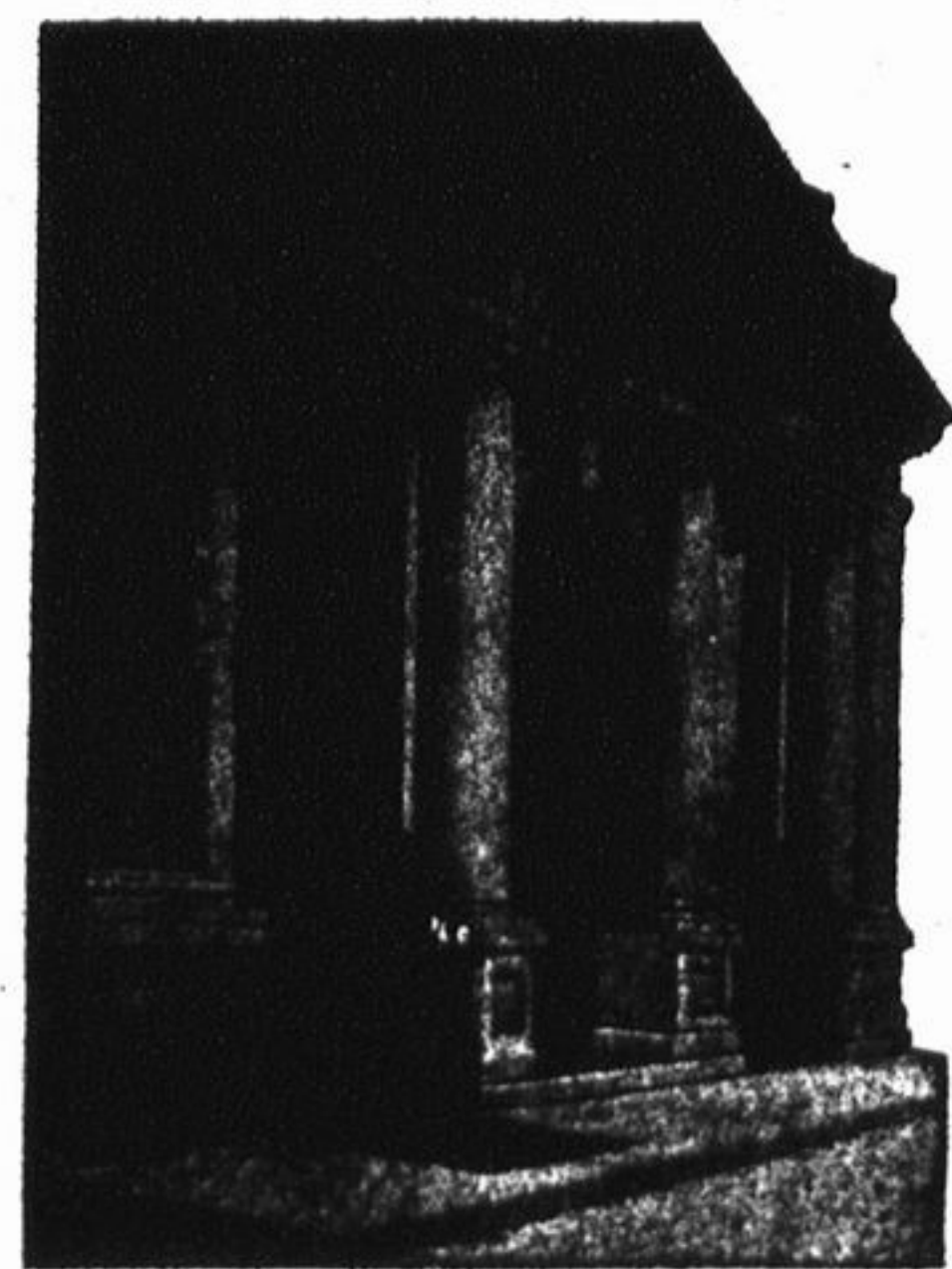


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IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR CHRISTMAS SAVING

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MANY SNOWBOUND IN CHICAGO AS BIG STORM HALTS "Q"

Hundreds of Local People Unable to Reach Homes—Mercury Hits Nearly Twenty Below

Downers Grove was completely isolated from all rail or road communication with the outside world last Saturday and Sunday for the second time in a week.

The blizzard, which started early Friday, lasted all night, all day Saturday and most of Sunday night. Not as much snow fell as the previous week but the terrific gale from the west piled up the drifts from four to ten feet in height, absolutely stopping all traffic by railroad, or trolley and even closing up the roads to sled and bob travel.

Suburban passenger trains were abandoned wherever they happened to hit a drift they could not get thru and the engines were allowed to freeze. Between Aurora and Chicago were seven such trains, the engines dead and the coaches frozen to the rails.

To make matters worse, Saturday morning the mercury hit 20 below zero and this with the 60 mile wind driving snow as fine as sand before it, made even pedestrians hesitate before venturing forth for the usual necessities of life.

Downers Grove merchants stepped into the breach and made deliveries of groceries and meats under conditions that were unbelievably bad. Each delivery man carried a shovel on the sled to dig his horse out of the drifts should the occasion arise.

Two trains left here Saturday morning for Chicago. The first, which left at 7:20 arrived at the Union Station at 11:15 and the second starting shortly after, landed its passengers at their destination at noon. Each train was comfortably crowded and some of the people reached their homes again until Sunday. These two trains were the only ones to run east until Sunday afternoon.

Friday night's 10:45 from Chicago landed here Saturday morning at 11:15. It had one combination smoking-baggage car and two engines. It was stranded all night at Congress Park and the passengers were given hot coffee and sandwiches at the depot for their breakfast.

When the railroad officials finally decided to annual all trains only the south track was clear. The center and north both had dead trains "somewhere in the blizzard."

With all this snow on the ground, it must be two feet on the level, great danger is being felt of flood possibilities. To forestall if possible, this disaster, the village is having all approaches to sewer inlets, in the low places, cleaned of snow.

BUSINESS MEN SHOVEL SNOW FROM TRACKS

Helped "Q" in Opening Up Local Switch Tracks for Moving of Freight

Mayor Kidwell was in receipt of a letter from the president of the C. B. & Q. Tuesday morning asking him to get the local Business Men's Association busy to organize a shovel brigade. The letter asked that local switches and side tracks be cleaned of snow so that freight could be quickly moved in the yards.

As it was generally known that the "Q" was so busy getting the main lines cleared it was no trouble at all for Mr. Kidwell to round up nearly fifty men and boys to do this necessary work.

When the job was about half finished, and the snow was surely flying fast, eight members of a local sorority got busy and served hot coffee and sandwiches to the workers. They were the Misses Gwendolyn Griffiths, Dorothy Bordwell, Dorothy Phelps, Margaret Wolf, Ruth Waples, Ruth White, Virginia Tank and Mildred Ellers.

Among the shovellers on the job were: J. F. Kidwell, Sam Curtiss, F. D. Lindley, Emil Eichhorst, J. V. Dieter, A. G. Michel, Dr. Cheney, Frank Kidwell, James Raby, F. N. Feasley, Thos. Holland, F. J. Littleford, E. R. Dunnagan, Lester Gerwig, Delbert Austin, A. G. Sweet and many others, (this list is far from complete.)

UNION SERVICES HELD IN SPITE OF SNOW BLOCKADE

Set-up Last Sunday Fails to Deter Churches in Union Effort—Many Braved Drifts

Arctic weather conditions which held sway in this vicinity last Sunday made it appear as if the local churches had succeeded in enlisting the entire cooperation of the weatherman in their coal conservation drive. A day when the need for a careful use of fuel was convincingly shown could not have been better selected. The day also furnished local church goers with a bona fide excuse to stay at home. It is full fifty years since an equally good excuse was presented, according to weather records. This does not mean that all the good people of Downers Grove have waited fifty years for a good weather excuse. Not at all. But here is a peculiar thing—confronted by the best weather excuse in fifty years, quite a few folks either did not recognize it when they saw it, or disdainfully passed it up, for enough people came to church to make up two good sized congregations at the joint services held in the Congregational church, morning and evening.

While other communities omitted all church services on account of the almost unprecedented weather conditions, Downers Grove enjoyed the distinction of holding well attended services. With most of the active church workers snow-bound in the City, including the superintendents of four Sunday schools and many of the teachers, prospects were not bright for carrying out the day's program when the day began. But the "wise ones" who stayed at home Saturday, responded in sufficient numbers to make possible both the Sunday school session and the regular services. Mr. Floyd G. Wells, who was to have presided over the school was represented by Mr. E. P. Lacey who took his place. Other vacancies were similarly filled.

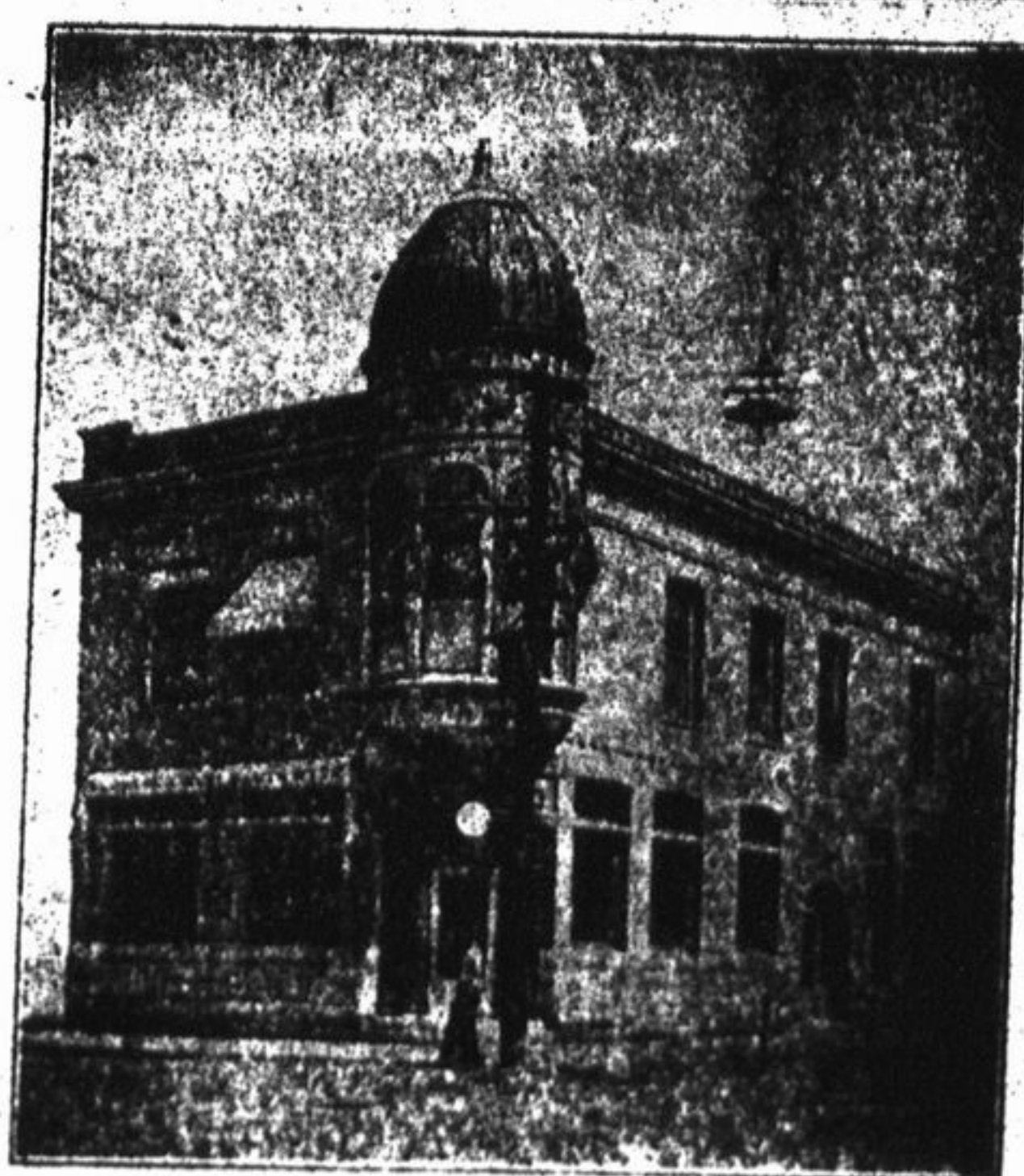
At the joint services of the Baptist and Congregational churches in the morning, Rev. Norman Gould Oliver preached on "The Christian's Conflict." Pointing out the elements against which the Christian must contend, Mr. Oliver declared that the real issues behind the world struggle today were spiritual issues which must be fought out in the individual soul before they can be successfully settled at the battle front. Darkness and light were in the conflict with each other, great principles of right and truth were being opposed by the forces of evil. In order successfully to overcome, both in himself and without, the Christian must be armed with the whole armor of God. Preceding the sermon, Rev. Ira M. Grey gave a brief object lesson talk to the children. Mr. M. V. Morton sang as a solo, the hymn, "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing."

The union evening service brought together representatives of all the churches. Four of the local pastors were present, besides a visiting pastor, Rev. P. G. Nuffer was snow-bound in Naperville. The service, which was conducted by Mr. Grey, took the form of a "fellowship meeting" in which brief impromptu addresses were given. The theme of the hour bore the question, "What Is the Dominant Need of the Church Today?" Rev. Messrs. Jenness, Crusius, Oliver, and W. Clyde Smith each emphasized some phase of the question. But running through all was the note of unity centering in the Person of Jesus Christ. "A re-enthronement of Christ as Savior and Lord," was the way one speaker put it. The choir was composed of singers from the various churches who rendered an anthem most acceptably. A spirit of unity and concord pervaded the meeting which was most promising for the success of the present series of union meetings.

Announcements for next Sunday are given in another column of this issue.

New Calendar Arrangement.
In a new calendar the dates are carried on a reel so that 13 weeks are visible at a time and the background causes the figures for any week desired to appear more prominently than the others.

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ALBACORE TUNA FISH, 25c value, special, per can	21c
SANTA CLARA PRUNES, 15c value, special, 2 lbs.	25c
1 lb. can RYZON BAKING POWDER, \$1.00 cook book free	33c
Large pkg. WASHINGTON CRISP CORN FLAKES, special	10c
3 pks. for	28c
10 bars WHITE LINEN SOAP	48c
Large Can NORTHLAND PLUMS, per can	15c
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