

### G. A. BAKER, 96 YEARS OLD, DIED TUESDAY NIGHT

The Oldest Man in Downers Grove Passed Peacefully Away After Interesting Career.

G. A. Baker, the oldest man in Downers Grove and for the last twenty-six years a local resident, peacefully passed away late Tuesday night at the ripe age of 96 years, 5 months and 5 days.

Mr. Baker has had a long interesting career and kept his faculties to the last, being bedridden for only the past few weeks. He died the way he wished, suddenly. The end came while his son, W. H. Baker, was at his side.

G. A. Baker was born at Spafford, Onondago County, New York. He made his home at Oswego, N. Y., until he was 43 years old. Here he engaged in the contracting and building business also being connected with the Kingsford Oswego Corn Starch Co.

From Davenport the family moved to Cedar Falls, Ia., where Mr. Baker again engaged in the starch business. The corn starch made in this factory was much in demand and sold within one-half cent a pound of the Oswego product.

Leaving the starch business Mr. Baker again entered the contracting line at Independence, Ia., where he rebuked much of the business district that had been swept by a devastating fire.

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The only remaining member of the family is the son, Wm. H. residing at 196 So. Washington street, where the aged father had made his home, necessitating the loving ministrations of the son and his faithful wife to the very last.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home and will be private. Rev. N. G. Oliver, of the Baptist church will officiate.

### MOTHER'S CLUB HELD FINE MEETING

The January meeting of the Mother's Club was held at the Library, Tuesday afternoon, with a good number in attendance.

The subject under discussion was food conservation in the homes. Dr. Jenness spoke most interestingly of the Hoover Committee work giving some personal sidelights on Mr. Hoover's attitude and intentions.

Mrs. Symonds, of Hinsdale told some of her experiences at the recent Food Conservation Exhibit and demonstration in Chicago and Mrs. Smith, of Hinsdale, spoke helpfully on the same subject and led the informal discussions which followed.

Many helpful suggestions were exchanged by the club members and at the close tea and very delicious war cake were served.

### TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The tax books will be open on February 5th.

Following are the dates and places where I will be for the collection of real and personal taxes.

Downers Grove—Farmers and Merchants Bank, February 5th, and 6th, and each Tuesday and Wednesday thereafter.

Hinsdale—February 8th, and 9th, and each Friday and Saturday thereafter.

Gower store—February 14th. Lemont, Tieden & Dystrup's store—February 21st.

AA personal property tax must be paid on or before March 1st. The return on personal property must be made to the County Treasurer the day after.

Books on real property will close March 9th.

Chas. E. Baker Collector Township of Downers Grove

### AND STILL ANOTHER

The guy that wrote that spell about the devil abdicating in favor of the Kaiser started something. Since the original article appeared his satanic majesty has abdicated no less than 147 times in as many different varieties of poetry and prose.

The devil sat by a lake of fire on a pile of sulphur logs; his head was bowed upon his breast, his tail between his legs. A look of shame was on his face, the sparks dropped from his eyes—he had sent his resignation to the throne up in the skies.

"I'm down and out," the devil said—he said it with a sob—"there are others that out-class me and I want to quit my job. Hell isn't in it with the land that lies along the Rhine. I'm a has-been and a piker, and therefore I resign. One ammunition maker, with his bloody shot and shell, knows more about damnation than all the imps of hell. Give my job to Kaiser Wilhelm, the author of this war, he understands it better a million times by far. I hate to leave the old home, the spot I love so well; but I feel that I'm not up-to-date in the art of running hell."

Another Auto Device. An electric light that is switched on to illuminate an automobile step as the door is opened has been patented by an English inventor.

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### SCHOOLS WILL OPEN AGAIN NEXT MONDAY

Enough Coal in Sight to Make Effort to Finish Term After Shut-Down

The Downers Grove schools will reopen Monday morning after a two week shut-down because of lack of coal. The Board of Education after several meetings decided that enough coal was now in sight to attempt to finish the term.

Many of the faculty have been taking advantage of the enforced idleness to spend the time with home folks. And the "kids"—oh say! may-be they haven't had a good time, with the greatest sleighing weather in several years they are bobin' it all day long. Hunting and other winter sports have been taking up their share of the time also.

If it wasn't for the fact that next spring the two weeks will be added on to the regular term, the scholars would not want to go back. As it is they are already worrying about losing their spring vacation.

### When a Man Forgets.

"When a man thinks too well of himself," said Uncle Eben, "it's a sign that maybe he is forgettin' a few things he knows about hisself."

### THREE STARS ON KIDWELL SERVICE FLAG

Art Enlists and Sets the Local Record—Five More Names on Our Honor Roll

Arthur Kidwell has joined the Motor Section of the Aviation Signal Corps making the third son of J. K. Kidwell to enter the service. Three stars now adorn the Kidwell service flag, making a local record of enlistments from one family. John and Tom are in training at Houston, Tex. with the 108th Engineers.

Edmond and Arthur Czechowski enlisted at the same time and in the same branch. The three boys will leave here Saturday night for Jefferson Barracks to be outfitted and will then be sent to Georgia for training. They have signed as mechanics and drivers.

Dr. A. R. Moore is the fifth local doctor to enter the service. He has been accepted in the Medical Reserve, but has not yet been commissioned. Just when he will be called is unknown.

Fred Nelson is another local boy to enlist. He also has signed with the Signal Corps and will leave soon for training. His name will be the fifth added to our honor roll this week.

### Drifting Apart



### LORD LUMBER CO. SUPPLYING EN-TIRE VILLAGE

Only Coal Dealers Who Are Making Deliveries—May Appeal to Fuel Administrator

The Lord Lumber Co. is the only firm in town handling coal that is now making deliveries.

They have been supplying the entire town for the last few days and have but a little on hand.

Carl J. Staiger, manager of the local branch, is working hard to keep a supply of fuel on hand. He has been tracing cars due here two and three weeks ago and keeps the wires hot in an endeavor to get shipments through. Deliveries are being made under the fair principle that the man who needs fuel the most gets it first.

The local coal situation is rapidly getting worse and indications point to an appeal to the Fuel Administrator.

### PRIVATE BROWN SURPRISED AT DINNER SUNDAY

Members of Co. H, I. R. M. Invaded Home at Invitation of Mrs. Brown

When Co. H, I. R. M., was dismissed Sunday afternoon Lieut. Bennett, Sergt. Orsinger, Privs. W. H. Bogart, C. A. Carlson and W. W. Henderson trailed Pvt Stanley J. Brown to his home, which they invaded, and as planned were most graciously received by Mrs. Brown, all to the surprise of Private Brown. Pvt. Geo. W. Prickett had been doing duty in another cause and arrived later.

After the wives of the respective invaders arrived to join their husbands, "mess" i. e. chicken salad and other good things, delicately catered were devoured by the boys in khaki and partaken of by the ladies. After this repast the evening was enjoyed immensely by all. The khaki clad boys gave the exclusive event a military atmosphere such as Mrs. Brown had desired and successfully planned.

### KLEIN - SCHLAUDER

Miss Nora Klein and Archie Schlauder were married Monday night at the home of the bride on South Main Street. Dr. J. F. Jenness of the M. E. church performing the ceremony. They will make their home on the old Klein homestead near Cass as soon as the roads are clear enough to move.

Mrs. Schlauder is the only surviving daughter of Dave Klein, one of the early settlers of Downers Grove township, who died several years ago. Mr. Schlauder is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Schlauder of Mid-daugh avenue.

### Reduces Golf Stick Supply.

The invention of a golf club with interchangeable heads permits all the strokes to be made with one stick without the necessity for carrying several.

### Snare in Credit Plan.

It's a good plan to pay cash. The people who imagine they are getting something for nothing generally pay double.—Philadelphia Record.

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### CHURCH NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jenness' last Sunday morning's sermon, a synopsis of which appears in another column, struck the keynote of the new union effort. Have you read it?

The union service next Sunday evening will be held in the Congregational church. Rev. Paul Crusius will be the speaker. Special music will be provided by the joint Baptist-Congregational choirs.

All the young people of the five churches are uniting every Sunday evening at 6:30 in a joint meeting. They will meet next Sunday in the Congregational church. Last Sunday's meeting was splendid.

Sunday school of Group One will meet at 9:45 a. m. in the Congregational church. Beginners and Primaries meet in Library hall. The Baptist Male Quartette will sing at 9:50, so be prompt. Mr. Heintz will preside.

At the morning service of Group One next Sunday, Mr. Oliver will preach. Mr. Grey will give the children's talk.

Sunday school of Group Two will meet at 9:45 a. m. in the Methodist church. Attractive program in prospect. Children, be prompt.

Mr. Suffer will preach at the morning service of Group Two in the Methodist church.

The Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church will meet this Friday evening at the parsonage. Dr. Sheets, District Supt. will preside.

Joint prayer meetings in both churches next Wednesday evening at 8:00. Dr. Jenness will lead at the Methodist church, Mr. Grey at the Congregational.

The Juniors of Group One will meet together next Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 in the Congregational church. Mrs. Feasley and Mrs. Schwedler will have charge.

"As we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Rom. 12: 4.

Thomas Curtis Clark has well expressed the difference between a selfish separateness and a glad togetherness in the following:

"The load is heavy I must bear." He groaned as, sad at heart, He walked his chosen selfish way, From other men apart.

"How light the burden that He gives" She whispered as she trod The road of life in sympathy With other souls of God.

An Underwater Swimmer. A beaver can swim 200 yards under water without once coming to the surface and can remain under water from five to ten minutes.

"It is civilization which has given us the woman who tells not, who lives for pleasure, who takes from life gifts for which she makes no return."—Exchange.

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### HESTERMAN AND HATTENDORF OUT FOR TREASURER

Wheaton Progressive Tells Probable Candidates for County Offices in Next Election

The Wheaton Progressive in last week's issue outlines a few of the candidates who will make a bid to the voters at the County election next fall. They say:

"Two avowed candidates are in the field for county treasurer, insuring a lively campaign for the summer. John Hesterman, sheriff, and Lawrence Hattendorf collector of Milton township have both made an announcement to their friends.

Sheriff Hesterman, who made up his mind to run several months ago, formally stated to the Progressive this week that he would be a candidate and that he would make a clean campaign such as characterized his run for sheriff four years ago. Mr. Hattendorf has made no such announcement, but it is safe to assume that he also will make a clean campaign, and while the contest will be spirited it should not develop bitterness.

With these two in the field it is barely possible that there will be no others run. However, friends of J. M. Stevens, a candidate for city commissioner last spring are urging his candidacy. Rollo Givler, editor of the Naperville Clarion, nephew of N. E. Matter, county treasurer, is being spoken of as a candidate. Mr. Matter is authority for the statement that he doesn't believe that Givler will run.

There has developed, so far, no opponent to County Clerk Kuhn, who is a candidate for re-election. It has been hinted that Mr. Matter would run for the office, but he has not declared himself.

George Leineke, deputy sheriff, is a candidate for Mr. Hesterman's job. Frank Schimp, of Naperville, an auctioneer, and son of the former sheriff of that name, is spoken of as a possibility.

No opposition has developed to County Judge Rathje or Superintendent of Schools Morgan.

The southeast part of the County has not been heard from. There has been some suggestion that Marshall White of Downers Grove might want to be sheriff. Hinsdale has no candidate for a county office. Elmhurst and Lombard have no candidates. The north towns also are to be heard, and some office-seekers may be developed in any of this territory."

### PATRIOTIC SERVICE

The S. Andrew's church service flag, now bearing six stars was blessed by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. H. M. MacWhorter and the Roll of Honor, read at a special service held in the church on Sunday evening, January 20th.

A large congregation was present including a number of the members of Company H. The sermon was upon the Epiphany Season and the new war expression "Carry On."

Always a Way. There is always a way of doing every worth-while thing."

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### For the Same Reasons

that it pays to have the dentist look after your molars and the jeweler your watch every so often, it will pay you to arrange for the expert periodical inspection and care of your motor car. By so doing, incipient troubles may be remedied, which if, neglected, would cause wear and deterioration of parts, the avoiding of which might easily save more dollars than the proverbial "nine" quoted above.

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### 20TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Frank celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary at their home on Washington street, last Friday evening. About twenty-five relatives and friends were present and the evening passed all too quickly with games and dancing. A delicious lunch was served later in the evening.

The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Squires, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leasler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stark and daughter Allie, and Miss Millie Grimes of Naperville. Mr. and Mrs. Frank were the recipients of many beautiful pieces of china ware.

### COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEETS TONIGHT

J. F. Kidwell, president of the Community Welfare League, has called a meeting of that organization at Library hall tonight. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

Chairmen of Departments will read their reports and plans will be discussed for further activities.

Every Downers Grove resident is invited and urged to attend.

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