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MICKIE SAYS



**THE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

So much has been said and so much has been written about the proposed Downers Grove Community High School that it would seem everything had been covered.

There is one thing which has been stressed more than any other in the campaign to bring the dream to a realization and that is—taxation. In fact this phase of the situation has overshadowed almost every other until people think of nothing else.

Coming down to facts we find this. A high school, or for the matter of that, any institution of learning, is fundamentally a place for the education of the young people of the land. The United States has always given first place to her schools and churches. Admitting this fact, we must naturally admit that EVERY-ONE, regardless of what connection they have with the schools, should pay equally for their maintenance. Under the Community High School law this would be carried out.

It's hard to get away from the taxation entirely. What we started to say was that as the education of the young people was the paramount purpose in the establishment of the district, why quibble one way or the other over a few pennies that this would cost each resident. Get the vision of higher education, get the vision of what this would mean to those who are now coming to a school age.

People with large holdings of land sometimes lose sight of the fact that it is education which keeps other people from forcibly taking that land from them. Education would have saved Russia from the chaotic condition in which she is today. And yet it is mostly the thought of the taxation which keeps these large landholders from supporting a proposition which aims solely at the wider distribution of learning. These same people would, no doubt, oppose a law which would change the present school age system to one making it compulsory not to go to school until fourteen years of age, but to go to school until sufficient credits have been received for a full four year high school course.

Get away from that taxation idea folks, or, rather hold it farther away from your eyes. At present it obstructs the larger view of the wonderful opportunity now presented for the education of your children. That is the primary and ultimate purpose of the Downers Grove Community High School District.

Vote for it on Saturday, August 14th.

**A DU PAGE COUNTY MAN FOR THE LEGISLATURE**

For the last four sessions of the State Legislature DuPage County has not been directly represented. Of course we have been represented by three members in the House and one in the Senate, all of whom are residents of Will County. We, a small county, are unfortunate in being districted with Will as they out-vote us about three to one.

This is a condition which should not exist and it is up to the voters of the county entirely to make a representation more equitable. George M. Smith, editor of the Wheaton Progressive, has announced that he will be a candidate for the legislature. He is a progressive young man and would be a credit to the district if elected.

It may seem a far cry from now until election day but the quicker we organize to carry DuPage County for Mr. Smith, the quicker he can get down into Will County where the real work will have to be done if he is to get a majority of the votes in the district. We are very sure that Mr. Smith will be elected if he carries DuPage County with a sufficiently large majority. The way to do this is for every voter to "plump" three votes for him. Being a DuPage man and the only one in the race from present appearances, he should receive the united support of the county.

**THE TURN OF THE ROAD**

One careless act in a place of danger is sometimes enough to spell destruction for the perpetrator. In scores of instances, people have started in for a day of pleasure and excitement and, failing to realize the expected pleasure, have had the excitement prove fatal to them.

Just a short time ago, one of the papers published an account of a frightful accident at a railroad grade crossing, resulting in the death of six people and injury to as many more.

A neighborhood picnic excursion had been planned. Bright and early in the morning, a merry group of a dozen men, women and children, with ample provision of tempting food, gathered for the start. The driver of a motor bus that was to convey them, called out "All aboard for the picnic!" They gaily started along the pleasant country highway stretching toward their destination.

After going a few miles, the new approach to a railroad crossing was observed by all. One of the men called to the driver, "There's a train, William—take no chances!" It was evident that William had his own ideas about it. He answered "Oh phaw! I can beat it a mile!"

The fast passenger train was whistling at the post, a quarter mile away, when the driver stepped on the gas. The trouble with William was that he did not realize it would take that flyer only fifteen seconds to run the quarter mile. When he stepped on the gas, his car shot ahead with the added impetus, but alas, another crossing horror was enacted at that moment, for the train struck the bus when it was only partly across the track.

A frightful crash—some heart-rending shrieks—then a scene of hor-

ror that we will not try to describe. A day of joyousness turned to tragedy and war.

If that driver had only just stopped at the turn of the road to let the train go past, all would have been well. He would not even listen to the warning of his helpless passengers.

The frightful total of 4,500 people killed or injured at railroad grade crossings last year, should prove sufficient notice to auto drivers to quit taking chances.

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD**

Downers Grove, Ill., July 19, 1920. Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Bender, Haller, Bryce and Heardt.

Minutes of the meeting of July 12, 1920, were read and Commissioner Haller moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Bender, Heardt and Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heardt presented the semi-monthly pay roll for the period from July 1st, 1920 to July 15th, 1920 and moved to approve same and have warrants drawn for the several amounts as follows:

**PAY ROLL**  
July 1—15, 1920.

Dept. of Accounts & Finances	
Chas. M. Hitch—Salary	\$62.50
M. Venard	57.50
J. McMahon	57.50
A. B. Snow	7.50
William Bender	4.16
Harry W. Bryce	4.16
Chas. Haller	4.16
I. G. Heardt	4.16
W. C. Barber	10.42
C. Ford Davis	15.00
Dept. of Public Affairs	
S. Budzik—Sal. Pkways	\$10.00
J. Banks	16.00
Dept. of Streets & Pub. Imp.	
J. Banks—Salary	\$20.00
Dept. of Health & Safety	
S. Budzik—Pit	5 8.00
Harry Darnley—Police	10.00
Dept. of Public Property	
H. L. Thompson—Salary	\$65.00
Olo Irwin	62.50
Extra time 13 hours	10.14
Wilber Dunn—Salary	57.56
Earl Watkins	47.50
Extra time 7 hours	5.88
W. J. Hogan—Labor	40.66
Frank Allen—Salary	95.00

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

Commissioner Bender moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date July 26, 1920. On roll call Commissioners Bender, Bryce, Haller, Heardt and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

**VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Downers Grove, Ill., July 26, 1920. Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Bender, Haller, Bryce and Heardt.

Minutes of the meeting of July 19, 1920, were read and Commissioner Bender moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Bender, Haller, Bryce, Heardt and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried. Commissioner Bender presented the following resolution and moved for its passage:

**RESOLUTION**

Resolved, That the Canvas of the vote of the Special Election held in Downers Grove, Illinois, on July 24, 1920, submitting the question "Shall the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, repeal a certain ordinance passed and approved by the Village Council on June 7th, 1920, entitled 'An ordinance prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers in the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois,' showed that the proposition carried in favor of its repeal, the vote being as follows:

For repeal—Men	236 votes.
For repeal—Women	94 votes.
Against repeal—Men	81 votes.
Against repeal—Women	93 votes.
Total for repeal	330.
Total against repeal	174.

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

Commissioner Haller moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date, August 2, 1920. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Heardt, Bender, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

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