

### URGES PERMANENT SHORE PROTECTION

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little more expensive than ordinary shore protection, would be a design that would present a first line of descent or protection. This should be constructed in the lake some distance from the shore. With this type of protection a highway and parkway could be eventually constructed along the lake front from Chicago to Milwaukee. A plan of this nature has been often discussed, but can only be brought about by the necessary legislation.

#### Secondary Defense

"In addition to the above mentioned plan there should be also a secondary defense or shore protection of uniform design. The only practical solution of the whole problem is to have competent engineers make a study of the needs of all interested parties, regardless of whether it is private or public property which is to be protected. In this way every interest will benefit. Operating on a large scale it will result in a more economical expenditure of funds in developing the most adequate and pleasing shore line.

"To obtain maximum results at a minimum cost to the public, it will be necessary for the interested people to organize, and form a committee with sufficient power to employ competent engineers. In turn the engineers should make an exhaustive study of prevailing conditions, and develop a uniform plan, such that will not only be efficient, but that will harmonize with the natural beauty of the north shore.

#### Further Inroads Probable

"If this is not done as soon as possible, future storms of more severe intensity will result in greater losses to the property owners as well as the destruction of the present in adequate, fast failing shore protection.

"It is, therefore, my suggestion that the people organize, create a committee with the proper authority, employ competent engineers, with the following objects in view:

- (1) Develop a uniform, adequate and comprehensive plan of shore protection for the north shore territory.
- (2) Employ only competent contractors equipped to carry on this work with dispatch and the least amount of inconvenience to the people.

#### Deerfield Civic Calendar

Week of Feb. 24 to March 1

Monday, February 24—Psychology class, Deerfield Grammar school postponed for one week.

Tuesday, February 25—St. Paul's basketball team vs. Northbrook team at Deerfield school, 8 o'clock. Independent Social club at home of Mrs. Ed. Long, 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, February 26 — Lions club—12:30 o'clock. Legion meeting in Masonic temple, 8 o'clock.

Thursday, February 27—R. N. A. meeting, Masonic temple 8 o'clock. Juvenile meeting at 6 o'clock.

Friday, February 28 — Boy Scout meeting.

### WINTER VISITORS AND SPRING MIGRANTS

When should one look for spring migration in Illinois? Have you seen the first robin? Well, the first question must be answered separately for various portions of Illinois for while fields are still frozen in northern Illinois the first flush of green is showing in the southern part of the state and spring migration is now under way there. Extreme southern Illinois is usually debatable winter territory for many species of birds that desert it during transient waves of severe weather but return when milder conditions prevail. That explains how a census of birds at Christmas time for Shawneetown or Marion may report carolina wrens and mocking birds more or less vocal when Rockford and Waukegan report a chickadee's song or the call of a nut-hatch. It is a real migration, however, that is on by the last week in February and at this very moment the vanguard that crossed the Ohio a number of days ago should be noticed along a front at least as far north as Danville on the east and Quincy on the west. By March 10 or 12 the extreme northeastern part of Illinois north of Chicago, the area where spring is tardiest in all the state, should be visited by the hardiest of the migrating adventures. There will still be days or even weeks in which pitiless weather may intervene and the earliest arrivals may at times retreat before the blasts, but by April 1 robins and bluebirds and meadowlarks to say nothing of grackles and redwings may be accepted as of common occurrence in

northern Illinois areas. There are eggs and even young nests in southern Illinois by that time. Long before that, way back in December, perhaps, the first robin has no doubt been solemnly announced in newspapers here and there. But the first robin is a hangover. He failed to get away when the going was good in the fall and so he lives precariously here and there in the bleakest portions of our state. No county in the state is without robins in winter. Usually when one such is spied by an amateur observer in winter, both bird and observer gets their names in the paper. But it is a false alarm.

Bird observers in the northern part of the state often have thrills not shared by observers in central and southern portions due to transient visits of a few species of birds of the far north woods. For example small flocks of pine grosbeaks and of evening grosbeaks have appeared at times during the past three months in Lake county and northern Cook county. Observers at Lake Forest, Highland Park, and Evanston have seen pine grosbeaks and evening grosbeaks have lingered about the southern limits of Winnetka long enough to give groups of observers from scattered areas a chance to see them and study their ways. Unlike the cardinal grosbeak or redbird so widely known in Illinois, neither of these grosbeaks has a crest. The evening grosbeak is black and gold, the pine grosbeak has slaty plumage washed with rose-red. The Illinois Audubon society is making a list of the places in Illinois visited by these birds in winter and observers are requested to report their occurrence to

the Chicago office of the Society in Lincoln Park. The northern shrike is another northern visitor reported at Highland Park and elsewhere. It would be interesting to chart the travels of all these northern birds in Illinois territory in winter.

### Deerfield Locals

Mrs. Charles Timson and her mother, Mrs. Richard M. Fletcher of Hickory Knoll Farm gave a delightful luncheon to fifty of their friends from Evanston, Highland Park and Deerfield on Friday, Feb. 14. The Timson's are spending the winter at the Greenwood Inn in Evanston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson and family are planning to attend the silver wedding anniversary of Mrs. Johnson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chelberg, which will be celebrated at Brookfield, Ill. on Saturday, Feb. 22. The couple will be re-married and Gertrude and Violet Johnson will be bridesmaids. A hundred and thirty guests have been invited.

The R. N. A. card party held Thursday evening, Feb. 13 proved an outstanding success and was attended by over a hundred guests. The door prize was awarded to Mrs. Radcliff of Highland Park R. N. A. camp and the pillow cases went to Mr. J. Ott.

Mr. and Mrs. William Macdonald announce the birth of a son, born at the Evanston hospital, Feb. 13. Mr. Macdonald is owner of the Lake County Lumber and Coal Co.

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