

Your Outdoors

by Jim Mooney

Egrets Now Unusually Common in Lake County

Egrets and Little Blue Herons are unusually common in Northern Illinois this fall. If you have traveled in the western part of Lake county recently you have more than likely observed the many large white birds in the weedy lakes and ponds. There is nothing sensational about these visitors than that the egrets were at one time on the verge of extinction. They are more interesting in color than in habit. You may be confused by the name little blue heron when I advise you to look out for a white bird—the young little blue herons are white for the first two years, then turn to an ashy blue.

Egrets are white when hatched and remain so.

Before our government protected Egrets hundreds were killed annually, generally during the breeding season. Their long trailing crest and body feathers were prize adornments for our ladies' hats. They were known as "agretties," party hats and wedding gowns were over feathered thus in a few years the demand was so great that the birds were killed by the thousands. Over a million and a half individual plumes were shipped to America from Venezuela in 1899. The hunter received good compensation for the kill—each bird's plume brought about 90 cents on the New York market. When the Egrets were nearly extinct a law was passed to protect them. The little blue heron has no flashy plumes so that they are true residents of the southern states. The young, however, migrate north in the early fall, then return south with the first sign of cold weather.

The food of the birds consists chiefly of crayfish, vegetable matter, frogs and some insects. Hunters will have no right to molest the birds in any way. A severe penalty is always ready for anyone killing or otherwise disturbing these birds.

I feel sure in saying that in a

few years we will have many of these birds nesting in our area. I have observed Egrets during the past week in the vicinity of the north shore. Egrets, Little Blue Herons, were seen in the new Skokie Lagoons park this week and hundreds were to be found near Grayslake, Lake Forest and Waukegan.

Peach Crop To Be Within Reach Of Most Modest Purse

At this year's prices Highland Park housewives need not be without peaches for dessert or canning purposes because a moderate sized crop is moving at figures within the reach of even the most modest of purses.

This fact was brought out by a survey of officials of the city-owned market at Benton Harbor, Mich., where sales of peaches last year exceeded a million bushels.

They point out that for canning purposes the early South Haven and Halehaven varieties are highly suitable, although many home canners have come to look upon the Elberta and the J. H. Hale as the ideal type. Following them will be the harvest of Smock, Salway and Lemon Free varieties, not to mention Gold Drops. Any of the varieties are desirable for slicing, pies, tarts or preserves. All of them lend themselves well to canning or making of peach pickles.

With the conclusion of picking in orchards in Indiana and Illinois, Michigan tree-ripened peaches come to the fore as the last major peach crop of the year. The crop is already being moved, much of it through the non-profit Benton Harbor market where fruit farmers last year sold their peaches to buyers from 25 states.

Deerfield Trees to Be Transplanted in Villa Park

From Washington, D. C. comes the news that a large number of trees, now situated on private property in Deerfield, will soon be transported to Villa Park where they

will be planted in the streets by the WPA.

This announcement was made at the office of Senator J. Hamilton Lewis following receipt of information that President Roosevelt has approved an allotment of \$33,821 for the entire project, including the purchasing and moving of the trees. Before the trees are to be taken from Deerfield, however, the old trees in the Villa Park streets are to be removed.

Final approval rests with the state WPA director who will also have to set the time for the actual start of the work. Federal funds will be forthcoming shortly after his final approval.

Deerfield Faculty Announced in Letter Sent to Parents

The Deerfield Grammar school today mailed letters to parents of children in school district 109 giving information relative to the opening of the school term on Wednesday, Sept. 7. At present the enrollment for the coming year appears to be about the same as the past year's enrollment. Substantially the same staff of teachers will be employed this year, and changes in the general program will be only those needed where classes have been combined. The staff:

- Play school — Margaret Pfister
- First grade — Christine Knaak
- Second grade — Genevieve Card
- Third grade — Jean Nygard
- Fourth grade — Beth Andrew
- Fifth grade — Irene Evenson
- Sixth grade — not decided
- Seventh grade — Ray Cox
- Eighth grade — Hazel Miller
- Music — Virginia E. Hardacre
- Health — Dr. Dorothy S. Davis
- Superintendent — Lester Ball

The Letter

August 29, 1938

Dear Parent:

This letter will serve to give you information relative to the opening of school this year. As you probably know, school will open on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The first day we are asking the children to come only for the morning session. Regular school work will begin with the opening of school.

We are asking that all children entering for the first time register immediately if possible. Such registrations will make it possible for us to plan our needs more effectively. If you have neighbors who are entering children in our school, will you please pass this word on to them?

We should also like to call your attention to our play school. Children between the ages of 4½ to 5½ may be registered for this. It is our hope that this will partially take the place of the kindergarten, which the school is unable to offer for this year.

The staff for this year is substantially the same as last. Miss Margaret Pfister, play school; Mrs. Christine Knaak, first grade; Miss

Genevieve Card, second grade; Miss Jennie Nygard, third grade; Miss Beth Andrew, fourth grade; Miss Irene Evenson, fifth grade; Mr. Ray Cox, seventh grade; Miss Hazel Miller, eighth grade. The sixth grade position has not been definitely determined at this time. Mrs. Virginia Hardacre will handle our music, and Dr. Dorothy Davis will have general direction of the health program. Mr. Ball will teach several of the classes at the upper level. Our dental clinic will be operated on the same basis as in the past.

Enclosed you will find a bulletin covering the matter of texts and fees. The school office will be happy to answer any questions in regard to this bulletin.

It is the sincere wish of the Board of Education to give your children an ever better rounded educational program. Close home-school cooperation is imperative to this end. Please feel free at all times to call on your school for help in meeting the needs of your children, or for the interpretation of educational policies and methods being used by your school.

Sincerely,
Board of Education
District 109
Deerfield, Illinois
Lester B. Ball

Read The Want-Ads

Deerfield Parochial School Opens Sept. 7

The Rev. James V. Murphy of the Holy Cross Catholic church in Deerfield announces:

"School will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The preparation of the rooms for school has been finished during the summer months. With a little more time than a year ago we believe we have managed to make at least a few improvements. Again attention is called to the fact that the Sisters are on hand every Sunday morning to meet the parents. If there are any difficulties for certain individuals now is the time to bring them up and we are sure they can be ironed out.

The motive for parochial schools is the one underlying all education—the desire to give as much as possible to the children starting out in life. If it is important for children to be well-mannered or prepared for some type of work, surely it is equally important for them to be well-grounded in religious matters. Religion is a social matter, it is extremely difficult to learn about, amid the distractions of modern life and its omissions from a curriculum can scarcely fail to give a child the impression it is secondary.

The law of the church is to provide schools in the parish, where the children can receive suitable religious education. It also places the obligation on parents of seeing that

their children attend such schools. Of course, such laws apply only in so far as is humanly possible. The reason is that it is important that the children retain the proper perspective regarding their training and certainly the most important of that training should not be relegated to spare time."

Deerfield School Building Repaired

During the past month several repairs have been made in the Deerfield Grammar school plant. The roof has been repaired in several places, the top walls relaid, and the side walls tuck-pointed at all needed spots. Inside, the building has been repaired and painted, and the general school equipment conditioned. New shades have been placed in several lower school rooms in order to improve lighting arrangements in these rooms. All repairs will be completed well before the opening of school on September 7.

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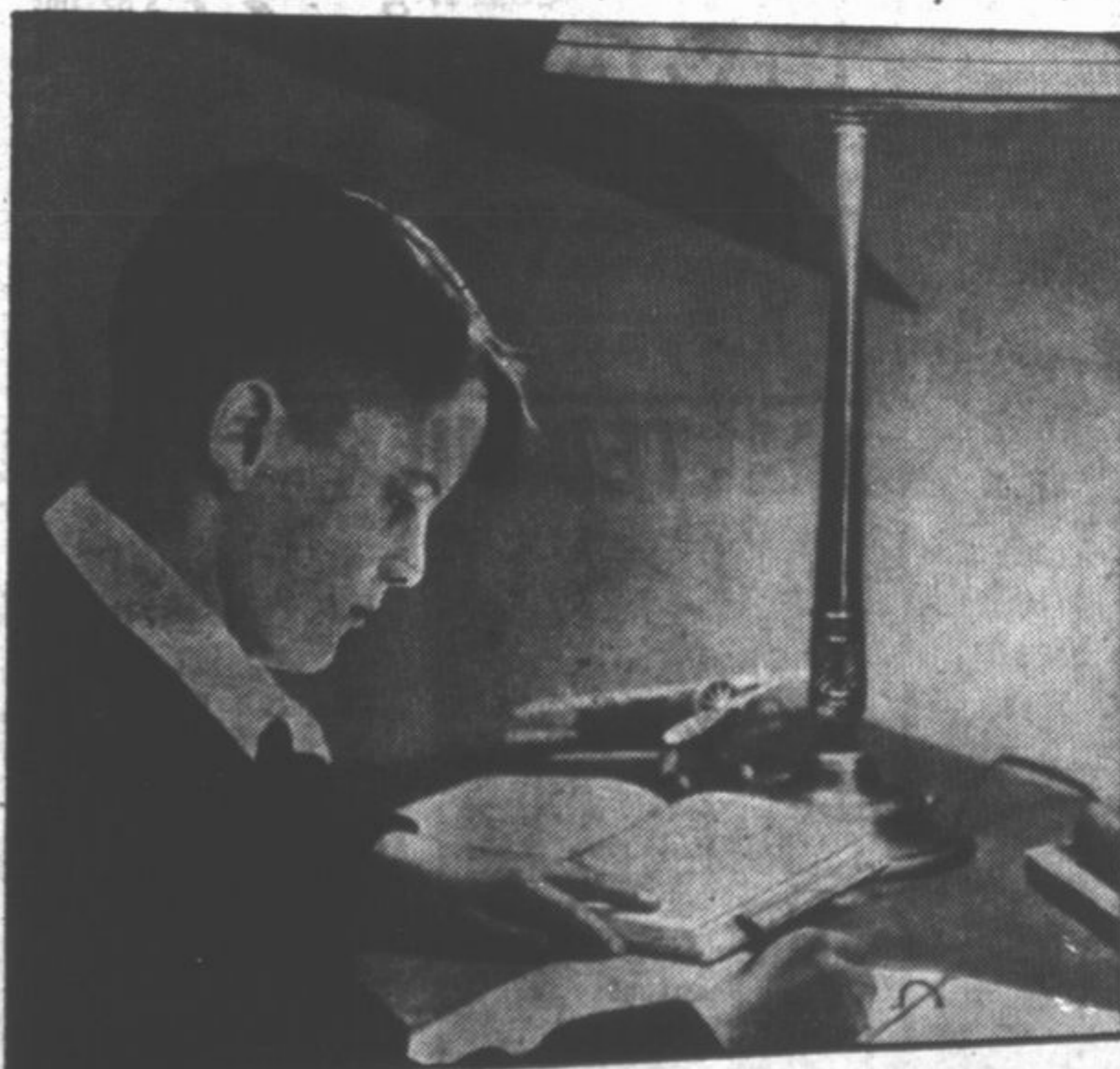
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to the
Modern Parent...

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What Jimmy and Sally will accomplish in school this year depends on their eyes.

If there are serious defects in their vision, by all means see an eye specialist.

But beyond this first precaution, the first duty of the modern parent is to provide proper lighting in those places in the home where children study, read, work or play.

Since educators tell us that 87 per cent of all sense impressions come through the eyes, proper lighting is especially needed at the desk or table where school work is to be done at home.

Check up on the lamps that your children will use. The correct lamp should be high enough that it gives good light over a wide area. It should be so shaded that the bright light will not shine directly into the eyes.

If the child sits in an armchair to read, there should be a lamp beside the chair.

An excellent lamp for reading or studying is the approved I.E.S. type which can light both upwards and downwards. Light thrown

down is softened by a diffusing bowl that also reflects light upward for general illumination. Such illumination eases eye muscles. Without it, the eyes must constantly adjust themselves to areas of brightness and darkness, causing strain and fatigue.

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