

**"EDUCATION WEEK"  
DECEMBER 6 TO 10—  
VISIT THE SCHOOLS**

**Other Items of Interest Regarding  
the Doings of Faculty and  
Student Body**

"Education Week" will be observed in the local schools next week. This is part of a great movement for the promotion of education and things educational which is sweeping the country as a result of the war. Never before have all the people so fully realized the importance of getting the most possible from our institutions for the instruction of our boys and girls and never before has the sentiment in favor of active support of the schools and colleges been so strong.

Parents are just awakening to the fact that their support has, for the most part, been passive or dormant and are realizing that they must become conversant with the problems of the school as they affect the lives of their children, in their homes and afterward in the world's business.

This new interest and enthusiasm is manifested by liberality heretofore unparalleled in the history of our schools. More parents, especially fathers, are visiting the class-rooms than were before and much of the destructive criticism has been turned to the constructive variety.

Truly the schools seem to be coming into the place they should occupy in the minds of the people and this coming week should be observed by every parent in a way which will add to the prestige of the organization which takes his child from the home and, in a few too short years, molds and prepares him to meet life as he finds it.

It is hoped by those in charge of the Downers Grove schools that every parent will visit school sometime next week. You will come away with the feeling that you were welcome and that you know more of the place where your child spends most of his waking hours. Show your interest in that place by visiting it.

Principal Vernon and Superintendent Snapp spent part of last week in Urbana where they attended the meeting of the State Superintendents' Association and the High School Conference. They report an excellent meeting with a record attendance. Mr. Snapp also attended a meeting in Chicago called for the purpose of promoting "Education Week" in the schools of the country. Commissioner Claxton was the main attraction.

The Silent Reading Tests which have just been completed have been of much interest to both students and teachers. Our pupils are, in most cases, up to normal and those in charge of the tests are pleased with the results. This work is being done in cooperation with the Bureau of Educational Research of the University of Illinois. Systematic efforts are being made to bring all pupils up to standard within the next few months.

The high school boys under the direction of Messrs. Vernon and Rogers, are perfecting plans to give a Minstrel Show in the near future.

The money realized will be used by the Athletic Association which surely needs the coin.

The Junior Class will enter the other students and faculty Saturday evening in the gymnasium. Games, dancing and eats will furnish the attraction.

Coach Rogers is rapidly getting his basket-ball squad into shape for the opening of the season. Prospects for a first class team are excellent.

The Dramatic Club has written a clever little "burlesque" on the faculty and is threatening presentation almost any morning. If the acting is as good as the "skit" it will be a howling success. By the way, this club is a live wire and promises some good things later. Here's hoping.

Miss Sprecher of the French Department had a birthday recently. Although no one could find out how many she had before this one, some of her students gave her a fine party and put the number of candles well under thirty.

We are glad to advise that there is no scarlet fever in the schools—reports to the contrary notwithstanding. We have only six cases of diphtheria, altho report has it as high as one hundred. "Dame Rumor" is a great talker.

Milk is being served to all students during the noon hour at cost. Mrs. Minnie Prince of the Board of Education promulgated the good work. Many children are taking advantage of it.

The kitchen is one of the high school's most attractive little places, especially about 2:15 any rainy afternoon.

**UNION THANKS  
GIVING SERVICE  
WELL ATTENDED**

The Union Thanksgiving service of the five cooperating churches held on last Thursday morning in the Baptist Church was well attended, the church being filled to capacity.

On the program were the pastors of the denominations represented each having some part in the service. President Wilson's Thanksgiving Proclamation was read and the music and sermon and in fact every detail was in keeping with the day.

In his sermon on "The Reason Americans are Thankful" the Rev. Gilbert N. Newland preached an able discourse. His reasons embodied many things and the congregation agreed that we have much to be very thankful for.

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The annual drive for the sale of Red Cross Xmas Seals is gain on. In Downers Grove the Womans Club has taken charge of the sale of these little life savers as they did last year and have them now in any quantity for the use of local people. They are on sale now at the schools and at the Library. Later a booth will be erected at the depot where they will be on sale and probably one at the postoffice.

From now until Christmas everyone should let no opportunity pass without buying and using these little seals. Paste one on the back of every letter, on parcels, use them in the wrapping of presents, use them in any way you can.

It is the proceeds from the sale of these little stickers that pays for the services of the county nurse. In the past year this nurse has been instrumental in sending three children to tuberculosis hospitals from Downers Grove alone and helped in the case of a man who was suffering from the dread disease.

Sixty per cent of the money raised in the county from the sale of these seals is used in the county to fight the great white plague. They are veritable little life-savers. Use them every chance you get.

88 Red Cross Members. During the drive for memberships in the Red Cross which has just closed, eighty-eight people in the village enrolled themselves on the mem-

bership lists of the American Red Cross. The number is small, too small for a town the size of ours. Don't let the Red Cross Christmas Seal Drive go begging like that.

**"EPIDEMIC" OF  
DISEASES HERE  
GROWS BY RUMOR**

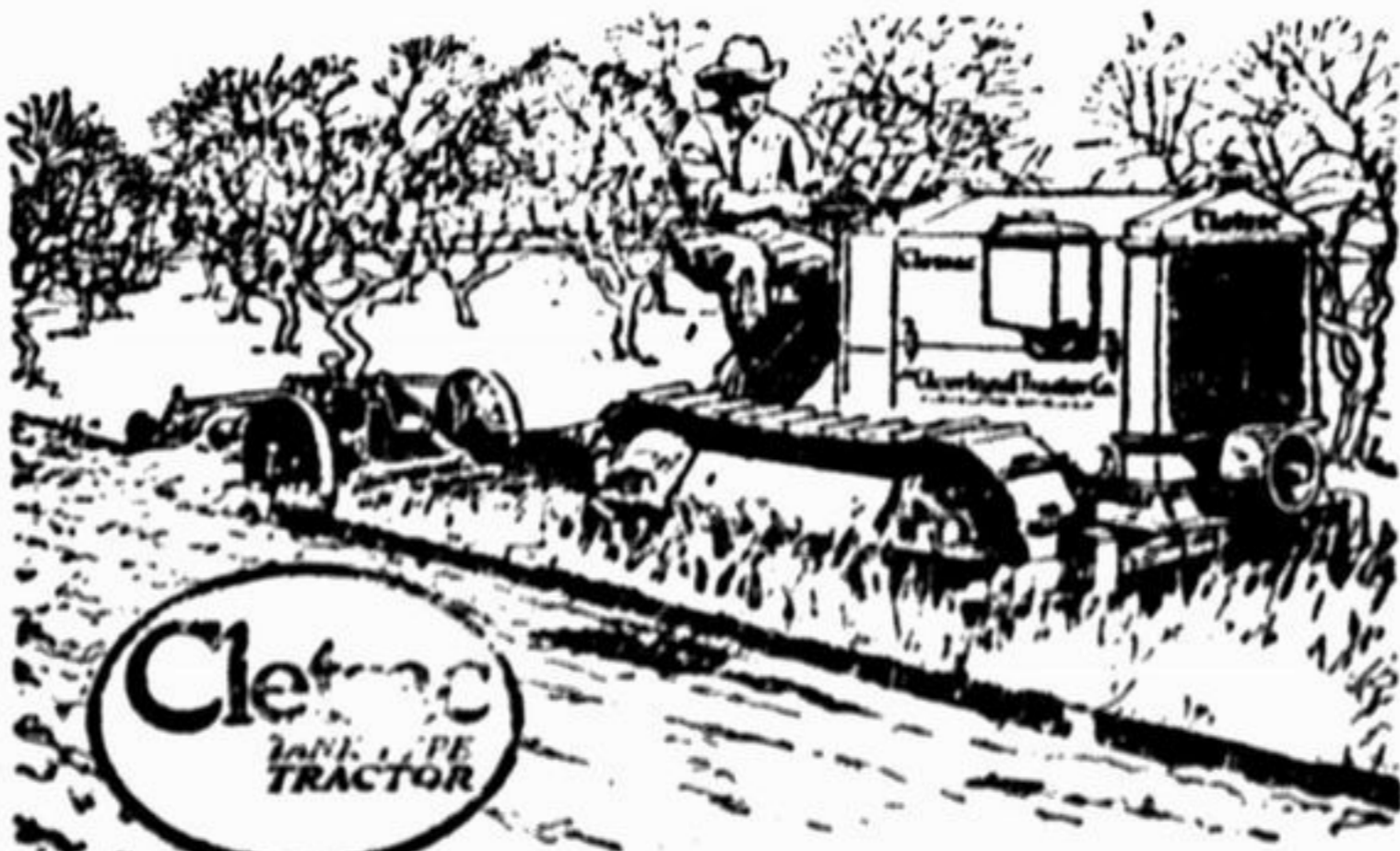
Only Six Cases of Diphtheria and One of Scarlet Fever on Record Wednesday.

Downers Grove has been afflicted with numerous cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria during the last two weeks, but not nearly as many as rumor would have one suppose.

The official report of Chas. Hitch, Village Clerk, sent to the State department of health on Wednesday morning listed but one case of scarlet fever and six of diphtheria. This against the forty and fifty-two cases supposed to be in the village as per said rumor.

To listen to the idle vapors of some of our best gossipers, the local schools were about to be closed and the entire town quarantined so that other villages in the vicinity would be spared from having their population wiped out by dread maladies. Of course, that is exaggerated a bit, but it is along the line of several stories we have heard.

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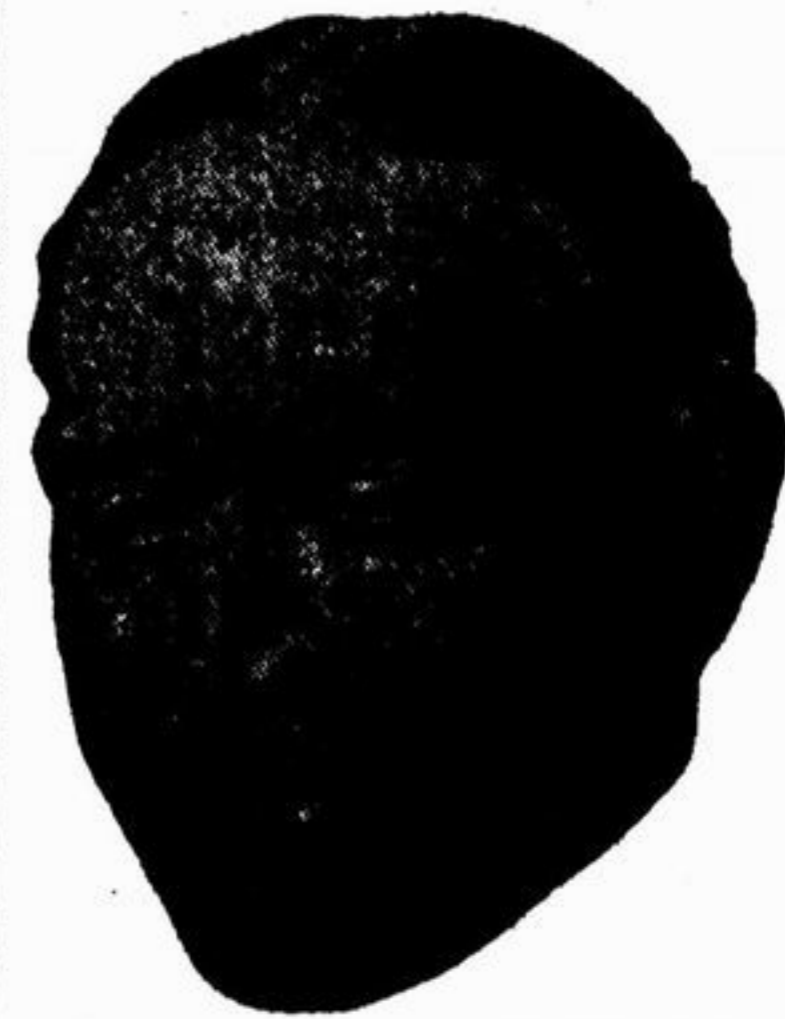
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