

Deerfield Board Hear Reports At Meeting December 12

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of Deerfield was held last Tuesday evening in the Masonic Temple. Present were Mayor Christ Willman; Village Clerk Chester Wessling; Corporation Counsel George McLaughlin; and Trustees John D. Schneider, Ralph Peterson, Marshall Pottenger, and Harry Stuppel. The absent trustees were William Hertel and Edw. M. Palmer.

An encouraging report was made by the water department with a loss of only 19 per cent in water in the past month. The loss next month will be lower, as part of the 19 per cent includes the water lost by the flushing of fire hydrants, which were packed and prepared for winter weather during the month.

The license department revealed that half as many dog licenses had been purchased this year as last year, yet about five times as many dogs are now roaming the streets. Vehicle tags are now on sale at the village offices. Albert Rokerick, village auditor read a complete report of finances and gave a summary of the past seven months expenditures and income.

No new business was brought before the board and the session was brief. The PWA grant for the proposed sewer and treatment plant is still an undecided proposition, awaiting word from Washington. The board adjourned until January 10th.

Lake Forest Academy Annual Alumni Holiday Luncheon

Scores of Highland Park alumni of Lake Forest academy have received notices from Robert K. Belt, 75 Elmwood drive, secretary of the Academy's Alumni association, announcing the annual alumni and fathers-and-sons holiday luncheon to be held Thursday, Dec. 29th, at the Union League club in Chicago.

General Roy D. Keehn of Lake Forest, whose son, Kent, is a student at the academy this year, will be the principal speaker. Others on the program include Frank W. Read, president of the board of trustees, E. J. Rendtorff, the academy's senior master, and Ephraim Banning '04, of Winnetka, president of the Academy Alumni association. Nelson Forrest, 722 Montgomery road, is treasurer of the Lake Forest Academy Alumni association.

Large numbers of local academy "old boys" are planning to attend this traditional holiday party.

Shrine Winter Circus with All-Star Bill Opens New Years Eve

Stars of the "big top" including Clyde Beatty, famous wild animal trainer; the Six Gretanos, who perform perilous balancing stunts including pyramids on bicycles on a high wire; the Flying Concellos, featuring Antoinette, the only woman in the world who successfully executes the triple somersault from a flying trapeze; Ed and Jenny Rooney and their aerial ballet of fifty girls; Ruth Mix, a talented daughter of the famous Tom Mix, with her troupe of cowboys and cowgirls; Reuben Castang's educated chimpanzees, and sixty other acts are announced for the second annual Shrine Winter Circus which opens next Saturday night (New Year's Eve) for a fifteen day run at the International Amphitheater, 42nd and Halsted streets.

The big show is sponsored by Medinah Temple, and the proceeds will go into the general fund of that organization from which donations are made to Shrine charities including crippled children, orphans and old folks.

Otto Griebling, internationally noted clown, will head a congress of sixty fun-makers. Among the stellar equestrian acts will be that of the Davenport and Hodgini and the Royal Repensky troupes. Orrin Davenport, general manager of the Shrine circus, is a member of the Davenport family, whose forefath-

ers date back to the early days of the American circus.

Clyde Beatty, who has appeared before the crowned heads of Europe in her sensational aerial endurance act, has no equal in her difficult presentation in which she casts her body over her shoulder eighty times without pause suspended 60 feet above the floor by a single rope.

Other outstanding acts feature the Aerial Ottos, double trapeze performers; the Naitto Troupe, Chinese wire act; Naidi and Perez in perch and hand balancing feats; the Billy Sigrist Trio, acrobats; the Dorro Duo, aerial butterflies; the Janet May Company, one arm swings and ceiling walking; Cora Davis, sensational equestrienne; the Rink Wright Duo in a balancing ladder act, and Charlotte Shive, the girl with the iron jaws in aerial stunts.

Clyde Beatty, one of the highest paid circus performers of the present day, will demonstrate his ability to dominate forty Bengal tigers and man-eating Nubian lions in an iron-barred arena. Beatty knows no fear in his absolute command of the jungle beasts. He personally has trained every animal in his collection.

Beatty's wife, the former Harriet Evans of Chicago, will set circus fans agog with her new presentation. A tiger, a lion and an elephant—three of nature's most deadly enemies—will be in the arena with her at one time, leading up to the grand climax when the two huge "cats" leap through a flaming hoop.

Ruth Mix, who will present rodeo features and a pageant of the vanishing west, with her troupe of cowboys, cowgirls and Indians, at the age of 17 has gone far as an actress. She made her first appearance on the stage at 9. She co-starred at 12 in a series of western films with Rex Bell, husband of Clara Bow, the "It" girl, and has since appeared in feature roles of a number of movie presentations including "Custer's Last Stand." She co-starred with her famous father, Tom Mix, with the Sels-Floto circus, and her parent's own Tom Mix show. She has appeared at rodeos in various cities of Europe, Canada and the United States.

Edward W. Shepherd, illustrious potentate of Medinah Temple, announces that the circus this year will have a complete menagerie and a side show of freaks. There will be a herd of fifteen performing elephants, trained seals, dogs and ponies.

Reserved seats for the popular priced circus, which will be presented at 2 and 8 p.m. daily and Sunday through Jan. 15, are on sale at Medinah Temple, 14 East Ohio street, at Lyne & Healy's, Jackson boulevard and Wabash avenue, and at the International Amphitheater.

1939 Refrigerator Is Designed with Aid of "Jury of Women"

How the decisions of a "jury of women" passing on the styling of the new 1939 Servel Electrolux refrigerator aided in giving it even greater beauty than the models of previous years was told by Mr. T. P. Clark, district superintendent of the North Shore Gas company, where the new models are now on display.

"As a way of determining just what the average housewife herself expects from a refrigerator both from the standpoint of beauty and service, Louis Ruthenburg, president of Servel, Inc., introduced several years ago the idea of 'empaneling' juries of women' to collaborate with the company as part of its policy to improve its products from year to year," Mr. Clark stated. "Thus, the role of these juries has been an important factor in giving to the refrigerator that loveliness in appearance which has led other women all over the country to call Servel Electrolux the 'best looking refrigerator of them all.'"

"The 'verdicts' handed down by these women have been valuable in planning for the new styling of the cabinet and at the same time they furnish information that aids in making those continued improvements that have put Servel Electrolux at the top among automatic household refrigerators."

In describing the manner in which the "juries of women" are selected, how they deliberate, and how they come to their conclusions, Mr. Clark stated: "A design is first created by a famous industrial artist, from which a simple model is built. Then the 'jury', consisting of typical housewives who conduct their household either with or without a maid is formed. Naturally, the interests of these 'jurors' are those of the home and its management.

"Looking in at one of these groups of homemakers that constitute a typical 'jury' we would see them perhaps playing bridge preliminarily to beginning their functions as 'jurors'. As many as thirty women are invited to the party. Two women at a time are asked to go to an adjoining room to inspect the new sample refrigerator along side of which is the model of the previous year.

"This two-by-two visit continues until the entire group has had an opportunity to pass upon the new sample after careful examination of all its new features in comparison with those of the other model. When every one at the party has seen the exhibit, a vote is taken to indicate their choice. If the vote is close, an entirely new 'jury' is empanelled to give a final verdict.

"Experience with the 'jury-of-women' idea discloses that these women insist on improvements that make a refrigerator easy to clean. They regard charm and loveliness as of utmost importance because a modern kitchen needs a good-looking refrigerator. They have been unanimous in declaring for beauty in styling and a design that makes for ease in cleaning to keep the refrigerator beautiful."

Sportsmen Prepare For National Boat And Sports Show

All Chicagoland's sportsmen and lovers of the wide open spaces are busying themselves in participation for the biggest all-round sports and nature show the Midwest has to offer—the Chicago National Boat and Sports Show, the tenth edition of which will be held on Navy Pier from February 26 to March 5 inclusive.

According to Hubbard H. (Hub) Erickson, manager of the show, this year's classic will be thirty per cent larger than last year's which broke all the attendance and exhibition records in the history of the annual event. The big exposition will occupy the half-mile long "midway" on the pier and will have on display every phase of outdoor life of interest to fishermen, yachtsmen, hunters and vacationers.

"More than 90 per cent of the space for the show already has been contracted for," Erickson said, "and with the show planned on a scale 30 per cent larger than last year's record breaking exposition, there is every indication that this will be a show never before equalled or surpassed in this region of the country."

At least 150 exhibitors will vie for attention at the show, many of them representing the great tourist states of Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Contest attractions at the show in which thousands from all parts of Chicagoland and surrounding territory participating will include bait and fly casting, table tennis, rifle and pistol marksmanship, golf driving, and model power boat racing. Exhibitions of expert casting will be presented daily by several of the national casting champions.

The finest in pleasure boats, especially cruisers, sailing yachts and speed boats will be among the key attractions at the show. Modern camping equipment showing the latest innovations and developments in that line will appeal to all lovers of the great outdoors.

Other attractions such as live deer, "deodorized" skunks, wolves, foxes, badgers, pheasants, quail and other game animals and a variety of game fish will be on display at the show in natural settings prepared by various state departments of conservation and tourist bureaus.

Opening day of the show, Sunday, February 26, has been designated as "Illinois Day." Prominent Illinois officials will take part in a special program that day. Minnesota Day will be observed on March 1. Other days will be featured as Michigan day, Wisconsin day, Isaac Walton day, Aviation and Yachtsman's day.

Local Delegate To Attend Educators Meet In Springfield

Illinois educators gathered in Springfield, Dec. 28, to attend the eighty-fifth annual meeting of the Illinois Education association.

The formulation of the association's legislative program will be watched with special interest, since it is predicted that school legislation will occupy a major portion of the attention of the legislature when it convenes Jan. 4. The association is expected to take a stand upon school reorganization, increased state support, teacher retirement, and tenure, certification, and minimum wage for teachers.

Among the speakers are: Reuben T. Shaw, Philadelphia, president of

the National Education association, and Mrs. Catharine Mulberry, Chicago, president of the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Delegates from the Lake Shore division, including Lake and Cook counties, included:

- John W. Thalman, Waukegan.
- R. E. Clabaugh, Antioch.
- Henry C. Eads, Waukegan.
- William F. Einbecker, Highland Park.
- Ernest E. Hanson, Lake Bluff.
- Evelyn Latto, Waukegan.
- J. L. Miller, Libertyville.
- Celia Murray, Barrington.
- W. C. Petty, Antioch.
- Conrad Swan, Highland Park.
- Giles Van Winkle, North Chicago.

Illinois Farmer Records Weather Unusual In 1862

Unusual weather conditions during Christmas day, 1862, are recorded in the diary of an Illinois farmer, John Edward Young of Menard county, who kept a 45 year account of his work and the weather, with observations on politics and the Civil war.

An excerpt from his diary, printed in the Journal of the Illinois State Historical society, and consulted by research workers of the Federal Writers' Project, W.P.A., records: "It rained without intermission all night accompanied by thunder and lightning. It has rained incessantly all day and the earth is deluged with water and the streams flood full. This is certainly one of the most remarkable Christmas days that I have ever saw. It is more like an April day than the 25th of December. The ground has not been froze for a week past and the wheat and grass is green and growing. The day has been totally unfit for out door work. I went to Athens late in the evening. It is reported that the boys from our neighborhood has had a fight with the rebels at Jackson. There is great anxiety felt by all as we can get no particulars."

Entries in the diary show that normal weather conditions prevailed during most of the winter season.

North Shore Survey Shows Dog's Life Isn't Half Bad

According to a survey completed Tuesday by the Waukegan News-Sun, there are 4,540 pets licensed in the seven communities from Highland Park to Zion which cost their owners about \$44 each a year.

Here's how that figure is broken down: Food, \$36.50; license fee, \$3.00; medical care, \$4.50. The estimate for food represents one ten-cent can per day.

Total cost annually for north shore dogs (excluding damage they may do) is an estimated \$200,000. Food, of course, claims the largest expenditure—\$166,000.

Licenses, which furnish protection both to you and your neighbor, add \$14,000 to the total.

The remaining \$20,000 represents sums paid to various pet and animal hospitals for board and veterinarian services.

Dog for Every 16
There is about one dog for every 16 human beings. The canine population of Highland Park, Highwood, Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, North Chicago, Waukegan, and Zion is 4,540 while the combined population is 74,900.

Even denser in dogs, though, are the six southern shore communities from Evanston to Highland Park. The ratio there is one pet to 13 persons.

Lake Forest and Lake Bluff require dogs to be inoculated annually for rabies. At one time Highland Park had the same rule.

All the communities require annual licenses, at fees ranging from \$1 a year in North Chicago and Waukegan for males up to \$5 for a female in Highland Park and Lake

Forest. Spayed females everywhere are considered "males."

A peculiar condition exists in North Chicago where the fee for a female dog is \$3—three times as much as for a male. A city collector examining his record book surprisingly exclaimed: "It seems that there are no females in North Chicago."

The following table pictures the situation, with license fees given for both male and female, where different fees are fixed:

| Community | Population | Dogs | Fee |
|---------------|------------|-------|-------|
| Highland Park | 13,000 | 1,200 | \$3-5 |
| Highwood | 3,800 | 200 | 2-3 |
| Lake Forest | 6,600 | 1,000 | 3-5 |
| Lake Bluff | 1,500 | 164 | 2.50 |
| North Chicago | 9,000 | 203 | 1-3 |
| Waukegan | 35,000 | 1,573 | 1-3 |
| Zion | 6,000 | 200 | 2.50 |

Boy Scout News

President Roosevelt sends Christmas greetings to Boy Scouts:

In sending them his Christmas greetings, President Roosevelt, honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America, in which he has been active for 17 years, called upon the 1,221,338 Boy Scouts, cubs and leaders of the nation "to do a good deed for some other person, especially for someone who is less fortunate than ourselves."

The president's message was received today by President Robert F. Deoel of the North Shore Area council, from Dr. James E. West, chief scout executive and editor of "Boys' Life."

The message follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

To the Boy Scouts of America:

As a member of the Boy Scouts of America, I am happy to extend to fellow members, my sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas. This is a time in which it seems particularly appropriate for all of us to do a good deed for some other person, especially for someone who is less fortunate than ourselves. To Boy Scouts who are steadfast in the principles emphasized by their organization I look for future leadership in community and national life. May the year 1939 be

a happy adventure for you in the service of others.

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
Troop 36 Awards Scouts
Highwood Troop 36 held a troop Court of Honor on Tuesday, December 13. The following awards were made:

Tenderfoot: Bruno de Bartolo, Robt. Kalk, Ostado, Acelio, Frank Bantolucci, Chas. Conolly, Harold Caslick, Robt. Christopher, Edw. Belle, Edmund Belle, Wayne Olson, Alphonse Belle, Carl Ahlberg, Jack Figate, Louis Crovina.

Second Class: August Piate. Star: William Roberts. Life: William Roberts.

Merit Badges: Harold Ahlberg, pioneering, cooking; Everett Belle, athletics, pigeon raising, woodworking, leatherwork, marksmanship, woodworking, foundry practice, machinery; Charles Deas, painting, woodcraft, electricity, plumbing, business, carpentry, masonry; Lucian Carani, cement work, plumbing, bookbinding, cello, safety, pathfinding, masonry; Paul Musik, metalwork, bird study, automobilism; Wm. Roberts, public health, camping, pioneering, civics, pathfinding; Casper Santi, bird study, pioneering, foundry practice, landscape gardening; Phillip Tenney, astronomy, athletics, physical development, mechanical drawing, reading, woodworking.

Eagle: Casper Santi.
Scoutmaster's Key: Louis Young.
Ten Year Veteran Key: Louis Young.
Training Certificate—elements 1 and 2: Harold Ahlberg, Oscar Calanca, Everett Belle.

The scoutmaster of the troop is Louis Young. The chairman of the troop committee is Nello Ori.

RECORD-MAKING TRAIN RUN

A train hauling 600 tons of coal from Illinois mines had all eyes of the railroad industry turned to this State in 1890 when it completed a run from DeQuoin, in Perry county, to New Orleans without change of crew or engine. Newspaper accounts of the trip examined by workers on the Federal Writers' Project,

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