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### REV. EBERT TO LEAVE.

Assigned to Ottawa Church at the Conference Held at Freeport this Week.

Rev. H. F. Ebert, who has been pastor of the Zion Evangelical Church for the past five years, has been assigned to Ottawa, Ill., by the Evangelical Conference which closed its sessions the first of the week at Freeport, Ill.

Rev. Ebert has served the full length of time in Dwight (five years) that one man is allowed to remain in one place according to the rules of that church, and during that time has endeared himself to not only the people of his church denomination, but to the other residents of the village as well.

By his earnest, untiring efforts he has done much for his church, succeeding in bringing to pass his dearest wish—that of building a new church, one worthy of its worshippers, in place of the little old one. The handsome new building on West Delaware street stands as a shining mark of his steadfast purpose to bring his resolution to pass.

Although we regret having to give up Rev. Ebert and his charming family, we rejoice that he is assigned to a larger field and better position financially, where he will find greater opportunity for work to be accomplished in his chosen profession.

Rev. Ebert will preach his farewell sermon tomorrow evening and leave next week with his family for his new home in Ottawa, where the best wishes of the whole community will go with him.

### Get-Together Dinner and Meeting.

The second dinner and meeting under the auspices of the Dwight Commercial Club was given last Wednesday evening, and was certainly successful.

At about seven-fifteen one hundred and twenty sat down to dinner at the Livingston Hotel. The main dining room was filled and one table was set in the private room adjoining. Full justice was done to the excellent menu as provided by Manager Wey.

The meeting was held in the Odd Fellows hall immediately afterward and was attended by many in addition to those who partook of the dinner. After a call to order by the president of the Club, Mr. Louis A. Weicker, he introduced Mr. R. W. Osborn, County Road Expert, who talked along the line of the work being done by the county department in advising and working with the different township commissioners. He also spoke of the aid his department had been and would be in the purchasing of material and implements. Several questions were asked by members of the audience and answered satisfactorily by Mr. Osborn.

Mr. R. C. Bishop, County Agricultural Agent, was next called upon and talked very interestingly upon the local soil needs and conditions. He gave many facts and figures to substantiate his claims and was listened to very attentively. His subject embraced so many things that it was necessarily cut by him and often points were merely touched upon.

Upon the conclusion of this talk Mr. Bert Ball, of Chicago, was called upon and requested that all go down stairs in order that the slides that he had brought to illustrate his talk might be thrown upon the screen. His subject was "Community Spirit" and both his talk and the pictures shown to illustrate same were excellent and enjoyed by everybody there. His remarks were along the idea of community development, using the country as a unit, all this to be done in conjunction with the Government Agents, State Agricultural Schools and all others who were working along the same lines. Mr. Ball was an interesting talker and kept the attention of the audience closely to the end of his remarks.

Mr. J. J. Doherty then spoke a few words in regard to the relation of the Club to the business life of the community, stating that the two were interwoven intimately, and that for a successful carrying out of any plan for bettering conditions, the united efforts of all were necessary. The membership limits of the Club were beyond the village limits and he was satisfied that many of those living outside could join the Club with benefit both to himself and the organization.

Mrs. Lilla Reed returned to Dwight Thursday evening after a seven months' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Jennings, at East St. Louis, Ill. She was accompanied here by her mother, Mrs. Koehnlein.

### DEATH OF FORMER ENGINEER.

John W. Simmons Passes Away After Illness of Several Weeks.

Mr. John W. Simmons, a resident of Dwight at one time for about fifteen years, and an engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad for many years, passed away at the home of his son, Geo. K. Simmons, in Kankakee, Friday, April 24, 1914. Had he lived but one more week he would have been 70 years of age.

John W. Simmons was born May 1, 1844, at Washington, Illinois. He grew to manhood in that town and was married there to Miss Ellen Kelly. To this union were born three children, two sons and one daughter, the latter dying in infancy. The two sons, George K. Simmons, of Kankakee, and Dr. Chas. A. Simmons, of Chicago, survive.

1881 Mr. Simmons moved his family to Dwight where he lived for nearly fifteen years and where, July 15, 1885, Mrs. Simmons died.

In 1897 he was married to Mrs. Ollie Barnes, of Lacon, Ill., who died five years later.

Mr. Simmons was an employe of the Chicago & Alton Railroad for thirty-three years, acting in the capacity of engineer for twenty-six years. For the past few years he had been living with his sons, and passed away April 24, 1914, at the home of G. K. Simmons, in Kankakee; the immediate cause of his death was due to a stroke of paralysis.

Besides his two sons he leaves one sister, Mrs. Kinneer, of Seattle, Washington; one grandson, Harold Simmons, and one granddaughter, Josephine, of Kankakee.

The funeral was held at Dwight Sunday afternoon, April 26, at the Methodist Church, Rev. G. H. McClung, officiating. A quartette composed of Mrs. T. J. Hayes, Mrs. Lizzie Adams, Messrs. Oliver Naffziger and T. J. Hayes sang two beautiful selections.

The pall bearers were friends of the deceased and were Messrs. Jas. Reeder, John Dennehe, L. J. Trunnell and John Baker.

The body was laid to rest in Oak Lawn cemetery beside his first wife.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire in this way to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all friends for their sympathy and assistance at the time of the death of our father, John W. Simmons. We also wish to thank those who sang.

THE SIMMONS FAMILY.

### New Officials.

Tuesday evening was the date set for the meeting of the Board of Trustees for the old members to retire and the new ones to take their places. After the installation the Board consists of the following:

President, James Kelagher, (hold-over).

Trustees, P. D. Kern, Hans C. Rosendall, Gus Matzen, (holdovers); R. D. Gregg, Gus Ohlendorf, and J. W. Baker, who won out drawing lots with Robert Dunlap. One is a trustee and the other a near-trustee. J. W. Grady is the clerk.

This will leave the Board with a majority of the Citizen's ticket of four to two. This, however, is no time for party disagreements, but just the time to get together. The board is composed of business men and there is no reason why they should not get together on good business and economic questions, now that the saloon question is settled for two years.

The new Board will undoubtedly cut down expenses considerably, and agree on policies to raise money to take the place of the saloon license money.

The saloon licenses expire May 10, so that Saturday evening, the 9th, will be the last day. Probably that day will be quite wet.

Dwight is in a prosperous condition and the Board and all citizens should join hands and continue the march to the front.

There was quite a crowd present at the meeting, and one member remarked that he was glad something happened to bring out the people to see for themselves what was being done.

The regular bills were allowed by the old Board and business closed and the new members were sworn in.

The Womans Missionary Society of the Congregational Church will hold a meeting next Friday evening, May 8, at the church commencing at 7:30. A program will be given at which special music will be rendered. After the meeting a ten cent lunch will be served. Members bring your Mite Bags.

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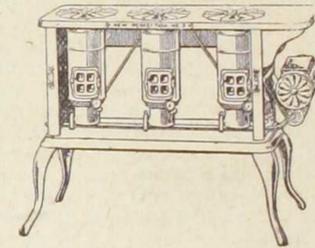
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