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A BIG DAY FOR HOME ACRES.

May 2d will always be regarded as a great day in the history of Home Acres for in the evening of that day the electric current was turned on, lighting up the streets of this subdivision, which only a few short years ago were in total darkness and the moon shining on the fields of grain was the only light.

It is the searchlight of progress, illuminating the dark places. The older inhabitants little thought that the land they bought years ago would be the center of a growing town, teeming with life. Many of them have passed away but this is a world of progress. With street lights comes new life, new energy, new opportunities and a new epoch. Now we can point with pride to the town in which we have our property interests, in which we have cast our lot, and in years to come we can feel that May 2d, 1913, was a mile post in the history of Home Acres.

Let us all come to the front and help maintain with public spirit the improvement that means so much, not only to ourselves, but to our neighbors and all the people.

Previously Engaged.

"Why did you break into the house in the middle of the day?" asked the magistrate. "Well," said the accused, "I had several others to cover that evening."

It Was Tough.

"Will you give me a pie, madam?" asked the tramp. "If I saw you some wood?" The woman agreed to the bargain, gave the man a pie and started him in the direction of the woodpile. In three minutes he was back at the door saying, "Madam, if it's all one to you, I'll eat the wood and saw the pie."

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A VISIT TO THE SOUTH ELMHURST ASSOCIATION.

Some Good Work Being Done.

The editor of this paper, devoting considerable space to association work along the Third Rail, is naturally interested in the good work being done by the different groups of public-spirited men who have formed themselves into associations for the purpose of bringing about necessary improvements and incidentally to get some inspiration which might be imparted through the medium of Third Rail Flashes to other associations.

We visited the South Elmhurst Association the night of April the 2nd and were very much impressed with the harmony that existed and especially with the good attendance showing a deep interest in the work. The committee called upon showed by their results that they had been working.

There was an air of seriousness of purpose about the meeting that was very refreshing, and it reminded one of a meeting of the board of directors of some corporation. There was very little levity in evidence, for each man seemed to have come for the sole purpose of transacting business.

The officers are: J. R. Bunyan, president; Rudolph Carlson, vice-president; F. H. Versemann, secretary; A. F. Heine, treasurer.

The directors are: Chas. Dodge, Theo. E. Parker, V. M. Ollier, H. S. Aldridge, Paul Phillips, Geo. Geicke, Chas. Lantz.

To the Citizens of Home Acres, Ardmore and Villa Park of School District No. 45.

I desire to thank you all for the unanimous support given me in the election for School Director, held at the Ardmore school house on the evening of April 19. I, indeed, esteem it an honor to serve a community whose loyalty to a candidate who did not seek the office was so generously and harmoniously expressed that not one opposing vote was cast.

I sincerely hope that I may prove myself worthy of your confidence and co-operate with my colleagues on the Board in making Ardmore school a pride to the community.

The hearty co-operation of our citizens with the Board and the teachers will do much to attain harmonious results of the most satisfactory nature.

Most respectfully yours,
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SCUTH ELMHURST NEWS.

Aurora E. E. paid its compliments in coming to the rescue of perishing patience of Elmhurstians. Our return comments are actively engaged.

South Elmhurst chicken farm is assuming the airs and aspects of a military encampment. Chickens in their daily maneuvers are out in regiments parading to suit their temperaments and ambitions and the hours of the day showing Mr. Schneider a strategic general worthy of honorable mention and incidentally of the toll on the egg industry.

Mr. Troil's habitation has taken upon itself the grace of heaven's first law. Here, in its proper environment, rest leaves to linger.

One of our houses is very noticeably sprouting to spring's sophistry. It is sprouting into colonnades and a new entrance into Mr. Mower's hospital.

A desert of chaos is taking wings and a smile of summer's blandishments is filling the vacancy on Mr. Hecke's territory where his house stands like a sentinel of righteousness.

La Croix are installing a water engine. Mrs. La Croix expects to develop into a lady of leisure.

Phillips' little daughter is delightfully busy these days playing leapfrog with the sunbeams and her neighbors' hearts.

Cher-up Mr. Donnelly, "the worst is yet to come" and the best has not yet been.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Bunyans, your olive branch is truly one of the finest here. Here North and South have kissed and made up.

Abraham Lincoln is spreading his genius in the physical duplicate—did during the Civil War. He is to forever a carpenter in the haunts of spring and thus obtain a corner on the finances and thanks of aspiring householders.

Kismet, Mr. Versemann Suburbanites are supposed to be useful as well as ornamental, even if they have an obliging pa-in-law to strangle the weeds. Long may you flourish with the pen when uncoupled with the spade.

Hearts are sad for Mrs. Stanek and her babies. Mr. Stanek's step and willing hand to and from and around our neighborhood are missing.

Machines wanted to pull one thousand and two; must have a warlike hatred for thistles and no romantic regard for the fragile, dainty morning glory festooning the landscape (with work), and see absolutely no starbeams in the saucy brilliant daisies mocking the blooming skies.

DEATH OF MOTHER WATSON.

May 1st Mr and Mrs. R. D. Wolfe were called to Toledo, Ohio, on account of the death of Mrs. Eleanor M. Watson, the mother of Mrs. Wolfe. The remains were taken to Delaware for funeral services and interment.

Two summers ago Mother Watson visited Home Acres and made a host of friends. She loved nature and flowers. Soon after her arrival at the Wolfe home the flower garden began to bloom under her delicate touch, and every nook and corner gave fragrant testimony of her watchful care. Vines arose from the ground and flowers bloomed and every plant seemed to vie with each other in an effort to please her.

Early in the morning she could be seen wandering from flower to flower, speaking to some and touching others to encourage them in their growth.

While 72 years of age, she never seemed to tire in her work with them, so it is not strange that her life was so fragrant with the fragrance of the rose, and in mute testimony of their tender regard for their friend they were with her as sentinels in her last moments.

They went with her to the tomb, they clung to her and faded away with her, but her soul is blooming in the eternal garden.

LOMBARD.

Why doesn't some one write something about these "rare days in May," when everything is filled with a newness and freshness and the air is full of the odor of beautiful blossoms? It's the time of the year when everyone is glad he is living—and in the country at that, if possible.

F. S. Howard has purchased a home in Aurora and has removed with his family to that city.

Mrs. Carrie Towne and daughter Florence are occupying Mrs. Winn's cottage on Ash street for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Hills are living in the Le Roy cottage on Main street.

Miss Alice Clafin of Chicago is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Blake.

Mrs. J. Morison Campbell has been on the sick list for the past week, but is out again.

"The Tuesday, April 29, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Coffin, was a devoted success. Not only was a musical undertaking," but as a dramatic entertainment as well.

Miss Ella Assman is ill with scarlet fever.

Mrs. H. C. Clifford and daughter Oldine were visiting Lombard friends on Friday last.

The ladies of the M. E. Church served luncheon at the church on Friday.

The team of horses stolen from Mr. Wm. Hammerschmidt some time ago have been found in New York City.

The W. H. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. Rogers last Tuesday at Wheaton.

Mrs. L. H. Webb and Mrs. E. Watson attended the annual banquet last Friday at the Elmhurst Association in Chicago.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church served their regular luncheon last Friday. Mesdames Sears, Frye, McKinney and Hills were the luncheon committee. Reports were given of the rummage sale and "Old People's Home." It was decided to decorate the interior of the church.

Sure Enough.

Frank and Fred, aged 6 and 4, respectively, were discussing a little sister who had died before the latter was born, and Fred said: "When I go to heaven I'll go right up to her and say, 'Hello! this is Freddy.'" "Why," said Frank, "she won't know you, because when she was, you wasn't."

RESULT OF ELECTION.

On April 10 O. E. Wertzler was unanimously elected as progressive precinct committeeman for precinct No. 5 without any opposition.

At the caucus for school director in district No. 45, Mr. G. A. Jewett, of Ardmore, was nominated. The election took place Saturday night, April 19, with the result that Mr. Jewett was unanimously elected as school director. The other two directors now holding office are Chas. Bierman and M. H. Vestal.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—White Orpingtons, Cockerels, Pullets, Buff Orpingtons, ducks and eggs (\$2.50 per setting), pigeons. C. H. Davis, Ardmore, Ill.

MEETING OF ASSOCIATIONS.

Then Central Association meets the first Tuesday night of each month.

The Home Acres Improvement Association meets the first Tuesday night of each month.

The Ardmore Improvement Association meets the second and fourth Wednesday night of each month in the A. E. & C. Station.

The Villa Park Citizens' Association meets the first Monday evening of each month.

Spring Road Association meets first and third Thursday of each month.

South Elmhurst Improvement Association meets first Wednesday of every month.

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FLASHATORIALS.

Owing to absence from the city on account of death in the family, we trust our friends will overlook any omission in this issue.

If you don't advertise in *Flashes* we both lose money.

Ed. F. Bradley, of Lombard, is happy yet sad. Happy that he has so many plumbing jobs and sorry he is so rushed he has to pass up an occasional square meal.

August Ahrens, the up-to-date farmer of Home Acres, is planting trees along the parkway down to the station. Good for Brother Ahrens. It will add fifty per cent to the appearance of the town.

If the housework seems hard and irksome call up Mrs. G. A. Jewett, of Villa Park, and she will tell you of a new plan to make it easy and delightful. She has solved the problem with her combination vacuum cleaner and carpet sweeper.

Tune up for spring. Get in tune with nature and see Bernard Abeler, of Lombard, the expert piano tuner, and Wm. Pfund of Villa Park nursery.

Wm. E. Hall and Joseph Spanheimer are busy these days building homes for people who want to enjoy country life right.

H. G. Fischer, of Elmhurst, the able insurance agent, is a big wire and covers more territory than any three insurance men. If he overlooks you, call him up.

If you want to buy new furniture for your new home, jump on the train and call on John H. Kampf at Wheaton. It only takes a few minutes.

If your friends want to settle near you in the country have them call on John R. Robertson. See advertisement for bargains.

Don't go all the way to the city for your drugs, candies, toilet articles, Martin W. Grupe, of Lombard, carries a full supply.

If you want to send to your friends a picture of your new country home, F. P. Neger will help you out.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stelle, with Mr. Stelle's mother, of Chicago, are occupying the Wolfe bungalow on First avenue and Fulton street, having leased the property for one year with the intention of buying and making it their future home.

Manager Was Wise.

Leading Tragic Man—"Did you see how I paralyzed the audience in the death scene? They were crying all over the house!" Stage Manager—"Yes, they knew you weren't really dead."—Tilt-Bits.

Welcome Delusion.

Doctor (to sick man's wife)—"Does your husband suffer from delusions, Mrs. Jones?" Mrs. Jones—"I hope so, doctor. He's been worrying for a week over what he thinks your bill will be."

Important Decision.

Wishing one day to test a little fellow's bravery, I said: "What would you do, Jimmy, if Casey called you a liar?" After thinking a moment or two the little fellow replied: "Which Casey, the big one or the little one?"

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STREET LIGHTS.

The Unfolding of Home Acres—the
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Happened.

After three years of agitation, a great deal of personal work, the expenditure of a great deal of time by public-spirited men who were anxious that Home Acres should take its place among the other up-to-date towns near by, the electric lighting of Home Acres' streets has become a reality.

The citizens should rejoice and be exceeding glad, because there is no question but that lighted streets will not only add to the value of the property but make country life more enjoyable and convenient.

The citizens are responding by signing contracts calling for only 35 cents a month for the maintenance of the light. It is a small amount and can easily be paid by every man who has the interest of Home Acres at heart.

There may be a few who are holding out for some unaccountable reason, but it does not seem possible that after the benefits of the light are apparent they will still continue to withhold their support, so long as all people in the subdivision—no matter if they live in the extreme limits—derive their share of the benefits. No far-sighted citizen would feel right toward himself to enjoy the benefits of a well-lighted territory without standing his share of the expenses, small as it is.

As a matter of town pride, it is certain that all will join in this public movement that means so much to Home Acres so long as the real work covering a period of three years has been done making the lights possible.

The lights have been placed where they will do the most good to the greatest number of people.

It would have been impossible to have distributed them to please and benefit a greater number.

The loyal support of all people will make it possible to increase the number of lights, making it the best-lighted subdivision along the line.

REVIEW OF BOOKS RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE DURING THE MONTH.

Making the Farm Pay, by C. C. Bowsfield, and Published by Forbes Co., Chicago; Price \$1.00.

"Making the Farm Pay" is an invaluable book containing 300 pages and tells how to get the biggest returns from the soil and make farm life more attractive and successful. Farming opportunities, the marketing of produce, the raising of vegetables, fruit and poultry, dairy products and all phases of agriculture are discussed by an expert. It tells just how to get the best results with the least labor and the least waste, and how to mix brains with the soil and get the most of an acre. It is especially interesting to the city man who has settled down on an acre or two where every inch of ground must bring returns.

In reading this book we have been impressed with the author's large view of country life. He grasps the relation of farming to the entire life of the nation and helps to bring the producer and consumer closely together for their mutual benefit. The great problem of the farmer today is how to make the farm so attractive that his young people will prefer to remain there rather than seek the uncertain rewards of the city. This most helpful farm book is on sale at Herman's store, Home Acres.

A TABLE FOR TWO.

By Eldene Davis.

This is a book of good things to eat given in quantities for two persons. It contains many new recipes not found in other cook books. It will be a useful book in any home, and because of its unusual attractiveness it makes a very desirable gift for showers and other occasions. The book is sold for one dollar by all book dealers or supplied by the publishers, Forbes & Co., Chicago.

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Not Unreasonable.
"Boy wanted for sausages," runs an announcement in a butcher's shop at Harlesden. It sounds unappetizing—yet no doubt a boy is the proper accompaniment for the mashed.—London Opinion.

The Crank.
"Is Jinks a confirmed pessimist?" "Yes; he will never try to talk over a telephone because he says that the one of the 9,000,000 in the United States which would be of service to him is sure to be in use."

Well Mated Pair.
Manager—I am looking for a man I can trust. Applicant—And I'm looking for a man who will trust me. We ought to get along fine.

Practical Boy.
Little Harold, aged five years, was visiting his aunt. While at dinner the grown-ups were talking and paying little or no attention to little Harold. He was ready and waiting for his dessert, and to attract the others' attention he said: "Please, Aunt Mame, is that pie an ornament?"

Art as Amusement.
Post Impressionist—Of course I paint purely for my own amusement, you know. Visitor to Studio—Nonsense, my dear fellow. They simply tickle us to death, too!—London Opinion.

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HOME ACRES.

Mrs. Lautenslager and mother, Mrs. Meyers, visited friends at Wilmette.

Mrs. Filkins entertained the ladies of the Social Circle on Wednesday, April 30. Among the special guests present were Mrs. Nickolas, Mrs. Kerker and Mrs. Mathews, a sister of Mrs. Filkins, of Chicago, and Mr. Vestel and Mr. Filkins acted as substitutes—our gentlemen are so accommodating.

Mrs. Wolfe gave a farewell dinner for the ladies of the Social Circle at the home of Mrs. Vestel, April 16. We are indeed sorry to lose a good and faithful member, but trust that she will be with us occasionally. Among the visitors present were Mrs. Stolle, who now occupies the Wolfe home, and Mrs. Sears and Master Kenneth. Mrs. Stolle has joined the Circle.

A triple birthday party was held at the Lafetra home Sunday, May 4. The honorable ones were Mr. Lafetra and twin sister, Mrs. Gilbert, of Oak Park, and Mr. Sorensen. A jolly time had by all.

Mr. Chas. Foeske, of Milwaukee, was a visitor at the Lundmacker home.

Mrs. Lafetra spent several days at Lincoln, Ill. During her absence, Mr. L. got rather lonesome, thought that good hard work would be about the best thing to do, so got busy. The terrace looks swell, Ernie! Keep it up.

Mrs. Lundmacker thought it was high time she had a vacation, so packed up her little suitcase and started for the Cream City. She had a delightful time.

Mr and Mrs. E. Kerker and sons visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eberlein, during the school vacation.

Mr. Chas. Tepke and children visited at the Lautenslager home Sunday.

Didn't Dare to Go to Work.
"I say, Tom, lend me another ten, will you?" "Heavens! Why don't you go to work and earn money?" "Don't dare to, my boy. People would think the governor had disinherited me, and that would ruin my credit."

Wanted Land and Husband.
She could plow and do all the farm work, and if she got land she would get a husband, was the contention of a young woman who applied recently to the land board of Heathcote, Victoria, Australia.

HOME ACRES.

Miss Martha Hanson was visiting her sister, Mrs. Sears a few days last week.

The election held at the Ardmore school building was largely attended by the ladies. Mr. Jewett was elected.

Mr and Mrs. Wolfe have moved to Austin. They cannot forget Home Acres, however, for we see them riding past in their auto quite frequently.

Mr. Roberts and family have moved back to the city.

We have three new families in Home Acres. Mr and Mrs. Stolle occupy the house vacated by Mr and Mrs. Wolfe; Mr. Lemmon and family the one vacated by Mr. Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. Lamb are also new residents.

Miss Amanda Finke, who has been working in the city for the past month, has returned home.

Last Friday evening Home Acres was illuminated by something beside the moon and stars. We are all very proud of our new street lights.

Unwelcome Prescription.

An English doctor, recommending exercise to prevent nervous breakdowns, says: "If you are feeling stale and unprofitable and longing for some active exercise, you may obtain it by walking briskly up and down the stairs." Most of us, however, will continue to prefer to press the elevator button.

Had a Good Start.

"Pilmson is living ahead of his income." "You are right. If Pilmson were to stand still for five years, I don't believe his income would overtake him."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Game Always in Order.

Ruth—Love is a nice game to play at. Fred—Besides, it's the only game I know of that's never postponed on account of darkness.—Boston Herald.

HOME ACRES SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.

Mrs. Howard, who has been absent from us for the past two months on account of illness, is being gradually restored to health at the Hinsdale Sanitarium.

Mrs. Howard's girls were a star class the third Sunday in April.

During the past month cottage prayer-meetings have been held at the homes of Mr and Mrs. Merritt, Mr and Mrs. Moloney, Mr and Mrs. Helme and Mr and Mrs. Sears. The interest in these meetings is increasing.

SPRING ROAD NEWS ITEMS.

The annual May party of the Spring Road Improvement Association takes place the evening of May 17th, at 8 p. m., in Glass Hall, Elmhurst. The usual good time is looked forward to and all friends are invited.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr and Mrs. Christman on Saturday, April 12th, by a large number of their friends.

Quite a number of residences are going up in our subdivision, among them the homes of Mr. Walton and Mr. Seigelmaier.

The recent school board election led to Spring Road registering sixty-nine votes, which we feel is doing pretty well. Our ladies made an especially good showing and demonstrated that when universal suffrage is in force they will not fail to do their duty in voting, in Spring Road at least.

Slur on Philadelphia.

"A Philadelphia scientist on his way to the Hawaiian islands spent three months studying the habits, evolution and variations of tree snails." We do not believe that a Philadelphian can complete the job in three months, but it must be admitted that he will obtain some valuable hints on speed.—Boston Transcript.

Won Papa's Dollar.

Martha's school report card had very low marks. Her father promised her a dollar if she got a hundred in anything. Shortly after that she fell sick. When the doctor had taken her temperature the mother asked him what the temperature was. "A hundred and four," was the reply. "Mother," cried Martha, "I have won the dollar from papa. I've got over a hundred."

HOME ACRES SUNDAY SCHOOL.

A few Sundays ago we were pleased to have visitors from our neighboring Sunday school in Villa Park, Mr and Mrs. Gagle. Mr Gagle had been appointed by the Sunday School Association to call on us and report the needs of our Sunday school.

Floyd Trout, one of our primary boys had the misfortune to cut his knee about two weeks ago while playing warpin' ax. Although the wound was not serious, he is doing nicely. We hope soon to have him with us. Fannie Hall also met with an accident and has not been with us the past month. While running she slipped and fell on some broken glass which made a very deep cut above the ankle. She has not recovered sufficiently to return.

Alvin Jaeger has gone with his parents to Escanaba, Mich. He is attending Sunday school there.

Harold Roberts has gone to the city to live. Harold did not like to leave our Sunday school.

Our cradle roll is still growing. We always expect to report one or two new names every month. We now have seventeen. Harold Leshe Allen is our new name for April.

Mrs. Howard is improving very slowly and we cannot expect to have her with us for some time, but we are glad to know she is better.

Stewart Ellis was enrolled during the past month.

We welcome Miss Bernice Burns back to our Sunday school.

Mrs. Sears feels that the distribution of gifts to Home Acres is not fair, as most of the Primary class and also the Cradle Roll are boys.

Mrs. Perkins, our Cradle Roll superintendent, is on the watch for every child under three years old as a Cradle Roll member. We are delighted with that fine roll of seventeen members.

If we coveted anything in Home Acres it would be that fine class of husky boys of which Mr. William E. Hall is the happy teacher. What wonder that Mr. Hall has "the smile that won't come off"? What wonder that the boys smile, too, with such a teacher?

Men and women of Home Acres, you are wanted in the Bible Class. Do you wonder whether or not we can make it interesting for you? Give the class a chance. When we have ten adults in regular attendance we want to become an organized class. Come and help.

Mr. W. A. Gagle, superintendent of Villa Park Sunday School, accompanied by Mrs. Gagle, came to visit us on April 13 as the official visitor of the DuPage County S. S. Association. The speech made by Mr. Gagle was interesting to us. We ought to know our nearest neighbors and shall always be glad to welcome visiting friends. Come again, Brother Gagle.

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Doing Their Sums.
"De wust thing about 'rithmetic," said Uncle Eben, "is dat a whole lot o' folks git de idea dat any kin' o' figgerin' is all right if de kin finish wif a numbah dat has a dollah ma'k in front of it."

PEOPLE'S WANT COLUMN.

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VILLA PARK.

We haven't noticed April doing any weeping over the misdeeds of March.

The annual election of officers of The Citizens' Association of Villa Park was held on Monday evening, May 5, to announce the returns in this issue.

Among the crops this season in our subdivision is a new lot of houses. Mr. Wm. Schier is building a home on the east side of Summit avenue. Mr. Franz and family are established in a portable house on his lot north of the Great Western R. R., but the sight of the well-driver indicates permanency. Mr. J. W. Burton has purchased the Lindsay house on Oakland avenue and is making extensive improvements. Mr. Geo. Kavin and family have taken the Fleming-Sear house on Villa avenue for the summer. Mr. Clyde W. Bryant, from Maywood, has leased Dr. Wheeler's home on Riverside. Dr. J. M. Jahnke is building a new home on his lot where he has been living for the past year with his family in a temporary house.

Mr. J. Swanson has moved his family into his new bungalow on Monticemy avenue.

Mrs. E. W. Armstrong entertained her mother and sister from Hyde Park and Englewood at luncheon Wednesday, April 30.

Miss Elizabeth Jones is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Fanning. While enjoying her sister's hospitality, Miss Jones has spent much time out of doors, taking in the delightful air of Villa Park and the beautiful sunshine which brought the roses to her cheeks.

Mr. Enoch Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Anderson, has entirely recovered his health again, after a long siege of typhoid fever. His baseball friends in Ardmore all rejoice to have him with them again.

Mrs. Frances A. Nourse left on Friday, May 2, for a lengthy visit in the Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gagle spent last Sunday with friends in Chicago.

The following announcement has been sent out by Supt. W. A. Gagle of the Community Sabbath School: To the Parents: Whereas, Sunday, May the eleventh, has been set apart as Mothers' Day, we cordially extend to you a special invitation to attend the Sabbath school on that day at 10 o'clock a. m. A program is being prepared to entertain the children, parents and friends, and a good attendance is looked for. Children all the way from the cradle are invited. No age limit.

Children's Day of the Sabbath School has been planned for the early part of June, with a special program.

The average attendance at the Sabbath School for April was 31. Average collection, \$1.39. Those who celebrated birthdays during the month were: Zylpha Mayer, Bernice Wertzler and Edwin Bates. Among the visitors during April were: Mr. Catlin of Glen Ellyn, from Chicago, Phil Laramie, Rollo Davis, Aletta Laramie, Florence Carroll, Emma Banerch. The superintendent and teachers were much pleased to have some of the old pupils with them again.

The two meetings of the Ladies' Guild were held at the homes of Mrs. Chellberg and Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Courtney and Mrs. Chellberg entertaining together. The ladies are still at work on the program for the bazaar, which will probably be held some time soon.

Mr. C. H. Massey spoke before the "24-Carat Club" of Chicago at the banquet held at the Boston Oyster House. Some speaker, our Mr. Massey. In view of the fact that the "24-Carat Club" is composed of retail jewelers, many of whom are Mr. Massey's customers, it was necessary for him to handle the subject with kid gloves, which he did most gloriously.

Dr. Geo. Wheeler and son Marion have gone to Chicago to live. The contents of the home and all the stock and farm implements were sold at auction on April 5. Dr. Wheeler's mother, Mrs. D. M. Wheeler, is staying

with Mrs. H. C. Lowry of Villa Park Farms, where she is endeavoring to recuperate. She is, indeed, a brave little woman the way she has borne up under her recent bereavement. One could not remain sad for any length of time with Mrs. Lowry for a companion, with her happy disposition. Marion Wheeler has been with his grandmother this past week.

Among the Villa Park young people who attended the spring party given by Mr. and Mrs. Mayer of Ardmore for their daughter, Zylpha on her birthday, were: Elsie Courtney, Kathryn Vaughn, Inez Swanson, Harold Courtney and Graham Montgomery. A very delightful evening was spent playing games and pulling raffles. Judging by the candy the children brought home, Mrs. Mayer must have cornered the sugar market.

Mrs. Henri of Chicago visited Mrs. Courtney for a few days. Miss Emma Banercham of Chicago visited Elsie Courtney over Sunday.

Mr. O. M. Rogers is beautifying his grounds with additional shrubbery, hedges, trees, etc. Our own nurseryman, Wm. Plund, is the artist. Mr. Gagle is still at it; no back seat for Gagle.

Mr. Wm. Schwalze of Villa Park Farms will soon be enjoying his new porch which he has recently added to his home—and some porch it is.

Mr. J. G. Montgomery, during his spare moments from the bank, may be found working in his garden and among his flowers and shrubbery. J. G. is certainly some authority in the garden line.

Mr. J. L. Calhoun and family are again installed in their home on Villa avenue.

The Villa Park friends of Mr. E. G. Marsh are elated to again see his familiar figure, his genial smile and his ready repartee after his several weeks of illness.

Mr. Fred H. Smith took his vacation early this year, and was seen daily making his garden grow, with enthusiasm spread all over his face. These are happy days for "Fritz."

The lecture by Mr. Wm. F. Courtney of Villa Park, given at the Community Church on April 25 was immensely enjoyed by all. His experience while engaged in missionary work in southern Africa, particularly interesting and educational as well. Mr. Courtney's delivery is most pleasing and his wonderful powers of description made the situations seem most real. A short program was also enjoyed. Those participating were: The Misses, Winifred Youngberg, Elsie Courtney, Zylpha Mayer, Inez Swanson, Master Munroe of Glen Ellyn and Mrs. Jewett. Also recitations by Mr. Courtney. The Ladies' Guild treasury is greatly increased by this generous donation of Mr. Courtney, and herewith tender to him a great big vote of thanks.

The following new pupils have been enrolled during the month of April at Ardmore schools: Helen Jacobi, Alice Thiel, Donald Walker, Carl Thorsell, Gertrude Wycoff, Bernice Burns, Ellsworth Worthington, George Wycoff, Helen Rothenberg, George Creutz, Vivian Frantz.

Seven pupils are expected to graduate this year. Green and white has been selected for the class colors. The class pans have been received. They are enameled in the class colors and the letters, "A. S. 13." Further mention of the commencement exercises will appear in the June issue of this paper. Louise Melsome has returned to school after a slight illness. Robert Melsome has also returned; he having been kept at home until the nature of his sister's illness could be determined. Ada Ohmacht is still confined to her home.

Something New on Hen. A young Boston college woman was following the suburbanite about his place and doing her best to show her full appreciation of the semirural beauty of the establishment. On visiting the hen-yard she became enraptured. One hen was unusually well marked. "Oh! the young woman exclaimed enthusiastically, 'what beautiful foliage that hen has!'"

ARDMORE NEWS.

Mrs. Amelia Pfeiffer of Chicago visited Mr. DeLoach, Hazelton, who have been chums since childhood.

Miss Josephine Vanderwolf spent the week end with Mrs. May Cogdall and Miss Edna Baker of Austin.

Mrs. Fred Pearson entertained some friends last week from Chicago and Oak Park.

Some of the members of the Social Club were entertained April 27, 1913, by Mrs. Martin H. Bork. Among those who were present were the following: Miss Dottie Hasselen, Mr. Bert Meyers, Mr. Lambert Westley and Mr. Keller from Chicago. They all went home feeling fine and all agreed to come again.

We missed a certain young man last week on the 7 to 6 o'clock train. The first report was that he got lost somewhere but it turned out to be just a little vacation, and that was Mr. Lambert Wertzler. Glad to see you back again.

We are certainly having nice weather now and everybody is busy digging and planting in the garden. Just take a walk around some day (even on Sunday) and see who is working the hardest.

Mr. Enoch Anderson is again with us. He looks better than ever, we are glad to say, but he is minus the hair on his head, which looks like a house after the cyclone had struck it. We would like to recommend him to some wiggyer.

Mr. Youngberg has invested in a fine horse, also a new buggy. The horse has arrived but only the railroad knows where the buggy is. It has been on the road for about four weeks. The horse seems to enjoy the delay, but Mr. Youngberg is seriously thinking of going in the teaming business to keep the horse busy.

The meetings of the Social Club have been discontinued for the summer and will resume again in the fall. Watch closely for announcements in Third Rail Flashes for any club items and keep posted thereby.

Some class to us all right. We have planted trees on the parkway for universal planting and we are in hopes that everybody will follow and put in their trees.

The Ardmore baseball team opened their season by playing the first game with Lombard. One of the Lombard's regular men started in to do the twirling but it seemed the Lombard manager was just a bit nervous when Ardmore scored four runs by the end of the second inning, making the score 4 to 1 in favor of Ardmore. Then our friend Fisher, who was with the famous White Sox, and also boasts of his name being on the Davenport batting lineup, took the pitching box. Fisher must have had an idea he was up against fish, but before the end of the game he had wished he had never started. Our own pitcher, Ed Anderson, had the Lombards swatting at the pill as though they were killing flies in summer but it seems they could never get up grit enough to hit.

By a series of errors on the Ardmore side Lombard took the game at a score of 9 to 6. But they have promised to meet us again on our own diamond. All future games will be played on the Ardmore diamond at Villa Park, and everybody is invited to attend. Bring the children and all the family.

The second game Sunday, April 27th, was played with Elmhurst Tigers at Elmhurst. A very square and clean game was played. Ardmore had fewer strike-outs, fewer errors, but a great many more hits and at the end of the game had just twice as many runs to their credit, the score being Ardmore 6, Elmhurst 3. Ardmore wishes to thank the Elmhurst Tigers for the afternoon's entertainment and will try to reciprocate when they face us on our own diamond.

The Eternal Why. "Papa," said an inquisitive boy, "don't fishes have legs?" "They do not," answered papa. "Why don't they, papa?" "Because fishes swim and don't require legs." Then he asked, "Papa, ducks have legs, don't they?" "Why, yes, ducks have legs." "Well, ducks swim, don't they?" "Yes." "Then why don't fishes have legs, if ducks do? Or why don't ducks not have any legs if fishes don't?" Papa gave up.

Maybe They Were. Little Clara has a habit of sticking her feet out of the bed covers. One hot night, on being told not to do so, she obeyed in silence for a little while and then suddenly said, "Oh, mamma, let me put my feet out! They're choking!"

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