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These few lines you are now reading were printed from the first slugs our new Intertype composing machine cast.

This is the most recent of line casting machines and being a recent invention, is modern in every respect. We expected to have our Intertype in shape to set this week's issue, but unavoidable delays intervened.

The machine will be fully explained in our next issue. Come in and look it over.

WANT BOOKS AND MAGAZINES FOR U. S. SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

An organized movement among the chapters of the D. A. R. all over the country is busy gathering up books and magazines for the soldiers and sailors of the United States.

Any local people who would like to contribute reading matter to this worthy cause can send the same to Mrs. L. L. Hannum, secretary of the local D. A. R. chapter. She will see that the same is forwarded to the proper place, where good use will be made of it by the boys in khaki and drab.

HARRIET LOUISE HAWKINS.

Miss Harriet Louise Hawkins, for many years a resident of Downers Grove, passed to rest May 17 at San Francisco, in her eighty-fourth year. Older residents of the village will remember the kindly lady who with her sisters took an active part in the church and social affairs of the town in the late eighties and early nineties. In Downers Grove she made her home with her sister, Mrs. Henrietta Emigh, and all who knew her were numbered among her friends. She moved to California several years ago.

JUNE 5th DATE SET FOR YOUNG MEN TO REGISTER

Every Male Between Twenty-one and Thirty Years Old Must Register.

Tuesday, June 5, is the day set by President Wilson as "Selective Draft Registration Day."

On this day every man in the United States between the ages of 21 and 30 is to be registered under the selective draft bill recently passed by Congress and the Senate.

Every man between these ages must register. It is generally understood that single men, without dependents, will be the first to be drafted, but this does not exclude married men from registering on this day.

Every precinct in Downers Grove Township will be used and the same polling places used in the last elections will be available for this purpose. Judges of election who have been serving pretty continuously for the last few years have been asked to volunteer their services and most of them will serve as registrars on this day.

Sheriff Hesterman, who has charge of the registration machinery in Du Page County, has the blanks for this purpose at his office and says everything is lining up in fine shape to get the name of every man in the county liable under the draft law for service.

According to "dopesters" of the draft system, the men of the ages between 21 and 30 will comprise 10 per cent of the population. If this is so over 500 names should be on the registers of the two precincts here a week from Tuesday. The population of the two voting districts must be more than 5,000, so this is a conservative estimate.

The penalty for not registering on this day is one year in jail. There is no alternative of a fine, the jail sentence being the only penalty prescribed.

According to present plans of the War Department all voluntary service will be stopped after June 5, and the regular army and navy will be filled by draft. This is in addition to the first army of 500,000 men who will receive training at the camps provided for this purpose.

Men who are too sick to go to the polls and register or who expect not to be in the Grove on June 5 should make application for the blanks now and have them filed.

"DAVEY" INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Clifford Davenport was severely injured about the face and neck in an automobile accident near Naperville last Sunday.

He was riding with Herbert Ehninger in the latter's car, bound for Naperville, when they were run into by John Babel in a large seven passenger machine. The boys were on the right hand road going west, and so was Mr. Babel, going east.

In telling of the accident "Davey" said: "It looked almost as if we were going to have a head-on collision. The two cars were on the same road and we could not turn out for the large machine, there being a deep ditch on the right side of the road at that point. We were about twelve feet from the oncoming car when 'Herb' turned out to the left. Just as he did so the other fellow turned out also, smashing our car considerably."

He was thrown through the windshield by the force of the impact. Ehninger escaped with no injuries. He was driving and the steering wheel gave him something to brace against, so stayed in the car. Dr. Truitt of Naperville dressed the wounds, taking thirty stitches in his face and neck. He is still under the care of Dr. Bebb.

The case has been put in the hands of Attorney T. Harry Slusser by the boys, who think they have a good case against Mr. Babel.

WORD RECEIVED FROM NORMAN ANDERSEN

Young Man Who Left for France on Board Ship When Nurses Were Killed.

The following letter was received late yesterday evening from Norman Andersen, who left here last Wednesday night with Hospital Unit No. 12, composed mostly of students from Northwestern University.

His many friends here will be pleased to learn of his safety and also to get a direct word of the accident that cost the lives of two members of the party.

Aboard S. S. Mongolla, May 21, 1917. Downers Grove Reporter.

Downers Grove, Ill. Gentlemen: You have no doubt heard by this time of the accident that has befallen us. Yesterday about 2:30 our gunners were having target practice, when a defective shell from our aft gun shot off a few pieces of brass which hit three of our nurses. Two of these died, but the other is not seriously hurt. No one else was hurt or injured. These are the facts of the incident, so don't be further alarmed.

Am having a fairly good trip and hope we land there (England) safely. At present we are sailing back to New York, but expect to be out of there in a few days. Yours truly,
N. E. ANDERSEN.

INSTANTLY KILLED AT EAST GROVE

Mrs. Catherine Zaucha, 233 Giertz street, East Grove, was killed at the East Grove station at 4:45 A. M. today.

Mrs. Zaucha was in the city with her son, A. Zaucha, to see her daughter, who was seriously ill. They caught the last train for East Grove. As the train was pulling up to the station Mrs. Zaucha walked out of the car and stepped off the step before the train stopped, her neck was broken and she was instantly killed.

C. F. Davis has the body in his undertaking office, where the inquest will be held this afternoon. It is said that her daughter died last night.

Dr. M. L. Puffenbeger attended a banquet and reception given to Col. Goodrich on Tuesday evening at the La Salle hotel. Dr. Goodrich belongs to the Royal Army and Medical Corps of England.

Read the President's Proclamation at the postoffice and at the ticket office of the "Q."

Mr. Charles Hitch has been engaged as bookkeeper for the village.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. N. G. Oliver, of Baptist Church, to Preach to Graduates.

Rev. N. G. Oliver, pastor of the First Baptist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the members of the graduating class of the Downers Grove High School at the Methodist church Sunday evening, May 26.

In this service the churches of Downers Grove will unite, as they have done in the past. Plans were under way to have this sermon delivered in the Baptist church, but the Methodist edifice will seat more than any building in the village, hence the change in plans.

The Baptist choir is drilling hard to furnish music for the occasion, one of the great moments in the life of the 1917 class.

Next week will be a busy week for these graduates, numbering twenty-two—eleven boys and eleven girls.

The baccalaureate sermon Sunday night will be "class night" at the assembly hall. This is an innovation for Downers Grove High School graduates, and should prove popular. Invitations for the evening is by card. On next Friday evening comes the climax of the students' entire school life—graduation.

The exercises will be held in the Methodist church and over five hundred invitations have been issued for this event. An added touch of interest comes from the fact that five members of this class have enlisted and the call may come any day for their leaving Downers Grove for intensive training before being sent to the front in France.

It is expected that a very large congregation will be present at the Methodist church to listen to the baccalaureate sermon next Sunday night, as in the past this yearly event seats the church to capacity.

NAPER POST, NO. 468, TO OBSERVE DECORATION DAY.

Journey to Hinsdale in the Morning—Strew Flowers on Soldiers' Graves in the Afternoon.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICE AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Resting places of the boys of '61 will be visited Decoration Day and garlanded with flowers by their comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. As in other years, Napier Post, No. 468, of Downers Grove, will visit Hinsdale the morning of Decoration Day and pay their tribute to the soldiers who sleep in the Fullersburg cemetery. In the afternoon the Post will return and with like solemn ceremonies visit the graves of the soldiers who slumber beneath the green of the local cemeteries. Appropriate addresses will be made at the cemeteries in the evening, the veterans will be the guests of the Ladies of the Maccabees at supper in the Methodist church parlors.

There will be a memorial service at the Congregational church Sunday afternoon, May 27, Memorial Sunday.

HENRIETTA M. COURTRIGHT.

Mrs. Henrietta M. Courtright, wife of H. H. Courtright, formerly of this village and mother of Harry and Lon Courtright, died Friday, May 18, at her home in Los Angeles. Word of her death brought remembrance of her kindly ways to her friends here, where she made her home for several years. Funeral services were held in Oakwoods cemetery, Chicago, Friday, May 25.

U. S. ROE BRIGADE SOON TO BE CALLED TO GARDEN TRACT

Tract for Co-Operative Cultivation Leased and Many Bushels to Be Planted on Shares.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR SEED—RED CROSS WORKERS ACTIVE.

Agricultural efforts of the Community League in its work of adding to the available food supply for the winter are largely centering on potatoes. Two plans have been decided on—one calls for furnishing potatoes for seed to active farmers who have agreed to plant and cultivate the tubers and give the league half of the crop from the fields so planted, and the other calls for individual work on the part of members of the league on a tract of two acres of excellent land which has been leased and which will be planted with late potatoes.

The community tract is a short distance south of the village in Main street and is readily accessible to all who desire to demonstrate their prowess with the hoe. The ground is in good shape, and while Du Page County can scarcely be called fine potato country, still a crop of fair size can be expected and, barring accidents or unusual climatic conditions upwards of two hundred bushels should be realized from the two acres.

A final canvass of the neighboring farmers is being made to determine the quantity of potatoes which must be bought for planting on shares.

The committee in charge of planting has decided to devote the co-operative energy of the league to potatoes rather than to other crops for the reason that better results can be obtained from a yield of tubers than from any other available crop. In addition careful checking of the activities of the village has shown that nearly every one interested in the league has more or less land under cultivation and consequently comparatively little time to devote to community farming.

Much progress has been made in bringing under cultivation waste land in the village and a number of persons anxious to obtain a lot to work through the summer have been accommodated. Our forists report an unusually busy season in tomato, cabbage and kindred plants and the village stores have been selling seeds at an unprecedented rate.

Amateur farmers need not be discouraged because frost has nipped some of their early plantings, but should remember the old saying: "If at first the seed don't grow, plant plant again."

Since Downers Grove has upwards of fifty young men in the service of the nation in the various fighting units, most of whom will spend months in training camps before they are prepared for the great adventure, more attention is being paid to the Y. M. C. A. and its work in the concentration camps.

The army Y. M. C. A. stands in a peculiar position, and particularly in the training camps and in cantonments serves a noble purpose. Its buildings furnish a convenient meeting place for soldiers; afford facilities for social enjoyment and present clean, healthy relaxation to the boys weary from long drill or march. In the Y. M. C. A. tent of hall books and periodicals are found; facilities for writing home are at hand, motion pictures are displayed, and opportunities given for healthy amusement which tend to banish evil associations which otherwise might be unduly pressed upon the boys left to their own devices far from home and amid unfamiliar surroundings.

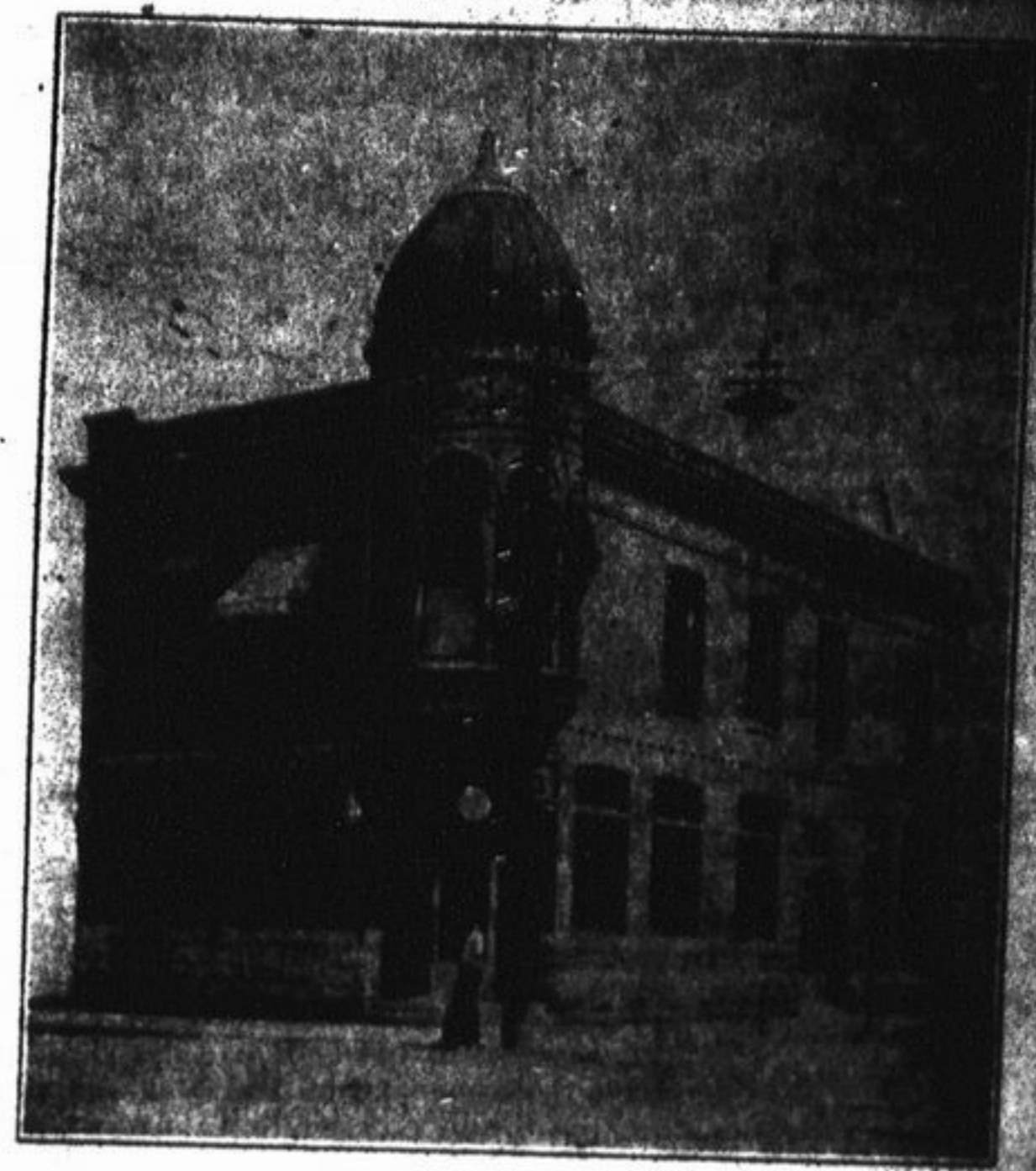
To help the soldier and sailor boys of Downers Grove and of the nation is one of the prime objects of the Community League, so in giving to the league do not forget to specify that a portion of your subscription should go to the Y. M. C. A.

An unusually fine meeting of the workers for the Red Cross department of the league was held last Wednesday. The knitting class under the charge of Mrs. Frank Kaiser received a number of recruits and more than a dozen pairs of socks have been completed, together with still more wristlets. Surgical supplies are being made now by the workers.

Announcement was made at the meeting by Mrs. J. P. McDonald, chairman of the department, that classes in First Aid would soon be formed under the supervision of Dr. Bebb. Later it is planned to establish classes in elementary hygiene and home nursing.

Because of Decoration Day, the next meeting of the department of workers for the Red Cross will be postponed a week and will be held the first Wednesday in June in place of next week Wednesday.

The Baptist choir will meet tonight at the home of Miss Grace Towsley to practice for the baccalaureate service to be held in the Methodist church Sunday evening.



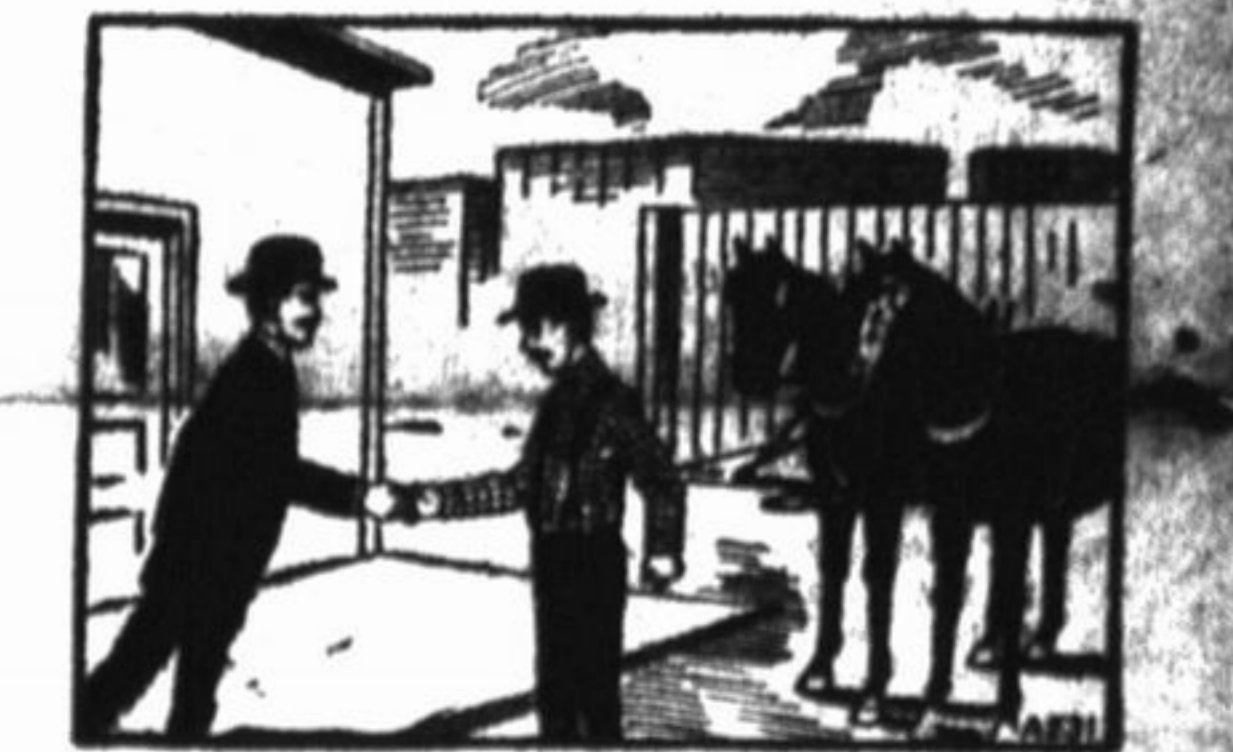
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