

### Downers Grove Reporter

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AMERICA FIRST!

### CHRISTMAS, NINETEEN-SEVENTEEN

Not many days hence the sun will rise upon another Christmas day, another anniversary of that day forever remembered for the greatest gift ever made to man, the Christ child whose life has been the inspiration of millions of the good, the brave and pure who through the years have toiled and suffered that man might be more free.

Perhaps upon that day the old time greeting of "Merry Christmas," may bear a shade of melancholy for thoughts of joy and merriment are all but banished by the terrible fact of war and though we listen to the prattle of gleeful children our hearts perforce are much with those who have gone from us to battle for the right.

And so perchance it may not be a Merry Christmas which we shall see, but in its best sense the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of that greatest gift to man, is visible throughout the world in plainer vision than it has been before.

From every land where justice, humanity, brotherly love and kindness have a home, men are going forth, freely offering the greatest gift which they can bring—their lives—to humanity that through this sacrifice the world now, and the peoples to come, may not lose the blessing of freedom and of liberty and that brotherly love may not become a by-word.

Nor is the sacrifice confined to the young men who fare forth to the great adventure this Christmas time. Those who remain behind have each their gift to give, and each has opportunity to find a greater share of the Christmas spirit. Never was there greater need to give. To every eye is visible a beckoning hand. In every ear rings the cry, "Help us." Only by answering the mute appeal or the anguished cry may we hope to share in the blessedness of this saddest and yet greatest of all Christmas times.

### MEALS FOR MEATLESS AND WHEATLESS DAYS

Meatless and wheatless days have found some of the housewives "up a stump" for savory dishes to put before their families. In order to help out the housewives on the wheatless day and the meatless day The Reporter will print a menu for each week for these two days.

Any of the receipts can be obtained from Mrs. Lemon of Highland ave.

#### MEATLESS DAY

##### Breakfast

Steamed rice with figs  
Corn and rye pancakes  
Fish sausage

##### Luncheon

Spaghetti with cheese sauce  
Rye Muffins  
Cocoa

##### Dinner

Baked Macaroni and oysters  
Baked sweet potatoes  
Celery  
Bran bread and butter  
Cherry Cottage pudding  
Cherry sauce  
Coffee

#### WHEATLESS DAY

##### Breakfast

Corn flakes with oranges

Cheese omelet  
Barley and raisin pudding  
Corn and bran gems

Cream potatoes  
Coffee  
Lunchbox

Baked Salmon hash  
Rye bread and butter  
Barley and raisin pudding

Chow chow  
Dinner  
Cocoa

Neck of mutton and vegetables en cassarole  
Beet pickle

Hot corn bread and butter  
Apple pie, wheatless crust  
Coffee or tea

Wheatless Pie Crust  
1 lb. barley flour, 4 oz. lard, tea- spoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon sugar, tea- spoon baking powder, a little nut- meg, a little water to mix dough.

Barley and Raisin Pudding  
1 well beaten egg, add 4 table- spoons sugar, a little nutmeg, 1 salt

## A Present for Santa Claus

By ELINOR MARSH



EDWINA'S mother was busy putting mince pies into the oven, so she did not notice the little girl when she passed through the room. Edwina wore her warm winter coat and tam-o'-shanter, and her fat fingers were niggled up in red mittens.

"I've got Christmas errands to do, mother," said Edwina when she reached the door. "Tomorrow's Christmas, and I'm going to buy a present for Santa Claus."

"Well, I declare," Mrs. Ray sank into a chair and began to laugh. "A present for Santa Claus himself?" "A real present. I've got 12 cents. I earned this money my own self, and— and I want to buy something for Santa with my own money."

"Very well, dear. I am sure Santa Claus will be pleased enough to be remembered. You had better go to Smith's store."

"All right," called Edwina as she went out. It was snowing a little—just little, light, floating flakes like tiny feathers. Inside the kitchen it had been warm and cozy, with a delicious smell of mince meat, fresh cookies and apples. Outside it was cold, and the stinging snowflakes made her cheeks tingle.

"What can I do for you, Edwina?" asked Mr. Smith. "I want a pair of slippers—for a man," said Edwina, primly. "What size?" asked the storekeeper. "Very big ones," said Edwina in a grownup's manner.

"Hum!" smiled Mr. Smith in a mysterious way. "Well, you can change them after Christmas if they don't fit." Edwina wondered if Santa Claus could come all the way back from the north pole just to change a pair of slippers, but she said nothing until Mr. Smith showed her a very large pair of flowered slippers.

"How good old Santa would enjoy those comfortable slippers!" "Will 12 cents be enough?" asked Edwina, anxiously. "Ho, ho, ho!" laughed Mr. Smith. "Twelve cents? No, Edwina. The price of these slippers is \$2."

"I—guess I won't take them," faltered Edwina as she left the store. Edwina hurried away from Smith's store and went to a little 10 cent store. Here were all sorts of things she could buy with her money, but it was hard to choose something Santa Claus might like.

There were books—such nice stories, too. One in particular, called "Patty and Her Pitcher," was so delightful that Edwina was sure Santa Claus would like it. So she paid 10 cents for that, and with the remaining 2 cents she bought two sticks of red and white striped candy.

When she showed these things to her father and mother they did not even smile, but they said they were sure Santa Claus would be pleased. "I shall hang a stocking for Santa and put these things in it," said Edwina, and on the stocking she pinned a note saying:

"From a little girl who loves you." She went happily to bed, and the next thing Edwina knew it was Christmas morning. She hopped out of bed and ran into the warm living room to see if Santa had been there.

What a wonderful array of toys—dolls and doll house and furniture, books and games and toy dishes, a little fur muff and a rocking chair and so many other things!

Edwina clapped her hands and jumped for joy. "Santa has taken the book and candy!" she cried, and then she found a little note signed "Santa Claus." "Thank you, dear Santa," Edwina, and a Merry Christmas to you!" it read.

## ATTENTION! COAL CONSUMERS

The United States Fuel Administration has appointed a local committee in each County to look after the fuel situation, particularly as regards the dealer having a supply on hand and the proper distribution to each consumer, according to his needs.

The form as prescribed by the DuPage County Committee is printed below, and on and after this date purchasers of coal are required to fill in the blank form.

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1. Amount of coal desired.....  
2. Kind used last year.....  
3. Approximate amount used last year.....  
4. Pounds or tons on hand at present.....  
5. Will last approximately..... days.  
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I hereby certify that the above report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
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## NEWS FROM OUR BOYS SERVING IN UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

John Poddol Has Started From Quantico for "Somewhere."

Quantico, Va., Dec. 7, 1917. Just have a few minutes before train time to let you know that at last my wish has come true.

We are leaving for parts unknown, but—a good idea. This leaves me well and in the best of spirits, hoping it finds you all the same.

Well as my time is limited will have to close with goodbye and regards to all. I remain, John. J. Poddol.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 4, 1917. Downers Grove Reporter:

Just a few lines to thank you for your kindness in sending me the paper while I am away. I get it every Tuesday morning and sure do enjoy reading it and reading about the other boys that are away.

I expect to be "over there" soon, as we have started to pack up, and are picking out the good horses that we will take with us. There are a few that have been condemned, but there are a lot of dandy horses. I had a dandy horse assigned to me but he died a few weeks ago, he had the sand colic.

I have been assigned to Headquarters Co., but still stay in Bat. D. The work at headquarters is very interesting, it seems like school days only the hours are longer. We are learning the wig-wag, semaphore, International and Morse codes.

We don't have to get up until 6 a. m. now, and have reveille at 6:20. We used to rise and shine at 5 a. m., but its still dark at 6 now. The days are awfully hot, but the nights are cool. Most of the fellows go to bed at 7 o'clock because there's nothing else to do. We have a stove in our tent, but it doesn't do much good. We have to sleep with the sides of the tent rolled up and the heat goes right out as fast as a fellow can chop wood to keep the fire going.

Will have to close now as it is time to feed the horses.

Yours truly,  
(Mike) Schlauder.

Belief in Fate. A strict belief in fate is the worst of slavery, imposing upon our needs an everlasting lord or tyrant, of whom we are to stand in awe, night and day.—Exchange.

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Saturday, Dec. 15th Matinee 3:30  
Charlie Chaplin in "The Adventure"  
Earle Williams-Dorothy Kelly in "THE MAELSTROM"  
Param's Burton Holmes Travel Picture—"Tropical Women"

Tuesday, Dec. 18th  
VIVIAN MARTIN in "The Trouble Buster"  
Paramount Comedy—"Susie's Scheme"

Thursday, Dec. 20th  
Geraldine Farrar in "The Woman God Forgot"  
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