

REV. T. J. OWENS NEW PASTOR OF CONG'L. CHURCH

Man of Exceptional Ability With a Real Training Joins Ranks of Local Church Leaders.

Without any particular flourish of trumpets over the matter it develops that the Congregational Church has called a new pastor and so quietly has he gotten down to work that the first intimation of his presence among us is already weeks past.

After having preached on several Sundays with impressive force and earnest persuasiveness both congregation and preacher were satisfied that their paths might very profitably become one. So on May 4, the Rev. Thomas J. Owens entered upon his work in our village.

Mr. Owens brings a careful training of much native ability to his work. Being born and raised in Wales of devout parents accounts for a very sincere and earnest Christian spirit which is evident in his daily walk among us.

He is a graduate of Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., where he specialized in Philosophy and Education. After several months in the Yale Divinity School he finished his Seminary course at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

To obtain, first hand experience with the actual conditions he served one and one-half years on a Home Mission Field at Kimberly, Wis., before entering McCormick and then following his Seminary work he took charge of the Gary Neighborhood House, a settlement and social center in Gary, Ind. He purposed after a few months of contact there with the foreign elements, to go abroad for special study of immigrant conditions, but this plan was frustrated by the war, so he turned to the Gary experiment in week day religious education serving particularly the Presbyterian interests.

While in Gary he met and married Georgianna Snowden who was in charge of "Friendship House," a social center of the Methodist denomination. This union has been blessed with one child, John Snowden Owens born December 13, 1916.

After about two years in the work at Gary, Mr. Owens was called as assistant pastor at the Second Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Ill., from which work he was called to Downers Grove.

With much preparation and experience coupled with enthusiasm and capacity for hard work, as well as a hearty desire to be of service to those who would know God so as to be able to live better lives, it is easy to foresee a useful career ahead for Mr. Owens. He looks like all wool and a yard wide to us and we wish him a long and happy sojourn among us.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens and family expect to live on Highland Avenue near Chicago Avenue as soon as the house is vacated. Their temporary address is 117 Saratoga.

Remarkable Mexican Bird.
A remarkable bird found in Mexico in the bee-martin, which has a trick of ruffling up the feathers on top of its head into the exact semblance of a beautiful flower; when a bee comes along to sip honey from the supposed flower it is snapped up by the bird.

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To say we're glad your home again, Does not express all that we feel, We love, and honor, you dear men, And humbly at your feet would kneel.

You gave your life that we might live, And even tho, you still are here, Your willingness your life to give, Means much, and sure deserves our cheer.

Some of the boys in France did die, Some in our Country here, Some do on Oceans bottoms lie, Without a shroud, or bier.

The boys now dead, died not in vain, Their lives they gave, and now are gone, And tho their bodies have been slain, Their souls go marching on.

All brilliant, as the suns great light, Will they shine on and beam, Immortal as the stars at night, Their names thru ages gleam.

We here to-night, did come to give, Our thanks, and all that's best, For what you did, that men might live, You, you, our honor guests.

To you, dear flag, for which men died, We'll loyal be and true, Wave long, wave high, let nothing hide, The red, the white, the blue.

Our Father, for thy help we bring, Ten thousand thanks to Thee, Let freedoms bells, forever ring, Ring out, sweet liberty,
Henry W. Bruner.

LOCAL PEOPLE WELCOMED 33rd DIVISION BOYS

Hundreds of Downers Grove people went to Chicago Tuesday and helped in the big welcome to the heroes of the 33d, Illinois' own division of National Guardsmen, who did such great work in France.

Only a few units of this Prairie division arrived Tuesday and the outfit with most of the local boys is still in the east awaiting transportation to Camp Grant for discharge. Laurence Rehm was one of Downers Grove boys to receive a welcome Tuesday.

In the various units are about twenty-five local boys and when they get home the greater part of "our boys" will be back.

Next week we will try to publish a complete list of those from here who served with the "Prairie Dogs."

PUBLIC AUCTION

Joseph V. Dieter the auctioneer will hold a big sale at Bakers' Livery, Downers Grove, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, June 4th. Included in the articles to be auctioned is a big lot of brand new, never been used, farm machinery. There is also a lot of used farm machinery and of household furniture.

Mr. Dieter will also demonstrate the "Easy-way" hay loader and Mr. Baker the Overland automobile. A Case tractor will also be on display.

AIRPLANE PROPELLOR DEVELOPED BY U. OF I. MAN

Recent Tests Show Prof. Brooks' Invention Valuable—British Air Attache sees Models.

Urbana, Ill., May 29th, 1919.

A practically noiseless, highspeed, steel propeller intended for direct connection with the highest speed gasoline engine is the result of experiments made by Prof. Morgan Brooks, professor of electrical engineering at the University of Illinois, with the airplane propellers of a new type.

A number of models were tested at the University last week for Brigadier General L. E. C. Charlton, air attache to the British embassy at Washington, D. C.

One thing that was of especial interest to General Charlton was the fact that a considerable loss of power is now endured in the reduction speed gear used in all but the smallest airplanes, since airplane engines have a normal speed greater than the two-blade wooden propeller can stand.

The laws of air dynamics are sufficiently well known to make a test of a model almost conclusive as to the results to be expected from a full-sized propeller. At the same speed the thrust or pull of a propeller varies with the fourth power of dimension; therefore, the pull of 5 pounds found on test of an 18 inch

model indicates a pull of 80 pounds on a propeller of 36 inches in diameter. The test was made below standard speed, so a normal thrust would be obtained for a practice plane with only 36 inches diameter, as compared to the eighteen foot spread of the planes used at Chanute field.

The particular advantage of a small diameter would be the lifting of the landing wheels to a position much nearer the center of the gravity axis of the machine, thus making a poor landing much safer from avoidance of headers, not uncommon with the present type of planes.

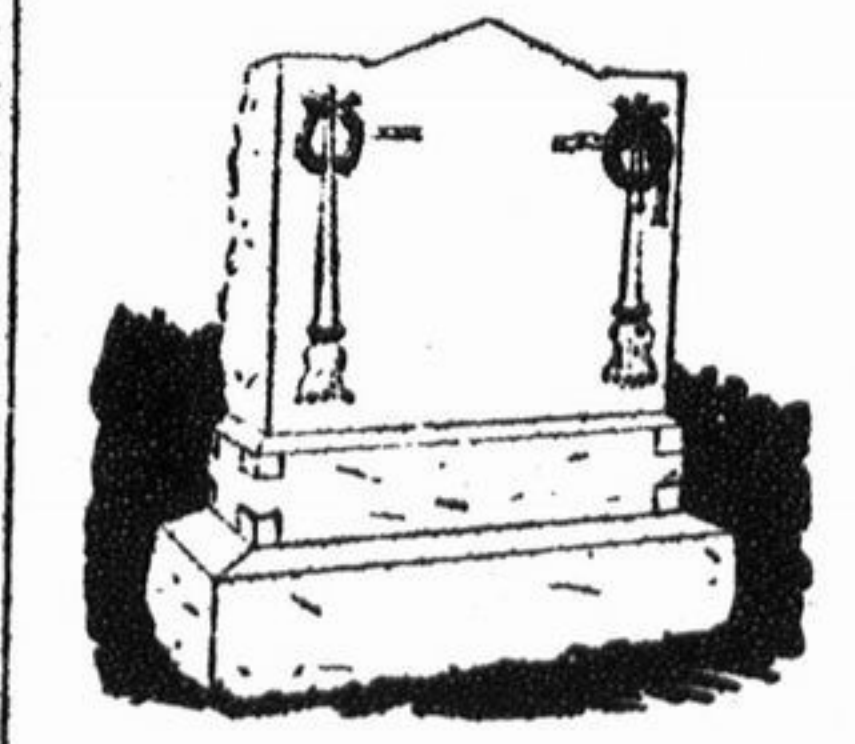
Professor Brooks was able to convince General Charlton that the action of an air propeller is not that of a screw as is commonly accepted, but rather that of a bat, and also that the use of two propellers on the same shaft is a mistake in design, since the slip-stream of one interferes so seriously with the proper action of the other.

While the facilities of the University permit only a static test, the propeller has been tested in a wind tunnel by the war department. The use of steel has been suggested by many inventors, but Professor Brooks' design on a conical base with blades of great inherent stiffness in spite of their thinness of metal, seems of decided promise. While the ordinary propeller is liable to be broken by striking a shock of corn in a landing field if at full revolution, this steel propeller should cut and scatter the corn stalks without injury to itself.

PROBABLE BANQUET DATE IS JUNE ELEVENTH

June 11th has been set as the tentative date for the first big home coming banquet and more than likely this will be the actual date.

The banquet, which is the first, the other to be held when they are all back, is given under the auspices of the Community Welfare League and the mothers, wives and sweethearts of the boys will do the serving. As has been announced, the Kidwell Garage will be the place and none of the boys will be asked to do any talking.



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There is nothing sadder than a dead town. Try as hard as it may to conceal the fact, the truth is written all over it so that he who runs may read. No camouflage of bluff and bluster can conceal the true situation from anyone who comes within the limits of the community. A dead town is dead and that's all there is to it.

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The worst of it is that once a town dies it stays dead. There have been exceptional cases in which dead towns have been revived, have taken on new life and prospered, but these are merely the exceptions that prove the rule. The fact that a town can seldom "come back" is easily explained. The growing and prosperous town today is the one that can attract new residents and new capital. It is one that can offer attractive inducements for the location of new industries. The dead town offers no attraction to outside capital. A man looking for a place to launch a new business or a new location for an old industry, is not going to pick out a dead town. He is going to select a town in which money is plentiful, a town whose business men are progressive and whose residents, as a whole, are prosperous and contented. There are too many live and thriving towns in the world for a man to risk his future in one that is dead. This is the reason that a town, once dead, almost always remains dead.

Merchants Not Only Ones Hurt.
Many customers of mail order houses say that they are under no obligation to trade with their home merchants and this may be true. They overlook that fact that the business men of a town do much for their community and are entitled, in return for what they do, to the support of the people in the community, but leaving this out of consideration, they overlook the fact that they are bringing about their own downfall when they drain their town of its money—its capital.

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