

KNAAK FAMILY ONE OF EARLY FAMILIES

CAME TO DEERFIELD 1882

Opened First Drug Store Here and Was One of First Doctors; Eight Children Living

Theodore Ludwig Knaak was born June 4, 1843 in Kerlin, Prussia. He was one of the five sons of Theodore Paul and Friederich Wolf Knaak of Prussia. Theodore L., with two of his brothers, August and Otto, came to America.

Otto remained in New York while Theodore and August came to Chicago. August lived but a few years.

Theodore traveled to the various large cities with the object in view of perfecting himself in his career as an artist, especially in landscape painting in oil. He also loved music and played the violin.

Although he was in the south when the Civil War broke out, he enlisted with the North in the eleventh Missouri Infantry, led by Brigadier General Smith, which was part of the sixteenth army corps of the Army of Tennessee under General William Tecumseh Sherman. He experienced all of the hardships of real war and fought in several of the important engagements, one of which was the Battle of Mobile Bay.

After the war ended, he continued his work as a landscape painter, then began to study as a physician in Rush Medical college, Chicago, and graduated from the Hahnemann Medical college.

On March 16, 1873 Dr. Knaak married Elise Becker of Chicago. Elise Becker was born March 12, 1852, in Weikhartshausen, Hessen. She was orphaned at the age of three years and at the age of fifteen she and her youngest brother, Charles, came to America at the request of two older brothers, who had come here at an earlier date. She was in Chicago at the time of the Chicago fire in 1871, a witness of the great disaster, and the consequent rebuilding of a bigger and better Chicago.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Knaak remained in Chicago. When the smallpox epidemic swept over the city Dr. Knaak's untiring efforts and success in treating the disease, his sympathy for the poor and needy gained for him the name of "Smallpox King."

In November, 1882, he came to practice in Deerfield. His family lived in the Muhlke house, which was later the James Howard Kehler home, or Deerlick Farm.

In 1884 Dr. Knaak bought a lot on the opposite side of east Deerfield road, and built a home, also opened the first drug store in Deerfield.

Mrs. Knaak assisted her husband, taking charge of the store during the doctor's absence. In addition to a full line of drugs, they sold the first chocolate candy in Deerfield, the first toys, musical instruments, toilet articles, leather goods, fancy dishes, cut glass, and electrical gift supplies. They installed the first soda fountain, and made their own soda water and ice cream.

A small circulating library was placed in the store from which the public could borrow books at a nominal cost.

Dr. Knaak's practice extended for many miles beyond the village of Deerfield. A now extinct Irish settlement at what is now Everett for which to care. Highland Park, Highland and Glencoe, on the east, to Glenview on the south, and Wheeling and Libertyville on the west, had to be reached by horse and buggy, and sometimes, when the mud was too deep or the snow too high, on horseback.

Many and varied were the people who sought him because of his gentleness, patience and sympathy for those afflicted and in need. As at that time specialists were few, it especially fell to the lot of the country doctor to fill all needs, and Dr. Knaak had a varied career as physician, surgeon, dentist and pharmacist. Dr. and Mrs. Knaak had ten children. Eight are living.

Emilie E. Knaak graduated from the Chicago Musical college, School of Expression and taught physical culture and expression. During the World War she assisted her brother in the pharmacy, and attended the School of Pharmacy for that purpose. Ida K. Knaak studied voice and piano, first in the Northwestern University, in Evanston, and then in the Chicago Musical College. She is a piano instructor.

Edward C. Knaak married Beatrice Bruns. They have four children, Mildred, Bernice, Edward, Jr., and Wilbur, and live in Wheaton, Ill.

Otto H. Knaak lives in Glen Ellyn. Amanda F. Knaak married Romayne Stryker. They have three children, Alvin, Romain, and Donald, and live in Deerfield.

Alvin W. Knaak married Christine McMahon. They have two children, Alvin, Jr., and Christina and live in Deerfield.

Rudolph R. Knaak married Hazel Fleming and they live in Deerfield.

Elfrida G. Knaak taught school after attending the University of Illinois and the University of Chicago.



Culinary Hints

By Mrs. H. T. Brewer

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Now that we are in the midst of the oyster season, I feel that it is a very appropriate time to give you the result of some of my experiences in cooking them, particularly as I have been having many requests for oyster recipes.

The one we are to have this week is scalloped oysters, and you will notice that I use a little baking powder. If you have never tried this, I am sure you will find that it makes your scalloped oysters lighter and more fluffy and much more delicious. The other points I mention have been very helpful to me.

Scalloped Oysters

- 1 pint oysters
- 2-1/2 cups cracker crumbs
- 1-4 teas pepper
- 1 teas salt
- 1 teas pepper
- 1-1/2 teas baking powder
- 1-4 to 1-3 cup butter
- 3-4 cup milk

Look over oysters carefully and remove any pieces of shell. Drain. Mix cracker crumbs with baking powder, salt and pepper. Grease a rather shallow pan, cover bottom with a layer of crumbs, then a layer of oysters with bits of butter over them. Repeat until you have two or three layers of each with crumbs on top, dotted with bits of butter.

When ready to put in oven, pour over carefully with a spoon just enough milk to soften through to the bottom. Be careful not to use too much milk, as this will make your product watery instead of a delicious and fluffy mixture.

Bake about 1-2 hour at 450, or until cooked and a delicate brown. Oysters should not be cooked too long as they will become tough; and there should not be too many layers as that requires too long cooking in order to have the middle of the dish done.

If you wish to double this recipe, it is better to use a shallow pan with a larger surface, or, better still, use two pans.

TREE CELEBRATION IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Beneath the huge community Christmas tree gayly illuminated with many colored lights in the center of the lawn at the Masonic temple, the annual Christmas celebration, sponsored by the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce, was held. A splendid program consisting of singing, addresses and distributing of candy among the children was given.

Although not as many as were anticipated were present at this celebration, the association were very much pleased with its success and are already planning to make an even greater affair next year.

The president of the chamber, Mr. Taylor, announced that the pond on the Jewett Grove would be flooded for skating.

ENTERTAIN JUVENILES AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Thursday afternoon in the Masonic temple, the Royal Neighbor Juveniles were entertained at a Christmas party arranged by their director, Mrs. Josephine Toll.

The older group played bunco and Mildred Sticken was awarded the prize while the smaller children enjoyed various games and a number of prizes were also awarded. Around a beautiful Christmas tree, donated by Mrs. S. Shapiro, gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cookies, candy, pop corn and cocoa concluded a most entertaining afternoon.

Among those who assisted at the party were Mr. and Mrs. William Seiler, Mrs. A. J. Johnston and Mrs. H. Juhrend. About fifty-five attended.

LITTLE FOLKS GIVEN A DELIGHTFUL PARTY

The cradle roll department of St. Paul's Evangelical church enjoyed a delightful Christmas party arranged by Mrs. F. Labahn, Mrs. Leo Seiler and Miss Lillian Schwab.

The affair was held in the Sunday school room and forty-eight attended, including mothers and grandmothers of the children. Each child received a toy and candy, and ice cream and and cookies were also served. One of the chief attractions was the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

The United States, in number of telephones per 100 population, has nearly ten times as many as the total world.

Most of those who curse the courts get justice in spite of all their lawyers could do.—Buffalo News.

It is claimed to be proper now to rest your elbows on the dinner table, but no one should put his feet up there.

GARDEN CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS MEETING

Appoint Committees for Year; Mrs. Farmer Is Next Hostess

The regular meeting of the Garden club was held at the home of Mrs. Robert L. Johnson in Briarhill with Mrs. F. J. O'Connor as assistant hostess on Wednesday, December 21.

It was the first meeting since the election of officers and Mrs. W. W. Geary, the new president, appointed the committees for the coming year. The program committee is made up of Mrs. E. T. Ginter, chairman, Mrs. C. C. Brackett and Mrs. C. F. Piper. The membership committee is composed of Mrs. W. A. Woods, chairman, Mrs. Julian Smith and Mrs. C. W. Boyle. The members of the civic committee are Mrs. R. W. Farmer, chairman, Mrs. W. F. McDonald and Mrs. F. J. O'Connor.

The club voted early in the fall to do some planting around the Wilmot and the Deerfield grammar schools. The shrubs are planted around the foundation of the addition at the Deerfield school and the holes are dug at the Wilmot school where two large trees will be planted when the ground is frozen.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. R. W. Farmer on January 19, instead of the 18th, to accommodate the speaker, Mrs. Maude Jacobs.

The program for the day was given by Mrs. C. W. Boyle and her subject was "Another Merry Christmas." She traced the tradition of Christmas through the ages and included in her talk suggestions for substituting artificial wreaths and decorations in place of the real Christmas greens. She closed her talk with a beautiful little Christmas story. After this most entertaining program a social hour was enjoyed.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS IN REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Deerfield Royal Neighbor camp was held Thursday evening and initiation ceremonies were held, the candidates being Robert Juhrend, Arthur Johnson and Earl Johnston.

A social hour followed the meeting, gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

The people who complain about the carol singers waking them up Christmas morning, should be thankful it is not Gabriel blowing his horn for them.

The American people are always on the go, in spite of the fact that the traffic signals say stop at least half the time.

RADIO TRAIN CONTROL IS NEW EXPERIMENT

Use Set on Freight Trains to Communicate Between Engine and Caboose

With radio in a practical way of doing a new public service through its application to train control, railroad men profess to see its greatest value on trains of 70 to 125 cars. On trains that long, the engineer and the members of the crew in the caboose are separated by nearly a mile of cars. There is no positive means of communication between them. Signals are exchanged by means of the whistle or flare lights. Sharp curves or bad weather, obviously, complicate the transmission of those signals. Should a defect develop in a long train, a brakeman must make his way over the car tops to report the trouble to the engineer and conductor.

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