

# 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."

## OUR VILLAGE AND THE THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

On April 6th, the anniversary of the declaring of war upon Germany by the United States, the Third Liberty Loan drive will start in every village, city and hamlet in our Country.

We believe Downers Grove people in the first two loans have carried their share. We have, however, no way of knowing to a certainty. Chicago was given credit for thousands of dollars of bonds purchased by our residents.

This must not go on in the next drive.

Each County in the State has been allotted its proportion of the bonds and each section of each County will bear its share of that allotment. Bonds purchased outside of the district will not count for the district.

Therefore—

**BUY YOUR LIBERTY BONDS OF THE THIRD LOAN AT HOME!**

We have always advocated a strict buy-at-home policy for merchandise of every description. In the Liberty Loan drives we are even more in favor of the buy-at-home principle.

We are not an overly wealthy community and unless every cent of money spent for bonds is credited to us it will appear as if we were not giving our government proper support.

Read the names of Our Boys in the "Honor Roll" — you, perhaps, know every one of them personally — these are the boys you are furnishing with ammunition, clothing, money—everything!

**BUY BONDS OF THE THIRD LIBERTY LOAN — AND BUY THEM IN DOWNERS GROVE!**

## CLACKERS — NOT SLACKERS

We have no slackers — that is — not many.

But —

We have many "Clackers" who in the final summing up may do as much harm as the slackers.

A clacker is one who is doing his bit in war work here at home, but at the same time (and this applies to women as well as men) is either spreading unconfirmed rumors or German propaganda.

For instance, after the news of the death of a Downers Grove boy had become general, rumor had everyone of our representatives in France either killed in action, in the hospital with wounds or minus arms and legs. Don't spread rumors of this kind. The actualities of war are bad enough without causing additional worry to friends and relatives of men in the service by rumor.

This is one of the many ways agents of the Imperial German Government have spread discontent among the peoples of Europe. They are now working in this country and every time you or your neighbor passes on one of these unconfirmed rumors you are helping the German cause, unconsciously perhaps, but doing it nevertheless.

You must expect rumors of transport sinkings, reversals to American arms, naval battles lost, and general defeat—BUT—DON'T BE ONE OF THOSE WHO PASS THESE ON!

**DON'T BE A CLACKER!**

## MORE WORKERS ARE WANTED BY D. G. RED CROSS

Speed Up Production in Both Knitting and Sewing Departments in the Latest Order

With the army increasing in numbers rapidly and a prospective increase of size in the near future, due to new draft calls, the Red Cross throughout the Country is speeding up and plans to increase production in Downers Grove are being made. Both the knitting and sewing departments of the local branch are now supplied with good quantities of materials and additional workers are wanted to sew hospital garments and knit sweaters, socks, wristlets and helmets. Some of the knitted articles originally supplied to the fighters have been worn out so that the organization has now not only the task of supplying all the new men but also re-equipping the others. It will re-

quire more workers and more work from the workers and also more funds. Increasing prices of materials will also boost up the requirements in the way of funds.

More Downers Grove boys will be going to camps and cantonments and to be supplied with comfort kits, as have all boys who have gone in the past, either the selected men or their families should get in touch with either Miss Fanny Stewart or Mrs. A. B. Snow.

A home service department is being established in the local branch under Howard P. Jones. The work of his committee consists of looking after families of soldiers and returned men who need help either in a financial way or in a way of securing employment. This will later become one of the most important and busiest departments.

A big shipment of knitted goods to the Chicago chapter has just been made. It comprised 82 sweaters, 100 pairs of socks, 15 helmets, 16 pairs of wristlets and 3 scarfs.

Another shipment will soon be made and all yarn that has been out more than three weeks should be turned in immediately whether the garment has been completed or not. Because of

the scarcity of materials all must be handled speedily now and the present rule is that yarn given out by the Red Cross must come back within three weeks whether the knitter has finished with it or not. Unfinished articles will be turned over to a few of the speediest workers so that the record of the Downers Grove branch may be good.

Mrs. John Wells donated a quilt to the local branch. Miss Emma Fletcher will handle the quilting of this. It will later prove a source of income that will be greatly appreciated.

A special meeting of the executive board of the Downers Grove branch will be held at the village hall or office next Tuesday evening. Several important matters are scheduled.

The immediate task before the Downers Grove branch of the Red Cross is gathering up and shipping a large quantity of old and new clothing as can be gathered together for allied relief. A drive along this line is being conducted by the Chicago Chapter and Downers Grove expects to exceed its allotment.

Mrs. Hereward S. Sherman is chairman of the committee in charge and she hopes to arrange for a collection of every street in the village.

All clothes, particularly work clothing, underwear, shoes and children's and infants wear are wanted.

The clothing will be gathered at the Kidwell Garage, across from the depot. Those who can bring or send their donations will assist the committee greatly. However, arrangements to have it called for may be made by phoning Mrs. Sherman at 194-R.

## NOTES OF THE WOMANS CLUB

The Art and Literature Department of the Club will hold its last meeting for the club year on March 27th. A program of unusual interest to the members of this department, as well as to every member of the club, is promised for this meeting.

Mrs. Joseph N. Redfern of Hinsdale, who has charge of the Drama Department of the Chicago Womens Club, will give an address on "Dramatic Poetry." Two piano numbers will be given by Mrs. W. W. Wilhelm.

Since we are to be favored with such talent as this, we trust that every member of the club will make an especial effort to be present. The meeting will begin promptly at 2:30.

## RESOLUTIONS

Whereas — The hand of Divine Providence has removed one of our home Boys, Alexander Burns, from this life to a higher life; and

Whereas — Dark as the shadows may seem at this trying hour, his heroic sacrifice is but the earnest expression of loyal service to humanity;

Therefore, be it Resolved — That the members of the Downers Grove Womens Club tenderly condole with the family of this brave soldier in their hour of grief, and commend them to the keeping of Him who looks with pitying eye upon their bereavement.

Resolved — That in our natural sorrow for this loss, we find consolation in the belief that it is well with him for whom we mourn.

Be it Further Resolved — That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, as a token of our respect and sympathy, also that it be entered upon the records of the Downers Grove Womens Club.

Emma J. Miller  
Mary P. Oliver  
Hattie Remmers

## The Only Way.

Only way to get the genuine mince pie is to marry into the family where it is made.

## Natural Mortar Beds.

Who invented mortar? Some prehistoric person, who in all likelihood hit upon the combination by sheer luck. The mortar used by the ancient Greeks and Romans was the same stuff that we use.

But nature was in advance of the human discoverer by some millions of years. In Texas and Kansas, extending over vast areas, is a geological formation known in that region as the "mortar beds." It is a stratum composed of sand, clay and lime, which, originally fluid, has "set" and become rock.

The process by which the sedimentary rocks of the earth were formed is successfully imitated in the sidewalk pavement of artificial stone, which is spread in a moist condition and allowed to dry. It is better for the purpose than natural stone—made in slabs larger than can be quarried and often formed with grooves so as to expand and contract without breaking.

## Do You Need—

a lawn mower this year? If so buy it now while you can get one. There is a shortage of good mowers this season and after the first lot is gone there will not be any more to be had this year.

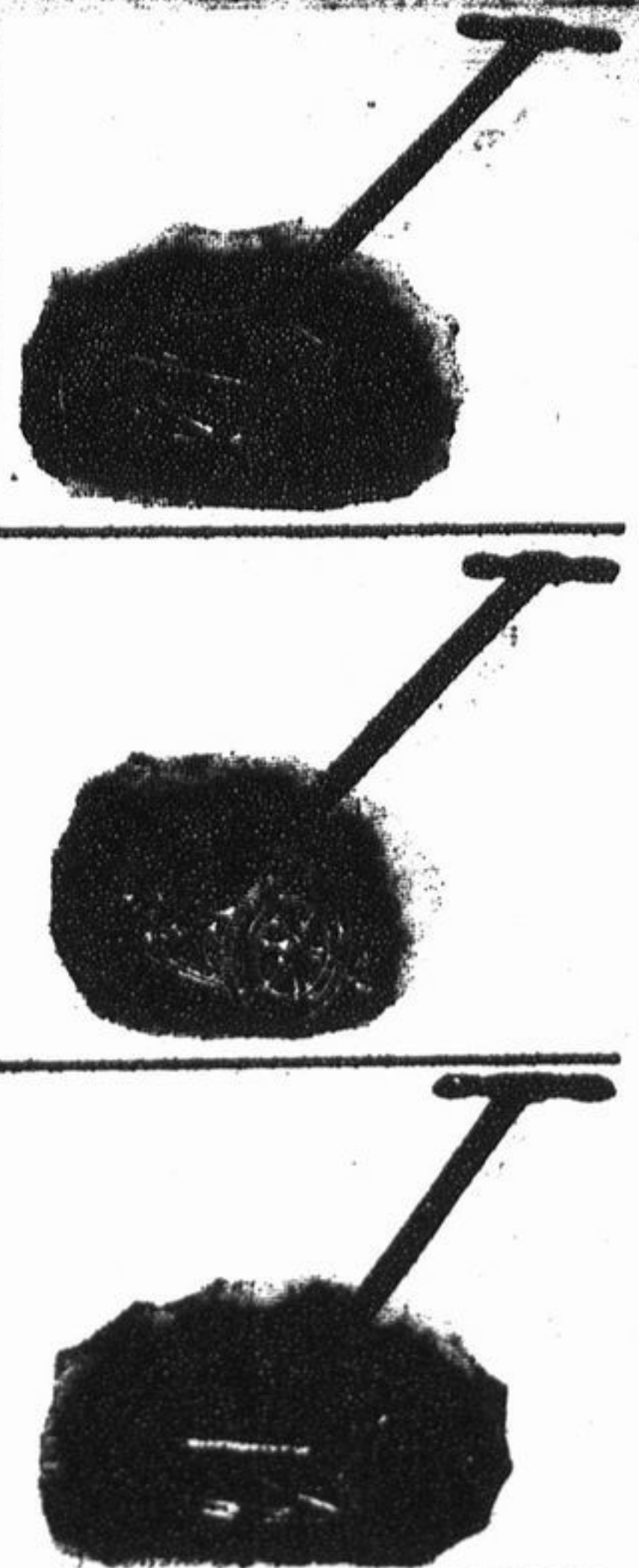
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## BUNYAN ACTIVE TO THE END

His Last Years Busy Though Peaceful Ones and Death Result of Act of Self-Sacrifice.

The closing years of the life of John Bunyan were peaceful, unlike in that respect the years that had gone before, but they were busy years, devoted to preaching, to the work of a pastor and teacher. Of these closing years, Froese, in his "Life of Bunyan," edited by John Morley, writes, "Happy in his work, happy in the sense that his influence was daily extending—spreading over his own country, and to the far-off settlements in America, he spent his last years in his own land of Beulah, Doubting Castle out of sight, and the towers and minarets of Emmanuel Land growing nearer and clearer as the days went on."

His end was brought about by exposure when he was engaged in an act of charity. A quarrel had broken out in a family at Reading with which Bunyan had some acquaintance. The father and son were at variance, and in the hope of reconciling them Bunyan journeyed from Bedford to Reading on horseback. He succeeded, but at the cost of his life.

Returning by London, he was overtaken on the road by a storm of rain and drenched to the skin. This brought on a chill. He reached the house of a London friend, Mr. Strudwick, but he never left his bed afterward. In ten days he was dead. The exact date is uncertain. It was towards the end of August, 1688, between two and three months before the landing of King William. Bunyan was sixty years of age. He was buried in Mr. Strudwick's vault in the burying ground at Bunhill Fields.

## Where Skill Counts.

The theory and practice of agriculture largely rests on the fact that plants can be greatly modified by the condition under which they grow, after being established in the soil. There is shown the skill of the cultivator.

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