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REMEMBER LAST YEAR?

Those who were fortunate enough to be in Downers Grove one year ago Tuesday when the news of the signing of the armistice was brought home to every one by whistles, bells and cheers, will never forget that hectic morning. The impromptu automobile parades, the singing, the marching around town waking up those who still slept despite the noise; will anyone who participated ever forget them?

This was a wildly delirious town from two o'clock in the morning until late at night. Staid matrons, who would not unbend for anything, danced and shouted with the loudest. Business men whose habitual expression reminds one of the great stone face, smiled, laughed and pirouetted like small children. The fire bell's incessant clangor, the church bells, the fire and train whistles all proclaimed to the world that the war was over, and more important, the boys were coming home!

Most of them are now back. Have we done for them the things we mentally pledged a year ago when victory perched atop our banners by reason of their bravery? There is and old saying that a Democracy soon forgets. One of the members of the A. E. F. has said to us not long ago: "The people of the United States do not appreciate what we went through over there in Flanders' fields." Then he went on to tell how much more France, England and Italy think of the men who did the fighting.

"The civilian population of those countries," he continued, "were also in the war. The air raids on Paris, London and other cities, the sea raids the subs on the coasts, all brought home to those at home the dangers and horrors of actual warfare. Those people appreciate and honor the men who bore arms in the conflict. I am not saying that the American people do not, they probably do, so far as they understand. But never can they pay the homage to the fighting men that Europe does."

This from one of the local boys who enlisted the day after war was declared and served through five major engagements from Chateau Thierry until his "outfit" was pounding at the gates of Sedan on that glorious November 11th. Think it over.

THE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE

On Friday, December 5th, the voters of the Village of Downers Grove will vote whether or not to issue bonds in the sum of \$11,000, to clear up the indebtedness through forfeitures on special assessments.

A Du Page County Court has issued a judgment against the village in the above sum and the money must be raised to pay off this judgment. Unless it is raised in this way, a way which will spread the sum over a period of years, the money must be raised in one year by general taxation. This means that if the bond issue does not pass, the local tax for next year will be eleven thousand dollars greater than normal.

There is but one way to vote on December 5th, and that is in favor of the issuance of the bonds. It is for money which the village legally owes its bond holders for principal and interest. It is an obligation which we cannot dodge. Elsewhere in this issue is a statement by the Village Council regarding the bond issue which explains it more fully.

WE SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT—

A small boy was accidentally killed by his chum at Elmhurst last week. The revolver with which the deed was done was purchased from a mail order house. A local dealer would know better than to sell a boy a real gun and cartridges without authority from his parents. Is that another argument against the mail order house? Suit yourself.

Two ex-service men parading in an Armistice Day parade in the state of Washington with other of their buddies were killed and several were injured when the marchers were fired upon by "Reds." We pause here to wonder if the radical element of the labor unions, and there are many such living in Downers Grove, will applaud this act. Certain of these men have been predicting a revolution and other dire consequences, supposed—if they do not get everything in sight.

The American Legion in session in Milwaukee asked for the deportation of Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, unseated from Congress on account of his attitude in the world war.

EX-MEMBERS OF CO. H. ASSEMBLY SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning, November 16, men who have been honorably discharged or who had gone into the U. S. service from Co. H. are requested to assemble at the high school.

A picture will be taken of all present and ex-members in good standing and a print mounted on photo board will be presented to each man in said picture.

This will also serve as a permanent record for the village.

Come in uniform, any kind, if you have one.

B. E. Balczynski, Captain.
B. C. Downes, 1st Sergeant.

EX-SERVICE MEN TO HAVE VICTROLA FOR CLUB ROOMS

Organizations Clash On Which Will Buy Music Machine For the American Legion.

The club rooms of the American Legion in the Dicke Building will soon contain a Victrola for the entertainment of the ex-service men. This is an assured fact as two organizations clashed the other evening on which would do the buying and make the presentation.

Last spring the girls of the Delta Sigma Phi Sorority started gathering money by various enterprises to buy something for the rooms of the ex-service men, when they were located. Their purpose, which they kept secret, was to present the boys with a Victrola. The other evening finding sufficient money had been gathered together a committee visited Swearingen's for the purpose of placing an order for a \$150 machine. After a little negotiation Mr. Swearingen learned the music box was for the Legion rooms and told the girls that there was no use in their making a selection as the Fire Department had ordered one and were going to pay for it with the proceeds from the Thanksgiving eve dance. As the sorority had been planning on a Victrola for almost six months they naturally were a little dismayed at the news and called Henry Dicke, chief of the department, and expostulated with him. After everything had been explained the department withdrew from the field and the girls will have the honor of making the presentation.

Some weeks ago a committee from the fire department visited the rooms to see what they could buy for the boys which would make the rooms more attractive. They naturally settled on a Victrola as the one thing which would give a majority of the boys the most pleasure. Now they are a little undecided what to buy as one of their purposes in running the Thanksgiving eve dance was to raise money for a piece of furniture for the Legion rooms.

MARY D. JEWETT TO TELL OF WORK AT ARMY HOSPITAL

Over the top to victory meant a brilliant fight. Back from the front, shell shocked, torn and disabled, many a brave man is struggling more gallantly in a battle for his old time strength and vigor.

The United States General Hospital No. 28 at Fort Sheridan has numbers of these men slowly forging back to health—such health as they again can know. A message to Downers Grove from these brave lads will be brought next Wednesday afternoon, November 19, at Library Hall by MISS MARY D. JEWETT, one of the head aides at Fort Sheridan in charge of the Psychopathic Wards.

She will tell of the reconstruction work being done at the hospital and will leave with her specimens of the handwork of some of the convalescing boys. Sale of these articles is a direct help to the sufferers.

The meeting is under the auspices of the Civic Department of the Downers Grove Woman's Club.

No admission fee is required and all are invited to be present and learn at first hand how our wounded heroes are being brought to have a show in the life from which they were so nearly cut off.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction on the J. F. Kidwell Farm, at Belmont, Tuesday, November 18th, 1919, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. 10 head of cattle, 7 head of horses, 4 brood sows, a stag, 6 hogs, 4 pigs, 1 bear, farm machinery of all kinds and many other articles too numerous to mention. Geo. & Dieter, Auct.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By Edith Perron

Theodore Roosevelt, the man is dead! Lovable, brave, glorious, bearing his sorrows bravely, true to a friend, honorable to a foe, noble in every bearing, his was a character kings might well envy. The end of his glorious life came quietly in the early morning, January 6, 1919. When the press came out with the startling news that the great American was dead every head was bowed, every heart swelled with sorrow. Rich and poor, kings and paupers, all mourned and shed an unabashed tear for the old lion was dead.

Theodore Roosevelt was born in the city of New York October 27, 1858. His parents were wealthy people who had come over from Holland and who inherited the traits of the Dutch people, honesty, sturdiness, truthfulness and loyalty.

As a boy Roosevelt was sickly and so unusually near sighted that he wore very thick glasses. Because of his ill health he was unable to attend public school but had instead, a tutor until he was ready to enter college.

In 1876 he entered Harvard University a delicate weak young man. He had been in college only a short time when he realized his puniness and was wholeheartedly ashamed of it. He immediately devoted himself to the great task of developing his muscles and making himself physically fit. He walked miles, indulged in all healthy outdoor sports and even skipped rope in the effort to strengthen himself.

He was graduated with honors and then bought a ranch in North Dakota where he went to take part in the healthy active life of the cowboy. The cowboys of course disliked him, a stranger from the east who had dared to come to their wild free country and associate with them, and they immediately called him "Four-eyes" and other insulting terms. Roosevelt paid no attention to their raillery and soon won their deepest admiration and love.

One day while in a saloon a rough cowboy called "Windy Jack" ordered Roosevelt to drink with him. Roosevelt refused and Jack sneered, "Of course he won't, mamma's boys usually refuse." Roosevelt shot back, "No they don't, not when they promise their mamma's not to." The result was a fight in which Roosevelt "knocked out" Windy Jack, whereupon the adoration of the cowboys exceeded all earthly bounds. Thereafter Roosevelt was their hero and Windy Jack never offered him another drink.

When Roosevelt returned home his mother was delighted with him, for he had become strong and fearless and was an expert marksman.

He took up the study of law and when he was twenty-four years of age he was elected to the General Assembly. He was the youngest man there but was far from being the least important member. In 1886 he ran for Mayor in New York, but he was defeated.

He was a member of the Civil Service Commission from 1887 to 1895 and then he was promoted to the President of the New York Police. Roosevelt was appointed Secretary of the Navy and while occupying this position he foresaw the Spanish American War and doubled the tonnage of the Navy. He also installed a system for gunning that won for us "Bluejackets" the name of the sharpshooters of the world.

A year after his appointment he resigned and organized the regiment of the Rough Riders and installed Leonard Wood as Colonel. This regiment distinguished itself and its founder during the war.

He was elected vice-president in 1900 and six months later he was raised to the presidency by the death of McKinley. In 1904 he was unanimously re-elected, his majority being 2,542,062, the largest ever given to a presidential nominee.

When in 1905 the rights of the French Panama Company were purchased, he worked strenuously for the building of the canal. This is considered the most important event in his administration and will be a monument to him as long as the canal exists.

During his term of office he appointed John J. Pershing General and Captain Sims Admiral of the United States Navy. He sent the Navy on a trip around the world visiting different ports and showing the world the wonderful navy the United States had established.

Roosevelt was nominated for another term was defeated by Taft. After his defeat he headed the Smithsonian African Expedition, taking his son Kermit with him, and devoting nearly a year hunting and collecting animals and birds for the museum in America.

In 1912 during the presidential campaign the nation was shocked by the news of an attempted assassination of Roosevelt by a lunatic at Milwaukee, but he gave a fresh demonstration of his vitality and courage.

Roosevelt then lived quietly in his beautiful home at Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, for several years with his wife and his four sturdy boys.

When United States severed relations with Germany Roosevelt was instantly ready to go but he was refused so he sent his boys saying, "The old lion cannot go but his sons will."

One day when Hamilton Garland, who was Roosevelt's neighbor in Dakota, asked him what he had heard of his boys he answered gravely, "They are all on the firing line and uninjured, but I know the time is coming when I must go to Edith and tell her that one, and perhaps two of them are gone."

Then came the news that Quentin, the youngest, the joyous happy Lieu-

tenant had fallen. When a reporter came to see the Colonel he said, "Yes, Quentin is gone, but with God's help I will bear it bravely. But Mrs. Roosevelt, how can I tell her?" and his voice broke. Later this same reporter saw the Colonel and his wife who came forward with a firm step and bright eyes, yet it was plain that she had been told. Later she said to the reporter, "I must bear it bravely and comfort him, the burden must not rest on his shoulders alone."

One day in January came the startling news that Roosevelt was gone. Gone! Our Roosevelt gone! We could not connect him with death, he was all life and vitality! The world mourned. We had lost a friend, we loved him yet lost him, for even love cannot guard against death, that mighty foe, that true friend, whose touch can heal the deepest wound, sweeten the bitterest sorrow, and still the sharpest pain. Our Roosevelt was tired, God took him and he was rested, he sorrowed and he was comforted, yet we shall miss him. He has gone to greater glory and to Quentin, but we shall never forget Teddy—a Christian gentleman, a faithful friend, a fear-

less, generous foe. He will always remain in our hearts, his memory helping to make us better, truer Americans.

Our Roosevelt has left us. He has crossed the great divide, and entered God's great haven, With Quentin by his side.

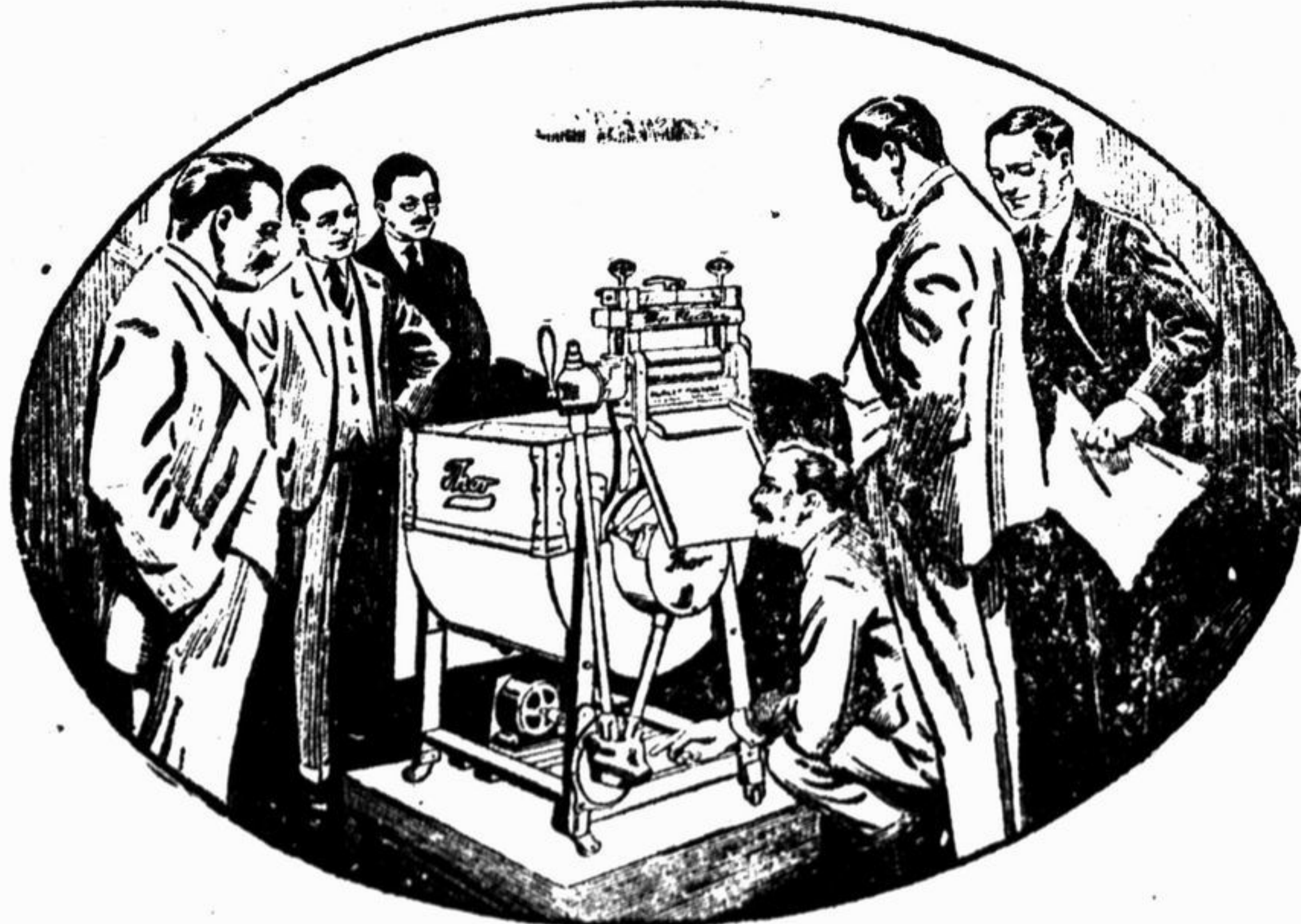
His earthly cares and sorrows He has shaken off at last

We'll never forget our Teddy, Nor his great and glorious past.

He left us great ideals Greater love for our fair land. We love him and adore him Yet he left us—Teddy grand!

Rest in Peace, oh lion hearted, Best beloved American! We adore and mourn for you, Theodore Roosevelt, the man!

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