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BLEIMEHL FAMILY DATES BACK TO 1647

CAME HERE DURING 1865

Peter Bleimehl First of Family to Settle in Vicinity; Conducted Blacksmith Shop Near School

The Bleimehl family dates back to 1647. There are several families still in Oberlinkeweiler, Germany, who spell their name in the original manner, but until 1893 there were no other families of the same name in this vicinity, until during the World's Fair one came to Chicago and retains the (y) in the spelling.

Peter Bleimehl, of the third generation known to bear the name Peter, was born in Oberlinkeweiler in 1822, the son of Peter and Mary Rau Bleimehl. Peter the third emigrated to America in 1845 with his bride, who was Elizabeth Catherine Bier. After they landed in New York they went to Buffalo, via the Erie canal, then came to Chicago and settled in Wheeling, where Mr. Bleimehl started a blacksmith shop. The three Peters had been blacksmith in Germany, as a son usually follows his father's trade in Europe.

The family of Peter Bleimehl numbered five children, two of whom died in infancy. Charles, Louise and Elizabeth survived. Peter Bleimehl's first wife died in 1859. His second wife was Elizabeth Antes, sister of Christian Antes, who was the first Deerfield merchant. Nine children were born of this second union, eight of whom are still living: William, Edward, Anna, Minnie, twins Frank and Fred, Peter, and Mary.

In April 1865 the Bleimehl family moved to Deerfield, where Peter, the third, bought land extending from Deerfield road to the Fritsch property on Cherry street, from a Mr. Wasche. In 1872 the C. M. & St. P. railway cut through the Bleimehl property and left a small strip of land where the Ed Bleimehl store now stands. Mrs. Frank Anderson's home is the Peter Bleimehl, Sr. home, bought in 1865 by P. Bleimehl, Sr. The majority of the Bleimehl children were born in this house. It was remodeled later.

Peter Bleimehl's blacksmith shop was located next to the little Deerfield school at the corner of Waukegan and Deerfield roads, where the hardware store of Jack Notz is now located. John Knecht had a wagon shop next to the blacksmith shop, and Mr. Bleimehl did all of Mr. Knecht's iron work. Later on Mr. Bleimehl hired a Mr. Volts, known as "California Volts," who lived in the Bleimehl home. The tools were later used by C. W. Pettis, then by Fred Meyer.

Mr. Bleimehl died very young and left his wife with a large family. Mary Bleimehl, the youngest, was but four years of age. The older children all had to "shift for themselves," and make their own living. Edward Bleimehl started out at fourteen years of age to learn a trade, which was that of an iron molder. He worked in Arlington Heights and in Chicago until the year 1884, when he returned to Deerfield, to his home and his mother.

The same year he met his future wife, Minnie Zoehler, who was visiting in the home of Mrs. Elmer Muhlke, who was Lucy Merriman of Warrenton Grove. The Merriman family moved to Deerfield and bought the Mills Hoyt farm on Deerfield road. The old Merriman house was moved north on Rosemary terrace, when the farm was subdivided, and the stuccoed house is now the home of Howard and Marion Landau Stryker. The Merriman farm and the Zoehler farm in Warrenton were separated by a railroad track.

In 1896 Edward Bleimehl married Minnie Zoehler and they lived in the Todd house, where Miss Josephine Woodman now resides. The Edward Bleimehls lived there for eight years, until they built the brick store, with the apartment above it, near the St. Paul railway station. In 1913 they built their present home in the Bleimehl subdivision.

The other sons of Peter Bleimehl went to school, and in the evening studied telegraphy with Frank Tupper, in the Deerfield station where he was night operator, a convenience now maintained in Deerfield. Deerfield turned out more telegraph operators than any other station along the line. Frank Tupper learned telegraphy from his brother-in-law, George Pratt, who was the first operator in Deerfield, when the station was in a box car. One night lightning struck the instrument and knocked Mr. Pratt off his chair. His audience of small boys ran home.

Irving, Frank, Elmer and Will Tupper were all operators. Others who learned from Frank Tupper, besides Frank and Peter Bleimehl, were (Continued on page 5)

MICHAEL KITTELL AMONG FIRST SETTLERS

Came Here in 1844; Former Owner of 120 Acres in Center of Town

Michael Kittell and wife were among the first settlers in Deerfield, going there from Rochester, N.Y., in about the year 1844. They bought a farm of 1230 acres about one mile north of the present center of the village. Mr. Kittell also worked at his trade as a cooper, and cut down timber, sawed and split the logs to make staves for pork barrels, and with extra help finished all his barrels by hand and hauled them to Chicago to sell. He continued in this work of cooping and farming until after the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul railway was built, which divided his farm. Then he soon afterward sold his farm to a Mr. Bartnins and bought three acres of land on the Highland Park road, built a home which now stands and remained there until his death in 1890 at the good old age of 85 years.

COLLECT FUNDS FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

Legion Auxiliary to Send Monday for Food; Appoint Halloween Committee

The outstanding features at the October meeting of the Deerfield American Legion Auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. George Jacobs on Osterman avenue on Monday evening, were the appropriating of funds to purchase canned vegetables and milk to be distributed among the victims of the flooded district of the south; and the arranging for a Halloween party.

If there are any persons in Deerfield who would like to make cash donations for the purchase of additional goods, they may be made to Mrs. Auston Plage at the post office within the next few weeks.

The committee appointed to plan the Halloween party includes Mmes. Harry Olenford, H. Mau, C. Steiner, and Alex Willman.

Refreshments concluded a very interesting meeting.

INTERESTING LECTURES TO BE GIVEN SOON

Frederick Pierce, author of Our Unconscious Mind and How to Use It, is to give three lectures in November in the Elm Place school, under the auspices of the Highland Park Woman's club, of which Mrs. Winery of Ravinia is chairman of the lecture committee.

Mr. Pierce's lectures are of value to the general public. He discusses "The Family Romance," but "Understanding Our Children" is the most vital one. He unfolds in simple language the hidden reasons for peculiarities of child behavior. He gives a revealing picture of the inner mind at each significant period from infancy to young manhood and womanhood.

WHERE IS DEERFIELD'S FIRST BALLOT BOX?

One of the first ballot boxes used in Deerfield was a black walnut one and the cover slid over the top. It was still in use when William McKinley was elected president of the United States.

Where is the old ballot box? It should be preserved in a historical exhibit and with the bell from the old school house.

ELI OTT, WILMETTE RESIDENT, PASSES AWAY

Eli L. Ott, son of Philip and Elizabeth Saliday Ott and grandson of John Jacob and Marie Magdalena Ott, died at his home in Wilmette, last week. He was sixty-seven years of age, and leaves a widow and two children, Arnold and Dorothy, a sister, Mrs. Cathcart of Topeka, Kan., and two brothers, Augustus of Prescott, Kans., and J. Benjamin Ott of Wilmette. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at a funeral home on Central avenue, Wilmette. Burial took place in the Northfield cemetery.

Eli Ott formerly lived in Prairie View and was one of the five hundred descendants of John Jacob Ott, Deerfield pioneer.

DEERFIELD HISTORY TO PRESS NOVEMBER 1

Because of the delay in getting advertising for which to pay for the printing of the history of Deerfield, the dead line for copy has been advanced to Nov. 1. The Deerfield post is very eager to secure more family histories as they are a cross section of village life. If your family is not represented in the book please telephone Deerfield 177-R.

The United States is said to have a plentiful supply of everything, but many of us still find ourselves short of cash.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

NEIGHBORHOOD JOTTINGS

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

Shot guns confiscated from hunters violating the federal game laws in the Fox Lake region were last week turned over to Assistant U. S. Attorney Mary Bailey, in Chicago. The guns numbered thirty-one, most of them taken from Chicago hunters by Game Warden Edward Schooler.

Jake Schmidt, of Evanston, was severely wounded Saturday on Grass Lake, it was learned today, when a hunter in a nearby boat accidentally let a full charge of shot back in the direction of the Evanston man.

Believed to have been a victim of heart attack, Manny Eatinger, a farmer residing near Wauconda was found dead in an outbuilding of his home last week by other members of his family.

Two contracts providing for the installation of sewers and water mains in several streets and involving an expenditure of \$52,542.70 were awarded last week by the Municipal board of local improvements at their regular monthly meeting. Work on the two improvements will be started immediately and rushed through to completion.

Warning that a new counterfeit \$10 bill has been placed in circulation has been received by the local banks. The counterfeit is of the series of 1922, check letter C, face plate No. 252, back plate No. 78, and signature of H. V. Sjeelma, registrar of the treasury, and Frank White, Treasurer of the United States. It bears a portrait of Michael Hillegas.

The fourth older boys' conference Chicago Presbytery, is to be held in Waukegan on December 2, 3 and 4, according to announcement made last week. It is expected that more than 150 youths will be here for the occasion and plans for their entertainment are being made.

Thomas Tyrell, day turnkey at the county jail, and his wife, Mrs. Annie Tyrell, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary next Saturday.

Two Mexicans, one a Waukegan man, the other, a resident of Indiana, Harbor, Ind., are dead as the result of a mysterious double murder in Waukegan Friday night. Assistant Chief of Police Thomas Kennedy is working on the theory that they were slain following an argument over gambling.

DEERFIELD A. C. WINS GAME SUNDAY 2-0

Sunday afternoon on Jewett field the Deerfield Athletic Club won a football game from Wyandotte Indians of Chicago, 2-0.

The boys under Coach Stanley are playing a good game. This being the second game the Wyandotte Indians have lost in three years.

The Deerfield line-up follows: center, Ted Sticken; guards, Red Yore, C. Johnston, W. Johnston; tackles, R. Clavey, R. Stiekler; ends, A. Bock, W. Carlson; quarterback, Art Kress; halfbacks, D. Peterson, J. Powell, M. Poyel, R. Meyer; fullback, B. Conway.

Next Sunday the Deerfield Athletic club will play the West Town Indians (formerly known as the Jack Deers).

Last year Deerfield won from this team with a score of 6-0, and the year before that they lost 7-0, so that this year's game should be a hot one.

ANOTHER BUS FOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

The Deerfield-Shields high school students from Deerfield are enjoying more breathing space in their bus since two conveyances have been provided for them. For the first month there was not standing room for all of the boys and girls who went from this village. Many had to stand on the corners and ask passing motorists for rides, or else walk. Had the brakes on the bus failed to work as the overlaid bus laboriously climbed the hill, a serious accident might have resulted.

OUT OF SEASON SHOOT COSTS HUNTERS FINE

Saturday Judge Clavey fined M. Minorini \$50 and costs for shooting a hen pheasant out of season.

The game warden from this district picked up two Chicago hunters without licenses. They were hunting squirrels in a cornfield. Judge Clavey put them under bonds of \$50 to appear later.

DEERFIELD HIGH TO PLAY RACINE OCT. 15

GAME ON LOCAL FIELD

Wisconsin Team Is Strong and Hard Battle Expected; Look for Big Crowd; Thornton Is Defeated

The question that is foremost in the minds of the Deerfield-Shields high school students is whether or not the team can turn back the grid warriors from Racine high school next Saturday with the short end of the score.

According to reports this is going to be a difficult task. Scouts returning from the Racine-Madison game report that Racine has one of the heaviest and largest football teams they ever saw representing a high school. The backfield averages 165. Besides the regular team Racine has a number of substitutes all just as large as the first team.

How will Deerfield's light, fast team, averaging only 155 lbs., meet such a team with so great an advantage in weight? Coach Peel says it is not always the heavy boy who is the best player and he goes on to say that Deerfield will be ready for the heavy team from Racine next Saturday.

Racine Wins From Madison

Racine won their game from Madison last Saturday 13 to 6, and have won two other games besides. Deerfield has won from Fenger 52-0, Lake View 19-0, and Thornton 47-6. Deerfield's speedy, brainy attack has been proving too much for their heavier opponents so far this fall and it may prove too much for the boys from Racine. Deerfield will go into the game Saturday with its full strength and a determination to win. In case of a wet field, Racine will have the advantage and the Deerfield boys are hoping for a nice day and dry field.

One of the outstanding players on the Deerfield team this year is William Dickinson, 130 pound quarterback. Although handicapped by weight, Bill makes it up in speed and brains, and how that small boy can handle the football in such a manner is a mystery to the spectators. Another boy in the backfield is Paul Becker, 132 pound halfback, who has proven in the last three games that he is a dangerous open field runner and a player the opponents must always be watching. Bill Hammond and Dick

they perform both on offense and defense. Paul Stipe is at guard and is captain of the team. Mason and Umbach are other guards. Rudolph and Geraghty are the tacklers, while Gordon Kress and Hugh Seyfarth are holding down the end positions.

Deerfield is working hard this week in preparation for the game Saturday. The game is called for 2:30 p. m. at the new athletic field on West Park avenue. There is no game at Northwestern this Saturday, so come out and watch Deerfield's light, fast team play the boys from Racine.

Defeat Thornton

Supporters of the Blue and White squad went home to their dinners Saturday night, happy at the crushing victory over Thornton's heavy team, 47-6. The game was played at the home field and marks the third triumph of the 1927 grid card.

Although lighter than the Thornton team, Deerfield's first team proved superior, scoring twelve first downs as compared to Thornton's three, which were made against the second team in the third quarter. "Red" Colburn scored two touchdowns as did Bill Dickinson. Bill Hammond, Dick Hammond, and Seyfarth each made one. Stipe kicked goal five times out of a possible seven. Thornton's only touchdown was made by Caston, their quarter-back, who ran about 25 yards for the six points. The goal kick was blocked.

BEAUTY SHOP IS OPENED IN DEERFIELD

Perhaps you did not notice the large display ad in the Press two weeks ago because it was in the Highland Park section of the paper, but a beauty shop has been opened in the Scavuzzo building on Deerfield road.

COMMUNITY H. S. CASE DISMISSED, IS REPORT

Petition of William Nagel, Claus Judge and others, ousted by order of the Lake county circuit court as members of a community high school district board to dismiss their petition to force reinstatement, was allowed by the state supreme court in Springfield last week.

This brings to a conclusion a case that has long been pending in the courts. Attorney William E. Herr, of Herr and Parnass, who acted for the county in the matter, recalls that it started when four townships—Fremont, Grant, Lake Villa and Avon—sought to organize a community high school district and elected a board. The state, charging that the organization came under an obsolete law, started a quo warranto proceeding

through Attorney General Oscar Carlstrom in the circuit court.

The board was then ousted on this proceeding and an appeal was taken to the supreme court. At that time the hope was entertained that the legislature would enact a law that would make the organization valid but this was not done.

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