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MICKIE SAYS:

YESSIR! AN ELECTRIC MOTOR OR A GAS ENGINE 'LL RUN TH' O' PRINTIN' PRESS K.O. BUT IT TAKES A COUPLE O' GOOD OLE IRON DOLLARS GEARED TOGETHER TO MAKE 'ER HUNN!

YESSIR, WE STILL SWAP SUBSCRIPTIONS PER DOLLARS



AN UNTRAMMELED PRESS

We have received not a few bouquets and, incidentally, a few brick bats, for publishing last week the account of the raid on the game of "African golf," and this naturally brings up the question of the rights of the press, no matter in what humble way it seeks to disseminate the printed word.

How long would people in general believe anything printed in newspapers if the policy of the publication or what was printed therein was dictated by any man or any group of men? That is the reason for one of the first rules in newspaper making—"the editor is the final court on what shall and what shall not be printed."

This is not the first time in the history of our connection with The Reporter that we have gone thru an experience similar to this. People have threatened to stop their paper if we did not print a certain thing and to stop it if we did. So we usually follow the dictates of our conscience and disregard entirely outside interference, especially so if in the form of a threat. This does not mean that we are not open to suggestion for the betterment of the community's paper, or that we have never followed one of our reader's ideas; simply that when someone tries to FORCE us to do something by holding a club of some kind or other over our head, we refuse to be forced.

THE CO. H SPIRIT

During the war there was one organization in the village responsible more than any other for Downers Grove's record in every drive, whether for Liberty Bonds, for soldier service or for some local project and this organization was Company H of the 2d Regiment, Illinois Reserve Militia.

Being the most democratic bunch of men ever affiliating themselves for one cause, representing every shade of religious opinion, every strata of the towns social structure, and having a morale which would have been the wonder of an officer of the regular army, it was natural that they be called on for many duties aside from their original one. They were often called on and never found wanting. It was their cheerful carrying out of the tasks assigned them which developed into what is known as "the Co. H Spirit." It is a spirit of unselfish work for the common good, a spirit of self-sacrifice, of devotion to

duty. After the need for the organization had passed far-seeing men who had served in the ranks being loath to see that spirit pass away, conceived the idea of preserving it for the future good of the community. This was accomplished last Friday evening at the first annual meeting of the Veterans Association of Co. H. With this association as a nucleus, having certain unforgettable memories to hold them together, and gathering around them those in the village who are striving for better things for Downers Grove, we should have an organization which can carry thru anything they start.

The Co. H Spirit can take an already good town and make a well nigh perfect one out of it. The organization, we understand, is open to anyone who supported it, either by money, contributions or good will, during the days when they wore the khaki.

WE CONGRATULATE YOU PEOPLE OF DOWNERS GROVE

More than 200 children in Central Europe, through the generosity of Downers Grove people, will know the difference this winter and next summer between slowly starving to death and having enough food to keep their little bodies strong.

In the drive which has just closed here for the Hoover fund, more than \$2,000 was subscribed. In the words of Mrs. M. H. Prince, chairman of the local committee, "People met us more than half way in trying to do their share for the unfortunate peoples of Europe."

The solicitors did their part wonderfully, working until their allotted territory had been covered and we wish to congratulate them for the efficient way in which they gathered in the funds.

More especially do we thank those who gave, no matter how large or how small the amount, to this worthy cause. It shows that Downers Grove people have that sense of duty to their fellowmen, even the many thousands of miles away, which is Christianity, pure and simple.

We have no way of knowing and probably never will know, what effect this generosity has upon the recipients. This much we do know, if the children who receive the food are told that Americans furnished the wherewithal to purchase it without any thought of a return, that generation can have nothing but good in their minds for us.

Downers Grove people did nobly in this drive. No question of it. We are more than proud that we can be of

the record which has been made in this drive.

OUR CONGRESSMAN

Those who heard Congressman I. C. Copley's talks last Saturday at the Farmers' Institute and later at the banquet at the Wheaton Cafe, have been congratulating themselves and the 11th district on having a man of his caliber representing us in these troublous times. The accumulated years of business experience and his long service in the House, make the Congressman one of the most valuable of men on the Ways and Means Committee of which he is the Senior member. It is this committee which is now working on the new tariff schedules and which has charge of most of the important legislation which comes before Congress.

In both talks last Saturday Col. Copley came out flat-footed for the adjusted compensation for ex-service men, known as the "soldier bonus" and gave his reasons for his stand on the matter. They are excellent ones and we hope to have space next week for their publication.

Mr. Copley emphasized the need at this time of a comprehensive program of work, not only for the individual, but for all business. He told of what Congress plans to do in the way of equalizing taxes and how this is to be accomplished.

ILLINOIS EDITORS APPEAL TO PEOPLE TO HELP UNIVERSITY

Pass Resolutions at Meeting Calling Attention to Financial Needs of the Institution.

Editors of Illinois newspapers who visited the University of Illinois to get first hand information concerning the condition of the University, passed resolutions commending the institution for the work being done along educational and research lines, and asked their fellow editors to tell Illinois people, through the columns of their newspapers, of what the University is doing and how it is handicapped and injured by insufficient funds. The resolutions are as follows:

"We the editors who were so kindly invited by Dr. Kinley to meet in Champaign on Friday, January 28, wish to extend our thanks for the pleasure of being permitted to see the splendid work being done by our great State educational institutions. It is a wonderful inspiration to know of the opportunities our young folks are given to obtain an education a-

long so many and varied lines of endeavor, of the remarkable lines of research work being carried on for the upbuilding of not only our own State but our country and humanity in general. We who visited our University for the first time, while we had some idea of the varied lines of technical and scientific education being imparted, had our eyes opened as never before to what has and is being accomplished by our University for the good of the whole people of our commonwealth.

"The growth of our University has been phenomenal, doubling in attendance during the past few years, so that it will have a total enrollment for the year of over 10,000. This means that this State school is fulfilling its mission. It means that it deserves and should have our support. We, as editors, who have been shown, stand ready to send out an appeal to our people that the needs of the University are now at a critical stage. Owing to the doubling of the attendance and the additional costs of maintenance, valuable departments are being curtailed. This is especially noticeable in the agricultural and engineering departments. Unless the legislature comes to their aid and makes adequate and reasonable appropriations, our great school will be badly crippled.

"We, as editors of Illinois, therefore, appeal to the people of our State to back their representatives in the State legislature and see that fair and adequate appropriations are made. If one ear of corn out of ten bushels grown in the State were appropriated, the needs of the University would be fully satisfied. We believe we owe this to our young people. We recommend that this brief statement of facts be sent out to all the editors of our State. We hope they will pass this appeal on to their people."

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