership and is making plans for an even better record in the year to come.

BASKETBALL

That Downers Grove is to have a real, honest-to-goodness basketball team this year can be seen from the following local players signed up to meet visiting fives. There are Bruce Bush, Errol Sanders, Tommy Rogers, Rich Shurtz, Ben Allison, Paul Vaughan, Paul and Harold Grunhaus, Paul Vix, LeRoy Phelps, Arthur Taylor. Some lineup. We'll tell you more about them next week.

There will be the one service in S. Andrew's church on Christmas Day, the Holy Communion at 8:30 a. m. The special Christmas Eve service will begin promptly at 11:00 p. m. Sunday night. This service is open to all. The joy of the hour is best experienced in worship.

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No one could say less,
No one has said more.
For when we each in truth, wish each to be merry then there will be peace on earth and good will toward men.

We like to think of our patrons as our friends.
For we believe that friendly business is the best business—for us all.
So to all of you,

A Merry Christmas



CHORAL SOCIETY SECOND CONCERT ARTISTIC SUCCESS

Crowded House at M. E. Church Last Friday Greeted Director Page and His Chorus.

Those who delight in the expression of individual and community talent must have been impressed with the advance in quantity and quality of Downers Grove's musical ability at the concert in the Methodist church on the evening of December 15, when a crowded house heard the second concert of the West Suburban Choral Society.

If the chorus is proud of its musical director, Mr. Thomas A. Pape, surely the village is proud of the chorus, that group of our townspeople who have trained themselves to sing so agreeably together and give such pleasure to their hearers.

The chorus was assisted by Mr. Herman Felber, of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, a master of the greatest of instruments, the violin. Mr. Felber was accompanied by Miss Estelle Hughes. Mrs. Philip Weinheimer sang the incidental solos, and Miss Thelma Roe at the piano and Miss Marian Lower at the organ accompanied the chorus.

Someone has said that an institution is but the lengthened shadow of a man. This is surely true of the Choral Society. Mr. Thomas A. Pape has come to the society in the fullness of his powers and while this is only the second concert the work of the society is really little short of marvelous. In the first place the selection of the songs shows rare skill. Many choruses fall because they do not know what to sing. People like variety and they followed the sentiment from the love song to the wedding march and then on to the sublime in "There is no death."

The Choral Society will begin its rehearsals for the next concert in the Kindergarten building on January 5th. Those who desire to join the chorus may do so now by taking it up with any member of the society or attending its first rehearsal.

CONGREGATIONAL C. E.'S ENJOY WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY

"Grab Pile", of Christmas Presents Furnishes Amusement—Refreshments were Served

The Christian Endeavor of the Congregational church enjoyed one of their usual "good-times" parties last Saturday night. The evening was spent in playing games, singing and refreshments.

The White Elephant phase of the party was a game in which all took part, toys and useful articles from the ten cent store being piled on the floor. Forming a line circling the pile, the players marched around while the pianist played upon the piano. When the music stopped, each grabbed for a package. Those who felt that they had secured a "white elephant" and wished to change wrapped their package, placed it back in the pile, the music started and another march began.

Under the leadership of Miss Marion Lacey, who was the chairman of the committee, the young folks had one of the best times they have enjoyed this year.

Margaret Stough is ill with scarlet fever.

MANY COMPLIMENT REPORTER STAFF ON CHRISTMAS EDITION

Twenty-four Page Paper Last Week Excites Admiration of Our Many Readers

"Of the many excellent Christmas editions of The Reporter which it has been my pleasure to read in the past fifteen years, the twenty-four page number issued by you last week, has them all beat," is the way one of our friends described it to us in a little letter we received Monday. This seems to be the universal opinion of our hundreds of readers because we have heard more comments and received more compliments than for any similar edition we ever published.

And there is cause for the favorable comment as the paper had all the features a good paper should have. There were plenty of sensational ads; special articles in the shape of the Christmas messages by local pastors; Christmas stories and articles and last, but not least, a lot of local news stories.

To those who have complimented us on the edition we wish to say—Thank You. And for all, old and young, rich or in our condition, our wish is—MERRY CHRISTMAS.

CHURCH FILLED SUNDAY TO HEAR GWEN GRIFFITHS

Christmas Service Sunday Evening to be Filled with Excellent Musical Numbers

In spite of the extreme cold weather of last Sunday, an audience which filled every seat in the Congregational church, enjoyed the musical program by Miss Gwen Griffiths. As usual, Miss Griffiths charmed all who were fortunate enough to hear her. Dr. Phelps expressed the appreciation of the members and officials of the church as well as of himself for the kindness of Miss Griffiths in bringing to the church a Christian message in song.

The fourth special night in December which is next Sunday will be given over to a special program by the choir, the program of which follows:

- Prelude Selected
- Miss Thelma Roe
- Silent Night Gruber
- Junior Choir
- Invocation
- Christmas Bells Buckingham
- Junior Choir
- Christmas Carol Gaynor
- Scripture
- Birthday of A King Neidlinger
- Choir
- Prayer
- There were Three Shepherds Lynes
- Trio
- Announcements
- Offertory Christmas Carols
- Miss Thelma Roe
- The Heavens Are Telling Simper
- Choir
- Solo Selected
- Mrs. George Barry
- And the Glory of the Lord Handel
- Choir
- From Throne to Manager
- Christmas Message
- Arthur Spencer Phelps, D. D.
- Postlude Hallelujah Chorus
- Miss Thelma Roe

Grove Chapter, R. A. M. held their annual installation last night. M. A. Sullivan and an excellent corps of officers will guide the destinies of the organization during the next year.

WOMANS HEGIRA TO CAPITOL IS ELABORATE ONE

Great Preparations Made by State Organizations to Celebrate Seating of Woman.

Great are the preparations being made by the women's organizations of the state for the celebration of the seating of Mrs. Lottie Holman O'Neill, the first woman to occupy a seat in the state legislature. The movement started by the Republican Womens club of the county, to run a special train to Springfield January 3, has grown until many women from every district in the state will be present.

A full program has been arranged for the occasion. Limited space this week prohibits us from printing it, and it will appear next Friday.

The special train leaves over the Chicago & Alton at 7 a. m. and gets to Springfield about 11. From that hour until late in the evening something will be doing every minute. Local women, desiring to be in one of the biggest parties ever given in the state are urged to get in touch with Mrs. Ernest Fisher, Gilbert avenue, at once.

State organizations cooperating in making this one of the biggest woman's affairs ever staged in Illinois are League of Women Voters; Federation of Womens Clubs; Committee of Consumers League; Parent-Teacher Council; W. C. T. U.; Association of University Women; Teachers' Association. Add "Illinois" to each one of these titles and one can appreciate that Mrs. O'Neill will need all the aplomb she has to withstand the honors to be thrust upon her.

SEMPER PARATUS CLASS OF M. E. S. S. NEW OFFICERS

Eugene Prickett Chosen President for New Year at Meeting Recently Held

At the annual election of officers of the Semper Paratus class of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- Eugene Prickett President
- Wallace Grieb Vice-president
- Eugene Grout Sec.-Treas.
- Arthur Taylor Devotional and Service
- Richard Drees Social and Work
- Gardiner Barr Membership and Attendance

The class is planning on having quite a few good times next year. A big entertainment is planned for the latter part of January.

ANDERSON — RAYNER

A quiet wedding was celebrated last Saturday evening, December 16 when Miss Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, of Chicago, became the bride of Albert Rayner, son of Mrs. J. Richter, of Downers Grove. The Rev. A. D. Klontz, pastor of the Morgan Park Methodist-Episcopal church, performed the ceremony in the parsonage and the witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kinsey, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayner will make their home in the city.

Mr. Wm. Woodson, who has been a patient at the Presbyterian hospital, is at home but still under the care of the doctor.

MASONIC TEMPLE PLANS SHOWN AT ANNUAL MEETING

Burr C. Downes Re-Elected President of Association—Enthusiasm High For Building.

Two plans, showing the proposed elevations and floor space, were presented to the membership of the Downers Grove Masonic Temple association at the annual meeting of that organization in the hall of Grove Lodge last Saturday night. The members are enthusiastic over the prospects of a Masonic Temple for the community and while no definite action was taken the mere showing of the plans indicates that local Masonic fraternities will have a real place in which to meet before they contemplated when the project was first launched.

The officers elected are as follows: Burr C. Downes—President
M. A. Sullivan—Vice-President
Fred E. Dowe—Secretary
George O. Prickett—Treasurer
Trustees—J. B. Jenkins, Chas. Mochel, H. E. Tank, N. C. Pearce, Chas. Knoblauch.

All of these men were re-elected from the first term with the exception of M. A. Sullivan who takes the place of D. Harry Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins' duties as Master of Grove Lodge will keep him too busy to take the other place.

MRS. NASH HEADS LEGION AUXILIARY FOR YEAR OF 1923

Officers were elected by the Legion Auxiliary for 1923 at the home of Mrs. Allison, Warren avenue, Tuesday afternoon as follows:

- Mrs. Clara Nash, President.
- Mrs. Julia Allison, Vice President.
- Mrs. Mary Pfaff, Secretary.
- Mrs. Myra Hawkins, Treasurer.
- Mrs. Mary James, Chaplain.
- Mrs. Isabelle Dickson, Sergeant A.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Dreutzel, Historian.
- Mrs. Henrietta Schultz, Musician.
- County Delegates, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Statton.

The Auxiliary has passed through the formative stage and the women, realizing that there is a real work for them, are determined that the year will see real results accomplished. They start with bright prospects and are sure to do good work.

CLUB WOMEN ENJOY AFTERNOON

A goody number attended the meeting of the Womens Club Wednesday afternoon at Library hall. Those who made the effort to attend at this busy holiday season felt amply repaid by the splendid program presented.

Miss Adelaide Walters gave a beautiful piano number and responded generously with an encore. She is a local pianist of rare ability.

Mrs. C. E. Ide held the interest of her audience with her subject, "New Voices in Poetry." Her contrasting of the old and the new brought out forcibly the new interpretations of the writers of today.

Mrs. Frances B. Ward, in her review of the book, "The Everlasting Mercy" by John Masefield, clarified the entire story with such a well directed logic that she delighted everyone present.

Social hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. J. C. Branta and Mrs. Rose Waples.

GOSSIP MAGNIFIES SERIOUSNESS OF WATER SITUATION

"Q" Cooperating With Village Council in Keeping Supply Adequate for all Purposes

The men, and women, who stand on the street corners, in the trains or call up their neighbors over the phone and talk and talk and talk about something without first getting even a shred of accurate information have once more been getting in some of their best licks.

This time it is the water situation in the community. These people would have one believe that the village is facing a big water shortage; that we have no fire protection; that the council is doing this on purpose so that a bond issue can be floated for the digging of another well, and so on ad infinitum, ad rot!

The situation is really a great deal better than appears on the surface and we venture to say that already some of the worst kickers are wondering what they have been kicking about.

For the last two weeks people in various parts of the village have been without water at certain times during the day, and the pressure at most places has been low. The reason was that one of the shallow wells, a well which for eighteen years has been delivering 175 gallons of water a minute without interruption, suddenly, and apparently without any reason, failed, the water sinking to such a level that it could not be reached by the pumps. This is the 200-foot well in the main building.

Thirty days were spent in trying to clean it out and in some way fix it so that it would work as before but without result. Yesterday morning a Chicago concern started working on the well. They will ram it all out very carefully to see if something has dropped into it or if the old casing has been clogged in some way. If nothing is found wrong some other way must be found to meet the situation.

In the meantime, the village has made arrangements with the C. B. & Q. so that a supply of water, adequate for all purposes, will be available at all times. The well at the round house will be used when the supply of the village is low and a great improvement was seen yesterday and the day before when at no time was anyone out of water.

With our modern fire fighting equipment there is practically no fire danger. Even if there were but two pounds of pressure in the mains, not enough to show on a faucet in the house, the pumping on the fire truck could get a sufficient supply to quench any fire. In order to lessen the danger, the reservoir at the plant, with a capacity of 72,000 gallons is held in reserve. Chief Duke has made arrangements with Aurora that in case of a bad fire, which could not be handled by the local department, their Stutz truck with the regular city firemen would be sent to our assistance and only the regular operating expenses of the outfit charged for the service. Similar arrangements have been made with LaGrange where two new trucks have been purchased.

Getting back to water. The deep well at the plant has never delivered water to the mains up to its capacity because of inadequate pumping equipment. The new air lift equipment, the best in the world, is now on the floor of the power plant ready for installation. When this is installed it is thought that the deep well will be able to furnish water for the community and have a reserve almost sufficient for another community this size.

There is really nothing to worry about. We would suggest, however, that water be not willfully wasted, even if it is cheap. A little conservation for a while might help matters.

CONG. XMAS PROGRAM IS TONIGHT

The Sunday School of the Congregational church will give its Christmas program in the church parlors tonight (Friday) at 7:30. A varied program has been planned in which members of the school will take part. An added feature of the program will be the reading by Miss Hazel Easton, who is fortunately for the school, to be home for the holidays and has consented to read. In some instances it is to be an old-fashioned Christmas celebration, with Santa Claus, candy and a tree.