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THE GRADE-CROSSING MENACE

The accident at Crothersville, Ind., two weeks ago, which claimed the lives of Adam Fox, his wife, and two children of Highland Park, brings home to the people of this vicinity the true significance of the grade-crossing menace. The Fox family were on a motor trip to New Albany, Ind. At Crothersville they were crossing the tracks of the Interstate Public Service company's electric railroad. It was a bad crossing, near a curve which was hidden by some buildings. A limited train struck the car, instantly killing the two daughters. The parents died in a hospital later.

For the latest reported quarter of a year the Inter-State Commerce Commission's Bulletin shows that 632 persons were killed and 1,500 injured by highway grade-crossing accidents, according to an article in the July 6 issue of the "Outlook". Of these, twenty-five of the killed and twenty-two of the injured were "trespassers."

Of course original conditions in railway construction in this country were such that grade crossings had to be permitted; but they have now become an increasing menace. They are death-traps. In the ultimate analysis, safety is dependent upon the human factor. No automatic device has been successfully operated to eliminate that factor.

The only thing to do is to act as Great Britain has done — put the grade crossings out of business. They should be abolished with all the rapidity consistent with fair dealing between the railways, on the one hand, and the state and local authorities, on the other.

Some of the states, notably Massachusetts, have taken steps in this direction. New Jersey is one of these states. But, as this is a matter of tremendous expense, and as the expense must be divided between the railway and the town, county, or state, slow progress has been made.

EVERYONE SHOULD VOTE

The election Saturday will decide the question of the proposed new franchise for the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee railroad. It is a matter which vitally concerns the welfare of this community, and it should receive the attention of every citizen of Highland Park.

Elsewhere in this issue is a summary of the franchise ordinance, containing lists of the principal benefits derived by the railway company and the city. Read this outline to get a good general idea of the ordinance. Then go over the ordinance itself, and get the matter squarely in mind. No one should go to the polls without knowing just exactly what the election means. Don't depend on someone else's ideas. They may be based on a knowledge of the issue more scanty than your own.

The railway and city authorities have worked out a franchise ordinance which both have accepted as fair and just. It is now up to the people of Highland Park to accept or reject it. Study the ordinance carefully, and vote intelligently.

NEW BEACH REGULATIONS

The city council of Highland Park, acting upon the recommendations made by a special investigating committee of citizens, appointed by Mayor Hastings, has drafted a set of rules which, it is believed, will relieve the situation. The trouble has been that the crowds at the bathing beach on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays have been too large for the local beach. There is not sufficient sanitary equipment to take care of the large crowds. Inasmuch as a large proportion of these people who use the beach at such times are visitors, the council believes that by restricting indirectly the number of visitors, the situation may be ameliorated. There is no intention to be exclusive or selfish. It is merely that the local beach is not equipped to take care of hundreds of visitors each Saturday and Sunday in addition to the Highland Park people. The regulations drafted by the committee will no doubt greatly relieve matters at the beach.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Highland Park Day, Wednesday, August 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius A. Hine are spending the summer at Roaring Rock, Traverse Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson are enjoying a few weeks at Silver Lake, Wis.

Mr. E. E. Farmer returned Monday from Saginaw, Mich.

Sister Anna Rita (Miss Mildred Sheehan) of Loretto Academy, Louisville, Ky., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Sheehan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Huber left Saturday for Wisconsin where they will visit relatives.

Who will be the mystery man? Miss Rockefeller of Chicago is visiting her sister Mrs. Fred Rubly.

Mrs. Archibald Abercromby and children spent last week in Des Plaines, Ill., as the guests of Mrs. Le Roy Dickinson.

Mrs. Arthur K. Emerson is spending several weeks at Roaring Rock, Traverse Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Farmer are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boynton have returned from a motor trip through the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Gastfield who have been residing at 211 N. Second St., have moved into their new home on Midlothian ave.

Who will be the mystery woman? Mr. Fred Johnson and the Misses Dora, Alma and Lottie Johnson of S. Ridge road, are leaving this week on a motor trip through Wisconsin. They will visit relatives at Neillsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rudolph and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson motored to Austin, Sunday and spent the day visiting Mr. Nelson's parents.

Miss Florence Hottenson of Milwaukee, Wis., is the guest of Miss Cornelia Bock this week.

Mrs. James Collins entertained Mrs. Berg and family of Kenosha over the week end.

Who will be the mystery man? Miss Bessie Moore had her tonsils removed at the Columbia hospital, Chicago, Saturday. She is getting along nicely.

Miss Henrietta Laing has returned from Michigan where she spent the past week visiting friends.

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Ruth and Marie Berube are spending a week at Pullman visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy.

Mrs. M. Warner spent Tuesday in Oak Park visiting Mrs. Mary A. Warner.

Who will be the mystery woman? Miss Ethel Mercy of Chicago, Miss Marie McDonald and Mr. David Nichols of Evanston were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Kathryn Kelley.

Miss Bertha Harbaugh with Mr. and Mrs. Tyden and Miss Florence Tyden of Evanston, left last Thursday for a three weeks trip in the Canadian northwest. They will stop at Lake Louise, Vancouver, Winnipeg and many other western points.

Campbell Chapter O. E. S. did not hold any meeting last evening, and there will be no meeting on Wednesday evening, August third.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. L. Curtis and daughter Dorothy and son Jack have sailed for a three months stay in Europe.

Who will be the mystery man? Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Love of Burlington, Wis., are the happy parents of a son born Friday, July 16th. Mrs. Love was formerly Miss Helen Golden of Evanston, and is well known in this city.

Miss Esther Hicks spent last week in Chicago visiting friends.

Mrs. John Sheehan is in the Highland Park hospital where she is undergoing treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Garnett are enjoying a two weeks vacation at Epsworth Heights, Ludington, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Schneider spent the week end at Lake Beulah, Wis.

Mrs. Merrill Follansbee and children are spending the summer at Ephraim, Wis.

Miss Edith Ehrenfeuschter returned home Tuesday evening from Marshall, Mich., to spend a month with her mother Mrs. Ehrenfeuschter.

Mr. Charles Stein is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hossman of Omaha, Neb., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Reno of Washington, St.

Who will be the mystery woman? Mrs. William Hinrich of Mason City, Ia., formerly Miss Susie Schaffner spent the past two weeks in Highland Park visiting her mother Mrs. Juhrend.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rigdon have returned from Lincoln, Ill., where they visited relatives. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rigdon returned to Highland Park with them.

John E. Conrad has opened a law law office and Justice Court in Suite 5 Erskine Bank Bldg.

Miss Hazel Katharine Brown daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Brown returned Tuesday from Birmingham, Ala., where she has been teaching for the past year.

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George Martin has returned to Pontiac after a week's visit in Highland Park.

Paul Gieser and Ernest Gieser and families enjoyed a boat ride to Milwaukee Monday.

David Johnson of the Bakke grocery is ill at his home in Central ave.

Mrs. Janet Swansen has been confined to her home in Green Bay road by a slight attack of illness.

An automobile owned by J. T. Pirie of Lake Forest, was wrecked Sunday evening when it plunged into a ditch along Telegraph road near Deerfield. The occupants of the car were not seriously injured.

A fire Tuesday afternoon destroyed part of the roof of the garage at the home of E. P. Sedgwick, North Sheridan road. The fire department was summoned, and they succeeded in checking the blaze before it spread to the entire building.

Mrs. W. H. L. Bowden and daughter Marjorie have returned from a visit to Mrs. Bowden's sister at Diamond Lake.

Miss Anna Bloomfield had as her week end guests, Mrs. Charles Blodgett of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Miss Mary Shanahan of Chicago.

Who will be the mystery woman? Mr. Albert Larson is enjoying a week's vacation.

Mr. William Reay returned Saturday from Washington, D. C., where he was called in conference with Postmaster General Hays on the revision of the Parcel's Post Service.

Raymond Fidler took his class of seven boys from the United Evangelical Church on a boat trip to St. Joseph, Mich., yesterday.

Who will be the mystery man? The Community Center was the scene of another lovely affair last Tuesday night, held for Miss Gertrude Chandler's classes in Americanization. A large number of the students with their friends and families were present and indulged in games and dancing until a late hour. The Center was again tastefully arranged for an affair of this kind, with beautiful cut flowers in profusion. Mrs. E. S. Truax led the games while music was furnished by Messrs. Eichler, Herring and Carr. An elegant punch with cakes was served.

Mrs. Robert Trimbel, Jr., daughter of Mr. F. W. Cushing of the Moraine hotel has just returned from traveling in China and Japan and is visiting her father at the Moraine.

NO NEW PARALYSIS CASES REPORTED

The three cases of Infantile Paralysis in Highland Park are recovering. Those in contact with these cases have undergone a two weeks quarantine and no danger of contagion from these sources is to be apprehended. No new cases have been reported.

We have been frequently asked if the water of Lake Michigan is safe for beach bathing.

Samples of water were taken last week at three different points along the beach, at Broadway, Central and Roger Williams Avenues, and sent to a laboratory for examination.

The analysis show a moderate amount of organic solids, with about 100 bacteria per cubic centimeter, among which are some colon bacilli.

This shore water, therefore, may be considered safe for bathing, provided, none is taken into the mouth or nose.

Board of Health.

RECEIVES CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT

Miss Ruth M. Reilly, who took the Civil Service Examination together with several others for the position of postmaster at Highwood and who received the highest rating, has been notified that her appointment was confirmed by the United States Senate, July 13, 1921.

Miss Reilly has worked in the Highwood post office, also in Mandel Bros. post office in Chicago and at present is employed in the Cashier's division of Internal Revenue office, Chicago, so that she is well qualified to fill the position. She is a graduate of the Deerfield Shields high school.

C. N. S. & M. TO RUN TO THE SOUTH SIDE

Extension of Chicago's big south side of the North Shore line's electric train service was authorized at a meeting of the Illinois Commerce Commission Saturday.

The state board gave the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad permission to operate trains out of the Stony Island avenue terminal of the south side elevated lines. The same company was authorized to use the North Water street terminal of the Northwestern "L". The orders mean that electric trains to Milwaukee will run from Jackson park without change. Roosevelt road is now the southern terminal.

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Not merely does a loud, sharp, and cross sounding horn help clear the way for an automobile, but it is apparently a satisfaction to the driver to see the people jump off the cross walks.