

## LAKE COUNTY LEADS SUPERIOR SCHOOLS

More of Them Here Than in Any Other Rural County in the State

Lake county has more "superior" rural schools than any other county in the state and education facilities and standards afforded and maintained are far above any other county, including Cook, U. J. Hoffman, assistant state superintendent of schools, declared last week.

Mr. Hoffman in company with T. A. Simpson, county superintendent of schools, had just completed a tour of inspection of rural schools in this county.

Francis G. Blair, state superintendent of schools. J. Stookey, editor of

the Prairie Farmer, and Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Simpson Tuesday dedicated four more rural schools in the county as "superior" schools. Lake county now has 12 "superior" schools. There are only 60 such schools in the entire state. The second highest county in the state as to superior school rating has only seven such rural institutions of learning recognized as "superior."

### Teachers Rate Highly

Ninety-five per cent of the rural school teachers in Lake county are normal school graduates, which accounts in a large way for the higher standards maintained here. Mr. Hoffman, who has been head of the rural school division of the state department for the past 22 years, said that rural school teachers oftentimes are incompetent. In many other counties, he said, only a small per cent of the rural teachers are normal school graduates.

This is due to the fact that in most counties the trustees of the various schools hire their instructors without first consulting with the county school superintendent and following his recommendations. Too often the school trustees are influenced to hire their best friend's son or daughter without taking into consideration necessary qualifications, according to Mr. Hoffman.

He points out, however, that in Lake county, with few exceptions, instructors are hired by the county school board only upon recommendation of Superintendent Simpson who thoroughly investigates the records and qualifications of all applicants.

### Modern Equipment Praised

Over 75 per cent of Lake county rural schools have all modern conveniences, including steam or oil heating systems, lunch rooms.

Several of the schools serve hot lunches to students at prices within reach of all.

## Arden Shore Children to Be Lecture Guests

The Glencoe Garden club is sponsoring a lecture to be given this afternoon, April 4, at 2:50 o'clock, in the Central school auditorium for 50 Arden Shore boys and children of the upper grades of the school.

Dr. Alfred B. Bailey, director of the Academy of Sciences in Chicago, will lecture on "Sea Birds and Coral Sands," illustrating his lecture with motion pictures. Dr. Bailey gave this lecture early in the winter for the nature department of the Woman's Library club, and was so enthusiastically received that the Glencoe Garden club felt the lecture would be one that especially would appeal to children. Dr. Bailey's pictures were taken on Laysan, a coral atoll about 800 miles northwest of Hawaii. This is known as one of the most interesting bird-islands in the world because of the great colonies of albatross, man-of-war birds, and terns on it.

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## Late Proceedings in Probate Court

The estate of Mrs. Mary Stratton, mother of William J. Stratton, secretary of state, and Harry Stratton, supervisor from Lake Villa, was closed last week by Probate Judge Martin C. Decker.

Mrs. Stratton died about six years ago but due to the several pieces of real estate, in the process of being subdivided, the probating of the estate was delayed considerable. Personal property exceeded \$6,000.

Arthur G. McGay, Highland Park. Letters of administration issued to T. G. McGay. Bond of \$8,000. Heirship proved.

Lucien G. Yce, Highland Park. Hearing on final report continued to March 30th.

Samuel J. Walker, Lake Forest. First report approved.

George Evert, Lake Bluff. Final report approved, estate closed.

## Forby Candidate for Non-High School Board

City Judge Theodore Forby, of Zion, last week placed in circulation his petition for candidacy to the non-high school board of the county, according to T. A. Simpson, county superintendent of schools.

The election is to be held through the county districts April 13.

Judge Forby has been a member of the non-high school board for a number of years. The terms extend over a period of three years. The members now in office, besides the jurist, are Elwin Wightman, of Grayslake, and John Baker of Lake Bluff.

The board appropriates funds to pay tuition of all high school children residing in townships that lack schools. It also disburses these funds and sets the amounts to be paid.

## Northbrook Looks for Much Building Activity

With an outlook for a record-breaking year in building activity in Northbrook and the announcement recently that the village has been chosen as the location for the new \$350,000 Sky Harbor Country club project of the United Aviation corporation, assurance is given of an unprecedented season of activity for that thriving little village, which joins Glencoe on the west.

The plans for development, it is said, will feature planks in the platforms of the two parties which will soon be in the field for votes at the annual spring election to be held in the village Tuesday, April 16.

## Glencoe Ordinance Revives Plan Group

The Glencoe Plan Commission, a municipal body organized several years ago and which in the past has rendered valuable service, but not perpetuated because of lack of provision for such an agency, is now to be reorganized under specific regulations pertaining both to its continuation and functions.

An ordinance making this procedure effective was passed at the meeting of the village board Thursday evening, and the appointive members of the commission will be named within a few days, it is announced.

There are many matters now pending in the village in which co-operation of the proposed new plan commission is much desired.

## Change Name of Lake Co. Business College

Mr. Paul W. Pettengill, C.P.A., president of the Lake County Business college, announces a change in the name of that institution to the Lake College of Commerce. At a recent meeting of the board of directors it was decided to change to this name as being more indicative of the true purpose and scope of the college located in Waukegan.

The success of the school under the new management has been apparent during the past few months by the constant enrollment of students and the large number of calls for help placed with the Employment bureau by business of Lake county.

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