

strated bird lecture last evening at the Wilcox school. Mrs. and Miss Donna Belle their pupils had an excellent work that evening. school will close for its session on May 24. The service of St. Paul's church will be discussed at the next meeting of the congregation on Friday evening. Mrs. Ardis is expected home in Arcadia, Mich., where she will winter with her aunt, Elizabeth.

Eighteen Deerfield League Auxiliary members meeting in North Chicago 23rd where State Paul Armstrong and State Commander C. C. Moore is also national executive committee, were speaking.

Mrs. Emil Friedrichs, Marshall were dinner and Mrs. Muri Bair of Sunday.

Fredman is ill at her residence.

Lorenz of Northfield the Areme club on Monday. Mrs. Ralph Peterson next hostess.

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The Eastern Star guild will hold a paper bag luncheon on Tuesday, May 7. Members will tie a comforter.

Mrs. Carrie Krueger, district deputy of the R.N.A., visited Mrs. William Johnston on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston entertained the Neighborhood club on Saturday evening.

Deerfield R.N.A. camp will meet Thursday evening, May 9. All members and young people are urged to attend.

The Keeler family who lived on North Chestnut street moved to Winnetka last week.

The Hooker family recently leased the Pfister house on Chestnut street. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Olenдорf entertained at a party on Thursday evening.

The unveiling of a bronze plaque in memory of Jesse L. Smith, took place in the historical room of the public library of Highland Park on Wednesday evening, May 1.

Mrs. Earl Varner entertained Dorcas Circle Four on Thursday at her home in Highland Park.

The Deerfield village board will meet Monday evening in the village offices of the Deerfield Masonic temple. Harry Clavey, the out-going mayor, and his board will wind up a very successful two years of service, and turn the gavel over to the new mayor, Harry E. Wing.

Circus Days are here! Among those from Deerfield who went down Tuesday, was the group chaperoned by Mrs. Harry E. Wing which included Shirley Wing, Esther and June Krase, Gladys Page, Jack Clavey, and Margaret Kamminga, with Mrs. Wing's sister, Mrs. Kreitling and two children Robert and Dorothy of Chicago. They attended the Cole-Beatty Circus at the Coliseum.

Deerfield Rotarians Elect C. E. Bates

At the annual election of the Deerfield Rotary Club, Carl E. Bates, principal of the Deerfield Grammar School, was elected president. Other officers chosen are: vice president, Harold Vant; secretary, F. G. Piepenbrok; treasurer, W. K. Hout.

Rev. A. P. Johnson of Chicago, formerly of Deerfield, who are attending the conference in Highland Park, was guest speaker at last week's meeting.

Edward Reagan has charge of today's program. The district assembly will be in Elgin on May 23. The new president will go as the delegate.

Northfield Cemetery To Be Rejuvenated

The cemetery at the corner of Dundee and Saunders Roads and its desecration have been chief topics of comment at each Evangelical conference in the state for a number of years. It is located on the first Evangelical Church property in the state, purchased in 1836.

The conference which convened in Highland Park last week, appointed the board of trustees of the Illinois Conference of Evangelical Churches, to buy back the cemetery from the present owner, to make arrangements for a stone marker and a fence.

Action was taken because of the following letter from a Deerfield descendant, Irwin Plagge:

April 23, 1935 To Bishop G. E. Epp and Delegates of the Illinois Evangelical Church Conference assembled at Bethany Evangelical Church, at Highland Park, Illinois:

A hundred years ago the first Evangelical Church was built at North Northfield, Ill. by early pioneers. They hewed the timber from the near forests, they walked miles from their homes through mud and snow to the church services. Their dead they laid away in that part of the church yard designed for that purpose. Enclosed fences, and grave markers were placed there in memory of their "Blessed dead." The membership of this little church grew and soon a larger church was erected in which they worshipped.

Those early pioneers are now all gone. Only a very small group remain who remember this church as their church, a larger group know that their relatives are buried in a cemetery which is being desecrated where grave markers have been destroyed until now but one or two remain.

New church officers and change of organizations have brought destruction to this once sacred spot. The property was sold and the money used elsewhere and an indefinite spot reserved without designation as the original cemetery.

Here where a hundred or more of the early pioneers and their children are buried now is a chicken yard and several years ago a concrete wall of a garage was laid over a row of graves. My father stood at the side of this open trench and could easily discern grave after grave by the mixed diggings of the earth, at the bottom of the trench large stones and pieces of concrete had been

placed to fill in the openings made by the breaking down of the caskets.

In this cemetery lay the remains of my father's twin brothers and the remains of my grandfather's mother (grandfather is still living.) Pioneers who have been associated with the Evangelical early church history have their relatives buried in this spot. An early church minister, Wesslings, Inther, Schinleber, Stanger, Knedler, Lehman, Rockenbach, Bach, Franz, and Plagge are a few of the families who have their relatives buried there. Many of these pioneer dead will be unknown to all of us.

As a boy I remember the little white picket fences which surrounded many of the graves, the blooming rose bushes and flowering trees which marked others and the many small white stones that stood row upon row. Today it is a chicken yard. Grave stones were removed to make room for a minister's garden and pig pen. Relatives wishing to preserve their graves and stones have been shown no consideration whatsoever.

Several years ago the matter was presented to the delegates of the Illinois Conference for their consideration. The matter evidently has died in the committee, but something be done about this matter while the conference is meeting here within ten miles of the birthplace of this early Evangelical Church from which have gone so many men and women and much money to build other churches?

The early pioneers had faith in their church and sacrificed so that their church might carry on. Certainly the spot where they were laid to rest in "God's Acre" should now be preserved and honored.

The writer would be glad to appear before your committee or go with your committee to this spot and

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have others who are more familiar with the place meet with your committee in order that this early pioneer Evangelical cemetery might be preserved and honored as it should be honored. The writer can be reached by telephone at Deerfield 121J.

Yours respectfully,
Irwin Plagge.

Deerfield Orchestra Buys Equipment

The orchestra of the Deerfield Grammar School has purchased many useful gifts for the school recently. Through a series of concerts and donations this group has accumulated a sum of money. With it they bought a stage spot light, a complete new set of stage scenery, a set of orchestra bells, music, and the rest of the money will be put toward a lantern slide machine. This will be used for songs for assembly and for music and art appreciation.

The grammar school orchestra had four members when it began two years ago, with Miss Virginia Engels as music instructor. At the close of the first year it had twenty-five members and today, not quite two years old, it has a personnel of thirty-eight members.

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Union Church Service Sunday in Deerfield

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Rev. Earl J. Bruce is chairman of the service and will introduce the guest speaker, Dr. Harold R. Hein-

inger, professor of Systematic Theology at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville. The service is in recognition of the young people and the charge will be made by Rev. F. G. Piepenbrok. Special music will be given by St. Paul's Junior choir. Scriptures and prayer will be offered by Dr. W. F. Weir, minister of the host church.

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