

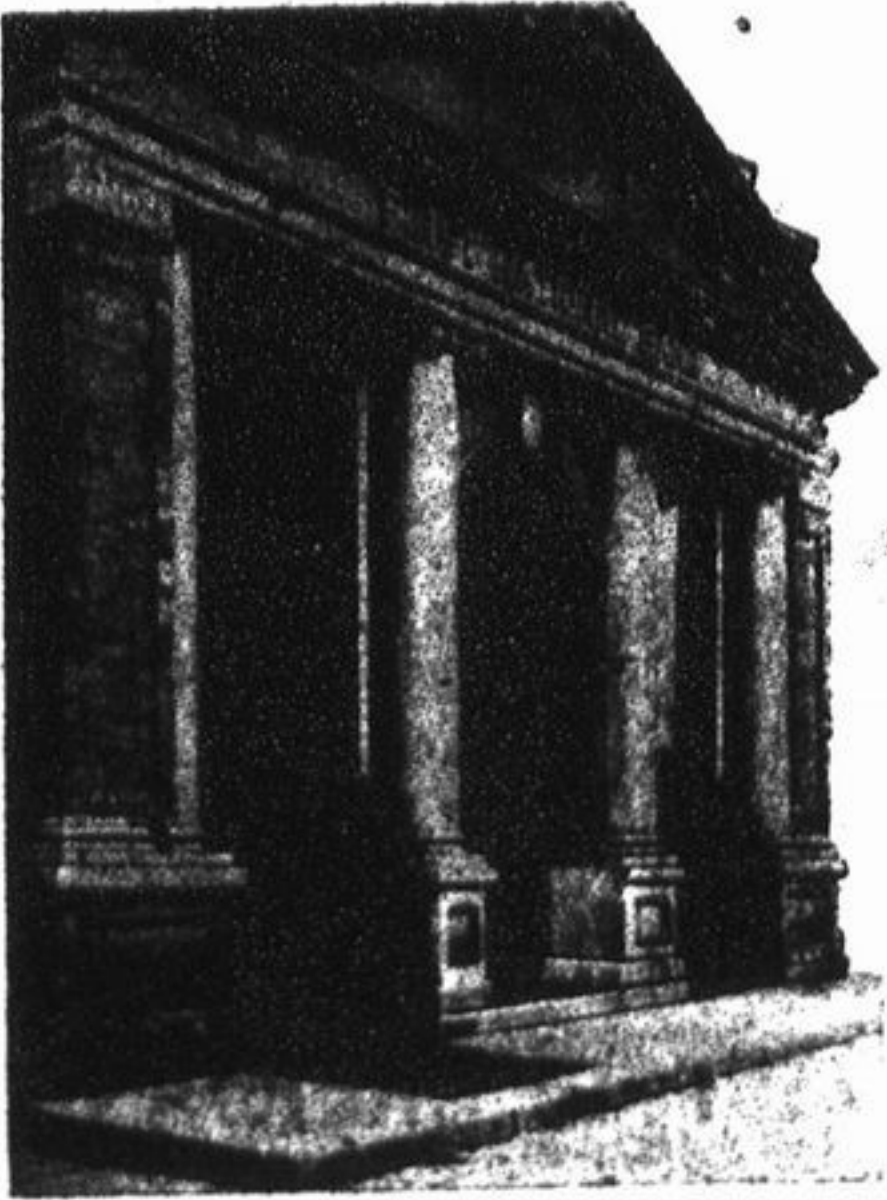
DOWNERS GROVE REPORT

"A Garden for Every Family in Downers Grove"—Mayor Kidwell. Plant, Plant, Plant.

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WHOLE



How Does It Benefit Me?

Business men believe in the Federal Reserve System, but many of them know little about it or how it operates.

To tell our community how the system benefits them and how they can contribute directly to its support, we have prepared a short pamphlet.

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- Our Own Blend Coffee per pound, 28c, 3 pounds 80c
- Fancy Santos Coffee per pound 21c
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NEW SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT NOW EFFECTIVE HERE

The village of Downers Grove underwent a transformation last Tuesday night, May 1, when it passed from the ancient village system of government to the commission form.

Old members of the board of village trustees and the new members of the commission hereafter intrusted with the village affairs met and in a few minutes the formalities of the change had been accomplished.

Before surrendering the reins of office, Capt. Anson Backus, president of the village, sang his swan song and in its measured notes gave wholesome advice to the five men who are now charged with the responsibility of managing the municipality.

The keys of the village proffered in a figurative sense were accepted by the new mayor, John F. Kidwell, and he and his colleagues set to work to organize for the work before them.

Most of the new commissioners have had experience on the village board and all have the confidence of the citizens.

The new officers of the village are: J. F. Kidwell, mayor, department of public affairs; I. G. Heardt, department of accounts and finances; W. C. Harber, department of public health and safety; Delbert Austin, department of streets and public improvements; Chas. Haller, department of public property.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Captain Anson Backus, president of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove, is about to resign his services as president of said board, and also to leave the said village to make his home elsewhere, it is fitting that some evidence of appreciation of the Business Men's Association of Downers Grove, as well as the citizens of said village, be permanently inscribed, commemorating our heartfelt thanks for his services; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Business Men's Association, for themselves and on behalf of the citizens of Downers Grove, request the Council of said village of Downers Grove to inscribe the following resolution on the minutes of their meeting; be it

Resolved, By the Downers Grove Business Men's Association, for themselves and on behalf of the citizens of Downers Grove that they express their deepest appreciation of the valuable services rendered this village by Captain Anson Backus during the past four years as president of this village; that this resolution be engrossed in appropriate form and signed by the members of the Village Board and the officers of the Business Men's Association, and that the seal of the Village of Downers Grove and the Business Men's Association be affixed and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Captain Backus at his new home, as a remembrance of his many warm friends in Downers Grove.

MR. JAMES G. PARKER.

The long journey of life, begun over eighty years ago, was ended by death for Mr. James G. Parker last Monday night, at his home, 149 Prince avenue. Although eighty years of age, Mr. Parker remained very active until nearly two weeks ago, when he suffered an attack of rheumatic fever, which, complicated with pneumonia, caused his death.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday, Rev. I. M. Grey of the Congregational church officiating. Interment was made in the West Side cemetery.

Mr. Parker was born in Gardner, Maine, January 4, 1837. He was united in marriage to Miss Angie M. Putnam at Newport, N. H., in 1869. They came to Downers Grove in 1905. He is survived by his wife, one son, Frank C. of Detroit, and one daughter, Gertrude, of this village, and by neighbors and friends who knew him.

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZED.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Downers Grove Tuesday night a vote of appreciation of the faithful, capable and effective service of the retiring president, Jonas R. Foster, was unanimously adopted. The new board was organized, J. R. Shaffer taking his seat as president and H. E. Tank as the new member. The following committees were appointed: Building and Grounds, Chairman, Charles Mochel, Ralph E. Rasmussen and Henry Tank; Finance, Chairman, H. P. Jones; Ralph Rasmussen and Henry Tank; Teachers and Schools, Chairman, F. E. Dove, Chas. Mochel and John W. Graves.

MEETINGS AT METHODIST CHURCH NEXT WEEK.

There will be meetings in the Methodist Church next week every night except Saturday. This is a part of a general program to be carried out in the Aurora district and involves a general exchange of pastors. There will be two ministers from other towns in the district each night. Among those who will speak in Downers Grove are Rev. H. V. Holt of Wheaton, J. M. Schneider and E. W. O'Neal of Joliet, C. F. Kiehnman of Naperville, L. B. Lott of Lombard; J. H. Williams of New Lenox, Jonathan Thompson of West Chicago, and C. J. Rose of Lockport.

CONSERVATION FORCES MOBILIZE IN VILLAGE.

Uncle Sam's Hoe Brigade Called Out—Knitting Class Called to Colors.

Enrollment of Downers Grove workers in the agricultural army back of the fighting line began today with the organization of Uncle Sam's Hoe Brigade, under the banner of the Conservation Department of the Community Welfare League of Downers Grove.

The recruiting station is the school house and the recruiting forces are the school boys and girls who will distribute enrollment blanks to every one in the village capable of wielding a hoe, a rake, or a spade in the battle for an adequate food supply.

Coincident with the forming of the brigade of workers, each of whom is expected to pledge himself or herself to a minimum number of hours' labor each week this summer on community garden tracts, was the appointment of a committee to obtain vacant lots and tracts for tilling for the benefit of the community. In addition an effort is being made to provide vacant lots for such persons as will agree to cultivate the land and who will guarantee to leave the field in the fall at least as free from weeds as when they took possession of it. To this end all persons having possession or control of vacant property which they do not wish to cultivate themselves, are requested to notify William H. Blodgett, chairman of the tillable land committee, at once, that the tracts may be apportioned to persons who wish to work.

Arrangements are being made to obtain control of a ten-acre tract, suitable for the cultivation of potatoes. This tract, when obtained, will be the principal farm of the Community League, and will be the scene of much of the field training of the Hoe Brigade.

All this, and more, was discussed at the Wednesday evening meeting of the Conservation Department, under the chairmanship of Prof. George C. Butler.

Every citizen is hereby notified to watch for the enrollment card of Uncle Sam's Hoe Brigade and requested to instantly enlist for the summer campaign that there may be plenty and to spare when winter comes. If you do not receive an enrollment card send your name at once to T. M. Campbell, chairman of the enrollment committee.

It costs money to rent land. It costs money—and such money—to buy seed, it costs money to plow and harrow. It costs money to buy Red Cross supplies. It costs money to aid the Y. M. C. A. that it may give clean, wholesome comforts to our boys who, with thousands of others of America's best blood have enlisted. And, since these necessary things cost money—be ready with a generous response when you are approached by a representative of the finance committee of the league, who will shortly call on you.

The Welfare Department of the Community Welfare League, the department which will seek to watch over the soldier and sailor boys of the village, and those who have left, met Wednesday afternoon at the call of the chairman of the department, Miss Fanny L. Stewart, and organized for the work by naming vice chairmen, one for each ward of the village, and selecting an advisory board. Its plan of action will be determined later.

Chairman Butler announced that an adjourned meeting of the Conservation department will be held next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp at Library Hall, to hear the reports of the land committee and to take definite steps in the summer's work.

The executive committee of the league will also meet Tuesday night for the transaction of important business. At this meeting the question of providing for Downers Grove's share in the Y. M. C. A. work will be taken up and a definite sum pledged, if possible, to that organization.

The department of workers for the Red Cross met Wednesday and continued the work of making comfort bags for soldiers; in addition a knitting class was organized under the instruction of Mrs. Frank Kaiser, where the mysteries of the steel needles and attendant ball of yarn will be elucidated. The knitting class will meet with the Workers for the Red Cross every Wednesday afternoon at Library Hall. A cordial invitation to every woman in or near the village to meet and sew with the Workers for the Red Cross is extended by the chairman of the department, Mrs. J. P. MacDonald.

Remember, the Community Welfare League is for every one and its object is to give each and all an opportunity to do something for Our Country.

The enrollment pledge of the Hoe Brigade reads:

UNCLE SAM'S HOE BRIGADE.
I hereby enroll myself a working member of Uncle Sam's Hoe Brigade of the Conservation Department of the Community Welfare League of Downers Grove and pledge myself to perform — hours' labor every week this summer on community tracts, at the call of the captain of the Hoe Brigade.
(Signed) _____
Date _____

Emery Edwards, son of W. H. Edwards, returned Wednesday morning from Los Angeles, Calif., where he has lived for the past two years. He will spend the summer in Downers Grove.

COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS SELECTED MONDAY

Community Welfare League Launches Plans for Helping the U. S. A.

The "Community Welfare League" met at Library Hall Monday evening at the call of its president, Mayor John F. Kidwell, to perfect the organization.

The rainy weather kept many away who are no doubt interested in the great work this league will do, not only for this immediate vicinity, but in helping the country at large.

The first order of business was the adoption of the constitution and by-laws, as drafted by the constitution committee.

This provides for the officers, department heads just what the organization proposes to do. Quoting articles 2 and 3 of the constitution—

Article II. The object of this league shall be to demonstrate the loyalty of Downers Grove by affording every resident of the village and its environs an opportunity to help our country in the present crisis, and to encourage all to work for that cause to the full extent of their ability and to promote the general welfare of the community.

Article III. Every man, woman and child in and near the village, who is loyal to the United States of America, shall be eligible to membership.

The following officers were elected: President, John F. Kidwell; Vice-President, J. W. Graves; Recording Secretary, W. J. Staats; Treasurer, John L. Summers; Corresponding Secretary, Edward F. Lacey.

The following committees were appointed by the organization committee of thirty and ratified by the league:

Finance Committee—J. W. Hughes, L. B. Wells, Lee Singletary, Guy L. Bush, L. C. Mahoney.
Auditing Committee—D. L. Keiffig, F. E. Dove, E. H. Huntington.
Resolution Committee—W. B. Towles, T. H. Slosser, J. P. McDonald, A. Michel.

Publicity Committee—H. P. Jones, C. H. Staats, T. M. Campbell, R. L. Kellogg, Mrs. E. G. Lemon.
Executive Committee—The officers, heads of committees and of departments and three members at large who are, E. R. Dunnagan, W. H. Blodgett and J. W. Nash.

The heads of departments were selected as follows: Welfare, Miss Fanny Stewart; Conservation, Prof. G. C. Butler; Farms, Chas. Mochel; Workers of the Red Cross, Mrs. J. P. McDonald.

A. C. Miskelly addressed those present regarding the raising of money for the army work of the Y. M. C. A. An effort is being made to raise \$2,000,000 in the United States for this work. It has been figured by those in charge that Downers Grove share of this enormous sum would be \$500 and the league has been asked to take the raising of this money into consideration. It was generally discussed and the members by a rising vote showed they favored the Y. M. C. A. work, but were unwilling to saddle the responsibility of promising this sum of money so soon after organizing.

Those present at this meeting signified in which department of the league they would work.

The conservation department, that is, the growing of estates and conserving of food, will be the large department. Everyone, old and young, can "do his bit" planting, cultivating and harvesting. Prof. G. C. Butler is heading this important branch and volunteers can "sign up" by getting in touch with him, or with one of the officers.

CONFERENCE SENDS REV. GROTE TO GENESEO.

Rev. Wm. E. Grote, who has very ably directed the destinies of the First Evangelical Church, for the past year, was given the charge of the Evangelical church at Geneseo by the conference last week.

The conference body, which met at Washington, Ill., returned the Rev. Straube to Red Oak, Rev. Stamm to Oak Park and Rev. Schmitt to Lane Park, these are former pastors of the local church. Rev. Ed. Diener, a former resident of Downers Grove, was returned to his charge at Alton, Ill.

The Geneseo church is larger than the one here. They have just remodeled the building and have installed a large pipe organ. Rev. Grote will also have charge of the work at Rock Island, Ill., which is only twenty-four miles from his future home.

Rev. G. P. Nuffer, formerly of the Kansas conference, now a resident of Naperville, will have charge of the church here. He will continue his residence in Naperville.

We are very sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Grote. In their short stay in Downers Grove they have endeared themselves to their congregation and to all with whom they have had dealings. We hope a great success is in store for them in their new charge; they will have the good wishes of Downers Grove to go with them.



MAY FIRST

Is Nationally known as "moving day" but the best move the young man or young woman of today can make is to open a Savings Account at a strong State Bank and save a little each month. Some day this "move" will assure them a home of their own.

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"MARKET BASKET SYSTEM OF SELLING."

Fred Gerwig Says "Carrying Home Groceries Will Save Money."

The new system of selling groceries and meats which Fred Gerwig & Son will adopt Monday is known as the "Cash and Carry Plan." A better name, in our estimation, is the "Market Basket System."

Cash for merchandise, with a charge for service, is the keystone of the system. For many years the folks who paid cash for their groceries and carried them home have thought they should get a reduction in prices paid by "charge and deliver" customers. This seems only fair.

LOCAL RECRUITS "LEAVE FOR FRONT."

John Bryan, Jr., to South Carolina and Rudolph Mochel and R. McElroy to Boston.

Three of the local fellows who have enlisted in the last three weeks have gone "to the front." It may be that their final destination will be France and they may never leave the friendly shores of the United States. Wherever they go, however, the good wishes of their many friends left behind go with them.

Robert McElroy and Rudolph Mochel, who joined the Navy, and received but a week's training at the Great Lakes Training Station, left early Wednesday morning for Boston, Mass. In this harbor they will be transferred to one of the United States battleships or cruisers. John Bryan, Jr., left Monday evening for Port Royal, South Carolina, a member of the Marine corps. Here he will receive the training necessary to make him a first class fighting man and a "soldier of the sea." These three youngsters, for one can hardly call them anything else, are the youngest of the "boys" who have enlisted from Downers Grove, and are the first to be called.