

\$12,000 PAID OUT TO XMAS CLUB SAVERS

Both Banks Sending Checks to Many Local People Who Saved During Year.

Both the Farmers & Merchants and the First National Banks are sending out checks to many local people who were members of their Christmas Savings Clubs during the past year.

More than four hundred separate cards were taken out last December and all year the money has been deposited in small sums. The amazing total of \$12,000 was saved during the year by local residents, through this plan. The amount is divided about equally between the banks.

The Christmas savings idea is a good one. It has taught many people to lay aside money that never before saved a cent. Although primarily it was designed so that people would have money at Christmas, it has taught the saving habit and regular accounts are more numerous than they were.

Each bank has again made arrangements to run a club during the year 1920 and both have all the details in readiness so that savers can start at any time.

Both Mr. Curtiss of the First National and Mr. Simonson of the Farmers & Merchants, are of the opinion that the clubs this year will be larger than last.

TWENTY BELOW WEATHER HITS DOWNERS GROVE

Mercury in the thermometers in and around Downers Grove hit the low mark of twenty degrees below zero Wednesday morning in the coldest snap for this time of the year on record.

There not being an official weather tube in the village it is hard to estimate how cold it really was. Taking an estimate of the various thermometers, however, which registered all the way from fifteen to twenty-five below, would make at least twenty as the low mark.

At no time Wednesday did the mercury go above zero. According to the oldest inhabitant and even in the memory of its younger fellows, this is the coldest weather we have ever experienced this early in December. All we can hope for now is an early spring.

WOMANS CLUB OFFERS PRIZES TO SCHOLARS

The Home and Educational Department of the Womens Club held their meeting on Wednesday, December 3. It was decided that members of the department will supervise the Library reading rooms on Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:00 p. m. until April 1.

This department has offered four cash prizes which will be awarded to local scholars. First prize \$5.00 and second, \$2.50 for Oratory and first, \$5.00 and second, \$2.50 for the best essays. The details of the contest, rules and so forth have been left in the hands of N. R. Feasley, principal of the high school, for final decision. The contest will close some time in March and the winners will probably represent Downers Grove High School at the County Oratorical Contest at Wheaton.

Dr. Mary Paulson, who was the announced speaker for the day, being unable to come, sent Dr. A. B. Olson, late from Caterham, England, who was before coming to the United States superintendent of a prosperous sanitarium at Caterham. He was also very popular as a lecturer. Dr. Olson is now Medical Superintendent at the Hinsdale Sanitarium.

In his lecture to the department, he gave many helpful hints on home treatment of simple disorders. After his talk, Miss Jeffries and Miss Darwal, two nurses of the sanitarium staff, gave several demonstrations of the use of hot fomentations and cold compresses. Master Delbert Hess being the subject for demonstration.

It is to be regretted that more club members did not avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Dr. Olson. There is something good in store every Wednesday.

The next department meeting will be Wednesday, January 7th. The program will be furnished by the public school and will be an exceptionally fine one from advance reports.

KOLAR—COUNIHAN

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kolar announce the marriage of their daughter Lillian Agnes to Arthur J. Counihan of Congress Park, Illinois at the Methodist Church La Grange Illinois on Saturday December 6th. The Rev. M. J. Mayo, pastor of the church performed the ceremony.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND ISSUE CARRIED FRIDAY

Very Little Interest Taken in Proposition of Issuing Bonds to Clean Up Assessments.

Only thirty-eight votes were cast at a special election held at the Village Hall last Friday. Thirty-five men and three women were interested enough in the affairs of the Village to take time enough to stop and vote for or against the issuance of \$11,000 in bonds by the Village to clear up special assessment bonds. Of those voting 33 men voted yes and 2, no. All three of the women's votes were favorable.

The election was the direct result of a judgment secured in the County Court by the Farmers & Merchants Bank acting for bond holders, against the Village.

Every outstanding bond in principal and interest up to Special No. 35 will be cleaned up by the money from the sale of the bonds which are secured by direct taxation. If the issue had not passed the full amount would have been assessed against the property of the Village in one year, 1920.

"THROUGH HELL AND BACK WITH ILLINOIS BOYS"

On Monday evening, December 22d, the local post of the American Legion will show the film "Through Hell and Back With the Boys of Illinois."

It is one of the official government movies taken by members of the U. S. Signal Corps and shows Illinois boys from the moment of their enlistment until their return home. Actual conditions in France in the training camps, the front lines, the support, hospitals, everything will be seen as it actually was.

The ex-service men have also made arrangements with a lecturer to be present at the time the picture is flashed on the screen. This man will give a running account of the scenes as they appear before the eyes of the audience, making it the more realistic.

Two shows will be given on this evening and the Dicke Theatre is the place.

Do your Christmas Shopping at home

METHODIST MEN TO LAUNCH NEW SERVICES PLAN

The Official Board of the First M. E. Church have adopted a new plan for promoting sociability and at the same time deepening the spiritual life of the members of this congregation.

Beginning on New Year's Eve and continuing thereafter on the last Wednesday of each month during the winter and spring months, a cafeteria supper will be served by some organization in the church at a nominal price, the idea being not to make a little money, but to afford the members and friends of the church an opportunity to come direct from work and there meet the other members of the family for the evening meal that night instead of going home. The plan is to serve the supper from 6 to 7 o'clock to be followed by a great Praise and Prayer Service from 7 to 8 o'clock.

It is understood that all who come to the supper will remain for the service following. It will be readily seen that this plan will not interfere with any one's later engagements for the evening.

Following this the 25 men of the Official Board will hold their regular monthly business meeting and other departmental meetings may be held.

Mr. C. K. Roe is chairman of the committee having the matter in his charge.

VICTORY BUTTONS FOR "GOBS" READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

Downers Grove "Gobs" who have been patiently waiting for the Navy Department to issue the "Victory" button can now get them in Chicago.

A limited supply of Victory Buttons has been received at the Navy Recruiting Station, 608 So. Dearborn st., Chicago, for issue to men of the regular Navy and Naval Reserve Force who served on active duty between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and have since been discharged from the Naval Service.

The discharge must be presented when making application for a button.

Victory Buttons are not issued from this office to former officers of the Navy, or officers and men of the Naval Reserve Force on inactive duty.

Santa Says



There is one time of the year when the spirit of giving is rampant in the world and that is at Christmas time. Everybody, young and old, is planning on what mother wants; father, brother, sister, sweetheart. Here are just a few suggestions from our large holiday stock.

For Brother, Father or "Gentleman Friend"

- CIGARS
- FOUNTAIN PENS
- TOBACCO
- PIPES
- STATIONERY
- PLAYING CARDS

For Mother, Sister or Sweetheart

- CANDY
- STATIONERY
- TOILET WATERS
- PERFUMES
- TOILET SOAPS
- FOUNTAIN PENS

Christmas Cards

We have the largest and finest assortment of holiday cards every shown in Downers Grove. Beautiful, hand colored Christmas greetings are the leaders, and every variety at every price is represented here. Name cards, seals and stickers and other accessories that add so much when the packages are tied are also found in great variety.

See our line before making your purchases.

Puffer Pharmacy

55 South Main St.

Telephone 6

ICE CREAM IN ANY QUANTITY

EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN DOWNERS GROVE IS INVITED TO JOIN THE

First National Bank's XMAS SAVINGS CLUB!

WHICH STARTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th

EVERYBODY—OLD AND YOUNG—IS INVITED TO JOIN.

Deposit 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1.00 or \$2.00 and up

THE FIRST DEPOSIT MAKES YOU A MEMBER—NO FINES—NO FEES—NO LOSSES.

And you will save enough by Christmas to buy presents and enjoy the festivities without stint or inconvenience in any way.

HERE IS THE PLAN—Enroll in One or More of the Following Classes

CLASS 1. Members depositing 1 cent the first week, 2 cent the second week, and increasing 1 cent each week for fifty weeks get **\$.75**

CLASS 2. Members depositing 2 cents the first week, 4 cents the second week, and increasing 2 cents each week for fifty weeks will get **\$25.50**

CLASS 5. Members depositing 5 cents the first week, 10 cents the second week, and increasing 5 cents each week for fifty weeks will get **\$63.75**

CLASS 25. Fixed. Members depositing 25 cents a week for every week of the fifty will get **\$12.50**

CLASS 100. Fixed. Members depositing \$1.00 each week for every week of the fifty will get **\$50**

CLASS 10. Members depositing 10 cents the first week, 20 cents the second week, and increasing 10 cents each week for fifty weeks will get **\$25.50**

CLASS 2A. Members depositing \$1 the first week, 98 cents the second week, and decreasing 2 cents each week for fifty weeks will get **\$25.50**

CLASS 5A. Members depositing \$2.50 the first week, \$2.45 the second week, and decreasing 5 cents each week for fifty weeks will get **\$63.75**

CLASS 50. Fixed. Members depositing 50 cents a week for every week of the fifty will get **\$25.00**

CLASS 200. Fixed. Members depositing \$2.00 each week for every week of the fifty will get **\$100**

Invited. Have the Entire Family join, including the baby!

FIRST NATIONAL BANK