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WASTED ENDEAVOR.

Some months ago at a Bar association banquet held in Indiana, I. B. Lipson, a member of the Chicago bar, told the following story:

"A farmer's son in Illinois conceived a desire to shine as a legal light. Accordingly he went to Springfield, where he accepted employment at a small sum from a fairly well known lawyer. At the end of three days' study he returned to the farm. 'Well, Hill, how'd ye like the law?' asked his father.

"It ain't what it's cracked up to be," responded Bill gloomily. "I'm sorry I learned it."

FAVORITE FICTION.

"Angel Cake."
"Consensus of Public Opinion."
"Glasses Accurately Fitted by Mail."
"Mamma's Good Little Boy Must Go to Sleep Now."
"My Account Overdrawn? I supposed I had at Least \$75 on Deposit Here!"
"You Know, Old Chap, I'm Willing to Do Anything I Can for You."
"Honest, Boss, I Hain't Had a Bite to Eat for Three Days."
"Grape Fruit."

SYMPATHY.

A man of tender sensibilities was dining richly in a restaurant when a beggar came up to him with a tale of hunger and want. The diner called loudly: "Waiter, waiter, put this man out. He breaks my heart!"

ARDMORE ORGANIZERS.

Forms New Improvement Association in Third Rail Community.

A new improvement association was formed on March 20, to be identified with the upbuilding of that portion of DuPage County that lies along the Aurora & Elgin Electric line.

Although the new subdivision of Ardmore is less than two years old, it already boasts of a larger population than many subdivisions of the same age, and the enterprise and progressiveness of its citizens is evidenced by the fact that it has organized a local improvement association, adopted a set of by-laws and voted to become affiliated with the United Suburban Association.

Citizen Wettler was made president, Citizen Coolidge, vice president, Citizen Davis secretary, and Citizen Mayer, treasurer, while Citizens Larame and Schwietz were elected delegates to the United Suburban Association.

The matter of street lighting and alarms at street railway crossings was referred to a committee consisting of Larame, Mayer and Pearson.

The new association started out with fourteen members and it is expected there will be a membership of not less than thirty before the summer has passed.

SUFFRAGETTES OUTNUMBERED.

A crowd of determined suffragettes swooped down on the unsuspecting male voters at the school election Saturday evening at Ardmore, dumbfounded the judges, stampeded the rank and file, and stormed the ballot box with unalloyed courage.

Advancing in good order and armed with ballots, they demanded their right of suffrage and after qualifying as to age, they cast their votes in a dignified and ladylike manner.

The judges were so overcome by the extraordinary proceeding that they had to make frequent use of their smelling salts and it was several minutes before they were composed enough to resume their official duties.

EDITOR IN TROUBLE.

The editorial staff had laid down his pen, the last insidious touches had been applied to the pictorial edition of Third Rail Flashes, the proofreader had succumbed to the mental strain, the last bucket of water had been poured on the red-hot linotype machine, and the exhausted compositor were catching a wink of sleep after the strenuous ordeal. Everything was quiet. An ominous stillness seemed to pervade the place.

Soon there was a commotion in the outer rooms. An officer of the law stood in the doorway of the editorial room. In his heavy hand he held the writ that strikes terror to the heart of the victor. In solemn voice he proclaimed the edict of the court.

Poor Job must have had the same trouble himself, for it was he who said: "Man (meaning editor) is born unto trouble as the sparks (meaning Flashes) fly upward."

On such momentous occasions, the mind works fast. The door of the private office was blocked by the huge form of the officer which seemed to increase in size as the moments passed. The officer's star, which at first looked like a dinner plate, now had the appearance of the armor plate of a battleship.

But the writ. Could it be a slander suit? Had we unintentionally offended any one? Was it a trumped up case by our jealous competitor, the Chicago Tribune, to put us out of business? Was it a demand for back salaries of our distinguished contributors?

The officer, unable to contain himself longer and thinking the joke had gone far enough, was shaking his sides with laughter. The writ was a demand by Mr. Whalen for the first ten copies off the press.

READY ARGUMENT.

"Sir, I am soliciting advertisements."
"Young man, my time is valuable."
"Advertisements with us and you will be so rushed with trade that your time will be twice as valuable."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Pastor—I was so sorry for your wife during the sermon this morning, doctor. She had such a dreadful fit of coughing that the eyes of the whole congregation were fixed upon her.

Doctor—Don't be unduly alarmed. She was wearing her new hat for the first time.—Pilegunde Bluetter.

Notice of Advance in Price and Enlargement of "Flashes."

In a short time the paper will be enlarged and the subscription price advanced to 75 cents a year. Those subscribers now will get the advantage of the advance rate. The Flashes book and Third Rail now for only \$1, just the price of the 120-page book, containing 30 thrilling illustrations. It contains wonderful tales of escape and rescue, stories of self-denial and heroism and bravery not equaled in history, as told by the survivors.

HOME ACRES PRIMER.

Third Spasm

Q is for queer ones—we've got quite a few.

We'll mention no names for it might include you.

But proceed to our Rs, of which we have plenty.

At least half a dozen if not ten or twenty.

There's Roberts and Ritchie and Roefler and Rieck.

The last named can show you the smooth plumber's trick.

While Joseph H. Ries and Paul Riemenschneider.

Can make chickens lay when the weather's most bitter.

S is for Sundmacher, also Spanheimer.

Nice easy names for a doggeral rhymier.

Schneider and Sears, the strawberry king.

The joys of Home Acres both help to sing.

T stands for These and also for Trout.

The latter for water does lustily shout.

But the water he wants for his plants and his trees.

And not to swim round in or wade to his knees.

Y is for Vestal, he tries to raise chickens.

But mostly succeeds in raising the dickens.

Also Von Pless, who makes for his tram.

Each morning on time through sunshine or rain.

W starts off for both Willam and Whalen.

Please don't mistake them for wollop and whale em;

Though on proper occasion our new school trustee.

May feel like taking some 'cross his knee.

Wolfe is another of our W men—Never so happy as when in his den.

He sits and he thinks and he talks with some dashes.

Trying to write to fill up Third Rail Flashes.

X stands for crossing—look out for the cars.

Y stands for Yancke, one of Home Acres' stars;

Z is the end, so of this there's no more.

But perhaps you're already wrapped in a snore.

LONDON NEWS.

Extract of letter from one of our London subscribers, C. W. Stanton: "I see by the 'Third Rail Footlights,' which, by the way, appears to be growing rapidly, that the chief editor and manager of same, together with his wife, were recently in Oak Park, imbibing some of your 'good stuff' and making merry with your food supply. Of course you all had a good time. Kindly remember me to these good people when you see them. Tell Brother Wolfe that we enjoy getting the 'Footpad Flashes' over here, for it affords so many mental pictures of Chicago and surrounding, as we remember same."

Extract from letter of a Chicago subscriber:

"Please thank Mr. Wolfe for sending my 'Gospel News' as promptly each month. The 'Flashes' are a great help in clearing one's brain fog."

LUCILLE B. SEATOR,
Instructor in Sherwood School of Music.

In answering advertisements, please mention this paper.

SCHOOL ELECTION.

The erection of a ten thousand dollar school house on the prairie is an evidence of the progressive spirit of the new element that has come out of the city to build country homes. This magnificent building stands as a monument to the public spirit of the community, and much credit is due the school committee of Home Acres, and Villa Park, and the directors, Burman, Lewis and Myers, for their devotion to this task.

It was quite natural that this new element wished to be represented in the directorate, and the election of H. M. Whalen to succeed Mr. Lewis, the retiring director, will insure consideration of the modern school needs of a growing community. The people of the district have appreciated the good work done by Mr. Lewis during his incumbency on the board.

LOMBARD.

Moving has been the order of things for the past week. A great number of changes have been made, and it will save many steps perhaps if you are looking for a certain party to inquire if they moved May 1st.

"The Tuesday" in charge of Mrs. Clara Cavertina, two weeks ago, was a great success. Readings by Mr. Herbert Rand, Miss Lea Hill and Mrs. Cavertina were much enjoyed, but the two crowning numbers were Mrs. Cavertina in her speech on "Woman's Suffrage," and "The Gentle Jury," a suffrage play composed of twelve ladies—a severe judge and a sheriff whom the ladies called an "Odious Monster" the minute he was out of hearing. A week later the ladies were invited to the house of Mrs. A. H. Andrews to give a repetition of the play for the entertainment of a number of luncheon guests of Mrs. Andrews from the South Side of the city, after which daily refreshments were served to all.

Mrs. Perry, sister of Mrs. A. H. Andrews, and daughter, Charlotte, of Denver, Colo., are guests at the Andrews home.

The Young People's League gave a very fine program at the Congregational Church last Sunday evening. The subject being "The City Chinese Mission," which a number of our young people attended last Thursday afternoon, papers were read by Miss Helen Wilcox Gertrude Campbell and Marjorie Wilcox. Then one of the teachers from the Mission gave a very interesting talk also a young Chinese boy gave a most remarkable talk on the Chinese bath in this country and in China. Keep on, young folks, your meetings are certainly very interesting.

A wonderful thing has happened in Lombard. Mr. A. H. Hills has sold out his store to Mr. D. Abrams. We can hardly imagine what Lombard will seem like when we don't see Mr. Hills' genial face as we pass the old landmark.

Water is being put into a great many houses this spring and it certainly is a treat to house-wives to have all the water they want by simply turning a faucet.

Mrs. F. H. Howard is spending a week in Racine, Wis., visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Beardsley are spending a few weeks at the house of Mrs. Beardsley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lane. Mr. Beardsley is convalescing from a severe illness, and his many Lombard friends are very happy to offer him the glad hand.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Norton have gone to their fruit farm up in Michigan for the summer. Sorry to lose them for so long a time.

The Rev. Mr. Crawford, pastor at the M. E. Church, has rented Mrs. Winn's cottage on Ash street for the summer, and will take possession this week.

The Glen Oak club house is looking very fine in its new green dress. The bath is also much improved with its new coat of white paint. The long row of tulips are in bloom, as well as the beautiful orchard back of the club house. A number of new names have been added to the membership list the last few days, and everything looks like a most enjoyable and prosperous year.

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FLASHATORIALS.

Little late this month.

Spring is here. Plant trees.

At Grupp's drug store, Lombard, you will find something for that tired spring feeling.

Piano tuning is an art. Bernard Abeler of Lombard is an artist.

Charles Erickson is erecting a store building right in the center of the business district of Home Acres.

Lombard State Bank is safer than any old sock ever made.

A tree can be cut down in 10 minutes. It takes 10 years to grow one.

See Arthur Whalen's advertisement. Small charge per hour for cleaning rugs.

John H. Kamp of Wheaton has a fine line of furniture to show you.

Our spring poet: Mr. Pfund of Villa Park Nursery. His poetry is the rhythm of perfect harmony in landscape gardening.

After a few more weeks, we can safely assert that spring is here.

Take your choice now. Taft or Roosevelt, for after this mud-slinging contest you won't be able to recognize either one of them.

Planting trees is like putting money in the bank.

Mail your paper to a friend in the city. If he may decide to come out and build a home to enjoy the country with you.

April 15 the weather bureau forecasted cold wave, lowest temperature 40 degrees. How could that scare anybody to death after six months of zero winter?

In Home Acres there are five treasurers holding money of different clubs. How did Banker Mason ever overlook Home Acres?

During the newspaper strike we were urged to come to the rescue and supply the newsstands in Chicago with Third Rail Flashies. This paper is no scab, even if it isn't vaccinated.

The free list of this paper has been suspended. No more sample copies will be given. A year's subscription only 40 cents; single copies five cents.

One year's subscription to Third Rail Flashies and a cloth copy of Story of the Wreck of the Titanic, containing 320 pages, all for \$1.00.

Why spend time and money for dental work in Chicago when Dr. Nichols of Lombard will save you a great deal of both.

When the trees leaf out, the lawn gets velvety, and you are gathering around in groups admiring it, send for F. P. Nerger and he will take a picture of the whole thing.

M. H. Vestal says there are two kinds of printing—art printing and just printing. Now, the real difference between the two is—well, you go and see him. You'd be surprised to know the difference.

Some party at the school election with a sad and discouraged looking lantern, wickless, oil-less, and with a carbonated chimney, exchanged with the editor, who also had a lantern of questionable worth but with a clean and well rubbed chimney. If said party is not perfectly satisfied with the trade, we can swap back and no questions asked.

In answering advertisements, please mention this paper.

RUNNING NO RISKS.

Augustus—I'm not fond of the stage, Violet, but I bear your father on the stairs and I think I had better go before the footlights.

GREATER LOVE

HATH NO MAN.

The crash of a giant steamer in mid-ocean, terrible as it was, carries with it an awe-inspiring lesson. The heart of the world is breaking over the tragic sadness of this great disaster. The fate of over 1,500 men, standing heroically, calmly and silently on the deck of the doomed ship, giving up their lives that others might be saved, has aroused the people of all nations. The sacrifice will not be lost. In all history no more noble a record of some misadventure can be found. The world is better and more human today for that lesson of stoical and lofty heroism that seems to give a new meaning to the sacred words, "Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends."

THE LURE OF THE COUNTRY.

As spring arrives, with its fresh, clear air laden with the perfume of blossoms, there comes a longing for the country, and especially after a severe winter, such as we have just passed through. Nothing is more exhilarating than to walk through the country over the green fields and beside the still waters at springtime.

To the city people, the flat dwellers, who have been housed up in small quarters for the past six months, this desire comes with impelling force. It is nature they want. Something is missing in their artificial mode of living.

Nothing can fill that aching void but real nature, rough, rugged nature, for they are a part of it. It is that nature yearning that irresistibly draws, to itself as the child is drawn to its mother.

Happy is the man who has harkened to the call, and who has wisely built his home in the very bosom of nature.

POULTRY NOTES



Mongrel fowls should not be kept for egg production because the eggs will be uniform neither in color nor size.

Where there is no other chance for early green picking a patch of oats sown now will answer the purpose well.

It is better to go slow and heat up the eggs in an incubator in 24 hours than to get in a hurry and do it in two hours.

February hatched chickens are apt to molt in the fall, and will not be worth anything for egg production in winter.

Any sharp stones will answer for grit, if they are smaller than a grain of corn, and larger than a grain of wheat.

A good, well-balanced, laying ration: Two parts bran, one part corn meal, one part alfalfa meal, and one part beef scrap.

Ducks that are hatched in an incubator can be cared for the same as those hatched by hens or ducks in the natural way.

Goose eggs will hatch in an incubator but not so well as fowls' eggs unless the incubator is especially built for that purpose.

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HOME ACRES SOCIAL CIRCLE.

We regret being unable to report the doings of the Ladies' Social Circle in our last issue. They met at the home of Abe Beesey, on the very day we went to press. Abe was quite eloquent on the subject at the station next morning, giving us an account of the affair, giving us a story from his wife, and even allowing for Abe's possible exaggeration and the usual discrepancies incident to second-hand narratives, we can imagine they must have had a perfectly splendid time.

It being so near All Fools' Day, Mrs. Beesey had prepared place cards for sixteen in the form of cap and bells, and on each cap was written, as if to a mischievous young lady student of acrobatics, a record of some misadventure, with the punishment to be inflicted.

Abe couldn't remember nearly all of them, of course, but said every one agreed that the "punishment fit the crime."

For instance, one "young lady" was ordered to "tend the furnace for a week for letting the fire go out without an overcoat in zero weather," another had to "create the multiplication table in French, with a Spanish accent, for the unaidedly conducted of attempting to hold up the butter wagon—and getting away with it!" One tiny mite of a grandmother, and very proper, was told to "dust the plate rail without using a step-ladder, for having in her possession an unexpurgated copy of the poems of Alice and Phoebe Carey."

Still another, with a well known aversion to tobacco smoke, and living not far from Beesey's, had to do some disagreeable "stunt" for being found "smoking a cigarette with her head in the fireplace," etc.

Abe said, "I did my best to help things hum, anyway. I lugged home a crate of lettuce and a gallon of ripe olives, besides a hull dozen of carnations—pink ones, to match the home made ice cream. What's the use of being stingy? Some folks say we only live here once, so we might as well be good sports as long as we last, and I'll probably never miss that extra quarter."

Three of the members were unable to attend, which was their everlasting loss. But, by pressing Abe's boy into service they managed to fill three card tables, which left Mrs. Beesey free to look after the comfort of her guests and incidentally miss little Wally Corridor, who enjoyed himself thoroughly. He soon got on to the combination of the cupboard doors, and between the cupboard and an old deck of cards, he was asked to play with, he managed to keep himself and Mrs. Beesey interested.

He did look too cute for anything once when, having managed to elude the hostess' watchful eye, he came sauntering in from the kitchen with a plate of butter in his chubby fist dangling at his side. Fortunately, the butter, with almost human intelligence, managed to cling to the plate till rescued.

Lack of space forbids a full account of the card party. Nothing of an unpleasant nature occurred. A slight altercation arose when one player was suspected of cheating, was asked five spots, after having refused twenty, but as they were only playing for fun, anyway it was passed off without any hard feelings. Even little Wally getting his finger pinched in a door and spilling a whole tinful of cold water down the front of him, was all in the game—fortunes of war, so to speak.

Little Wally got lonesome when Mrs. Beesey had to take the place of a member who left the delights of cinch to go home and feed her chickens. So Mrs. Corridor got him ready to depart, which broke up the game, in the confusion of donning wraps, selecting overshoes and shaking hands with Mrs. Beesey and her mother, little Wally was forgotten for one fatal moment, till he called attention to himself by taking a header down the front steps. Fortunately no bones were broken, but a lot of perfectly good salt water was wasted on Wally's bonnet strugs while great excitement prevailed. But they all made a safe get-away, little Wally smiling again, as usual.

He was afraid it would all be too much for his mother-in-law, and she did get some wrought up. Even after supper, and the dishes were washed, she was unable to compose herself, so she took the deck little Wally had played with and tried a few games of solitaire to steady her nerves before retiring.

"But," said Abe, "she didn't have no luck, and it was pervoking, too, after stayin' at the head table a good share of the afternoon. But luck was agin' her at solitaire, and she finally went to bed disgruntled. Next morning she discovered three cards that little Wally had carried into the bathroom, which might have accounted for her not once beatin' the board."

Abe Beesey says he isn't going to take Third Rail Flashies home again first, because his wife can get supper on the table until she has read every Flash—ads and all!

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We wonder if the one who wrote the able article on "The Hoe," has ever enjoyed the privilege of watching Mr. Roefler wield that useful implement. It is a complete education in intensive farming just to see Henry hoe, and it would be a bold man, indeed, who attempted to arrest him in the act. Even the "first call for dinner" has no effect whatever, when once he is well under way, and elaborate plans are being considered whereby a system of automatic feeding can be employed in his case to allow him to cultivate his beloved garden unintermittently during the hoisting season.

Two very enjoyable meetings of the card club were held April 10 and 24. On the first named date Mrs. Wunder entertained at the home of Mrs. Eberlein, serving a delightfully dainty luncheon, decorations and menu being reminiscent of the Easter season.

The second entertainment, given by Mrs. Lewis of Lilac Lodge, was the very embodiment of spring, violets in profusion being in evidence.

Two very pleasant afternoons

HOME ACRES.

Queer Kackles from the Kilkare Klub.

On April 2 the K. K. K. was entertained at the home of the Misses Smith. An agreeable evening was spent in sewing.

A week later, April 10, Miss Herrmann entertained the club, which had Mrs. Roefler with it for the first time in two months.

On April 17 Mrs. Roefler entertained the club at a character party. Various nations and classes were represented. Every color was there, from Topsy to a Bonnie Scotch lassie, also a modest Indian maiden. Our football boy got up a football game, which was exciting while it lasted. Leapfrog was also indulged in, led by the Scotch lassie.

A guessing contest and a peanut game were played, prizes going to Miss Bryan and Miss Lewis.

On April 23 Miss Lewis entertained the K. K. K. and the club was given its name, T. E. P. C. being only its temporary name.

On April 30 the club met at the home of Miss Laramie in Ardmore, where the christening of the club took place. A very pleasant evening was spent, the ceremony being performed behind closed doors, and was altogether very mysterious.

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AN INTERESTING PAGE FROM A HOME ACRE GIRL'S DIARY.

The Tuesday Evening Pleasure Club met at the home of Miss Jessie Bryan on March 5. We had a business meeting, after which we enjoyed ourselves by playing games and having refreshments.

March 12—Met at the home of the Misses Della and Edna Smith. The evening was devoted to sewing and writing a joint letter to Mrs. Roefer, our absent treasurer. After partaking of Mrs. Brockus' famous and delicious refreshments we all said good night.

March 19—Took a trip to Ardmore, the Beautiful, to the home of Miss B. Laramie. We passed the evening sewing, at which time Miss Laramie brought Miss Sallie from the garret and gave us a demonstration in fitting—Miss Betty was left behind. We then had a delightful supper, which was served in green and white. The well known California fruit (olives) was well protected by Della and Grace. Miss Lydia Meyers was our guest. Miss Laramie played several selections, ending with "Everybody's Doing It," so we took the hint and went home.

March 26—Met at the home of Miss Bryan, spent the evening reading reports, playing games, and then had refreshments. Miss Herrmann and Miss Laramie were absent because of illness. We hope they will have recovered by next meeting, as we missed them very much.

The Tuesday Evening Pleasure Club gave their second party at the home of Miss Grace M. Lewis on Saturday evening, March 23.

The evening was spent in playing games and paying forfeits, during which time Mr. William Hilliard, Jr. played ghost with John Lewis, to the amusement of the party. The prizes for the games were won by Mr. Henry Roefer, Miss Jessie Bryan and William Hilliard, Jr. Were also entertained with music, delightfully played by Mr. Floto on his trombone and Miss B. Laramie and Mr. McConnachie on the piano.

The supper was a Leap Year supper, in which the young ladies had to ask the young men to supper and see that they were waited upon. The

house was decorated with St. Patrick's colors and shamrocks, and the young ladies wore green ribbons around their hair and shamrocks on their foreheads. The boys wore shamrocks all over their faces.

The out of town guests were Miss Edith Harris of Austin, Miss Laura Dunlap of Maywood, and Messrs. Arthur E. Floto of Dixon, Ill. and George A. McConnachie of Devils Lake, North Dakota.

On account of illness one of the club members was unable to attend. Those present were Miss Jessie M. Bryan, Misses Della and Edna Smith, Miss Grace M. Lewis, Miss B. Laramie and Miss Edna Meyers. Messrs. Henry Roefer, William Hilliard, Jr., Arthur Whalen, George Perkins, John B. Lewis and Frank A. Lewis. Mr. Frank P. Neger took a flashlight of the group.

Mr. Editor—I am aware that space in Third Rail Flashes is too valuable to allow you to quote extensively from your contemporaries, but I believe the enclosed from April Judge is too good not to be more widely circulated.—Constant Reader

MIND OVER MATTER.
"Mamma, I just now fell down stairs and hit every step all the way down," exclaimed little Mary, who attends the Christian Science Sunday School.

"Did you hurt yourself, dear?"
"No, mamma, I kept saying 'truth, truth, truth' every step I hit, and I didn't hurt myself a bit. But I had Fido in my arms when I fell and I think he is pretty badly hurt."
"What makes you think so, dear?"
"Why every step we hit he yelled 'error, error, error!'"

FISHY.
A smart young fisher named Fischer fished fish from the edge of a fissure.

A fish with a grin
Pulled the fisherman in
Now they're fishing the fissure for Fischer

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—Pearson's Weekly

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Carnations are in bloom and the Carnation club meets every Saturday afternoon, which is the only day the carnations do not go to school. The officers of this flowery club are the Misses Grace McEadden, Alletta Laramie and Lucie Swanson.

Mr. C. H. Van Wic and son-in-law, Mr. Fred Smith, are building a home on Villa Park and Highland. In the meantime the family is ratiocating on the property on a temporary dwelling.

In the midst of our snow and ice we have reports from "The Raleys," from California, telling us of picking roses and real oranges off the trees, and it almost makes us envious. Some people were born lucky.

Yes, we have fine soil. We are almost afraid to stick our finger in it for fear it will sprout, and yet all that some people seem to be able to raise are objections. How can anyone object to public improvement when they see their own property better? How can they? But they do.

Mr. A. H. Erickson and family are occupying their home again after an absence of several months. We have had with sad regret of the serious illness of little Ethel Muriel, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erickson, and hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Worthington are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter on April 11.

Mr. J. R. Lindsley has moved his family to Iowa, where he is engaged in selling western fruit land.

Miss Florence Montgomery spent to Chicago last week and skipped a few days with her Uncle Ed. On Tues. evening she skipped the light fantastic at the Edgewater Country club. Quite a skipper, our Flo.

Mr. C. H. Massey took a few hours' vacation one day last week and while resting he transplanted his strawberry plants. The next day Mrs. Massey covered them all up, nice and warm, with straw. Some weather, this. It must be the weather man can't understand English.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Villa Park Improvement Association will be held at the church on Highland avenue on Friday evening, May 3. It is hoped to have a full attendance. The new by-laws will go into effect at this meeting.

The second "down town" meeting of non-residents were present and handed in their applications for membership. The rain in the afternoon no doubt kept many away. They missed a treat, however, as the meeting so ably conducted by Mr. C. H. Massey was full of interest. The speakers at the evening were: Mr. W. A. Gagle on "Membership," Mr. F. B. Laramie on "Conditions in Ardmore," Mr. O. M. Rogers on "Good Roads," Mr. C. H. Massey on "An Ideal Suburb," Mr. R. D. Wolfe on "The Power of the Third Rail Flashes," Mr. G. A. Jewett on "Co-operation in Suburb Building."

Mr. A. Webster, surveyor of Du Page county, told of the rapid rise of property values in our subdivisions. Ten years ago the land could have been purchased for \$25 per acre and the progressive farmers, who said they never expected to live to see the present conditions.

The non-residents present expressed themselves well pleased with the progress that was being made and they wanted to do their share by joining the association, the dues of which are only 50 cents per month.

HOME ACRES.

Five new buildings going up at Home Acres and more to follow, says Joe Spanheimer, the happy builder.

Mr. and Mrs. James are extending their lawn this spring the full width of their property. That expanse of lawn will be something to rest the eyes on during the hot summer days.

Mrs. Filkins will make a trip on the 6th of this month to visit her sister in Clinton, Iowa. A bodyguard of two other ladies has been appointed for Filkins. Now will he be good?

Mrs. Kuska's day-old chickens, developing symptoms of rheumatism, are now receiving daily applications of Sloan's Liniment. Mrs. Kuska is making a scientific study of baby chick culture.

Home Acres can boast of a new industry. Mr. Ries is raising Belgian pears. He says it's more profitable than chickens.

We understand that Harry Graham is to have a telephone installed in his home so that he can call up central and learn the exact time the early train leaves Lombard, so he will not have to hot-foot it to the station. Why not get a flying machine, Harry?

Mrs. Eberlein gave a dinner party in honor of her son-in-law, Officer Kerker's 38th birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Filkins, Mrs. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Sundmacher, Mr. and Mrs. Richey, Mr. and Mrs. Kerker and sons Harold and Elmer of Chicago. Progressive lunch was served, all having a most enjoyable time.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a row of shade trees on each side of Meyer's Road? Then we could call it by its right name, First avenue.

The numerous friends of F. A. Reimer, who is in Tucson, Ariz., will be pleased to learn that he is getting along nicely, gradually recovering from his illness and able to continue in his work. We would be pleased to publish a letter from him, describing the country or anything else of interest.

Among the new arrivals are John K. Chapman and family, who are getting settled in their new home on First avenue, South Side. Mr. Chapman recently purchased the Matland property.

Did you see Harry Burns, the strong man, toying with that 900-pound cement roller last week?

PEOPLE'S WANT COLUMN.

This paper will publish advertisements under these heads: "Wanted," "To Rent," "For Sale," "Exchange," "Lost and Found," etc., for five cents a line each insertion.

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