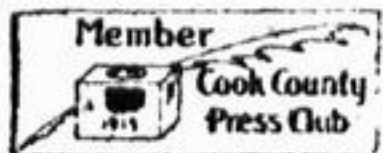


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Charles Howard

FOOTBALL AND CHURCH SERVICES THANKSGIVING

This morning two rival attractions will make a bid for the attention of local people. At ten o'clock a Union Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Baptist Church of the five co-operating churches. There is also a service at S. Andrew's Church at 10; High Mass at St. Joseph's at 9:30 and a Thanksgiving Service at the Christian Science at eleven.

In competition with these services there is the big football game between the American Legion eleven and Hinsdale which is to be played in the latter village at 10:30.

It seems a shame that on this day people should have to miss either the Thanksgiving Services or the big game of the year, because of the lack of cooperation somewhere. These things should be arranged in advance

so that the hours do not conflict. There are hundreds of people of Downers Grove who would like to go both to church and see the game.

In future years the Legion, if they are still playing football, or whatever organization is representing the village on the grid-iron, should make it their business to see the Ministerial Association and arrange for hours that do not conflict. Or vice versa the Ministerial Association should see the team. Either way it would be a vast improvement on the present hit or miss method.

There are many people, regular attendants at church, who take great delight in a football game. We are very sure that the churches will get together with the Legion and the Legion with the churches.

About Co-Operation.

While we are on the subject of co-operation in the village it might be well to say just a few words more.

It often happens that dates of entertainments or social affairs of two organizations conflict. Even when a date is printed in the Reporter some other date is announced for the same evening. This should not be.

We would like to hear from our readers about a plan we have had in mind of starting a "Coming Events" column. In this department could be on a line or two announcing that this or that evening had been "reserved" for this or that affair. If the various organizations, churches, lodges and clubs of the village will cooperate with us to the extent of keeping this column up to date and then living up to the sort of unwritten agreement not to announce an entertainment for a date already taken if they would conflict in the least particular, we believe it would do away with most of the bitterness there seems to be now between organizations.

How about it? Let us hear from you.

THE TOWN WITH THE CEMETERY ON THE MAIN STREET

During the war several of the boys from Downers Grove had unique experiences. One of the most humiliating of these was the almost invariable comment to the question of "Where do you live?" The answer being "Downers Grove" if the person addressed knew the town at all, he would most likely say, "Oh, yes, the town with the cemetery on the Main street."

Since the fellows are back from the service they have again become used to living in a town with a cemetery on the Main street. To us who live here right along, it ceases to be a laughable novelty and becomes an every day matter, we do not notice it as we pass by, that is sometimes we don't, if the fog is heavy. But to people coming to town for the first time, or who come but seldom, it is a cause for laughing comment.

Several times agitation has been started to remove the eye offender from our midst, with its sunken graves, its headstones all awry, its uncare for appearance, and its fence of iron pipe. Each time something or some persons have intervened and it is with us yet.

The time has come again to agitate the removal of the burying ground. Certain facts have come to light showing that the title the Village holds to the land on which the "Village Hall" is located, is rather dubious. That it would not hold in court is almost a certainty. We believe that permission could be had from those whose loved ones lie in this ground, to have them moved to another spot, if the land were available and the entire plot devoted to the town in regular form. This would give the village one of the choicest spots on Main street and with a new Village Hall set in the center, quarters for the firemen in the rear, and a pretty lawn around, it would be a real beauty spot.

The proposition is shall the village buy suitable ground outside of town and have the transfer made, or shall it be done by public subscription. We believe enough public-spirited men and women with five extra dollars live in Downers Grove to make this possible.

How about it?

THE CHURCH AS A COMMUNITY CENTER

A writer in Today's Housewife declares that our churches fell down at the entrance of America into the big war, leaving Red Cross to do the enormous work that was done for the soldiers and which should have been done by the churches.

This is quite misleading in so far as the observations of this editor is concerned. It is true that the great Red Cross already organized for the class of labor urgently needed, took the initiative, but how far would the Red Cross have gotten had not our American church women instantly joined up with the Red Cross nucleus, and loyally given their best to this work of love and patriotism?

Everywhere within our ken, women's church societies almost abandoned their strictly church activities, and moved in a body to the Red Cross sewing and serving rooms.

At the same time, we agree with the woman's paper writer that our town churches should be more com-

munity centers than they are. The church, instead of being open one day in the week and perhaps one or two nights a week, should be open every night in the week if possible.

To do this, there must be more than a live pastor. If the pastor is not supported by adequate financing and by public-spirited trustees and deacons and elders, he cannot get very far.

Understand, we are not among those who advocate vaudeville and high jinks in our churches. But we do believe that the church will serve the community better and bring more people to the Christian faith, if the building is made a much more attractive place than it is now for the young people and older people to go and meet up with each other.

Thimble Inventor a Benefactor.

At first thimbles were rather costly and only well-to-do people could afford them, but afterward when made of lead and other common metals by machinery they became cheap. Their use was a great relief to all who had much sewing to do, and blessings were invoked on the inventor. The Dutch fingerboard (finger board) became in England the "thimble" from its bell-like shape. It was originally worn on the thumb to carry the thrust of the needle pointing through the material and used, as at present, to impel it.

Harmful Inquisitiveness.

In Asia and Africa the inquisitiveness of babies enables the natives to capture them by placing some jars of sweetened water out where they can reach it. The liquid contains a certain variety of stings which at first the curious creatures advance rather cautiously toward the jars and taste the water, then find the taste agreeable, they proceed to drink the jars empty. As a result they soon become quite drowsy and often no resistance when the natives approach to take them.

A Bit Too Much.

The new quartermaster of the good freighter Stony was at the wheel and was rattled. First the ship swung madly to port, then to starboard, and then back again. The old skipper stood her antics as long as he could, and then burst forth, "Say, son, I should 'I don't mind your writing your name in the old port, but for the love of M. I. W. stop going back to read it!"—American Legion Weekly.

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Thanksgiving and Holiday Time

With the word Thanksgiving one immediately associates the idea of the Big Dinner with Turkey or other fowl and all the "fixings."

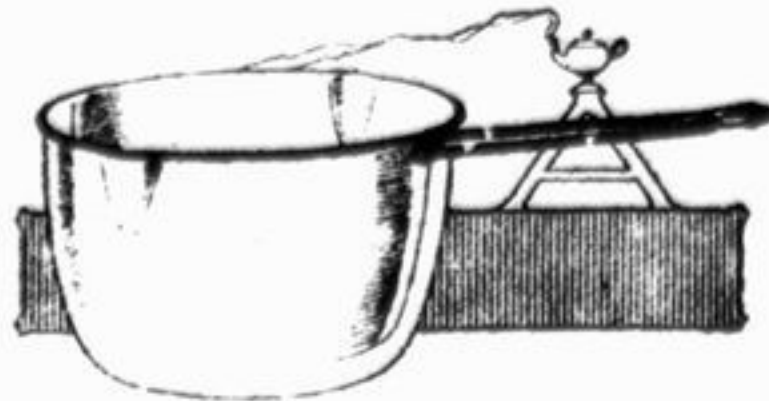
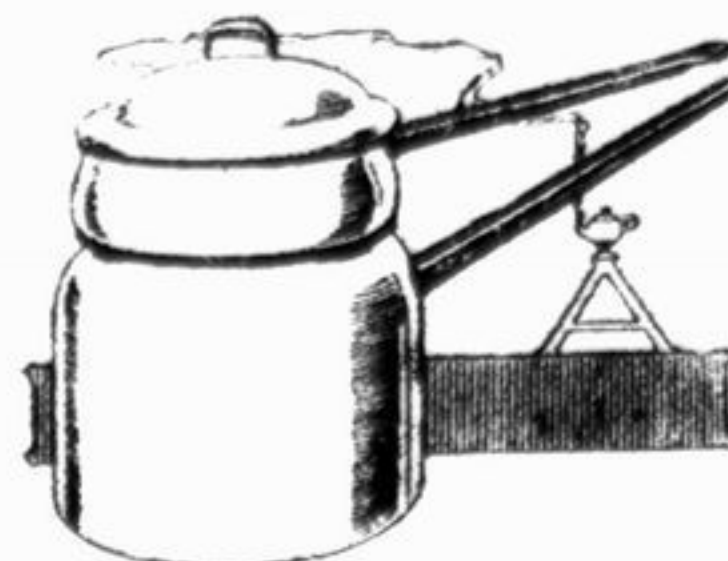
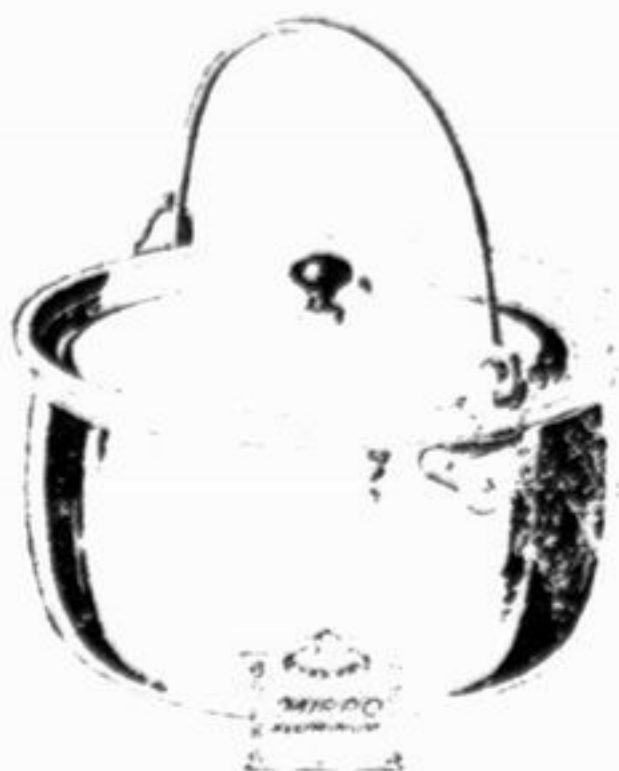
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