

COMMUNITY GO-TO-CHURCH CAMPAIGN

Slogan - Every family in the community attend church services during Lent.

THE FORGIVING FATHER

And he said, A certain man had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of thy substance that fall-eth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country; and there he wasted his substance in riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that country; and he began to be in want.

And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him.

But when he came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight; I am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet afar off, his father saw him, and he was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight; I am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servant, Bring forth quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat, and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Luke 15:11-24.

THE RELIGIOUS CENSUS

Every day during the last five years an average of 2,173 persons joined the various churches of America. During the same time an average of three congregations have been organized daily and the average number joining the ministry has been four and one-half persons per day.

These facts are brought to light by religious statistics for the United States compiled by Dr. E. O. Watson, Washington secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. These figures show that the churches are steadily overcoming their war losses.

The total church membership of the country, according to the latest available figures, is 4,997,199. This is an increase of 4,070,445 over the 1916 census figures and indicates a clear gain of more than a million members for the preceding twelve months. The various religious bodies report 2,210,104 congregations, manned by 200,000 ministers. There is a gain of 5,617 congregations and 8,201 clergy over the 1916 figures.

"The principles of Christianity have taught the great imperishable dogmas of Duty, of the Brotherhood of Mankind, of Sobriety, Continence, Honesty, respect for Justice, Truth and Reason, and the maintenance of a healthy mind in a healthy body." - Sir Harry Johnson in "World Brotherhood."

"In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time, All the light of sacred story Gathers 'round its head sublime."

I'M CALLING YOU

Contributed by Rev. Newland I am the best friend of mankind. To the man who prizes sanity, pure-mindedness, peacefulness, longevity, and social standing, I am a necessity. I am hung about with sweet memories of brides, memories of mothers, memories of boys and girls, memories of the aged as they grope their way down the shadows.

I am decked with loving tears; crowned with happy hands and hearts. In the minds of the greatest men on earth, I find a constant dwelling place.

I live in the lives of the young and in the dreams of the old. I safeguard man through all his paths, from the first hour life's sun slants upon his footprints until the purple gathers in the west and darkness falls.

I lift up the fallen, I strengthen the weak. I help the distressed. I show mercy, bestow kindness and offer a friendly hand to the man in purple and fine linen and the man in homespun.

I am the essence of good fellowship, friendliness and love.

I give gifts that gold cannot buy, nor kings take away. They are giv-

en freely to all that ask. I bring back the freshness of life, the eagerness, the spirit of youth which feels that it has something to live for ahead.

I meet you with out-stretched arms and songs of gladness. Sometime; some day; some hour; in the near or far future; you will yearn for the touch of my friendly hand.

I am your comforter and your best friend.

I'm calling you!

I AM THE CHURCH!

MY Doors Swing Open in Welcome to All.

ASK WOMEN TO SACRIFICE FOR WAR ORPHANS

Women Department of the Near East Relief Gives Suggestions for Lent Sacrifices

Ten Lenten sacrifices for women to enable them to feed starving war orphans in the Bible lands are listed in a letter sent to leaders of the Illinois Women's Federation of Women's Clubs, women missionary groups, ladies' aid societies, social clubs and women's fraternal organizations by the women's department of the Near East Relief.

The letter, signed by Mrs. Martin Kent Northam of Evanston, chairman of the women's committee, expresses the hope that 2,000 of the war orphans allotted to the women of Illinois will be kept alive for a year as a result of the self-denials practiced by the women during the forty days of Lent.

The sacrifices suggested are: Refrain from buying a new bonnet for Easter; its price feeds a child for three months.

Deny yourself the pleasure of afternoon tea during Lent; they need bread.

Carry your own market basket; the saving will help Near East relief carry on.

Abstain from purchasing candies; the eating may be limited to candy presented to you by friend husband or brother.

Resist the temptation to ride in taxis and even street cars on clear days; the walking will help your health and complexion.

Avoid extra desserts; the saving will help increase the contributions.

Darn the old stockings, the cost of a pair will feed a child for a month.

Desist from using perfumes; the aroma of the consciousness of doing good will sweeten your life.

Wear your old shoes half-soled; the price of a new pair saves a soul over there.

Save on amusements and contribute amount saved to Near East Relief; the contributions given will fill you with joy.

Illinois headquarters of the Near East Relief are at 10 S. La Salle st., Chicago.

Downers Grove will soon have a Near East Relief. Preparations are now being made.

ANNOUNCEMENT

(Advertisement) I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for County Judge at the April primaries.

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COMMUNICATION - HE'S FOR PAVING

Downers Grove, March 6, 1922.

Editor of The Reporter:

Hurrah! We are to have more paved streets.

In your announcement, however, of the proposed paving program for the year the only south side street effected is Belden place, only one block to ten times that amount to the credit of the north side.

It has been proven that the paving of the Village streets results in property values increasing and the building up of the sections paved. For instance, the north side has outgrown the south side, and why? Because they have twice the paving as that on the south and now more to be put in. Ten to one in comparison.

It is hardly fair to those of the south side who have their streets in for years not to receive the benefits derived from a complete paving program. The north side folks have shown progressiveness as a whole in their paving. Let's at least improve on a par with our neighbors.

Why overlook our many south side mud holes?

If all the unpaved streets of both the south and north sides, within the old village limits, were paved this year, it might be possible to get a lower figure and thus lessen the expense to the property owners concerned.

It is to be hoped the policy "Fair one, fair all," will be applied by our village board for local improvements.

A South Side Booster

BEG YOUR PARDON

The name of Miss Grace McKee was unintentionally omitted last week from the story of the opera, the Bohemian Girl. Miss McKee gave a characteristic gypsy dance on Tuesday evening. She was prevented Monday because of illness, Miss Bensley taking her place.

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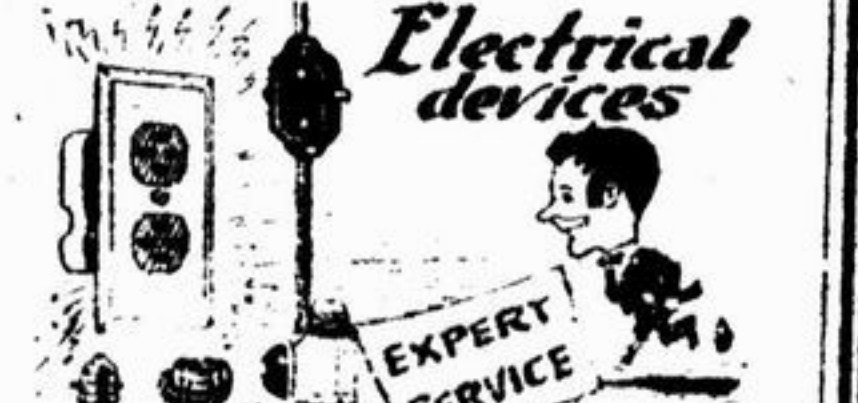
Louis Ediam, Candidate for Highway Commissioner of Downers Grove township, is a resident of Hinsdale.

Mr. Ediam, who is seeking the office in the township in which he was born and raised, has made many warm friends throughout the township since his accident five years ago, for his honesty and square dealing.

The accident has forced him, for the last five years to give up his contracting and road building business. He has now recovered, contrary to reports which are being circulated and is seeking the nomination

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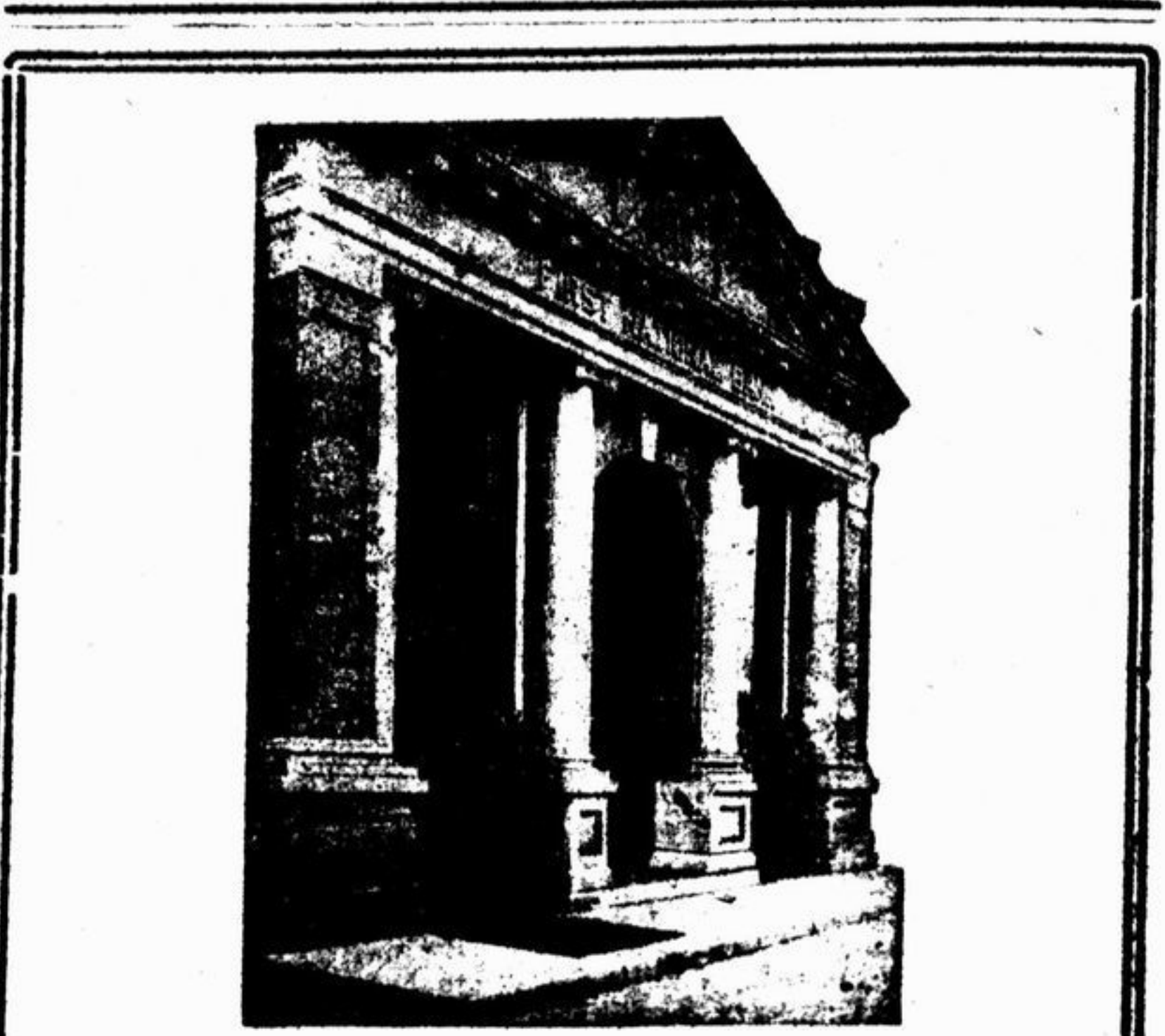
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The best platform that any public official can stand upon as a candidate for return to office is his public record while holding that office.

The best campaign that he can make is one of service to his constituents throughout the term for which they have elected him.

During the time that Congressman Copley has been in office he has supported, among others, the following measures:

- The Child Labor Bill.
The Farm Loan Act.
The Federal Reserve Act.
The Federal Aid Road Bill.
The Women's Bureau Bill.
The Maternity Bill.
The Budget System.
The 16th or Income Tax Amendment.
The 17th Amendment Providing Direct Election of Senators.
New Exemptions for Heads of Families in Income Tax.
The 18th or Prohibition Amendment.
The 19th or Woman Suffrage Amendment.
The Parcels Post Act.

As fifth ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the most important of the House, Congressman Copley has had an integral part in the framing of the Soldiers' Adjusted Compensation Bill, the Revenue Bill of 1921, and the Fordney Tariff Bill. Along the lines of these bills his greatest work in Congress has been accomplished. It is along these lines that his greatest service would lie in the future.

Congressman Copley comes before you for renomination in times of reconstruction. The United States has never had a greater need for constructive effort and legislation than at the present time.

The record of your Congressman in the House of Representatives and in private life has proved that he is essentially a builder.

EDWARD CORLETT.