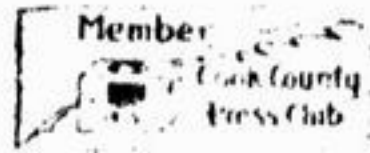


### Downers Grove Reporter

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#### MICKIE SAYS—

WHEN A MAN TAKES A CIGAR OUT OF HIS MOUTH TO TELL THE EDITOR TO STOP HIS PAPER BECAUSE HE CAN'T AFFORD IT, THE EDITOR SMILES A CROOKED SMILE!



#### CHRISTMAS DAY

"Merry Christmas," the words pursue from the first streak of the December dawn. They greet us lisped by little ones, their eyes shining with expectation of joys to come. We hear them lovingly whispered by those dearer than life itself. They are shouted in cordial accents as friend meets friend. They are said bravely yet perhaps a little weakly by those whose summer of life is long past.

Yet "Merry Christmas," though said so differently would be sadly misused were it never said again.

It means something more than the joy of receiving or giving; more than a holiday—a rest from the work-a-day problems, more even than a day of renewing old ties, or of seeking perhaps to set back the clock of time and regain departed youth if only for a moment.

Its bright lights and festal showing is in remembrance of the greatest event that has befallen humanity. It yearly marks the beginning of a new order of things—the birth of "Him who spake as man never spake before;" the dawn of hope for the sorrowing; the promise of rest for the weary.

What though men wise in their own conceit said and say that the date and day is of doubtful accuracy. The fact that these came. One with the message that man might enter the kingdom of heaven; that he might know his kinship with God, abundantly justified Christmas day.

The light which shone over the little village cradled in the Judean hills still shines and points the way for those who seek its promise, and thro the Christmas light, and the Christmas spirit are but feeble reflections of that glow, till they are its re-

lection and looking at those lights and hearing the glad voices we may vision the bright star in the east and catch an echo of the chorus "Peace on Earth."

Since that first Christmas man has conquered land, water and air. He has chained the lightning and harnessed fire, but he has not conquered man. Until His great commandment "Do unto others as you would that they should do to you," is everywhere obeyed there is need that we hear the words "Merry Christmas" and realize their meanings.

#### OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Many years ago, very many years ago a small party of men landed from an open boat on a rocky coast. The men came from Palestine and the hospitable shores was the shore of barbarian England.

The party was headed by one Joseph of Arimathea and he came to tell the people of England for the first time of Jesus, who died for men and women.

The natives would have nothing to do with them—would not listen, or give them food. For many days they traveled, child and lambs, small, despairing. Joseph sank down. A Jacobin, he thrust his staff into the ground. To the amazement of the pilgrims, the stick began to bud; the bud turned into leaves and fragrant blooms unfolded before their astonished eyes.

"It is a sign from God!" said Joseph. "He bids us have courage. Let us settle here and preach about Jesus."

They built a rough house and chapel alongside the little tree and many years later that house was replaced with beautiful Glas-touary Abbey.

But the tree lived all through Joseph's life and long after, and it is said that it blossomed every Christmas Eve.

Such, friends, is the beautiful legend of the world's first Christmas tree. And that is why our little children's Christmas tree cannot be of bare branches, but must be green and blooming.

Blooming, as blooms the eternal love of the man of Galilee for all humanity.

In the race for the President of the Westmont village board, Pastor, Independent candidate won from Harvey on the "regular" ticket by 69 to 14 votes.

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#### SCOUT NEWS

Troop 2 of Downers Grove Boy Scouts had the largest attendance at last Wednesday's meeting that they have had for some time. There were twenty-six Scouts present.

A new member, Lawrence Bridgeman, has handed in his application, and Kenneth Hamblin, who formerly belonged to the Troop but dropped out some time ago, has re-registered and is once more a Scout in good standing in Troop 2. Carmin Tenuta, another one of the old members who failed to re-register this November, has told the Scribe again to add his name to the roster. We are well on our way to carry to completion the first pack of the new platform adopted—A Full Troop of 32 Active Members.

Mr. Briggs, one of the Company II men, gave the Scouts a very interesting and instructive talk on "First Aid" and demonstrated the use of bandages.

The scout badges for tests taken at Camp this summer have just been furnished by the National office and they were given out to the Scouts at this meeting.

The banquet which was to have

this week has been postponed account of the Christmas rush and will be held in January.

The Scouts are out to spread Xmas cheer between now and the holiday; and to carry the smile and good will with him after the holidays are over. Won't you join their ranks?

Tuesday, December 20, Troop No. 3 held its regular meeting. The Scouts brought old toys, games, and other things which are to be given to those who are less fortunate. Owing to the kindness of Mr. Staats, Thursday, December 22, Troop Three will go through the plant of the Downers Grove Publishing Company, and see how Reporters are printed. Last Sunday there were many scouts who attended the special service for them at the Baptist Church.

Remember your good turns, every day. Scouts.

#### ATTENTION BOWLERS

On account of the articles by local Pastors in The Reporter this week, we have been forced to omit the bowling scores. They'll run next week.

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Why not give a nice string of beads or a fancy girdle. Either one will be appreciated as they are quite the latest thing in trimming for dress or suit. We don't ask jewelry store prices for these. They sell from 95c to \$3.50



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