

LAKE BLUFF ORPHANGE

If there is in this county an institution worthy of liberal support (and there are several) it is the Orphanage at Lake Bluff. We have before us some statements kindly furnished us by the superintendent of the Orphanage.

During the year 1908 seventy-two of the children in that institution, or about one-half the whole number, were from Lake County. The total length of time these children were supported during the year was 448 months, or an average of a little over six months each. When children are left there and paid for, the charge is \$8.00 per month, or a little less than \$2.00 per week. This has to cover not only board but to a considerable extent clothing and also schooling, for some three or four years ago the court forbade them the privileges of the public school. The total cost at \$8.00 per month amounts to \$3,584.00 for the year. To offset this \$487.00 was paid by relatives of the children, and the county appropriated \$500.00, making a total of \$987.00, which deducted from the \$3,584.00 leaves \$2,597.00 to be raised. In other words, the Superintendent and her assistants have to find as best they can about \$216.00 per month.

There is no other similar institution in the county. These energetic, self-sacrificing, uncomplaining young women are doing a noble work. Are they not entitled to self-sacrificing, uncomplaining, whole-hearted support? But is it right that it should be left to such an extent to public philanthropy, always an uncertain source of supply?

It is only within three or four years, as I remember, that the county has made an appropriation for the support of this institution. The first year the county board appropriated \$250.00, if I remember correctly. Since that the amount of appropriation has been \$500.00 a year. If I am correctly informed, other counties make an appropriation of \$10.00 per month for each child placed by the county. I know personally of little children who, had they not been taken in by the Orphanage, would have been waifs in the street living in vice, ignorance and squalor, daily being equipped for worthless citizenship.

Apart from all philanthropy or humanitarianism, is it not public economy to see that such children are properly protected and cared for.

H. P. DAVIDSON.

Highland Park News.

The League of Right Living had a poor welcome on Thursday evening at the Library Hall, on account of the extremely wet weather of that night. Prof. Winchell, who was present announces another meeting in the same place for next Tuesday evening, March 23rd. The Rev. P. C. Wolcott, who has been elected President of the Highland Park branch, will lead in the discussion, and all interested are invited to attend and take part.

Mr. James Boylan is ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Geo. Campbell is visiting in Boston.

Messrs Fred and Henry Bell are in Montana.

Mrs. Roberts has been very ill during the past week.

Miss A. S. Hipwell visited Mrs. C. G. Phillips Sunday.

Dr. Freda Baker was an out of town guest Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Troxell left Saturday for St. Paul on a business trip.

Mr. T. H. Spencer has returned from the East for an indefinite stay.

Mr. James Allen of Chicago, spent Sunday with Highland Park friends.

Miss Gertrude Nevins who was under the weather the early part of the week is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Bulless of South Highland Park, left Wednesday for a trip through the South.

Miss Priscilla Carver will give a recital with Dr. Hugh Schussler, March 30th at Cable Hall, Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Mosely are in Florida and are expected to return the latter part of next week.

Mr. Hope has organized a bible class for the young men meeting at Trinity church every Sunday morning.

It will pay our readers to look on the back page for A. A. Moses ad., there are some good bargains right at home.

Miss Lillian E. Burgess has received flattering invitations from Montreal, Canada, to fill a position as vocal instructor.

We wish to correct an error in our last issue. Instead of a child being born to Mr. and Mrs. Gorlin, it should be Mr. and Mrs. E. Garling.

Mr. A. W. McLimont, manager of the C. M. E. R. has leased the Hipwell house, cor. Central and Park avenue and will take possession early in April.

A reporter of the News Letter visited Glencoe on Wednesday and was surprised to note the side-walks in south Glencoe in a shockingly bad state of repair.

Olaf Limdbloom is so anxious to get back his overcoat which some-body took from his back porch that he will give \$20 reward for its return and will ask no questions.

On Wednesday evening a merry party assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Williams and duly "surprised" Mr. Harold Harbaugh who is staying with them.

The many friends of Mr. Arthur Purdy will be pleased to learn he recently entertained his majesty the stork and is now the happy father of a bouncing, twelve pound son.

Mr. J. H. Harnly, Chicago traveling representative of the Anti Saloon League, was a caller at the News Letter office Tuesday. Mr. Harnly is planning a rare treat for Highland Park in the near future.

Mr. R. G. Burgess, father of Frank Burgess, who is now awaiting trial in the county jail for the murder of a soldier at Fort Sheridan, is in Highland Park and is working hard to save his son. Mr. Burgess has been allowed the use of the inquiry Bureau and will engage in the business of gilding old picture frames and furniture. It is to be hoped that he will get all the business he can do. His son's trial does not come off until the October term of court.

We have been asked several times if the Burgess referred to is any relation to the Burgess family of the News Letter. No! they were unknown to us before his unfortunate act brought them before the public eye.

J. J. Arnold, manager of the Foreign Exchange Department of the First National Bank of Chicago, will address the congregation of the Ebenezer church next Sunday evening. Mr. Arnold is an interesting speaker and it will pay to hear him.

The mystery of Mr. W. J. McNally's absence has not yet been explained. He has been heard from, but has not returned. His creditors are somewhat concerned about him and the business affairs do not seem to be as hopeful as our last weeks note seems to imply.

Thursday evening the social committee of the Ebenezer C. E. Society had a social in J. Hecketsweiler's restaurant. The weather was bad but still a good number were present. The ladies brought lunch boxes and with the aid of O. B.

Brand, the genial auctioneer, they cleared between five and six dollars on the sale of them.

On Tuesday evening a large number of friends gathered at the home of Geo. L. Vetter to make merry. The occasion being his 37th birthday. A very pleasant evening was spent in games and singing.

The seventh and eight grades of the Grammar school gave a very interesting entertainment Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening. The story of Evangeline was dramatized and everyone did their part well. In spite of the inclement weather, the affair was a financial success as they cleared between fifty and sixty dollars and this sum will go toward buying scenery for the auditorium stage.

School Notes.

The debating team under Mr. Hill's careful guidance is progressing rapidly.

Both the German and French clubs have re-organized and will hold their usual meetings.

Harry Bock has been chosen as head usher for the Alumni play and Percy Prior to operate the spot light.

The class in Civics will be organized about the first of April. Mr. Hill is the instructor.

Confidence is supreme that our representatives will defeat New Trier in the great forensic battle of the 23rd.

The annual Hermes Marathon indoor track meet is set for some time the latter part of March. Practice for this event, the only indoor track meet on our program, has already commenced.

We learn that the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association had voted to give 10 per cent of the proceeds of the annual Alumni play to the Athletic Association.

The debating team will line up for its first formal try out against a picked team of Alumni stars a week from Monday. A Faculty team has also been organized and will clash with the school team.

Mr. Melvin Dale Sweetland of the Alumni, who graduates from the Northwestern school of Pharmacy in April, is considering entering the profession of dentistry.

Mr. Merle Tibbets of the Junior class is considering entering the Northwestern Law school or University of Wisconsin Law school after graduation.

Miss Annie McKensie and Miss Alice Lillian Baker of the Alumni have joined the Festival chorus which Dean P. C. Lutkin of the Northwestern University school of music is organizing for the June festival at Northwestern.

The many friends of Prof. Wm. A. Wilson, formerly principal of the High school and founder of the Alumni Association, will be glad to know that, according to a recent letter received by one of the Alumni, he is in charge of nearly 1400 students and is head of a High school of about 300. He has been elected to his present position until 1911.

On Monday the clubs clashed in the deciding game of the basketball series. The Hermes representatives experienced no trouble in defeating the Marathons the final count being 54-22. This awards the basketball point to the Hermes club and ties the two clubs in standing for the Deerfield cup each having one point.

An interesting fact about the local High school which we have recently become aware of is that for a student to take all the courses of instruction offered it would be necessary for him to remain in school doing normal, average, work for eleven years.

On Friday the first and second teams journeyed into the camp of our friends, the enemy, at New Trier to play their return engagements. The second team reinforced by Glenn Maris easily defeated the New Trier second team 19-9. This game closed the second team's schedule. The team has won 13 and lost 5 games, a wonderfully fine record. The first team then lost a tight game to the New Trier first team by the score of 26-21. This game was as rough an exhibition as we have ever witnessed. Great credit must be accorded Referee Brown of Waukegan for his work as an official as Gray of New Trier kept him busy calling fouls on him. Gray is the roughest player we have seen during the present season. The first team closes its season tonight with a game with Kenosha at the local "gym."

Manager Parrat of the base-ball squad will now take up the work of arranging a schedule. Practice it is thought will start about April 1st. The following "D" men of last year's team are in school. Mgr. Parrat, Greenslade, O'Neill, Frost, Bock, Hutchinson, Mierhoff, Bell, Marrs, Spencer, Griffin, McNally; of these all are at present eligible except Greenslade and he expects to be up by the time practice starts.

Mr. R. L. Sandwick has announced that the Valedictory has been awarded to Miss Mary A. Phillips and the Salutatory to Miss Mona Quayle. Discussion as to who would win these coveted places has been rife among the Seniors for months. They are awarded to the students having the highest record for the complete four years. Mr. Sandwick also announced that the desire of the Seniors for a commencement address had been granted and that a speaker of note will be secured. The question of adopting the Oxford cap and gown as the official commencement dress was discussed and the plan rejected. Class day plans were also discussed and preparations for it are under way. The class of 1909, by the way, is the largest which has ever graduated from the High school.

The leading roles in "A Scrap of Paper," the annual Alumni play slated for April 30th, are now settled and the piece is being rapidly whipped into shape. The play is under the personal direction of Mr. A. R. Williams, who also assumes the part of Prosper Couramont, the leading male role. He is ably supported by a picked company of the most talented of the Alumni. Messrs Joseph Colburn, Geo. E. Phillips, Lester Levin, Arthur Steele and Misses Gertrude Nevins, Marjorie Aldridge, Viola Shields, Helen Coale and Nellie Fitzgerald. Many inquiries for seat reservations have already been made and all inquiries regarding same should be sent to Business manager Millard.

On Wednesday, March 24, a card party will be held at Masonic Hall, Highland Park, under the auspices of the Highland Park Woman's Club. Tickets may be purchased at twenty-five cents each of the hostesses, Mrs. William Dooley, and Mrs. A. B. Holabird. The proceeds of this occasion will form a part of an intended contribution from the club to "The Tuberculosis Institute of Waukegan, Ill."

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