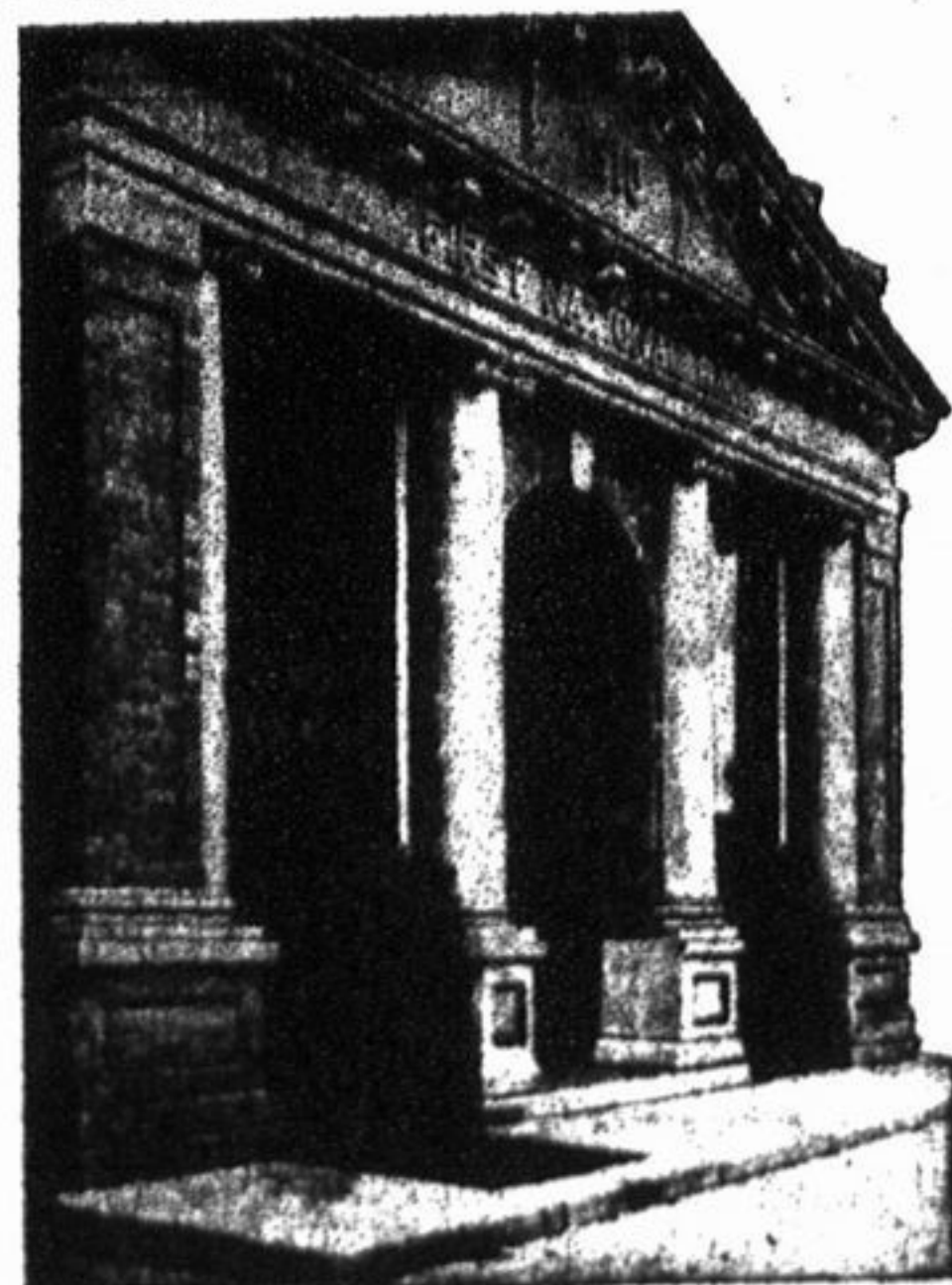


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Avoid Worry About Money for Christmas Shopping Next Year

The way to avoid worry just before Christmas is to join one of our Xmas Savings Clubs. A little money every week during the year, will be a source of great satisfaction just before the holiday season next year. TRY IT!

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HENRY BUSHMAN DIED IN HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND

First Word of His Passing Away Received Through a Letter from The Red Cross.

Another Downers Grove boy has made the supreme sacrifice.

Henry Buschman, son of Mr. Fred Buschman, of Maple Avenue, died on the 7th of October in the Belmont Road Military Hospital, Liverpool, England, and the first word of his death came Saturday in the form of a letter from the Red Cross. Why his name was not included in the official casualty lists or why the Government did not send the usual notice is a mystery.

Henry Buschman was born in the

FIRST COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE WAS BIG SUCCESS

Pageant of Gifts Applauded By Hundreds of Spectators At Liharay Corner.

Without doubt the First Community Christmas and Christmas Tree was a success. The children voted it so, and when it comes to Christmas and Xmas things the children know. The older ones liked it too and there were glad smiles, some of them seriously near tears, when the strains of that old familiar song—"Silent Night, Holy Night"—floated out after the glorious tree with its wealth of ornament was lighted.

Christmas night, instead of the traditional Christmas eve was chosen for



HENRY BUSCHMAN

Town of York, August 17th, 1895 and started his schooling there finishing in Downers Grove after his parents moved here. For the last seven years he has been in the employ of C. E. Baker and during this time has come in contact with nearly every resident of the village making many warm friends.

Seeking excitement and wanting to do his bit, he enlisted in the Tank Corps on May 16th and was sent to Camp Colt, Pa., for training. In September he started for the other side and was taken sick on board ship. The following letter from the Red Cross is the only word that has been received about his last sickness and death.

He leaves to mourn his departure his father, Fred Buschman four brothers, Alvin, in France, Clarence, Warner and Raymond and two sisters, Cora and Mildred. A memorial sermon will be preached by his pastor, Rev. Crusius at the Grove Street church Sunday morning.

The usual Memorial Service under the auspices of the Community Welfare League will be held Sunday afternoon at Main and Warren Sts., at 3.00. Rev. Crusius of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will give a short sermon and appropriate music will be rendered. Company H. I. R. M. will be present to give that required military touch to the memorial for a departed soldier boy.

December 18th, 1918.

Dear Mr. Buschman:

We suppose that you have already heard from the War Department the sorrowful news of the death from pneumonia of your son Henry. We are enclosing a letter for you that came to us from our representative at Belmont Road Hospital in Liverpool, where your son was ill. With it goes our deepest sympathy for your great sorrow. May the pride that you must feel in your heroic boy help you meet your grief as bravely as he faced death! If there is anything that the Red Cross can do for you, please let us know. We should be happy to be of service.

Sincerely yours,
W. R. Castle, Jr.

November 25th, 1918.

Mr. Fred Buschman,
Downers Grove, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Buschman:

It is with deep regret that I write you regarding the death of your son Henry H. Buschman, who was admitted from Convoy into the Belmont Road Hospital, Liverpool, on the 7th of October, and died there on the 16 of October, 1918.

We regret to say that he is one of the large number who have succumbed to an epidemic. In its first stages

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the program and in spite of the storm of the day before the setting was almost perfect.

The green boughs of the fir tree were snow laden and furnished a wonderfully effective setting for the many electric lights which were festooned from its branches and for the blazing star which surmounted the top-most shoot.

More than one thousand persons viewed the tree Christmas night and enjoyed the Christmas pageant.

Too much credit for the success of the first Community Christmas cannot be given to Miss Troy of the Kindergarten, who as chairman of the program committee labored long and earnestly for the undertaking.

For the purpose of the pageant the location left nothing to be desired. The adjacent steps of the Congregational church made a stage well adapted to the introduction of the Christmas herald, and for the entrance of the sections of the pageant of gifts.

First the gift of treasure - portraying the gifts of the Magi, the three wise men of old who seeing the star in the east journeyed long till they found the Christmas manger.

Second the gift of Charity - portrayed by three sweetfaced sisters of merry.

Third: The gift of service - illustrated by the deeds of the Red Cross.

Fourth: The gift of sacrifice - portrayed by the Mother offering her son to the service of his country and

Fifth - The greatest gift from God to man - "For God so loved the World that he gave His only begotten Son."

One of the striking parts of the program was the rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus, by a joint chorus of some sixty voices under the leadership of Mrs. Wilhelmina Harter Boaz who also drilled the chorus in the Christmas hymns and carols.

The program closed with the song "Joy to the World the Lord has Come."

After the program groups of singers toured the village and pausing at the homes of "shut ins" sang Christmas songs.

Those who joined in the preparations for the Community Christmas celebration and those who attended the program felt well repaid for their effort.

The real Christmas spirit was there from the top of the star on the tree to the edge of the crowd which gathered round the tree and because of that Christmas spirit the community spirit of the village will be bigger and better and brighter through the year until it again merges into another Christmas spirit around another Community Christmas Tree.



JOIN THE RANKS

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