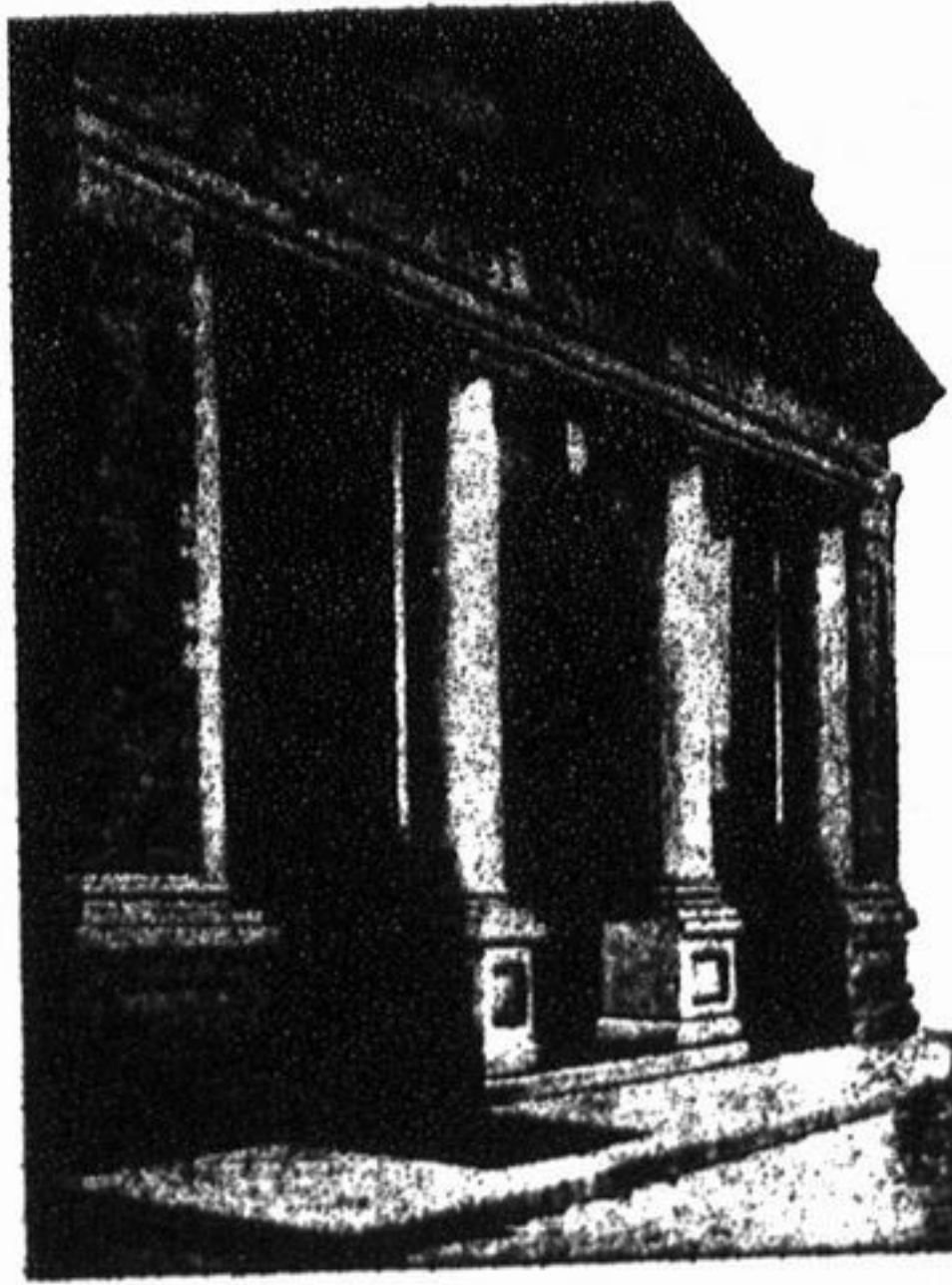


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**Liberty Loan Anticipation
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Dated July 9, 1918 Due November 7, 1918

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THIRD MEMORIAL SERVICES LAST SUNDAY AFTERNON

Harry E. McAllister and boys at the Front Eulogized and Lauded by the Speakers

Our service flag with its stars of blue each representing one of the army of humanity, now bears three stars of gold, each significant of a hero who has made the last great sacrifice for his country and the world. With little pomp and ceremony, but with every heart surcharged with feeling, Downers Grove citizens gathered beneath Old Glory last Sunday in loving tribute to the memory of Harry Edgar McAllister, who died in France, as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, the third of our brave lads who will return no more.

The order of the day was the same as when the sorrowing citizens gathered in tribute of those two heroes, Alexander Burns and John J. Pozdol. Words of stirring patriotism and sorrowful sympathy were spoken by Henry E. Tank, Chairman of the village memorial committee, who read the resolutions in which the village joined.

He said in part: "For the third time we raise our service flag with a star of gold to replace the star of blue which stood for one of our soldier boys. In the shadow of this sorrow grievous as the blows have been, let us show a spirit of encouragement for the boys over there and the mothers over here. Let our spirit, the spirit of Downers Grove, which has freely given so much to the cause of humanity and of right, falter not before a triumph which will forever wipe out the stain of domineering force which will insure a lasting peace. No such proud despot can disturb. It will be the heroism of our brave boys, the heroism of him whom we mourn, and of all like him who fought for the right, be rewarded."

The resolutions read by Chairman Tank were: "The terrible toll of war, for the third time has fallen on this community, taking from us another of our boys, Harry E. McAllister, who died bravely fighting for his country."

Therefore in recognition of his life and death, be it resolved by the Community League of Downers Grove, that Harry Edgar McAllister be ever held in affectionate remembrance by us, his townsmen, that we extend the hand of sympathy to those near and dear to him, mourning with them in their grief and that under the shadow of this sorrow, we pledge again our loyalty to our country, our flag and the ideals of Liberty, Justice and Humanity for which he died.

The prayer and sermon were delivered by Dr. Eneas Goodwin of St. Joseph's Church.

Father Goodwin said in part: There is a word that is used very much now in a sense a little different from what it really means. The word is "sacrifice." To abstain from something or other, to refrain from indulging an appetite for some unnecessary luxury, to spend an hour or so in performing some work while we would prefer spending that time in doing something else, these acts of abstinence or of restraint are commonly called "sacrifices."

But the word means much more than what is implied in those acts. It means to make holy, to set apart some thing or some person for holy or sacred purposes, it means in fact devoting a person or thing to the service of God.

It is in this sense of the word that the parents of our soldiers have made the supreme sacrifice. Unselfishly and lovingly the young men were raised from infancy, they were sent to school, they were tenderly cared for during their years of dependence, when passing from youth to manhood they were guided by their fathers and were watched over by their mothers. As with Mr. and Mrs. McAllister so was it with all the other fathers and mothers. The parents looked far into the future, their boys were now young men and about to enter that future, and the fathers and mothers hoped with gladness in their hearts, that their boys would illuminate that future, and make it radiant for themselves and for their parents. With the silver hairs fast appearing the fathers wistfully yearned for the time when they could

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RECORD ATTENDANCE AT UNION PATRIOTIC SERVICES

Thrilling Spectacle as Great Open air Crowd Joins in War Anniversary Commemoration.

One of the most thrilling and inspiring occasions ever witnessed locally was the patriotic war anniversary service held at Library Corner last Sunday night, under the auspices of the United Churches of the village. With the possible exception of the Chautauqua assembly held here several years ago, this was the largest meeting ever held in Downers Grove. Looking out over the crowd, it seemed as if almost the entire adult population of the village had turned out. A careful estimate of the men in charge of the seating and ushering placed the attendance at upwards of a thousand. The entire street space between the Congregational church and the Public Library was closely seated, while hundreds more found seats on adjacent steps and terraces, still others occupying places in the long row of automobiles which stretched far down Curtis St. and Forest Ave.

As a demonstration of loyal and patriotic feeling, this assemblage gave positive proof that this village stands in the front ranks of patriotic communities. These hundreds of citizens came together, irrespective of religious or sectarian affiliation, to express their purpose to see this war through to a successful issue. They came, thoughtful and sober, realizing that severe trials may face us in this fifth year of the great struggle. They came to pray for the blessing and help of Almighty God in the liberating task which the nation has assumed. And they came to hear men speak and sing whose close identification with the work of war gave them the right to speak of such matters. And they were not disappointed.

Very early the crowd began to assemble, and by half past seven (half an hour before the usual time of meeting) the improvised "auditorium" was filled to overflowing. The crowd posed good naturedly for a panorama picture, and in a few minutes the program of the evening was under way. Fortunately a storm which threatened earlier in the evening had passed by, leaving the weather conditions almost ideal for an open air meeting.

Rev. Ralph K. Schwab, pastor of the Evangelical church, acted as chairman of the evening. After the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," by the audience, Mr. Schwab led in the invocation. Yeoman R. H. Koch, popular baritone of Great Lakes, was then introduced to sing, and his capture of the audience was complete. He was called upon during the evening from the very start. Repeatedly, as Yeoman Koch fired the hearts of his hearers with patriotic enthusiasm.

Endowed with a voice of wonderful strength and purity, backed up by a virile wholesome personality, Yeoman Koch won for himself a permanent place in the hearts of his Downers Grove auditors. We would like to hear him again.

The musical program was further enriched by the singing of the Baptist Junior Choir, a chorus of young girls, who sang two numbers, "The Marseillaise" in French, and "God be with Our Boys Tonight." These selections were sung with fine effect and were heartily received. Miss Grace Towsley who presided at the piano, led the chorus.

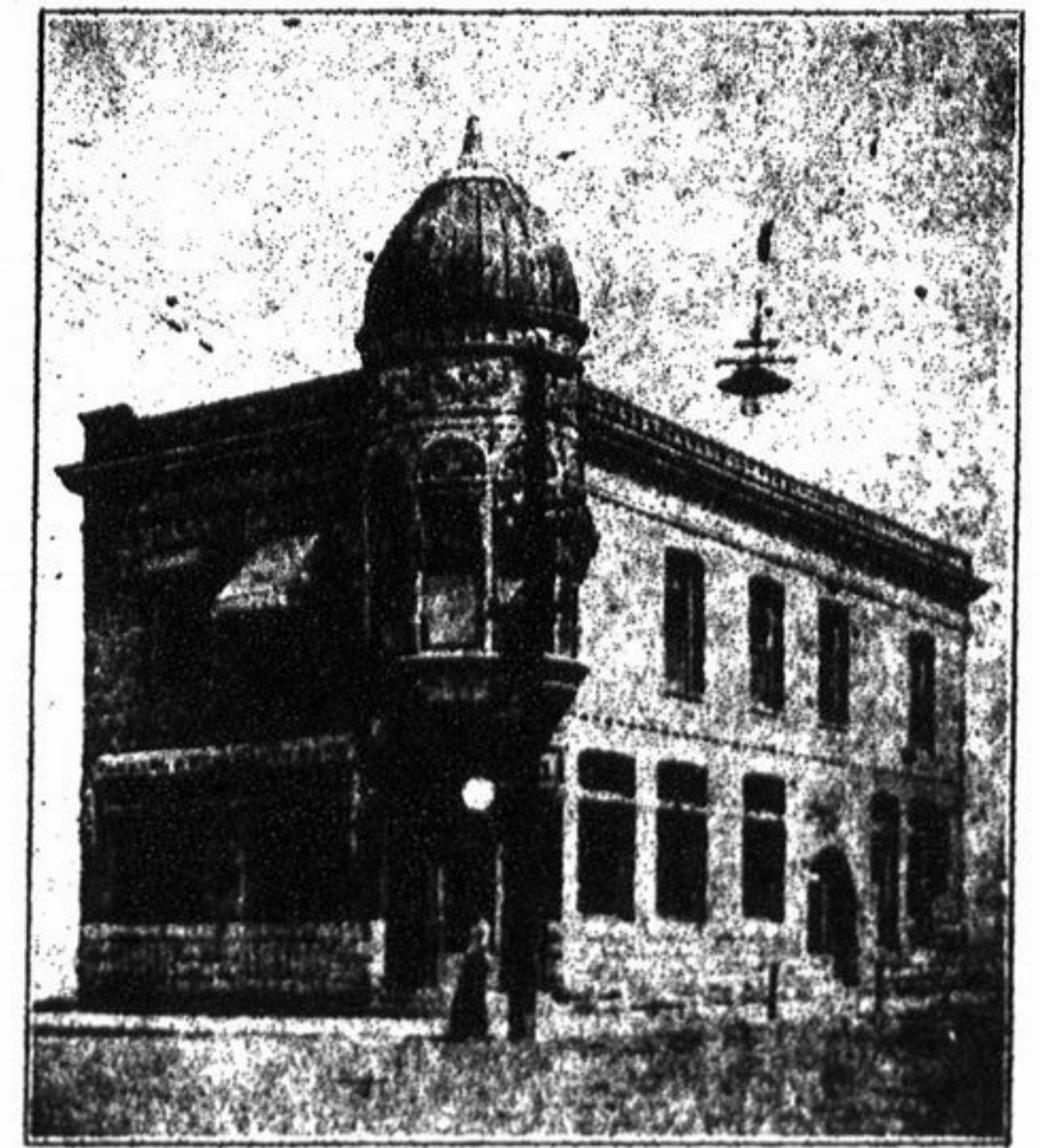
Other parts of the service were taken by Rev. Messrs. Paul Crusius, J. B. Little and Ira M. Grey. Mr. Little has just come to the village as the new pastor of the Baptist church.

The speaker of the hour was Rev. Morgan Williams, Y. M. C. A. Religious Work Secretary, of Great Lakes. Mr. Williams though used to large audiences, expressed his pleasure and surprise at finding such a large congregation awaiting him here. It was a truly remarkable showing for a small community, he said.

Mr. Williams presented his credentials by stating that he had a brother under the sod in France and expected himself to be in actual service within a few weeks. Consequently his words carried unusual conviction.

His message emphasized the moral and spiritual aspects of military life, especially as related to the work of the Y. M. C. A. By many well chosen illustrations from his own experience of six months at the Great Lakes Mr.

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