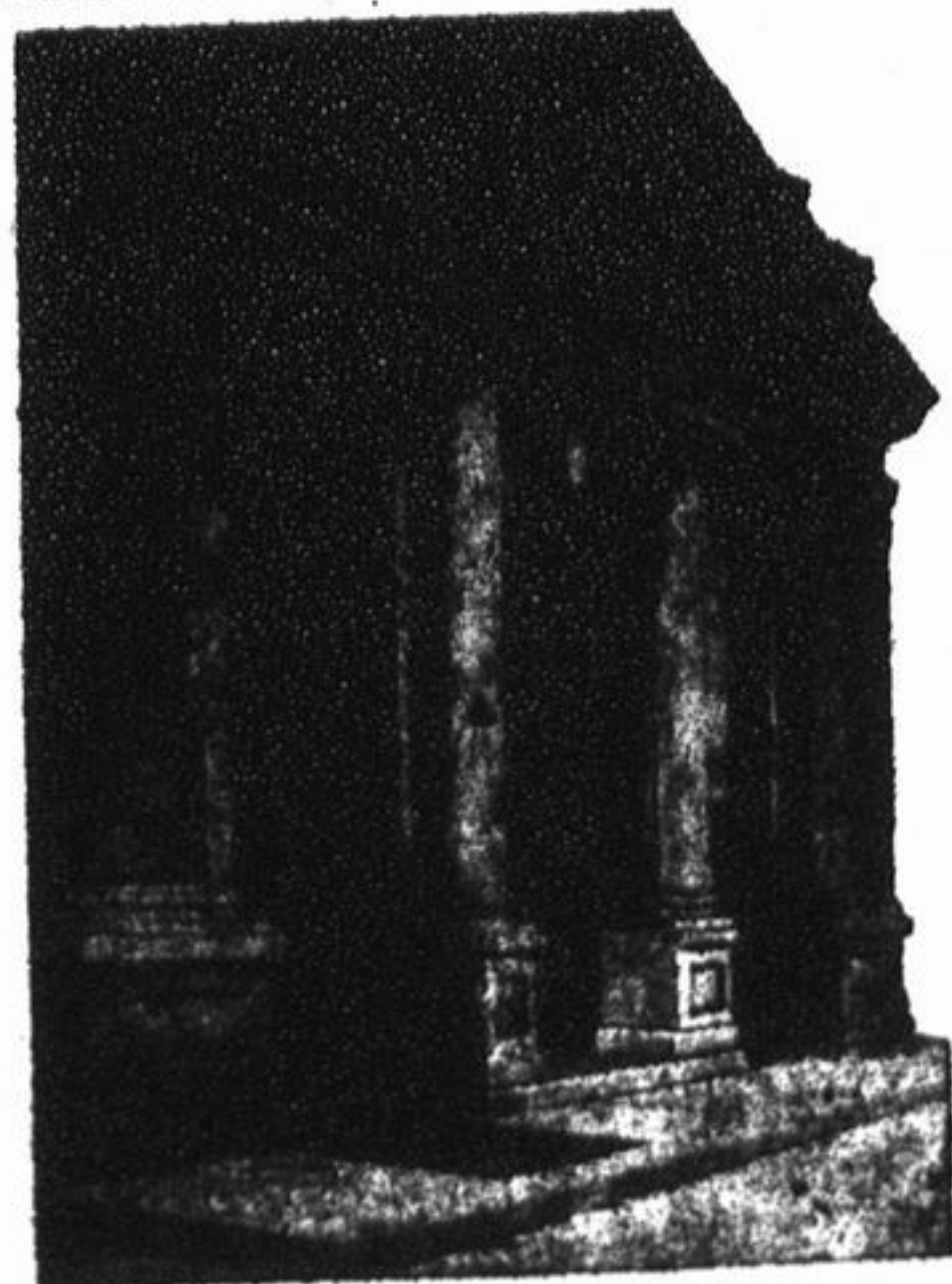


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Come to Us for Advice

Giving business advice to our depositors is only one part of the service this bank endeavors to render to its depositors. We aim to establish that feeling of co-operation and mutual help that is certain to bring mutual success. For your success is our success.

The benefits of having your account in this bank are numerous. Call and let any of our officers tell you of them.

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Downers Grove, Illinois.

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Fancy Fryces, per pound	10c
Wheat's Hearts Breakfast Food, per pound	10c
Beechnut Chili Sauce, large bottle	28c
Fancy Santos Coffee, per pound 2 1/2; 5 pounds	\$1.00
5 1-2 oz. jar Salad Dressing	10c
Old Style Wet Mince Meat, per jar.	29c
Arm & Hammer Soda, 1 lb. pkg.	8c
Aurora Red Kidney Beans, special 2 cans	25c
Karo Maple Flavor Syrup, per can	20c
Blue Label Karo, 5 pound pail,	43c
Besto-Nut Margarine, per pound	32c
Gallon can Apples	48c
Chase & Sanborn Coffee, 3 pound can	\$1.10
10 oz. bottle Catsup, per bottle,	12c

SHOES

If you want to save money on Shoes buy them here. Customers tell us they can buy shoes cheaper here than in the City, and many have spent days looking around for shoes and returned to buy them here knowing they could get good shoes at reasonable prices.

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Local News on Every Page!

DOWNERS GROVE GOING OVER TOP IN LOAN DRIVE

About \$85,000 Has Been Subscribed Up to the Close of Banking Hours Yesterday Afternoon.

Downers Grove again "Over the Top."

In spite of our large quota on the Third Liberty Loan, we are going to oversubscribe it, as is wanted by the leaders in Government affairs.

The organization of this district under the chairman, Sam'l Curtiss, of the First National Bank, was a good one. His immediate lieutenants, V. Simonson, of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Mayor Kidwell and J. W. Hughes have been in the forefront of the charge on the patriotism of local people's money.

Districting the town and giving but a small section to each two man team, was the deciding factor in raising our quota. \$90,000 is a very large amount for so small a territory, considering financial standing, and it was only by not missing anyone that we were able to put it over.

Chas. Mochel and W. H. Blodgett, who have been working the farming district, report very much better success than on the previous loan. Our farming neighbors are being brought to an understanding of the seriousness of the situation and are investing better than before.

Downers Grove township's share of the third loan is \$180,000. This was to be split up between the Hinsdale and local committees any way they saw fit. In spite of the great difference in wealth of the two sections, Downers Grove shouldered their half and each member of the committee made a vow to put it over. And it will go over. At the bank closing hour last night the two banks reported an approximate total of \$85,000.

This leaves but 5,000 more and this will be easy. We have been asked to say, however, that just because the end is in sight, don't take it for granted that the other fellow will buy enough to make the difference. Do it yourself. Show DuPage County towns that we are 100 percent loyal with our money, as well as our boys.

In several instances the first payment was not made when the solicitor called. These initial payments should be made at once as it will not count for us until it is.

Many promised to call at the banks and subscribe. In a majority of cases the check shows that this was done. Those who wish to redeem this promise will be given a chance to do so tomorrow night. Several members of the committee will be in the director's room at the First National Bank at this time to take applications.

In another column this week, we are printing the names of local people whose subscriptions have gone through the local banks. If your name does not appear thereon, notify the man who sold you and tell him to turn in the application.

EMRICH BROS. HAVE BOUGHT KEHLER STORE

Enrich Bros. of LaGrange, have purchased the B. E. Kehler store at Main and Curtiss and started on their Downers Grove business career Monday morning.

Both members of the new firm are well versed in the grocery and dry goods business and will no doubt make a success of the business, such as Mr. Kehler has been enjoying during the time he has been running this stand.

Mr. Kehler will remain in town for several months gathering up the loose ends and will then, we understand, move west. He is interested in a new mining venture in the State of Washington, one that holds promise of being real big business at some not distant date, and all his time will be spent with the new firm.

We are sorry to see Mr. Kehler sell as he has been identified with our business life for several years. We welcome the new firm and hope they will like the village and that they will prosper here.

Optimistic Thought.
He who reason rules may with safety rule others.

"OVER THE TOP WITH JOHNNY" IS GREAT SHOW

Record Crowd Greeted First Performance at the Curtiss Theatre Last Night

"Over the Top with Johnny," the play for the benefit of Co. H, I. R. M. was greeted with a record crowd at its first performance at the Curtiss Theatre last night.

It is one of the best... not the best home talent play ever given in Downers Grove. It is funny, it is full of patriotism and the many tuneful melodies are sung by the pick of local talent.

While every one of the cast, with the exception of Mr. Campbell, is an amateur, their performance would do credit to seasoned actors. From Johnny, Rolland H. Bennett, at the top of the program to Letty, at the bottom, they are great, simply great. Their acting, their singing both en-semble, solo and duets, and their very stage presence, show the weeks of hard drill they have been going thru and the ability of their trainer, Mr. Hilliard Campbell.

Those fortunate enough to crowd into the theatre last night were loud in their praise of the piece. Captain Balczynski in thanking them for their attendance said there were 507 in the house. He did not count about fifty members of the company who thronged the lobby in their effort to see and hear.

Freedy and Weedy, two German spies, Leo Orsinger and Russel V. Tholin, made the comedy hit of the show. Their impersonation was just as funny as amateurs can make it and most of those present voted them better than many vaudevillians.

Every one of the principles in their vocal numbers went big. For singing and solo music, many stage productions make great successes with about half the talent.

As old Uncle Tom, Earnest McGinn, was very good. His portrayal of the old family servitor was true to real life and his wal, talk, singing and acting of the part were fine. His solo number was a hard one but he carried it off in great shape. This scene with all the little darkies is one of the prettiest in the show.

In the special numbers the darkie quartette, Lester Barry, John Duthie, Martin Norpell and Roy Burns assisted by Myron Wimmer, Lewis Stevenson, Donald Stevenson, Chester Miller, John Lehmann, Albert Smith, John Toohey, Horace Barshar, Leroy Sullivan, William Lateford and Jack Burns, as pickaninnies, made a direct hit. They danced and they sang and materially assisted in the success of the play.

Another special number which was very pleasing was the vaudeville entertainment given by the Jolly Tars of the Brookfield Infantry a dancing class under the direction of Georgia Balliff and Mrs. Hilliard Campbell.

They danced sailors' hornpipes, sang chantys smacking of the seven salty seas and each member was a credit to their teachers. The girls taking part in this number were: Gladys Wilcox, Bessie McDowell, Margaret Martinelli, Dorothy Goeller, Anna Fanz, Leona Hoppenrath, Louise Gordon, Harriet Campbell, Grace Griswold, Eva Fanz, Laurenda Hanley, Marie Bueler, Susan Martinelli and Kate Miller.

In the finale of the last act the entire local militia company marches across the stage with guns at port and then through the theatre down the aisles making a great finish to a great show.

Every ticket for last night and tonight's show was sold several days ago and many were turned away last night because of lack of seating room. There is a possibility that the show will be given here once more for those who have not yet seen it.

The cast is as follows:

- Johnny, 1st Lieut. Rolland Bennett
- General Allen, Hilliard Campbell
- Jeffry, Walter D. Sherman
- Billy, Paul C. Vix
- Freedy, Leo Orsinger
- Weedy, Russel Tholin
- Orderly, Frank Duncan
- Uncle Tom, Earnest McGinn
- George, Frank B. Waples
- Edward, Earl Tholin
- Kate Allen, Zita Norpell
- Cordelia Allen, Gwendolyn Griffith
- Constance, Agnes Roth

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Make Your Dollars Help End the War

You can help end this World's War by subscribing to the 3d Liberty Loan. These bonds are the direct obligation of the United States of America and bear interest at 4 1/2% per annum issued in denominations of \$50., \$100., \$500., \$1,000 and more.

This bank will enter your subscription for you ENTIRELY FREE OF CHARGE.

Farmer's and Merchant's Bank
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An Appeal To Coal Consumers!

The State Fuel Administrator has urged every consumer in the State to load his bins during the Summer with his next Winter's supply.

This will take a great burden off the railroads during the winter months when they operate under difficulties. See full particulars in another part of this issue.

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