

SCHOOL NEWS

Henry McConnell returned to school Monday.
Luella Conant is ill from the fifth grade this week.
Dora Keppinger is out of the sixth grade on account of illness.
The fifth grade was excused Monday afternoon because the room was being fumigated.
The semester examinations will take place next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
The Dwight high school basketball team journeyed to Mazon Friday evening to meet the basket ball team at that place. A further report of the game will be in next week's paper.

Annual Meeting.
The Sunday School Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the Epworth League room Monday evening, January 8th, at 8 p. m., there being twenty members present.
Meeting called to order by the Superintendent, with Mr. F. A. Haise acting secretary.
Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved. The Superintendent read the following report of the past year's work:

Regular Missionary offerings.....	45.08
Easter Cash offering.....	32.57
Total Missionary offering.....	77.65
Birthday Missionary offering.....	Extra
Regular offerings (exclusive of Missionary).....	175.36
Home Department offerings.....	7.51
Average per Sunday.....	4.46
Special offering.....	9.00
Special offering for expense of Christmas entertainment.....	60.00
Special White offering for Christmas Relief Work.....	50.00
Easter Egg and Thanksgiving Fruit offerings for Wesley Hospital, about.....	50.00
Total from all sources, about.....	\$450.00

Treasurers report showed all bills paid, but one amounting to \$44.39, with cash on hand amounting to about \$20.00.

Mrs. T. J. Haise, Chairman of Library Committee, reported additions to library of 150 new books, and publications. Books to be ready for distribution, Sunday, Jan. 28th.

Dr. Hamilton, Chairman of New Song Book Committee, reported his committee recommended the purchase of 150 new books, "Concert Hymns." Report accepted and committee instructed to order books at once.

Superintendents of Home and Primary departments reported conditions in their respective branches.

Vote of thanks tendered Mr. John Stewart for services donated in rebuilding library shelving.

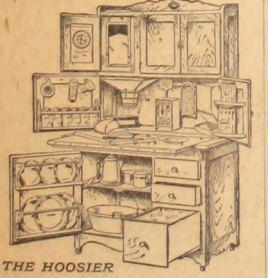
The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- Superintendent, Roy M. Baker.
- First Assistant, L. L. Harrison.
- Second Assistant, Earl Losee.
- Secretary and Treasurer, Fred Reeb.
- Librarian, G. B. Hager.
- Corresponding Secretary, Jennie Carthy.
- Missionary Treasurer, Myrtle Brown.
- Pianist, May Hayes.
- Assistant Pianist, Ester Mickelson.
- Chorister, Mrs. T. J. Hayes.
- Assistant Chorister, L. L. Harrison.
- Superintendent Primary Department, Mrs. C. L. Martin.
- Superintendent Cradle Roll, Miss Emma Baker.
- Superintendent Home Department, Miss Ella Penn.

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Good Roads.

Pursuant to the prospects for good roads it will be interesting to know just what the taxes are at present and how much would have to be added to build two miles of good roads each year.

The assessed value of property in Dwight for 1912 is as follows:
Lands\$ 607,760
Lots 319,755
Personal 276,030

Total\$1,203,545
Following are the rates of taxation:
State tax\$.35
County35
Town06
Road and bridge30
Corporation 1.43
School (232) 1.90

Total\$4.39
Total tax\$35,758.27
The 1910 taxes were:
School tax (232)\$1.80
Corporation 1.50
Total rate\$4.09
The rate is higher this year but the corporation tax is reduced a little.
We are paying \$2,000 a year for the new school house which will soon be paid for. Last year we raised \$15,000 school tax. Last year the rate was \$1.50 in the village.

The following showing will give our readers an idea of the cost of two miles of road each year:
School District No. 231, J. R. Oughton's property, 157 acres, tax \$64.96.
District 232, Oughton 320 acres, tax \$287.12.
District 233, Klughart, 80 acres, \$31.09.
District 234, Fieldman, 160 acres, \$72.96.
District 235, Salzer, 160 acres, \$64.89.
District 236, Burger, 160 acres, \$69.95.
District 237, Steichen, 159 acres, \$74.59.
District 238, Smith, 160 acres, \$69.36.

By adding one-sixth to the present taxes which in the first case would be \$10.83, and in the second case, \$47.85 and fractions, each property holder can figure out from his taxes just what the cost each year would be.

The Hard Road law provides: "That on the petition of 25 per cent of the land owners who are legal voters, filed with the Township Clerk he shall, on giving notice of the Spring election, give notice that a vote will be taken at said election for or against levying a tax not to exceed \$1.00 on each \$100 assessed valuation of all the taxable property for the purpose of constructing and maintaining gravel, rock or macadam or other hard roads. Said petition shall state the location and route of the proposed road or roads, and shall also state the rate per cent. not exceeding \$1.00 on each \$100, and the number of years, not exceeding five, for which said tax shall be levied."

We have investigated this matter and find that a hard road will cost from \$2250 to \$3500 a mile, depending on the width and depth and the length of the haul, and we think it is safe to assume that ten miles of satisfactory hard road could be built at an average cost of \$3000 a mile. To do this it would be necessary to spread the tax for a period of five years, raising \$6000 each year. It is necessary to state in the petition the direction in which the ten miles of road would be constructed, but the highway commissioners would be the ones to determine in which direction the construction of the roads would first be commenced. Under this arrangement the roads north, connecting with Goodfarm township could be built, and Goodfarm township would no doubt co-operate with us in connecting with these roads, if it could be demonstrated that a satisfactory road could be built in Dwight township at a reasonable cost. And this would also apply to the other adjoining townships.

\$6000 a year would be 1-6 of the total amount of taxes raised for all other purposes, and in order for each tax payer to determine how much it would increase his taxes, all he would have to do would be to add 1-6 of the amount of his taxes to what he is now paying.

There is some talk about the hard roads question being in the experimental stage. However, the State of New York has appropriated Fifty million Dollars for the construction of hard roads, the State of Massachusetts Thirty-five million Dollars, and the hard roads through Ohio and Indiana are matters of favorable comment everywhere. The same objections to hard roads are the ones that have always been urged against any public improvement such as waterworks, sewers, etc. The biggest tax payers in the township with one or two exceptions, are heartily in favor of the proposition, and almost without exception the business men favor the proposition. The only people who

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seem to be opposed, and who are just as much entitled to their opinion as anybody else and who should be granted every consideration, are the retired farmers, but if they would only consider the proposition in all its phases there would not be any objections on their part, because with hard roads they would be enabled to deliver their corn at any time of the year, and by being able to do this they could take advantage of the top prices. They would be able to pay their amount of the taxes and still make money. The increased taxes on a quarter would be about \$10 for one year, and if a farmer had 1000 bushels of corn to sell on a quarter section and by reason of being able to deliver his corn at the highest market price could get 1 cent more per bushel, he would make \$10, or the taxes for that year, and we know last year the market varied from 38 cts. in December to almost 70 cts. in July, and while the markets may be higher in the spring and summer than they are in the winter, it is impossible a great many times to deliver corn in the summer time and always impossible in the spring.

MRS. J. R. OUGHTON ENTERTAINS.
The Ladies Literary Circle Enjoy a Delightful Evening.

The Ladies of the Literary Circle with their husbands and friends spent a very enjoyable evening at the "Manse" on Saturday, January sixth. Mr. and Mrs. Oughton showed many beautiful pictures gathered during their recent trip in Europe, these pictures being copies of the famous paintings of the London Art Gallery, the Dresden Gallery and the Louvre. By the use of their fine microscope the pictures were thrown upon a screen where everyone could see them plainly and they were a great pleasure to all. The remainder of the evening was delightfully spent in celebrating "Twelfth Night" by burning the Christmas greens. The guests all gathered 'round as Mr. Oughton lighted the logs in the open fire-place and while the holly wreaths were burning, Mrs. Oughton, Miss Paul and others told of the origin and celebrating of "Twelfth Night" or "Little Christmas" in England.
Although the temperature out-of-doors was severely cold, all hearts were very warm with appreciation of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Oughton.

STANDARD BEARERS MEET.

Entertained Last Week at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. John McWilliams.

A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent by the Standard Bearers on January ninth when they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McWilliams. After the usual exercises had taken place, a most excellent paper on Michael Angelo was read by Miss Mammie Hahn, a member of the society. This society, in addition to its regular work, is this winter making a study of the twelve "World Pictures" and the lives of the artists who painted them.
In response to an invitation from the society, Mrs. McWilliams gave an informal but most interesting and instructive talk on the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican and "The Last Judgment" by Michael Angelo, which is one of the twelve pictures above referred to; it is perhaps needless to add that the listeners were very attentive and appreciative. Each member was presented with a number of pictures of the works of this artist, several of which pertained to the Chapel under consideration. Other features of entertainment were also provided and altogether the young ladies voted it a "red letter" night.

Later in the year Miss Hahn is to read a second paper on Michael Angelo, and in the near future Mrs. Barry will respond to an invitation to give a talk on the Vatican.

Advertised Letters.

- List of letters remaining in the post-office at Dwight, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, unclaimed January 18, 1912.
- If not delivered will be sent to dead letter office February 1, 1912.
 - Allen, Tom
 - Barnett, L. L.
 - Class, George
 - Doud, Miss Harriet
 - Evans, Orrin L.
 - Gibson, John
 - Glaser, J. H. (postal)
 - Harvey, John
 - Iverden, Tony (postal)
 - Jeffers, Mrs. Pearl (postal)
 - Martin, Henry
 - Michele, Giuseppe De (postal)
 - Miller, Miss Edith (postal)
 - Miller, Miss Mattea (postal)
 - Mullins, Miss D. (postal)
 - Mullins, Miss Della (postal)
 - Smedley, Mrs. Mary E.
- To obtain any of the above letters call for advertised letters, giving date of list.
Wm. G. DUSTIN, Postmaster.
Nevada Tax Collector.
John Stearns, tax collector for Nevada Township, will be at the First National Bank of Dwight every Saturday.

GRAND CONCERT.

Ole Theobald, Famous Violinist, Gives Concert Thursday Evening at M. E. Church.

Ole Theobald, the famous Norwegian violinist, assisted by Miss Helen Keller, pianiste and Mrs. Weaver, soprano, gave a very excellent concert Thursday evening at the Methodist church under the auspices of the Epworth League.
Theobald has appeared in Dwight before in concert and his playing has always been very acceptable and very enjoyable to his audiences.

He is considered by many to be the greatest descriptive violin-virtuoso in the world, and his playing of this style Thursday evening was perhaps the most entertaining to those present; his "Mountain Sonata," illustrating the songs of thrush, larks and mountain birds, and "The Soldiers March Across the Vera Bridge," in which the roll or drums, etc., could be distinctly heard.

One selection which was especially enjoyed by the writer was "The Death of Ase" from Grieg's famous "Peer Gynt Suite," which was played beautifully.

Theobald further displayed his descriptive versatility by also playing several selections on the zither or autoharp. This was especially pleasing and he was compelled to respond to encores.

Mrs. Weaver gave several songs very charmingly and responded to enthusiastic encores.
Miss Keller, the pianiste, who also acted in the capacity of accompanist, was very well received by the audience, and played several selections delightfully.

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INSTALLATION.

Grand Army, Auxiliary and Sons of Veterans Will Install Officers.

At Odd Fellows hall this evening the above patriotic orders will install their officers. The installation will take place at 7:30 p. m., and every veteran, son and member of the Auxiliary, with their families, are invited and urged to be present.

After the ceremonies there will be a fine dinner served by the Auxiliary and Sons, and remarks will be made by a few present.

The names of the new officers will be published next week.

This will be a very interesting occasion and all should be present.

Knights of Pythias Install Officers.

The Knights of Pythias held their installation in Odd Fellows hall, Mr. G. E. Kirkendall acting as installing officer. After the ceremonies all went to a restaurant and enjoyed a fine luncheon.

Following is a list of the new officers:

- J. E. Garrett, C. C.
- J. E. Reeder, V. C.
- G. E. Kirkendall, P.
- F. G. McConnell, M. of W.
- W. O. Cook, M. of A.
- J. B. Hayes, K. of R. & S.
- W. C. Bell, M. of F.
- Frank Reeb, M. of E.
- O. H. Wilson, I. G.
- Joe Wright, O. G.

Junior Party.

Last Friday evening the junior class of the Dwight high school gathered at the home of Ira Boyer on East South street. The evening was spent in playing various sorts of games which all participated in. Several very fine selections of vocal and instrumental music were rendered by members of the class. At a late hour a delicious luncheon was served, after which the class departed for home, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Congregational Brotherhood to Meet Monday.

A meeting of the above society is called in the Congregational church parlors Monday evening, Jan. 22nd. It is proposed to hold meetings monthly for a while and this is the first of the series. It is expected that two of our local residents will address the meeting informally and there is also to be a general discussion on the subject "Should Immigration continue under existing conditions?" Light refreshments will be served and an entertaining meeting is anticipated. A good attendance is expected and especially desired.

House Party.

Tuesday evening a very entertaining party was given at the home of Miss Agnes Korsgaard in honor of Miss Carrie Rasmussen, of Chicago. There were six couples present and the evening was enjoyed by playing various kind of games. At a late hour a delicious luncheon was served, after which all departed for home, having spent a most delightful evening.



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