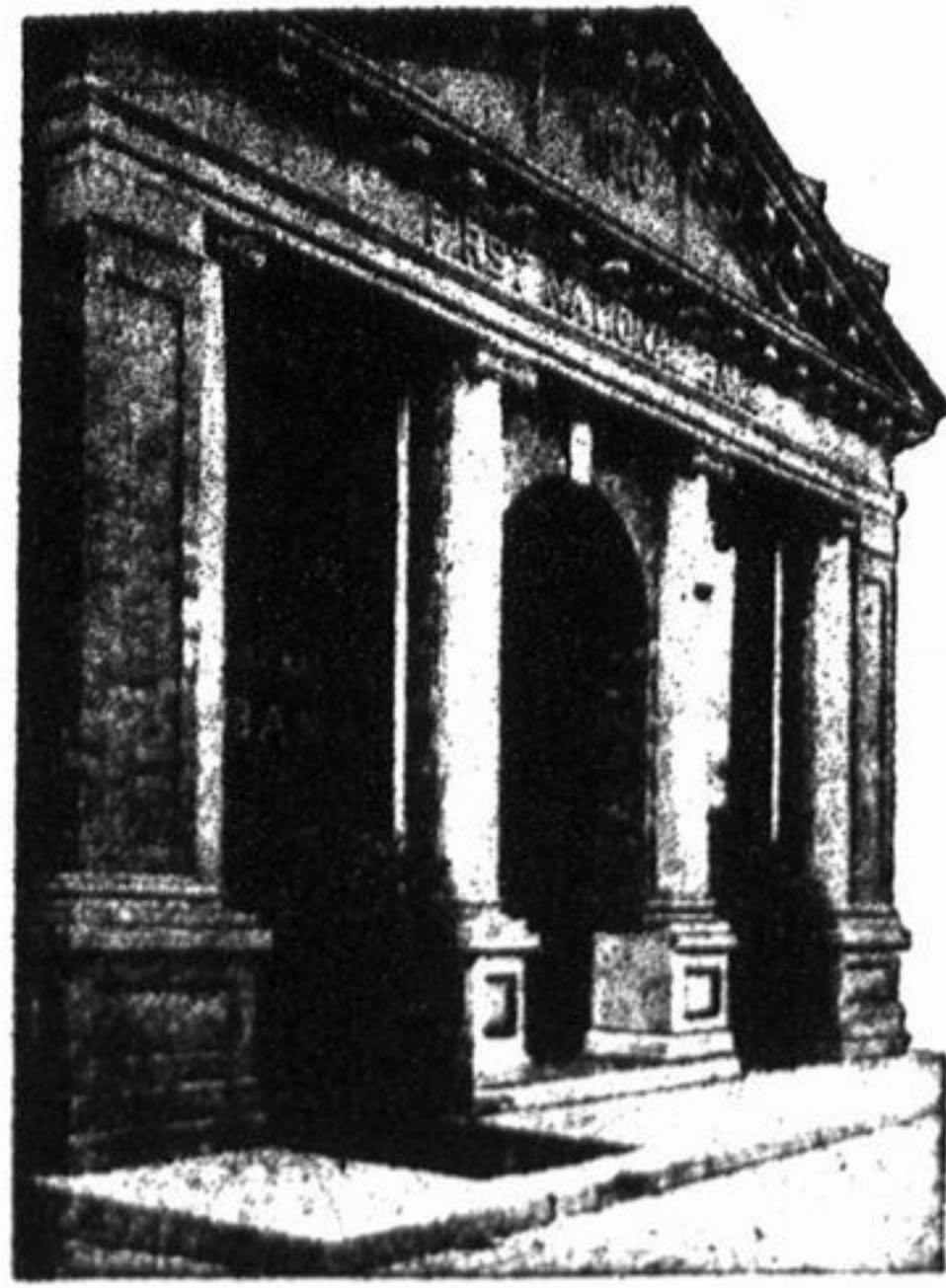


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| Fancy Spitzenberg Apples, per box.....         | 3.85         |
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| Fancy Grape Fruit, 3 for.....                  | 25c          |
| Fancy Navel Oranges, dozen.....                | 50, 60 & 75c |
| Fancy Florida Oranges, dozen.....              | 40 & 50c     |
| Fancy Dried Prunes, per pound.....             | 15c          |
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| Fancy Mixed Nuts, per pound.....               | 38c          |
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| Fancy Christmas Tree Cookies, per pound....    | 35c          |

Just received a large shipment of Holly, Holly Wreaths and Barrel Apples. Order early that we may give you service.

Don't forget the Kiddies. Santa Claus has provided a splendid assortment of TOYS for them. A dollar's worth will go a great way towards remembering the little folks. Make them the happiest youngsters this year.

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## EVERYTHING SET FOR COMMUNITY XMAS CELEBRATION

Program of Events Announced by Committee in Charge of Village Tree.

The Central Committee of the Downers Grove Community Christmas Organization met last Monday. They found that a great deal of progress had been made by the various committees in their work and plans. So they are ready now to make a final announcement, to the good people of Downers Grove, of the purpose, plans and program that they have carried to completion for you all.

Mr. L. E. Jones, Chairman of the equipment committee has been doing things this last week. The tall, beautiful spruce tree, that you can see any time now, if you take the interest to step over to the Library, was found, brot over on two large hay-racks and after a lot of careful planning and heavy lifting was successfully set in place on the terraced lawn at the north-west corner of the Congregational church last Saturday at sunset. If you had not seen the crowd of men and boys, whom Mr. Jones had got interested enough in the project to give their time and effort, put up the tree, and did not notice the staidyng guy ropes, you would be sure that the stately tree had grown there. And we do hope that before another Christmas comes around a large evergreen tree can be planted and be grown in a suitable place where it can serve the people as a community Christmas Tree from year to year.

And at this time and place it is altogether fitting and proper to announce the names of those who co-operated with Mr. Jones in securing and placing the tree for us all. Mr. Walter Scott Bryan did a handsome and generous thing in donating a large evergreen tree to the people of Downers Grove for this occasion. The tree was worth thirty to forty dollars to him. Then we must mention the following who worked long and faithfully in hauling and erecting the tree. Messrs. Baker, Bryan, Buschmann, Gardner and Remmers. Several others helped on the poles and ropes a bit, but the men named above did the work and we hereby extend to them a hearty, public note of thanks.

The electric lighting of the tree and its neighborhood is in charge of J. F. Alderson and H. A. Gardiner. The village Commissioners and other authorities have generously co-operated in making possible the erection and proper lighting of the tree. Mr. Dickie has kindly promised to lend us a spot light which will be used from the Library to follow the movement of the pagant and the center of interest in the program. Mr. Wm. Stoner and many other men of electrical ability will render much valued aid in the wiring. It is rumored that there will be about 300-10 candle-power bulbs to light the tree.

Mrs. M. H. Prince (phone 58-M) and her committee, Mr. L. E. Stinson and Mrs. H. S. Paine are still anxious to know by phone or mail word of mouth whenever any organization or family has durable ornaments to give or lend for decorating the tree. Let them know. They will get the ornaments.

Mr. Walter Curtiss is still ready to receive all the money that has been or is being collected to meet the expenses of the tree, wiring, music, decoration, etc. Please send it to him promptly. Most of the churches, and other organizations of the town have responded quite liberally so far. The rest we know will do so. Any funds left over will go to War Relief or charitable causes.

Now under the report of the program committee, headed by Miss Troy of the Kindergarten, are several interesting items. You will want to notice and to remember them:

Every evening, except Sunday, at 6:00-6:15 p. m., beginning Friday, December 20th until Xmas there will be a jolly, lively stunt pulled off on the street where Curtiss Avenue crosses Main Street by some organization of the town.

The schedule follows:  
Friday, December 20—Boy Scouts.  
Saturday, December 21—Illinois Reserve Militia.

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## WONDERFULLY INTERESTING LETTERS FROM F. A. DAWES

Describes Battle of St. Mihiel and How He Was Wounded in the Hand.

Somewhere in France, Sept. 14, 1918. There is a little time to write before the ambulance comes to pick up some officers and supplies and if I do not write now there may not be another chance soon. Am sitting on an empty canned meat case, in the mud, beside the road writing in my lap but it is fairly quiet.

Thursday morning our division went over the top and no other troops in the A. E. F. have anything more to their credit. I am attached to Regimental In-Dressing Stations, so much of my time is fairly close to the front. Thursday afternoon I got into an advanced station where the wounded were pretty thick and our cigarettes were sure welcome. The station was in a small French village, which has been completely demolished by shell fire, and the doctors were giving first aid and bandaging in the two rooms of a little house, without a roof, but a tarpaulin sprad over the parts of walls left to keep out the rain and when the floor got too crowded the wounded were put out along the road under such temporary shelter as could be rigged up. The ambulances were pretty prompt and there are a lot of them. Of course, my first work was to get cigarettes to the wounded and many a one did I light and put in a soldiers mouth who was too badly hurt to help himself. Again and again have I felt repaid for the trouble I have been to to get here. The very soul of a soldier seems to shine, in gratitude as he gets a draft from a fresh cigarette. Then too there are the stretcher bearers who are leaving the field to whom we give cigarettes and chocolate to give to some of the wounded. They cannot be fed anything and the chocolate helps pull them through.

The prisoners were coming through pretty fast and the descriptions you get back there in the papers is a very fair description. This station is in what used to be "No Man's Land" and in the afternoon driving an ambulance I walked out beyond the German first line trenches. That night I went back with an ambulance full of wounded and slept in a French Foyet de Soldat. Yesterday, Friday morning, I came back to the dressing station and found another had been started about a mile away, in advance. The roads had not yet been repaired or built so ambulances could not reach it so I took what supply of cigarettes I could carry in cartons and walked over. Lieut. Nesbit had carried forward part of my supplies when he moved but I knew he did not have enough. I walked over the ground our division took Thursday morning and not yet can I realize how the boys did it. The Germans were so well entrenched, the ground in front is one maze of barbed wire entanglements, the country is rolling and rough and back of their lines about one quarter to one half mile, is quite a ridge covered with woods and dense underbrush where they had planted machine gun nests and snipers all carefully camouflaged. Our artillery fire must have been compact, on acres and acres the shell holes are so thick it is possible to walk all around stepping from one shell hole to another. Our fire was so heavy the Hun could not rush up to the front line men, guns and ammunition, then it was short, and when the boys went over the top they were on the Boches like a whirlwind and got the jump on them and kept them going for three and one half miles. I went forward with an officer and his company of stretcher bearers and established a new dressing station in some German dugouts. It was also one of their burial grounds and the graves were all laid off as neatly as in a cemetery. Cobble stones around each grave, wooden head boards neatly printed, etc. The place had all appearance of expectation of permanent occupation, in fact, the Hun had been there about four years.

I got back to the aid station in the ruined village in time to see a fresh bunch of prisoners brought in. Two of them were Boche Red Cross men so, the station being short handed,

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## YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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