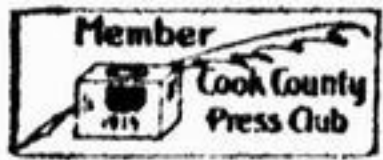


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#### MICKIE SAYS:

ONE BILL SCRUBBES COME IN PEEVED TH' OTHER DAY AND WOLFS OUT, "WHY DON'T YA PUT AN AD WHERE EVERYBODY KIN SEE IT?" AND TH' BOSS, HE UP AN' HOLLERS, "IF YA WANT YOUR ADS TO BE MORE CONSPICUOUS, WHY DON'T YA LOOSEN UP AND BUY BIGGER ONES? YOU CANT EXPECT A LITTLE TWO-BIT AD TO LOOM UP LIKE THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR!"



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#### FROM COUNTRY NEWSPAPER TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Some day someone will write a book entitled "From a Country Newspaper Office to the White House." This caption came true last week Friday when Warren G. Harding of Marion, Ohio, took the oath of office which made him the Chief Executive of over a hundred millions of people.

We earnestly believe that President Harding will not be merely a "Republican" president, nor a "Democratic" one but will be an "American" president, in all that the word implies.

The newspaper fraternity of the United States and especially those of the smaller towns and cities, are especially proud of Mr. Harding. He knows from experience the trials and tribulations attendant upon "getting out" the weekly or small daily. Starting in as a "devil" in a print shop he has been elevated to a position which few are called to hold. He has before him four years of hard work, made more so by the after-the-war unrest and the conditions, both here and abroad, which are to be settled before we can all get back again to

a normal vision and a normal mode of life.

Today we think that with but very few exceptions every small paper in the country is for Harding. They know that his work among the common people, as the saying goes, has given him an insight into human nature and what the "common people" want. These smaller papers are in direct touch with a majority of the people of the country, they can feel the pulse of the nation quicker than any other class.

Mr. President, we salute you. We wish you all the success in the world. We know that your decisions now will be greatly influenced by what the people back home may think and consider us, and our readers, part of that crowd.

#### SUNDAY MOVIES

The people of Downers Grove voted last Saturday that movie and other shows shall not be given here on Sundays. We may as well admit that we are not very jubilant over the result.

In talking with individuals we have given reasons for our stand on the matter and have been asked to publish our conclusions.

Here they are: In the very first place there is this. Most of the votes against the proposition were cast because of the "religious" side of the question. Here again we will say what we have said before. Religion, in this country at least, is not compulsory. The framers of the constitution under which this country operates were very careful that the name of Deity, in any form whatsoever, be omitted. Their reasons for this was that the people who came to the shores of the new world were actuated principally by the desire for religious freedom. No matter what their belief or faith or their lack of it, they had been prosecuted in the countries of Europe and Asia for not complying with the "State" religion of those countries. If the name "God" or His Savior, Jesus Christ, had been made a part of the Constitution of the United States it would not have been a free country for the Hindus, or those who followed the teachings of Confucius or the followers of Mohammed or any other of the numerous sects or religions.

It is our belief that COMPULSORY Christianity has never and will never work out. One may be forced to profess a religion but one must first actually be converted or have faith in religion before it really can count.

It is a fact that the showing of moving pictures here on Sunday

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evenings has not cut into the church attendance. It is also a fact that the people who wish to attend movie shows on Sundays will do so. If there is a show here they will go here, otherwise they will go where there is a show. With the added menace for the young people that they will more than likely go to Chicago where even greater temptations than the attending of movies await them with open arms, especially on Sunday evenings when those who prey on others are out in full force.

We believe that this opposition to Sunday movies is only another manifestation of the so-called "Blue Law" which is sweeping over the country sponsored by a band of "Reformers." This brings us back to the original declaration that you cannot cram a religion or a reform down the throats of a people. In order to do these things and do them right, the people must be educated to the right way and not LAWED.

American people have been raised with the idea that this was a FREE country, that a man's business was his own, so that it did not interfere

with the peace and quiet of his neighbor. One of these things is the way he spends his leisure time. If he wishes to attend a movie show on Sunday evenings he should be enabled to do so at home, without his neighbors, who are not in favor of Sunday movies, having a voice in the matter.

Them's our sentiments, by gosh. If you don't like them, write and give your reasons. Everyone has a right to his or her own opinion on any subject under the sun in the United States. As we said before, this is a free country—for some.

Last Friday evening, March 4th, a number of Downers Grove people attended a recital given by a portion of the graduating class of the Chicago School of Expression and Dramatic Art, under the leadership of Letitia V. Barnum, in the Barnum Recital Hall, Fine Arts Building, Chicago. Miss Teloir Hendren held a prominent part on the program and her Downers Grove friends were delighted with the applause she received.

## Every-Day Household NECESSITIES

With the first signs of Spring our thots turn to brightening up the home. Nothing can make the task more pleasant than to have good materials to work with.

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5:00 p. m. Sermon by the Rev. Dr. C. M. Andrews, S. Timothy's Church, Chicago.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1921

8:00 p. m. Sermon by the Rev. Gerald G. Moore, Church of the Advent, Chicago.

### St. Josephs Church

SUNDAY, 10:00 A. M.

### The Apologists

SUNDAY, 8:00 P. M.

### Ceremonies of the Primitive Church

BY THE REV. ENEAS B. GOODWIN

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P. M.

### St. Ignatius

BY THE REV. P. A. MULLENS, S. J.

## Substantial Decline in Prices of Shingles

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Best Grade of Red Cedar Shingles can be bought in the retail markets now for much less than when lumber prices were at the peak at the opening of the building season last spring. The price now is thirty per cent lower. That's a reduction worth while.

Prices on various Patent Roofings are also lower, the decline from the peak being about the same as shingles. In the construction of houses, barns, garages and other buildings roofing is quite an item. Thirty per cent reduction in the price of roofing material is a decided cut in the cost of building.

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