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MICKIE SAYS

LISSEN HERE, OLE TOP! YOU MAY MANAGE TO WAGGLE ALONG O.K. WITHOUT SUBSCRIBING PER TH' PAPER BY READIN' IT 'ROUND TOWN SOMEWHERE, BUT HOW 'BOUT HER WIFE? SHE LIKES TO READ TH' PAPER TOO!



THE CIGARETTE ORDINANCE

On Saturday, June 19th, Downers Grove will have its first real referendum vote under the Commission Form of Government.

Several weeks ago the Commissioners repealed an ordinance licensing the sale of cigarettes in Downers Grove. A petition was presented to that body asking that the ordinance be kept on the statute books or a referendum vote on the proposition be taken. The Board decided that a referendum would be the best possible way of settling the matter.

The repealing of the ordinance, the way we understand it, would do away entirely with the sale of cigarettes in the village.

The Parent-Teacher Association, which started the agitation which has led up to the repeal of the ordinance, asked the Council to so amend the local law that selling to anyone under 21 would be punishable by fine. This was designed to stop the smoking of cigarettes by boys of immature age.

For some unknown reason the Village Council went even further than the request of the Association and repealed the ordinance in its entirety.

The election on June 19th is to decide whether the ordinance which the Board passed repealing the original cigarette ordinance, shall go into effect, or whether it shall not.

It is our opinion that the wisest course which the voters of Downers Grove can take on this subject is to vote against the ordinance which has been passed by the Council. In this way things will be just as they were before and then let the Commissioners amend the ordinance so that it will be illegal to sell to anyone under age. After this has been done, let the law be enforced to the limit.

This will be a way in which everyone in the village can be satisfied.

The Parent-Teacher Association will have accomplished its purpose, a good one, which they set out to accomplish and cigarette smokers can still purchase their paper pipes in the village, providing they are old enough.

In our best judgment the course outlined above is the wisest for the village to pursue, vote against the repeal of the ordinance and then so fix the local statute that cigarettes cannot be purchased by minors.

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS

Since July 1, 1919, there have been organized under the new community high school law, over 110 community high school districts. There are therefore, in Illinois, at the present time 357 townships or community high school districts. These figures show conclusively the force and direction of the movement. Some people have been deceived into thinking that some one individual or a few individuals had entered into a conspiracy to force upon the people of the state a kind of school organization which they did not desire. Nothing could be farther from the fact. This tide which had its beginning away back in 1868 had its origin with the people and its continued rise has come from the people. No other bit of educational law has had a harder time to maintain itself on the statute books. It could not have survived had it not been for the determination on the part of the people to see that their children should be provided with an adequate educational opportunity extending thru the high schools.—Educational Press Bulletin.

"Scapa Flow,"

In Scotch the word scapa means "head" and flow means "sea." Scapa flow is the portion of the sea in the southern part of the Orkney islands which extends from Pomona to the Pentland firth. It is fifteen miles long and about eight miles wide, and opens by Hoy sound in the northwest joining Pentland firth in the south near the island of Swona. The term scapa may perhaps be traced to the Gaelic sgapadh, to scatter, spread.

Love and Ambition.

We pass from love to ambition, but we seldom return from ambition to love.—La Rochefoucauld.

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The best advice that can be given to the owner of a Liberty Bond is this: Hold the bond you bought during the war; it is as safe and sound as the United States Government itself.

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