

### Downers Grove Reporter

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#### MICKIE SAYS:

NESSIR, WE LIKE TH' BIG ADS AND ARE GLAD TO GET THEM BUT BETWEEN TH' QUARTER-PAGE ONCE IN A WHILE AND TH' LIL AD RIGHT ALONG, GIMME TH' CHAP WHO'S ON TH' JOB WEEK IN AN' WEEK OUT, FER HE'S THE BOY WHO'S GOINTA CARRY TH' BIG OVER-STUFFED POCKETBOOK! JEST LIKE THAT LIL RACE TURTLE TH' RABBIT 'N TH' MUDTURTLE PULLED OFF!



#### LIQUOR—AND BOYS

When National prohibition went into effect many a mother breathed a sigh of relief because she believed that her boys would be free from the possibility of obtaining alcoholic liquors. National prohibition has been in effect many months and taking the case of Downers Grove leads us to believe that it was a false hope.

There are right here in the village many youths between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three, let us say, who are gradually acquiring a taste for strong drink and much stronger drink than their fathers ever had.

It seems a shame that these young fellows should be ruining their constitutions and getting into a habit which can only do them harm. There are places in Lyons, "Three Corners" and other easily reached communities whose owners have so lost their sense of manhood that they sell these

"kids" the vilest liquors. The drinking of some of these moonshine and wood-alcoholic concoctions, we are told, makes even a hardened drinker hold his breath. "Third Rail" and "High Frequency" whiskey are but two of the appellations given these so-called drinks, so you may gain some idea of what they contain.

All this, we suppose, is "old stuff" to some folks of the village, but we must confess that it was with considerable surprise that we learned the names of some of the nice young men of Downers Grove who not only frequent these places, but get beastly drunk on what is sold them.

Here is a specific instance of what some of them are doing. A young man, who cannot be more than twenty-two or three, purchased a bottle of Coco Cola in one of the local stores. He went outside, poured out half the contents and filling up the bottle with ALCOHOL, remarked that now he had something with a "kick" in it.

What can be done? All that is possible is being done we suppose in Chicago and Cook County to stamp out this evil, when one takes into consideration the fact that the average man is not very honest when there is big money to be made, even if in making it he brings the ruination of boys and girls.

We honestly believe that the young fellows are actuated by but one motive and that to prove themselves "heroes" in the eyes of their fellows. Here is a law, they say, let's get around it in some way.

The only thing possible is for the parents of these boys to get to them in some way the final and only outcome of this sort of thing and to see that the boys realize that death is certain if some of this stuff is taken internally and in any event a ruined constitution is inevitable.

We are only stating a condition, not suggesting a remedy. The final is the hardest task and each father and mother must meet the condition as best they can.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our relatives and friends for the sympathy and loving kindness thru the illness and death of our baby daughter and granddaughter, also for the beautiful floral offerings. We also wish to thank Doctors Tope and Gourley for their untiring efforts to save our darling for us.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poe.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woolson.

#### Cisterns and Catchbasins CLEANED

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#### BIBLE CLASS ENJOYED MASQUERADE PARTY

Games and Refreshments Kept Young Folks Interested on Tuesday Evening.

The Young Peoples Bible Class of the Congregational Church and their friends gathered in the parlors of the church for a Valentine masquerade party Tuesday evening. The characters portrayed by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Heintz, S. L. Felton and L. J. Felton were especially interesting and added very greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

The entire program was greatly enjoyed and the committee, the Misses Margaret Knox and Helen Benning, kept the large crowd of young people busy with games until the hour for refreshments.

The Young Peoples Bible Class meets every Sunday morning under the leadership of Mr. A. C. Miskelly and has a large attendance.

#### Loss by Impatience.

Every cloud has its silver lining, but some folks are so impatient they just can't wait for that side to turn out.

#### Nervous.

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The prizes will be as follows: They are to be paid in cash.

- To the boy or girl selling the highest number of tickets during the 14 weeks—March 1 to June 1. .... \$100.00
- To the boy or girl selling the next highest number ..... \$ 25.00
- To the boy or girl selling the next highest number for any one week during the contest ..... \$ 10.00
- To every contestant selling 100 tickets during the 14 weeks—1 month free pass to the Theatre.

For the fourteen weeks starting March 1st, we have booked fourteen big, two-day features, pictures which everyone will enjoy. They are to be run Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, one each week.

GET IN THE CONTEST! EARN \$100 AFTER SCHOOL HOURS!

To enter simply get a supply of tickets at the Box Office any show night and start selling them.

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