

The Story of Grave Vaults Is Recounted

At first thought few persons would understand that the subject of grave vaults is of universal interest to all persons who have any sort of an education. For every birth there must be a death, and the body from which life has departed must be put away from the view of the living for all time to come.

The pioneers in every section of our country used crude wooden boxes, many of which were made of unplaned boards. As education and material prosperity advanced, "coffins" made of planed lumber with some mechanical skill and ornamentation, or lined and covered with cloth, were used.

Something like thirty years ago the manufacture of steel vaults was begun. As even intelligent people are loth to consider questions concerning death or burials, no questions were raised when the manufacturers and their sales representatives, the undertakers, represented that the steel vaults were of permanent duration in the ground, and were waterproof.

About three years ago the Chas. Evans Cemetery of Reading, Pa., adopted a rule that each burial casket should be inclosed in an outer wall composed of brick, stone or concrete in order to make it certain that the grave would never collapse.

It is supposed that that rule was simply an indirect step to abolish the use of metal vaults in that cemetery and the steel vault association applied for an injunction to prevent the cemetery from enforcing the rule. The case was fought through three courts. The superior court decided that the cemetery had a legal right to adopt the rule herein mentioned.

Norshore Garden of Memories prohibited the use of steel vaults in that place of interment more than ten years ago and has escaped litigation with the steel vault trust although threatened with same before the Pennsylvania decision was rendered.

"Gaities" To Be Given At Wilmette This Week

Sponsored by the ways and means committee of the Wilmette Woman's Club, the benefit play "Gaities" will have its opening performance on Thursday evening, Feb. 15, and will also be presented on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:15.

The "skipper" is "Captain Betty" Brown, and she has signed on a crew of good looking, fast stepping jolly tars who will show speed, class and plenty of action, we are told. Members of the crew include brilliant local stars as well as representatives of the best talent available from Evanston, Winnetka, Lake Forest, Highland Park and Chicago.

Mrs. Burnham Delights Audience At School

Friday, Feb. 9, the Parent-Teacher Association and Woman's Club of Deerfield held a joint meeting in the school auditorium. The speaker of the afternoon, Anita Willets Burnham, delighted the audience with a humorous account of her trip around the world with her family.

The Hobby Show, a feature of the afternoon, was interesting to everyone. Heirlooms, dating from 1814, were on exhibition.

Dan Hunt Speaks At Rotary Last Thursday

W. K. Hout, acting as Rotarian of the day, introduced the guest speaker, Dan Hunt, last Thursday at the weekly luncheon of the Deerfield Rotary Club at Shugrue's Cafe. Mr. Hunt's talk was "Advertising," a subject with which he is thoroughly acquainted, because of his many years in newspaper work.

Following his talk there was a twenty minute discussion with questions and answers. All agreed that it pays to advertise. Today's speaker will be J. B. Hayford, assistant director of the Rosenwald Museum of Science and Industry.

Deerfield C. of C. To Meet Thursday, Feb. 22

Dr. V. W. Spriggs, newly elected president, will preside at the monthly meeting of the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, Feb. 22.

Ravinia Benefit Sales To Be Saturday, Feb. 24

"Anyone desiring to purchase a luscious chocolate cake, a picture for the guest room, or a new detective story should attend the benefit sale being held at the Ravinia Village House by the Women's Club between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24," we are told.

Donations to the used book sale and the white elephant sale should be brought to the Village House on Friday, Feb. 23, when Mrs. Theo. Fischer and Mrs. Frank Venning, and members of their respective committees — civics committee and art committee — will receive them.

Japanese Program At Ravinia Forum Feb. 25

The next meeting of the Ravinia Forum will be held Sunday evening, Feb. 25, in Ravinia's Village House at 8 p.m. The program will consist of an illustrated symposium on Japan. A beautiful motion picture entitled "The Four Seasons" will be presented by Dr. Isamu Tashiro, a Japanese resident of Chicago.

This will be followed by two talks on the Japanese role on contemporary or world politics by Clark Eichberger, director of the League of Nations Association in New York, and by Raymond E. Nelson, director of the Midwest Institute of International Relations that meets in Evanston every summer.

Local Chapter Will Be Represented At Dinner

The Highland Park Chapter of Women of the Moose will be represented at the Mooseheart Alumni Association dinner on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., which will be the climax of the mid-winter meeting of the supreme council of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Much interest has been aroused over the program that will be given by members of the advisory council of the Mooseheart Laboratory for Child Research. Among those who will speak are prominent educators and psychologists of this country.

Deerfield Auxiliary To Meet Monday Evening

Mrs. Charles C. Kapschull will be hostess to members of the Deerfield unit of the American Legion Auxiliary on Monday evening, Feb. 19, at her home 814 Spruce Street. Mrs. Walter B. Metcalf will review the book, "We Move in New Directions" by H. M. Overstreet.

A colonial dinner will be given at the Deerfield Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, Feb. 22, sponsored by Dorcas Circle Four. A reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will precede the dinner. Mrs. William C. Wing is chairman of the circle. There will be a social hour at the conclusion of the dinner, also.

New Ravinia Postmaster James A. Thomson has been appointed postmaster at Ravinia by Postmaster General James A. Farley.

Rules Are Given For Easy Winter Starting

This winter's gasoline, with a volatility averaging in certain instances more than fifty per cent higher than any heretofore sold at the regular price, makes possible fast starting action in automotive engines, we are told by local gasoline dealers.

Probably every motorist knows that failure to use winter lubricants in conditioning a car for cold weather results in a stiff motor which the starter cannot turn over speedily enough for easy starting, a drag which detracts from the quick starting advantage gained by a more volatile gasoline.

Two factors cause this neglect. Correct manipulation of the starting controls seems so simple as not to warrant further thought. Secondly, the difficulty of forming absolute rules, valid for all cars, usually discourages attempts to give counsel on the subject.

Yet two such rules can be advanced. Releasing the clutch while stepping on the starter disengages gears in the transmission which are not free even with the car in neutral, thus lessening the drag to be overcome. The second rule applies to all cars save those relatively few ancient models having no accelerator pump and a few modern cars with starter and accelerator combined.

Another suggestion for the motorist is that he himself experiment to find the best use of throttle and choke for his car, as these elements may vary even among different models of the same car. By supplementing his experiments with inquiries of his automotive dealer, whose long experience with a partic-

ular make of car is likely to acquaint him with the peculiarities in starting technique of various models, the motorist will certainly arrive at the most intelligent method of manipulating the starting controls of his car.

Experiences of automotive engineers conducting cold weather starting tests recently verify the particularity of this advice. Mechanics with much less automotive knowledge than these technicians frequently could start cars on which they had done much work far quicker than the more skilled men conducting the tests.



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