

**Mr. and Mrs. Sallie**  
—being the Confessions of a new wife—  
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The Charming Mrs. Wright Calls  
"Tis not Love's going hurts my days,  
But that it went in little ways."  
I sat for a long time looking out to the distant heights with my thoughts following Curtiss to the dance. A little couple of Edna St. Vincent Millay haunted my mind and repeated itself over and over again in spite of my effort to think of other things.  
"Tis not Love's going hurts my days,  
But that it went in little ways."  
There it was—singing itself persistently into the evening shadows and making itself one with the pattern of the trees.  
What a lot this young poetess knew of the every-day emotions of life! Her poem—I remembered just the way it looked on the left side of a page in one of those slender little volumes that one loves to caress) about a girl and her lover in the springtime of the year—they had both thrilled to the loveliness of nature and together had felt its charm, and then, in the fall—they were married then, I suppose she still saw and felt the beauty of that season, as well, but he—

unusual thought.  
She nodded her beautiful, patrician head with its ivory-tinted hair which was parted simply in the middle and wound into a coil at nape of her neck where two antique pins of amethyst held it in place.  
"It's no easy task," she replied, "for it requires all the virtues and all the better qualities of mind. I'm quite a neophyte myself and, as I said, I only 'try'."  
"For instance," I prompted.  
She put out her hand. It was shapely as an Easter lily upon its graceful stem.  
"Tell me something about yourself, my dear. I found out only this afternoon that you were the daughter of one of my dearest friends," her voice sank almost to a whisper, "your mother and I were very, very close."  
"Oh, did you know her? How wonderful, Mrs. Wright! And just to think here we are living right next door. Truth is surely more surprising than fiction after all."  
"Yes, we grew up in the same small town—loved each other just as sisters and there wasn't a secret either of



"Laughed at all I dared to praise  
And broke my heart in little ways."  
Curtiss was getting to be like that and, as I sat alone in the gathering twilight, I wondered if this could be a universal condition with women and men. How many wives were sitting with aching hearts for husbands who were careless or indifferent of "little ways?"  
I heard a footfall on a broken twig—a scattering of small rocks on the path of flags leading up to the house and looking out I saw a white figure approaching through the dark.  
Then a voice called to me and its tones were at once reassuring and sweet:  
"Don't be frightened, dear, it's only I."  
I went forth to greet her and discovered that it was Mrs. Wright.  
"It's a little cool here, don't you think?" I asked nodding to the porch.  
"Yes, in spite of beauty's warmth," she smiled waving one hand toward the distant mountains where a new moon haloed on of the tallest peaks.  
"I agree with you and I think we'd be more practically comfortable if we go inside." We both laughed.  
When we were settled in the living room with its soft gleaming lights I looked at my visitor and even before she spoke again, I realized that this was no ordinary guest. Although she was a woman well past middle years hers was the radiant personality of youth. Even her voice was as freshly musical as a girl of sixteen.  
"You've just returned from a trip around the world, I believe," I said.  
"It started off to be that but I couldn't resist the little by-paths and out of the way places so really I got only as far as England when I should have been in Norway or some such place, according to the schedule I had planned. If I just hadn't seen Devon in April I might have torn myself away but now, well now I know England by heart."  
"What do you do, Mrs. Wright? Is it singing, writing poetry, painting, or what?"  
"None of those my dear, although I thank you, just the same. I'm only trying to make living an art."  
"Make living an art?" It was an

us had that the other did not share."  
(There was one, thank Heavens, she had been spared, the one that only my father and I knew. The secret of her sudden death).  
I began to weep.  
"Oh, I'm sorry my child. I should not have opened an old wound," and she came over and placed her hand on my head, "let us not speak of your mother again because it makes you very sad."  
"Oh, no, it's all right, really," I replied. "I love hearing about her from you and how pleased she must be to know that I have you right here beside me tonight."  
I had regained by composure and we spoke of many things. Books, the theatre, psychology and modern art.  
Her mind was a treasure house of precious stones, the faces of which were scintillating thoughts—thoughts polished with a broad interest and love for people that gave her the simplicity of the truly great.  
She was that unusual and very delightful sort of person who could hold a room full of listeners spell bound as she talked and yet she, herself, was a perfect audience, pausing unselfishly at frequent intervals in the conversation and drawing from your mind its very best until suddenly your most ordinary ideas seemed to glow in new words and become worthwhile.  
Even if she had not known my mother (which was an additional bond) I should have felt drawn to Mrs. Wright. With her all my inhibitions slipped away and I was telling her the things that were nearest my heart.  
I felt that hers was no gossipy curiosity but a genuine interest and, before I knew it, I was telling her about Curtiss going to the dance.  
"It's the first time he's been anywhere like that without me," I explained, "and I was thinking that possibly he was beginning not to—well not to care," my voice wavered, "he wouldn't have done it before."  
"Yes, I know, before you were married, isn't that what you were going to say?" she asked.  
I nodded my head in surprise.  
(To be continued)

**DEERFIELD'S FIRST CLASS GRADUATED WAY BACK IN 1885**

Mr. Sandwick Elected Principal in 1903; Sees Growth in School

The history of Deerfield-Shields high school dates back farther than most people realize. The first class, consisting of one member—Milton Baker, who now resides in Fort Dodge, Iowa, graduated in 1885. At this time the grammar and high schools were together at the site of the present Elm Place grammar school. The next year there were six members in the graduating class of whom all are living.

**High School Founded In 1887**  
"In September 1887, in response to a popular demand, the school began its independent career in the rooms above Brand Brothers Paint shop, on the corner of West Central avenue and Second street, in Highland Park," says Dr. Peter C. Wolcott, former member and later secretary of the board of education.

"Mr. John T. Ray, as principal, was assisted by Miss Bertha Baker, now Mrs. E. B. Green, and they two constituted the faculty.  
"The first election for a township high school board of education was held in April 1890, and resulted in the choice of Prof. Elisha Gray, who became its first president; Mr. L. O. Brockway, who was the first secretary; Mr. Silas Brand, Mr. Daniel Pease, and Mr. George Rockenbock.

**First Commencement In 1890**  
"The first commencement was held on May 29, 1890, and Miss Bertha Moses and Miss Marie Raffan were the first graduates. At this time Mr. E. W. Chase was principal, having succeeded Mr. Ray in 1888.

"On November 6, 1893 there was a fire in the building and the classes were moved to the Thompson block until December 30, when they returned to the Brand block.

"Mr. James H. Shields, to whom the school owes so much, was elected a member of the high school board in April 1895, and continued in office until January 1912, a period of nearly seventeen years," states Dr. Wolcott.

"The tuition in 1895 was fifteen dollars a year. At the present time it is two hundred fifty-five dollars a year.

**Looked For New Site In 1895**  
"The room which the school occupied were small and lacking in educational facilities and conveniences," continues Dr. Wolcott, "and on July 26, 1895 a committee of the board of education began to look for a site upon which a school house could be built. The lot upon which the present James H. Shields hall now stands was selected and on August 26, 1896, it was purchased for the sum of \$2,750.

"On August 21, 1897, by authority of the board, an election was held for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the district the proposition to build a school building upon the lot purchased and to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000 in payment therefor. The voters favored the proposition.

"There was much rejoicing over the prospect of obtaining the building so greatly needed, but the rejoicing was short lived, as a week later the Circuit court enjoined the board from the proceeding, on the ground that certain formalities necessary to the legality of the election had not been complied with.

"The injunction was dissolved in May 1898 and the board proceeded to carry out its plans. In June the bonds were sold, and a number of architects submitted sketches in competition for the new building.

"Again the hopes of friends of the school were dampened by an appeal taken from the circuit to the appellate court by those opposed to the erection of the high school building. The decision was in favor of the objectors, thereupon the bond sale was cancelled and the sketches were returned to the architects.

"In April 1899 an appeal to the supreme court was taken by the board, and in October of the same year they won their decision.

"In November the plans of Mr. Joseph C. Llewellyn for the present James H. Shields building were approved and adopted, and in December the bond issue of \$30,000 was sold.

"At last the much needed building was started and the work proceeded so rapidly that on September 17, 1900 the school was opened in the new building. It was formally dedicated (Continued on page 4) on March 15, 1901.

"In June 1900 the students of Deerfield published their first year book.

"When the new building was first occupied there was an enrollment of seventy pupils and seven teachers, including the principal," Dr. Wolcott says. "At the graduation exercises in June 1901, which were held in the Presbyterian church, thirteen pupils received diplomas.

**First Gym Coach In 1901**  
"The first gymnasium coach was engaged in January 1901. In July of the same year manual training equipment was purchased. The chemical laboratory and a lunch room in the basement were equipped.

"In May 1902 a resolution was adopted by the board calling attention to the need for more land for an athletic field and for future expansion of the school, and an election was called for June, 1902, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the township a proposition to purchase the lots facing on St. John's

avenue and extending north from the original building to the present bridge over the ravine.

"The election resulted in a decided negative to the board's proposal," Dr. Wolcott continues.

Mr. Sandwick Elected Principal, 1903  
"Mr. R. L. Sandwick was elected principal in August 1903.

"The commercial course was organized in 1904 and Mr. A. R. Williams, who was chosen to conduct it, remained in the school for ten years.

"The domestic science course was also begun in September 1904 and Miss Elizabeth White, now Mrs. H. A. Sellery, was its first teacher.

"In 1904 the small Lake Forest high school was discontinued and the Lake Forest board of education sent their pupils to this school.

"In June 1905 the board returned to the subject of the purchase of additional land and ordered an election to be held. At this election the vote was carried.

"The change in sentiment which this election registered indicated a growing confidence in the school and its administration, and a realization of its future needs. The land was secured by private purchase.

"In December 1905 the school adopted the name of Deerfield township high school," says Dr. Wolcott.

**Night School Begun In 1906**  
"The night school was begun in November 1906 and was kept open for a period of sixteen weeks.

"In 1907 plans were considered for the consolidation of Shields township with Deerfield township high school district. The vote was unanimously in favor of the union. This formed the Deerfield-Shields township high school.

"During the year 1907-08 the total number of students was 220 and the teaching force numbered seven."

"In 1910 the lunchroom was moved from the basement of Shields hall to the attic, which is now used for music.

"The number of students rapidly increased and in 1913-14 the enrollment was 334. The school building was erected to accommodate 250 pupils and more room was urgently needed, with better accommodations for physical training, domestic science and manual training departments.

"In June of 1912, a resolution was passed, recommending the erection of five additional buildings: a gymnasium, a class room building, a manual arts building, an auditorium, and a heating and power plant. Mr. J. C. Llewellyn, the architect was instructed to prepare plans for the group," Dr. Wolcott states.

"It is interesting to note that the

plans were carried out almost exactly as they were first made.

"A special election was called in October 1913 for the purpose of submitting the new proposition to the voters of the district. The proposition was carried by a large majority," says Dr. Wolcott.

"It was decided, on account of the high cost of labor and materials, to postpone the erection of the auditorium, as this seemed to be the building least urgently needed.

**Buildings Started In 1914**

"In May 1914 contracts were let for the new buildings and the work of construction proceeded so rapidly that on February 3, 1915, classes were held in the gymnasium and industrial arts building.

"The lunch room was moved to the basement of the class room or east building as it is now called. Only so much of this building as was needed at the time, had been finished."

A resolution was passed in May 1919, according to Mr. H. G. Pertz, to complete the second and third floors of the East building for the present chemical and commercial departments.

In July of the same year the library was moved from the study hall to its present situation on second floor of Shields hall.

**Auto Course Started In 1921**  
In December of the same year the board rented a small garage, one-half block south on St. John's avenue, in which was introduced the first auto course.

Deerfield in 1921 produced the champion football team of the Suburban league. The team went to Brocton, Massachusetts.

"Thirty acres of land on West Park avenue were purchased for a new athletic field in March of 1923.

In March of 1924 a resolution was passed to build an auditorium of which the voters soon approved.

The first assembly in this new auditorium was held in September, 1925. The new building was formally dedicated in October of the same year.

In May 1926, the first ball game and track meet were held on the new athletic field.

The class of 1926 will be the first to be graduated in the new auditorium.

This presents briefly the main facts in the history of our high school. Many other interesting things have happened which have not been included.

Mr. Pertz supplies some interesting facts: there have been thirty-one different board members since the beginning of its history; 9,909 have registered in high school from September, 1887, to June, 1926; there have

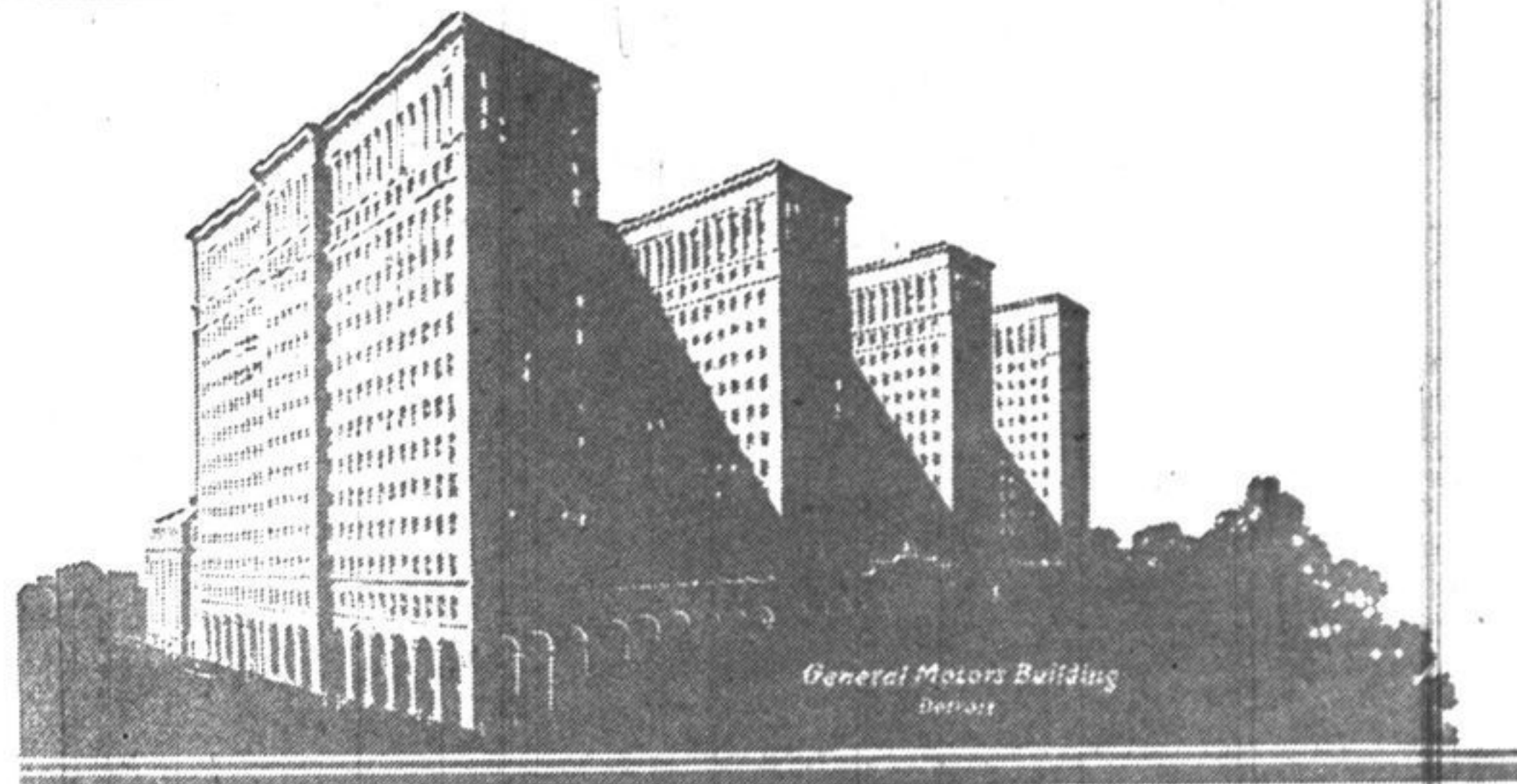
been 1,248 graduates, including June 1925. There are now forty-six teachers and approximately 780 students.  
"Our school stands today, an enduring monument to the men who planned it, the men who erected it, and to the community which saw the vision and made it possible to realize it," says Dr. Peter C. Wolcott.

Judging from the way everybody wants to do something for him, the American farmer must be nearly as popular right now as Santa Claus.

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