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DEERFIELD NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clavey, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clavey, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Clavey, Alice and Ray Clavey were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Deel of Chicago, Thursday.

Mr. George Karch, Sr., spent Sunday with friends in Milwaukee. Eva Lange had her tonsils removed at Miss Josephine Woodman's Saturday afternoon.

Helen McWade entertained a few of her friends Monday afternoon.

Mrs. E. H. Willman entertained the December meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Evangelical church at her home Thursday afternoon.

The Young Matrons' club was entertained by Mrs. George Ott Wednesday afternoon.

The Dorcas Society of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual bazaar at the Community House Thursday evening, December 1st.

Misses Eleanor Meyer and Susie Easton, who are teaching in Harvey, Ill., spent the week end with Miss Meyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer.

Mrs. Edward Bleimel and son Robert were the guests of Mrs. S. P. Hutchinson of Irving Park Friday.

Mrs. F. Peterson and family spent the week end with relatives in Waukegan.

The following were awarded prizes at the card party held at St. Patrick's Hall, Friday evening: Mrs. Elmer Clavey, Mr. Robert Greenslade, and Mr. George Karch, Sr.

Mr. Austin Sherman of Chicago, was the week end guest of his mother, Mrs. A. E. Sherman.

Mr. Louis Saecker died Saturday at the home of his son, Henry Saecker on the county line. He was 79 years old and was the oldest member of the St. Paul's Evangelical church. Funeral services were from the Saecker home Wednesday with the Rev. J. C. Buescher officiating, and burial in the Northfield cemetery.

Mrs. Ross Sherman spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bock of Shermerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brennan are in New York City attending a railroad trial.

An entertainment and dance will be given under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Association in the school assembly hall, Saturday evening, December 10th. The proceeds of this affair will be used to purchase shower baths for the gymnasium.

J. C. Ward of Milwaukee, visited his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Reichelt, Jr., last week.

Miss Emma Gertrude White of Evanston, who is chairman of Americanization committee and has been a teacher in the Evanston schools for over 25 years, will speak at the Parent-Teacher Association meeting which will be held Dec. 9, at 2:30. Mr. George Rockenbach is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Brockway, Mrs. Eva Wilmot, and Miss Clara Keyes of Waukegan were guests at the Vants home Thursday.

Mrs. R. M. Lord of Ravenswood, visited at the home of Mrs. Emil Fredrick Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Bleimel and Mr. and Mrs. Van Arsdale of Highland Park, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Blaine, Saturday.

Miss Cochfield of Academy of Fine Arts of Chicago, is supervising art in grammar school one day a week.

United Evangelical Church On next Sunday morning, Rev. D. Ester of Adams street Evangelical church, will preach, an exchange of pulpits having been arranged.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet Tuesday afternoon, December 6th.

Deerfield Presbyterian Church The pastor exchanged pulpits last sabbath with the pastor of Christ church, Chicago on account of it being the regular Church Extension exchange day. Friday evening of this week the Christian Endeavorers meet at the home of Donald Easton for their monthly good time together. They are planning a trip to the home of Dependent Children, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 17.

The choir is getting the Christmas cantata well under way. If there are those who contemplate pointing for this, it ought to be at once. The cantata will be given Tuesday evening preceding Christmas.

The Committee that was appointed by the Board of Trustees to secure plans for the new church has received some very artistic and beautiful plans, it is hoped that they may be submitted to the community soon.

The next issue of the Deerfield Messenger is expected back from the printers within a week or so. The editor found it necessary to omit the November issue because of the lack of time to edit the paper. Time seems to be at a premium for most of us these days.

As this goes to the printers, the Dorcas society are working hard for their annual bazaar on Thursday evening of this week. Great credit is due Mrs. George Pettis and her co-workers for their sacrificing spirit during the past year. If it was not for the Dorcas society our church would be lost.

Remember the morning and evening services the coming week. Let us keep up the good work.

HAS TONIC EFFECT

Christmas Day Pleasures Are of Benefit to People.

Mental State Does Everybody Good and Festivity Equals Prescription of Physician.

CLOSE observers in the ranks of the medical profession have noted one very interesting fact concerning the Christmas season—that it generally has a good tonic effect upon their patients. In explanation of this the London Lancet says that since Christmas has come to be regarded as a time for good cheer, a universal feeling of contentment and happiness is engendered at this time of joyousness, routine is for a while relieved, a certain freshness is given to the daily round, differences of opinion are sunk, and a charitable spirit prevails. In it, by the way, hoping for too much, asks the Lancet, that the season of good fellowship should leave some lasting effect upon the manners and methods of all?

It may not be easy to trace exactly why the sense of exhilaration and well-being comes with the advent of Christmas, for the psychological factors concerned are not simple. But the main point is that the mental state does everybody good, and the annual festivity is just as excellent an institution as the prescription of the physician which gives tone and vigor to the struggler in life's race. There is no need nowadays, thanks to the good sense of the people and the counsels of their medical advisers, to moralize about the evils of a stupid indulgence in food, alcohol and tobacco on a festive occasion such as the present. Practically everybody realizes the great physiological advantages of being wise on a merry occasion.

Many more persons than formerly feel where use ends and abuse begins, and they act sensibly accordingly; and so far from it being a crime to make the season festive by enjoying, on a little extended scale perhaps, the creature comforts of life, some decided good is done to both the mental and physical health of the individual.

The festive season may, therefore, be welcomed, which brings cheer to thousands, which induces the generous and charitable to brace the mental and physical functions of the community at large, giving it the opportunity of relinquishing its business and its worries for a time, to start again refreshed and ready for "the trivial round, the common task." The prescription "A Merry Christmas" is good so long as the "signature" of good sense is observed.

Christmas Is Comin'

Now Christmas is comin' Let us best us for the drum And call all our neighbors together And when they appear Let us make them each cheer It will bring out the wind and the weather.

CHRISTMAS IN 1621

Rebuke Administered to New England Observers of Day.

Young Men Who Had Arrived on Little Ship Fortune Reprimanded for Festivities.

IT WAS in 1621 that Governor Bradford was called upon to administer a rebuke to some of the young men of the New England colony who had just come over on the little ship Fortune, and who wanted to celebrate the holiday, the Detroit News recalls. Puritanism brought over with it in the Mayflower the anti-Christmas feeling, and when the group of lusty youngsters attempted to observe the day they were sharply criticized by the colony.

The men were called out to work that day as on other days, but the newcomers declared it against their consciences to work on Christmas day. The governor left them and led away the rest of the workers. But when he returned at noon the young men were in the street at play—some pitching the bar and some playing stool ball. He took away their implements and told them it was against his conscience that they should play while others worked, and that they could observe the day within doors, but there should be no reveling in the streets.

On the day in question a tree was chopped down and dragged into one of the rough cabins where it was trimmed with cranberries and popcorn, while the young people feasted their eyes on its beauties. These "revelries" were frowned upon by the majority of the colonists and in 1650 the general court of Massachusetts enacted a law that made any person observing Christmas day liable to a fine of "five shillings." The law was repealed in 1861.

Placecards. Next after decorating the table comes the question of placecards. These may be as simple or as elaborate as you like, but you really should have them! You might cut white cardboard into small round pieces. Give each an irregularly outlined border of green and at the top of this little make-believe Christmas wreath punch a small hole, through it draw red baby ribbon, and tie in a bow. The name is written in the center.

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