

The Minister's Corner

WHAT IS GOD PAINTING

By ARTHUR SPENCER PHELPS

Your reputation is what the neighbors think you to be, but your character is what your wife knows you to be.

It seems hard for men to realize that we are daily building character, and that every word, thought and deed is woven into our very being.

Someone, with the thought of mother's carpet rags, and her home spun weaving in mind has used the thought of a weaver seated somewhere in our being and taking all the thought stuff, all the word stuff and all the dded stuff of our daily lives and weaving them into that which we call character.

Have you not seen men whose countenances were so filled with evil that you feared to be alone in their presence? On the other hand, have you not seen others in whose eyes was a benediction? God had written character in their faces.

Homes have character. There are some homes into which we go with a feeling of happy anticipation. The homelikeness, the cheery members of the family all combine to make the visit one of inspiration.

Then again, cities and villages have character. Men recognize this fact, perhaps unconsciously, when looking for a proper place to live.

God paints character of towns as well as character of folks. The condition of lawns, vacant lots, pavements and sidewalks all tell the story of character. Character is seen in careless indifference or careflessness in regard to appearance and nature of churches, schoolhouses and other public buildings.

DISABLED VETS APPRECIATE THE AMERICAN LEGION

Other Items of Interest to Ex-Service Men Gleaned From All Over the World.

Proof that disabled veterans appreciate the efforts of the American Legion in their behalf is provided by statistics showing that of the number of ex-service men confined in hospitals of thirty states, one-third are Legion members.

The week ending February 26 was one of the most successful in the history of the American Legion and Women's Auxiliary of that organization from the standpoint of new posts and units.

the Auxiliary were received in one day. There are now 10,200 posts and 2,150 units, according to National Headquarters.

Alvin W. Owsley of Austin, Texas, who was a pioneer in American Legion organization in the southwest, has been appointed assistant director of the Legion's Americanism Commission.

When the employment bureau of the American Legion in St. Paul enrolled four hundred ex-service men out of jobs, O. W. Krause, secretary of the bureau, appealed to the public of St. Paul through the local papers.

A plan by which thousands of members of the American Legion might be given a free course in government is proposed by Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., of New York, an American Legion member.

An appeal has been made to National Headquarters of the American Legion by officers of the American and French Children's League to aid the League in its distribution of several millions of poppies, which the women of France have made to be worn on Memorial Day.

The fact that a veteran who gets into trouble with the law is an ex-service man will not be emphasized by the Associated Press, according to orders issued to its superintendents and correspondents.

American Legion members were chosen for office at two California special elections in one week. Walter F. Linberger, past commander of Long Beach Post No. 27, was elected to Congress and Walter C. Smith of Golden Gate Post No. 40, to the state legislature.

Enlisting new members is not difficult for Medford Post No. 37 of the American Legion, which received a prize flag as the most efficient Oklahoma post in a state membership campaign.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Downers Grove, Ill., March 7, 1921. Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Bryce, Haller and Heardt.

Minutes of the meeting of February 28th, 1921, were read and Commissioner Heardt moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Heardt, Haller, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heardt presented the semi-monthly pay roll for the period from February 15 to February 28, 1921, and various bills and moved to approve same and have warrants drawn for the several amounts as follows:

PAY ROLL table listing names and amounts for February 15 to February 28, 1921, including H. L. Thompson, Ola Irwin, Wilber Dunn, H. C. Hicks, Earl Watkins, Frank Allen, Chas. M. Hitch, M. Venard, D. W. Kearney, Louis Callahan, A. B. Snow, and William Bender.

Table listing names and amounts for various departments including Dept. of Streets & Public Imp., Dept. of Accts. & Finances, Dept. of Health & Safety, and Dept. of Public Affairs.

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Heartt and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried. Commissioner Bryce presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION RESOLVED, That the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, furnish electric light to the Downers Grove Public Library, free for one year, beginning February 1st, 1921, and ending February 1st, 1922, the amount not to exceed \$100.00.

A canvas was made of the Tally Sheets and Poll Books of the Special Election held in Downers Grove, Illinois, on March 5th, 1921, submitting the question "Shall the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, repeal a certain ordinance passed and approved by it on January 3d, 1921, entitled 'An ordinance prohibiting theatrical shows and other forms of entertainment for gain on Sundays, and providing a penalty therefor' which showed that the proposition carried against its repeal, the vote being as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT table showing financial details for the month of February 1921, including Funds, Receipts, and Expenditures.

I do hereby swear to the best of my knowledge, this report to be true and correct. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, A. D., 1921.

For Repeal Men—253 Votes Women—134 Votes Total for repeal—387 Votes

Against Repeal Men—213 Votes Women—307 Votes Total against repeal—520 Votes

We, the undersigned canvassing board, do certify that we have canvassed the returns made to the Village Clerk of a Special Election held in the two election precincts of the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, on the 5th day of March 1921, and that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the number of votes cast for and against the proposition.

March Seventh, 1921. Signed—W. C. Barber, Mayor I. G. Heardt, Commissioner H. W. Bryce, Commissioner Charles M. Hitch, Village Clerk

Commissioner Haller moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date March 14th, 1921. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Heardt, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried. Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

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