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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, LOCATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNBOARDS AND BILLBOARDS.

Be it Ordained by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois. Sec. (1) No billboard or signboard shall be constructed, erected or maintained upon any building or structure or upon any vacant lot within the limits of the Village of Downers Grove, unless the same shall be safely and securely anchored and fastened in a manner satisfactory to the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements.

Sec. (2) The face of billboards or signboards constructed, erected, or maintained within the limits of the Village of Downers Grove, shall not exceed ten feet in height, and the same shall be constructed of galvanized iron or some other equally incombustible material, and when erected, constructed or maintained on any vacant property, the stringers, uprights and braces thereof may be of wood.

Sec. (3) No billboards or signboards such as described in this ordinance shall be erected or maintained within the limits of this Village, unless a permit shall have been secured, by the person, firm or corporation desiring to maintain or erect such billboard or signboard, from the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements of this Village, and such application shall be accompanied by such plans and specifications of the proposed billboard or signboard and location of same as are necessary to fully advise and acquaint the said Commissioner with the maintenance or construction of such proposed billboard or signboard.

Sec. (4) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements to inspect all plans and specifications that may be submitted for the erection, construction, or maintenance of any billboard or signboard and to inspect or cause to be inspected all such signboards or billboards, at least once each year and oftener where the condition of such billboard or signboard so requires. It shall also be the duty of the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements to notify any person, firm or Corporation, erecting, constructing or maintaining any billboard, or signboard as provided in this ordinance, of the violation of this ordinance in any particular, and the said Commissioner may destroy or cause to be destroyed any such billboard or signboard after thirty days notice in writing to the person, firm or Corporation, erecting or maintaining such signboard or billboard, in violation of this ordinance.

Sec. (5) The fee to be charged for permits issued for the erection, construction, or maintenance of billboards or signboards, shall be fifty cents for each lineal foot or fraction thereof. An annual inspection fee of 25 cents per lineal foot shall be charged every person, firm or Corporation, as owner or in possession, charge or control of any such signboard or billboard.

Sec. (6) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or Corporation, to erect, construct or maintain any billboard or signboard in any block on any public street within the limits of Downers Grove, without first obtaining the consent in writing of the owners or duly authorized agents of said owners owning two-thirds majority of the frontage of the property on both sides of the street in the block in which such billboard or signboard is to be constructed, or maintained. Such written consent shall be filed with the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements before a permit shall be issued for the erection, construction, location or maintenance

of any such billboard or signboard. Sec. (7) The word "Block" as used in this ordinance, shall not be held to mean a square, but shall be held to embrace only that part of a street bounding the square and constituting the frontage which lies between the two nearest intersecting streets.

Sec. (8) Any person, firm or Corporation owning, operating, maintaining or in charge, possession or control of any billboard or signboard within the limits of the Village of Downers Grove, who shall neglect or refuse or fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, or who fails to secure the necessary frontage as provided in section 6 shall be fined not less than Twenty-five dollars nor more than two-hundred for each offense; and each twenty-four hours of maintenance after the first conviction, shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

Sec. (9) This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication. Village of Downers Grove By John F. Kidwell, Mayor.

Attest: H. A. Gardiner, Village Clerk. Passed December 17th, 1917. Approved December 17th, 1917. Published December 21st, 1917.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

The W. C. T. U. held a pleasant and profitable meeting Dec. 14 at the home of Mrs. W. B. Towles. Mrs. T. F. Potter was elected president to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Huling's resignation.

After devotional by Mrs. Elliott and the business was over, Miss Turnbull read a Christmas story and Mrs. McCollum read "The will of Old Man Boozie," as follows:

In the name of his satanic majesty, amen. Know all men by these presents, that I, Old Man Boozie, being of unsound and wicked mind, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. 1. I will that Satan shall be my chief mourner and take charge of my body. 2. I will that my unjust deeds live after me. 3. I give and bequeath to all that have stood at my bar, wrecked manhood, blighted lives, shattered nerves and brains, red noses, blurred eyes, and finally death everlasting. 4. To the wives of my victims, I bequeath the sleepless nights, starved and worn out bodies and broken hearts. 5. To her children, I bequeath shattered lives and diseased bodies. 6. I leave murder, disease and all manner of evil in the land. 7. I bequeath blighted homes and broken families, paupers, insane and murderers, to the city, county and state. 8. To all the nations I bequeath my blighting curse. 9. I will that the evils that I have bequeathed will be perpetrated by my co-workers, beer, wine, cocaine, cigars and opium. 10. I name as my executors and administrators, all those who vote for license. "Old-Man Boozie" Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of De-vil and his imps, ho-bo and tramp lawyers." Executed this eighth day of September, 1917.

SPARKLING COMEDY

Young Man Goes Limit to get "His Picture in the Papers"—Exciting Publicity Chase

In the play, "His Picture in the Papers," it looks easy for Pete Prindle (Douglas Fairbanks) to get his portrait displayed on the front pages of all the New York papers—yes, it looked too easy. Here's what the hero actually did before he put through the proposition, gained a half interest in his father's firm and was awarded the hand of the girl he loved: Wrecked an auto and went to the hospital, was thrown off a train, put out a champion middleweight and fought a losing fight with two husky policemen. At last he won by fighting off a band of yeggmen and saving a train from being wrecked.

This sparkling comedy will be shown at the Curtiss Theatre, Thursday, Dec 27th.

Didn't Win by His Teeth. A Philadelphia dentist had the nerve to publish a picture of Washington with this statement underneath: "Our first president owed his wonderful health to sound teeth." I assume that the dentist knows more about teeth than he knows about history, writes a correspondent in the Philadelphia Ledger. Washington's teeth were his one physical defect. They amounted almost to a facial blemish when he smiled, and one sour critic of our first president who knew him well said the reason he so rarely laughed was his dislike to showing the ravages of decay in his mouth.

Fish Carries Liquid Clouds. The squid is a crafty little denizen of the deep. This cuttlefish isn't much of a fighter, as fighters go, so he has been forced to provide some means of protecting himself from the myriads of voracious fish that inhabit the deep sea where he lives. There is a small pouch in which he carries an intensely black fluid. On the approach of an enemy he squirts out some of this liquid and surrounds himself with a black cloud, in which he hides from his pursuing enemy. Because of the nature of the fluid he excretes, he is sometimes termed the inkfish.

TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO IN THE REPORTER

(From the issue of Dec. 19, 1895) Mr. V. L. Etnyre from Oregon, Ill., was here visiting his friend, C. Lacey last week.

Thos. Holland is now running on the Downers Grove passenger with Conductor Rutherford.

At the meeting of Maple Camp, M. W. A., Dec. 12, the following were elected to office:

Venerable Consul—J. B. Huling. Worthy Advisor—John M. Wells. Excellent Banker—W. H. Edwards. Clerk—W. H. Barnhart. Worthy Escort—Chas. Jacobson. Watchman—A. Saxon. Sentry—Chas. Russel.

At the last communication of Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M., the following officers were elected:

W.M.—W. S. Carpenter S.W.—H. B. Gibbons. J.W.—Chas. Mochel Treasurer—Frank Blanchard. Secretary—E. L. Godfrey. S.D.—W. F. Canada J.D.—F. F. Cheggman S.S.—F. G. Brown J.S.—C. C. Carnahan. Marshal—Capt. T. S. Rogers. Tyler—W. J. Beidelman.

LIBRARY NOTES

Hours Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, Three to Nine P. M.

Food Conservation You are or you should be a member of the Food Administration, therefore don't ask, "What is the Food Administration Doing?" but, "What Am I Doing?"

The following magazine articles on food conservation are in the magazines at the Public Library.

Review of Review: What American farmers have done this year.—November. Garden Magazine Getting the garden under glass.—November. Making real use of the gardens crops.—November. Can you cook a potato?—November. Good Housekeeping: Army and Navy rations.—November. The truth about cold storage.—November. An allied Christmas dinner.—December. Ladies Home Journal: New dishes of beans and peas.—November. New cereal dishes.—November. National Geographic: The food armies of liberty.—September. The winning weapon.—September. Pictorial Review: How can we save the meats?—November. Barley as a food.—November. How to use the food you have saved.—December. Suggestions for storing food at home.—December. These magazines can be borrowed for one week. Ask for them at the Library.

Stephen Sacksteder recently sent a picture of the 342nd Inf., stationed at Camp Grant, Rockford, to the Public Library. There are a number of Downers Grove boys in this regiment which you will recognize.

WHY NEGROES ARE RELIGIOUS

Solace Was Found in the Gospel Brought to Them by Missionaries or Taught by Masters.

The negro sought a channel for artistic solace, into which he could throw the symbolism of his racial longing. He found it in the religion brought to him by missionaries or taught him by his masters. Here he was free to dream his dreams and create his visions of future happiness, for no master could punish him for praising God. Thus he "found religion," and in religion he found no mood of his simple soul unexpressed. It is, then, not so hard to understand why the negro's folk-song is, in its superficial form, so predominantly religious. The "spirituals" of the camp meeting show a quite uneclectic variety of style and mood, a variety, in fact, co-extensive with the emotional range of simple peasant life. They include lively dances, bitter laments, poems of joy and majestic, organlike anthems. In the Bible stories which are retold in ballad form in some of the spirituals the negro found expression for his buoyant, genial humor. Nearly all the familiar moods of folk-song, from the gayest to the most profoundly tragic, are to be found under the religious veil which permitted the slave to live his own varied emotional life without interference from his master.—New Republic.

Church Programs

NOTE—These columns are for the use of all churches, without charge and the co-operation of the pastors and church people is invited in the way of making this department of interest.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Rev. Ira Milton Gray, Pastor.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Christmas Service, with Flag Raising Exercises at 11:00 o'clock. The pastor will speak on the subject: "Christmas, Nineteen-Seventeen," Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p. m. Topic: "Christmas Giving," leader, Miss Mildred Holland. No Junior Endeavor next Tuesday.

S. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter Priest-in-Charge

Sunday Services. Dec. 23rd, 1917. Fourth Sunday in Advent. 9:30 a. m. Sunday school. 3:00 p. m. Christmas Festival of the Sunday school. Special service and Sermon. Christmas Carols and recitations. Parents cordially invited. 6:30 p. m. Bible school. 7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and sermon. Dec. 24th, 1917, Christmas Eve. 7:30 to 9:00 p. m. Red Cross Ceremonial, tolling of the church bell. 11:00 p. m. Midnight Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Christmas music by the S. Andrew's choir. December 25th, 1917. Christmas Day. 7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and sermon. Christmas Anthem by the S. Andrew's choir. Dec. 26th, 1917, S. Stephen's Day. 10:30 a. m. Holy Eucharist and Meditation. 7:30 p. m. Choirpractice omitted this week.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Norman Gould Oliver, Minister.

The Christmas drama entitled "The Gift of Gifts" presented at the Curtiss theatre Friday night will be repeated at this church this Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend. Our morning service begins at eleven o'clock with a five minute sermon for the children preceding the regular sermon and service of the morning. Special Christmas messages to make the day appropriate. Sunday School at 9:45. Come and get the inspiration of the Christmas lesson. The Sunday School exercises and gift giving will take place on Saturday evening. Juniors meet every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Prayer and Bible study every Wednesday evening at Eight o'clock.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Grove St. Paul Crusius, Pastor.

Sunday School.....9:15 a. m. The last Sunday before Christmas! Everybody in his or her place! A special collection will be taken. Rehearsal of the Christmas program at 2 p. m. Our Sunday School urges all its boys and girls to join in the Community Christmas chorus, Monday evening. Services of Worship German, 10:30 a. m. English, 7:30 p. m. CHRISTMAS DAY Communion Service, in German, 10:30 a. m. All who desire to partake of the Lord's Supper are invited to come. Children's Sunday School Program, 7:30 p. m.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH OF EAST GROVE.

Sunday school, 10:30. Morning service, 11:30. Evening service, 7:30. All are welcome.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

James Freeman Jenness, Minister.

The Christmas thought will have right-of-way in the services next Sunday. The pastor will preach morning and evening. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m. The Christmas exercises by the Sunday School and raising of the service flag will take place Saturday evening.

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Of course the children will be there. Come and let them renew your youth. Friday, December 28, 6 p. m. Church supper, for all members, followed by annual congregational meeting. A collection will help to defray the expenses of the dinner for which no charge will be made. Special business: discussion and vote on new constitution. Election of officers according to new constitution; budget for 1918.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, Pastor.

Sunday—8 a. m., Mass, reading of the Gospel and Epistle of the day, sermon; 10 a. m., High Mass, reading of the Gospel and Epistle of the day, sermon; 8:30 p. m., vespers, benediction, sermon; baptisms, 2:30 p. m. Week days—Holy Communion, 7 a. m.; Mass, 8 a. m. Men's Sodality meets on the fifth Sunday of the month; Married Women on the first Sunday; Young Ladies on the second Sunday; Boys and Girls on the third Sunday. Holy hour adoration every Friday from 3 to 4 p. m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

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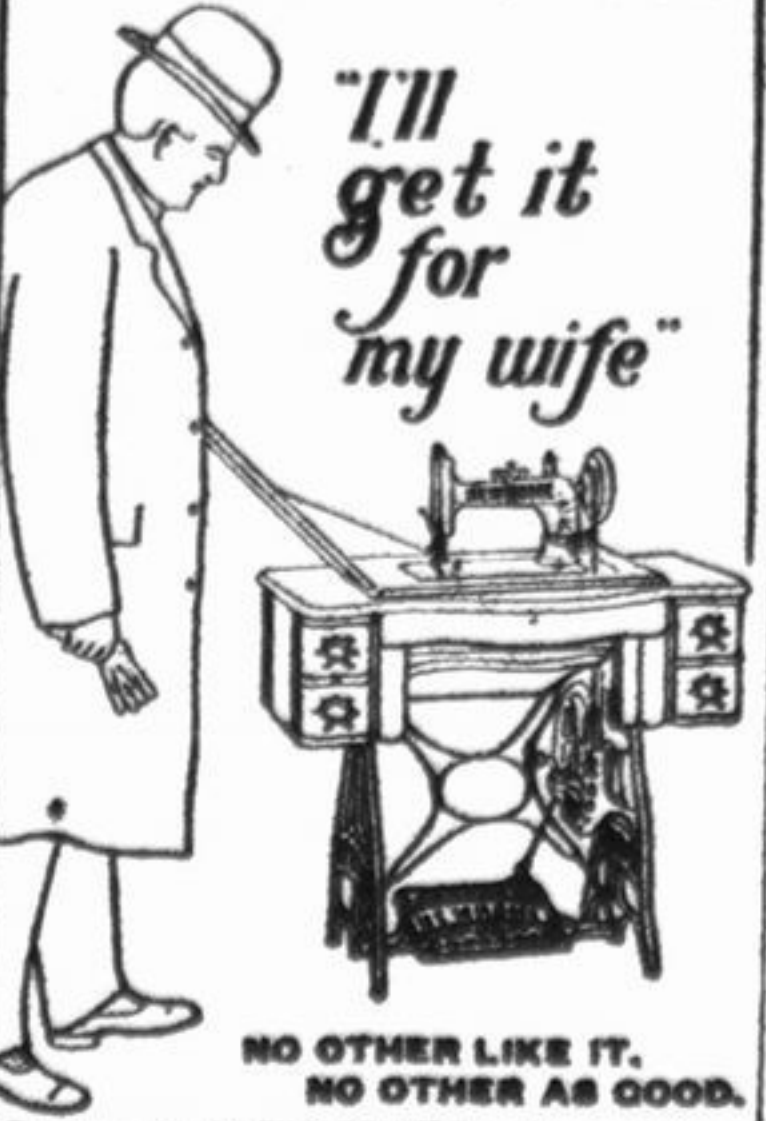
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