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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."

SEVEN LOCAL BOYS EN ROUTE "OVER THERE"

Other News from the Boys Serving Uncle Sam Both "Here" and "There."

On train on way to "somewhere" March 26, 1918.

Mr Staats:

Dear Friend: Just a few lines to thank you for sending me the Reporter. I sure appreciate it and wait for it each week. It was in the Reporter that I read the account of Alex Burns death. He was a brave lad and died like a true American soldier.

We are now on our way to join the boys "over there" and we are one happy crowd. We are 1600 strong, traveling in 4 sections, about 2 hours apart. We have been on the train 3 days and it will probably be another 3 days before we reach our port of embarkation as the sections have 21 cars each and travel only about 20 miles an hour.

We got some windoff when we left Camp Logan. The band took us down to the train and the soldiers and civilians lined up on the roadside, and cheered us as we went marching by. As we pass thru the cities and towns the people cheer us, give us flowers, magazines, candies, cigars and cigarettes. It sure makes a "feller" feel good. We've been passing thru that grand old state, Illinois, today, and many of us probably took our last look at the state we love, and as the people cheered their own Illinois troops, today, you now and then would see a Mother or a sweetheart press their handkerchiefs to their eyes. At one place an old white haired lady stood on the platform, and waved a service flag with 3 red stars, say did we cheer her, well I guess we did.

You know for the last 3 nights, I have been sleeping on white sheets and have spillover, gee, but it is hard to take. Well I will have to close, wishing you and all my friends the best of luck.

Adolph F. Winter
Co. D, 108th Eng.
Am Ex. Force.

(We take it for granted from the above letter that this unit is bound for an Eastern port and from there for the other side soon. Other local boys besides Adolph Winter in this regiment are Thomas and John Kidwell, Warren Wells, Edgar McCollum,

Martin A Bauer and Alfred Gardiner.)

The following is an extract from a letter received by Mrs. C. V. Carpenter from her son Bob, with an engineering unit in France. Bob is situated at a French port that he meets all the local boys who land. Somewhere "Beautiful Somewhere" April 14th, 1918.

"I have had a couple of pleasant surprises, night before last a fellow from Chicago came up to see Jack Patton. I found he was here with the horses and immediately I asked who was with him, he said Sam Bertolin and some other fellow; yesterday morning I went to the boat and hunted Sammy up. He certainly was as surprised to see me as I was to see him. We stayed aboard the boat and talked for several hours; he looks fine and says he feels even better than that and is anxious to get to the front with the bunch. Geo Nargney and Cox he says are still at home but should be here any time. His sizing up of me was the same as the rest, "gosh but you're getting fat."

April 15, 1918.

Dear Mother and All:
Just another little note to tell you we arrived safely.

We had a fine trip only one storm on the way over and no excitement on the trip.

This is some place and sure would surprise you. They are far behind in their customs.

With Love and Best Wishes to all,
Your Son,
Dwight Cox.

NOTES OF THE WOMANS CLUB

The General Federation of Woman's Clubs is asking each member all over the United States to give one dollar to establish furlough homes in France for our soldiers. An appeal was made to the Downers Grove Woman's Club and in a few days they raised \$82 which was sent to Hot Springs, Ark. where the General Federation is now meeting.

The first Board meeting of the newly elected officers will be held in the Library rooms on Monday afternoon, May 6th, at 2:30.

MRS. ELLA R. COLES

Mrs. Charles H. Coles passed away Wednesday morning May 1st. Her health failed about six months ago developing into heart trouble.

After spending a month in the Gerfield Park hospital she was taken to the Sanitarium at Hinsdale, where she seemed to be improving. The announcement of her death was quite a shock to her many friends in the village and in Chicago, where many prominent men in politics and business were numbered among her pupils.

Funeral services were held in the West Side Masonic Temple, Queen Esther Chapter No. 41, O. E. S., of which Mrs. Coles was a Past Worthy Matron conducting the services. Superintendent J. D. Shoop, of the Chicago School Board paying a well earned tribute to Mrs. Coles for her long and faithful services in the public schools.

Interment was made in Forest Home cemetery.

Miss Ella Reid was born at Oshkosh, Wis., May 7th, 1859 and came to Chicago with her parents as a child and attended the Foster school. After graduating she went to the Central High school and then to Normal where she received her certificate as County teacher in 1878. Her first position was in the Clark school. She was made principal of the Skinner school in 1898 and afterward transferred to the Whitney school which position she held until her death.

She married Charles H. Coles June 11, 1883 and three years ago they made their home in Downers Grove.

She leaves to mourn not only her husband and two nieces, Mrs. Frank Young and Mrs. F. W. Ganz, besides numerous friends who learned to appreciate her character and friendship during her short residence here.

MRS. JOHN D. DOWNER

Mrs. John D. Downer, wife of Postmaster Downer, passed away last Saturday evening at her home on So. Main street, after an illness of several months. Little hope for her recovery had been entertained for some time prior to her death. The end came quietly at nine o'clock in the evening, all the members of her immediate family being present at the bedside. Funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Ira Milton Grey of the Congregational church, officiating. Mrs. Helen Smith of Chicago, a long time friend of the family, sang several beautiful selections. Burial took place at the West Side cemetery.

Mrs. Downer, whose maiden name was Rocella Louise Deuel, was born near Coopersville, Mich., on January 26, 1861. Her parents came to Michigan from New York state as pioneers, and it was under the conditions of a hardy pioneer life that she grew to womanhood. Improving her opportunities to obtain an education, she taught school for a time in Michigan and in New York.

In 1884 she was married to John D. Downer, going with him to a homestead in Missouri. Seven years were spent there. In 1890 the family came to Illinois, making their home for a few years in Hinsdale, then coming to Downers Grove, where they have resided ever since.

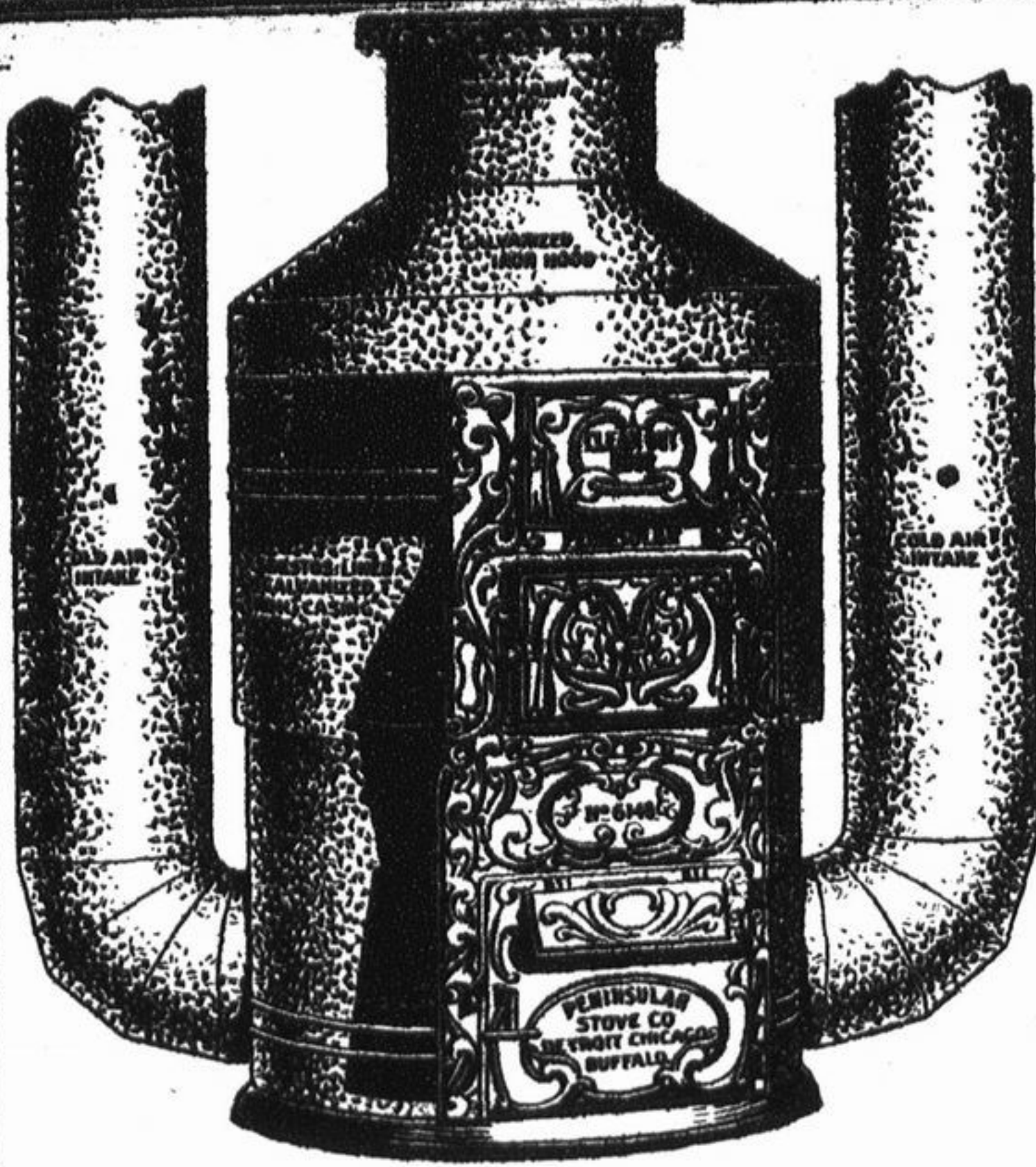
Mrs. Downer leaves behind, besides her husband, three daughters and five sons, Mattie, Ellen, Marie, Melville, Henry, Orson, John and Harv. A brother, Henry M. Deuel, of Kansas City, Mo., also survives.

Mrs. Downer was pre-eminently a home-maker. She was greatly devoted to her family, and made it the chief business of her life to rear her children in accordance with the high ideals which she herself had inherited from a Christian parentage. Her home responsibilities prevented any extensive participation in social and community interests, yet she was always ready to do her part in every good work, according to her ability. She was a member of the Congregational church, of the Home Department of its Sunday school and of the Ladies' Aid. In the earlier days she taught a Sunday school class of young men, some of whom are today among Downers Grove's most useful citizens. Her quiet, gentle spirit has left an abiding influence for good, and she will be gratefully remembered by many whose lives were made better for her having lived.

The sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to Mr. Downer and his children.

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VESTA CHAPTER HELD PATRIOTIC RALLY TUESDAY

Vesta Chapter O. E. S. is feeling some proud and puffed up over their Patriotic Rally held Tuesday night. Many are saying "It's the best yet." And certainly Downers must go some to beat it for it was all that was expected and more. Notwithstanding the very disagreeable weather a goodly crowd turned out.

Mrs. A. E. Olson, Worthy Matron and W. F. Heintz, Worthy Patron, also chairman, presided.

Mr. William J. Downey, Associate Grand Patron of Illinois, spoke strongly of what must be done and what the Eastern Stars were trying to do asking nothing less than 100 per cent patriotism.

One almost knew he had a son "over there" though he failed to mention it but when Nettie C. Kenner, Grand Secretary, came she told of the son "over there."

Mrs. Kenner was at her best, her talk while to the point urging every woman to her best fairly sparkled with wit and humor, and the crowd was with her from the first rally, when she told them could clap if they wanted to. She paid Vesta Chapter high compliments saying she knew of the four bonds, Red Cross and relief work done by them and especially she spoke of the readiness with which they had taken up the use of substitutes.

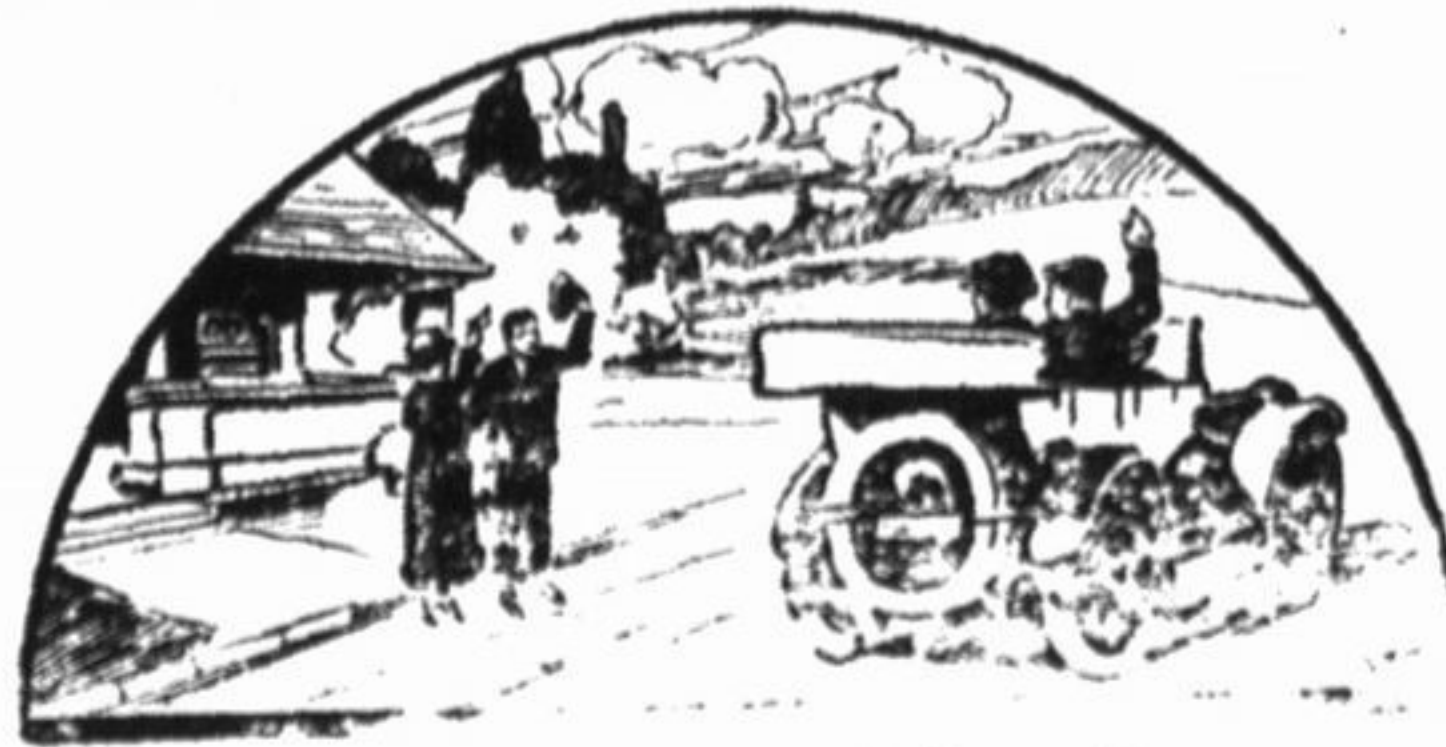
Mrs. Rose E. Holt, Grand Representative of Minnesota, was a most delightful singer and found the crowd so hard to satisfy that she sang until there was nothing left but bows and good humor with which she responded several times before the clapping was silent.

Thelma Roe one of our home girls played beautifully and she responded to an encore after which Mr. Downey gave the Eulogy to the Flag in a manner to make one proud to say my Flag, and wasn't Vesta proud of her Flag as it stood out on the Dais.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey and Mrs. Kenner were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White while Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Clark were honored by Mrs. Rose E. Holt.

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Mrs. Brown to Mr. Brown

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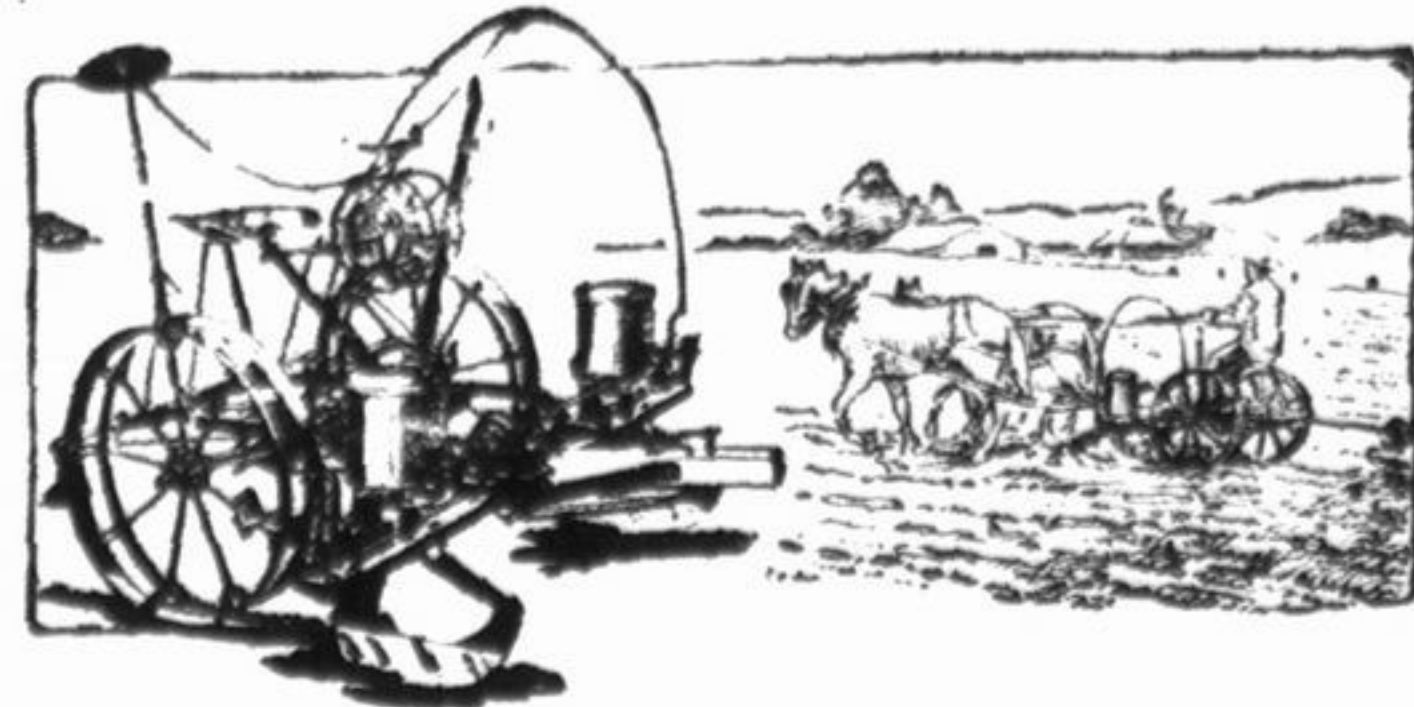
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