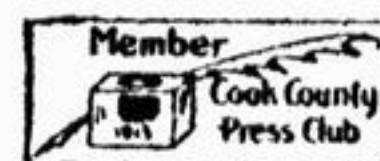


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#### MEMORIAL DAY, 1921

Next Monday, May 30th, the entire country will pause in the rush and bustle of modern life to pay homage to the men and women of these United States, who, through the sacrifice of their lives, have preserved it. For many years the people of the North have made proper observance of the day in memory of the dead of the Civil War—that war that was fought to "preserve us a Nation." Added to the glorious dead of that awful conflict, and of the war with Spain, are the thousands of brave young Americans who gave up their lives in the world war, again fighting that freedom might live on this earth. They nobly sacrificed their all, here, on the seas, in the air, and in foreign climes fighting the fight of the common people of the world against militarism that threatened to carry

all before it. It is indeed fitting that there be one day set aside a year when we do homage to our National Heroes. For the men who died on the battlefield, fighting for us, really belong to their own relatives, yet in a larger sense they are ours. Their memory and the brave deeds they performed, forgetting all else in the desire for victory, should be perpetuated and it is on occasions like next Monday's that is brought home to us, the living, the great lesson of patriotism.

It is a mooted question among the Bible students whether or not those who fall on the field of battle, even if the cause be just, are entitled to the Kingdom of Heaven. We, however, believe that they are, for "greater love hath no man than this, that he give up his life for another." Just remember this one little thing, ex-service men and women and the good people of Downers Grove, one next Monday afternoon when you are parading and doing honor to those who fell in battle and those whom disease overtook in the prime of life, that these soldiers know. They have discarded the uniform of earthly armies and have been arrayed in the celestial garments of the King of Kings, soldiers of Him who also gave his all. They will be standing in the reviewing stand and their salutes, as Old Glory goes by, will be as snappy as they ever were on earth.

We urge every ex-soldier and sailor, every marine and nurse of Downers Grove and vicinity to assemble with their comrades at the Legion rooms at 1:00 o'clock next Monday afternoon to fittingly honor the boys of '17 and '18. Show the people, you to whom the glorious victory was due, that if they have already forgotten the war, you haven't.

#### JUST A HINT

We have just a little hint for all who stand on the side lines next Monday afternoon to watch the parade.

Most people know that "The Colors" demand a salute. For those in uniform this salute is the usual one, of course. Most civilians, however, when it comes to saluting the flag, act sort of sheepish about it, as if they were just a little ashamed of taking off their hats to a little bit of colored bunting.

They need not be ashamed to take

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their hats off to Old Glory. Men and women have DIED for that flag. It is not the flag you are honoring but what the flag stands for. We are all proud of our country, proud of her place in the world, proud of the advancement we have made in the arts, the sciences and the mere mode of living. Being proud of these things, we cannot help but reverence the red, white and blue which stands for them.

When you take your hats off next Monday as the flag goes by, stand erect, don't slouch; take off your hat with a sweep and carry it to a place over your heart, holding it there until the colors have passed about fifteen feet. Don't remove your hat with a sheepish air and hold it with your arm hanging down. Be as proud to salute the flag as you are of the country and salute it in a way it deserves.

#### WESTMONT ANNEXATION

People living in Westmont are of the opinion that people in the village are trying to force them to become a part of Downers Grove; on the other hand people in Downers Grove as a whole think that Westmonters are a unit in the desire to be annexed. Both are wrong it seems and it all came out at a meeting at Westmont Wednesday evening.

This meeting was called by the newly organized "Westmont Civic Club" and the facts came out that none of the actual residents of the territory had been asked to sign the petition, only those who owned the lots in fee simple. This is, of course, according to law as only legal voters or property owners are eligible to sign such a petition and the people living there were neither.

Those folks thought that Downers Grove was trying to force them to come in so that as one Westmontier said, "we should help those people pay their debts."

Far be it from us to force down the throats of those who live in Westmont an annexation which is distasteful to them. The petition should be withdrawn at once, and if this is not possible then it should be voted down with a hearty Yo Heave Ho.

Another petition can be written including the territory directly north and east of the present limits which is well built up and whose residents are anxious to affiliate with the village affairs and enjoy the advantages such a move would give them.

This could be presented to the Village Council, a date set for the election and we have no doubt that every voter in the village will cast a ballot favoring such an annexation.

As far as the Westmont project goes—let's drop it quick.

#### BUBBLE FOUNTAIN ORDERED

To E. M. Gallup, et al — GOOD NEWS. The Village Council has ordered a drinking fountain to replace the one which was such a loan in the park north of the depot. It has been shipped and presumably will be installed soon.

We have received a number of letters and more than a lot of verbal comments in the last week regarding a drinking fountain. The hot weather of the past week has raised the attention of all to how the old one is missed. We will soon be able to furnish one that is better than

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### DOWNERS GROVE HONORS SOLDIER DEAD ON MONDAY

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to the cemetery.

The G. A. R. services at the cemetery will be in charge of Frank A. Rogers, Commander of Naper Post. These will be followed by the short service of the American Legion for the men of the World War who gave their lives in that awful conflict. The Legion speakers will probably be T. Harry Slusser and Norman Anderson, both Downers Grove men.

The ex-service men are requested to wear their uniforms for the parade and other observance of the day. If for any reason a uniform is not possible, they should come anyway and get in the parade in "civies."

Following the services the G. A. R., the ex-service men and the band will go to the Legion rooms. Here they will be served light refreshments by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Legion. Later the band will give a concert across the street under the trees. Those down town are invited to stay for the concert following the services.

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