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MICKIE SAYS



A DOWNERS GROVE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

When the proposition for a Community High School was brought before the electors of the district last fall it was turned down by a big majority. This was a disappointment to the progressive people of the community and to THE REPORTER who fought for it with every means at our command.

We believe that the proposition was defeated at the time by the misunderstandings which crept into the campaign and by the well-meant but also misunderstood tactics of some of those who were heartily in favor.

We bring up the subject again because of a similar proposition which carried Saturday, May 7th, at West Chicago. The vote there was 998 for and 216 against.

Until recently West Chicago was

known as one of the most unprogressive municipalities in the County. If they can put through a community high school where Downers Grove, admittedly one of the most progressive villages, fails, our hats are off to West Chicago.

Downers Grove has the reputation of having the best improvements in this vicinity. Such a fact was testified to by an expert witness in the County Court Monday when a paving special assessment for Edmhurst was being heard by Judge Rathje. Edmhurst is seeking to undo her cheap paving of years ago by installing brick on her Main street and during the testimony the expert referred directly to Downers Grove's brick pavements calling the attention of the Court to their condition after years of use. He said that our improvements when put in had cost more but that the cost was more than justified by the quality.

It seems that a village which years ago demonstrated its business ability by buying the best in improvements should also provide the best for the children of the community in the way of schools. The Community High School is not an experiment; it is not a new idea but has proven itself by years of service to high school students throughout the state.

There is a need for the Community High School in this community and Downers Grove should not lag behind in the ambition of giving boys and girls an educational opportunity. Hinsdale, Elmhurst and now West Chicago and other villages in this vicinity have adopted this twentieth century way of high schooling. Shall Downers Grove deny it to her children?

Let's bring this proposition up again and put it across.

SILLY IDEAS

Everybody clings to a lot of claptrap. One foolishness common to townmen the world over is the idea that the farmer is a hick. That somehow he isn't quite as bright, or as clever as a business man, or as well read as the townsman.

The farming class in this country have always averaged higher in native wit and ability than the town folks. Of late years the American farmer has been better read, better educated, and a far better business-

man than many of his town brethren and sisters. Anyone doubting this is invited to read any farm paper of national circulation and note the contents thereof, and then to read a typical "smart" magazine that appeals to the strictly urban intelligence, and note what sort of claptrap it contains. The American farmer has more time to read, more isolated opportunity to think, fewer unnecessary things to do, and he gets on the job earlier in the morning to do 'em.

And while every other business has nearly broken its back scrambling through this post-war deflation, the farmer has taken the biggest liquidation of any business, has continued to buy in a dear market and sell in a cheap one, and has generally weathered the storm without Federal aid or public sympathy.

Another thing: Maybe you have noticed that when the farmer boy comes to town to get a job he gets it and he seldom visits the bread line; whereas, the average town man who emigrates to the country to show 'em how to farm at a profit frequently goes broke; the farmer in town can play the town game and win, but the city man can rarely make a living in the country.

Seeing that our bread, our meat, our butter, our eggs, our blankets, and our sheets, everything we eat or wear comes from the country, and that the cities are never more than one week ahead of starvation, unless the regular flow of rural foodstuffs keeps coming in, it behooves us to realize the fact that these unseemly workers who keep us fed are fellow men of high intelligence, of as efficient ability.

Consider this: When did a reform an uplift, ever start in town?

The farmers of the nation have inaugurated every forward movement the nation has seen, and the farmers of every country are always the last to be swept away by passion, revolution or mob hysteria. A farmer is self-sufficient if he makes a living; the majority of townsmen are dependent for their daily bread and breath, their heat, their light, and their transportation, on some corporation, some servant, some caterer. The farmer is his own butcher, baker, cooper, blacksmith and street car; also he is his own policeman, and usually his own magistrate and grand jury. Consider how few civil and criminal cases come from the country; the countryside needs few laws and few officers, for every man dwells in his own kingdom, and as he gives justice to his neighbor so it is meted to him again as a matter of course.

POTATOES, GRAPES, GARDENS—HIT BY KILLING FROSTS

Cold Weather Sunday and Monday Mornings Makes Fruit Crop a Big Uncertainty.

The gardens of amateurs and professionals alike in the vicinity of Downers Grove suffered Sunday and Monday mornings from killing frosts. So cool was the weather on Monday morning that early risers found a thin sheet of ice over water standing in pans out of doors.

Early potatoes, beans and other vegetables were hard hit. It is said that the grape crop of Downers Grove is practically ruined and the possibilities of getting fruit of any kind rather uncertain owing to this week's

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frost and those when the trees were in the bloom. Strawberries are checked and other small fruits partially killed. This has been a cold spring. Following a winter of exceeding mildness the weather of the last few days has made furnace fires a necessity.



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