

## ROGER BABSON SEES REVOLUTION IN REAL ESTATE

The Statistician Sees New Factors That Will Upset Present Standards of Value

The Reporter has obtained the exclusive privilege of printing the authentic statements by Roger W. Babson on the business outlook all over the United States. He is head of the Babson Statistical Organization, Economic Engineers, and is known all over the world. 16,000 of the ablest executives in America base their plans on the foundation of past and present furnished them by Mr. Babson and his associates. Thomas Drier says of him: "Roger Babson talks fluently in the language of the future. Whether we like him or agree with him or not makes no difference to him—but it is liable to make a heap of difference to us." His statements will appear every week in the Downers Grove Reporter.

Following is the first of a series:

### Babson Sees Revolution in Real Estate

By ROBERT W. BABSON

Wellesley Hills, Mass., July 22, 1922.—Roger W. Babson, adviser to over seventeen thousand of the country's leading executives, has called another turn.

In a statement issued today he outlines coming conditions in the real estate field and advises the purchase of suburban property before it is too late.

"The big movements in real estate usually get well under way," says Mr. Babson, "before anyone realizes what is going on." Because they have seen the land unused for years most people think it will always continue so. This is why the original holder seldom makes any profit from real estate. The value is so close to his nose that he does not see it.

"A fundamental change in real estate values is taking place. So far it has proceeded quietly without much publicity. Few people have realized it. The fact is that people are moving to the country. A few wise heads have discovered the bargains in country homes and they are quietly buying up all the land they want for themselves and as much more as they can carry for a speculation.

"My advice to those who want suburban real estate is to buy at once. For the past decade or more, people have been crowding to the cities. Now, however, a reverse movement to the country is beginning which promises to be the greatest shifting in population since the institution of the railroad. Within the next ten or more years the building of suburban homes should rival the growth of the automobile, good

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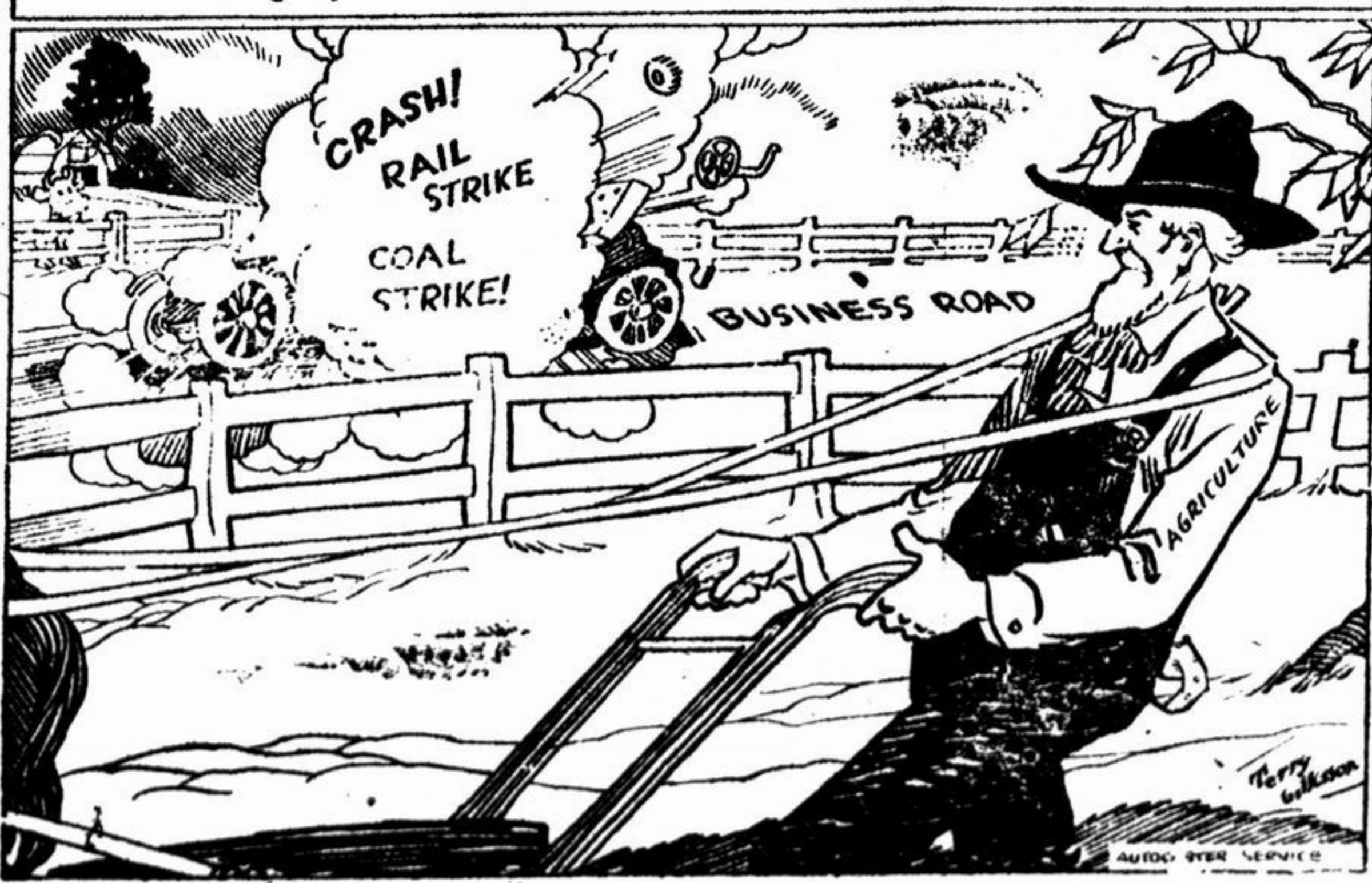
## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSSES NEXT FRIDAY

Exhibit will be Held in Evening for Parents, Children and Every One Interested.

Next week will see the close of the Daily Vacation Bible School, which is being held at the South Side School, under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Kehrl, pastor of the Baptist church. On Friday evening, July 28, at 7:30 o'clock an exhibit will be held of the craft work done by the children besides a regular session of the school to show the parents how the school has been conducted and the work done.

Judges will be appointed for the craft work and they will award prizes for the best articles. Everyone is extended a cordial to attend this evening session. The highest number of children so far in attendance has been 185 and Mr. Kehrl says that more are coming in every day. The children are very much interested not only in the craft work but also in the school itself which is held every morning except Saturday, from 9 to 11 o'clock.

## No Joy Riding on his Side of the Fence



## COMPENSATION OBTAINED THRU LOCAL LEGION

In a Quiet Way the Legion has been Working and Helped This Woman From Westmont.

The local post of the American Legion has been doing some real work in the past year which has just come to notice. While the average person seems to have the idea that the boys are just having a good time and going along serenely, they have been working quietly and effectively.

It was brought to the attention of the Legion here that one Simon Blazek of Westmont, was in rather bad shape, his mind being affected by shell shock. His mother, Mrs. Katherine Hruby, was rather hard up for want of funds, through her son being unable to take care of himself. Dan Diener, commander of the post, and Dr. A. R. Moore have been working on the case for the past nine months and finally succeeded in getting \$868.00 back compensation from the government for the mother and also \$80.00 per month hereafter.

Mrs. Hruby was in straightened circumstances until she received the money and will now be able to have an operation and a tidy sum to pay off on her home. Mr. Diener has been to see the family frequently to cheer them up a bit and has also been to Elgin several times to see the boy together with the Legion Auxiliary, who have sent him clothes.

The money was due Mrs. Hruby but as is usual in these cases the government is slow to do anything unless the matter is pushed by someone who knows how to go through the red tape, as Mr. Diener and Dr. Moore have done. They are to be commended for this interest in their buddy and as Mr. Diener so aptly puts it, "When you can see the joy and relief from suffering it brings to these people, isn't it worth while?"

The local post have decided to give up their rooms, corner Belmont and Forest avenue, on account of the expense attached to keeping them open. There is not much money coming in and the rooms are hardly used except to hold their meetings. The boys are looking around for suitable quarters in which to hold their semi-monthly meetings.

### ENJOYED MOTOR TRIP

With Mrs. Zirzow at the wheel, Mr. Zirzow, Mrs. Jergen and little Gladys motored to Wisconsin as far north as High Falls, stopping at various towns and visiting with Mrs. Zirzow's relations, and then to the blueberry fields which are very plentiful. 48 quarts were gathered in three hours time. While stopping in that "No Man's Land," ten miles from High Falls, cars from Lombard, Argo and Joliet greeted the Downers Grove car occupants.

900 miles were covered without a puncture and no motor trouble was experienced, thus two weeks were spent with Mrs. Zirzow's relations and in her home town, Lena, Wisconsin.

## FIREMEN INCREASED FUNDS THE LAST WEEK

Moonlight Picnic Drew Many Saturday Evening—Base Game Did Not Draw Well.

The moonlight picnic and dance held by the firemen last Saturday evening at Tucker's corner, was quite an attraction to Downers Grove people. Perhaps one of the best crowds the firemen have had was there and it was a joyous occasion for all.

The gross receipts amounted to \$415.00, which is by far the best sum taken in for some time to help swell the fire truck fund.

The baseball game last Sunday afternoon between the St. Joe A. C. team and the Purple Giants, former Downers Grove High School boys was not a great success from the financial standpoint. The net receipts were \$33.35.

The game itself was well worth watching as the young fellows put up a nifty game of ball. The St. Joe team won, 7 to 6. Bradley was on the hill for the St. Joe's and Eddie Baron and Don Stevenson divided honors on the hill for the Purple Giants. It was a nip and tuck affair for several innings until the score was tied 1 to 1. From then on neither side could score until the ninth when the St. Joe's filled the bases with none gone through several hits and some errors. They put over the winning run with the paths still loaded.

## RADIO SERVICE WAS HEARD BY MANY SUNDAY

Congregation of 80 Heard Services Through Magnavox in S. Andrew's Church.

Last Sunday afternoon the Rev. H. M. MacWhorter, pastor of S. Andrew's Episcopal church, was accorded the privilege of conducting the radio services from the Westinghouse KYW station, Chicago.

Quite a large number of Downers Grove residents who have radio sets in their homes invited friends to come and they listened in on the services. Through the courtesy of Elmer O'Neill, a magnavox was installed in S. Andrew's church and the church was comfortably filled by local as well as out of town people who heard the service.

The service was similar to that in use by the Anglican Church Book of Common Prayer but adapted to the requirements of the microphone. The entire choir of S. Andrew's was used for three numbers but chorus singing is not very distinct by radio. The quartette music was sung by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sanders and was exceptionally well rendered as was also the violin solo by Miss Zita Norpel accompanied by Mr. Sam Kenison.

The subject of the Rev. MacWhorter's sermon was "The Way, the Truth and the Life" and was heard quite distinctly and the message conveyed was of deep significance to those who heard it.

## FIRE DESTROYS GRAIN ELEVATOR AT NAPERVILLE

Residents are in Quandary Over Early Morning Fires Which are Very Costly.

An early Sunday morning fire destroyed the grain elevator of Boecker Coal & Grain Co., at Front street and the Burlington tracks, Naperville, burned four freight cars which were on a nearby siding, wrecked the cement and lime storage shed belonging to Chas. L. Schwartz, and threatened to spread to other buildings in the vicinity.

The fire was discovered by Alex. Pullman shortly after 1:30 o'clock, and at that time the fire had gained much headway. The operator at the depot was notified and when it was impossible to get the telephone central, Pullman hailed a passing auto and hurried downtown and notified the night policeman who in turn sounded the alarm.

By the time the fire department arrived on the scene the elevator was enveloped in flames and doomed to destruction. A string of freight cars on the siding were moved to safety after two had been burned and two badly damaged. The heat was so intense that the rails near the elevator were twisted and warped.

The poles and wires of the Western Union and C. B. & Q., just north of the elevator were put out of commission and the storage shed of C. L. Schwartz also caught fire and the water quickly spoiled the cement and lime stored there. A carload of cement had just been placed there on Saturday.

The elevator was in the progress of improvement and \$1500 worth of new machinery was in the building when destroyed. Another lot of new machinery was on the way and arrived this week. About 4000 bushels of wheat, oats, and barley was also burned. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, partially covered by insurance. This is the third fire at the Boecker elevator—the two former ones causing a partial loss only.

Ordinarily, an early Sunday morning fire is given no more thought than one occurring at any other time. However, when one scans the list of fires during the past ten years, and finds that the "real conflagrations" during that time have taken place in the small hours of Sunday morning, the cumulative effect is disturbing.

The fires look to be incendiary and it is high time the guilty persons were apprehended. The fact that so many of the fires have been far advanced when discovered seems to indicate careful preparation, still, there is a probability that natural causes originated the fires.

Looking over the list of bad fires of the past consisting of the Schwartz lumber yards, Boecker's elevator, Edwards Sanatorium, Heatherton, Taylor & Horn factory, SS. Peter & Paul church and various big barn fires in the vicinity of Naperville—early Sunday morning events—it makes one wonder if the fires are merely incidental or by design.

## ALBERT GABLE, FORMER RESIDENT, DIES SUDDENLY

He Was An Ex-service Man and Lived with His Sister, Mrs. L. W. Wright, N. Forest Ave

Albert Gable died suddenly last Wednesday, July 12, in Chicago, of heart trouble while he was working on a moving job. The other men were waiting upstairs for him and when he did not come went to see what the trouble was and found him lying on the sidewalk. They immediately rushed for medical assistance, but it was too late.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 15, from Scott's Chapel, North Evanston, and burial was made in Memorial Park cemetery where the United Veterans of the Republic, an organization of overseas soldiers, of which he was a member,



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have a plot of ground. This organization took charge of the services and buried him with full military honors.

He leaves to mourn his untimely demise besides his wife, his mother, Mrs. Mike Waltz, of Winona, Minn., three sisters, Mrs. L. W. Wright, of Downers Grove; Mrs. C. Carlson, of Biwabie, Minn. and Mrs. H. N. Krings, of Winona, Minn., all of whom attended the funeral, besides several friends of the family from Chicago; among whom were Mrs. Frank Crane, Mrs. Wm. Krause and Mrs. J. Turek.

Mass was said in St. Joseph's Church, Downers Grove, for Mr. Gable, Monday morning, the Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin officiating.

Albert Gable was born thirty-six years ago in St. Paul, Minn., and came to Downers Grove in 1906 with the L. W. Wright family. In 1908 he enlisted in the regular army. Just before the entrance of the U. S. into the World War he was working on the Chicago police force. The call of the flag was too great for him to withstand and he resigned, joining the 57th Field Artillery. Going over in December, 1918, he didn't get into action until the St. Mihiel offensive, but from then on until the signing of the armistice he was in with a vengeance. He was promoted to a sergeant and was cited for the D. S. C. This citation was received on the Metz front. Col. Wallace, his commander, had been wounded and Gable in the face of hostile machine gun fire brought him in, putting him in the sidecar of a motorcycle and started back to a dressing station. It was no use, however, as the colonel died before medical aid could be reached.

### OPEN AIR S. S. AT WESTMONT

Westmont is using the out-door idea in a different manner than the usual way. Every Sunday afternoon the Westmont Sunday School holds its classes under the elms on the hill near the new school house. In case of rain classes are held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scott, near there. The Rev. Joseph B. Rogers is the pastor and he invites everyone in the vicinity to attend.

## DRUGGIST SAYS HE DID NOT SELL ANY GRAIN ALCOHOL

Was Fined by Judge Blakey for Selling It, but Dropped the Case

Fourth of July Joseph Fender ran into the clutches of the law here when he became imbued with some liquor which had the effect of making him act like a wild man. He was promptly taken in charge by Chief of Police Michael Venard, who with the help of several other members of the local force, had quite a bit of trouble in landing him in the hog-ow, which they eventually did only after they had battled all over the street and tore things up generally in the village bastille.

He was induced to swear to an affidavit as to whom he had obtained the liquor from and in which he stated he had received it from Lloyd Reninger and that it was grain alcohol. Reninger was placed under arrest and he also made an affidavit that he had obtained it from Jules M. Zindt and that it was grain alcohol. Fender was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Blakey and Reninger \$50 and costs.

Judge Blakey issued the warrant for the arrest of Mr. Zindt and when he was brought to trial protested that the liquor sold to Reninger was Alco-Kool, a rubbing alcohol, marked "not for internal use." But on the strength of the affidavits Judge Blakey refused to listen to Mr. Zindt's claim and fined him \$100 and costs. Mr. Zindt says that he paid the fine in order not to take the trouble of fighting the case although he knew that he could win it.

Mr. Zindt, according to his records to the government, has not received a shipment of grain alcohol for five months, and on the first of July had on hand one-half gallon of grain alcohol, which is still on hand and according to his statement is proof that none was sold to Reninger, on the third of July as stated in his affidavit.

There is no law forbidding the sale of Alco-Kool and nothing to indicate that the seller should investigate any one's intention in buying it. The fine imposed on Mr. Zindt was for the alleged violation of Chapter 21, Section 1 of the Village of Downers Grove.

## COMMUNITY H. S. ELECTION WINS SOUTH OF TOWN

Election Will be Held July 29 for School Board for the Newly Created District.

Community High School District No. 97 was established last Monday, July 17, when an election for that purpose was held in the school house of District No. 66, south of Downers Grove. 106 votes were cast at the election, 89 for the proposition and 17 against.

An election has been called for this district on Saturday, July 23, to elect members of the Board of Education for Community High School District No. 97. There are five to be elected and those running for the offices are Henry F. Sucher, Chas. V. Mochel, Wm. Andermann, Eliza Smart and Elizabeth Chilvers.

The forming of this district takes another piece of territory away from the Downers Grove section and leaves but little outside of District No. 58. It is not expected that the new district will build or try to maintain a community high school, but is just forming to keep from being taken into a Downers Grove district, but this need not bother them very much as the way people here feel about a community high school there is not much show of one being formed.

### SUICIDE—LEAVES \$103.00

In searching for letters or other effects, that might assist them in locating relatives, DuPage officials yesterday found \$103 in the clothing of John Koch, laborer, who committed suicide by hanging himself with shoe string while in the county as a lodger.