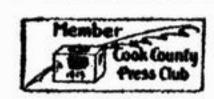
Downers Grove Reporter

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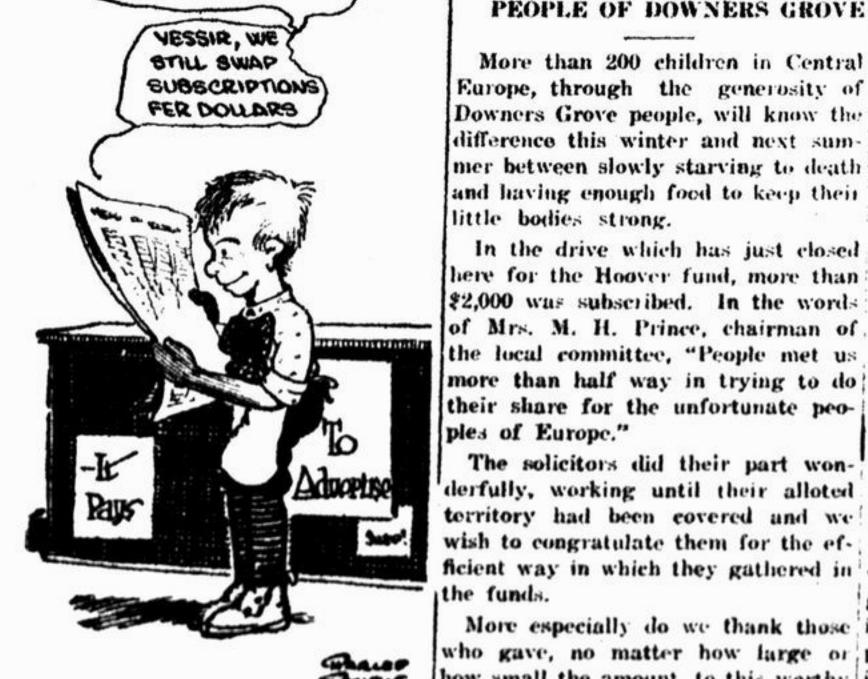
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MICKIE SAYS:

YESSIR! AN ELECTRIC MOTOR er a gas engine 'll run th' ol' PRINTIN' PRESS K.O.BUT IT TAKES A COUPLE O' GOOD OLE IRON DOLLARS GEARED TGETHER TO MAKE 'ER HUM!



AN UNTRAMMELED PRESS

We have received not a few boquets and, incidently, a few brick bats, for publishing last week the account of the raid on the game of "African colf," and this naturally brings up the question of the rights of the oress, no matter in what humble way t seeks to disseminate the printed

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 nen? That is the reason for one of he first rules in newspaper making -"the editor is the final court of what shall and what shall not be printed."

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

The greatest thing in the United States today is the free press. In no other country are the newspapers as interesting, as unbiased, and as great a power for good as in the United States and the principle reason for their greatness is the fact that they are not dominated and will not be lominated either by their advertisers or any one else. A real newspaper man would rather lose his entire busness than give up in this one parti-

THE CO. H SPIRIT

During the war there was one orzanization in the village responsible nore than any other for Downers Grove's record in every drive, whether for Liberty Bonds, for soldier ervice 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 unselash work for the common good, a spirit of self-sacrifice, of devotion to

the record which has been made in After the need for the organiza- this drive.

OUR CONGRESSMAN

tion had passed far-seeing men who

anything they start.

WE CONGRATULATE YOU

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Mrs. M. H. Prince, chairman of

the local committee, "People met us

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little bodies strong.

tianity, pure and simple.

in their minds for us.

khaki.

ing Company, 37 North Main street, ceived the idea of preserving it for Those who heard Congressman I. in general. We who visited our Unithe future good of the community. C. Copley's talks last Saturday at the versity for the first time, while we This was accomplished last Friday Farmers' Institute and later at the had some idea of the varied lines of evening at the first annual meeting banquet at the Wheaton Cafe, have technical and scientific education beof the Veterans Association of Co. H. been congratulating themselves and ing imparted ,had our eyes opened as Entered at the Downers Grove Post With this association as a nucleus, the 11th district on having a man of never before to what has and is be-Office as second class mail matter. having certain unforgetable memories his caliber representing us in these ing accomplished by our University Advertising rates made known upon to hold them together, and gathering troubulous times. The accumulated for the good of the whole people of around them those in the village who years of business experience and his our commonwealth. are striving for better things for long service in the House, make the "The growth of our University has Downers Grove, we should have an Congressman one of the most valu- been phenominal, doubling in attenorganization which can carry thru able of men on the Ways and Means dance during the past few years, so Committee of which he is the Senior that it will have a total enrollment The Co. H Spirit can take an al-member. It is this committee which for the year of over 10,000. This ready good town and make a well is now working on the new tariff means that this State school is fulnigh perfect one out of it. The or-schedules and which has charge of filling its mission. It means that it ganization, we understand, is open to most of the important legislation deserves and should have our support.

anyone who supported it, either by which comes before Congress. money, contributions or good will, In both talks last Saturday Col. stand ready to send out an arneal during the days when they were the Copley came out flat-footed for the to our people that the needs of the adjusted compensation for ex-service University are now at a critical stage. men, known as the "soldier bonus" Owing to the doubling of the atten-'and gave his reasons for his stand dance and the additional costs of on the matter. They are excellent maintenance, valuable departments PEOPLE OF DOWNERS GROVE one; and we hope to have space next are being curtailed. This is especialweek for their publication.

More than 200 children in Central Europe, through the generosity of this time of a comprehensive program legislature comes to their aid and Downers Grove people, will know the of work, not only for the individual, makes adequate and reasonable apdifference this winter and next sum- but or all business. He told of what pripriations, our great school will be mer between slowly starving to death Congress plans to do in the way of badly crippled. and having enough food to keep their equalizing taxes and how this is to "We, as editors of Illinois, therebe accomplished.

\$2,000 was subscribed. In the words ILLINOIS EDITORS APPEAL TO PEOPLE TO HELP UNIV'RSITY

Attention to Financial Needs of the Institution.

ficient way in which they gathered in visited the University of Illinois to get first hand information concern-More especially do we thank those ing the condition tof the University, who gave, no matter how large or passed resolutions commending the how small the amount, to this worthy institution for the work being done cause. It shows that Downers Grove along educational and research lines, people have that sense of duty to and asked their fellow editors to tell their fellowmen, even the many thou- Illinois people, through the columns sands of miles away, which is Christ of their newspapers, of what the University is doing and how it is handi-We have no way of knowing and capped and injured by insufficient probably never will know, what ef- funds. The resolutions are as fol-

fect this generosity has upon the re- lows: cipients. This much we do know, if "We the editors who were so kindthe children who receive the food are ly invited by Dr. Kinley to meet in told that Americans furnished the Champaign on Friday, January 28, wherewithall to purchase it without wish to extend our thanks for the any thought of a return, that gen-pleasure of being permitted to see ration can have nothing but good the splendid work being done by our great State educational institutions.

Downers Grove people did nobly in It is a wonderful inspiration to know this drive. No question of it. We are of the opportunities our young folks more than proud than we can be of are given to obtain an education a-

deavor, of the remarkable lines of research work being carried on for the upbuilding of not only our own State but our country and humanity

We, as editors, who have been shown, ly noticeable in the agricultural and Mr. Copley emphasized the need at engineering departments. Unless the

fore, 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 be-Pass Resolutions at Meeting Calling lieve 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 Editors of Illinois newspapers who they will pass this appeal on to their

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