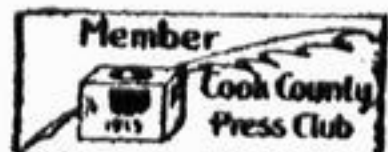


### Downers Grove Reporter

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#### MICKIE SAYS

IF TH' HOME TOWN PAPER AINT BIG ENUFF TO SUIT YA, BLAME TH' TOWN AN' NOT TH' PAPER! HOLY SMOKE! THEY AINT HARDLY AN EDITOR BUT WHAT WISHES ONCE IN A WHILE THAT HE WUZ IN A LARGER PLACE SO HE COULD RUN THINGS ON A BIGGER SCALE!



#### ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE SHOULD BE OUSTED

The action taken by the Anti-Saloon league in the recent election shows that organization to be just what has long been suspected by thinking men and women of this community—a political machine with all the faults and few of the virtues of others of its type.

The culmination of their activities in the affairs of this section came late last week when a circular letter was received by many in the county signed by F. B. Ebbert, Attorney and General Counsel of the league in Illinois. This letter endorsed the candidacy of John W. Leedle for States Attorney of Du Page on the ground that "he will prosecute with the utmost vigor all cases which we, as an organization, may be interested in."

In connection with this matter the Hinsdale Doings of last week has the following to say on the action of the league:

"There is no question but each of the three men seeking this county office would, if elected, enforce the laws. There is no question on that point, and why the League has departed from its field of legislative reform to dabble in the affairs of county politics—an arena of purely local concern—is mystifying. It will weaken the influence of that organization. It makes apparent a possible motive of interference, a desire to build up a political machine."

"This attempt to invade the local field of politics in a county where saloon influence and wet activity is negligible is wholly obnoxious to every independent and intelligent citizen. It means that the influence of the League with the people of this county will henceforth count for nothing, and its sincerity will be doubted."

A Naperville minister when discussing the tactics used by the league in the recent campaign said, "They call themselves 'The Church in Action' but if I in my own field must do what this 'church in action' tells me to do, then I want to get out of the church."

Another phase of their "work" may be seen in the following incident which happened two years ago. Before Mr. T. A. Verdenius had announced that he would be a candidate for the office of Representative he was visited in his Chicago office by a "collector" for the league who pleaded for a contribution of \$1,000 toward the "cause." He made two or three visits, at the request of headquarters, finally splitting the amount in half and asking for \$500. At each request he was refused. When Mr. Verdenius was ready to announce his candidacy he had lunch with one of those who "pick" the men to be endorsed by the league. Mr. Verdenius asked for the league's endorsement and was turned down cold even though he had always been a dry man and had previous to this time contributed sums of varying amounts to their funds. Almost the first thing this league representative said was that it wasn't on account of Mr. Ver-

denius' refusal to "come across" that he did not receive the league's unqualified support. Examine it from all angles and draw your own conclusions. Look at it yourself, Mr. Verdenius turned them down and they turned him down.

It is almost time that this organization was thrown bodily out of our churches and our politics.

The only two men on the Republican ticket at Wednesday's election who wore the uniform of Uncle Sam C. B. Reed and George M. Smith, were the two men discriminated against by this league. They both wear the button of the American Legion in their coat lapel and this naturally makes the ex-service men and women wonder just what kind of an organization this is anyhow.

#### THE SCHOOLS OPEN

The Downers Grove public schools have opened for another year. After a long summer's vacation teachers and pupils are ready to begin their work in the greatest institution of Americanization, ever established by the wise founders of our country. In no other institution in our public life is the influence so strongly wielded as in the schools. There the foundations are laid for citizenship. There are associations so dear to every life are established. There the friendships which endure through the years are formed. There thousands of young minds are taught to grasp the ideals which make for the best in manhood and womanhood. It is therefore necessary that the conditions which prevail are kept at their best.

The public school is the advantage which every citizen has within his power to give to the children of the nation. It is his duty to be interested because the public schools are the insurance for the future of the nation. The Americanism taught there means the guidance of thousands upon thousands of children in the years to come. They are the safe guard against all menace of unbalanced thought. Few of us realize perhaps, the tremendous responsibility which rests upon the public school system, its teachers and the general public which is answerable for its upkeep.

Just now all over the land the taxes for the maintenance of the public school system seem high. It must be remembered that all costs have advanced tremendously within the last few years, including the salary of the teachers, although the public school teacher is still poorly paid in proportion to workers in other lines of industry.

Thus the opening days of the pub-

lic schools are important events in the lives of many thousands. They mean the renewal of new friendships and the reestablishing of democracy in the many young lives. For long months these little citizens are going to be thrown together, each to win on his merits and the effect is good.

Downers Grove children started to school Monday. For the first time in many months the bells rang the summons. The people of this community have long felt a particular pride in their public school system.

There are a certain few who have taken more interest than others, but this is true in every community. Downers Grove people should resolve now, at the start of the term that they will interest themselves this year in our schools. Visiting the grades, entertaining the teachers, keeping in touch with what their children are doing, co-operating with suggestions given by the instructors, attending school doings, are but a few ways in which they can help those directly responsible for the education of the present school generation.

A great teaching staff with an educator at the head such as we have here, should receive the support of everyone. In the past few years there has been factional wrangling which could do nothing but react on the schools. It is time that this ceased and the people as a whole really get together for the best interests of the children.

#### The Continents.

Modern usage recognizes four continents—Eurasia, Africa, North America and South America—and is divided as regards Australia, which is variously styled a continent and a continental island. The title, Antaretic continent, is sometimes given to a great body of land supposed to occupy the south polar region. Formerly Europe and Asia were accounted as two continents.

#### Something Like Cold!

A commercial traveler gives a terrible account of the intense cold in Sweden: "In Haparanda, the day before I left, I attended a performance at the theater. It was a tragedy. Everybody wept; but it was so cold that the tears of the spectators in the gallery fell like hailstones among the occupants of the stalls."

#### Always the Silver Lining.

We'll admit that the future of the so-called civilized world unfolds no radiant prospect to the vision of the student. Still, the sky can never become so black, but that a 60-pound watermelon will spray the frowning archway with rainbows and spangle the horizons with flashes of gold.—Houston Post.

### FARMERS COMPLAIN THAT CITY PEOPLE "STEAL" PRODUCTS

Reporter Receives Many Complaints of Fruit and Even Chickens Being Pilfered

Farmers around the Grove are being bothered this year a great deal by "city people" stealing their products. Automobile parties stop along the road and gather corn, grapes, apples, garden truck and even chickens which apparently do not belong to anyone, because there are no houses in sight. One of our agricultural neighbors living south of town even reports that these autoists have gone into his back yard to pick grapes from the vines.

The Reporter hesitates in thinking that these people are from Downers Grove. Rather do we imagine that they are from Chicago or other larger places as the people here naturally know what a task it is to raise those things and then not get the benefit of them.

Many farmers would not object to people going into their timber land for nuts, wild grapes, crab apples and the like if they were asked permission first. However, they do not like to have "city people" go right into their woodlots without even a by-your-leave and take all they wish.

We hope that local people will be more particular when they leave town in their machines in pursuit of the fruits of nature. We hate to think that they would do these things, but some of the evidence is overwhelming.

#### Human Stepping Stones.

There are said to be many "Ra-jelchs" in China. When a Chinese lady comes to a muddy place in the road she usually gets over it by employing a human stepping stone. Beckoning a boy she gives him a small coin, in return for which he drops on his hands and knees in the mud for her to step over.

#### Quite Sure of It.

"Do you believe that the thoughts of a husband and wife become identical?" asked Bouncer. "I do," answered Jagsby. "For example, my wife is waiting for me now, and she knows just what she is going to say to me, and so do I."—Brooklyn Citizen.

### LISLE FAIR NOTICE

We regret that the Lisle Fair date can not be changed, as arrangements have gone too far, and the DuPage county Calf Club sale, in connection with the Fair, has been advertised throughout the county.

A. H. ANDERSON, Chairman.

#### Ancient Musical Instrument.

It seems not unlikely that the earliest form of the harp was the instrument we call a lyre. The latter was possibly the first of all stringed instruments. One finds it represented on the monuments of ancient Egypt and, though so long obsolete, it often appears in modern architecture as a decoration.

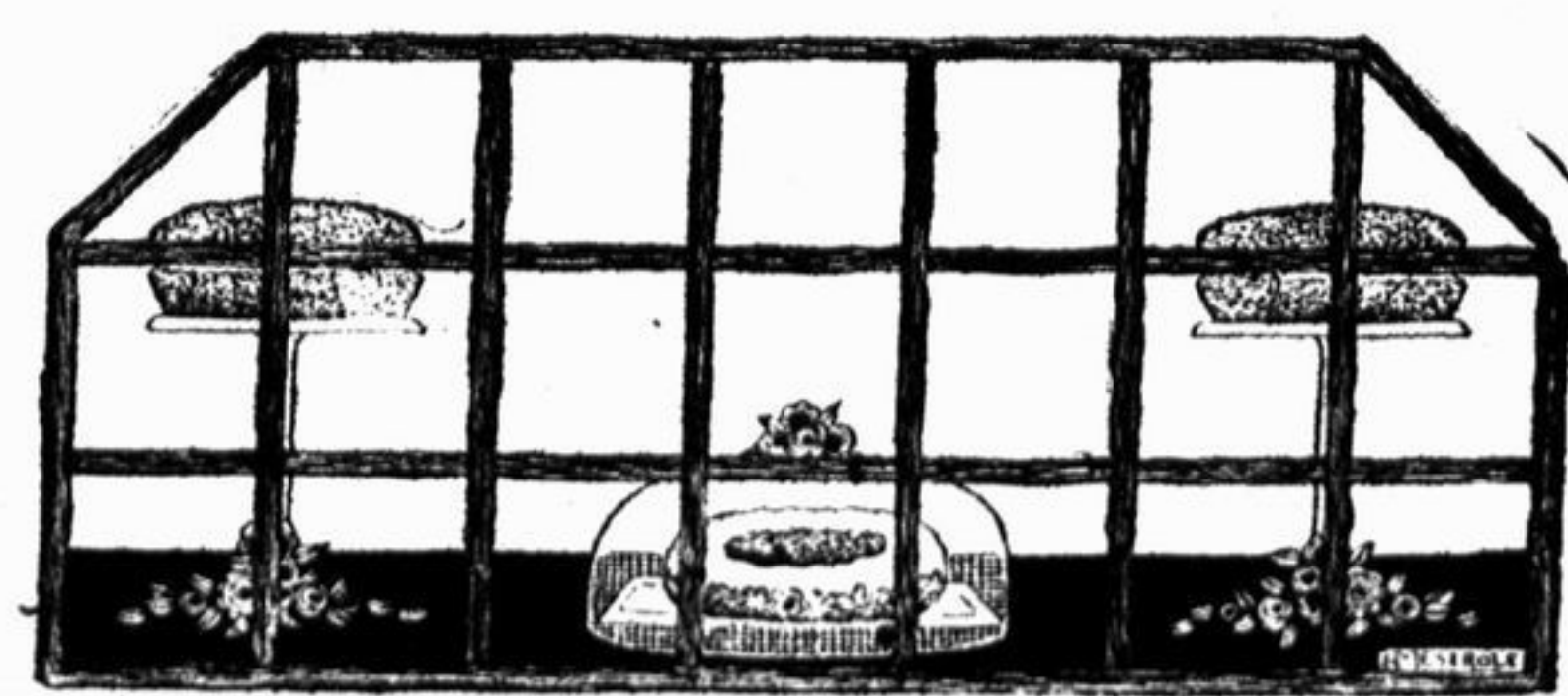
### SCHOOLS OPEN WITH LARGE ENROLLMENT MONDAY

Downers Grove high and grade schools opened for the 1920-21 term last Monday morning with a large enrollment. The exact figures are not available as yet.

Superintendent Snapp has promised us some details regarding the school work for next weeks Reporter. He has been so busy this week that he could not get to it.

#### Women Barred.

No woman has entered the convent of St. Catherine, on Mt. Sinai, for more than 1500 years.



### TEA RING---

That tempting "something between a bread and a cake" that you find so delightful for luncheon, supper or afternoon tea.

Tea ring—that kind we make, is goodness through and through. And so wholesome for the children who must be restrained from rich desserts.

Housekeepers who are keen about setting a good table always serve our Breads, Cakes and Pies.

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Telephone 266-R

# September Sale!

Mon., Tues., Wed., September 20, 21 & 22

Muslins, Sheetings, Pillow Tubings, Towels, Ladies Aprons and many other items at prices that you should not overlook.

Once in a while a fortunate purchase makes it possible for us to give values like this. We have tried to select items that are in demand, items that are in demand every day of the year and the prices should appeal to every woman who knows values and keeps in touch with the market as it is today.

#### 9-4 Bleached Sheetting

Extra quality bleached sheetting 81 inches wide, this has not sold for less than \$1.00 per yard for some time.

This sale 79c

#### 42 Inch Tubing

Extra quality, medium weight Pillow Tubing bleached, fine and soft.

This Sale, Yard 59c

#### Ladies' Aprons

Ladies Koverall Aprons, of light Percale in a nice assortment of checks, plaids and stripes, you will want several of these.

A real bargain at \$1.38

Ladies Dress Aprons in a variety of light and dark percales, neat stripes and checks. Can be worn either as a dress or as an apron. Regular price \$2.95.

This Sale \$2.50

#### Yd. Wd. Bleached Muslin

Yard Wide Bleached Muslin

Good quality bleached muslin, no dressing, finished nice and soft, you haven't seen a value like this for more than a year.

This Sale, 10 Yards \$2.95

#### 45 Inch Tubing

45 inch bleached tubing, the size that most people like, regular 80c value.

This Sale 63c

#### Huck Towels

Medium weight Huck Towels, 17x 34, you haven't seen a value like this for many months, come early.

These will go quick at 23c

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