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LAKE COUNTY SEAT MARRIAGE RESORT

GRETNA GREEN OF REGION

Reports of County Clerk Show Number of Licenses Increase Yearly; June 1, 1927, However Shows Drop

Waukegan, the county seat of Lake county, continues to maintain its reputation as the Gretna Green of this region in the matter of marriage licenses issued, as shown by a comparison of the records in the office of County Clerk Lew A. Hendee for the past six months with the corresponding period a year ago. From December 1, 1926, to June 1 of this year, 2,174 couples were licensed to marry at the Lake county marriage bureau, while from December 1, 1925, to June 1, 1926, 1,934 licenses were issued. Thus an increase of 240 licenses is shown for the past six months.

Drop for June 1
At the same time the licenses issued June 1 of this year and that same date last year show a decrease this year in marriages for the first of the month which is supposed to be the banner month of the year for marriages. Last year 29 licenses were issued on June 1, while Wednesday only 18 couples procured licenses, a decrease of 11. Employees in the office of County Clerk Hendee believe that couples no longer prefer the month of June in which to get married, in the same manner they formerly did. The number of marriages the past few years have been more evenly divided between the summer months, June not having such a tremendous lead over other months.

Record for 6 Months
A comparison of the number of marriage licenses issued for a six months period follow:
December, 1925—257; December, 1926—300.

January, 1926—303; January, 1927, 334.

February, 1926—292; February, 1927, 336.

March, 1926—269; March, 1927, 309.

April, 1926—354; April, 1927—431.

May, 1926—459; May, 1927—434.

Total, 1926—2,174; total 1927, 2,174.

Mostly from Wisconsin
The biggest percentage of people married in Waukegan come here from Wisconsin cities. The laws in Wisconsin in regard to marriage are much stricter than those of Illinois. In Wisconsin a couple cannot be married until after notice of five days is given.

Wisconsin couples can come to Waukegan or any other Illinois city and get married without difficulty. It is necessary only for the man to get a doctor's certificate before procuring a license to wed.

LOBDELL HAS PASSED STATE EXAMINATION
Appointment as Regular Highway Superintendent in Lake Co. Expected

County Clerk Lew A. Hendee was officially notified last week by the state highway department that R. M. Lobdell, acting county highway superintendent for Lake county, had passed the examination for this office, held several weeks ago in Springfield. He was the only applicant for this office to take the examination and thus is certain to get the job.

Members of the board of supervisors said that Lobdell will be appointed county superintendent of highways for a 6-year period at the meeting of the board, which starts on June 14.

Lobdell was appointed acting county highway superintendent in March of last year, when Charles E. Russell resigned. He has made a good record in the office of county highway superintendent, it is said, members of the road and bridge committee of the county board, who work with Lobdell, being loud in their praise of the manner he has conducted the office and results obtained.

SIX BUILDINGS ARE CONDEMNED, GLENCOE

Six buildings in the village of Glencoe have been condemned by a deputy state fire marshal who has ordered them torn down or remodeled within thirty days. The official made the survey of Glencoe a short time ago, in company with William Edwards, building commissioner, and made the report to the village board at a recent meeting. The matter was referred to the board of the building commissioner with power to act.

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S SALARY TO BE MORE

The Senate and House at Springfield have both passed the bill which provides for increase of salaries of state's attorney of the state. In Lake county the change makes the salary \$1500 higher than now. It now is \$5,000 and if the governor signs the new bill it will be \$6500 here. Report is that the governor has no opposition to the bill and may sign it next week.

THIRD LAKE WOMAN BATTLES WITH SNAKE

Succeeds in Killing Spotted Adder Which Attacks Her Child in Yard

A battle to the death was waged recently by Mrs. William Alwardt who lives on the old Chittendam farm at Third Lake after a large snake had sprung at her ten-year-old son, Albert. The snake, a spotted adder, measured four feet three inches in length. Three times the vicious reptile threw itself at the woman before she succeeded in battering its head with a fence post.

Mrs. Alwardt's little son had gone into the garden to pick up fence posts. As he started to pick up one of the posts the snake that lay coiled beside it sprang at him. Frozen with fear the youngster was unable to move, but his cries were heard by his mother who was but a short distance away.

Curbing the natural feminine horror of a snake Mrs. Alwardt rushed to the scene, grabbing up a fence post. Before she was able to strike the snake had leaped at her. Jumping back nimbly Mrs. Alwardt swung the post with all her strength. The first blow seemed to break the reptile's back but did not prevent it from leaping twice more. Two more blows from the post battered in the snake's head.

Opinions differ as to whether the bite of this so-called Spotted Adder is poisonous. Some maintain it is venomous while others take the opposite position.

Mrs. Alwardt is receiving congratulations from all her friends for the plucky fight she made.

SERBIAN MONASTERY HAS BIG CELEBRATION

Is Situated Near Libertyville and 1,200 Attend Anniversary Exercises

Over twelve hundred people were present to participate in the semi-annual services and celebration of the Serbian Orthodox church which was held last week at St. Sava Monastery located just north of Libertyville. The most of the celebrants were from Chicago and suburbs who drove here for the event. Several large busses carried hundreds of the celebrants to and from Chicago.

The program was given under the direction of the Chicago district Federation of Sloga. Professor Pupian of Columbia university, noted instructor and scientist, was the principal speaker. Fifty members of the Serbian Glee club composed of singers from Whiting, Gary, Hammond and East Chicago, led the singing of the vast throng.

A native dance in which some five hundred Serbians participated, accompanied by the music provided by a Serbian band of twenty pieces, was one of the features of the afternoon.

The institution was originally built to serve as a home for the orphaned children of the members of the Serbian Orthodox church but is now being used as a monastery. It is conducted under the supervision of Bishop Mardary who is at the head of the church in the United States and Canada.

MONTH OF MAY NOT COLDER BUT WETTER

Weather Observer at Waukegan Gives Out Interesting Facts On It

John O. Laux, co-operative observer for the United States Weather Bureau at Waukegan, discredits the general impression that the month of May, 1927, was especially cold, but his report, turned in today, agrees that it was exceedingly cloudy and considerably wet.

Lake county weather for May seemed rather cool, but it was only 0.8 of a degree cooler than in May 1926 and was 3.0 degrees warmer than May 1925, and 4.0 degrees warmer than May 1924, which makes the mean temperature for the past month somewhat above the average for the past four years. However, the many cloudy and partly cloudy days made it the most gloomy four weeks; the number of clear days being far less than during any May since the Waukegan station was established.

SHOW NO MOVIES AT GLENCOE AUDITORIUM

Stating that in his opinion a united citizenship in Glencoe was vastly more important than to have a majority opinion prevail over opposition, Clarence T. MacNeill, former president of the Glencoe board of education, asserted last week that even though a large majority of the citizens of Glencoe were in favor of the regular exhibition of motion pictures in the new Glencoe school auditorium under some such plan as outlined in Messrs. Balaban, Brown and Wyman's letter to the citizens of May 10 they had decided definitely to drop the undertaking in view of the fact that there was some opposition.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

NEIGHBORHOOD JOTTINGS

Interesting Happenings About This Part of North Shore and Vicinity; County Seat Doings

Charles Lux, Sr., of Antioch, one of the pioneer residents of Lake county, died last week at his home. He was 83 years old. Death was due to complications from which he had been suffering for the past several months and old age.

Work of driving of piling of the site of the proposed million dollar plant of the North Shore Coke and Chemical company on the flats near Waukegan started last week. The beginning of these operations marks the actual start of construction of the huge plant.

Edward Padelford DeWolf, 79, pioneer resident of Waukegan and once mayor of that city died last Thursday afternoon at the Victory Memorial hospital where he had been taken earlier in the week for an operation that was necessitated due to ruptured appendix.

Mrs. Anna McGowan, a resident of Waukegan for nearly 70 years died in the Lake County hospital last week after an illness of more than a year due to rheumatism and an attack of paralysis.

A class of one hundred and ninety-one students was graduated from the Waukegan Township high school last Thursday evening when Superintendent John W. Thalman presented the class to Clarence W. Diver, who in behalf of the board of education awarded the diplomas.

Improvements that will total \$250,000 will be started immediately on Hotel Clayton, at Waukegan, it is reported. Plans call for the enlargement of the garage to a 100 car capacity, landscaping of the 276 frontage on Sheridan road, the destruction of the old Russ Woodward homestead just south of the hotel and complete equipment for the structure.

Figuratively and almost literally speaking, two Waukegan young women were the first to "break the ice" by taking the first plunge of the season into the chilling waters of Lake Michigan at Municipal Beach in that city last week. The young women, Miss Bessie Moody and Alice SeRine plunged and swam about in the water for about five minutes before they beat a hurried retreat for the warmth of the bath house.

HAUNTED HOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

One of Oldest Landmarks in the County Burned Recently Near Waukegan

One of the oldest landmarks in Lake county was destroyed recently when the 15-room house located on the Clay farm, located on Golf road a short distance north of the end of Jackson street, Waukegan burned to the ground while Central fire fighters were forced to stand helplessly by because of lack of water with which to fight the flames. Over 1,000 persons were attracted by the flames which lighted the sky and could be seen for miles around.

Captain Henry Gray declared that the fire was of incendiary origin and an investigation has been launched in an effort to learn the identity of the responsible parties.

The house which is over 70 years old has been untenanted for the past several months and was called the "haunted house" by youngsters of the neighborhood.

Recently vagrants have been sleeping in the old structure nights and it is believed they set the place on fire, either intentionally or through carelessness.

DEDICATE GLENCOE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Ceremony Last Evening and President of Chicago University Speaks

Formal dedication services for the new Glencoe public school auditorium, which has just been completed and was erected through popular subscription, was held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The principal address of the evening was delivered by Max Mason, president of the University of Chicago.

LET CONTRACT FOR GLENCOE WATERWORKS

Nelson Brothers, Holthe and Beauvais, of Muskegon, Mich., and Allied Contractors, Inc., of Chicago, were awarded portions of the contracts for the building of the Glencoe water works, at the meeting of the Village board Friday evening.

GLENCOE MEN'S CLUB HAS ANNUAL ELECTION

Meets Last Week and Selects Officials, Discusses Golf Tourney

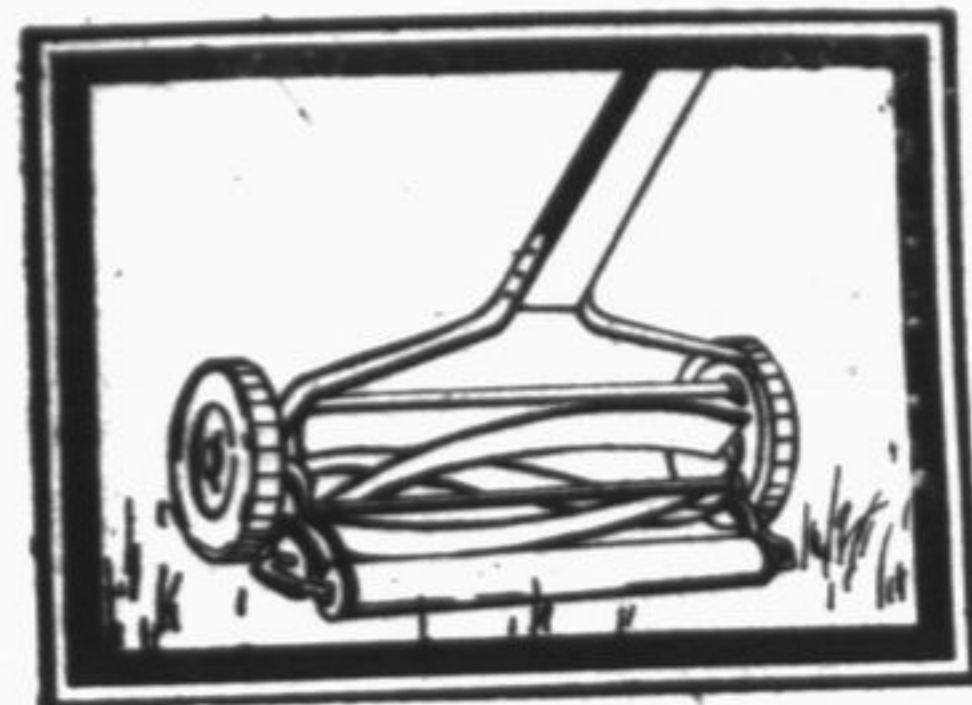
Glencoe Men's club held its annual dinner and election of officers at Masonic Temple, Thursday evening of last week. During the business session the annual golf tournament to be given by the club, was discussed, the prevailing opinion being that it should be held earlier this year than it has been in former years. No definite time was decided upon, but it will probably be in July. This matter will be determined at the first meeting of the newly elected officers and directors some time in June.

The officers elected follow:
Henry Patterson Pope, president; Col. William A. Carroll, vice-president; Charles S. J. Banks, treasurer; Amos H. Watts, secretary.

The directors are, John D. Austin, Frederick F. Hamley, C. C. Coldren, Ben F. Meyer and Maurice H. Karker.

LAKE COUNTY NEARLY GOT BIG RACE TRACK

With the announcement made Saturday that H. D. Brown, California turfman and capitalist, that the American National Jockey club, capitalized at \$2,000,000, has purchased a 400 acre tract of ground northwest of Chicago, at Arlington Heights, and that his new racing plant will be erected there, it became known that Lake county nearly was selected. Out of 17 prospective sites offered it is learned that Lake county was the last to be eliminated. Up to the time that Arlington Heights was decided upon the Lake county site at Roundout was regarded as having a 50-50 chance.



Do not Allow Yourself to be Mislead by Imposters

We have been informed that some one is calling upon residents of this community representing himself to be from The Lawn Mower Shop, asking for work and then filing the lawn mower blades on the premises. This man is an imposter — we do not "sharpen" mowers with a file on the premises — we call for your mower, and, after properly sharpening the blades on accurate modern machinery in our shop, return it to your home in A-1 condition.

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