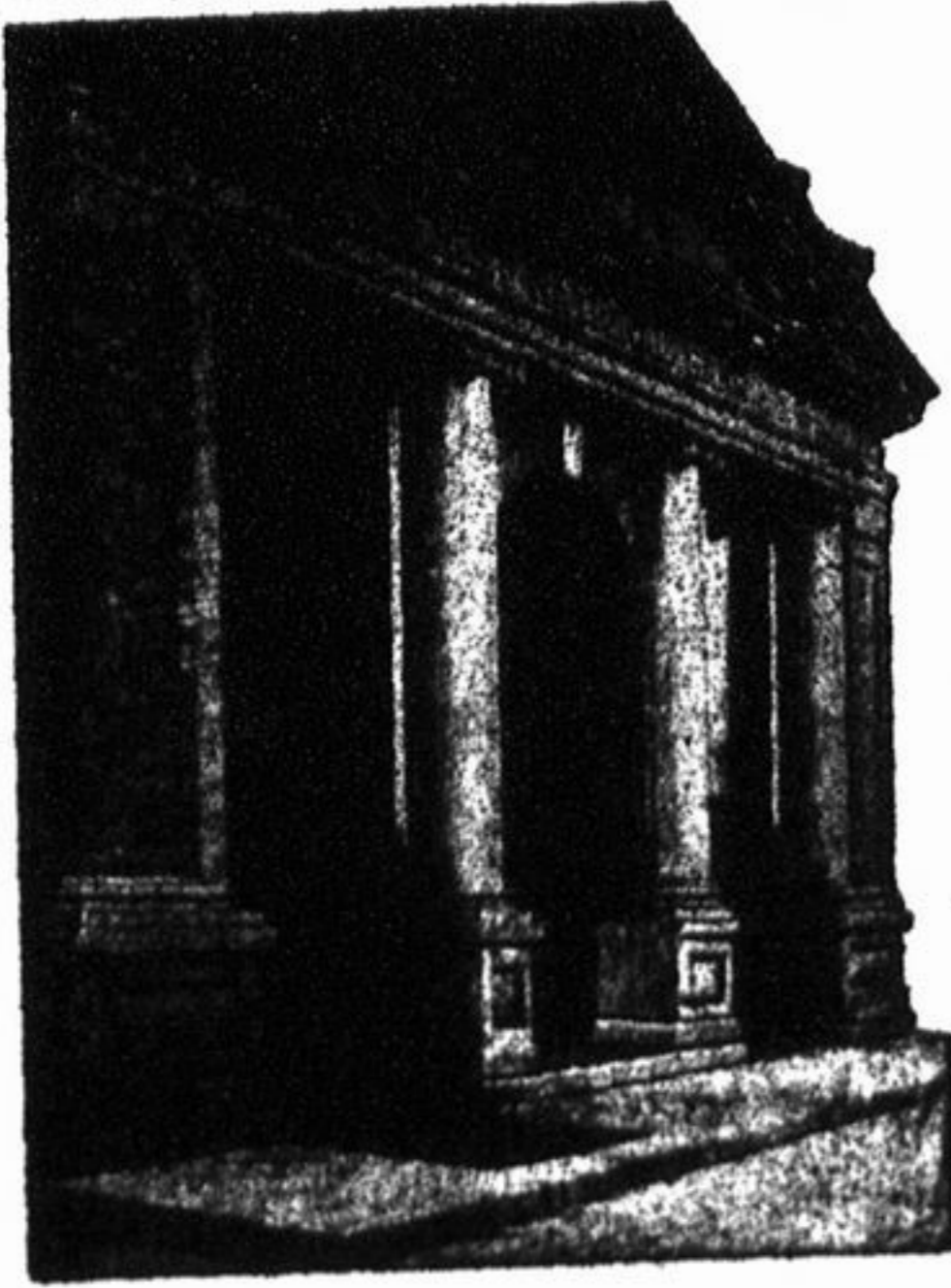


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BOYS TOLD EXPERIENCES AT FIRST WELCOME

Curtiss Theatre Crowded Last Friday Night to See and Hear Local Boys Back Home Again.

Downers Grove welcomed the first Downers Grove boys home from the war zone in a rousing "Welcome" meeting, the first of a series, at the Curtiss Theatre last Friday night. Songs, stories, laughter and a touch of sadness for those who can never be present at an occasion of this kind marked the meeting.

Almost thirty discharged men from the army and navy sat on the platform as the meeting opened and at least a word was said by each.

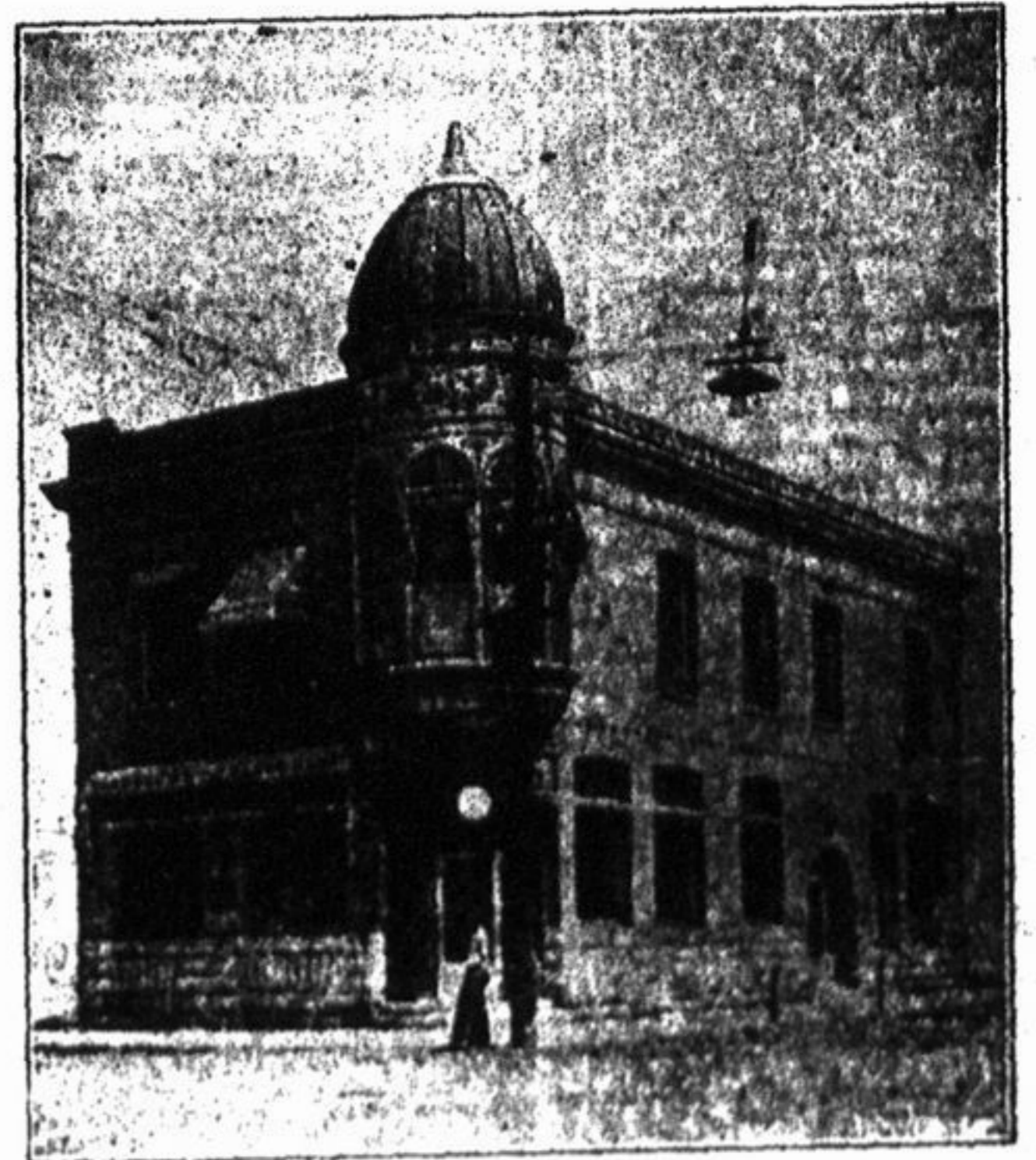
Rev. B. H. Fleming, of the Metho-

LOCAL COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS, ELECTED OFFICERS

Great Progress Has Been Made by Local Council Since Its Organization a Year Ago

The annual meeting for the hearing of reports and the election of officers of the Downers Grove Council Boy Scouts of America, was held in the High School Building last Friday evening. The reports showed the Council in good condition and both troops numbers 1 and 2 full, or an enrollment of sixty-four scouts with several applications on file indicating the desirability of instituting a new troop. The following officers were elected:

President J. R. Shaffer
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dist Episcopal Church opened the evening's program with a long and eloquent prayer. He was followed by a short welcome talk given by Mayor Kidwell, President of the Community Welfare League, under whose auspices these meetings are being held.

W. B. Towsley gave the Address of Welcome to the boys and one could tell from the thankfulness in his voice that he has a son "Somewhere Over There" who has done his share of winning the war.

The Welcome Orchestra, an organization of local musicians gathered together for these occasions, played sweet strains throughout the program. They showed unquestionably the talent we have in the village.

After the opening the meeting was given over to the man in the village best fitted by temperament and training to handle an affair of this kind, Howard P. Jones. As chairman he started the boys on their "Camp Fire" talks by having them introduce themselves, an innovation which has long been followed by the G. A. R. in their various gatherings.

Sergeant William McElroy and Sergeant Alfred A. Gardiner, both of whom wear the gold chevron denoting foreign service, were given great ovations when called upon to speak.

Sergeant Gardiner, who was a member of the 108th Engineers, was in the support trenches near Albert on the Somme front. Here he was in charge of English Tommies in the building of "pill boxes" those concrete machine gun emplacements, which stopped the Hun in his great drive in June. Where the engineers were billeted was in close proximity to a large ammunition dump and in try-

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W. H. Putnam

Troop Committees

Troop No. 1.

W. F. Heintz B. F. Kellogg

Harvey Drew

Troop No. 2.

H. S. Paine S. W. Fuller

S. J. Brown

Scoutmasters

W. W. Heintz W. J. O'Neill

About nine months ago efforts were first begun to organize and establish a Council for our town which should build upon a broad basis and of such indications of stability as would justify recognition by the National Association and give standing to the Scouts. Since that time the growth has been rapid but carefully watched. In the beginning the boys had no Scoutmaster and only about a dozen or so boys left from the former troop which had no official backing. Mr. W. W. Heintz reorganized what is now Troop No. 1 and its quota was filled. To take care of the boys who filed applications, Mr. W. J. O'Neill was secured as Scoutmaster of Troop No. 2. Mr. O'Neill is a member of Co. H but Capt. Balczynski, who was one of the first to subscribe for our local Council perceived the good that must

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