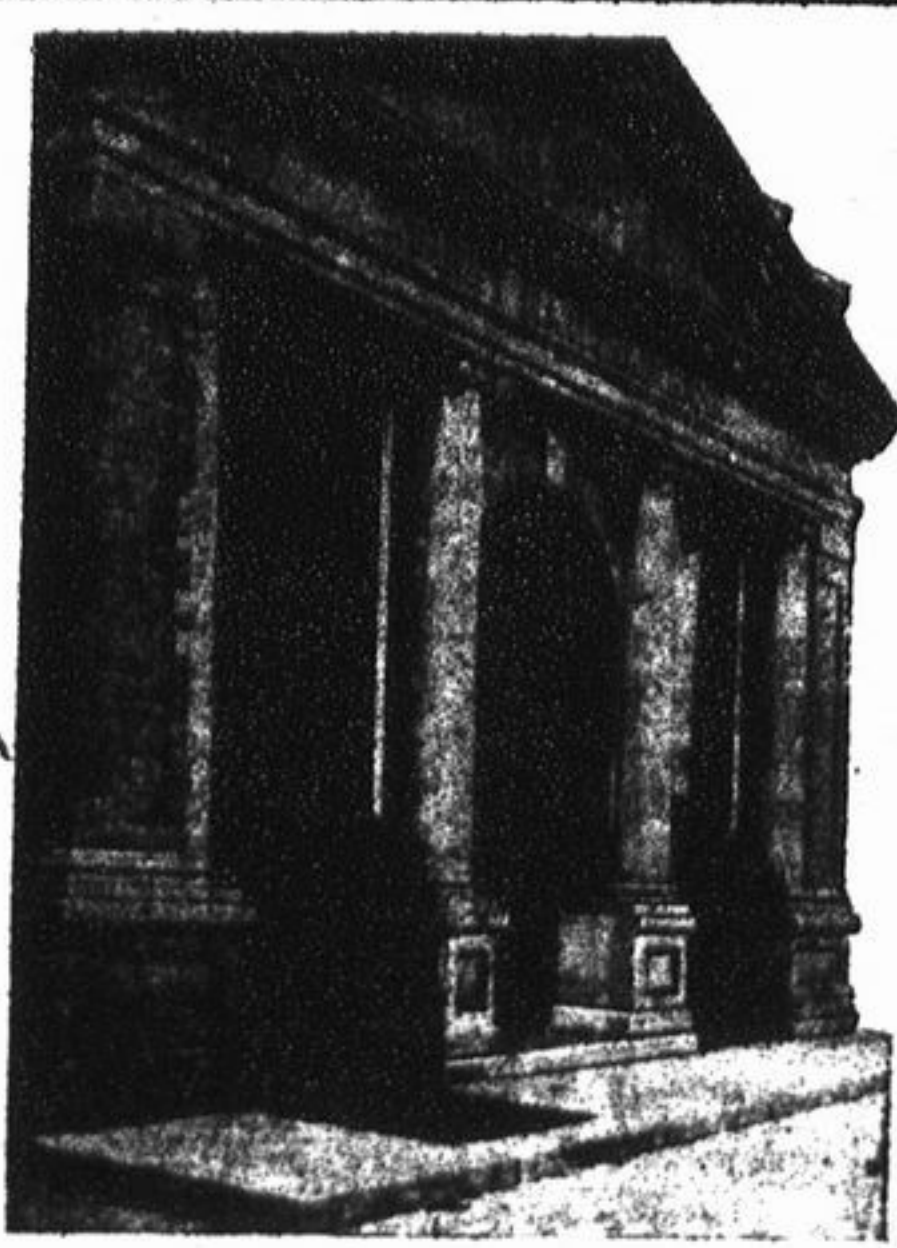


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It Takes More Than a Sign Over the Door to Make a Bank

It takes experience, brains and above all the proper organization for the protection of depositors.

This bank is under National control. Its books are regularly examined by the proper officials. Every transaction must meet the approval of their rigid requirements.

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- Large package Washington Crisp Corn Flakes.....10c
- Wheat Hearts Breakfast Food (like Cream of Wheat).....1 pound 10c; 5 pounds 45c
- Imp. Grecian Figs, 15c per pound; 2 pounds.....27c
- Biscuits—excellent for shortening—pound.....25c
- Calin Olive Soap, 3 bars for.....25c
- Large can Kipperd Herring.....25c
- Jiffy Jell—all flavor, 2 packages for.....25c
- Runkels Cocoa, 1-2 pound can.....16c
- Chaferfield Caramel Cream, for cake filling, per can.....21c
- BRER RABBIT, pure New Orleans Molasses, per can.....15c

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PERMANENT HEAD-QUARTERS FOR LOCAL RED CROSS

Farmers & Merchants Bank Donate Room in Building—To be Open Every Day

Permanent headquarters have been secured for the Downers Grove branch of the Red Cross and the women doing work for the soldiers and sailors and European war sufferers will now have an opportunity to get together daily and some evenings each week. The Farmers & Merchants, through Cashier V. Simonson, offered the use of the rooms above the bank that were formerly occupied by Dr. Hartnack and these were accepted by the executive board. The bank will not only donate the rent but will also provide heat. It is believed that the village will contribute light.

The Red Cross branch has been hampered somewhat by inability to use library hall when and as much as it desired. Consequently a search for quarters that would be available at all times was made. The problem was solved by the generous offer of the bank. The branch expects to get into its new location next week. The Downers Grove Garage Co. has offered to move the sewing machines and other paraphernalia now at the library to the bank building site. More women workers are needed. While it is desirable that those help should come on specific days, an emergency service is the sort that the best results, those unable to

get away from home duties. The surgical dressing committee will also move from the library to the new Red Cross headquarters. These are now working Tuesday evenings and will soon be several evenings a week. With the headquarters kept open in the evening women and young ladies working in the city will be given an opportunity to show their patriotism. They will be given instruction in knitting and Red Cross sewing. It is hoped that the suburban trains will, in the near future, be carrying many knitters. Those going in every day will be able to accomplish much as the trip, back and forth, takes approximately an hour and twenty minutes a day and that much knitting regularly will get results rapidly. Arrangements for the patriotic mass meeting to be held under the auspices of the Red Cross on Wednesday evening, Nov. 21, were also made by the executive board. The clergy of the city will be asked to handle the program. There will be congregational singing of patriotic songs and a good chorus leader will be secured. Mrs. Dorothy Sears, who is to speak, is one of the best talkers serving under the auspices of the Chicago chapter of the Red Cross. Being a former Shakespearean actress she can put forth in most interesting manner the valuable information which she collected in the two and a half years that she spent in the belligerent countries since the war started. The executive board also authorized the expenditure of local funds for fifty Christmas bags for soldiers. These are much like the comfort kits that the Downers Grove boys were provided with when they volunteered. They contain, in addition, however, candy and some other delicacies. These Christmas bags are not financed by the American Red Cross but will be distributed by it. Consequently it was necessary for the Downers Grove branch to use some of its own funds for this purpose. All materials used in other lines

JESSE E. OLDFIELD DIED AT HOME IN CASS

Jesse E. Oldfield passed away Thursday evening, Nov. 1, after a few days suffering from pneumonia. Funeral services were held last Sunday from the home at 1:30 and the church at 2:00 o'clock, friends, neighbors and relatives from near and far filling the Cass church to its capacity. Rev. W. H. Burnett conducted the services, Miss Mariana Roe and Mr. Chas. Roe rendering several duets. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery where he was laid to rest in the family lot beside his wife and those who have gone before. Life-long friends or business associates of Mr. Oldfield acted as pall bearers. They were, Herman Welk, of Lemont, William Beagley, of Or-

The next year he purchased a team and went into the drayage business at the same time cultivating a patch of potatoes near the outskirts of the city. In the fall he hauled them into Chicago for 15 cents a bushel, at that time several loads would flood the Chicago market. After this he worked on a farm for his brother John, moving with him to what is now Cass in 1849. On November 5, 1861 he was united in marriage to Miss Amanda H. Lyon whose home was where Chas. Oldfield now lives and where Mr. Oldfield passed away. Fourteen children, four sons and ten daughters, blessed this



land, Ill., Robert Chilvers of Riverside, Levi Mertz of Downers Grove, and Richard Evans and Chas. Orchard of Cass.

Jesse E. Oldfield came to the United States in 1845 in company with his brother, John and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Batterham and Mr. and Mrs. Atwood. The first nine months after his arrival were spent on a New York farm working for \$6 a month. He arrived in Chicago the following December making the trip via the Erie canal, joining a gang of cord wood cutters on the north branch of the Chicago river, he being cook for the outfit. For this work he received three "shillings" a day.

The surviving children are: Joseph Oldfield, Mrs. Mary Atwood of Vandalia, Ill., Mrs. Clara Welch of Chicago, Ella Gransie of Hagerstown, Ill., Mrs. Frances Littleford of Downers Grove, Elmer Oldfield of Dorville, Kas., Mrs. J. M. Shoppard of Lockport and Mrs. Chas. Hawkins and Chas. Oldfield, Jr., both of Sturgis, Ill. Mr. Oldfield was engaged in the stock business most of his life and in answer to a question as to what principles a man should follow in order to succeed recently said, "A man must be honest, industrious and saving in order to succeed."

SALESMAN NEAR DEATH AS TRAIN STRIKES AUTO

New Ford Smashed by Rockford Special at Maple Avenue Crossing Yesterday.

Emil Myers of Chicago, a salesman for John Hetzel & Co., meat packers, died last night as a result of injuries sustained when the Ford in which he was riding was struck by the Rockford special. The accident happened at the dangerous Maple Avenue crossing while Mr. Myers was on the way to the Grove to make his weekly call on the local trade.

The engineer of the flyer stopped his train as quickly as possible and the train crew picked up the injured man and brought him here. Drs. Tope and Gourley were called and gave first aid as Mr. Myers lay on a stretcher in the depot. He was then removed to the L. Klein home on Curtiss street where he received further treatment. Later in the morning he was taken to Alexian Brothers hospital, Chicago, in the Hinsdale ambulance.

Mr. Myers' worst injury was a bad scalp wound, and numerous cuts and bruises and the shock of the accident left him dazed. As far as can be learned the accident happened in this way. Mr. Myers' new Ford had just topped the grade at Maple Avenue coming west, when he saw the train thundering down the track. Just as he jumped the pilot of the engine hit the auto throwing it upon him. The car was smashed almost beyond recognition.

WAR MOVIES AT THE CURTISS

The Curtiss Theatre will run next week and after some great war movies at their shows.

Tomorrow night they will show the first two reels of the Official government pictures of the "Battle of the Somme." We understand two reels of this picture will be run each Saturday night until it is finished. The picture itself is one of the most realistic to come out of the war zone. Actual battle scenes are reproduced and prospective soldiers and others who are going to see service "over there" can see the conditions for themselves.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, they will show the official pictures taken by the government, "Who Leads the National Army." These intensely interesting pictures show the training of our reserve officers from the day they enter the camps until they "graduate." Real war conditions are followed in the training of these officers and the "lessons" training will establish

WARNING!

The propagandist wave has struck Downers Grove in a new guise. Rumor bearers are carrying the tale that the government is to inspect every cellar in Downers Grove and to make a list of all canned fruits and vegetables and all stored vegetables. Another story is that the government is to take all such fruits and vegetables above a certain amount. Another story is that the government is to levy a tax of 10 cents on each can of fruit and vegetables and each bushel of stored vegetables. Do not be deceived.

The government is not sending agents to take a census of food in cellars, it is not taking food from cellars, it is not levying a tax on canned goods and stored goods.

Spreading these reports either thru malice or ignorance is an offense against the United States government and is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

If any one visits your home pretending to be an officer of the government and asking to take a census of goods in the cellar, telephone for the police.

OTHER LOCAL BOYS "OVER THERE"

In mentioning the names of local boys who are now in France in last week's Reporter, we inadvertently omitted the names of four.

One of these, Norman Andersen, was the first Downers Grove boy to get into action, he is with Base Hospital No. 12 and has been in active service several months.

The others are: Alfred Straube, Robert Carpenter and George Beyers, all with regiments of American Railway Engineers and presumably building, repairing and operating the roads behind the lines and doing other work usual approporiated to an engineering unit.

ANNOUNCEMENT

No longer will it be necessary to go out of town to buy your meat in order to save money. L. Klein announces that on and after Thursday, Nov. 15th he will go on a strictly cash basis.

The great saving of the cash over the credit system will enable him to set the same high grade meats at a considerable reduction from former prices.

Small profits and cash in hand will benefit the consumer. Remember strictly cash and 5 cents for delivery. Save cash by paying cash.

L. Klein.

WOMAN POWER OF DOWNERS GROVE REGISTERING FAST

Registrars Almost Swamped Last Night—Still Time to "Sign the Big Roll"

Downers Grove women are patriotic. This was proven at Library hall this week when hundreds of the local girls and women "signed the roll" in the effort to list the Woman Power of our country.

Up to the closing hour last night 475 had registered and told of the work they could do to help "make the world safe for democracy."

One hundred and fifty five of these is the record for yesterday and last night.

Women wanting to register last night almost swamped the registrars and a waiting line was formed of women who wished to go on record that they were good American citizens.

After women had been registered they were asked to sign the "Hoover Pledge Cards" and over four hundred of these are in. They are pledges that housewives will save all the food possible and this is one of Food Administrator Hoover's saving stunts.

The fact that there is yet time to register, cannot be too strongly impressed upon the minds of all. Registrars will be at the Library, this and tomorrow afternoons and tomorrow evening until nine o'clock enrolling the late comers. If you have not already done so, REGISTER NOW!

The local Woman's Committee of the National Council of Defense has this work in charge and have been perfecting the details for the past month. A corps of twenty-four registrars, under the leadership of Mrs. Mable H. Jones, has been working in relays each afternoon and evening. The afternoon hours are from two until five and the evening from seven to nine.

If you haven't registered, do so now. You have this afternoon (Friday) and tomorrow afternoon and evening to list yourself as backing up American boys, now in the trenches.

CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR LOCAL SOLDIERS PACKED AND SENT

Effort Made to Remember Every Local Boy in Service With Gifts.

"Christmas boxes for Downers Grove soldiers in France." This slogan opened up the hearts and incidentally the pockets of Downers Grove citizens this week. The plea was for a variety of presents for Downers Grove boys with "Black Jack" Pershing in the American Expeditionary Forces and Downers Grove responded nobly.

Like all good ideas it had its beginning in a small way. S. J. Perkin conceived the idea that local boys would appreciate a little remembrance from home at Christmas time. He confided his idea to a representative of the Reporter who immediately grasped and pushed the good work along.

Almost instantly after the appeal was made, donations commenced to roll in. They came so fast that elaboration of the original idea was possible and every Downers Grove boy, known, who is serving Uncle Sam, will receive a gift from the citizens of this village.

The boxes that will go across the water were packed last night by Mr. and Mrs. Perkin, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nash and daughter, Kathryn, and Edwin Frank, who worked until a late hour getting them in shape for shipment. Those to other young men in this country will go as soon as possible, and by the way, it is not too late now to include your contribution for these later shipments.

Over thirty dollars in money, besides the many articles donated, was received. Old and young, came in with their bit toward the fund, the school children making up a purse of \$15.00 alone. This amount came in nickels, dimes and pennies, showing that almost every child had donated.

One youngster asked Mr. Perkin if he could send something too and upon being assured that he could, stepped out and purchased two little briar pipes, that will make happy the heart of two local boys. If they knew how this little fellow was probably saving his money for another purpose and cheerfully gave it toward the fund, they would be happier.

Included in the list are the following diversified articles: shaving soap, tea, handkerchiefs, shoe strings, darning cotton, sleeve holders, soap containers, military mirrors, Waneta peanut bars, Hershey chocolate bars, Old Hickory Nougats, figs, dates, horehound squares, sandwiches, after dinner mints, plum pudding, fruit cakes, canned salmon, three varieties of sugar wafers, jellies, jams, marmalade, honey, peanut butter, preserves, Indian soaps, tobacco, pipes, cigars, cigarettes and papers, nuts and books.

If you know of a Downers Grove boy who is serving with the colors, give Mr. Perkin his name and address or phone it to the Reporter office. Do this even if you think it is known that the young man is serving. Those heading the movement do not wish anyone to be left off the list.

INDIAN SUMMER

The "Indian" summer weather we have been enjoying the past week was not looked for, never-the-less welcomed. An enterprising local man has secured that this little spell of the real warm days has served 100 tons of coal in the Downers Grove area. The

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