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Early Ancestry Is Subject Chosen by Deerfield Pupils

The following story concerning two of the early settlers in this district were written by Ethel Seiler and Regina Klomp, pupils in the Deerfield school, at the request of the Centennial committee for stories from the Deerfield school children.

My Early Ancestors by Ethel Seiler In 1835 Lewis Gastfield brought his bride to America. They stayed in Chicago a few weeks, then they came to a settlement which was later given the name of Deerfield.

Their first home was a log cabin located on or near the site of Herman's gas station and lunch room. Later they moved to a cabin on the County Line Road which became their permanent home until death. Seven children were born in this cabin.

As the family prospered they built a two story frame house, the first of its kind in the settlement. To this home came many immigrant families to stay until they located on a claim of their own.

At that time Deerfield was a region of densely wooded land. Sheep, cows and chickens were kept in the yard. A series of rail fences was built around the premises to prevent the animals from straying into the woods and getting lost. Callers had to open several gates to get to the house.

Meat was to be had for the taking. One had only to be a clever marksman to bag a squirrel, a rabbit, or a wild fowl. Money was scarce. Barter was the only means of exchange. Lewis Gastfield often walked to Chicago carrying eggs and butter which he exchanged for other provisions such as flour, needles, cutlery, and medicine.

The trip to Chicago took three days, one day to go to Chicago, one day to transact business, and one day for the return trip. There were no horses in the community.

How would you like to be sitting in your home and have several Indians come walking in without knocking. That is what happened often in the early days of Deerfield. Grandma Gastfield tells of how the Indians came to her house one day when she was alone with the little girls. The Indians asked for every-

thing they saw. There was a little red coat hanging on the wall when they came. They wanted that but Grandma didn't want to give it to them because it was new. Grandma offered them other things. They accepted some of the things, but they would not go away until she gave them the red coat.

Wolves came prowling around one night, trying to get into the shed where the cattle and sheep were. Grandma managed to get out to the shed somehow. The sheep were huddled in the center of the shed with the cattle forming a ring around them, horns out. One wolf had jumped on to the lean-to and as the wolf broke through the window Grandma killed him with a pitchfork.

The children had lots of fun climbing over rail fences and hunting for wild fruit. One day while two of the girls were out picking raspberries one of them was bitten by a rattle snake. The older girl applied what she knew of first aid. When she told about it afterward she did not remember how she treated the bite, but she must have been an excellent nurse for her sister lived for many years afterward.

It must have been fun to live here in those far away times. But I think I enjoy living through them in books rather than in real life. Our ancestors must have had a lot of courage.

Early Settlers by Regina Klomp Horace Lamb and Jacob Cadwell and five sons, who came from Norfolk, New York in 1835, were the first settlers of Deerfield. The Cadwell home was then on an Indian trail, now called Waukegan Road. This home is now occupied by Miss Loretta Heman.

Jesse Wilmot, who married Elizabeth Luther, came up the north branch of the Chicago River in 1834. Wilmot spent the winter alone where Deerfield now stands. In 1837 his brother Lyman came. Then in 1840 Lyman brought his wife, Clarissa Dwight, to the two hundred forty acres of "wild land." They lived in the vicinity of the Wilmot school.

Until 1843 Horace Lamb's land was to the south, and the Vedder farm, now George Trist's home, and the Parson's farm were Lamb's. Lewis Gastfield and James Hamilton held land to the east. Later it was

Consumer's Corner

Paging Potato Salad! It's time to turn to the page under "potato salad" in cook-books, for this piquant, refreshing dish is typical of summer, and there are few dishes useful after June has turned the corner.

We naturally associate potato salad with picnics and cruises on the water during warm-weather months, but it also has a great affinity for cold, paper-thin slices of meats and tinkling iced drinks in the menus we serve at home.

Every one has his own distinct ideas of what potato salad should be. Personally we think any salad is a disappointment that doesn't contain sections of crisp, fresh cucumbers and hard-cooked eggs. But everyone to his own taste. One famous chef relies upon potatoes, onions, blanched almonds and finely chopped parsley to uphold his reputation in a potato salad. He uses two kinds of dressing, of course, first a French dressing, which is poured over coarsely mashed potatoes while they are still warm; then a special boiled dressing which is thoroughly mixed in with the other ingredients. Of course the salad is chilled thoroughly before serving.

There's nothing in substantial, main-dish salads so fresh and satisfying at this time of year than a mixed potato salad using potato, a cucumber, a bunch of scallions, stuffed olives, fresh radishes, sweet gherkin pickles, cold, cooked beets, and hard-boiled eggs. This salad should be seasoned well with salt, pepper and celery salt and mixed generously with mayonnaise. But if we didn't have fresh cucumbers, we would certainly use small cucumber pickles, as is done in a recipe we know which calls simply for cold boiled potatoes, diced celery, fresh peas, minced olives and the pickles.

The dressing we use for potato salad is the final arbiter of its flavor. If you do not have some favorite boiled dressing recipe which seems to carry your potato salad far out of the ordinary, use either French dressing or mayonnaise. A little tarragon vinegar and onion juice added will "step up" their flavor. Almost any kind of salad with a foundation of boiled potatoes seems to rate the name of potato salad. It is made with herring, sardines, chopped bologna and other sausage, and with finely cut ham, an this kind of salad with a vegetable and dessert makes a satisfying supper on a very hot evening.

Potato salads with a variety of crisp, fresh ingredients should be tossed together lightly so that all ingredients are thoroughly marinated in the dressing. A wooden fork or spoon should be used to avoid crushing the cubed vegetables. Have you seen the smart new wooden salad bowls made with tight-fitting covers and handles? A salad can be shaken in one of them as merrily as a cocktail.

Potato Salad 3 cups potatoes 3 tablespoons minced onion 1 tablespoon green pepper (chopped) 1/2 cup cucumbers (diced) 2 hard boiled eggs salad dressing

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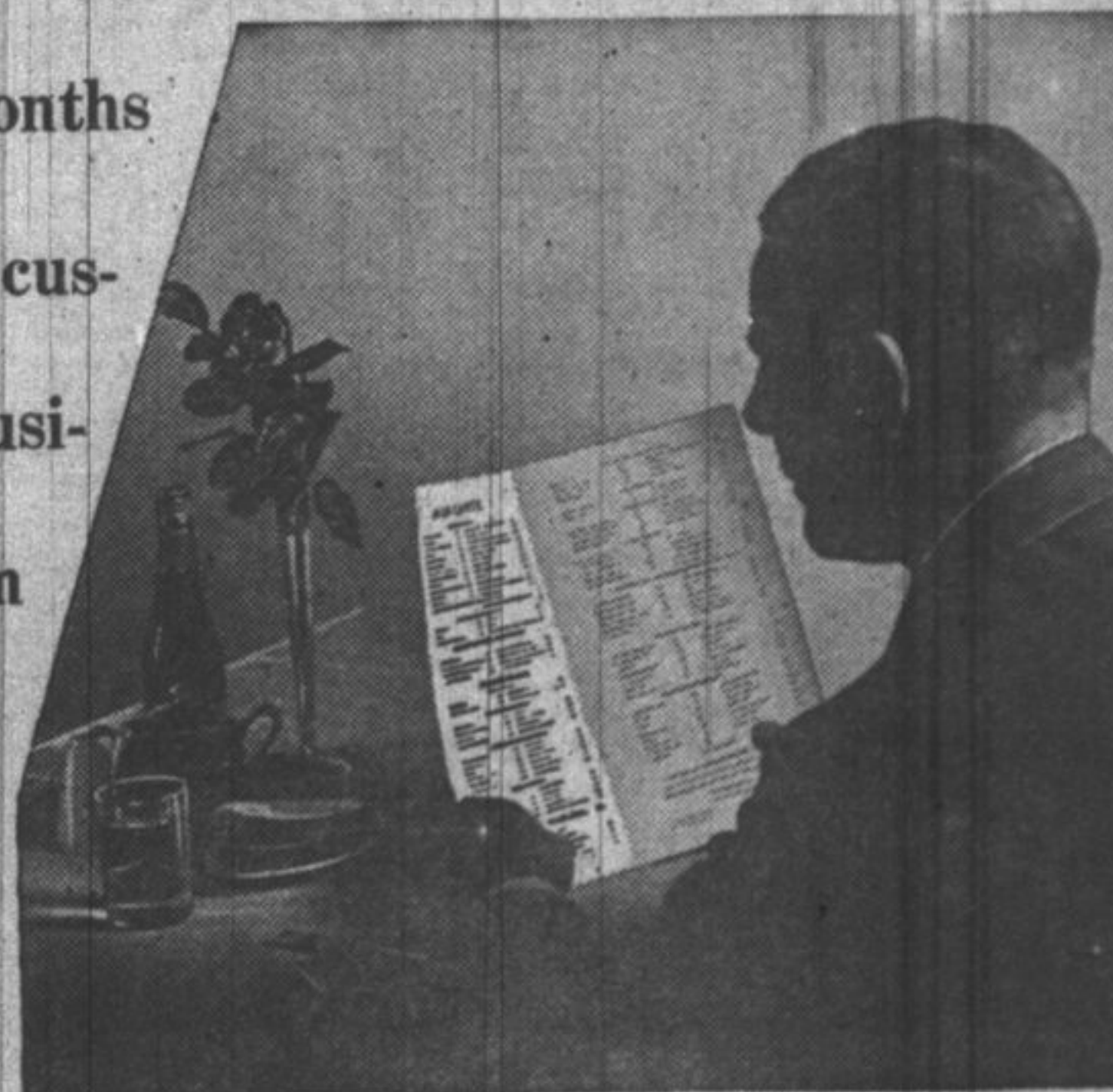


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