

Deerfield Board Plans to Regulate Through Traffic

Deerfield was a very healthy place in which to live during the month of July, according to the report of health commissioner, Dr. C. Johnston Davis, at the monthly meeting of the Deerfield village board last Tuesday evening. His report stated that the locality was free from contagion. Dr. Davis also asked the assistance of the people of Deerfield in keeping cut the growth of obnoxious weeds on all lots and parkways to aid hay fever sufferers.

All members of the board, except Monroe McKillip were present and reports were heard. In the water department, Trustee C. S. Scribner read that the loss, through leakage, of water during July was the lowest in many months. Billings for consumption were \$1095.64 and more than \$1100 was collected on current and old accounts. Villagers are now taxed 3 per cent on water bills to go to the state for relief purposes.

The annual tax levy was passed. The total amount to be levied is \$29,240, divided into the following funds: General, \$9725; Fire department, \$7450; streets and alleys, \$1600; police, \$2925; bonded indebtedness, \$2500; street lighting, \$4540; contingent, \$500.

Four telephones are being requested by the board for village purposes. Ambrose Montavon's request to build a restaurant on his property on North Waukegan Road, 300 feet south of Point Comfort, on the east side of the road, was referred to the zoning committee.

In answer to a plea from the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce to have the streets of the business section kept clean, Mayor Wing replied that there were no funds available for this purpose at this time.

The request of the fire department through Chief Jack Johnston, for uniforms was also tabled because of insufficient funds.

Recommendations from the village auditor, Albert Roderick, of Wilson & Co., were read and approved.

A petition, bearing the signatures of a group of business men and citizens, to reconsider the ordinance weighing the trucks and protesting against the village's plan to regulate truck traffic in Deerfield, was read. The signers asked the trustees to rescind the ordinance. The petition was not favorably received by the board. Mayor Wing pointed out that they were under oath to obey the laws and that if truck drivers violated the law they should be arrested. Law abiding drivers will not be arrested.

As to the petitioners' claim that the village's regulation of truck traffic, which includes investigation of overloading, would mean rerouting of the trucks around the village, thereby working a hardship on local restaurateurs, Mayor Wing said that such procedure was not probable as the InterState Commerce Commissions maps out the truck

routes. State police, it was stated, are stopping trucks outside the village limits and there was no reason why the village authorities should not take the same measures for protecting streets, lights, and various other property. The petition was filed.

Bids on a 1½-ton truck for the village use were read. The four low bidders were Purnell & Wilson, a Ford; Deerfield Garage, a Chevrolet; Reliable Garage, an international; and Clavey Motors, a Dodge.

A special meeting was called for Tuesday, Aug. 20, to hear the report of the road and bridge committee as to the selection of a truck and for their report on the Greenwood Avenue paving.

Seek Aid Here for Former Deerfield Woman

A letter addressed to the village board of Deerfield from officials of Racine County, was read at the monthly meeting, Aug. 13.

The letter questions local authorities concerning Mrs. Mildred Ely, who is unable to find suitable employment in that vicinity and is now being cared for by a Wisconsin institution.

Investigation disclosed that Mrs. Ely came to Waukegan from Pennsylvania and through the IERC was sent to Deerfield where she stayed with the late Mrs. Henry Hoffman for several years. Her three children are now in the Dorcas Home. Mrs. Ely is said to have a brother living in Waukegan.

The village clerk, Chester Wessling, was instructed by Mayor H. E. Wing, to write the Racine county judge, giving the facts known and pointing out that the woman's residence in Deerfield was of comparatively short duration and therefore the village was not responsible for her welfare.

The Deerfield Royal Neighbors' Club will hold a picnic at the field house on Sunday. Members and their families are invited to join in this picnic supper.

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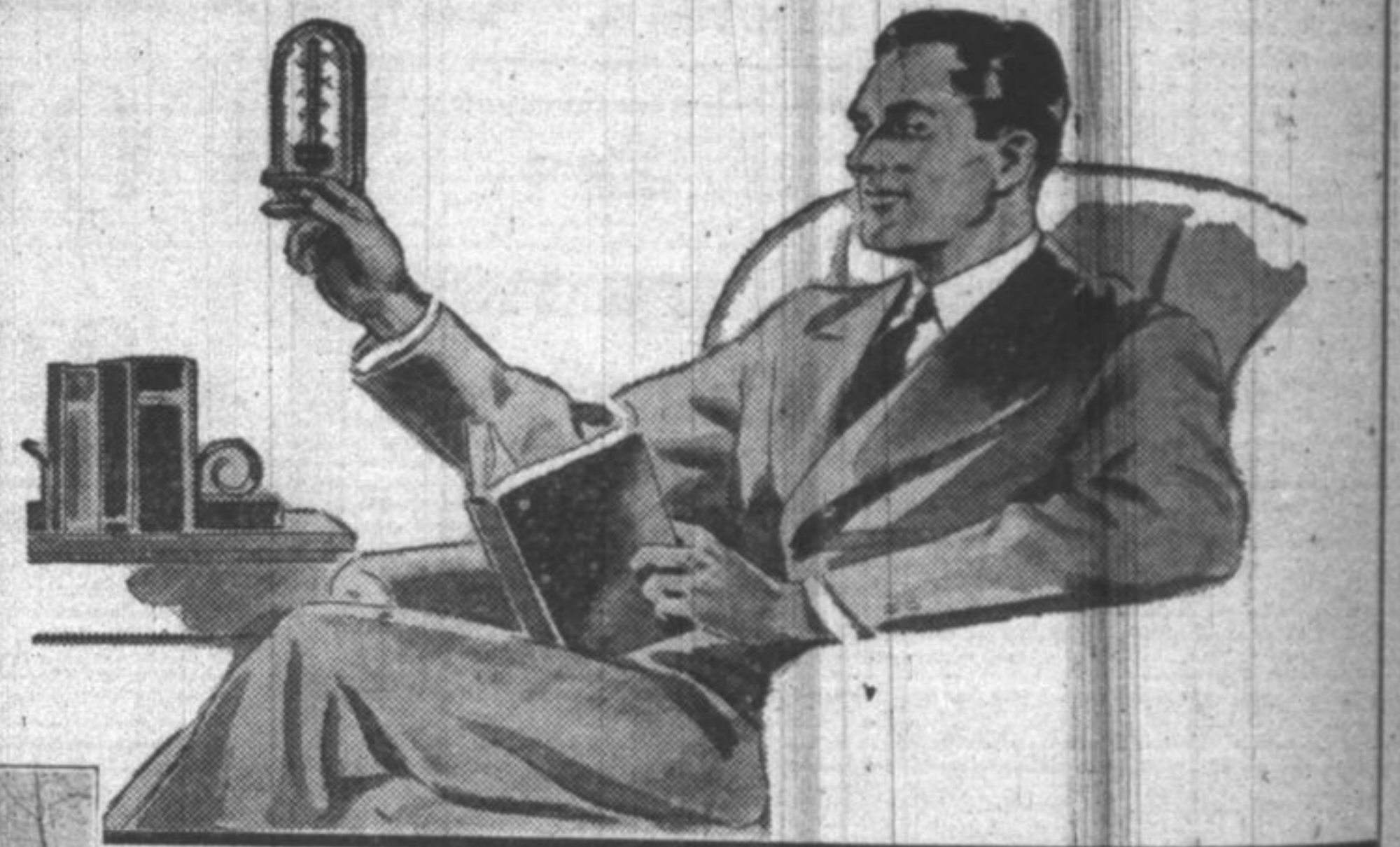
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