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WEARY OF LIFE, KILLS HIS WIFE, BABIES AND SELF

Illness and Poverty Move Hinsdale Bible Teacher to a Triple Murder and Suicide.

One of the saddest funerals ever held in Hinsdale will take place this afternoon when the bodies of William

Marwitz, his wife Clara Marwitz, and their two children, Margaret, five years old and Kenneth 21 months old, will be laid to rest in the Bronswood Cemetery.

Marwitz, who was a nephew of Charles Marwitz, of Lane Place, killed the family with a revolver Tuesday morning and then killed himself.

Financial troubles through sickness of both himself and family and the fact that doctors told him his wife could not live more than a few months are thought to have been responsible.

It was last week that Miss Selma Lehmann, Mrs. Marwitz' cousin, came to visit them from Minnesota and help William about the home. Since his wife's illness he had been doing the housework and the washing and ironing once a week before going to the postoffice.

Miss Lehmann was still sleeping at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning when two revolver shots awakened her. A minute later Marwitz entered her room. He was in his pajamas. He carried a revolver in his right hand. He walked over to the bed, and, picking up Margaret said: "Come, baby, with papa."

IN AND AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL

Let's take a vote. Would you rather go to school or help clean house?

One of the Freshmen wishes that his parents were Roman, so that he might receive some much needed help with his Latin.

Did some people expect to receive invitations to return to-day? One would judge so from the vacant seats

M. E. CHURCH RAISED LARGE SUM OF MONEY

The First Methodist Church, Downers Grove covered itself in glory last Sunday. It was the climax of a whirlwind campaign to raise \$15,000.00 here in Downers Grove for the World Centenary movement. The outset, few thought such a sum of money could be raised, following the Red Cross drives and numerous Liberty Loans.

However, the pastor, Rev. B. J. Fleming, believed it could be done and tackled the job. He found a ready and cheerful response on the part of members of the church, a person giving \$600. and eight others giving \$500. apiece to start the ball rolling. Early in the campaign the pastor was assisted for two days by Dr. Paul Curneck of Indianapolis. On Saturday night the pastor and his wife were in Chicago to receive the subscriptions totaling \$11,200.00.

The plan was to conclude the campaign on Sunday evening when District Superintendent Fred D. Stone should be present. But after hearing a thrilling message from Rev. J. W. Fields of Evanston, the congregation swept "over the top" at the singing service, raising a total of \$15,350.00.

It is not a loan. It is a clean contribution toward the great forward extension movement in the Methodist Church known as "The Centenary" in celebration of the hundredth anniversary since the founding of the Foreign Missionary Society of that church.

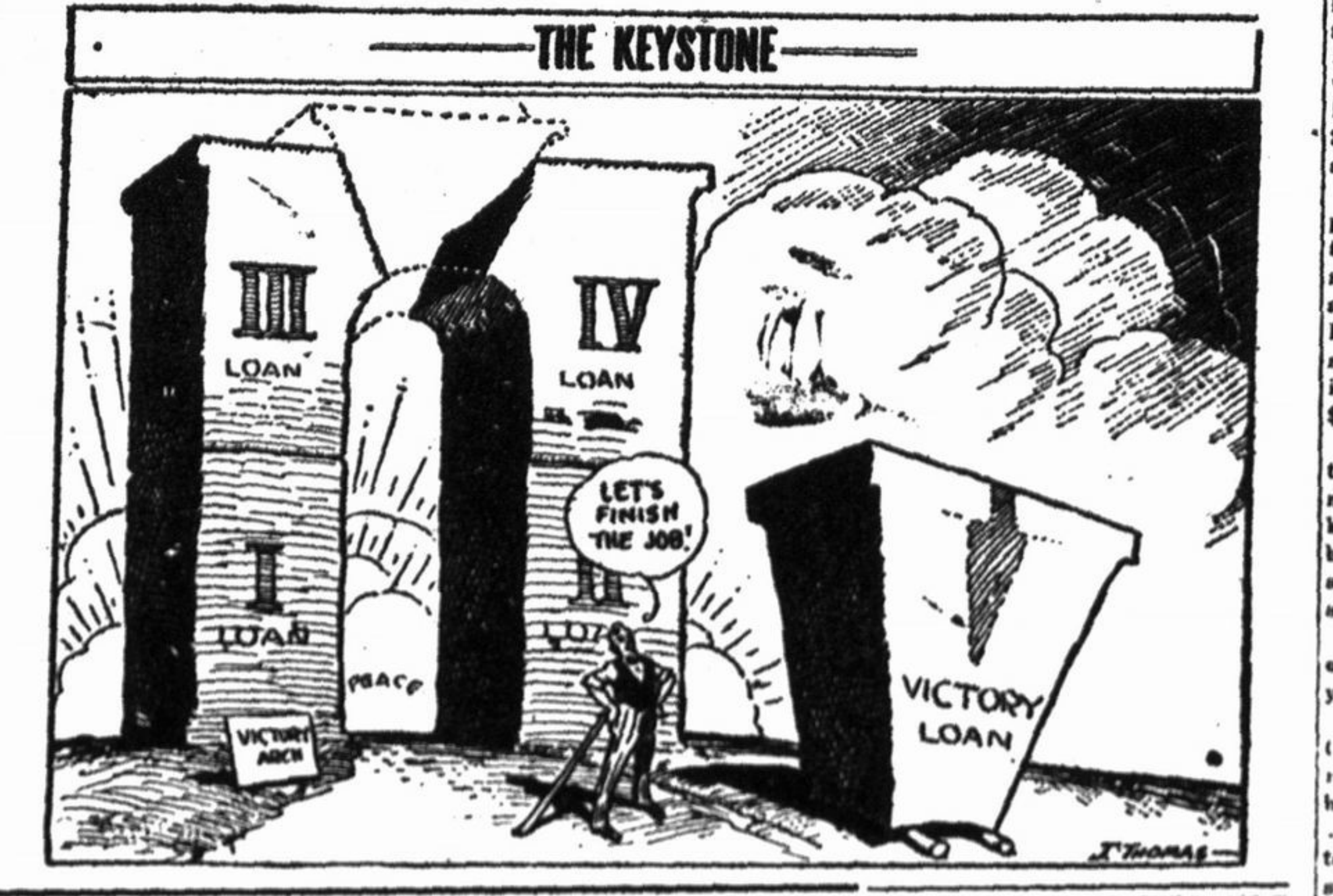
The plan is to raise a grand total of \$105,000,000.00 in the next five years.

This is the largest sum of money that any church ever undertook to raise for a similar purpose in the history of the world.

Five million dollars will go for after war work. One half the amount will be used abroad. The other half will be used in this country. One million dollars will be expended in Chicago alone.

Downers Grove Church has the distinction of being the second church in the Chicago Western District to "go over the top".

The pastor has received many congratulations upon the success of this great enterprise.



Marwitz ran downstairs to the telephone and called the home of his mother, Mrs. Louis Marwitz, wife of a farmer living near Hinsdale. The mother answered the telephone.

"Hello, mother. This is William. I've just killed Clara, Margaret, and Kenneth. Now I'm going to kill myself. Good-bye."

He hung up the receiver, returned upstairs to his bedroom, and, standing beside the bed, placed the revolver to his temple and fired.

Marwitz was well known to many of the younger generation of the Grove as an upright young man, always cheerful and with no bad habits.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon from the Union Church, Hinsdale.

Mrs. E. W. King, formerly of Downers Grove, and Mrs. C. Clark of Aurora, and Mrs. E. Niemeyer, Mrs. H. Schmidt, Mrs. C. Meier and daughter of Chicago, took dinner at the home of Mrs. Albert Bryce on Blodgett Avenue last Thursday. The occasion was the anniversary of Mrs. Bryce's birthday.

Anyone desiring any information about the social hours conducted by the Hinsdale high school can find out without going very far. We understand that their last one was largely composed of Downers Grove visitors.

When the Freshmen were assigned the theme, "My Busiest Vacation Day", it was a brain racking time. They had so many of those days.

Poor little Freshmen! Did you ever hear of such luck as they have in trying to have a good time in a perfectly legitimate sort of a way? First it is the flu ban, then its something else, then a vacation, to which nobody objected, however, then it is Good Friday.

Familiar "Fads"—Breaking in long trousers during the vacation.

Mr. Curtis was a visitor at the high school the other day.

Spring has come. How do you know? Nearly everybody in the assembly is desk cleaning.

Life's darkest moment: When the teacher announces a test on the first day back.

Mrs. Walter Hanson, formerly Anita Alderson, ex '19 together with her baby daughter Marjorie, spent our last social hour with us.

Henry Haley, Arthur Tylor and Arthur Mills were the first to become infected with the "back to the soil" craze. Henry is still around these parts, while the Arthurs have gone to farms somewhere along the Mississippi.

The Seniors are on the last lap of the race which will end their high school career. Each one has resolved to make "the last the best of all the game."

The Physiography class took a hike to the woods the other day. It was a most interesting and instructive trip.

"When a feller needs a friend"—When he has no sisters, and spring vacation comes just at house cleaning time. Why, anyway, does one have to wash all of the unused dishes?

Here's a new one for the slack-

in the assembly hall Monday morning.

FRANK HENRY HOUSE ROBBED LAST SATURDAY

While Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry of 112 Carpenter Street, were visiting the home of Mrs. Henry's father, Geo. Mochel last Saturday night their home was broken into and robbed.

Entrance was made through a kitchen window and the baby's basket containing about \$10 and Mrs. Henry's gold watch is missing.

The thieves had evidently intended taking other articles of value which were laid on the bed but evidently were scared off. Luckily Mr. Henry had his money and Liberty Bonds in a wallet in his pocket.

It is thought that the thieves made their exit out of the kitchen door as the Henry's entered the front door. Apparently there is no clue to the thieves.

Class: The one who feels aggrieved at having to return to school after a whole week of vacation.

The war is over! Proof: Notice the style of haircuts.

Did the study of physics start with Caesar? Note the following remark of Mr. Julius: "The ropes having pulled away, the soils necessarily fell down."

In the week's typewriting average Winston Roth carried off first honors, Veronica Kohley second and Ben Morgan third.

Is the disappearance of the blue red car always to remain a mystery?

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis entertained the high school orchestra one night last week.

Here's a specimen of Junior brain. Teacher: "Bring your book up to the front seat." The Junior brought it, left it, and started back to his seat. Need we emphasize the started?

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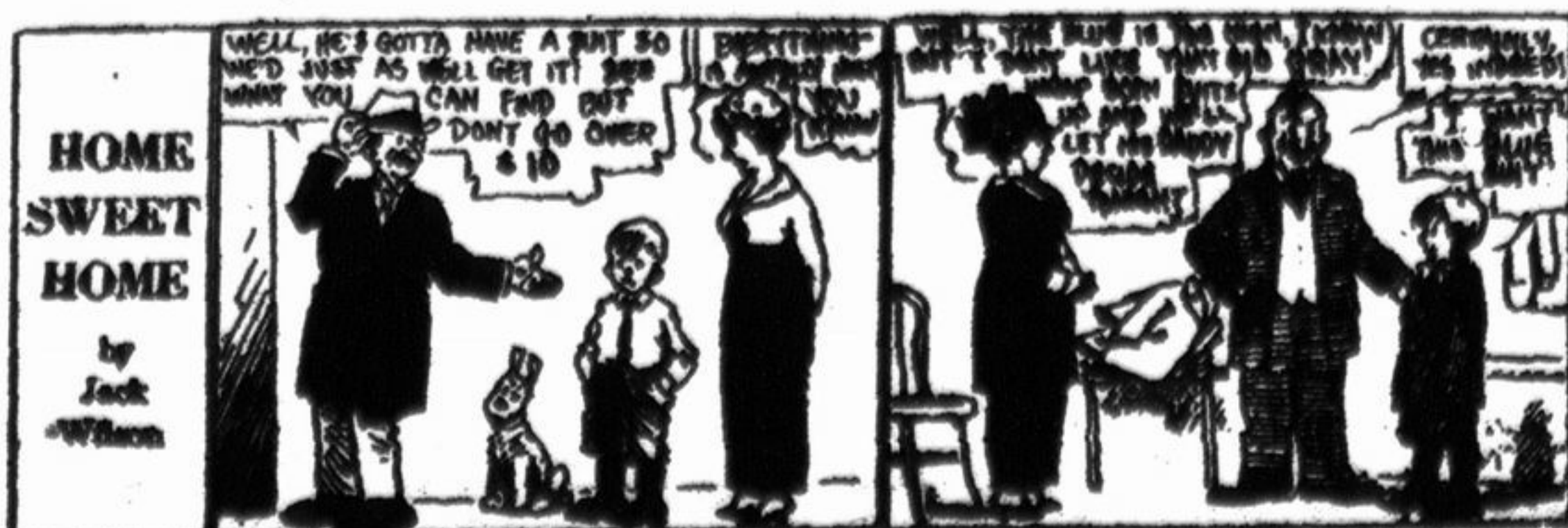
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