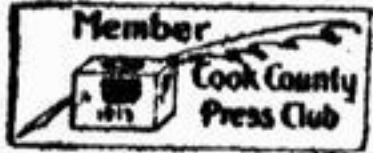


### Downers Grove Reporter

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MICKIE SAYS—

WE ADMY IT! THERE ARE BIGGER PAPERS THAN THIS, BUT SO ARE THERE LARGER TOWNS THAN OURN, AND WE AINT DOING SO DUMB PER TH' SIZE OF TH' TOWN, ARE WE NOW?



### THE LISLE FAIR

Tomorrow, Saturday, September 17th, will be held the second annual "Lisle Community Fair."

This is an event which should have the united support of everyone in this vicinity, farmers, business men and residents. Not only do affairs of this kind bring together people who would otherwise not meet and know each other, but they foster a community spirit, are inductive to better methods of agriculture, better live stock and better bakers. This may seem a far-fetched theory, but a little study will convince you that it is right.

There are prizes for "the best" of many things, among them being vegetables, fruits, fancy work, cakes, pies, chickens, ducks, cattle, hogs and what not. There is in each human being a desire (buried deeper in some than in others but nevertheless present) to excel at something. When a man sees his neighbor get a blue ribbon for several ears of corn, the natural thing is for him to resolve to do likewise. The same thing applies to the women of the farm and of the towns, also. Prizes are given for excellence in fancy work. The women get together, exchange ideas on "stitches" on the best materials for this kind of work and that and the other. Mere man cannot understand just what it's about, but he

can appreciate that information of real worth to womankind is being distributed broadcast.

Look at the Fair from any angle and nothing but good can come of it. We would like to see Downers Grove people show their interest by attending.

### ON ANNEXATION

Tomorrow the voters of the village vote on the proposition of the annexing of adjacent territory to the village of Downers Grove. The tracts seeking to be annexed are both desirable. In the one case are homes and people who do not really in Downers Grove, have been classed that way for many years. In the other case building restrictions are in force and enforced which will make it also a desirable addition to Downers Grove.

Both of the propositions should have the support of residents of the village.

### WESTMONT—"WATCH IT GROW"

Not very many months ago people in this vicinity were surprised at the announcement that a Chicago real estate firm had purchased the territory known as "Greggs" and were about to subdivide it into town and acre lots. Then came signboards, saying among other things, "Watch Us Grow." Great was the scoffing at the idea that anyone would build homes 'way out on the prairie without water, lights, sidewalks, roads, gas, or any of the other conveniences of cities.

These people have changed their minds. Westmont today is a bustling little community. There are now two stores, with the prospect of others. Homes of every description, from a packing board shack to seven room palatial residences are occupied. Many are in the course of construction and they cannot count that day lost which does not see others started.

There is one word which describes the people who have done and are doing these things better than any other. This is "Pioneers." Our usual conception of a pioneer is one who goes into a newly discovered country and establishes a home. That is what these people, driven from Chicago by the high rents, the high cost of living, and the bad conditions there for the bringing up of children, really are.

They now have in the community a club for the betterment of Westmont. They want the things which will make life more livable, they desire to incorporate as a village.

They have justified their slogan, "Watch Us Grow," and should have the support of everyone in this vicinity. We know that should the people of that community desire any

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help from residents of Downers Grove the mere asking for it will bring it to them.

Our hats are off to the people of Westmont who will make that town one to be reckoned with in a very few years, if present indications will count for anything.

### FORMER DOWNERS GROVE MAN DIES AT WASHINGTON

Horace E. DeGroot Buried in Fort Lincoln Cemetery at the National Capitol.

Horace E. DeGroot, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. DeGroot, Jr., of Washington, D. C., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. DeGroot, Sr., of Quincy, Illinois, passed away at Washington, D. C., August 21st, 1921. He was born in Downers Grove, Illinois, on May 31st, 1895 and passed his early childhood there. He was a student at the University of Illinois when he heard his country's call to arms in the world war. He volunteered as first private in the Infantry—was a candidate for commission in the aviation section October 11th, 1917. Was commissioned Second Lieutenant in flying service December 18th, 1917 and served therein until discharged January 3d, 1919. He was married to Gladys May Hazen of Rockford, Illinois on May 15th, 1920.

Of pleasing personality, courteous and kind, he won many friends. His was a fine Christian character, being a member of the Baptist Church.

He leaves besides his wife, of near relatives, his parents and grandparents, a sister, Ruth E. DeGroot, two brothers, Walter C. and W. Benton DeGroot, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Emma Whiffin, all of Washington, D. C. He was interred in Fort Lincoln cemetery, Washington, D. C.

### MRS. RALPH PIERCE TALKED ON GARBAGE DISPOSAL PROBLEM

Woman Voters League Decides Public Dump is "Unquestionably a Nuisance"

Mrs. Ralph Pierce, Vice-President of the Hinsdale Womens Club, gave a brief history of the garbage and refuse disposal problem and how it was met there at a meeting of the local chapter, Womens Voters League, at Library Hall on Tuesday afternoon. She told how a municipal incineration plant had satisfactorily solved the problem.

Her helpful talk was followed by reports from the committees appointed several weeks ago and a general discussion of the problem here. The situation in our village, from the reports and the discussion is about as follows:

The disposal of garbage for the individual home is not a serious problem in most cases.

The public dump at the end of Gilbert avenue and at the entrance to Forest Preserve is an unquestionable nuisance, because:

1. Odors.
2. Harbors rats.
3. Breeding place for flies and mosquitos.
4. Shameful eyesore for the entrance to the Forest Preserve.

The present village ordinance bearing on the disposal of garbage and refuse does not effect the dump because

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that territory is not within the village limits. However, it is village property and they could refuse to allow anyone to throw discarded refuse of any kind there if they would.

What is needed is a new system of garbage disposal in which all such refuse shall be buried or burned, or regulation of the present system that would enforce burying or burning. The committee in charge will do some further work on the subject and

will be ready to report at the next meeting the fourth Tuesday, Sept. 27, or to offer definite recommendations for the approval of the organization as a whole.

The women are determined to accomplish something along the line of alleviating the present dump at the end of Gilbert avenue. The stench from this source during the hot weather we have had, was enough to drive the people in the vicinity away.

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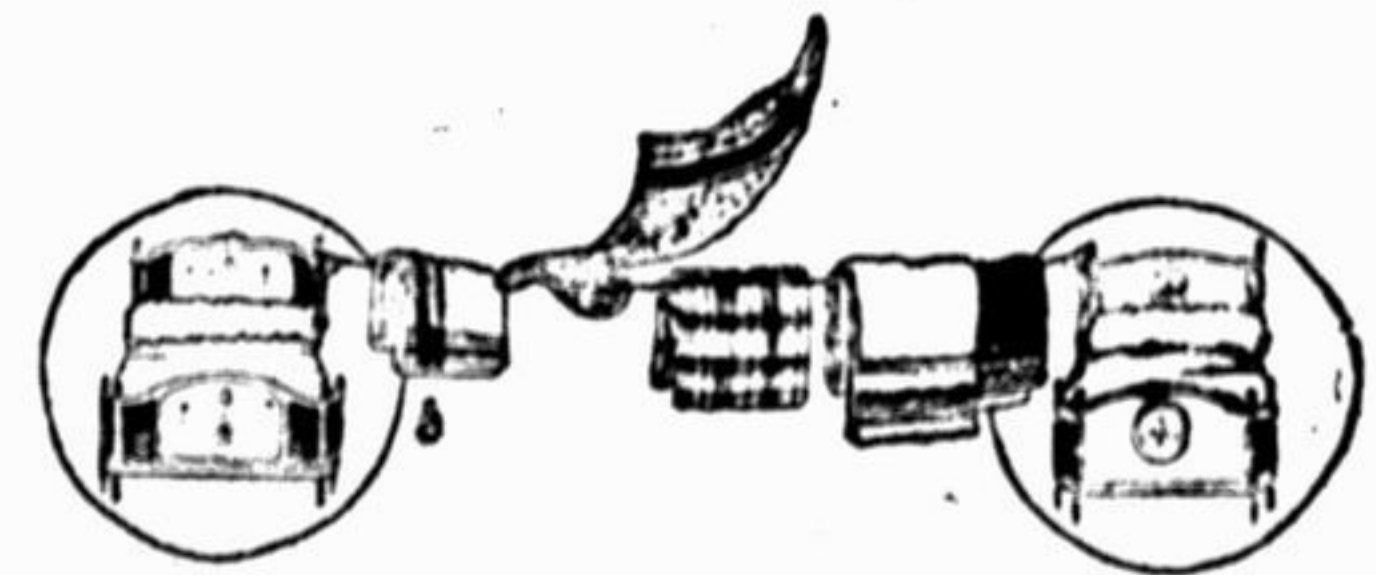
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