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The Corner Grocery

Wishes You One and All
A Merry Christmas

THE CORNER GROCERY
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IF EVERY MAN AND WOMAN IN THE WORLD COULD LOOK INTO THE EYES OF EVERY OTHER MAN AND WOMAN IN THE WORLD AND SAY SINCERELY, "I WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR," WARS AND FEUDS AND STRIKES WOULD END AND HAPPINESS WOULD TAKE THE PLACE OF DISCORD.

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LOCAL PASTORS WRITE CHRIST- MAS MESSAGES

Articles Breathing the Spirit of the Season and of the Times From Church Leaders.

At our invitation the pastors of local churches have written the following Christmas messages for publication in The Reporter. They breathe the spirit of the Christmas Season and of the times in which we are living.

It is a far cry from the problems of the present day to that lowly manger in Bethlehem, yet the teachings of the babe born there have come down to us and if applied to the world today would settle every difference between nations and between individuals.

IF CHRIST HAD NOT COME—?

By J. Alfred Nansen, Pastor of the First Evangelical Church.

This question has been revolving in my mind for several days. By its consideration I have been prepared to enter into the spirit of the Christmas season. As a humble babe, Jesus Christ came into the scenes of life in one of the darkest periods of the world's history. Even the Chosen Race of people thru which God had made special revelations of Himself for centuries had lost its capacity and concern for religious things except as seen in the grudging observance of mere formalistic ritual. As a people they were lost in the pursuit of the temporal things of life; a dishonest, grasping few in the midst of multitudes ignorantly indulging in the most sadly perverted and idolatrous expressions of the religious impulse. Today the God of these Jewish peoples is known and worshipped around the globe as Christ has revealed Him. His teaching has destined Christianity to become universal for it has revealed Him as the Father of us all. Worshipers of Him increased twice as fast as the population of the world during the last century. The world vision of aroused churches now engaging simultaneously in forward movements, the multiplication of available finances and workers for foreign Missionary activities, the World Inter-Church Movements give promise of unparalleled prosperity for the Spiritual Kingdom of Christ in the present century.

The part of the world into which Christ came was then dominated by the tyranny of the Roman Government upheld by intrigues, murders and devastating wars. Sick of war at the close of the last mighty conflict, the world sees the injustice of the method and cries aloud for the democratization of interests, the brotherhood of nations and equality of individuals. Thus has the heaven of Christ's teaching of equality permeated the whole fibre of society.

Little wonder that the purely secular historian takes cognizance of the advent of Christ and from it dates all events preceding or following in the world's activity. J. N. Larned, in his second volume of the "History of

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MASONIC LODGES HELD FIRST PUBLIC INSTALLATION

Officers for 1920 Took Stations Before Large Audience in M. E. Church.

In the first joint public installation held in Downers Grove, officers of the three Masonic bodies in the village, Grove Lodge, Grove Chapter and Vesta Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, were installed in their various stations and places last Thursday evening in the presence of members of the order, their wives and families. The installation ceremonies were conducted in the First Methodist church which was crowded almost to capacity.

The beautiful installation ritual of the Eastern Star was first on the program for the evening. The installing officer being Past Worthy Matron, Mrs. Bertha Downes. The several officers were conducted to the altar by Mrs. Allie White, marshal of the evening and there instructed in their duties by the installing officer.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly installed Worthy Matron, Mrs. G. O. Prickett, extended a word of greeting to the members of the order and their friends.

The new officers of Vesta Chapter are:

Worthy Matron—Mrs. Nellie Prickett
Worthy Patron—E. S. Near
Asso. Matron—Mrs. Cora Barnhart
Secretary—Mrs. Lottie P. Pearce
Treasurer—Mrs. Emma J. Miller
Conductress—Mrs. Jennie Kuegemann
Asso. Con.—Mrs. Edith B. Near
Chaplain—Mrs. Edna Knoblauch
Marshal—Mrs. Margaret Rogers
Ada—Miss Evelyn Brown
Ruth—Mrs. Nina Steffy
Esther—Mrs. Catherine Cramer
Martha—Mrs. Lydia Pfaff
Electa—Miss Marie Olson
Warder—Mrs. Sadie Dickerson
Sentinel—Mr. Howard Pfaff
Organist—Mrs. Edna Young

Officers of Grove Chapter No. 230 Royal Arch Masons, were installed by Past High Priest George C. Butler, supported by N. C. Pearce as grand marshal who presented the newly elected officers and conducted them to their stations.

The new officers of Grove Chapter, R. A. M., are:

E. H. P.—E. L. Dickerson
Kins.—T. P. Druett, Jr.
Scribe—Leon E. Stinson
Treasurer—E. H. Huntington Jr.
Secretary—H. F. Legenhansen
Chaplain—A. B. Snow
C. of H.—M. A. Sullivan
P. S.—A. R. Whitthorn
R. A. C.—D. H. Jenkins
M. 3 V.—B. E. Balezvnski
M. 2 V.—W. K. Johnstone
M. 1 V.—C. F. Knoblauch
Steward—O. E. Hecht
Sentinel—Wm. J. Beidelman

For Grove Lodge Worshipful Master Charles Knoblauch called to mind the strength and mission of Masonry and introduced the installing officer of the evening, W. L. Shepard, past master of Riverside Lodge No. 862. The newly elected officers of Grove Lodge were presented to the East by Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer R. C. Clark, past master of Concord Lodge No. 917, and Past High Priest of Aurora Chapter No. 22, who acted as grand marshal. Both the installing officer and the marshal had been associated in Masonic work with the incoming worshipful master, Frank

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D. G. H. S. JUNIOR CLASS PLAY WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Students Showed Historic Ability In First Number of Entertainment Course.

For the first time in the history of the Downers Grove High School, the Junior class has been permitted to present a class play. If a successful performance means a repetition of the permission, we feel safe in predicting that next year will witness another Junior class appearance.

"Hicks at College," written by a group of college students, was admirably suited to be given by a group of talented high school people.

Tom Horton, brilliant young character, and very much in love, was splendidly played by Jack Reed. In all of the situations, he showed much ability for the work.

Hiram Hicks was skillfully depicted by Herbert Kellogg. As a business man he was a "chizz," and as a lover, well, his methods were equally speedy and successful.

Pretty June Grant, eager to arrange things so that Horton might stay in college, and exercising all of her ingenuity to keep him there at least as long as she stayed, was very cleverly played by Elizabeth Shaffer. Catherine Butler, as Polly Porter, June's chum, showed really unusual ability in the line of dramatics. As a friend, she was a good one, and as a lecturer to delinquents—we have it on good authority that when Polly got started that Tom Horton actually became pale.

Fritz Jordan, much interested in Polly, owed his success, perhaps, to the fact that Polly was such an adept in keeping "the fellows" in order. Russell Winchell's interpretation of the character of Fritz Jordan brought forth much favorable comment. His talk and gestures were perfectly natural, and he seemed absolutely at home behind the foot lights.

Dorothy Towles as Flora Belle Delamartyr, was one of the decided hits of the evening. She played to perfection the slinky little waitress of the sweet shop, and as the part was so foreign to herself, deserves much credit for the way in which she carried it thru.

Pompous old Professor Biddicut was very well done by Alwyn Fleming. The staggering seven and eight syllable words that rolled easily from his tongue might well make him the envy of any worthy pedagogue.

Ellsworth Bogart took the part of the effeminate Percy Robbins, from Boston, and in his mannerisms and speech quite brought down the house.

Richard Dress as Bastian Briggs, a far too studious student, was one of the bright lights of the play. In his conversation with Professor Biddicut we should not like to have to say which had the best vocabulary of long words at his command.

The part of Josh Anderson was very well taken by Edward Anderson. If Edward shows as much enthusiasm for the D. G. H. S. basket ball team as he did for that of Northern, we can be sure of at least one good rooter for the season.

Preston Snow as Charlie Pallett, the reporter, showed much vigor and energy. To get news, he even risked

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XMAS AND WED- DING BELLS AT SORORITY PARTY

Marriage of Miss Louise Wells Announced in Beautiful Manner Last Saturday Evening

Christmas bells were magically turned to wedding bells at the Delta Sigma Phi annual Yuletide party on Saturday night. The sorority members were given the surprise of their young lives when Louise, Wells, one of the hostesses of the affair, told her friends that she had been married Friday night to Benjamin Thulin of Logan Square, Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Pahl, a former pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church here, at his present church in Logan Square. The young people planned the marriage so well that not even Mr. Thulin's sister, a choir practice in the basement of the church, knew that her brother upstairs was being married. The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wells, were told of the event when their daughter returned from Chicago Saturday.

The sorority party had been planned weeks before, with Louise Wells and Ruth Diener as hostesses. The girls have always exchanged gifts at this annual function and until refreshments were served there was no hint that the 1919 affair was to differ in any marked degree from its predecessors.

The table was adorned with a large plant in the center from which ribbons ran to each place. After refreshments guest number one pulled her ribbon and retrieved a card from the recesses of the plant's foliage. On it was a record of the first meeting of Mr. and Mrs. Thulin. The second and succeeding cards told successively of the groom's enlistment in the navy, his service in the war, the engagement and finally the bride's turn came and with Mr. Thulin at her side she pulled her ribbon and with it her wedding ring. Together they read the card announcing the marriage.

Then Edith Hunt, accompanied by Edith Stiles, sang "Oh Promise Me" while the girls crowded around the newlyweds, exclaiming and congratulating.

Just how complete was the surprise was illustrated by an expression from one of the sorority who missed the affair.

"I have been going to sorority parties for ever so long and nothing ever happened," she said. "After this I'll be afraid to miss another one."

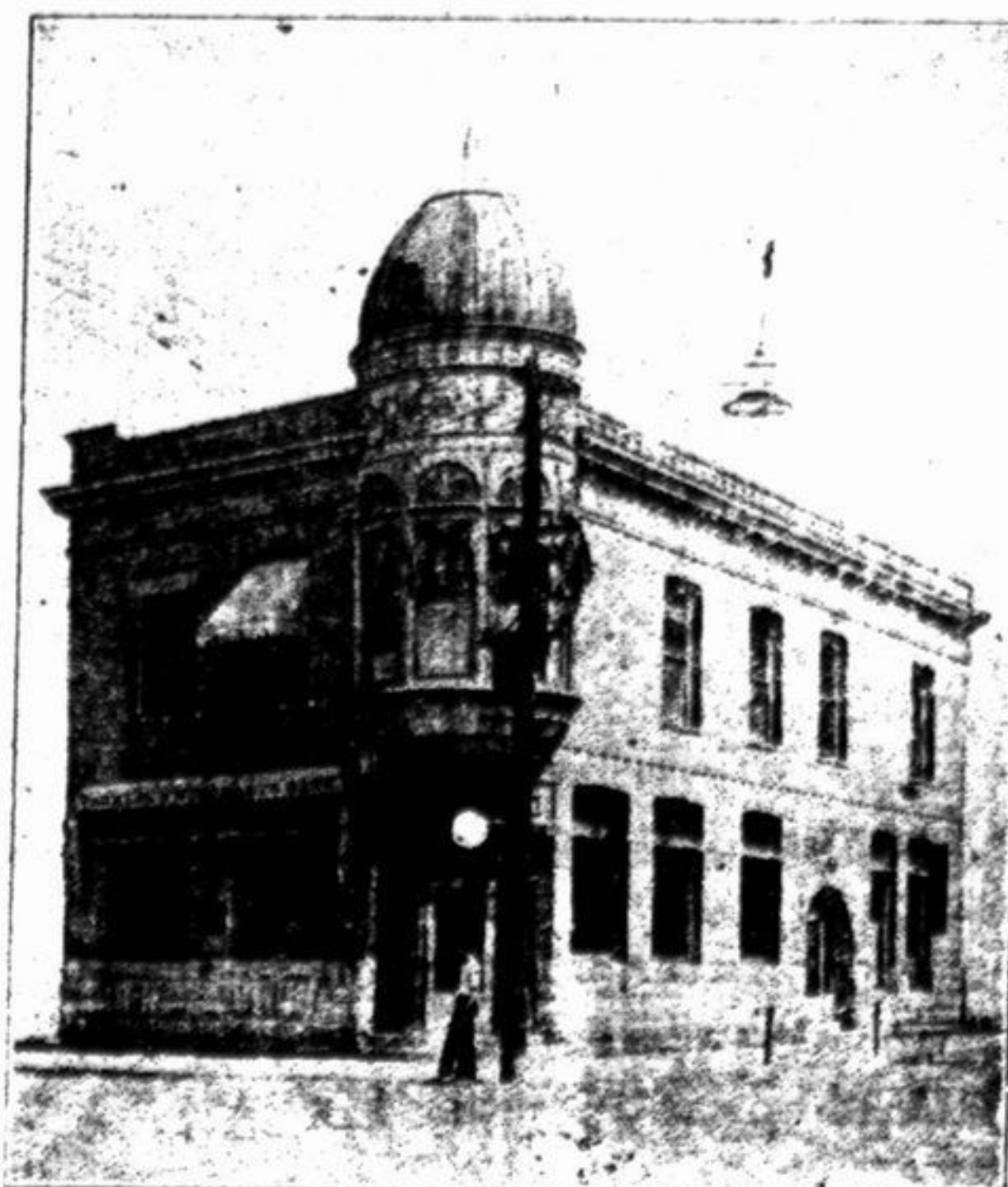
Louise Wells Thulin was the first bride of Delta Sigma Phi. Her fellow members are all suspicious of each other and the next party is sure to have a full attendance.

PARTY FOR EX- SERVICE MEN SATURDAY NITE

The Womens Auxilliary to the American Legion is giving a party to ex-service men on Saturday evening, December 27th, at the Legion rooms, Belmont and Forrest avenues.

Every man or woman who was in the service of the United States during the World War is invited to attend.

The Dicke Theatre has been requested to have Charlie Chaplin in "Shoulder Arms" again and have arranged to show it Saturday, December 27th, in connection with that great educational picture, "Heads Win," ad.



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Pay 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, the first week and increase by a like amount each week for the fifty weeks.

Pay \$5.00, \$2.50, \$1.00, the first week and decrease by a small amount each week for fifty weeks.

Then when Christmas, 1920, rolls around you will have spending money enough for all your needs. Save this money each week during the year, you will not miss the small amounts. Next December we will pay it all back to you with three per cent added.

JOIN ONE OR MORE NOW!

Ask us to explain this simple saving system.

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