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**The FIRST Step Toward A Home Of Your Own Is A BANK Account**

To catch the modest nickel, men combine and build street railways, slot machines, pack candy, sell cigars and bottle drinks nickel size. To get your nickel, dime or dollar a thousand devices are waiting. If money burns a hole in your pocket, put it in a fireproof vault here to earn asbestos interest at 3 per cent for you.

Young couples, especially, are very apt to regard saving with derision. Older people will tell you that they wished they had saved when they were young toward a home of their own. The FIRST Step Toward a Home of Your Own is—A Bank Account.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
Downers Grove, Illinois.

## HURT AS AUTO CRASHES INTO BUGGY TUESDAY

Accident Which Might Have Proved Fatal Blamed on Recklessness of Automobile Driver.

Mrs. Thomas, daughter of C. W. Hartgrove, who purchased the Fred Holz place on South Main street this spring, was severely injured Tuesday morning when an auto driven by Alex Brown of 10155 Parnell avenue, Chicago, ran into the buggy in which she, her infant son, Howard and Mr. Hartgrove were riding.

They were coming south on Main street near Curtiss when the automobile came around the corner from W. Curtiss and crashed into them. Bystanders said the machine was going at a rate of from twenty-five to thirty-five miles an hour. Mr. Hartgrove was way over on the right side of Main street so even if the car wasn't going at a high rate of speed it was way out of its territory when it hit the buggy.

All three occupants of the rig were thrown to the pavement by the violence of the crash. Mrs. Thomas landed on her head cutting a deep gash in her forehead, she also dislocated her right shoulder. Mr. Hartgrove suffered several bruises and cuts and is nursing a sore right leg. The baby boy seems to have been the lucky one. Outside of a small bruise on his head the worst that happened to him was a bad scare. How any of them came through the collision and the fall to the brick pavement without sustaining greater injuries is hard to tell.

Dr. Puffer was in his store at the time and the victims were rushed to his office where prompt medical aid was given them.

Chief Venard arrested the driver, "Brown," who is a Jewish peddler, but he was later released and his car and grips of merchandise were held pending an investigation.

It is alleged that the entire fault of the accident can be laid to Brown's door.

## DOES DOWNERS GROVE DESERVE A LIBRARY?

YES—A thousand times—yes! Downers Grove, admitted by all its citizens to be one of the best if not the best little town in the state, deserves not only a library but the best library that can be had. It deserves a library that will contain not only current fiction, but also up to date reference books, dispute settlers, mind developers and authoritative fountains of information. A library which will be a useful adjunct to the school containing historical, biographical and scientific works outside of the scholastic text books and which will also satisfy the wants and needs of those whose school days are over.

## HAS DOWNERS GROVE A LIBRARY?

YES—If a building designed and dedicated as a library is a library. Yes—If a collection of books, so well thumbed and handled as to be in more dilapidated condition constitutes a library. Yes—If being barely able to keep open part of the time and serve part of the people who want books composes a library. Yes—If having barely enough funds each year to scrape through without buying any new books, save such as are available from fines collected can be regarded as being a library. NO—Several times NO—From the viewpoint of efficiency—from the standpoint of the needs of the community and from all that goes to make a library what it should be, the center and fount of the intellectual life of the community.

## DOES DOWNERS GROVE USE ITS LIBRARY?

Yes—The Downers Grove Free Public Library has 4138 books on its shelves of which rather more than half are in condition for circulation. In one month of the present year 2251 books were issued. There are one thousand two hundred and five circulating cards in force, almost one for each voter at a school election. Library Officials are confident that this number would be doubled were books available.

DOES DOWNERS GROVE SUP-  
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## LOCAL SCHOOLS STARTED YEARS' WORK MONDAY

Big Enrollment in Both Grades and High School Auger Good Year For Scholars.

Monday morning the Downers Grove grade and high schools started the season's work with a rush after the long summer vacation.

With all the rooms redecorated, with everything clean and neat and the equipment of the schools all in order, both pupils and instructors started the year right. The settling down to study process which seems to take almost a week usually, lasted but a day and now at the end of the week everything is running as if it were mid-season.

The largest enrollment in the history of Downers Grove schools augers well for the future. The total reached 710, of which 520 are in the grades and 190 in the high school. Several more scholars are yet to enter.

Professor George C. Butler, Superintendent has the following to say regarding the new school year.

"All over the land young people have fully realized that they must at least have a high school education. Now that our schools have opened with such bright hopes for a splendid year of work, we trust that the parents and all concerned will see to it that no time is fooled away but that every minute is improved.

"We can all do very much to impress upon our boys and girls the value of time. If pupils are allowed to spend their time evenings, in ways not conducive to educational improvement, the best results will not be secured.

"Parents are requested to visit the schools often, and in this way get a correct estimate of the work that is being done. Let us all do our best for the boys and girls of our village."

## AMERICAN LEGION REGULAR MEETING IS NEXT MONDAY

Important Business Will Be Brought to Attention of Ex-Service men At Next Meeting

Next Monday evening, September 15th, Alexander Bradley Burns Post, American Legion, will hold its next meeting. This is the local organization of ex-service men banded together for the welfare of home, state and nation.

Several important projects will be brot up for discussion at this meeting and a large attendance of member and those eligible to join is expected. Everyone from Downers and vicinity, whether or not they have as yet signed up, who was in the army or the navy, is urged to attend and get acquainted with the purposes and activities of the Legion.

At Monday night's meeting it is expected that delegates to the state convention which will start October 17th at Peoria, will be selected. The committee on permanent quarters have been doing some work and are expected to have a favorable report to offer. The entertainment committee is busy on several projects, notably a dance and they will report.

Besides the above the men will be asked to consider other important business having to do with local and national activities.


## COUNTY MEDALS CAN BE SECURED FROM BLODGETT

Ex-Service Men Who did not Receive Taken Can Still Acquire One And Should.

Ex-service men of Downers Grove and vicinity who did not receive a county medal last Saturday can still secure one.

Supervisor C. B. Blodgett has them at his home, 111 East Maple avenue, and all entitled to them are urged to see him and get one.

These medals were struck off by order of the Supervisors and are a token from Du Page County. They are pretty and a unique keepsake of the world war.



**HAVE YOU A SAVINGS ACCOUNT?**

Or are you one of the fellows who won't take the trouble to grab hold of the "life line" when it is thrown to you?

A Savings Account will make you financially independent.

**START ONE!**  
3 per cent INTEREST 3 per cent START ONE!

**Farmer's and Merchant's Bank**  
Oldest Bank in Downers Grove

## BUILD NOW for Future Needs!

Last spring we advised people to build and repair, predicting a raise in the price of lumber. Lumber has gone up, is going up and will go still higher. Where the end will be no one knows for a certainty. Sufficient to say that if prices do drop, they will never reach their former level.

### Build and Repair Now

If you have been planning a home, barn, garage, or the repairing of one, or in fact any kind of building requiring lumber, **DO IT NOW!** Labor costs are mounting, material is going up, build now while you can.

After two years of stagnation, due to the war, construction of new buildings is now approaching normal. Everywhere the demand is for lumber, and the demand is fast exceeding the supply. Those who are familiar with the building trades, nationally, say more new work is contemplated than there will be lumber to finish. This will have a tendency to shoot prices higher.

**OUR ADVICE IS YOURS FOR THE ASKING**

Let us help your plans with suggestions. We have complete plans of houses, large and small, and our entire building service is yours for the asking.

## Lord Lumber Company

Phone Day 20 Phone after 6 P. M. 142 J

In other words, it carries your WINDOWS and your SHOWCASES to the BUYERS. It reaches thousands where the actual displays are seen by twenties and thirties.

Newspaper advertising magnifies—multiplies—the selling power of your windows.

I believe you'll agree that our friend was short-sighted. He had never THOUGHT THE MATTER OUT.

**ADVERTISE IN THE REPORTER FOR RESULTS!**

## Groceries at Service Prices

Large Cartoon, Lily Flakes.....	75c
Large Can, Gorton's Fish Flakes.....	22c
3 packages, Macaroni or Spaghetti.....	25c
Bulk Peanut Butter, per pound.....	25c
Gorton's Fat Herring, per can.....	10c
CRISPO Ginger Snaps, in kegs.....	35c
Queen Olives, in jars, Special.....	35c
6 rolls, Toilet Paper.....	25c
4 pkgs, Swift Pride Washing Powder, special ...	15c
10 bars, P & G, White Soap, Special.....	58c
16 oz. jar prepared Mustard, Special.....	18c
3 cans Sardines, Special.....	25c
22 oz. jar Apple or Strawberry Preserves, Spc....	33c

**Lehmann & Michel**  
Dry Goods, Groceries and General Merchandise  
28-30 South Main Street Two Phones 177-178

**THE CORNER GROCERY USED TO STAND FOR CONVERSATION 'ROUND A RED HOT STOVE.**

**NOW THE CORNER GROCERY STANDS FOR, QUALITY — Quality of Merchandise Always, and QUALITY of Service.**

It's Motto Is — "Nothing But The Best is Good Enough for the Patrons of —

**THE CORNER GROCERY**  
J. W. NASH Phone 59 - M

**AN ADVRA-TORIAL FOR LOCAL MERCHANTS**

A friend of ours once said: "I do not use newspaper advertising. I advertise through my windows."

Window advertising is good advertising. Showcase advertising is good advertising.

The window advertises to the passerby. The showcase to those actually in the store.

But your newspaper announcement carries descriptions of your merchandise right into the HOMES of ALL.

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