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MRS. PHILIP HOLE RELATES EARLY LIFE

Names Early Settlers and Describes Conditions Existing in This Vicinity in 1860's

The history of Shields township is so closely identified with that of Deerfield, in the beginning of the occupation by the white man, that the reminiscences of a third member of our community, whose childhood was spent in our neighboring township, is of as much interest as that of our own.

At the time of the Illinois Centennial, in 1918, when an attempt was made by Mr. T. Arthur Simpson, Lake County Superintendent of schools, to have the pupils write local history in the county, Mrs. Philip Hole wrote the following letter to a Lake Bluff teacher:

"I cannot tell you very much about the Indians, as they had nearly all left, or were leaving at the time. I remember Mother telling about a few Indians coming to our house, and asking for food, which she gave them. They seemed friendly, but rather inquisitive, as they looked at everything closely, and even took hold of her dress, examining it carefully. I do not remember finding any Indian relics in Lake Bluff, but I have now quite a lot of Indian arrow heads which my husband picked up on our farm here, just north of the village. One relic looks as if it was meant for a tomahawk. Some of the first settlers in Deerfield have told me of the Indians having a wigwam somewhere near what is now the center of Deerfield, about where the State bank now stands, and finding many arrow heads near there seems to confirm that story.

"There were many Indians around here, I am told, in 1836.

The only cemetery, as late as 1850, in this entire country, was at Waukegan, now the county seat.

The first school was called the Shields school and was built of logs. My brother-in-law, Abe Frank, who was in the Mexican war, and who drove an ox team together with my father, John Cloes, from Lake Bluff to the gold fields of California, in 1849, used to tell us of their experiences in Lake county in those early days, 1846 to 1849.

My father started the first blacksmith shop in what is now the city of Lake Bluff. People came 20 miles by ox team to have work done. My father was really a locksmith, or gunsmith, but did all kinds of other mechanical work. I remember well father making a tall brass lamp in which we used to burn raccoon oil.

Henry Neal was another of the old settlers. He came to this country in 1841 or 1842 and took up a farm at what is now North Chicago. Mr. Swain was another who lived north of Lake Bluff about two miles. He built the first saw mill in the country soon after my parents came in 1846. Mr. Pettibone operated the saw mill later, when I was a girl. United States government land had not as yet been fully surveyed, and opened for homesteading. The new settlers just moved onto the land that appeared to them, and later paid the government when the land came onto the market.

A highly respected man, named Milton Shields, came into the neighborhood, and the township was named after him.

Mr. Tate was the first Justice of the Peace. Others among the first settlers were Hicix, Kaywood, Hinckley, Conling, Pady Gray. I recall as well the names of Attridge, Swanton, Cole, Tensler and Short. The last two were fishermen. William Sodel, M. Mines, P. McVeay, F. Goodbody, William Whirnel, Gartley MacKeen, and Henry Neal came from Ohio.

In 1853 or 1854 a number of German emigrants came in and settled around Shields'. Very soon after my mother rented a small part of the farm for a brickyard to Mr. Crawford. This was the first brick yard north of Chicago. Later it was run by Mr. Ostrander. B. J. Cloes, my brother, owned it in the seventies.

Deer was plentiful in the country in 1850. One Christmas morning, as father was having family prayer, (food was scarce) and father was asking God to send meat, when three deer stopped right in front of the house. Father loaded the old muzzle-loading rifle, using home made lead bullets. He opened the door just a little—fired—and the bullet went right through two of the deer, and into the third one. Father followed it up and got that one also, an immediate answering of the earnest prayer of those in need.

In 1859 or 1860 we had our log church, and Mr. John Williams was superintendent of the Sunday school.

Theological students came from Evanston occasionally to preach, but for communion services we went to Waukegan to the Presbyterian church of which Mr. Little was the minister.

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YOUNG VIOLINIST SHOWS GREAT TALENT

Samuel Chiet Delights Audience Pupils of Miss Biederstadt in Recital

The violin numbers played by Samuel Chiet at the piano recital given by the pupils of Miss Frances Biederstadt in the auditorium of the Presbyterian church Friday evening, July 29, exhibited the great talent of this promising young musician. In "Ziegenweiser," by Sarasate, the faint delicate passages were emphasized in contrast to the rollicking concluding ones.

Clare C. Bohenski, his accompanist, showed a fine feeling of responsiveness to moods and a blending of tone.

The numbers were well chosen, and of a variety to suit all listeners. "Frasquita" by Kreisler, and "Sonata" by Schubert, received much applause and the only encore on the program was given in Minuet in G by Major, which was played with muted strings.

The pupils who appeared on the program in the order of their grades were Dorothy Peters, Arlene Mentzer, Gladys Scheskie, Jane Ardis Benjamin, Mary Jane Friedlund, Marie Daniel, John Engstrom, Carl Kinley, Jas. Getty, Jean Pettis, Grace Sherman, Helmut Pipenbrok, David Stryker, Helen Engstrom and Edgeley Todd.

Mrs. Friedlund played a duet with her daughter, and Mrs. Getty also with her son.

DEERFIELD BOOSTERS DEFEAT LIBERTYVILLE

The Deerfield boys journeyed to Libertyville Sunday and won a close game from the strong aggregation there, 1-0.

Harder had his day and the Libertyville boys couldn't see his ball at all. Only 29 men faced him, 12 of only one man hit through the crack Deerfield infield for a safety.

Not only did Harder pitch a wonderful game but he won it by a three-bagger in the third inning, driving in Thompson for the only score of the game.

A lot of credit should be given the boys for the way they played the game. They were a little too fast for Libertyville, even on their own diamond.

Sunday Niles Center comes here and Saturday, August 13, our boys go to Northbrook to play at the big celebration—Northbrook Day.

Northbrook beat our boys 5 to 4 in the last game, so it looks like a real battle for August 13th.

WILMOT P. T. A. WILL HOLD PICNIC AUG. 12

Do you enjoy picnic parties? Then come with us and have a good time. Place—Vinyard's Grove, Grove Farm, Deerfield and Saunders roads. Time—August 12. Dinner 6 p. m. sharp.

Everybody in the entire district will find a welcome so all come and bring your families and friends. Each family bring your own lunch.

Ice cream, candies, etc., will be sold on the grounds. As this is the time of the full moon, we can stay as long as we like to play games and have a general good time.

Any one not living within walking distance and having no means of transportation, need not stay away, but call up our transportation committee, and they will send a car to take you to the grounds and return.

Call Mrs. Vinyard—Deerfield 253-R-2, or Mrs. Ginter, Deerfield 74, and they will see that cars are provided for all who could not otherwise come.

Don't forget the time and place. If it is stormy, come one week later. Publicity Committee.

MORE INFORMATION IS DESIRED FOR HISTORY

But Two Weeks Remain to Get Material in; Mrs. Reichelt Asks for Records

One of the objects of the History of Deerfield that is being compiled by Mrs. Reichelt, is to leave a record for the children of the places from which their grandparents came. Many mature men and women in this vicinity do not know where their ancestors lived.

In several instances Mr. George Rockenbach, our 87 year old citizen, who drives his own automobile, and conducts his business affairs with the vigor of a man forty years his junior, has supplied the information of those who came from Germany, or from Alsace.

There seems to be as fine a discrimination in what part of Germany from which the settlers emigrated as there is some communities in the east and the west side of the railroad tracks.

In addition to material on pioneer life, the names and the officers of the different organizations will be published. Few have responded to these requests. If your society has not sent in a list of its first officers, and of its present ones, will the reader make inquiries and fulfill the request? Old photographs of buildings in Deerfield are desired also.

But two weeks remain for the work.

MAKE PLAYGROUND OF HIGH SCHOOL SITE

Letter to School Board Suggests Use of Ground for Temporary Athletic Field for Students

The following letter asking for permission to use the new junior high school site for a playground has been sent to Mr. C. W. Getty, a trustee of the Deerfield-Shields High School board of education:

Mr. C. W. Getty, Trustee, Deerfield-Shields High School Board of Education, Deerfield, Illinois. Dear Sir:

The writer is taking this opportunity of congratulating you on your efforts in behalf of Deerfield in locating the new junior high school in our village. The writer, personally, thinks the location is good.

The thought occurs to me that you will not build for probably three or four years and I was wondering if your board would allow the village to use your property as a sort of playground. I would like your permission to present to the village council, Chamber of Commerce, our local school board, and other civic organizations, to see if we could not develop a kind of public playground on this property. We certainly could build a ball ground and I would be in favor of locating concrete tennis courts. They could be situated in such a spot that they could be permanent even after you build the school. If these tennis courts were built some time soon, we could bank up dirt around them in the winter and flood them and use them for skating rinks. I believe every civic organization and every inhabitant of Deerfield would be in favor of this and it would certainly make Deerfield an attractive place in which to live and that is what we all want.

Public tennis courts and public skating, and a good baseball ground, are a necessity for the health of any village.

I will appreciate an early answer from you through the columns of our newspaper so that the public will know how the matter stands.

Yours truly,

Member Deerfield School Board.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS TO HAVE OUTING FRIDAY

The members of the Deerfield Royal Neighbor camp have selected Friday, August 5, as the day when they will take their lunch and enjoy an outing at the summer home of Mrs. Orman Rockenbach at Lake Zurich.

A North Shore line bus has been chartered which will leave the Deerfield corners about 10 a. m. and will return at 4 p. m.

The Deerfield camp has received several invitations to attend out-of-town meetings which include one from Waukegan on Monday, Aug. 8, and another from the Prairie View camp for Thursday, Aug. 4. All members are especially urged to attend these meetings and for further information call Mrs. Henry Juhrend, 231-M.

The picnic given by the local camp in Jewett's grove last Tuesday gathered together a large group of women and children who enjoyed the games, races, refreshments, and other entertaining features.

Mrs. L. C. Hole, one of the oldest camp members as well as Mrs. Kamp-schulte, of Waukegan, who is the district deputy, were among those who attended.

FIRST DEERFIELD DAY CELEBRATED AUG. 1914

The first Deerfield Day was celebrated August 29, 1914, in Ringdahl's grove on the Knickerbocker farm, opposite the Deerfield school.

About \$1,000 was cleared in the venture, and \$600 was given to the Deerfield school to finish payments on the motion picture machine, and to the Parent-Teacher association to complete payments on the piano purchased for the school.

It was a great homecoming day, and old residents came many miles to reunions, held upon that occasion. Wholesome entertainments were provided for the young people. A parade to the grounds headed by a brass band, started at 10:30. Hon. George Edmund Foss spoke on "Our Navy" in the afternoon.

Special prizes were given to farmers for attendance, and registration was free for the throng. Prizes were given for the best float and the most attractively decorated motor car, and the Highland Park Press took pictures of them for a special issue dedicated to Deerfield.

America used to be ambitious to rule the waves, but it has been wholly unable so far to rule the air waves.

Not advisable to work so hard on your vacation that you can't work any for a week or two after getting back.

The summer girls are very alluring nowadays, but fortunately the wives are vigilantly looking after their husbands.

AN OPEN LETTER TO DEERFIELD PEOPLE

Registration Committee Ask for Prizes for Deerfield Day; Aask Co-Operation

We hope to make Deerfield Day, this year, the most successful one we have ever attempted. Its success will depend on not only the support given it by the people in the way of patronage, but a great deal will depend upon the material or prizes which will be offered.

The committee, of course, will have to buy some prizes. The more we can get donated, the more profit there will be for the committee and the money there will be left to be used for the good of the town.

This letter is an announcement to the merchants and business men of

Deerfield—that they will be waited upon by committees, asking for donations and this letter, also, is an appeal to the people of Deerfield who are not in business, asking them if they will make donations of anything that can be used as prizes in our drawings.

A letter or telephone call to any of the following men stating what you will do, will be appreciated.

The members of the committee are:

Harry Muhlke,
Paul Hunter,
John O'Connor,
Peter Duffy,
Frank O'Connor,
W. W. Geary,

Chairman Registration committee.

After the young crowd have had the family automobile for the evening, the Old Man inspects the garage door to see how much it suffered when they came in.

C. G. MUHLKE FAMILY HOLD FOURTH REUNION

The fourth annual reunion of the Charles G. Muhlke family was held at the bluff at Highland Park Saturday, July 29. The time was spent in visiting and playing games. A picnic supper was served at 6 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Vant, Mr. Harold Vant, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Frantz and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Kreh and family, Miss Laura J. Muhlke of River Forest, Mr. and Mrs. William Clark and family, Mrs. George Brand and Miss Charlotte Brand of Highland Park, Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Fritsch and Helen Mary of Cleveland, O., Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Muhlke, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Muhlke and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Muhlke and Mr. and Mrs. Orin Muhlke and family of Libertyville.

NORTHBROOK DAY

—August 13th—

PARADE AT 10 O'CLOCK

Speakers, Baseball, Boxing, Games and Races

DANCING

Music by Deerfield Band and Jimmy Bell's Orchestra

Fell Brothers SHOE SALE

—NOW ON—

87 pairs of Ladies' White Shoes that formerly sold up to \$8.50 NOW **\$1.95**

Arch Preserver Shoes for women, NOW **\$8.85**

Florsheim Shoes for Men NOW **\$8.85**

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SALE ENDS AUGUST 13th

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