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"A SHOPPER" SEES BETTER BUYS HERE THAN IN CHICAGO

After Two-Day Investigation Decides to do all Christmas Buying Right at Home

Several weeks ago we asked a well known local woman, don't ask us who because we promised we wouldn't tell, to spend a day in the stores of the community and a day in the big department stores of Chicago and then write her impressions as to where Downers Grove people will get the best values in their Christmas shopping. This she has done, and we might say, done well. Not only has she given us what we were after, but a little bit more — but read what she has to say.

By "A Shopper"

When I was asked by The Reporter to investigate values for money expended in the stores of Chicago and of our own town, I immediately thought to myself, 'Why they must be crazy, of course one can do better in Chicago than here in the Grove.' But I must say I was mistaken in jumping to a hasty conclusion. Let me give you a little account of my experiences and why I changed my mind—a woman's prerogative.

"First I'll tell you about my trip to Chicago. Of course I started there, what woman would miss the chance of going through the big department stores, even if she were only 'looking.' From store to store I traveled. From bargain counter to bargain counter; my toes stepped on, my ribs aching from the thrust of human elbows. The entire day, from the 8:00 o'clock train in the morning until the 5:04 at night I wandered around the loop taking copious notes and mental impressions.

"The next day, I did this so that my remembrance of values would stay fresh in my mind, I made, what my husband calls a 'searching survey' of the stores of Downers Grove.

"While my conclusions may not fit exactly with yours, I give them to you. In the first place there are ad-

vantages and disadvantages to shopping either here or in Chicago. But I really think the disadvantages of buying in the loop far outweigh the advantages.

"There is the real advantage of buying in the city of having a greater variety of each article from which to choose. But then that makes the buying much harder. This is offset by the fact that taking quality into consideration, and what women does not, one can do much better in Downers Grove on nearly all the things usually given as Christmas presents. I found that many Chicago stores have 'marked up' the price on toys and the like for the holiday trade. This is not done here. The local merchants' stock is quite complete, I found, and the prices are consistent with the value offered.

"Then there are the crowds in Chicago. How they do shove and push and jostle one another. One almost loses the spirit of Christmas. It's more like a football game, than anything I know of. Then to come to Downers Grove where one can shop in peace and in comfort; what a difference it is.

"I have tried to say what I wanted in a few words, but I guess a woman doesn't know when to stop. I could go on for hours telling my experiences but know that I have already exceeded the space allotted to me. I will stop by saying that everything I possibly can buy in Downers Grove will be bought here next week because one can do better, that is get better values for the money spent; one can have greater comfort; more courteous treatment and be sure that the local business men will give a square deal always."

"BILL" ROTH OUT AGAIN

"Bill" Roth, of Oakwood avenue, is able to hobble around the streets again after a serious accident which happened Saturday evening, November 18. He was standing at the head of the stairs, leaning on the railing when a rug under his feet slipped and he fell to the floor 12 feet below. He landed on his back with serious consequences but fortunately is again able to be out.

His Letter to Santa Claus



SUPREME COURT DENIES REHEARING TO JACOB KLEIN

Governor Small Asked by Attorney Gunsul to Issue Pardon to Convicted Man.

Jacob Klein has lost his fight to escape going to the penitentiary for the killing of Leo Neumann, of Chicago. The Supreme Court several weeks ago upheld the verdict of the lower court and Monday denied him a rehearing. States Attorney C. W. Reed says as soon as the mandate arrives from Springfield a capias will be issued and Klein will be taken to prison.

Attorney Harvey Gunsul, of Aurora, says that Klein will never serve a day. He is now preparing to go before Governor Small and the pardon board with a petition for a pardon. Gunsul says that many hundreds of letters have been written to Governor Small to pardon Klein, among them being one from Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, and that the request will be complied with.

The Board of Supervisors at the meeting Wednesday unanimously passed a resolution asking that the Governor not pardon Klein at this time. Similar action was taken by the Womans Republican club of the county at a meeting here Wednesday.

GEO. DAUGHERTY SERVES OUT \$50 FINE AT WHEATON

Tried on Disorderly Conduct Charge by Judge Blakey—More Serious Charge not Pushed.

George Daugherty, charged with disorderly conduct by Peter Knippen of the Auto Mart, of Highland avenue and the Plank road, was given a fine of \$50 and costs by Judge Blakey last Saturday night and in lieu of the money is serving out the fine in the work house at Wheaton. Daugherty was employed in the garage by Knippen and the case Sheriff's office and a quick trial was grows out of the alleged attempt to,

NEW CONSTITUTION SNOWED UNDER BY VOTERS TUESDAY

Downers Grove Gives it Better Vote Than the Average Throughout Entire State.

Illinois will not function under a new constitution after the first of the year. This was decided so definitely by the voters of the state at the special election Tuesday that there is not the remotest question of the general feeling thruout the state.

The proposed new basic law was turned down, snowed under, and buried by a vote of about eight to one in the entire state. In Chicago, Aurora, Peoria and other centers of population, the ratio was much greater than this.

The vote in Downers Grove was less than three to one against the document which took three years to make and nearly a half million dollars of the taxpayers money in the making.

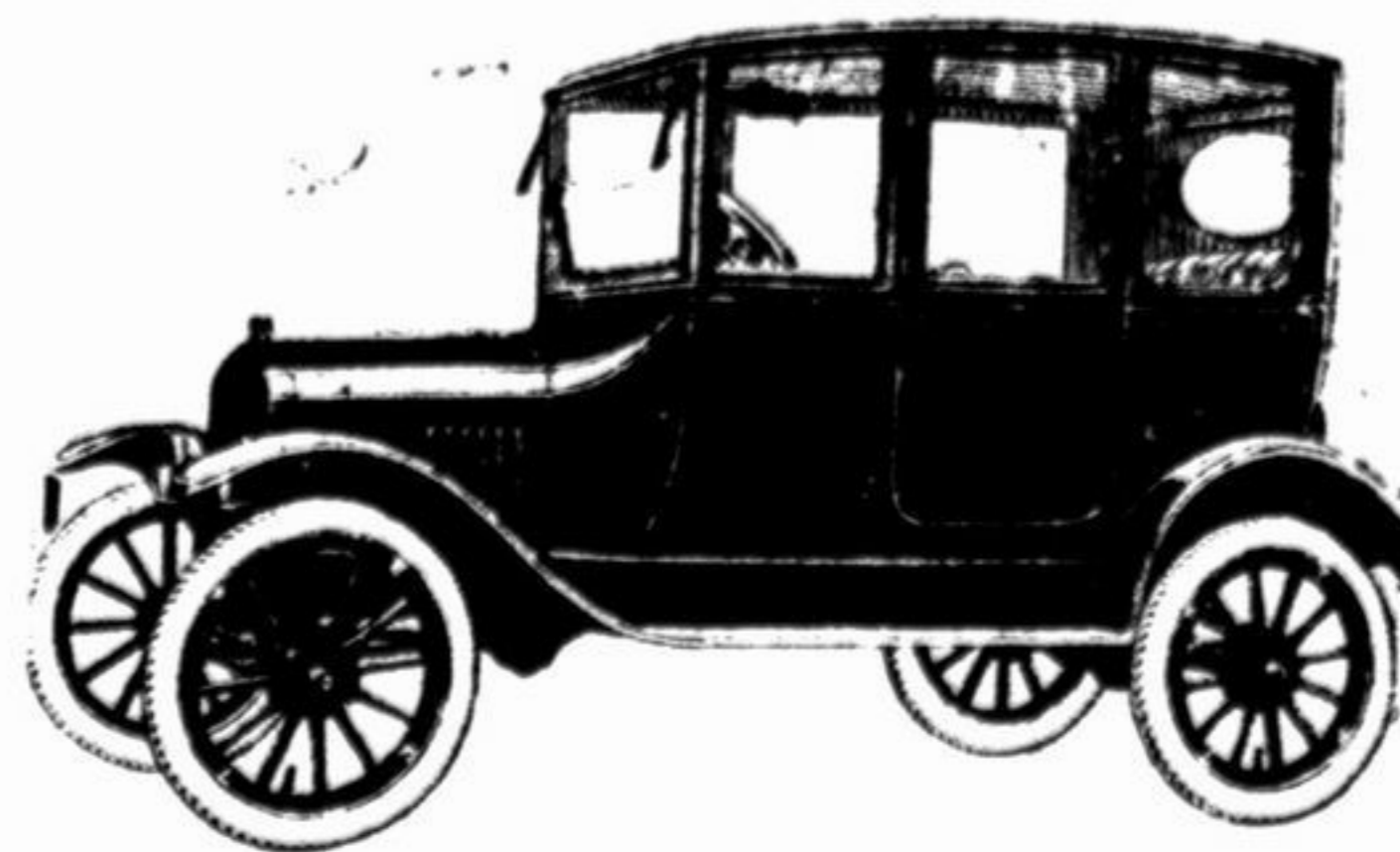
The totals by precincts here was as follows:
Village Hall: Yes—56; No—133
Kidwell Garage: Yes—46; No—183
Curtiss Theatre: Yes—110; No 182
Dicke Hall: Yes—57; No—197
Totals: Yes—269; No—695

It was conceded early in the campaign that Chicago and Cook county would be against the ratification of the proposed basic law. But not even its bitterest opponent thought that "down state" would vote against it.

attack a young married woman who came into the garage when Daugherty was alone there one day last week. Relatives of the young woman did not wish the notoriety of a prosecution and so did not push the case. Knippen, however, was not satisfied to see him get off thus easy and pushed the disorderly conduct charge. Daugherty was arrested on a warrant from Blakey served by the Sheriff's office and a quick trial was the result.

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