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**AMERICA FIRST!**

**THE REPORTER EXTENDS NEW YEAR GREETINGS**

What Has 1918 in Store for Us? A Few Important Happenings of 1917.

With this our last issue of 1917, as the old year is breathing his last and the new year looms 'round the corner, we wish our many friends, everywhere, all the good things possible in 1918.

What has this 1918, this New Year in store for us? What has it in store for us as a nation, and more particularly as a community? Here during this coming year to us, victory to our banners and peace to the world? These questions are paramount in the minds of all, and each must answer the question in some way.

One suggestion we will make. If you cannot serve at the actual front but must remain at home, help those who are serving to keep cheerful until the mighty task is done. If you have no personal representative in the army or navy, you have an acquaintance. Keep them supplied with letters from home. They're appreciated. A little token of candy or some

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**J. P. MAC DONALD IN WASHINGTON ON SHIP BOARD**

J. P. MacDonald of Middaugh Avenue has been given an excellent appointment at Washington, D. C. in connection with the governments ship building work. He and an associate in the Chicago Union Station Company, with which he has been connected for the past two years will have charge of the equipping of all wooden hulls after they are delivered from the various ship building yards. It will be their duty to see that various manufacturers now making parts have them delivered at the harbors when the hulls are towed in. He will also supervise the installation of this equipment.

Mr. MacDonald was with the Pennsylvania Railway before going with the Union Station Company. He has resided in Downers Grove for several years and has made many friends, he is a corporal in Company H, Illinois Reserve Militia, but his new work necessitates his request for an honorable discharge.

Mr. MacDonald left Thursday morning to take up his new work. Mrs. MacDonald, who is president of the local Red Cross, will remain in the village until next spring at least.

**ADVISORY BOARD ON QUESTIONNAIRES**

President Wilson has just appointed Judge Maxzini Slusser of Wheaton, Lawrence P. Conover of Hinsdale, and Joseph Reuss of Naperville, as the legal advisory board of DuPage county to assist the local exemption board in the interpretation of the selective service law and aid drafted men in making out their papers. There will also be a number of associate members appointed by the adjutant general, whose duties will be along the same line. H. A. Sahryver, as president of the DuPage County Bar Association, has tendered the services of all the members of the

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Again we are reminding that "Old Father Time" is about to turn the page in his year 1917.

The new year dawns amid war and a time of fellowship and brotherly love must be made do our part as opportunity offers "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

To all our friends and customers we wish the  
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Many Can Answer Her. Will you tell me what way I can get rid of my character.—Lady Gregory.  
Daily Optimistic Thought. Who ceases to be a friend never was one.  
Quite Observing. "You see, m'dear," argued who arrived home in an explosive mood, "It was like this. I got so hard of the beautiful Liberty all lit up and it made me frantic that I just hatago and m'self."—Puck.

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**Paramount**  
Saturday, Dec. 29th Matinee 3:30  
**Madge Kennedy in "Nearly Married"**  
Burton Holmes Travel Picture "Norway"  
Vitagraph Comedy  
Matinee 3:30 Admission 9 cents to all  
Evening 7:30 and 9:15 Admission 9 and 13 cents; War tax 1 and 2 cents

**Goldwyn Pictures**  
Special Show New Years Eve, MONDAY DECEMBER 31st  
**MAE MARSH in "Sunshine Alley"**  
Fatty Arbuckle in "Fatty in Coney Island"  
NO MATINEE  
Evening at 7:30 and 9:15 Admission 10 and 15c War tax 1 and 2c

**Goldwyn Pictures**  
New Years Day, Jan. 1st Special Matinee 3:30  
**MARGUERITE CLARK in "Bab's Burglar"**  
Victor Moore in "The Cow Jumped over the Moon"  
FULL PROGRAM WILL BE MAILED  
Matinee 3:30, Admission 9 and 13c  
Evening one Big Show 7:45; Admission 13 and 18c; War tax 1 and 2c

**Goldwyn Pictures**  
Thursday, Jan. 3rd Matinee 3:30  
**"For the Freedom of the World"**  
Pictograph, Ford Weekly and Vitaphone Comedy.  
Matinee 3:30; Admission 9c to all  
Evening one Big Show at 7:45; Admission 10 and 15c; War tax 1c

**Dicke Theatre**