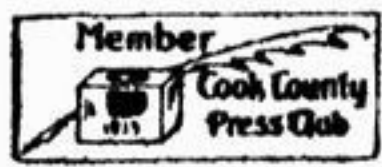


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MICKIE SAYS:

TH' BIRD I HAFTA LAUGH AT IS TH' UNREASONABLE DOOR FISH WHAT GITS MAD AN' COMES IN AN' STOPS HIS PAPER AND THEN CASTS A MEAN LOOK ALL 'ROUND TH' OFFIS AT TH' REST OF US, 'S MUCH AS TO SAY, "NOW STARVE!"



THE ROBINSON CASE

Nolen B. Robinson has been sentenced to spend his remaining days in State prison at Joliet for the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. L. C. Brown of Wheaton.

This is the culmination of one of the strangest cases in the annals of DuPage County. An escaped inmate of the Elgin Asylum, where he had been sent after being adjudged insane by the County Court, he beat his wife's parents, his wife and infant daughter with an iron bar, following an unsuccessful attempt at a reconciliation. Mr. and Mrs. Brown died from the effects of the beating and Robinson was bound over to the grand jury. At the trial he was found guilty and the jury fixed the penalty at hanging.

The verdict raised a storm of protest throughout the county, not be-

cause people thought Robinson was innocent or that he should not be punished for his crime, but because of the illegality of the proceedings. He was, to all intents and purposes, insane as a court had so found and he had never been adjudged sane. If the verdict had been carried out we believe it would have been a blot on the record of the county.

However Robinson's attorneys were successful in their plea to set aside the verdict and hold a new trial. Before the trial a jury in the Circuit Court was impaneled and judged Robinson sane, after which a plea of guilty was entered, accepted, and the murder sentenced to life imprisonment.

If a jury to try his sanity had been called before the first trial, and had found him sane, Robinson would have gotten his just deserts.

THAT CEMETERY

Sooner or later the Main Street cemetery will be moved from the spot it now holds "right down town." For years it has been an eyesore to most of the people of the village who take pride in the physical appearance of the town.

We are informed on reliable authority that the time was never more propitious than now to start the movement which will culminate in giving the people a plot of ground in the center of the town for Municipal buildings at a low cost.

The title to the property on which the Village Hall stands is decidedly risky, according to our informant. In order to clear up the title and acquire the balance of this ground, an acre of land near the village should be purchased, the bodies moved and in this way Downers Grove will cheaply get hold of one of the most desirable pieces of property on the Main street. One large enough for present and future needs.

LOCAL ATHLETICS

The past season has demonstrated that baseball and football as played by the local teams under the auspices of the American Legion, are very popular sports. Both teams have received the backing of the entire village and have had successful seasons.

There was just one drawback. In the games with Hinsdale and Naperville intense partianship was shown, as was to be expected, but not of the variety displayed. Be it said to the credit of the local players that they acted like gentlemen in every proceeding. The same cannot be said of the visitors.

We have just one suggestion to make for the next season. Umpires and referees should be simon-pure disinterested outsiders, with no interest in either team. This is the only thing which will save the game between teams representing villages

as close as Hinsdale, Downers and Naperville.

When men from these towns act as officials the general belief is that they do not act "square." No matter how they may strive to render fair decisions, it will be said by those on the opposing team that they are favoring the home boys.

ANNUAL MEETING SCOUT COUNCIL HELD SATURDAY

Wm. H. Ray Selected as Head of Men Here Who Are Backing the Boys.

As the month of December is the time of holding the Annual Meetings of the Boy Scout Councils it is a busy month. The West Suburban Council comprising the towns of Berwyn, Riverside, Brookfield, Congress Park, LaGrange, Western Springs, Hinsdale, Downers Grove, and Argo was the first local Council composed of several towns to be organized in the United States.

The Council consists of three men from each town. One is the Deputy Commissioner and the other two are the Representatives of their town on the Council which is the governing body. Then the Council may and does elect other men to itself. These men are those who by their interest in the welfare of the boys are of special value to the West Suburban Council and still greater value to the boys of their community.

There is but one full time man in the employ of the Council of the entire District, who is known as the Scout Executive. He gives his time to the various towns. As there are nine towns for him to direct and help he must divide his time among the men of every town and his success is measured by the men of each town who realize that the Scouts and other boys of their town look to them for the excellent leadership they can give. This winter our executive is holding training courses in Scouting in all the towns and thus far every town has been greatly benefitted by them.

Scouting in Downers Grove, has been given a great impulse forward by the recent campaign for funds that is not yet completed. The training course has just been completed and the men who attended learned

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that they all can help to make Scouting a success in Downers Grove. Tuesday evenings Troops 1 and 3 met at the High School Gymnasium. Troop 1 had the first part of the meeting. Troop 3 took the floor later and were given an excellent drill by Major Wildish who was assisted by Paul Prickett, formerly Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 1.

Saturday evening, Nov. 27th, the annual meeting of the Downers Grove local committee was held at the high school and the following officers were elected:

- President—Wm. H. Ray
- Vice-President—H. S. Paine
- Secretary—T. J. Savage
- Treasurer—Samuel Curtiss (re-elected)
- Deputy Scout Com.—W. W. Heintz
- Member Court of Honor—Geo. O. Prickett
- Delegates to Council—W. D. Herrick and F. N. Davis

John D. Rockefeller contributed \$20,000 to the Boy Scouts organization. Forty convicts of the Eastern Penitentiary of Pennsylvania sent \$170 to the Philadelphia Council saying that they gave the money in the hope that "through the character building of the Boy Scout movement many boys will be saved from what we are today."

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