

### Downers Grove Reporter

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#### MICKIE SAYS:

OUR FOREMAN SAYS WE GIT OUT JOB PRINTING WITH NEATNESS AN' DISPATCH AN' ALLOWS AS HOW HE'S TH' NEATNESS AN' IN THE DISPATCH!



#### "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Simple words, but containing world of meaning. They apparently seem to mean just the day, as "Merry Christmas" but in reality they are the hope that every day of the year to come will bring with it joy, happiness, that peace of mental spirit which smacks of heavenly things and health. All these things, not to forget prosperity, we wish our many readers as the old year joins the many that have gone and the new one starts.

#### 1920—LOOKING BACKWARD

Another year has come to a close, 1920, with all its joys, its sorrows and its events of importance for the moment, is about to pass into oblivion. Have the days of this past year taught us, as neighbors, anything of importance? Have we, as we lived our daily life of this community learned to be more thoughtful of others, more considerate of people's feelings and opinions, more loyal to our village? We hope so.

As the years pass, one following the other in ever increasing swiftness, it becomes apparent that Downers Grove is achieving a progress forward. That progress is slow, so slow at times as to be almost imperceptible to the untrained eye.

Looking back over the year we recall more than the usual number of factional differences that seem to linger even yet in the memories of most of us. However, in these battles we have met each other and each has gained a new conception, a new admiration for the qualities of the "other" side. Never before had some of us met and even if we met as enemies, it taught us that each one has some good side to his nature.

1920 is dead—let us forget it and look forward to—

#### 1921 AND WHAT IT WILL BRING US?

This is the season of good resolutions; the time when most people begin to review their bad habits and make fervent promises to themselves to do better in the future. It is not with personal habits that we are concerned, but with "public" habits, if there is such a thing. What we are driving at is the interest (or rather the lack of interest) which the average man and woman shows to the common duty facing every member of the community.

Downers Grove is essentially a town of homes. We venture to say that more than seventy-five per cent of the people living here own their own homes and expect to spend their lives in Downers Grove. Here is where they raise their families, and where they have their friends, their get-togethers. Naturally one would suppose that this being true, they would take more interest in this village than in anything else.

It is this interest in the best things for the old town—for the men, the women, the children, the schools, the

churches, the lodges, the clubs, that we desire to stress as we enter into the New Year.

We ask everyone to make but one resolution and that one to be a REAL citizen of this village, of this county, the State and Nation. To do this requires more work than is apparent on the surface. Just think over for a few minutes what you consider some of the things men and women MUST do in order to do their full DUTY as citizens. This will give you an inkling of what we mean.

Downers Grove lacks common cooperation. If everyone naming good old Downers Grove as their home town would work together for the best interests of the community as a whole, we would have no fear for what little 1921 has in store for us.

#### 14,000 T. B. XMAS SEALS SOLD IN DOWNERS GROVE

Last Year's Record Beaten by \$50 But Still We Were Way Behind Quota.

Fourteen thousand Tuberculosis Christmas Seals were sold in Downers Grove in the 1920 drive for the eradication of the great white plague. This brought in \$140 to the fund of the National Tuberculosis Association making \$50 more than was handed in from Downers Grove last year when nine thousand of the little life savers were purchased in the village.

On the surface the fact that Downers Grove people used 14,000 of the seals would seem as if we had done our bit and a little over. A very little figuring will show that this is far from the truth as, sorry as we are to say it, we fell down heavily on our quota. Figuring on a basis of population we were supposed to have bought 50,000 of the seals to bring in \$500.

Lets analyze the figures and see what we find.

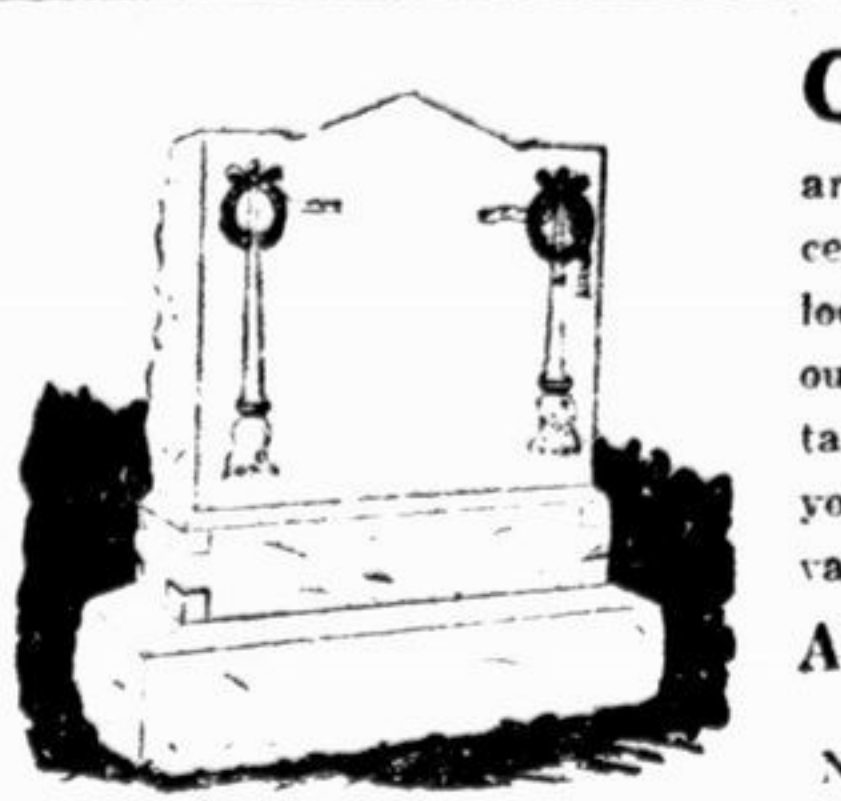
Downers Grove has a population of approximately 3,500 (the 1920 Government census gives us 3543). Taking out the 1,000 stamps used by The Reporter which were pasted on the issue of December 17th, leaves 13,000 which were absorbed by local people. This is only about four seals per capita. If Downers Grove people each used only fifteen of these seals, the amount of money realized would exceed the quota by \$25,000.

It is our opinion that more than 13,000 of these seals were used by local people but that the balance of them were purchased in Chicago or elsewhere.

What we need in the village is a pledge that we will do all buying on this and other "drives" in our own community so that the village will receive the proper credit.

#### In Regard to Style.

In a person's address a particular method of arranging words, that arrangement will occur naturally in his own mind, without undue attention. Some writers, however, will put into the words of expression adopted by others. This illustrates a similarity of disposition, and is not imitation. As a style, when it is natural, comes rather from the heart than the head, men of similar tastes and feelings will be likely to fall into a similar form of expression.—Edwin P. Whipple.



#### 1ST EVANGELICAL GAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY

Church Crowded as Annual Exercises of the Yuletide Season Were Enjoyed by Audience.

The auditorium of First Evangelical Church was crowded to capacity last Sunday night when the annual Christmas Program was rendered. It was a great success. The program consisted of two parts, the first rendered by the children and the second by adults.

Part I was arranged under the direction of Miss Martha Penner. It consisted of recitations, dialogues, solos, class exercises and songs. It was not necessary to prompt a single child during the entire program. About twenty-five children participated in Part I. These children are to be congratulated on their work which contributed greatly to real Christmas spirit.

Part II consisted of a play entitled, "The Story of Christmas," rendered by young people from the pastor's Bible Class, assisted by an invisible choir of angels. This play, written by Walter Ben Hare, was first presented by Quadrangle Club of Missouri State University at University Chapel on Christmas Eve, 1909. It is a dramatic enactment of the Biblical Narrative, requiring a full hour for presentation. The scene is that of a street in Bethlehem, with the entrance to a public inn at one extreme of the stage and the humble stable to the other. In the rear are rows of cedars. Stage settings, light combinations and equipment had all been worked out to perfection by Messrs Reuben Diener and Ernest Zimmerlin. The oriental costuming for all participants was planned by Miss Ruth Diener who also directed the rehearsals in preparation for the public presentation Sunday night. The following people took part in the enactment of the play: Messrs Roy Miller, Daniel Diener, Clifford Nansen, John Penner, Leonard Mertz, John Lehmann, Jr., Welton Gress, Emerson Michael, and Meslames Lillian Heintz, Martha Penner, June Beidelman, Ruby Iehl, Effie Wilment, Lydia Rehm and Esther Tholin. The song numbers were rendered by the Lehmann-Nansen quartet accompanied by Miss Lena Penner. The talent displayed by these local amateurs was a revelation to many. The Christmas story so vividly presented will never be forgotten by those who heard and saw it enacted last Sunday night.

A liberal free-will offering was received in behalf of orphan children.

#### BINDER-GROTEFELD

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the bride. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klein of Naperville, Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Juby and daughter of Elgin, Mr. Dale Reckard, Miss Helen Braun, Mr. and Mrs. August H. Grotefeld and son, Harold, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grotefeld, of Chicago.

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#### PAUL BROWNSON DUM

Paul Brownson, the five and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Homer S. Dum of Saratoga avenue, died early Tuesday morning from the after effects of diphtheria with which he had been ill but a short time.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning and burial was made at St. Bernard's cemetery, the Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin of St. Joseph's Church, officiating.

#### Bats Not Classed as Birds.

The bureau of biological survey says that bats are not birds. They are mammals, though adapted to life in the air by the possession of wings formed by a membrane attached between the greatly prolonged bones of the arm and hand.

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