

Downers Grove Reporter

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AMERICA FIRST!

HE DIED THAT WE MIGHT LIVE

Somewhere in France today, in a little grave marked only by a wooden cross bearing his name and the date of his passing on, lies Downers Grove's first contribution to humanity.

Alexander B. Burns has made the supreme sacrifice.

He has given up his life that we, his fellowtownsmen and friends, might continue to live on under the glorious flag that spells Freedom.

He died, we imagine, as he lived, facing the enemy, as he faced the world; with a smile.

Oh, he was so typical of the thousands of Our Boys now actually facing Fritz. Care-free, athletic, sport-loving, clean American that he was; with all the indelible and ingrained love of Liberty, Right and Justice; he is gone. And what of us?

Many famous writers have said the first casualty list would wake up America to the war. Did the first list wake us up? No. Did the second or the third? Again we must confess, No.

But Tuesday evening when the fast-flying news that one of our own boys, one who was a part of the daily life of the village a few short months ago, one whom we cheered in football, baseball and basket ball contests; when we heard that he had been ground beneath the wheels of the Jauggernaut loosed upon an unsuspecting world by Kaiserism; do we then wake up? I think we do.

Downers Grove has freely given of her sons; we have been known as a loyal community, the Liberty Loans, Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross appeals have not found us wanting. Some of us have conscientiously tried to live up to the Food Administration rules. Have we done our best?

The war has now been brought home to us.

When those who are left of our own boys come marching home after their victory; their way leading them through lanes of wet-eyed, cherishing humanity; will you be one of those who can look them in the eye and say, "I did my best at home?"

As a community we are singularly free from the pacifist, the pro-German or the anti-American. Yet we have in the village a few who are not wholeheartedly behind those boys of ours. In the same regiment with Alex, and presumably in the fighting line, are eight other Downers Grove boys; his brother Stewart Burns, Fred Edwards, Gilbert Lacey, Harry Grant, Fredrick Sacksteder, Grant Nash, Myron Towles and Chester Hall. More of Downers Grove sons are "over there." These are the boys you are backing up, you know them all.

Woe be to the man, call him what you will, pro-German, anti-American, pacifist or what, who in the future does not stand four-square behind those boys of ours. He will be ostracized and should be; and no one of the loyal Americans would feel downhearted if he were interned for the duration of the war.

Let us now, individually and as a community, re-dedicate ourselves to the glorious victory that will be ours.

FILE TAX SCHEDULE

In order to avoid confusion and needless labor the Board of Review has ordered the DuPage County Assessors to strictly comply with the law and add fifty per cent penalty in every case where personal property schedules are not properly filled out, sworn to and returned to the Assessor.

Owners of dogs must procure a metallic license tag from the Assessor or lay themselves liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than ten dollars.

You can procure a blank schedule from your Assessor on April 1st and it must be returned to the Assessor before May 15th or you will be penalized 50 per cent.

N. E. Matter, Supervisor of Assessments

YOUR BOYS STAR SHOULD BE ON FLAG

Village Service Emblem Will be at Mayor's Home Tuesday and Wednesday Next Week.

Your boy in the service, is he represented on the Village Service Flag? If not he should be.

The flag was presented to the village by the Community Welfare League last fall. Every Downers Grove boy and man in the service of the United States should have a star on the flag.

We have now more than 150 on the roll of honor and there are but 136 stars on the emblem.

The flag will be at the home of Mayor Kidwell on Curtiss street next Tuesday and Wednesday. Mothers or other near relatives of boys not yet represented are invited to go there and sew on the star.

NOTES OF THE WOMANS CLUB

An illustrated lecture on "Decorations" by Mrs. Genevieve Puffer Reid featured the regular afternoon program of the Downers Grove Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon, in the reading room of the Library. Mrs. Reid gave an interesting discussion of house-hold decoration, illustrating by means of actual tapestries, draperies and floor coverings. The exhibit was furnished by Marshall Field & Co.

The attendance was large in spite of unpleasant weather conditions. Several guests from neighboring Woman's Clubs were present. After the talk, the party adjourned to the lower floor where music and refreshments were offered. Several selections were furnished by the Club chorus; accompanied by Miss Delight Verdenius.

The Art and Literature department will have charge of the program on March 27, when Mrs. Joseph N. Woodfern, of Hinsdale, will give a talk on "Dramatic Poetry."

NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING FUEL

The regulations are as follows: "A. Until further notice no domestic consumer of coal or coke shall purchase, receive or otherwise take possession of more coal or coke than is required for his actual and necessary requirements prior to March 31, 1919. If such a consumer already has a quantity on hand he shall receive only such additional amount as shall make up his actual and necessary requirements prior to that date.

"B. No person, firm, association or corporation, whether acting alone or in conjunction with others, shall, directly or indirectly, provide any domestic consumer of coal or coke with more coal or coke before March 31, 1919, than is necessary, with the amount already on hand, to meet the actual and necessary requirements of such consumer prior to that date.

"C. On and after April 1, 1918, no person, firm, association or corporation shall sell or deliver coal to a domestic customer who does not first furnish to the person selling or delivering such coal a statement which the consumer declares in writing to be true, and which specifies (1) the amount of coal the consumer has on hand, (2) the amount of coal he has on order and the name of the person from whom ordered, (3) the amount of coal used by him in the twelve months ending March 31, 1918, and (4) the amount of coal needed to meet his actual and necessary requirements prior to March 31, 1919; provided however, that this regulation may be modified by any state fuel administrator within his own state under which such circumstances and conditions as he may deem proper.

"D. On and after April 1, 1918, and until further notice, no retail dealer shall, unless authorized by the state fuel administrator, deliver or cause to be delivered to any domestic consumer more than two-thirds of his normal annual requirements of anthracite coal until each domestic consumer who has placed his order with said dealer and is willing to receive delivery of the same has received two-thirds of his normal annual requirements for the year ending March 31, 1919; provided, however, that orders of six tons or less may be filled in full.

"E. Carload or bargeload lots shall not be delivered to a single domestic consumer or to a group of consumers, except with the permission of the local fuel administrator.

"F. Dealers shall file with the local fuel administrator on the first of each month a statement containing the names and addresses of consumers to whom deliveries have been made during the previous month and the quantity delivered to each.

WALTER WHIFFEN NOW STATIONED AT PEKIN, CHINA

Former Downers Grove Boy—A. P. A. Representative, Always in the Thick of It

Walter C. Whiffen, whom many in Downers Grove will remember as a former resident here, is now stationed in Pekin as correspondent for the Associated Press. Whiffen seems to have a genius for picking out centers of disturbances as a place to live. When he first went into the foreign service of the big news gathering organization, he was sent to Mexico City. That was in Madero's time and there was street fighting all over the city for weeks at a time. After that strenuous experience the Associated Press manager thought Walter was entitled to a "rest" so in July 1914 they assigned him to St. Petersburg. Before he could reach his new post, however, the name of the city was Petrograd and the European war was on. He remained there until last December when he was given another chance for a "rest" and sent to Pekin. Now the Chinese capital is becoming one of the principal news centers of the world because of the impending developments in Manchuria and Siberia. Can you beat it?

Mrs. Whiffen was in America last year and started back to Petrograd by way of the Orient. She got as far as Pekin and had to stay there many months. Just why she couldn't join her husband is explained by the following account of the journey between the Russian and Chinese capitals, which Whiffen sent to the Associated Press recently:

Pekin, January 1. (Correspondence of the Associated Press): The journey from Petrograd to Harbin, once possible to accomplish in nine days in one of the most luxurious trains on the continent, is today an experience long to be remembered. Twelve to fourteen days is required to cover the distance, being an average speed of sixteen to eighteen miles per hour, in a train packed with homeward-bound soldiers who fill every available foot of corridor so that ingress and egress from compartments becomes a feat of physical prowess.

The writer recently arrived from Petrograd having travelled across Russia on the Siberian Express. After the first night out soldiers began clamoring aboard at every stop and for twelve and a half days lived in the corridors sleeping at night—unfolding on the floors or sprawling in a tangled mass upon one another. Each one had his kit containing a tea pot, a chunk of bread, sausage of boiled meat. For the most part they were a good natured, jolly crowd who could muster spirit to sing in spite of everything. Only in the second class cars where there was a large percentage of sailors, always the most vicious element, were they surly.

One young American woman who had tickets eating for a place in a second class car was literally "sifted" by the soldiers and found refuge with a Russian general and wife in their compartment.

All the way to Irkutsk the express followed soldier trains. The latter stopped long at stations while the soldiers striped the station restaurants of provisions. Meanwhile the express lay hours at a time at some black signal on the prairie waiting for a clear track. Efforts to pass the soldier trains brought threats from the "tovarishi" that they would telescope the express. At Tomsk they tried to take the express locomotive but were prevented by the soldiers aboard the latter.

Arrived at the frontier—Manchuria station—the Russian troops were put off the train by two big Chinese soldiers. Those who were slow in getting started were encouraged by jabs in the ribs with the barrel of a rifle. On the platform outside occurred an indignation meeting, the result of which was a resolution that no more expresses would be permitted to leave Petrograd.

THRIFT JINGLES

Never mind the diamonds and the watches and the rings, The gewgaws and the trinkets and all those useless things; For birthday presents now the little war stamps are the things, And as each one hits the kaiser it hits a blow that stings.

Little drops of water, Little grains of sand, Make the mighty ocean And the fertile land.

Little thrift stamps daily Bought throughout the year, Make the kaiser tremble; Fill his heart with fear.

We are soon to have free mail delivery in our Village. Everyone will have to have a mail box to get their mail. We are headquarters for these boxes and have samples on display at very low prices.

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HOW ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S COAL?

Your attention is called to new fuel regulations issued by the Federal administration in effect April 1st. They are printed on this page.

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BOY SCOUT LETTER

To the people in and around Downers Grove:

The Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 1 of Downers Grove wish to call your attention to the Third Liberty Loan Campaign which begins April 1st. The Scouts will be around to sell bonds, so be ready when they come, to "Do Your Bit."

They are also making a Thrift and War Savings Stamp drive from now until January 1st. Make arrangements for your Thrift stamps to put on your Thrift cards and War Savings Stamps for your War Saving Certificates.

The Scout motto for this Campaign is: "Every Scout to Boost America." Help us out, and let it be your motto also.

Paul Prickett, Troop Seribe.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Ruling No. 1

1. All sales of blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, gooseberries, cherries, currants, strawberries, and similar berries, small fruits and vegetables in quantities of one bushel or less, shall be by the bushel, one-half bushel, peck, one-half peck, one-fourth peck, quart, pint, and one-half pint dry measure.

2. All boxes, baskets, measures, and containers sold, used or offered for sale within the State must be of the standard interior capacity of one bushel, one peck, one-half peck, one-fourth peck, one quart, one pint, and one-half pint dry measure, to-wit:

- a. One-half pint shall contain 16.8 cu. in.
- b. One pint shall contain 33.6 cu. in.
- c. One quart shall contain 67.2 cu. in.

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d. One-fourth peck shall contain 134.4 cu. in.
e. One-half peck shall contain 268.8 cu. in.
f. One peck shall contain 537.6 cu. in.
g. One-half bushel shall contain 1075.2 cu. in.
h. One bushel shall contain 2150.42 cu. in.
Provided, that all growers, shippers, package dealers, wholesalers, retailers, including fruit stand dealers, peddlers, and all others who have purchased or contracted for wine quart boxes, baskets, measures or containers, in good faith, on or before March 15, 1918, shall be allowed to use them during the year of 1918; provided, that each and every such box, basket, measure and container shall be marked "5-6 quart" with bold face figures and letters of not less than one-half inch in height; and further provided, that this ruling shall not apply to cities, towns or villages, where by ordinance fruits are required to be sold by standard avoirdupois weight or by numerical count.
Done at Springfield, Illinois, this Ninth day of March, A. D. 1918.
William H. Stead
Director of Trade and Commerce
Real Requirement.
Find me the man who suits the place; not a man the place would suit.