

### Downers Grove Reporter

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### MICKIE SAYS

AWRIGHT! GIT PEEVED IF YA WANTA, BUT WE AINT GOINTA KILL NO PERFECTLY GOOD NEWS ITEM T' ACCOMMODATE YOU, NER NOBODY ELSE! MOOGH, MAN! WE'RE RUNNIN' A NEWSPAPER AN' IT'S OUR BIZNESS T' PRINT TH' NEWS 'N YA OUGHTA KNOW BETTER 'N TO ASK US T' SUPPRESS A GOOD ITEM!



### ANSWERING MR. LITTLEFORD

We cannot let some statements given by Jay Littleford in a letter on another page regarding the community high school go unchallenged.

In the first place no one is trying to "slip anything over," and least of all the school board. Their letter in this issue and a letter which will go into every home in the proposed district within the next few days, easily refutes that.

As to the western limit of the district. We admit it is a little too far. But—this boundary follows the west line of a school district and C. B. Bowman, County Superintendent of Schools, who knows more about DuPage County's school situation than any other man, fixed the boundary where it is. He is a native of Naperville and one would suppose as such he would protect Naperville's interest in the matter. We are willing to take his judgment on the matter as he is acquainted with the conditions.

Then as to a burden of taxation and the 11 to 181 students. This law was designed by far-seeing State Legislatures to EQUALIZE the burden of higher education. And we would ask Mr. Littleford what kind of an educational system this country would have if ONLY PEOPLE WITH CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WERE FORCED TO PAY FOR THEIR EDUCATION? Many people who never have had and never expect to have children in school gladly pay school taxes because they know that the future of this country rests on the education of the youth of the land.

Shall the farmer be represented on the school board? We think that is entirely up to the farmer. If he will be interested enough to put up several good candidates, there is no doubt that he will.

What do the farm children get out of this proposed district? That is answered in a paragraph of last week's editorial on the question and in one of the School Board's letter this week.

"White collar jobs?" No! The modern tendency of high school work all over the country is to teach trades. In the Downers Grove school alone last term were more than eighty enrolled in the manual training course. Farming is a trade. An agricultural course is one of the proposed additions to the curriculum.

**THE EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT**

It has come to our attention that one of the business men of the village made the statement that he would not vote for the re-election of Congressman Ira C. Copley this year. When asked for his reason he said that Mr. Copley voted for the 18th

amendment to the constitution and for the Volstead Act to see that the amendment is carried out.

Far be it from us to try to make that man see the light. But we can point out to him a few of the things which should have been apparent to him during the past year. We venture to say that since the dry amendment went into effect he has less money outstanding on his books. He has less trouble in making his regular collections. Customers who formerly were not only poor pay, but bought the cheaper things, are now paying cash and buying more and better articles.

We do not actually know these things have come to pass in the case of this particular merchant, but we do know that they have come to pass in almost every community in the United States.

In the short time that the amendment has been in effect the benefits derived from it are to be seen on every hand. Hardly ever any more does a poor wife get a beating because her husband is under the influence of liquor. Hardly ever any more do poor little ones go hungry because the husband and father spends his wages for hooch instead of for food.

Unquestionably the 18th amendment has done wonders in the past year. Unless the said merchant can bring forth a better reason for the scratching of Mr. Copley's name on the ballot, he would do well to think a little before making a final decision.

### SHALL "FAGS" BE SOLD IN THE VILLAGE?

The referendum tomorrow on the sale of cigarettes in the village will no doubt poll a large vote.

It is simply a question of whether or not cigarettes will be sold in the village and not a question of who they shall be sold to.

The Reporter is very much in favor of repealing the ordinance as passed by the Village Council. Then after this is done, of putting the old ordinance back on the books licensing the sale at \$100 per year, with a provision making it illegal to sell to anyone under twenty-one years of age. After that is done of enforcing that provision to the limit, as was the original intention of the Parent-Teacher Association when they started the agitation about the sale of cigarettes.

Those who think as we do, vote "Yes" tomorrow. Those who take the opposite stand, vote "No."

### COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL.

We have heard several things about the proposed community high school but none more absurd than the following which came from the lip of a Downers Grove resident who should know better. The man said, "I don't blame the farmers for being against the proposition when it will lower the tax rate of the people within district 58 and raise it outside."

This is absolutely untrue and is on a par with the story, started who knows where, that the rate for the community proposition would be between two and three dollars per acre on farm property.

### All Learn Jiu-Jitsu.

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### After Studying the Sparrow.

We spend considerable time observing the English sparrows and studying their character and have about reached the conclusion that, even if that well meaning but misguided British cousin had had sense enough not to bring them over, they would have got here somehow anyway.—Ohio State Journal.

### Music of the Shepherds.

In the stillness of the night, what more beautiful or soul-elevating than the mournful music of a flute? It was this instrument which the shepherds of Bethlehem were playing that memorable night, when the angels interrupted to announce to them the birth of the Savior.

### Grades of Witches.

In the olden times there were three classes of witches. The black witch was a harmful affair, and the white witch was a helpful spirit. Then there was the gray witch who was sometimes harmful and sometimes helpful. Indictments against persons accused of witchcraft had to state the complexion of the spirit that bewitched.

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Veterans of the Civil War, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, to the number of almost twenty, attended the funeral of Maj. George N. Jones last Thursday.

Although they took no active part in the service their presence in such large numbers attested to the esteem they hold for their departed comrade and for the fraternal feeling which holds together veterans of that great conflict between the north and the south.

It has been said and said truly, that the wearers of the little bronze button hold for each other a greater love than any similar body of men in the world today.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF GROVE LODGE AT SIX TOMORROW

Grove Lodge, 824. A. F. & A. M. will hold a special meeting at six o'clock tomorrow, July 24th. The third degree will be exemplified and there will be lunch.

The membership roll of this organization has been growing steadily during the last two or three years. It has not been any sudden jump, but steady growth of new members and affiliated ones. The lodge numbers on its rolls now over 290 men and are planning a really big meeting in the near future when they will celebrate "300 Night." From present indications this will take place some time in September.

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