

Downers Grove Reporter

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"And The Star Spangled Banner Forever Shall Wave, O'er The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave."



WELL, HOW ABOUT IT FOLKS?

Of course you read the editorial in last week's Reporter entitled "Nineteen Nineteen" and if you didn't happen to see it yourself, someone called your attention to it. At least that is what we understand from what people have called us up and told us.

Those who did call said the idea was fine and that it should be carried into execution. One woman said, "That is the most wonderful idea I have read in regard to a fitting memorial for the boys, and it should be built right away." "Why just think," she continued, "it could be finished and furnished and ready and waiting for the boys when they get back."

Them's our sentiments.

Let me again describe in a few words what our idea of a fitting memorial to Downers Grove boys who entered the service of Uncle Sam in the Army and Navy in time of need is. Briefly, a club house. It should be at least two stories in height of such imposing appearance that it would be a credit to the village. Inside it should contain reading and recreation rooms, a large hall, pool and billiard rooms, the largest meeting place in town, swimming tank, locker and shower room—in fact be a modern club in every sense of the word.

Last week we offered the name of Mayor John F. Kidwell as the proper man to head this organization. One of our subscribers has sent in the following names of local men as members of the board of directors: J. M. Riel, Chas Mochel, James Chilvers, J. W. Hughes and William Bender. Each has made a success of his chosen business and with such men as these it would be an assured success.

For years there has been talk of some kind of a recreation place for the men and boys of the village, but so far it has resulted in nothing but talk.

This proposition would be for the village as a whole and we believe, is one that every Downers Grove resident would take pride in and help finance.

The following are extracts from an editorial in the New York "Globe" of last Saturday written by Dr. Frank Crane. It shows what one of the greatest thinkers and public spirited men in the United States thinks of this subject

"LIBERTY BUILDINGS—BY DR. FRANK CRANE"

"Unless something is done to prevent it there will probably be an extensive building of monuments of stone and bronze such a now adorn the public squares of so many towns as memorials to the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War.

"The sentiment which built these monuments is commendable. It was the effort of a community to do honor to its heroes. The judgement, however, that was displayed in selecting this form of commemoration is open to criticism

"Monuments to great men and edifices to commemorate great occasions are as old as civilization. Even our graveyards at present are full of elaborate tombs. But thinking people have often doubted whether a mass of useless display is the best form of doing honor to a useful life.

"Common sense would indicate that the most fitting way to do homage to the dead is to construct something that shall serve the living.

"The American City, a magazine devoted to civic ideas now comes forward with the suggestion that after the war each town shall erect a "Liberty Building."

"Such a building should include facilities for recreation, culture, fellowship, and public service. It might include a municipal auditorium which could be used for entertainment and drill work.

"A bronze tablet in the lobby, as the Reading Herald suggests, "should sound the note of memory, proclaim the deeds and names of the home boys and tell of our pride in them." Such a building should revive the memory of the Y. M. C. A. buildings and similar structures in the camps and cantonments. Soldiers speak gratefully of the light and cheer that they have received in these huts. They will carry this memory forever. Why not put this memory into brick and mortar?"

LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

GERMANY NOT STARVING SAYS DWIGHT COX

Wimbach, Germany, Dec. 10th, 1918. Dear Folks:

I suppose by now you are having the bad weather, rain or snow in plenty, but contrary here we are having fairly decent days and little rain or mist during the day that is all. Last night was a grand moonlight night but today is cloudy again.

We have quite a time here and enjoyable also as the people are very cordial and willing. They prepare us five meals very reasonable and the good old German cooking has sure got it all over the French and believe me we are eating too, and still holding my fatness. The waffles and pancakes are great also their homemade jell and jam.

It seems from all appearances that these people are not half as hard hit as everyone seems to believe as we have had more to eat and more reasonable here than in France and their jam and such is great believe me. We have eaten chicken, goose, rabbit, hog lamb and well I guess that is all since we have been here.

This is a very small town, no stores, only a church and a bell parlor but about two or three kilometers there is a big one, Adenan, but they say not much to buy there to our liking.

We have seen certainly some fine views and sites on our rides through and sure will remember this trip as long as we live. The people are certainly glad also that we are here.

We have rooms every night with chairs, tables and lights and also stoves and usually beds at night, but the darn things are too short for a fellow, you have to sleep with your toes tied around your neck.

We still have old friends also and badly in need of spring cleaning, but guess we still have to wait awhile yet, altho I am keeping together a complete change of clothing and everything and when I can, watch me clean and get rid of all the little pets, I hope, but I suppose my blankets or the beds will give them back too sweet as the French say. Take me back to the States.

I have not received anymore boxes as yet either, only one from you and Mildred, the others are still coming and also the knife but I guess they will get here before long if I wait long enough.

All the boys are feeling fine and in good condition but Fred is still in the hospital and I have not heard from him either nor of the boys of the Battery. I suppose he will be home soon.

I have not received the pictures from Luxemburg as yet but I guess our steady traveling was the cause and I may get them here as we will still be here tomorrow, I believe.

Now that we can send postals I am trying at every stop to get some views and send them. They will be good souvenirs, but sometimes I can only get one of each which is not quite as good as if I could get two.

Well, I guess this is all the news there is so will close with love to all and say hello to the rest of the folks.

Dwight R. Cox.

ART SCHLAUDER DIDN'T BELIEVE WAR WAS OVER

Kattenhofen, Alsace-Lorraine, November 29, 1918.

Dearest Mother: Hurrah! The war is over! Friday, a. m. The day after Thanks

Has Any One

- Died—
- Eloped—
- Divorced—
- Had a fire—
- Embezzled—
- Left town—
- Had a baby—
- Sold a farm—
- Had a party—
- Come to town—
- Been arrested—
- Had twins or colic—
- Sold a cow or lost an auto—
- Laid in a stock of whisky—
- Stolen a dog or his friend's wife—
- Committed suicide, or murder—
- Fallen from an airplane or—
- Fallen into a coal hole or—
- Fallen into a legacy?

That's News!

Phone or mail it to the DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER 37 N. Main St. Phone 188

giving and feeling just fine. Mother I haven't written for two weeks because we have been on the go every minute. I wrote you a letter the 12th but no chance to mail it. So this is the first time our letters have been far between. I haven't received any mail either for six weeks. First, I know you can never guess where I was when the armistice was signed. Well, I'll tell you. I was stuck with my truck in a big shell hole for 24 hours. Was on my way to Brandevillers, France. I was just about four miles from there. But when I did reach my destination after being pulled out of that hole by means of a tractor I found that the town had been shelled by the Germans in great shape. Glad I was in the hole all night. Next morning two French soldiers came along and rattled off French to me. Well, I have learned enough to know what they meant. They said that the war was over. I didn't believe them though it sounded to good to be true. But when I reached my regiment I found out it was. I'll never forget what it meant to lie down and sleep and not have to worry about being shelled, gassed or bombed. I can imagine what went on in Chicago and New York.

Well, we moved the next morning, everybody happy, to follow the Germans, and we are still following them back to Germany. We are about 15 miles from Luxemburg. We have been to Coblenz.

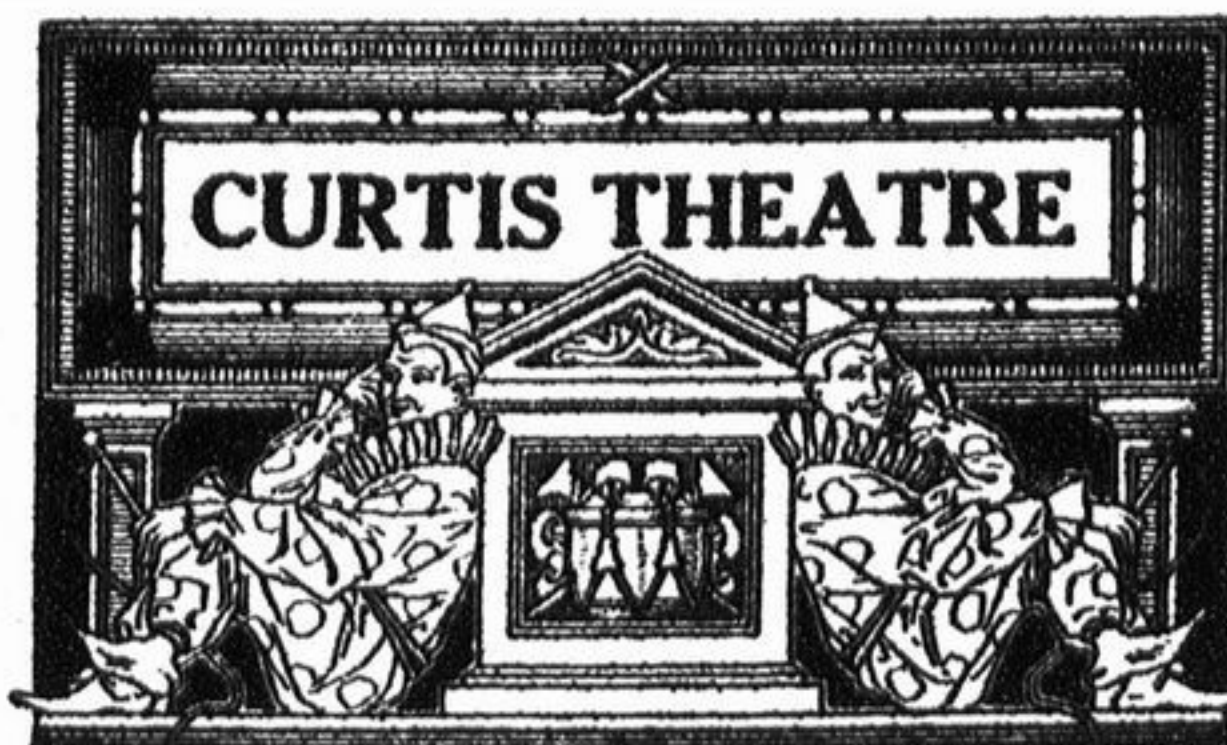
Well, mother, after my general clean-up this morning, clean underclothes and so on, shaved and, by the way, forgot to shave my upper lip, everybody is doing it. So I might as well too.

The little French we learned is no good here in Germany. If you could talk dutch you could get by all right, but not many can.

Well, mother, I hope you and all are well at home and feeling as good as I am. I think the chances are good for us to return home sometime in the spring. I guess there are a good many on the way now. Hope I receive mail soon. The mail hasn't been able to catch up to us, at the rate we have been going. Will try and write to you oftener now. So with lots of love to all and a kiss to you mother.

As ever, Art Schlauder.

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"The Enchanted Barn"

Our Tuesday Features are shown here ahead of the Chicago showing. See them first at the Curtiss.

Seats, 5 and 15c net

Thursday, January 16th

MARY MILES MINTER

in her latest feature

"Wives and Other Wives"

See Minter, the big Downers Grove favorite in her latest.

Watch the Reporter for some startling feature announcements coming to the Curtiss.

January Special

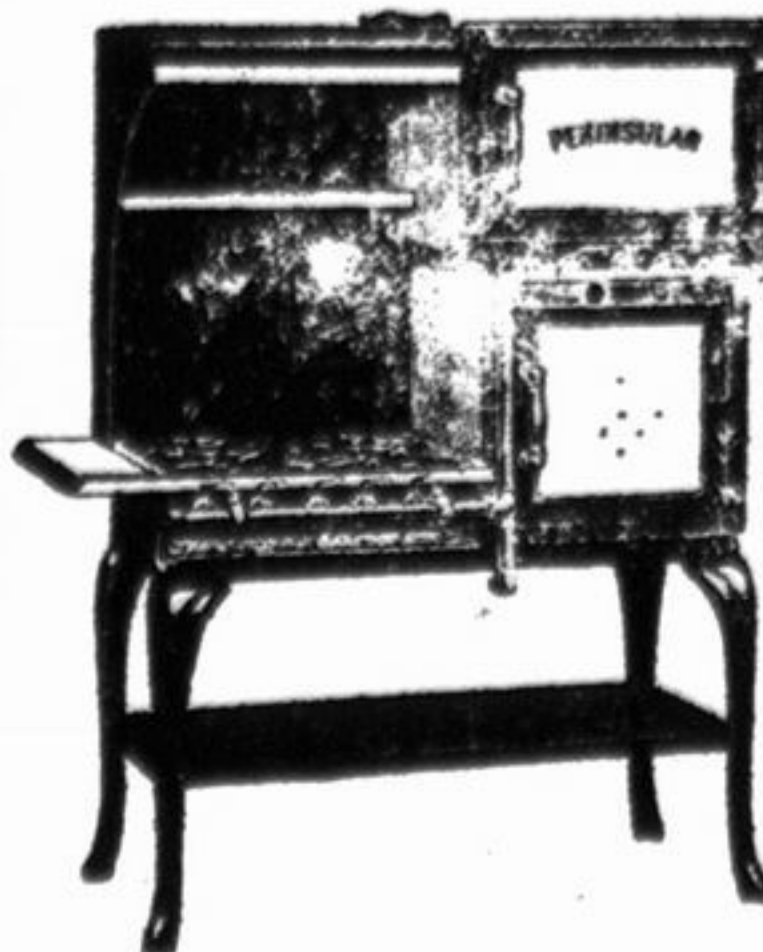
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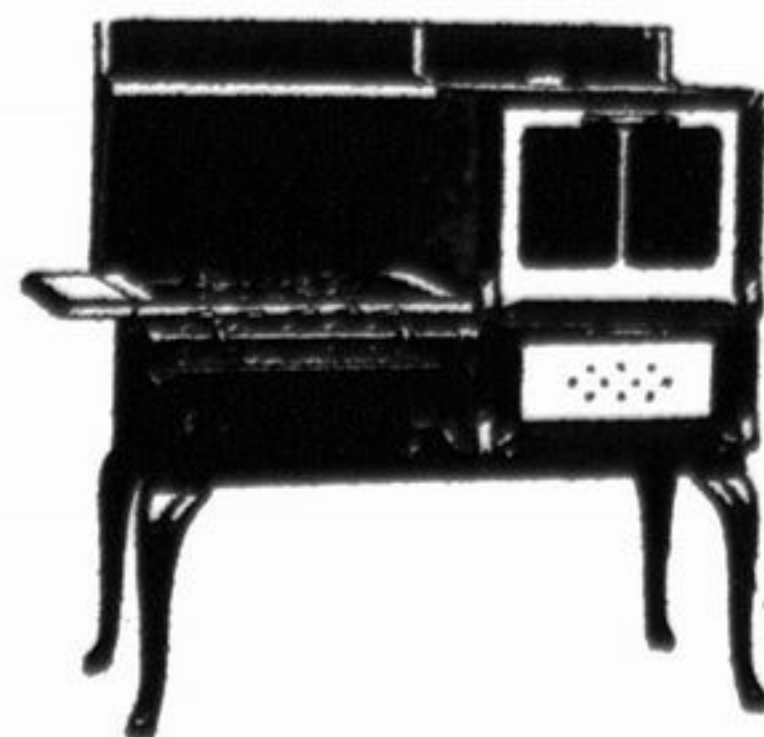


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