

Downers Grove Reporter

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MICKIE SAYS



"POLICIES NOT POLITICS"

The above is the slogan of the American Legion.

That it should be changed, is the opinion of many, both in the Legion ranks and outside of it.

It appears to the casual observer that both of the old parties are deteriorating. That they have played politics so long and have the administrative branches of the government so balled up with red tape and un-business-like methods that it is time for a new deal in the government of this country.

No one knows better than the ex-service man the way this government is run. During his stay in the army or navy and after his discharge, he had dealings, many of them, with just one branch for instance the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. In his dealings with the officials and their subordinates, the ex-service man has found how really rotten is the administrative branch.

Nine out of ten of the ex-soldiers and sailors have an ideal of service that the ordinary man on the street knows nothing about. They have ambitions to see this country run as they think it should be, fair for everyone. They are more anxious to see the present political system, with its bribery, its ward heelers, its corruption, and its spoils, done away with in the United States.

Those are a few of the reasons why a great many members of the Legion and some people in no way connected with it want to see the ex-service men and women start a political party.

Why not alongside the Republican and Democratic Party candidates, an AMERICAN LEGION PARTY Candidate, for every office in this United States, at the big election to come off next November.

We're for it.

SUPPORTING THE HOME PAPER

Occasionally you hear somebody assert that he "supports" his home paper, meaning that he subscribes to it.

Support means a great deal more than merely taking the paper. It means paying for it in advance, for paying whenever it is most convenient works a distinct hardship on the publisher and actually hinders him from doing his best with and by the paper. And, again, support means help in other ways. It means that you help to make the paper newsworthy. If you know any items of news, you are supporting the paper when you hand them in. If you agree with the movements the paper is encouraging, you can support the paper by commenting favorably upon the paper's attitude.

Supporting a paper in the true sense is no act of charity. Your local paper is worth many times over its cost to you. Are you really supporting it—or do you merely take it?

BURY THE HAMMER

Our town may have any number of faults, it may have no neighborly spirit, it may lack many other things but with all its faults don't knock, bury the hammer and resolve to be one in doing your best.

Of course, in burying the hammer it is not to be inferred that the right to just criticism is to be abridged, but when criticizing, produce that something which is better than the existing order.

When criticizing remember that there are any number of material things in which our town outranks many other. One is, its well-kept condition. There are very few towns anywhere up and down the line who can show the neat, healthy, wellkept appearance that we can.

We have right here at home several good knockers, and right among the business people, too. True, they aren't very big business people, they can't be and still knock the town in which they are doing business.

One of the worst things on earth to bump into is a business man who knocks the town in which he is located.

Go around and talk advertising to him (one thing on earth that will always win) and what does he say. "Oh what's the use of advertising in this town, there isn't any business here," it's deadlier than dead. I'm going to move west where they have some push and pep," or words to that effect. And all the time he is talking his store looks like the very dead, his stock isn't arranged at all attractively, he doesn't wait on the trade right and he continues to knock. The trouble is himself, not the town. And the quicker the town gets rid of "business" people of this kind, the better is the town.

And remember it costs no more to boost than knock.

VILLAGE COUNCIL APPOINTS W. BENDER COMMISSIONER

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On roll call Commissioners Bryce, Haller and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Resignation accepted.

Commissioner Bryce presented the following resolution and moved for its passage:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, THAT THE Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, extend a vote of thanks to retiring Commissioner, Mr. Delbert Austin, for his faithful and valuable services rendered to the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, during his four years of service as Trustee and Commissioner of this Village, and that this resolution be spread upon the records.

On roll call Commissioners Bryce, Haller and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Haller moved the appointment of William Bender to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Delbert Austin, resigned. On roll call Commissioners Bryce, Haller and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Haller moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date March 15th, 1920. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Council of the Village of Downers Grove. Gentlemen: The following is my report for the month of February, 1920.

Funds	On hand last report	Receipts for month	Expend. for month	Bal. on hand
Dept. of Public Affairs	\$ 575.20	\$	\$ 182.29	\$ 392.91
Dept. of Accounts & Finance	377.66	13.00	366.89	23.77
Dept. of Health & Safety	1078.92	.15	145.81	933.26
Dept. of Streets and Pub. Imp.	972.06	5.30	453.28	524.08
Dept. of Public Property	1393.48	4997.92	4048.71	2342.69
Public Library	541.83		177.25	364.58
Public Benefit	246.10			246.10
Interest Fund	2944.07	19.73	350.00	2613.80
Sinking Fund	3807.72			3807.72
Total	\$11937.04	\$ 5036.10	\$ 5724.23	\$11248.91
Special Assessments	12173.06	177.68	1148.98	11201.78
Grand Total	\$24110.12	\$ 5213.78	\$ 6873.21	\$22450.69

I do hereby swear to the best of my knowledge, this report to be true and correct. C. Ford Davis, Village Treasurer. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of March, 1920. Chas. M. Hitch, Notary Public.

ILLINOIS FARMER WINS \$500.00 AND SILVER MEDAL FOR ALFALFA

S. G. McKinley of Tilden, Illinois, takes the Farm Journal Silver Medal and \$500.00 cash with an average yield on five acres of 6 tons 813.4 lbs. of alfalfa, and that after it has all been calculated to a moisture basis of 12% per cent. This is a splendid record, and only one more proof of the possibilities of agriculture in the great Prairie State.

Back in the summer of 1918 The Farm Journal of Philadelphia announced that it would give a gold medal and \$1000.00, a silver medal and \$500.00, and a bronze medal and \$250.00 for the best three yields of six major crops, which would help to win the war and to feed and clothe the world after the war was over. These crops were corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, alfalfa and cotton. Illinois takes the silver medal and \$500.00 for the second largest yield of alfalfa in the United States.

This seems to indicate that among other crops Illinois can raise alfalfa.

SOME CROP RECORDS

In view of the suggestion that farmers may cease growing the necessary food to support the nation, the crops produced in the Farm Journal's Prize Crop Contest, are of great significance. These remarkable yields were obtained under field conditions, the figures given being the average per acre of a five-acre field. The first prize winner in each crop received a Gold Medal and \$1,000.00, the second prize, a Silver Medal and \$500.00 and the third, a Bronze Medal and \$250.00.

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CORN

The ten year average for corn produced in the United States is 25.8 bushels per acre. The average for the state of Ohio was 38.1 bushels. The corn yields of the Farm Journal Crop Contest are given below:

J. R. Shelton, Holden, Mo., 127.47 bu. per acre. Clarence L. Slack, Pleasant Valley, Ohio, 121.95 bu.; W. H. Baker, Lyons, Indiana, 121.68 bu.

WHEAT

The ten year average for wheat produced in the United States is 15.3 bushels per acre. The average for the state of Washington is 25.4 bushels. In the Farm Journal Crop Contest, the following yields were obtained:

Fred DeWilde, Oak Harbor, Wash., 83.95 bu.; John LeSourd, Coupeville, Wash., 81.33 bu.; and Justus L. Hancock, Coupeville, Wash., 81.24 bu. per acre.

OATS

The ten year average for oats produced in the United States, is 32.2 bushels per acre. The average for the state of Utah is 45.6 bushels. The yield of oats in the Farm Journal Crop Contest was as follows:

Jesse Bailey, Monticello, Utah, 107 bu.; James Ray Reynolds, Luna, N. Mex., 92.68 bu.; and John D. Hasik, David City, Nebr., 78.15 bu. per acre.

POTATOES

The ten year average for potatoes produced in the United States, is 92.8 bushels per acre. The average for the state of Maine is 201.0 bushels. All the prizes in the Farm Journal Crop Contest, went to the state of Maine the productions being as follows:

Alex. McPherson, Presque Isle, Maine, 539.6 bu.; Robert Cleaves, Presque Isle, Maine, 529.7 bu.; and E. C. Hoyt, Easton, Maine, 526.3 bu. per acre.

ALFALFA

The average production of hay for a ten year period for the United States is 1.45 tons per acre. The alfalfa yields of the Farm Journal Crop Contest were as follows:

N. W. Miller, Chino, Cal., 7 tons, 748 lbs.; S. G. McKinley, Tilden, Ill., 6 tons, 813 lbs.; and Edward C. Matthews, Sikeston, Mo., 6 tons, 587 lbs. per acre.

All these results were obtained without irrigation. Irrigation farmers were not allowed to compete.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th, 1920.

8:00 P. M. SPECIAL SERVICE FOR THE BOYS OF DOWNERS GROVE. THE REV. K. O. CROSBY, DIRECTOR OF LAWRENCE HALL AND THE CHICAGO HOMES FOR BOYS, WILL BE THE VISITING SPEAKER.

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