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## Devise Plan to Open School on Schedule

### PETITION FOR SCHOOL MERGER

**West Area Residents Ask to Become Part of Wilmette District; Act Monday**

Action was taken Tuesday night of this week by the Wilmette board of education to permit the Highcrest school district to consolidate with the Wilmette district. If the consolidation goes through it will mean that virtually all the built-up territory within the village limits will be served by the one major school district.

As was outlined in WILMETTE LIFE several weeks ago, the movement toward this immediate consolidation was taken by a group of families living in the "Pine Crest" section of School District No. 40 (usually known as the Gross Point district). With this start, another and larger group in the district secured more than four hundred signatures to a petition to do away with the district legal machinery by asking the Wilmette public schools (district No. 39) to absorb the smaller neighbor. It was this petition which the Wilmette board of education received this week and approved.

#### Trustees Meet Monday

The authority for consummating the consolidation, however, lies with the board of township school trustees, who are the custodians of the funds and other properties of all school districts in New Trier township. The petition has been filed with this board, which is expected to act upon it next Monday. The petitioners reported to the Wilmette board that they had heard of no objections to the petition. They said there might have been objectors if only part of the district was absorbed into Wilmette district, but that everyone with whom the matter was discussed favored the complete consolidation.

#### What Merger Means

In the event the merger is sanctioned the following things will result:

About 117 pupils now attending Highcrest school, together with all the school property of District No. 40, will come under the immediate jurisdiction of the Wilmette public school system of which J. R. Harper is superintendent.

Probably the Highcrest school will be used for the lower grade pupils of the immediate neighborhood, while the upper grades will be merged into similar grades of the Howard school.

All the educational and financial problems of Wilmette schools will then be assumed by one board of education.

All the educational facilities in Wilmette will be of the same high standard.

Taxes for all school territory will then be at the same rate and will go for the benefit of the entire greater school district.

### To All Citizens and Parents

Repeated statements during the past few months that the Wilmette public schools could not open without financial help from citizens have failed to bring assistance.

The school treasury is practically empty. We are unable to contract for coal. There are no funds to pay teachers or current running expenses. Before giving up all hope of continuing the education of Wilmette children, your board of education is formally calling upon the parents of every child in the Wilmette schools to do their share by lending the schools \$10 monthly per child for the first term of five months. If parents will agree to make such installment loans and pay the first installment before September 15, the schools can open on schedule time on September 19. Otherwise the schools will remain closed. While the amount asked for does not pay the full expense per child, we are hopeful that if the parents will lend the schools a sum probably less than half that charged in pay schools, other Wilmette citizens will make up the difference.

Meetings of parents by grades are being called according to a schedule printed elsewhere in WILMETTE LIFE. All parents, citizens and organizations in Wilmette are asked to spread the news of this situation and to cooperate in reopening our schools.

—Wilmette Board of Education,  
School District No. 39.

Henry E. Cutler, president.

Mrs. Elinor C. Craig.

Ralph H. Durham.

J. R. Harper.

Mrs. Eunice S. Henderson.

George E. Leal.

Frederick A. Lind.

F. A. Cushing Smith.

### Report No New Contagion in Wilmette This Week

No new contagious disease cases were reported by the Wilmette Health department for the week ending August 20. One old case of whooping cough is not yet released from quarantine. There is no new infantile paralysis. Ten exposure cases, where families were quarantined because one or more of the children came in contact with a child afflicted with the disease, will be released Friday of this week.

### New Trier High to Open September 12

In answer to many inquiries that have come to the New Trier High school office as to whether or not the school would open next month, members of the New Trier board of education announced this week that classes will be resumed on Monday, September 12. Members of the board feel that there are enough funds on hand to justify opening, but at the same time they announced that in order to assure continued operation a campaign will be inaugurated immediately after school opens to sell more tax anticipation warrants.

### Miss Wilson Receives Honors at Camp Osoha

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, 801 Forest avenue, has returned to Wilmette, after spending part of the summer at Camp Osoha, at Trout Lake, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson motored to Osoha to meet their daughter and witness the final camp activities, which included a camp play, a water sports meet, a tournament in land sports, a horse show, and a final banquet. While at Osoha, Miss Wilson received several honors for her proficiency in the camp activities. She was assistant swimming captain for her unit of camp, and recently went on a canoe trip with a number of the campers.

### OUR WANTS ARE MANY

The Economy Shop, 1135 Greenleaf avenue, telephone Wilmette 1544, needs the following articles; perhaps you can supply them: Baby stroller, mirror, kitchen cabinet, child's wagon, toys, dishes, and men's clothing of all kinds.—Mrs. Henry Cutler, chairman.

Note: Economy Shop is conducted by the Woman's club of Wilmette. Proceeds go to charity.

### WANT PARENTS TO LOAN FUNDS

**Board of Education Announces Series of Meetings to Discuss Proposition**

Wilmette public schools will not open for the coming school year without the immediate help of all parents of Wilmette school children.

At a meeting of the Wilmette board of education Monday evening of this week, numerous ways for attempting the reopening of the schools on the scheduled date of September 19 were discussed and the following plan adopted:

The schools will not open unless enough money is in sight to run for the first term of five months.

The parents of every child in the schools will be asked to lend to the schools \$10 per month as part payment toward the expense of that child. Thus a loan of \$50, to be made in five monthly installments, is asked for each child.

#### Pay Installment Now

The first installment is to be paid at once.

This amount does not pay the full cost of every child, but people who have no children in school will be asked to make up the difference.

In both cases the school board will issue its legal obligations, which can be applied on tax bills, or if held until taxes are collected will be paid in cash.

If the plans for the first term of five months are successful, the scheme will be repeated for the second term.

In order to accomplish this program there will be a series of meetings of parents called by the Board of Education, beginning next week. These meetings will be in groups according to grades. For instance all the parents of the seventh and eighth grades of the east side will meet at 8 P. M. on Monday night, (Continued on Page 2A)

### BACK FROM COAST

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson and her small daughter, Beth, returned Sunday from Coronado, Calif., where they have been for the past eight months and are now staying with Mrs. Thompson's father, John G. Munro, 1119 Elmwood avenue.

### AT LEGION MEET

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Kroschel and daughter, Bernice, of 613 Illinois road, recently attended the American Legion convention at Danville, Ill. Mr. Kroschel was a delegate from the Peter J. Huerter post, No. 669.

### HOME FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Beaudin of 726 Elmwood avenue returned recently from a two weeks' motor trip through Wisconsin and Minnesota. They visited friends at their summer place at Mille Lac, Minn.