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**OLDEST DEERFIELD
 CITIZEN MRS. REDFERN**

FIRST WHITE CHILD HERE

Parents Came Here From Ireland June 8, 1838; Sarly History of Fagan Family

The oldest person living in West Deerfield township is one who was born on the high green hill on the farm on which she is now living, almost ninety years ago, and considered to be the first white child born in Deerfield. With a memory so keen and accurate, and a diffidence in telling anything except that which she knows to be absolutely true, Mrs. Redmond has a fund of information of the early history of the northern part of the township.

Ann Devon, daughter of Ann Fagan and Michael Devon, was born June 9, 1838, near the first Irish settlement, called Emmet, which was near Lancasterville. Ann Fagan's parents were Nicholas and Ann Flynn Fagan. Ann Fagan came to America with her three brothers, Christopher, John and James Fagan, after the death of their parents, from West Meath, Ireland. Ann was sixteen years of age when they came to Deerfield.

Michael Devon came from the adjoining county, Meath, Ireland, with his brothers in 1836. Michael Devon went into partnership with Mr. Beaubien, one of the first settlers in Chicago, under the firm name of Devon and Beaubien, contractors, who dug the Illinois and Michigan canal, and went bankrupt because the government refused to pay them. However one partner, Michael Devon, kept the employes and paid them in full from his own pocket. Devon and Beaubien collected but thirty cents on a dollar on their contract.

Several years ago Warren Wilmet interviewed Mrs. Redmond about this cessation of payment of money due her father, for work done. Mr. Wilmet thought that he could recover the money for the heirs.

Ann Devon was but three years of age when her father died in 1841, of appendicitis, when there was no physician nearer than Chicago. He had come to Deerfield through his friendship for Michael Meehan. With him were his wife, and three months old baby girl, Mary, and Michael Devon's brother, Patrick Devon. They had started on the walk from Chicago on Green Bay road through the dense forest. In order to direct the expected settlers to the Meehan home (the Meehans were well established when the Devon family came) Mrs. Meehan had a horn which she blew at intervals to greet the newcomers, and the sound of which attracted them to their destination. She knew that they would stop at the Green Bay tavern to refresh themselves, so calculated about the right time to start to blow the horn. After they left the tavern they cut across the wilderness, listened for the horn, but came too far north, and were in difficulty. A tree that had been torn up by the roots had left a hole so large that water had filled it and they could not pass the puddle on either side, so they climbed up over the tree and handed the baby down.

While Mr. Devon was building his house the family lived with their new neighbors. The log cabin that the Devons had was twice the size of the ordinary one, and had a wide chimney made of field stones on the outside. On both sides of the fireplace the beds were placed. One time a chunk flew out of the hickory fire and set the tick to blazing.

The Devon and the Yore families were related by marriage in Ireland. John Devon, who was a cousin to Michael Devon and also to Michael Yore, came from Ireland and visited Michael Yore in Syracuse, N. Y. Michael Yore had come to America several years before. John Devon then came to Illinois to visit his other cousin, Michael Devon. The former was so impressed with the prosperity of the latter and with the broad acres and the opportunity for development, that when John Devon returned to Syracuse his glowing account of this vicinity led Michael Yore to come here in a very short time, bringing his wife and eight children. Michael Yore's farm of one hundred acres adjoined the Devon farm.

The amount of acreage held by the Fagans is as follows: James Fagan had over 200 acres, Christy Fagan had 108 acres, John Fagan had 100 acres.

James Fagan had been a canal driver on the Erie Canal, and had six horses to tow the boats, consequently he had money from the sale of horses when he came to Deerfield. James Fagan married Catherine Murray, and when they came to Deerfield it was not necessary for them to walk, for she rode on a side saddle and he on the horse when they traveled.

The land for St. Patrick's cemetery was donated by James Fagan. In order to get a high piece of ground for the cemetery James Fagan traded



THE DEERFIELD A. C. FOOTBALL SQUAD

These are the boys, who are doing somewhat more than their bit to put Deerfield on the map. Since the football season opened, they have played Chicago teams every Sunday afternoon, and have won all but one game.

In the top row, reading from left to right are Bock, Yore, C. Johnston, Juhrend, Geornginigi, Meyers, W. Johnston, and Coach Stanley. In the second row, from left to right, you see McGovern, M. Pera, Easton, Conway, Carlson, Kress and Manager Jack Meyers. While below, also from left to right are Joe Pera, Captain Sticken, and Stickler. When the picture was taken, Assistant Manager Jacobson and Assistant Coach Gordy Kress were just too late to get in the lineup.

This week the team plays Lake Forest at Lake Forest. Considering the record they have made, it is expected that a large aggregation of Deerfield rooters will follow the team.

Next week Sunday is to be Homecoming. A good team has been selected to play the boys on the home gridiron, while Frank Russo and his Deerfield Municipal band will be on hand to add to the joy of the afternoon.

**35 DEERFIELDERS AT
 R. N. A. CONVENTION**

Meeting in Waukegan Oct. 27; Next Regular Meeting to Be November 10

Thirty-five members of the Deerfield R. N. A. camp were among the three hundred who attended the Lake County Royal Neighbor convention held in Waukegan, Thursday, October 27.

Following the school of instruction, which was beautifully exemplified at the afternoon session, Mrs. Ada Juhrend, oracle of Deerfield camp was presented with a gorgeous bouquet of flowers from her five graces, Phillis Repeating, Gladys Page, Marian Stryker, Luella Knigge and Clarice Juhrend for which she was most grateful.

Seven members from the local camp including Mmes. Lillian Johnston, Ada Juhrend, Margaret Pettis, Augusta Hagi, Lulu Meyer and Elizabeth Vant had charge of the memorial service and Mrs. Gertrude Seiler carried the flowers. A duet, "Face to Face," which was sung by Meta Lange and Sadie Beckman with Bernice Mau at the piano lent an impressive touch to the service.

Initiation ceremonies were beautifully rendered by the Waukegan camp at the evening session. There were twenty-three candidates, including two from Deerfield, Mmes. Flora Colby and Bodine.

Mayor L. J. Yager of Waukegan gave the address of welcome and response was given by Georgia Avery of Lake Villa. Inspiring addresses were given by the Supreme Receiver, Clara Hoyt, and the district deputy, Mrs. Kampschute. The past presidents chair was occupied by Mrs. Charlotte Fredericks of Deerfield.

An outstanding feature was the fancy drill by the Waukegan Juveniles in which they formed the name of the Supreme Receiver, "Hoyt." The convention will be held in North Chicago next year and Mrs. Myrtle Amsden will be president.

On Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, November 5, the Juveniles of the Deerfield R. N. A. will meet at the Masonic temple with their guardian, Mrs. Joseph Toll, and the district deputy, Mrs. Kampschute. All are urged to attend.

The members of the Deerfield R. N. A. are invited to attend a card and bunco party to be given by the Highland Park R. N. A. on Wednesday evening, Nov. 9.

Thursday evening, Nov. 10, the regular meeting of the local R. N. A. will be held and all members are requested to attend.

**CHICAGO STOCK SHOW
 CLIMAX OF SEASON**

Improved agricultural conditions, which have made this a record year for the local and state fairs, are expected to result in a great outpouring of stockmen and farmers and the products of their skill at the 28th anniversary celebration of the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago from November 26 to December 3. The spirit of the Thanksgiving season, aroused by the wonderful display of the bounties of nature, will be the keynote of this gathering, according to Secretary-Manager B. H. Heide.

Over 11,000 of the finest beef cattle, horses, sheep and swine and 5,000 of the choicest samples of 22 crops of grains, small seeds and hay will take part in a thousand different contests for the highest honors of our basic in-

dustry. These animals will include the outstanding individuals of over 40 breeds of live stock which have proven the sensation of the recent fair circuits of the United States and Canada and others which are being fitted solely for the show-ring of the International.

**FORGOTTEN TRAITOR
 IN HISTORY OF U. S.**

WRITER POINTS HIM OUT

Kyle Crichton in Scribner's Declares Gen. Wilkinson Who Conspired With Burr Was Such

General James Wilkinson, who conspired with Aaron Burr to set up an independent nation in the Southwest, outshines Benedict Arnold as a traitor yet is a neglected figure in our history, asserts Kyle Crichton in the October Scribner's Magazine.

In writing of Zepulon Pike, the discoverer of Pike's Peak, and his connection with Wilkinson and Burr, Mr. Crichton is led to make this comment on the wily general. "The reputation of Wilkinson went under a cloud. Not even as clever a man as cloud. Not even as clever a man as which side Wilkinson was on.

Fussy Old Codger

This Wilkinson was a restless, fussy old codger, with a faculty for being always in trouble and yet being always in command. He took part in the Conway Cabal in the Revolutionary War which had for its object the supplanting of Washington with General Gates. He tried being a merchant in Louisville, but returned in time to get mixed up with Burr. For that he was court-martialed and acquitted. Not the least daunted he served on the Canadian frontier in the War of 1812, was a conspicuous failure, and was again court-martialed and acquitted. He finally wrote his voluminous, effusive and elusive memoirs and retired to the city of Mexico, where he died. Surely an interesting rascal who deserves more attention than he has received.

Favored Mexico City

"Mexico City would be most agreeable for Wilkinson in the circumstances. The country seems to have had a fascination for him from the first. At least he had written Governor Gayoso de Lemas in cipher as early as February, 1797, with a view to having the Spanish gentleman disappear at the proper time when Wilkinson's plan for taking over Mexico was ripe. The journey of Captain Philip Nolan into Mexico is thought to have been another link in Wilkinson's chain of conquest. In short Wilkinson was a gentleman of such scope and persistency as a conspirator as to deserve better at the hands of American historians. Benedict Arnold with one single aberration has attained endless notoriety. Wilkinson worked at the business day and night for years with practically negligible historical results. It seems to prove anew that the story-book actions in regard to persistence are a trifle less than trustworthy."

The American free trade newspapers are all saying that Uncle Sam ought not to go too fast in tariff retaliation against France, which is a good indication that France is not entirely sure of her position.

**ORGANIZE Y. P. S. IN
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

"Tuxis," is the name of the new society recently organized in the Presbyterian church which will be a part of a nation-wide young people's organization of the church and the name signifies "Training for Service for Christ."

The following officers and committee chairmen were elected and appointed: President, James Hood, Jr.; vice president, Ruth Patterson; secretary, Ethel Kreh; treasurer, Donald Easton; pianist, Wallace Reichelt; program committee chairman, Wallace Reichelt; social committee chairman, Hazel Easton; Sunday social committee chairman, Jane Wood; philanthropic committee chairman, Thayer Batt; ushers, Russell Batt, Cleon Varner, Orville Frederick, Andrew Huhn; advisers, Mrs. W. Tenenanger, Mrs. F. Russo, Mrs. George Stanger and Rev. M. J. Andrews.

Meetings will be held twice a month.

**PRUDENTIAL INVESTS
 IN MORTGAGE LOANS**

Archibald M. Woodruff, vice president of the Prudential Insurance company of America, who is in charge of that organization's real estate mortgage loan department, announced from his offices here today that the prudential's investments in the field during the first nine months of 1927 reached the total of \$150,791,001.

Of this total, \$113,297,628.50 was loaned on dwellings and apartment houses, thus providing 18,699 individual homes and 981 apartment houses, for the accommodation of 33,044 families in the United States and Canada. During the similar period of 1926 the loans on such properties totalled \$104,408,477, thus showing a gain with this year of \$8,894,161.50. In the first nine months of 1926 only 30,129 families were accommodated by this loan, thus 1927 investments in this field care for an additional 2,915 families.

Thus far in 1927, the prudential loans of farm properties have totalled \$18,459,330, while similar investments of city property other than that used for dwelling purposes totalled \$19,634,032.50.

In September of this year alone the mortgage loans on residential properties totalled \$14,106,400, allocated to 2,102 dwellings and 127 apartments, for the accommodation of 4,902 families in the same month other city loans totalled \$3,160,450.

**TELLS OF MOTOR TRIP
 FROM HERE TO TEXAS**

A. W. Person has received an interesting letter from James Watson, Jr., who recently drove from here to El Paso, Tex., in an Essex car purchased from Mr. Person, and which, the writer says, gave splendid service throughout the trip which occupied only 58 hours actual running time and covered 1,867 miles. Mr. Watson says his average speed was about 34 miles an hour; he is more than pleased with the performance of the Essex, he says.

Complained that the students are very noisy, but the neighbors are not troubled by their manifestations of enthusiasm when heading for the classroom.

Someone asks what is the secret of success in marriage? Well, one secret of such success is not to have too many secrets.

**NORTHWESTERN PLAYS
 PURDUE THIS WEEK**

Northwestern's grid team, smarting under two successive defeats, will make a determined effort to break back into the win column this week and against Purdue at Lafayette, Ind. The wildcats feel that the jinx which has been hovering over their lair for several weeks has been at last removed and that with their full strength available they should be ready for the Boilermakers.

That Coach Phelan's proteges will be a sturdy foe is not being overlooked here. The Boilermakers have always been a formidable opponent and with their best team in years they can be counted upon to put up a staunch fight. The hoosiers will pit Wilcox, Koransky and Welch against Lewis, Gustavson and Holmer in their bid for a victory. Enthused over their victory over Montana State plus the added advantage of playing before a homecoming crowd, the Boilermakers are considered favorites in the forthcoming clash.

Determined efforts to bolster the defensive play of the team are being made by Coach Hanley and his aides this week. The offensive worked smoothly, scoring three touchdowns against Missouri but lack of co-or-

dination between the backs and the line on the defensive play permitted the Tigers to count frequently.

The return of Lewis to the lineup is expected to strengthen the eleven both offensively and defensively. The big fellow was on the sidelines Saturday with a badly wrenched ankle. It is doubtful whether Fisher, end, and Karstens, tackle will be able to get into the line up against Purdue.

**AUXILIARY HOSTS
 TO LEGIONNAIRES**

In the Masonic temple gayly decorated in the bright Halloween colors with huge black cats and witches festooning the walls, the members of the Deerfield American Legion auxiliary acted as hostesses to the local post at a delightful Hard Times Halloween party Wednesday evening.

An accordion player from Highland Park furnished appropriate music for the program of old-fashioned dances. Many of the guests wore hard times and old fashioned costumes. Many of which were extremely amusing and clever. Sweet cider was served between dances.

In the dining room where decorations, souvenirs and table favors were especially colorful and unique, a midnight supper interspersed with speeches and singing, concluded a very entertaining evening.

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