Lake Forest Department

Miss Nettie Cavolte has been visiting at the home of C. G. Wenban for the past week.

Mr. James Dewey has returned from a trip through the south, which he took for his health.

Mr. Nathan Swift left for Citronella, Alabama on Thursday to join his mother and sister.

W. Wise and family of Chicago spent last Sunday at the Dewey home.

The Modern Woodmen of America lodge here have had many new members this winter. Five new men were initiated last Monday night.

Mr. Calvin Durand has been confined to his home for the past two weeks by grippe.

Mrs. S. Reid returned from a trip in the south last week.

The question of whether the city should own the water-works system here, has been discussed frequently of late. The general opinion is that the matter should be decided at our coming election.

The real estate market is opening up with a boom this year. Several transactions have already been closed and still others are pending.

W. V. Booth has purchased of W. H. Truesdale his beautiful place on the "Ridge."

John Griffith has bought of Dr. C. H. Francis 50 ft. adjoining the Frazer home and contemplates erecting a house in the near future.

Sigfried Greenstein the able organist of the Presbyterian church and Rev. H. D. French gave the congregation of their church a musical program last Sunday evening which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson Jr, have returned from their wedding tour and are at home at the Maxwell residence. Several of their friends undertook to welcome them back by giving them a serenade,—accompanied by solos on a tin can and a duet on a cow bell and a base drum.

The approach of the city election has brought out many candidates for office. The most important question for the people of Lake Forest is, who are they going to support for mayor. Edward F. Gorton is the choice of the people if he is willing to accept the office. He has served the city for the last four years and the city never has been as well governed. The improvements that have been made during his administration has doubled the value of our property. More money has been expended in private residences and grounds during this time than has ever been spent here before. Our city is known far and wide for its beautiful lawns and well paved streets. The credit for this is due to a great extent to our progressive mayor. Perhaps he may be induced to continue the good work provided the invitation is unanimous. A petition should be circulated at once which will show Mr. Gorton that the citizens of Lake Forest appreciate his services and desire him to accept the office again this year.

Miss Mary McLaughlin still continues to handle our mail and to greet the patrons of the office with a pleasant smile and a cheerful look in spite of the fact that a hard fight has been made to get the office away from her. Congressman Foss is waiting for everyone that wants the office to file their petition. If the petition the patrons is to have weight Miss McLaughlin will be reappointed, as a majority of the citizens of Lake Forest signed for her.

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Township Collector Atteridge is about to return the tax books and all those who have not paid their taxes to him will be compelled to make a trip to the county seat hereafter.

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Ravinia.

Mr. Wm. McKenzie, the Lincoln ave. school teacher, is out again after a severe attack of la grip. The school was closed last week.

Miss Jeanette Simontons' new house is under way. It will be the first strictly up-to-date residence built in the south Highland addition, having all modern conveniences. The style is colonial, on stone foundation. The location is on Dean ave, near the Sheridan road. It is about time that the old bridge on Dean ave is rebuilt, giving a direct outlet from the Sheridan road to the Ravinia depot and opening up a beautiful but almost unknown country between.

The next meeting of the Improvment Society promises to be unusually interesting. Mrs. Gross will have charge of the music and Mrs. Willoughby the literary features. On the suggestion of Mrs. Kellogg and Mr. Boerner a short parliamentary drill, a la the Lime Kiln Club, will be introduced. Another new feature will be some games in charge of Mr. Kellogg. Your correspondent understands the meeting will begin earlier than usual in the evening and a good attendance is especially desired.

An enumeration of the sick list would almost amount to a census of the town. Almost every family has had sickness of some sort,—generally ascribed to the odd assortment of the weather.

The regular meeting of the Ravinia Improvement Society will occur Monday evening at 7:30 p. m., instead of 8:00 as heretofore. The regular program will be varied by the introduction of a parliamentary drill, games and other new features. It is hoped that all members and their friends will be present.

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