

VILLAGE SHOULD UNITE TO SECURE ATHLETIC FIELD

Recreation Association and American Legion Will Work Together For Benefit of Town.

Completion of the tennis court at Railroad street and Forest avenue marks a tangible start on an athletic program which will embrace the entire community. There have been tennis courts in the village before in different localities and years. They have flourished and faded away and their smooth surfaces have been defaced with rag weed and even Canada thistles. This latest court is different. It is bound up with the Downers Grove Recreation Association, a recently formed organization much understood, much admired, much criticized and much desired. An association with a broad vision and at present a small pocket book. Its vision is athletic and recreational opportunity for every Downers Grove boy or girl from six years old to sixty years young. The tennis court is just another bud started on the association trunk, other branches of which can be visualized most any evening at the Maple avenue school grounds where the younger boys and girls are developing their athletic instincts and incidentally gathering ideals of fair play and justice through their participation in group athletics. The vision includes not only the present small beginnings, the crude athletic and track field on the school grounds, the new tennis court and other tennis courts scattered over the village but also extends to a real athletic field, baseball diamond, football gridiron and running track where Downers Grove youth can demonstrate its excellence. The purpose of the Recreation Association is to turn the baseball activities over to the Alexander Bradley Burns Post of the American Legion, the Legion to have absolute control of the ball field seven days a week and the other ball players using it when the field is not desired by the Legion. In view of the recent exhibition of difference of opinion over one phase of athletics—enough has been said in these columns on Sunday baseball, polo and con, to last for quite a while so that question will receive scant comment—it is a welcome sign of harmony to be assured that under the present program every one in town can join in the movement for an athletic field. Definite plans for the campaign for a place to play baseball and football have not been fully matured but the proposition to get united support for village athletics and to give the American Legion first place in the use of the field, any time and all times they desire has been informally put up to the legion and has been favorably received. Forgive action by the Legion on the plan is expected at the meeting of the boys next week and if the plan is approved dirt will begin to fly before winter so that the Real Field will be in operation next year. The boys have developed a faculty for getting what they go after—over there and over here—so prospects are bright for Downers Grove athletics. Two or three sites are being discussed. The present grounds on the North East Side are not good and it is considered doubtful whether they could be leased for a period of years. However, a committee of the Legion is working and that means business, with a capital B. The plan to unite all the athletic enterprises in the village has advantages over the diversion of activity. It does not mean that the Legion is abandoning its plan—it means that the Legion is going ahead with its baseball and football and other sports with younger and older companions working with it. It does not mean that the Recreation Association is given up its program—it means that the Association is getting lined up with it a splendid organization of red-blooded young men. An athletic field with the united support of the village would be a valuable asset and is worth working for. Since under the new harmony arrangement the Recreation Association will take a prominent part a few words concerning it may not be amiss in connection with the baseball propaganda. First and foremost the Recreation Association is an experiment in community athletics. It has made a start—a good start—and its fate rests in the hands of the citizens of Downers Grove. Its beginning was along small lines. A park ball diamond; a short foot track; pole vault and jumping paraphensia and a group of small boys. It has put on three track meets, awarded regular medals and a silver cup to the winners. It has organized two baseball leagues and champion schedules are running with prospects of "village seriousness" at the finish. Volley ball; indoor baseball; midgets of the army type are being played. Under the guidance of Mr. John Greiner, athletic instructor hired for the summer by the association the boys are taught the rules of the games and the standards of athletics. In addition to the Forest avenue tennis court two other courts have been partially equipped and a playground apparatus has been installed on the Maple avenue school grounds. All this has been done at a moderate expense. Much of the money paid out is permanent investment. The financial backing so far has been individual pledges of which only a small part remain to be met. The larger program of baseball, football, track and field will require more funds. The ledger of the association to date shows these items:

Director Greiner.....	\$ 343.75
Playground apparatus.....	290.00
Tennis court (Forest ave.)...	60.00
Other athletic supplies and equipment.....	450.00
Total	\$1,143.75
Income.....	
Pledges paid.....	\$ 650.00
Pledges (not paid).....	175.00
Total	\$ 825.00
Balance.....	318.75
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This balance is due and payable at once.

If you have any doubt of the value of the association's work visit the high field most any evening and see how the youngsters enjoy their athletics. The Recreation Association insists that it is as broad as the village, that it knows no sect, or denomination, that its business is the physical betterment of the young people; and that it is worthy of the hearty support of all who live in Downers Grove and have the interests of the village at heart.

OCEAN ROMANCE CULMINATES IN PRETTY WEDDING

The culmination of a pretty ocean romance occurred Thursday evening at 2812 Tenth st., where the wedding of Miss Jeannette M. Brownlie and Mr. Archie S. McCurdie was solemnized. Some time ago Miss Brownlie, whose home was near Downers Grove, Ill. went back to Scotland (her native land) on a visit to relatives and friends. On her return voyage, she met a charming young Scotchman on his way to America, Mr. McCurdie, who on his arrival came to Tampa as quartermaster machinist for Oscar Daniels Co. Through correspondence, their mutual admiration blossomed into love and for some months Mr. McCurdie has been trying to arrange his duties so he could spare time for a little trip to Chicago, but as he is in charge of the machinist's work on board ships which have been launched, it seemed impossible for the management to part with him for even a short period. So last week Miss Brownlie yielded to his pleadings and came to Tampa, where her brother entertained her until the ceremony Thursday. The wedding was a quiet one as the bride had no relatives in this part of the country, with the exception of her brother; but some twenty near friends of the groom were there to give them a hearty send-off on their matrimonial voyage. Miss Mary Patrick of this city, acted as bridesmaid, while James Brownlie, brother of the bride, was best man. The house was tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers. After the ceremony a reception was given and wedding supper served. The young people will be at home at 2812 Tenth st. after August 29th. Tampa (Fla.) News.

COX — REID NUPTIALS
The marriage of Miss Mary Lindsey Cox, 1416 Chase ave., and Lt. David Gordon Reid, 7011 No. Greenview ave. formerly of Downers Grove, was solemnized in the church of St. Paul's-by-the-lake, Chicago, by the Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter, on Saturday morning August 23d at eleven o'clock. Mrs. Frank Haskins acted as matron of honor, Mr. Frank Haskins as best man and Genevieve Reid as flower girl. The ceremony was impressive and beautiful, music being supplied by Mrs. Steindel, pianist and Mr. Bruno Steindel, cellist. A number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present in the church. Dr. and Mrs. Puffer, Mr. and Mrs. George Reid, Mr. W. B. Towles, and Mr. E. R. Puffer, were present from Downers Grove. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast for forty guests was served at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Reid left on an early afternoon train for a wedding trip in the east and will reside in Rogers Park upon their return.

A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING

On Sunday afternoon, August 24th, Mr. Leonard M. Butcher and Miss Edith A. Boynton, both of Chicago, were united in marriage at the First M. E. Church by the Rev. B. H. Fleming. The wedding was a quiet one and was witnessed by Lieut. Edgar J. Schwarzman and Miss Irene Nelson, only a few other relatives and friends being present. They left immediately for Chicago where Mr. Butcher has a responsible position with the Burlington railroad. The happy couple carry the best wishes of all Downers Grove friends and acquaintances.

SUPERVISORS INVITE VETERANS TO ANNUAL FEED

The Board of Supervisors of Du Page County hereby extend to all Veterans of the Civil War and of the

Spanish American War, residents of Du Page County, a cordial invitation to be present at a Du Page County Soldiers' Reunion to be held at the Court House in Wheaton, on Tuesday, the 16th day of September, 1919 at 10 o'clock a. m.

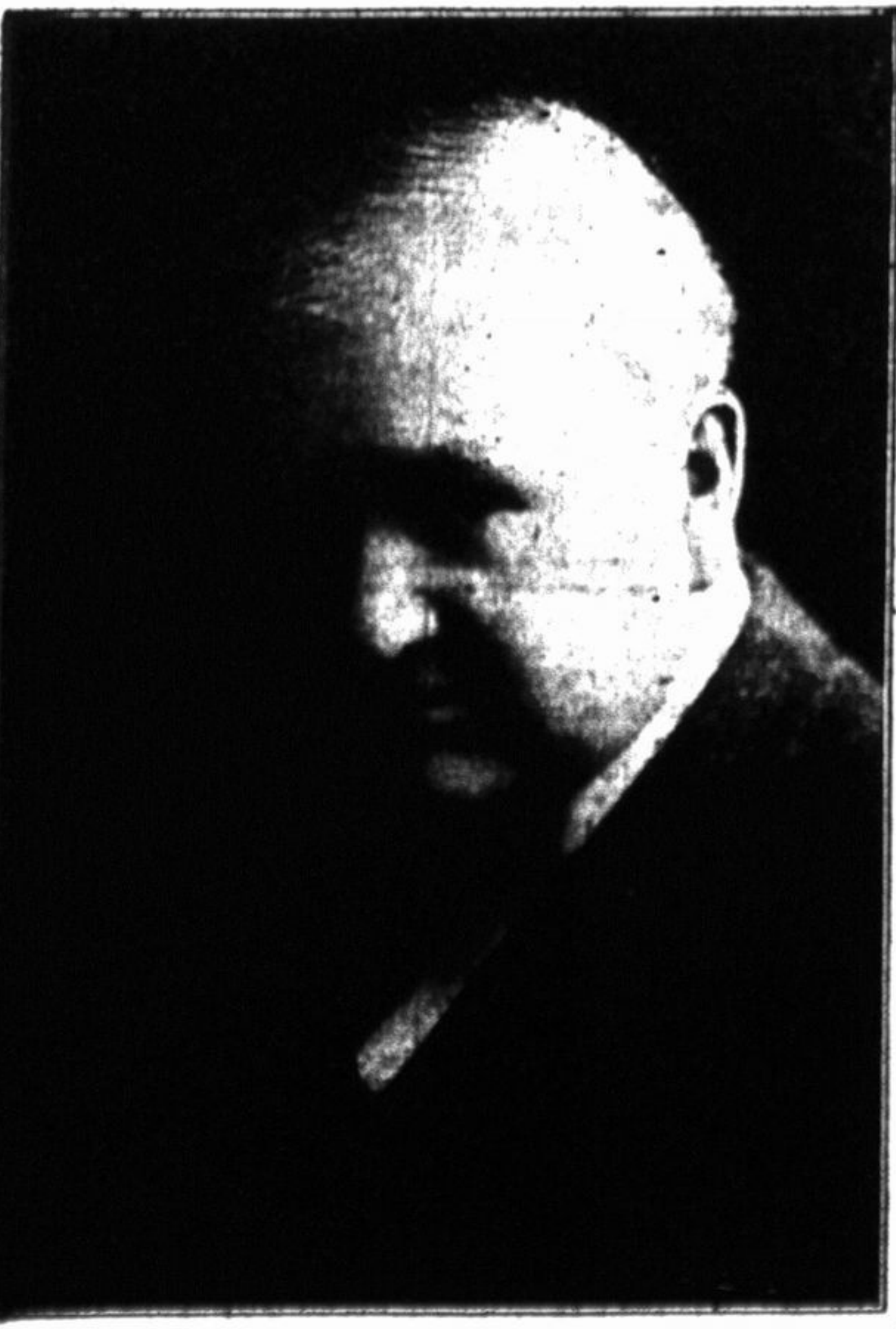
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GEORGE A. BARR Candidate for Republican Nomination for Constitutional Delegate

PRIMARY, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1919 ELECTION, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1919

Every citizen in Illinois should realize the importance to him of the coming constitutional convention and should do his utmost to see that the best men available are delegated to represent the People. The Republicans of this Senatorial District will nominate two delegates at the Primary Election September 10th. The Constitution is the basis for all state laws. It must therefore be framed by broad minded, wide experienced and impartial men. George A. Barr of Joliet, a candidate for Republican nomination for Delegate is particularly fitted by experience and education for this task. He was born on a farm in Manhattan, Will County, May 25, 1873. His father died when he was three years old, so as a boy working on the farm, he early became acquainted with the problems of the farmer. For three years he worked in grocery stores in Manhattan and Joliet, acquiring a new and different experience. He obtained his education in those typical Illinois institutions: The rural school, the Township High School and our State University. In 1899, he was admitted to practice law in Illinois, and since then has defended the accused, prosecuted for the State, represented the employee and the employer, the landlord and the tenant, and by his wide and varied practice as a lawyer, acquired an understanding of the needs of such a cosmopolitan People as ours. At the end of his term as States' Attorney of Will County, he turned into the County Treasurer, to be used for the schools, about \$5000, thereby setting a new precedent. Mr. Barr is married and has two sons. While building up his business, he has taken time for civil and patriotic work. He has been President of the Joliet Association of Commerce, Chairman for the country districts for the Fifth Liberty Loan; has been a member of the State Council of Defense, Hewas Chairman for Will County of the Committee on the Constitutional Convention at the election, which authorized the calling of the Convention. He has for years devoted much of his time to public enterprises and has acquired an interest in and understanding of the very problems which the Convention must meet.



EDWARD CORLETT Joliet, Illinois

Candidate for the Republican Nomination for Delegate to the Constitutional Convention

PRIMARY ELECTION Wed. September 10, 1919 Tuesday, December 4, 1919

Edward Corlett was born in 1871 on a farm in the Township of Wesley, Lake County, Illinois. He attended the country schools, after which he took up the study of law, graduating from the Bloomington Law School in 1894, since which time he has been engaged in the general practice of law in Will County, Illinois. He is attorney for the Penitentiary Commission, the members of which are: Col. John Lambert; Congressman Ira C. Copley, and Mr. James A. Patten. Their work consists of building a new penitentiary, now under construction near Joliet. Mr. Corlett has achieved the success in his profession, which comes to the average hard-working country lawyer. While he has been a candidate for office on only two previous occasions, once in 1899 for Mayor of the city of Wilmington, Illinois, to which office he was elected, and again in 1904 when he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for the state attorney of Will County, yet believing that it is the duty of every citizen, even though not a candidate for office, to take an interest in politics, he has long taken an active part in politics and public affairs. He is affiliated with the Republican party, although in 1912 he supported Theodore Roosevelt for President. He is not radical enough to suit the ultra-conservative; but his views on public questions, during the twenty-five years that he has been active in public affairs, have been quite generally approved by the average forward looking man. He believes that those provisions of the Constitution, which do not obstruct progress at present and which the State is not likely to outgrow within the next few years, should be preserved in the new Constitution, which will be submitted to the people for approval at the general election of 1920. Because of the importance of this work he would regard his nomination and election as an honor and a great opportunity for public service.



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