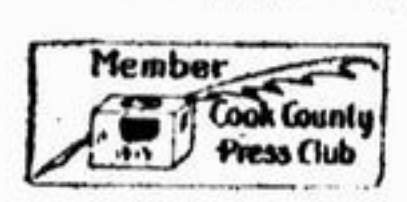


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MICKIE SAYS—

EVERY TIME YOU SEND TO ANOTHER TOWN FOR A JOB OF PRINTING, YOU'RE BOOSTING THAT TOWN AND KNOCKIN' 'ER OWN!

DOLLARS AIN'T LIKE CENTS— THEY NEVER COME BACK!



"THANKS GIVING"

The old, familiar word, yet it looks different when written, "Thanks Giving." And if pronounced in this way, with the heart of accent on the first word, one really understands the meaning of the first of our National holidays.

The first Thanksgiving was back in the days of the Pilgrims and it is due to their piety in setting aside this day for the thanking of Deity for their manifold blessings, that we observe it today.

Like a great many others things, the observance of the day has degenerated. Now it is, in most cases, merely a day of football games and feasting without that pious touch which should mark it.

Each year the President of the United States issues a proclamation asking the people to observe the day in a fitting manner. No one need ask what manner is—the whole secret, if secret it be—is contained in the word itself, if divided into two.

THE MAPLE AVENUE CROSSING

In The Reporter this week is a letter from Hugh D. Wyllie regarding the fixing of the Maple Avenue crossing so that it will be safer for traffic.

We heartily agree with every word Mr. Wyllie has to say on this subject. The proper thing at this time would be a subway. That is the only way in which this crossing can be made really safe and "fool-proof."

Before saying anything in The Reporter as to how the crossing was to be fixed, we had a talk with Mayor Barber. He assured us that everything had been done in the direction of getting the "Q" to build a subway at this crossing. He said that if it was built now the village would be forced to pay part of the cost, a financial obligation which they were not prepared to undertake.

Taking these things into consideration, we suppose lengthening the approaches is about all that can be done at present. However, when Maple Avenue is paved from the present end of the paving to the village limits some provision will undoubtedly be made for a subway at this point.

THE "DOWNERS GROVE" WAY

Look out folks, if you don't like to be patted on the back, don't read this.

That Downers Grove people have a certain way of making the stranger in their midst "one of them" and thoroughly at home, has again been demonstrated.

Last summer when the chautauqua was here for a week, "Chautauqua Bill" Wright, otherwise known as William S. was the platform manager. He said then that he was never accorded a better reception in any town and that the people made him feel more at home than in any place he ever happened to be; that the village had a spirit hard to beat and several

other complimentary assertions. At the time we thought it was his usual "line." That he used it everywhere he went and so on.

Since then, we have heard from two different sources that Mr. Wright is spreading this propaganda in various places and Tuesday we received further evidence of the sincerity of Mr. Wright's words. This was in the form of a Thanksgiving post card to The Reporter in which he says, "Greetings to the citizens of Downers Grove for a pleasant, thankful Thanksgiving, they deserve it." Mr. Wright, we thank you.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK AT LIBRARY WAS BIG SUCCESS

Varied Activities of Week Focus Attention of Community on Local Institution.

In furthering our thought this week toward the appreciation of our blessings shall we not as a community consider the Library, with its diligent, effective Board, as one?

I believe it is the one thing that has done more for the children of Downers Grove than any other institution. It has not only provided a place for the children to read, but it has also provided a place for them to learn.

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MASONIC OFFICERS ENTERTAINED BY RETIRING MASTER

Sincerity Lodge, of Chicago, Will Pay Return Visit Here Next Saturday.

John B. Jenkins, who retires next month from active leadership of Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M., royally entertained the officers of the order with whom he has worked for the last year as Master, at his beautiful home in Oakwood avenue, at dinner last Saturday evening.

Guests were laid for fourteen and the dinner, in the words of one of the guests, "was cooked and served to a queen's taste." Social good fellowship was the order of the occasion which marked one of the best years Grove Lodge has ever enjoyed.

These present were:

- Worshipful Masters—John Jenkins, Senior Warden—M. A. Sullivan, Junior Warden—D. Harry Jenkins, Senior Deacon—Donald H. Jenkins, Junior Deacon—John C. Boyce, Senior Steward—A. R. V. Johnson, Junior Steward—Paul N. W. Johnson, Secretary—J. H. Deane, Treasurer—Thomas C. Parker, Marshal—S. O. Rogers, Tyler—W. J. Becklund, Chaplain—R. M. Benson, Organist—Chas. Knoblauch, Poet—H. B. Smith, M. MacWhorter.

Mr. Jenkins, in a most impressive manner, gave the prayer at the beginning of the evening. He spoke of the many blessings that have been bestowed upon the lodge and the members of that lodge to Downers Grove Lodge.

During his term of office, much has been accomplished. Many petitions were received and the lodge is confident in the future of the order. Harmony has prevailed and the craftsman will be sorry to see "John B." step down from his exalted station to take his place with the speculative workmen in the building of a spiritual temple on earth.

The guests departed for their homes, they talked in ways entirely in keeping with the occasion, and they were confident in the future of the order. They were confident in the future of the order.

Sincerity Here Dec. 3

John Franknecht, Master of Sincerity Lodge, No. 882, A. F. & A. M., Chicago, will lead about fifty officers and members of that lodge to Downers next Saturday evening on a return visit to Grove Lodge. Members of the local body attended a special meeting at Sincerity June 25th taking the stations for the conferring of the degree and Sincerity will now pay its "return call."

Supper will be served to the members of Grove Lodge and visitors at six o'clock. At eight o'clock will be called and the officers of the visiting organization will take stations for the conferring of the third degree.

These exchange visits have been arranged by A. P. Nelson, a Past Master of Sincerity Lodge, but now a resident of Downers Grove.

Heads I Win; Tails, You Lose.

"What am I doing? I'm spinning a dime. If it's heads, I'll go to the lodge. If it's tails, I'll go down to the billiard hall. If the dime stands on edge, I'll say hello with you."—Acheson Globe.

Final Choice

Wife (showing new bonnet to hubby): The milliner thought that flowers were the most becoming to me and I have always adored feathers, so we finally compromised by putting on some fruit.

No More Walks

Captain Kidd strode from the modern liveryyard with a volley of angry oaths and a tight grip on his cutlass. "Zounds!" he exclaimed to his lieutenant. "It's impossible for a man to be a pirate in these extortionary times. One can't even afford a plank!"

Wisdom Lies in Correction

Don't make too much of the faults and findings of those around you; even he goes to himself, and don't hurry your soul over your own blunders and mistakes.—Ada C. Sweet.

A Belated Moral

The moral in the story about the prodigal son and fatted calf is that the calf didn't get a square deal. The calf had been very decent, but was killed in honor of the son whose life was a riot.—Acheson Globe.

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Many Wear the Ribbon. According to a current item, in Downers Grove, 100,000 men are entitled to wear the ribbon of the Legion of Honor in every fiftyth anniversary of the American Civil War. The ribbon is to be worn on the left arm of the coat.

Change a Photograph. The photograph of a woman with a ribbon in her hair is a common sight in Downers Grove. The ribbon is a symbol of the Legion of Honor.

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