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LEGION BASKET FIVE LOST FIRST GAME OF SEASON

Naperville Won from the Locals in Hard Fought Tilt in High School Gym Thursday.

Playing great basketball and still being defeated, was the experience of the local Legion five in the high school gymnasium at Naperville last Thursday evening. The final score, 32 to 28, favor of the home team, does not half tell the tale of how hard the game was from the first blast of the referee's whistle to the call of time. The referee, being a Naperville man, gave that village's team the edge, all the way thru the contest. Hardly ever did a foul or a defeat, but every spectator from here at the game were of the opinion that with a neutral umpire the final score would have been different.

This makes "a horse apiece" for the two teams each having won on their home floors. The rubber will be played in the near future.

The score of the game follows:

Player	FG	FT	P	T
Naperville	4	0	0	1
Gammerfelder, rf	1	1	1	0
Encke, lf	1	1	1	0
Garman, c	0	0	0	1
Stenger, rg	2	1	2	0
Wehrli, lg	0	0	1	0
Matter, rf	0	0	1	0
Givler, lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	15	2	5	2
Downers Grove	4	0	0	1
Rogers, T., rf	2	2	1	2
Vaughan, lf	0	0	1	0
Kidwell, c	1	0	0	0
Curtiss, rg	1	0	1	2
Rogers, L., lg	0	0	2	0
Totals	12	2	5	4

Won From Glen Ellyn.
On Saturday evening the Legion team took an easy game from the Glen Ellyn ex-service men's five by the one-sided score of 25 to 10. At no time in the game did the locals stretch themselves to win, but showed their superiority in all phases of the game from the jump.

Hinsdale Tomorrow.
Tomorrow, Saturday evening, Feb. 19th, the reconstructed five from Hinsdale will play a return game in the local gym.
The first meeting between the teams was at Hinsdale in which the locals won. The team coming here tomorrow is touted to be vastly better than the one which represented Hinsdale in the first game. It is made up of two teams, the American Legion five and the Independents. These two outfits patched up their differences recently and are putting their best men into one team.

Being confident of victory they will bring with them a crowd of loyal rooters who expect to be able, after the game, to wipe out a few of the things said of them by local fans after the baseball, football and basketball games in which their teams came off second best.
It should prove a game worth watching and it is expected that the capacity of the gym will be taxed to hold the fans and fanatics.

CURTISS THEATRE TO RUN A TICKET SELLING CONTEST

\$135 in Cash Prizes Offered by Mr. Elmer Uhlhorn to Local School Children.

Elmer Uhlhorn, manager of the Curtiss Theatre, is this week announcing a "ticket selling contest," open to all the school children of both grade and high, of Downers Grove. He has put up a prize list of \$135.00 in cash, the main prize being \$100.00 to the boy or girl selling the largest number of tickets to his show in the next fourteen weeks.

In his announcement of the event, Mr. Uhlhorn says he has booked some super-pictures for the time of the contest which are to be run two evenings each week. It is for the showing of the productions that the children are to sell tickets and we look to see some great excitement in the schools because of the contest.

SOME WEATHER MERCURY HITS 65 ABOVE ZERO

Old-Fashioned Winter Apparently is a Myth as Spring Zephyrs Fan Our Cheeks.

The old-fashioned winter, which was freely predicted last fall by some of the local weather sharps, is apparently a myth. The very few snows we have had have lasted but a few days at the most and our one below zero spell of one day wasn't even enough to make us appreciate the mild winter days.

A record was broken Tuesday afternoon when the mercury stood at sixty-five above zero and a soft, warm wind from the south made one think of the old swimmin' hole, of getting out the fishing tackle and sorting it over, of days spent in some hoksy dell along a chuckling river. Some weather, in truth.

Lilac bushes are beginning to bud, rap is running in the trees and unless we have a little cold weather soon we fear that fruit and other trees will be blasted by late frosts.

Even in the memory of the oldest inhabitant this part of the country never experienced a winter such as we have had to date.

Annual Spring Song.
The sudden change in the weather due to the shifting of the wind from the south to the north, dropped the mercury from 65 Tuesday afternoon to 12 Thursday morning, a drop of 53 degrees in thirty-six hours.
This recalls to our minds a request made last week that we publish our annual spring ode. Here goes: "Spring has come lykell, lykell, merrily sing lykell."

BUICK SALES ROOM OPENS ON FIRST OF MARCH

Two Year Lease Taken by West Suburban Motor Co., in the Curtis Theatre Building.

A two year lease has been taken by the West Suburban Motor Co., of LaGrange, on the east store room at the Curtis Theatre building to be used as a sales room for Buick and Marmon automobiles. The contract calls for occupancy by the first of March.
Thomas W. Lewis, who is occupying the Petrie house at the corner of Maple avenue and the East Grove road, will have charge of the new sales station here. His territory for the Buick will be along the Burlington from Naperville to Western Springs and for the Marmon all of DuPage County.

The West Suburban Motor Co. is one of the largest country distributors of the Buick and they hope to make this year one of the banner years in their history.

THE FOLLIES OF DOWNERS GROVE MARCH 3d AND 4th

Home Talent Show for Benefit of Library to be Staged at Curtiss Theatre.

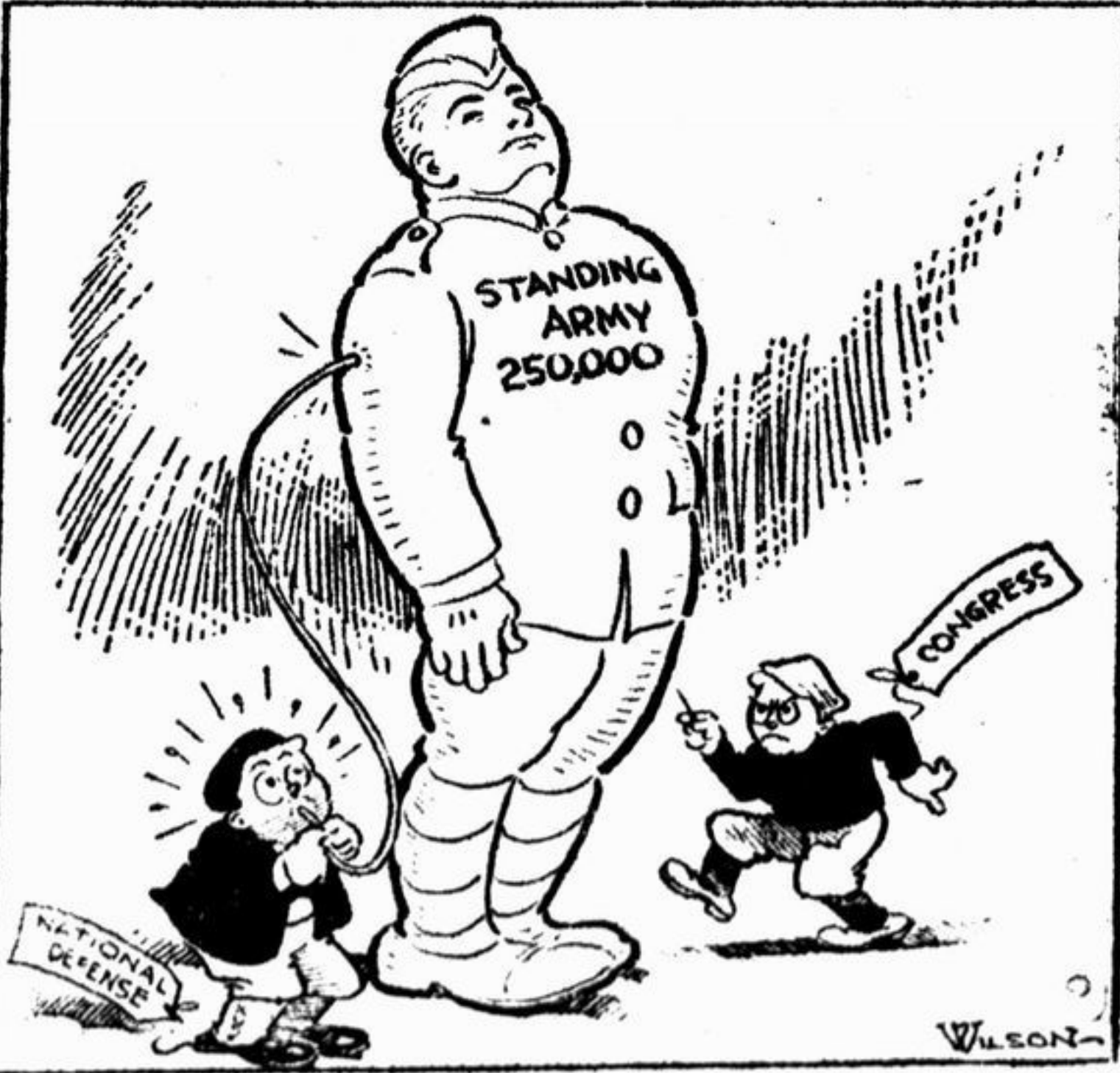
On Thursday and Friday evenings, March 3d and 4th, will be staged at the Curtiss Theatre a home talent show, "The Follies of Downers Grove."

From preliminary reports it promises to be one of the cleverest entertainments ever offered local people. In the cast are the best singers, players, dancers and specialty people of the village. Men and women, boys and girls, who because of some particular talent are always in demand for entertainments, have been gathered together in one big hodge-podge of fun, frolic and amusement.

"The Follies" is being given for the benefit of the Downers Grove Free Public Library and it is expected that a large amount will be realized from the sale of seats which are only fifty cents. If the crowd justifies the running of the show another two nights, it will be repeated the next week.

We have had a reporter on the trail of the business manager of the show all week, trying to get more details of what is coming, owing, however, to his being rushed with the details of production, he could not be seen. The reporter has received orders to camp on his trail and get a good story of the play for next week's edition.

GOING TO REDUCE IT



OLD CO. H. FLAG PRESENTED TO SCOUT TROOP 3

Colors Given Militiamen by D. A. R's. Passed on to Boy Scouts Last Thursday.

All three local troops of Boy Scouts are now equipped with an American flag, a thing which had been desired ever since the organization of troop number three.

It will be remembered that during the existence of Company H, I. R. M., the local chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented a flag to the only town along the "Q", at least, where this distinguished organization of ladies took an interest in the home defense company.

A fitting disposal of this flag, on the muster-out of Company H was considered by Capt. Balezynski, after consulting a number of ex-members of Co. H, to be the passing it on to the Boy Scouts of the village. A suggestion to this effect was made to Mrs. H. S. Paine, at whose home the original presentation was made. Mrs. Paine concurred in the plan and referred the matter to Mrs. Lavara Hannum. A further suggestion was made by Capt. Balezynski that the presentation of the colors be made by the D. A. R.

Boy Scout Troop No. 3 can well consider itself highly honored by the little ceremony which took place last Thursday evening. Mrs. Hannum in very fitting words made the presentation to Scoutmaster Wildish and his troop, closing her talk to the boys by pronouncing the American Creed which she admonished each boy to learn and follow. The opening remarks were made by Capt. Balezynski who gave a short account of the history of the flag.

Although handicapped by the lack of music, one verse of the Star Spangled Banner was rendered and followed the acceptance speech of Scoutmaster Wildish.

Members of the local Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, were present at the presentation as was also Capt. Edward L. Adams, a newcomer in the village, a fellow officer of Scoutmaster Wildish in the A. E. F. and now a neighbor. One of his sons is a member of the troop.

KEEP ON BUYING

"Who buys your product? No matter if you are a farmer selling crops, a worker in a factory, mine, railroad, store, etc., selling your labor—somebody else must buy what you have to sell OR YOU LOSE.

Who is that buyer but YOURSELF?

Who buys your product? How can you keep working unless you keep on buying.

You can't.
Keep on buying what you need now—or the man who would buy the things you depend on for a living cannot buy. Each helps the other.

HULBERT JONES HOME SAVED BY NEW FIRE TRUCK

H. E. Tank Home, Linscott & Franklin, Threatened by Fire Yesterday Morning.

The vast superiority of the new automobile fire apparatus over the old was clearly demonstrated about five-fifteen Wednesday evening when a fire alarm was turned in from the residence of Hulbert Jones, on Chicago avenue Elm and Washington streets.

The house must have been afire for hours before the blaze was discovered as the paper boy on his round was the first to see the smoke and notify the children of the family, the only ones at home at the time.

Less than ten minutes elapsed from the first sound of the whistle until a stream of water was playing on the flames which driven by a high wind seemed to doom the structure. Pressure taken as it was from the water mains would not send a stream to the roof and it is a certainty that very little of the Jones' home would be left today were it not for the pumping attachment on the truck. As it is the entire roof is gone and part of the upper floor.

The origin of the fire is unknown. That it started in a clothes closet on the second floor is the opinion of Fire Chief Dick.

Another Fire Yesterday.

About eleven-thirty yesterday morning the call of the fire whistle brought the firemen out on the jump again, this time to the Henry E. Tank home at the corner of Linscott and Franklin streets.

It is thought that a spark from defective electric wiring set fire near the front room of the attic and before its discovery, had gained quite a start. This is another fire in which occupants of the house did not know of the blaze until the alarm was turned in. An employe of the village at the pumping station saw the smoke and sounded the alarm.

The new truck made another quick run, but the wrong location had been given the driver and several precious minutes were wasted in a hunt for the fire. Both water and chemicals were used to extinguish the flames. Not very much damage was done by the fire itself, water causing probably the most damage.

ABOUT ADVERTISING

No man ever became strong through fasting.

No store ever increased its sales by suspending advertising.

Advertising is like food. It makes a business grow. And NEWSPAPER advertising is the roast beef of advertising mediums.

What about your store's advertising menu? More advertising "food" will make your business healthier and more prosperous.

To reach Downers Grove folks use a medium they read—The Downers Grove Reporter.

FORMER PASTORS SPEAKERS AT 23d ANNUAL BANQUET

Rev. Farniloe, Greene and Jenness on Washington's Birthday Program at M. E. Church.

Three former pastors of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Downers Grove are on the program of the twenty-third annual Washington's Birthday banquet to be given by the ladies of the church next Tuesday evening, February 22d. The pastors are the Rev. F. F. Farniloe, who will give the opening prayer, the Rev. T. R. Greene, in whose pastorate the banquets were started and who will speak on "America First," and the Rev. J. P. Jenness, who will give the benediction.

Dr. Charles E. Guthrie, national president of the Epworth League, will be the principal speaker of the evening. He is a gifted orator and should give a message worth hearing.

The Sunday School orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion. There will be a piano duet by the Misses Marion Lower and Adelaide Walters and a quartet, "Spring Song," by Mesdames Michel and Vernon and Misses Mildred Potter and Lillian Washburn.

The Rev. G. H. Newland, pastor of the church, will act as toastmaster and the Rev. J. A. Nansen, of First Evangelical Church, will ask the blessing.

As usual, the ladies have an elaborate menu arranged and this part of the program is in able hands. The menu is Chicken Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Jelly, Sweet Cucumber Pickles, Perfection Salad, Bread and Butter, Ice Cream, Cake and Coffee.

MRS. M. FULLER, OLD RESIDENT, PASSED AWAY

Burial Made Tuesday Afternoon in the Old Cemetery at Fullersburg.

Mrs. Morrel Fuller, one of the older residents of this part of the County, passed away at her home in Fullersburg last Sunday morning, February 13th at the age of eighty. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon and burial made in the Fullersburg cemetery near which she has lived for so many years.

Mrs. Fuller, nee Ellen Mackinder, came to Cass with her parents in the early sixties where she was married to Morrel Fuller. They made their home in Fullersburg for fifty-six years, being beloved by the entire community.

She leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Nellie Fuller, two sisters, Mrs. Robert Chivers of Riverside, and Mrs. Fetterman of Stewart, Nebraska, and one brother, John Mackinder of California.

REV. STEWART HAS RESIGNED PASTORATE OF BAPTIST CHURCH

Finishes Work Here February 27th and Will Make His New Home in the East.

The Rev. John Stewart has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Downers Grove and will close his work here on Sunday, Feb. 27th, leaving the village about the first of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart will remove to Providence, Rhode Island, in the vicinity of which place they intend to make their future home, not intending to accept another charge, but to hold themselves in readiness for such religious work, outside of the pastorate, as may present itself in the fall of the year.

Although he has been a resident of Downers Grove less than a year, taking charge of the church here last April 1st, Mr. Stewart has endeared himself, not only to the members of his own congregation but to those of the village fortunate enough to know him both in and out of the churches. He has had a constructive program in his religious work in the church which has been felt by all. He will be missed from the pulpit and the streets of the village.

Mrs. Stewart also, will be greatly missed. She has been an inspiration to the church workers interested in the young people of the community and has taken a large share in the work of the classes in church and Sunday School.

REMINISCENCES OF EARLY DOWNERS GROVEDAYS

Frank Rogers Writes of Time When Railroads Were Unknown and Whiskey Cheap.

For a number of months we have contemplated running a series of articles of the early days of Downers Grove and this section of the country. This week we are fortunate in being able to run the first of these very interesting articles. They are from the pen of Frank A. Rogers. Mr. Rogers has lived in or near Downers Grove nearly all his life. He is a veteran of the Civil War and well known to the older residents of this county. Being of a nature to take an active interest in the affairs of government he has followed the changing times of this community from a pioneer place, the stepping off place of the then great West, to its place in the civilization of today.

Reading of the days when our forefathers first came into this new land is very interesting to us and we believe it will be to our thousands of readers. It is with great pleasure, therefore, that we print this week the first of the series of articles relating to the historical, little known facts of Downers Grove in the early days. The next in the series will be run in an early issue.

BY FRANK A. ROGERS

Downers Grove, Ill., February, 1921.
My early memories of Downers Grove date from the year 1844 at which time my father came from the State of New York and purchased a farm which was on the opposite side of the road from a portion of the Pierce Downer farm, the first settler in what was afterward the Township of Downers Grove, County of DuPage. Just previous this territory was a part of Cook County and was known as Webster Precinct. DuPage County was set off from Cook by the state legislature in the year 1839 and was organized into townships in 1848.

I well remember when the election was held for the naming of the township. It was called to be held at the tavern stand of Levi Aldrich, which stood at the north side of the road just beyond what is now the Ducat estate. The majority for naming the township Downers Grove was very small. Those in the south part of the town wanting to name it after the name of the precinct, "Webster." The reason for this was that this territory was known as Webster Precinct and other townships had followed this style. York, Lisle, Winfield, Milton, had all been those "precincts" before the township organization.

At that time the size of what is now the Village of Downers Grove was all farm lands and was owned as follows: the south part by L. P. Blodgett, Samuel Curtiss, Walter Blanchard and Henry Carpenter; the north part by John Marvin, who sold it to John P. Cook, my uncle, soon after this date.

The first store was established by Henry Carpenter in the year 1845 (Continued on Page 8)

VILLAGE COUNCIL SETS MARCH FIFTH FOR REFERENDUM

Voters to Cast Ballots on Sunday Movies Question—Two Polling Places.

The Village Council has set Saturday, March 5th, as the date on which a referendum will be held on the question of Sunday movies for Downers Grove.

There will be two polling places, the Village Hall and J. W. Tucker's Real Estate office and the polls will be open from seven in the morning until five in the afternoon.

The question is whether or not the village board shall repeal an ordinance passed by them on January 3, "prohibiting theatrical shows and other forms of entertainment for gain on Sundays and providing a penalty therefor."

To the voters it is a simple proposition, those favoring movies on Sundays voting "Yes" and those opposing them, voting "No."