

## WOLCOTT HERO OF REVOLUTION DAYS

SIGNER OF DECLARATION

Had Notable Record in Military Lines and Served Country in Many Ways After the Conflict

In the same year that he was graduated by Yale university, Oliver Wolcott, Connecticut signer of the Declaration of Independence, received a captain's commission in the army from Governor Clinton of New York. The Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, in Philadelphia, is commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the document.

**Leads Military Company**  
The young American raised a company at the head of which he marched to defend the northern frontiers. In consequence of the peace of Aix-la-Chapelle, the unit disbanded, and Wolcott returned to Connecticut to study medicine under the direction of Alexander Wolcott, a distinguished practitioner. He abandoned the profession on being appointed the first sheriff of Litchfield county.

He served in the militia in every rank from captain to major-general. In July, 1775, congress appointed him a member of the Commission of Indian Affairs for the northern department, which had as its important object the inducing of the Indian nations to remain neutral during the war.

**Settling Boundary Disputes**  
Wolcott's influence was used to settle the boundary disputes between Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and Vermont and New England settlers in support of the American cause.

After the Declaration was adopted and signed he returned to his native state and was appointed by Governor Trumbull and the Council of Safety to command fourteen regiments of the Connecticut militia ordered for the defense of New York.

For a time Wolcott divided his services between congress and commanding the militia. He was a commissioner of Indian affairs in 1784-85, helping to prescribe the terms of peace to the Six Nations of Indians. After serving for ten years as Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut, he was elected governor of the state.

**Wife Helped**  
Had it not been for his wife, Wolcott could not have served his country thus without sacrificing his family. To her must go the credit for managing the small farm and caring for the children with all of the frugality, fortitude and intelligence of a Roman matron, and for making their home the seat of comfort and hospitality. It is in large measure because of her character that his name is recorded in connection with many of the most important events of Revolutionary times.

## AGED PRIEST IS KILLED ON RAIL

Father Gavin of Waukegan Is Run Down by Street Car; Funeral Held

Struck and fatally injured by a street car on Washington street near Genesee street in Waukegan at 6:30 o'clock Friday morning, Rev. Edward W. Gavin, 88 years old, pastor emeritus of Immaculate Conception church, with which he was connected as rector for more than 54 years, died in Victory Memorial hospital, three hours later at 9 o'clock.

Passing of the veteran priest, one of the two oldest in service in the Chicago diocese of the Roman Catholic church, ended a period for him of more than half a century of service.

Run down and dragged after he had stepped in the path of the moving street car, Father Gavin suffered a fracture of the skull and severe lacerations about the head.

He was taken from beneath the front of the street car in an unconscious condition and rushed to the Victory Memorial hospital in a taxicab. He died without having regained consciousness.

The funeral was held on Monday of this week.

## PLAN TO PAVE ROAD TO GRAYSLAKE SOON

Connect Town With Route 21 of State System Is Purpose; Steps Taken

R. M. Lobbell, county superintendent of highways, announced last week that the county plans for paving for Grayslake, between Route 21 and the village would be presented shortly to the state highway department for approval. The highway superintendent aims to let this contract this year, so that grading can be done this year and the actual paving started early next spring.

F. C. Feutz, the contractor who has the Green Bay road paving project, is making good progress, according to Lobbell. He says that both the building of culverts and grading work is being expedited. The plan is to start pouring concrete within two weeks.

The farmer who raises plenty of pigs and chickens doesn't seem to be worrying a great deal about the price of corn.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC BUSINESS DECLINING

Less Than Two Per Cent of Illinois People Served by Home Facilities

A survey just made public by the Illinois State Electric association discloses the fact that less than 2 per cent of the population of Illinois is served by municipal electric businesses.

Of the 199 communities originally conducting municipal electric businesses in Illinois, more than 64 per cent—125 communities—have completely abandoned operations; 24 now conduct municipal distribution businesses only, purchasing power from private plans, and 50 communities continue generating and supplying energy. The combined generating capacity of the 50 plants is 34,380 horsepower, or less than 2 per cent of the total for the state.

The increase in the use of electric energy in Illinois has been little short of prodigious. Nearly 7,100 miles of high tension electric transmission lines of privately-owned companies gives the state a wide distribution of energy. Fifteen years ago there were approximately 200 communities in Illinois receiving electric service, while today 1,211 communities receive such service. The majority of those receiving service fifteen years ago had only "dusk-to-dawn" service, while today 24-hour service is found throughout the state.

## KENILWORTH GARDEN CLUB HAS MEETING

Held at Winnetka and Prizes Are Given; Interesting Time Enjoyed

The Kenilworth Garden club met recently at the home of Mrs. Sidney Y. Ball, 936 Hill road, Winnetka. There are twenty-five members of this enthusiastic club, and nearly every member brought and arranged some kind of exhibit, an unusual record for the club.

Prizes were awarded for flower arrangements.

First prize for the best breakfast table flower arrangement was won by Mrs. Bently G. McCloud, 338 Kenilworth avenue, Kenilworth. First prize for the best flower arrangement went to Mrs. A. L. McDougal, 325 Abbottsford road, Kenilworth. First prize for the best breakfast tea tray arrangement was won by Mrs. Sidney C. Eastman, 255 Melrose avenue.

The United States was the world's greatest apple producer in 1925, which is another reason why we are able to keep our government in such apple pie order.

If Jim Reed ever gets out of the United States senate just think of how much money he can make by starting a detective agency.

## WORLD MAY FACE SHORTAGE OF FOOD

NOT IN THIS GENERATION

But Indications Are That This Condition Is Coming; Means Increasing Prosperity For Farmers

A note of cheer for the farmers was struck in the convention of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Oxford, England, when Sir Daniel Hall predicted a world-wide food shortage, unless something is done to increase the production by science. Sir Daniel based his figures on present production and the present rate of increase in population.

It would be difficult, of course, at this time to convince the American farmer that a food shortage is imminent. For the past few years life for him has seemed to be just one surplus after another. And yet we know that the margin between a surplus and a shortage is comparatively small. The failure of Canadian wheat in 1920 came as a blessing to the American wheat farmer and brought him a season of prosperity. It was not so very long ago that corn was considerably more than a dollar a bushel.

Hogs were then comparatively cheap and so thousands of farmers abandoned the hog industry and went in for corn. For the past year the situation has been reversed. Now hogs are high and corn is cheap. The production of hogs will doubtless increase greatly during the next year or two, and then a partial failure of the corn crop is likely to reverse the situation again.

The thing which will encourage the thoughtful farmer is that general agricultural conditions are gradually growing better. Following the greatly increased production during the war came the slump which hit indus-

try first and then agriculture. Industry, being the first hit was the first to recover. Farming is only now convalescent but it is recovering steadily none the less.

It is not likely that Sir Daniel Hall's prediction of a food shortage of serious proportions will come true in this generation at least. But it is safe to say that the farmer is going to do better and that the worst of the agricultural slump is over.

## DIETMEYER FAMILY REUNION IS HELD

More Than 150 Descendants of Pioneer Settlers Meet Near Wadsworth

Four members of the old Dietmeyer family, three sons and a daughter, were represented by 158 descendants at the second annual Dietmeyer reunion held recently on the old Philip Dietmeyer farm near Wadsworth. There were members present from Oklahoma, Missouri, Indiana, besides those from Illinois. The oldest member present was Fidalia Dietmeyer of Wadsworth, aged 78, while the youngest was the three weeks old son of Robert Dietmeyer of Chicago. Half of the Dietmeyers present had never met the other half, or had seen one another in years; so much of the fun of the day was in getting acquainted.

## USE PHONOGRAPHS TO TEACH NATIVES

Phonographs are employed in teaching English in many schools in the Philippines. In one division, that of Nueva Ecija, Island of Luzon, they are used in this way in 22 central schools and 17 barrio schools. Educational authorities in the island desire that the English spoken shall be as similar as possible to the language of the United States, and, as it is impossible to employ the thousands of American teachers that would be required to bring this about, the use of phonographs with correct American-English records is strongly advocated.

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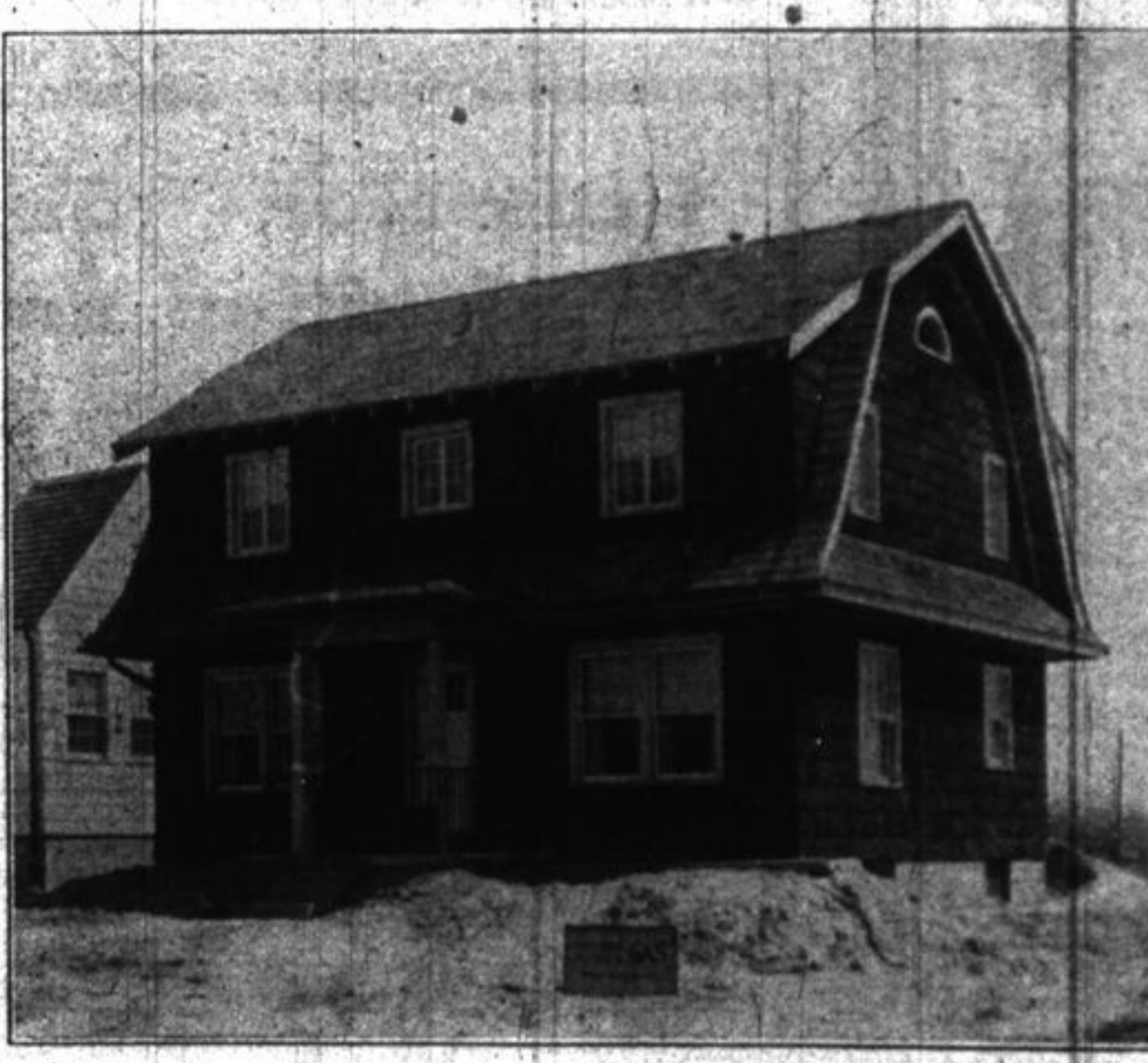
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