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PAVE DEERFIELD HIGHWAY

After the Deerfield road has been closed for several weeks word comes that on account of the shortage of cement the work may not be completed until next year. Thus, residents of Deerfield and Highland Park face the possibility of having to make a seven-mile detour each time they make the trip between the two cities until next summer. Another possibility is that the old road will be reopened as soon as the bridge over the Skokie is completed, and that it will be used until next summer, when operations can be resumed by the contractors. Neither plan is desirable.

The state has enough cement to complete a certain percentage of the paving work in each county, and the Division of Highways has asked the Lake county board of supervisors to compile a list of roads under construction or about to be built, indicating those which should have first claim to materials. The road between Highland Park and Deerfield is entitled to a place on the priority list, and residents of the two communities are expecting the supervisors to recognize their claims and disprove the allegations, often voiced, that the playing of petty politics always results in the "plums" going to other parts of Lake county despite the comparative merit of the claims.

GAMBLING WITH LIFE

Tests made recently by officials of the Burlington Route at two grade crossings on its main line in this state disclose an appalling carelessness and disregard for the value of life and limb by the drivers of automobiles.

These tests were made at Plano, Ill., where the Cannonball Trail crosses the Burlington, and at a country road crossing near Montgomery, Ill. Both of these crossings were protected by the standard crossing signal, and, in addition, one of them was also guarded by an electric alarm bell.

During eight hours, 772 vehicles passed over these crossings. Only 17 drivers—less than one out of every 45—stopped to make sure whether a train was approaching the tracks; 182 looked in one direction; 381 looked both ways; but, 192 failed to look at all and sped across the track without taking any precaution whatsoever to make sure that it was safe to cross.

Such a "don't care" attitude explains the increasing frequency of the appearance of such startling headlines as "Train Crashes Into Auto at R. R. Crossing." If such recklessness continues to increase, it soon will be proper to change the headline recording crossing accidents to read, "Auto Crashes Into Train." The records of the Burlington show that during a recent year 20 per cent of all such grade crossing accidents were caused by the automobiles deliberately crashing into the train—the train having beaten the auto to the crossing.

Admittedly, the train has the right of way, but all the signals, bells, and whistles in the world will not prevent accidents as long as the drivers of automobiles fail to heed their warning.

AMERICAN DESERT SCENERY

One of the driest parts of the United States is what is called the Papago country, a region including about 13,000 square miles in southwestern Arizona, so called because it was long ago inhabited by the Papago Indians. The broad expanse of desert country, which lies between Gila river and the Mexican boundary, contains many groups of volcanic and other mountains separated by a broad alluvial basin, which, though the rainfall is small and the temperature is high, sustain a scant growth of desert plants, including orchard-like groups of strange trees. Here the bold slopes of the mountains, the general absence of watering places and the peculiar forms of the vegetation, impress the traveler strongly with the majesty and mystery of the desert, and excite his wonder as to the origin and history of the natural features.

A report of this region by Kirk Bryan has just been published by the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, as Bulletin 730-B, under the title "Erosion and Sedimentation in the Papago Country, Arizona." The report describes the geology briefly as a setting for a consideration of the agencies that have produced the forms of the land and presents detailed conclusions as to the mode of origin of the desert landscape. The paper is illustrated with diagrams, views, and maps, and should be of interest to all students of topography and physiography, particularly those who are endeavoring to solve problems of erosion by wind and water in desert regions.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hopkins who spent the past summer in the east and in Canada on an extended motor trip are at the Exmoor Country club and will open their home on Lincoln Ave. within a few days.

Mrs. E. A. Palmer of Cuba is visiting her sister Mrs. Frank Laing of Glenview ave., for several weeks.

Miss Gertrude Swallen of Chicago, was the week end guest of her cousin, Mrs. William Guyot. Miss Swallen is a student at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and when she completes her work there will go to Korea as a missionary.

While walking in her back yard last Friday, Mrs. Mary Ehrens fell and broke her wrist.

Mrs. W. E. Brand is spending a week with her daughter Dr. L. S. Russell in Saugatuck, Mich.

The Fred Juhrend family have moved into their new residence on Washington St., Highwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schaffler and Mrs. Edwin Gilroy have returned from a camping trip in Wisconsin.

Mr. Henry F. Clow, Mr. Theo. Knaak of Deerfield, Mr. Richard Bricknell and Mr. Sisin of Waukegan are attending the Conclave of the Knight Templars at Peoria this week.

Miss Cornelia Luff of New York city will arrive next week to be the guest of Miss Helen Bourneque.

Mrs. T. M. Wilder is spending several weeks at Tenderfoot camp in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Edmund Eitel is spending a few weeks in Northern Michigan.

Miss Rhoda Collins has gone to Kemper Hall where she will serve as Dietitian.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parkins will return Saturday from Penwater, Mich., where they spent the summer.

Misses Caroline and Helen Willets are spending ten days at Three Lakes, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brown of Hubbard Woods are spending a few weeks with Mrs. F. C. Brown of Hazel avenue.

Mrs. T. W. Winston and two children returned Monday from Marblehead, Boston, where they spent the summer visiting relatives.

Miss Turpin and Miss Wheelock of the Elm-Place School staff are staying at the C. L. Berry residence.

Miss Charlotte Yoe left Tuesday for a week's visit in New York.

Mrs. Merton Church was called to Oklahoma Monday due to the illness of her father.

Mrs. George W. Childs is spending this week in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Edwards of N. Sheridan Rd. are leaving this week for Oak Park, where they will make their home for this winter. They expect to return to Highland Park in the spring.

Miss Elizabeth Buckley is in the east visiting a number of school mates from Smith college.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Doty returned the first part of this week from Three Lakes, Wisconsin, where they spent the summer.

Miss Marion Keagle left Sunday for the State Teacher's college at De Kalb, Illinois, where she will be a student this coming year.

Graham Keagle returned Sunday from a week's outing at Paw Paw lake, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. George Greene and children returned Friday evening from a motor trip to Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. They visited Mrs. Greene's brother in Ackley, Iowa and Mr. Greene's brother in Austin, Minnesota.

Miss Elizabeth Morrison has returned from the Garfield Park Hospital of Chicago, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. C. N. Kimball, who is accompanied by Dr. Sadie B. Chambers, is touring Europe. They reached Liverpool last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, parents of Mr. E. F. Pratt, have left for Yonkers, New York, where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark G. Wright have returned to their home on S. Linden ave. Mr. and Mrs. Hasselman's who occupied their residence during the summer have returned to Chicago. Mrs. Wright has just returned from Iowa where she visited her brother Mr. James Yial.

Mrs. Jennie Chantry, Associate Matron of Campbell Chapter, O. E. S. will serve as Marshal at Wilmette Chapter Monday evening.

Mrs. W. R. Tapper and daughters will leave the latter part of this month for a trip abroad.

Mrs. A. L. Renning and Mrs. Leslie Brand and daughter Jeanne returned Monday from the east where they spent the past five weeks.

Mrs. Jacob Kline who fell down the stairs in her residence last Tuesday and injured her knee is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ostergaard who have been abroad for the past three months have returned home.

Mr. E. D. Cribbs who underwent an operation at the Highland Park Hospital last week is reported as getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dooley enjoyed a motor trip to Detroit, Mich., last week.

Mrs. John Sheahan is in the Highland Park hospital where she underwent a minor operation on her throat. Mr. and Mrs. De Lacy of Waukegan spent Sunday in Highland Park visiting friends and relatives.

Little Barbara Small is confined to her home with whooping cough.

Albert E. M. Louser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Louser of Roger Williams avenue, left Sunday to enter Dartmouth college.

Miss Mabel Grebe of Barrington was the guest at the Paul Gieser home last week instead of Miss Darlene Jones as was stated in last week's Press.

Mrs. J. B. Card and her daughter, Miss Catherine Card, and Miss Evelyn Foote have returned from Europe where they spent the summer. Miss Mary Card remained in Paris.

Mr. M. M. Kutzer is on a business trip to Des Moines, Ia.

Mr. George Millard is undergoing an operation at the Highland Park hospital today.

Mr. Elisha Morgan, who has been home on a visit for the past few weeks, left last Saturday for Vashon Is., Washington.

NURSES ORGANIZE COUNTY SOCIETY

Met Tuesday in Waukegan; Will Work for Closer Co-operation

School and industrial nurses of Lake county met in Waukegan Tuesday for the purpose of organizing a county society. The organization was perfected and Miss Mary Minich, school nurse of Waukegan, was elected president. Mrs. A. Braun, nurse at the North Shore hardware foundry was elected secretary. The meeting was held in the office of T. A. Simpson, county superintendent of schools.

Those present were: Ella D. Neff, school dentist at Lake Forest.

Mrs. Hunke, Highland Park city school nurse.

Mrs. A. Braun, nurse at North Chicago hardware foundry.

Mrs. R. Hudson, nurse for North Shore railroad.

Miss G. L. Barker, Lake Forest school nurse.

Miss Winifred Lewis, nurse, Oak Terrace school, Highwood.

Miss Jennie Johnson, nurse Elm Place school, Highland Park.

Miss Muriel B. Smith, nurse Deerfield-Shields high school.

Miss Van de Mark, nurse at National Envelope Co., Waukegan.

Miss Mary Minich, nurse, city schools, Waukegan.

Dr. A. J. Markley, of Belvidere, of the state board of health was present and assisted in the organization. He told the great amount of good that can be accomplished when all the nurses co-operate toward a common end. He pointed out the many ways in which this can be done.

ANNOUNCE WINNERS IN \$2,000 CONTEST

Illinois prize winners in the \$2,000 Morgenthau contest for the best essay or oration on the Near East have just been announced by F. J. Michel, executive secretary of the Near East Relief, 19 S. La Salle Street, Chicago. Jesse R. Hurley, of Peconaton, won the first prize, fifteen dollars, with his essay on "The Four Horsemen in Armenia." This essay is also entered in the National contest held for State prize winners the first prize for which is \$500. Prize winners in this contest will be announced shortly.

Ezelle Cox of Winchester came second with "Armenia," and Miss Helen G. Phelps of Jacksonville won third prize. Miss Phelps took as her subject, "Near East Relief—the Hope of Armenia."

Judges in the contest were William B. Owen, principal of the Chicago Normal College, Paul T. Gilbert of the Chicago Evening Post, and Miss Martha J. Kyle of the English department, University of Illinois.

The Morgenthau contest, which closed July 1, was open to junior and Senior high school students only. To be entitled to compete for the prizes, the oration or essay must actually have been delivered or read at a commencement exercise, oration contest, or some other public function, such as a church, club or community meeting.

The judges praised the essays entered by Illinois students, saying they were all of an unusually high order and it was difficult to select the prize winners.

Other contestants whose essays ranked high were as follows; J. B. Austin, Decatur; Melvin Pinner, Norman Pearson, Miss Rose Friedman, Batavia; Willard Newton Hockaday, Oak Park; and Miss Ethel Nelson, Galva.

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