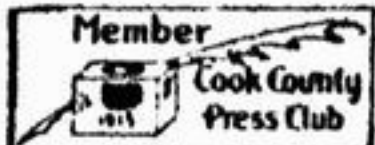


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YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE MICKEY THIS WEEK, HIS MAW PHONED THIS MORNING THAT HE WAS SICK. TOO MUCH ST. PATRICK'S DAY WE SUPPOSE IS THE COMPLAINT

ILLINOIS AND GOOD ROADS

There is now before the legislature a bill called the "Farm to Market road bill." On another page will be found a short story about the bill which explains in a sort of general way what it is designed to do. This was all we could find out about its purpose and expect to get more details later.

The one outstanding feature of the proposed law is the clause "uniform

markings of all roads and patrol or gang maintenance are the others." In those few words can be found most of the trouble with the roads of Illinois. As a state we have built many good roads which were good while they lasted. The trouble has been that once a highway was constructed it was supposed to care for itself. In this feature Wisconsin, with its patrol system, has Illinois beat a million miles. Once a good road in Wisconsin means always a good road.

To bring the case locally where we can get the right perspective on it, take the case of Maple avenue from Downers Grove to Hinsdale. Last summer this road was plowed, rolled and generally re-surfaced nearly its entire length. Two short stretches of a new road were put in. Go over the same highway today. See how it has been cut up, how even the new road is showing signs of wear. The trouble is that the road has not been touched since the work was done on it last summer. The same thing can be said of other highways in this vicinity. When they were put in they were all good roads, but they have been cut up by traffic, left to care for themselves until now they are good roads no longer.

In Wisconsin every road is patrolled every day of the year, weather permitting. It is the duty of the man assigned to a certain stretch of road to see that every hole in that stretch is filled the minute it is discovered and he is responsible for that section and keeps it like a boulevard. The patrol system is the only way

Illinois roads can be kept good, once they are made.

The other provision of the proposed law, that of uniform marking of all highways, is also one which Wisconsin has down to a fine point. Every road in that state of any importance is marked so that it is almost impossible not to follow it. The same system for this state would do away with getting lost almost every time one turned a corner.

If the proposed new road laws carries these provisions and they are carried out as they are in Wisconsin, it will be the making of Illinois highways, both dirt and hard.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Miss Helen Newton and Mr. J. C. Thomas Rogers, members of the faculty of the local schools, have the true Community Spirit. Their efforts in behalf of the library by staging the "Follies" were not in their line of duty. They willingly gave of their time to direct the cast so that the library could benefit from the proceeds of the entertainment. It was, as the saying goes, nothing in their young lives, whether or not the Public Library of Downers Grove had money enough to meet its obligations and continue to serve the community

in its helpful way, but being residents of the village, even the temporary, they did their bit for an institution which belongs to the community. That is a spirit which permanent residents of Downers Grove can well emulate.

SIX BOY SCOUTS QUALIFIED FOR MERIT BADGES

At the last meeting of the Local Council, Boy Scouts of America, the following scouts passed examinations for merit badges, as follows:

William O'Neill — Handicraft and Scholarship.

John A. Dawson—Handicraft, Scholarship and Pathfinding.

Elmer O'Neill — Handicraft and Signalling.

Jack Vaughan—Handicraft, Scholarship, Public Health and Firemanship.

Clifford Sedgwick—Handicraft. Vernon Fuller — Scholarship, Personal Health, Athletics and Public Health.

Examiners: Prof. J. S. Geeting, W. W. Heintz, T. J. Savage, H. S. Paine, C. H. Barnes, Thomas Tizzard and F. N. Davis

New Wearables for EASTER

On Easter Sunday we all like to look our best. Good appearances can not be made without using care and judgement in selecting your apparel—the design, color and color combinations being as varied as the individuals who wear them. For that reason we suggest early selections from our new spring stocks.



The New Spring Blouses

A radiant sweep of coloring announces the new spring blouses. New shades are fascinating; soft fabrics retain their hold on public favor, and the "Bus-stan" overblouse style has Fashion's sanction for this season. Women with a yearning for the unique will find these of interest, and should be on hand before the choicest models have been claimed. Materials are George, Crepe de Chine, Pongee and Striped Tub Silks. Priced at

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The New Plaid Skirts

A good looking skirt which is also practical and reasonably priced is especially desirable at this time. It would be difficult to find skirts more smartly tailored, of better qualities and with the additional touch of attractive trimming than these. They come either pleated or plain and in nice color combinations.

\$8.50 to \$16.50



Home Building Expense Distribution of Costs

WHEN the cost of building is considered lumber is first discussed and if the expense seems high the charge invariably is placed against lumber. This in the face of the fact that lumber is only about thirty per cent of the cost of a modern house.

To be fair in considering a building proposition a good many other items of expense must be taken into account. While lumber is the largest single item of cost around seventy per cent goes for labor and other materials, more than double the lumber bill.

Here are some figures by competent builders in various localities showing items of cost for a modern residence costing around \$5,000. Bids of contractors may vary a little here and there from the items below, but the distribution of cost is substantially correct:

Lumber bill thirty-one per cent of the total cost.

Lumber and mill work	\$1,719.00
Painting, labor and material	215.00
Plastering, labor and material	211.00
Heating furnace installed	290.00
Carpenter labor	850.00
Electrical, labor and material	113.00
Plumbing, labor and material	590.00
Excavating and grading	115.00
Brick, concrete and mason work	535.00
Hardware	81.00
Gutter and tinwork	40.00
Contractors insurance	25.00
Drainage	55.00
Plans, supervision, etc.	257.00

TOTAL \$5,329.00

Study these figures—The ratio of cost items will hold good in any modern house costing from \$4,000 to \$7,000.

We will be glad to give you any further information you may want. We want to help you with your building problems.

Remember, the price of lumber is down, an average of about forty-five per cent below the peak prices of April, 1920.

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Good Looking Hand Bags

Accessories, and particularly the hand bag, reflect the tone of one's taste. To set off the costume correctly the hand-bag should be right. See our assortment of colors, styles and sizes, it is most complete.

\$1.50 to \$5.00



Phoenix Silk Hosiery

The stocking question resolves itself into three things—fit, comfort and wear. When fit is correct, as in Phoenix hosiery, style is assured and comfort is the logical accompaniment. These good points, together with the moderate price, are substantial reasons for the popularity of Phoenix Silk Hosiery.

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Silk Petticoats

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Our assortment was never better than at this time. We can supply you with almost any color combination desired at prices from

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Fascinating Neckwear



Each year brings us something extra dainty and especially pretty in Neckwear but this spring scores a distinct triumph with its lovely offerings. Neckwear taking a very prominent place this year, is developed in many pleasing combinations.

And the prices are much more reasonable than for some time.

Long Silk Gloves for EASTER

—with the street costumes and with the airy summer frocks later the long silk glove, is the prevailing style. White or Black will be the predominating colors, you can find your size here in the Kayser Silk at



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