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LUCILLE WRIGHT ENGAGED

At a family dinner at the home in Bannockburn on Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Harry Terry Wright announced the engagement of their daughter, Lucille, to Norman McClave Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McClave of Grand Rapids, Mich. Miss Wright was graduated from Miss Choate's school in Boston and from Smith college in the class of 1937. Mr. McClave was graduated from the Hill School and from Princeton university, class of 1934. He was a member of the Quadrangle club at Princeton. The wedding will take place in the early summer and Mr. McClave and his bride will live in Chicago. Mr. McClave is now sharing a house in Glencoe with several other bachelors.

HOLY NAME PARTY

A pre-lenten card party is being planned for Sunday at the Holy Cross Catholic church sponsored by the Holy Name society. John Klemp is general chairman of the party. Proceeds will go for the completion of the interior decorating, the re-finishing of the floors and rubber tile for the aisles. There will be prizes and refreshments.

DORCAS HOME HAS NEW STATION WAGON

One of the girls at the Dorcas Home is interested in journalism and contributes a second article for the column:

As almost every one knows we (the Dorcas Home) have a new station wagon. We needed one as the old conveyance was slowly and surely, piece by piece, falling apart. The new one is a 1939 Ford with maroon fenders and hood. We also have a new garage which was built by labor furnished by East and West Deerfield townships and the old one was torn down. The garage is behind the boys' dormitory.

DEERFIELD P.-T.A. MEETS FEBRUARY 16

The regular monthly meeting of the Deerfield Grammar School Parent-Teacher association has been postponed one week to February 16, because of the student aid benefit sponsored by the Highland Park High School P.-T.A. on Friday, Feb. 9. Dr. Morley D. McNeal of Highland Park will speak at the February meeting of the Deerfield Grammar School P.-T.A.

AMERICANISM PROGRAM

The Deerfield units of the American Legion and its Auxiliary are again sponsoring an Americanism program for the children in the upper grades of the four local schools, Bannockburn, Deerfield, Holy Cross and Wilmot. Seven speakers in a period of seven weeks will present the phases of the American form of government. The first of the series was given on January 25 in the Deerfield Grammar school and Attorney Erwin Seago spoke on "A Government That Is a Republic." On Friday (tomorrow) Miss Irene Rockenbach, town clerk, will talk on "History of West Deerfield Township." Other speakers are scheduled as follows:

February 8—Assessor Edward H. Selig, "Taxes."

February 15—Circuit Clerk Lyman J. Wilmot, "The Government of Lake County."

February 20—Lake County Superintendent of Schools, W. C. Betty, "The Schools of Lake County."

February 29—E. R. Seese of the Board of Education of Deerfield-Shields Township high schools, "Our High School."

March 7—County Judge Perry L. Parsons, "Good Citizenship."

At the conclusion of this series of talks, the unit, with the cooperation of village officials, will explain the village government, and the eighth graders plan to "run the village" for a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ott of Saunders road announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence Ellen, to Melvin Potts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Potts of Prairie View. Both young people are employed at Clavey's Ravinia Nurseries. No date has been set for the wedding.

David Inman Sr. spent the week-end at the Waukesha Moor Wood Baths in Wisconsin.

Mrs. William F. Weir will be hostess to members of the Just Sew club on Tuesday afternoon at her home on Deerfield road.

A miscellaneous shower was given last Thursday evening in Tucson, Ariz., for Miss Jean Pettis whose wedding to William A. West of Tucson will take place on February 18. Hostesses for the shower were Miss Peg Hoppin of Detroit, Mich., an Alpha Phi sorority sister of Miss

Pettis and Mrs. Christine Larsen. The affair was given at the apartment of Miss Hoppin and Miss Pettis.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McDowell of Chicago spent Sunday with Mrs. McDowell's mother, Mrs. Mildred Love Gunckel.

Mrs. Hazel Vant Kreh of Waukegan and two children, Miss Doris, and Billy Kreh of Highland Park, spent Sunday with Mrs. Kreh's daughter, Mrs. Clarence Rollman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Clavey will observe their seventeenth wedding anniversary with a midnight buffet supper on Saturday at their home on Forest avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Werhane celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary with an open house tea from 4:30 to 10 p.m. at their home in Northbrook, on Saturday.

Richard Easton, who is ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. Walter Page, received a few friends on Sunday, who stopped in to wish him a happy birthday anniversary.

Miss Betty Lou Sampson of Springfield Ave. spent several days of last week with Miss Delores Collins in Chicago. Miss Sampson is a granddaughter of Mrs. John C. Huehl.

Roy Strom and Henry Clauss of Chicago, in a 1939 Pontiac, driving east on West Deerfield road, last Tuesday, attempted to turn into the Clavey Nurseries, hit a concrete culvert and damaged their car. Mr. Strom was taken to the Highland Park hospital where stitches were taken in his face.

Mrs. Friedel S. Fuller will give her interesting illustrated talk on Switzerland at the meeting of the Wilmot Grade school.

Mrs. Fred Siljstrom will be hostess to members of her contract bridge club at luncheon on next Thursday at her home on Windsor road, Highland Park.

Miss Irene Oetzel is entertaining her bridge club next Thursday evening at her home in Highland Park.

Mrs. Adolph Goelitz and daughter, Charlotte, have returned from California to their home in Bannockburn.

St. Paul's guild is meeting on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alfred Gastfield. They will discuss the changing of the name of the group, as the entire Ladies' Aid society is adopting the name "The Woman's Guild of St. Paul's Church."

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reagan and son, Jimmy, are vacationing in Miami, Fla. Mr. Reagan is a member of the firm of Wilson and Reagan of the Deerfield Grocery & Market.

Mrs. John Klemp will entertain her 500 club at luncheon on Wednesday at her home on Ridge road.

Mrs. Leslie Scheskie (Charlotte Fredricks) and her little son, Richard Allen, will be returning to their home on Osterman Ave. the latter part of this week from the Highland Park hospital. The baby was born Jan. 24.

The Deerfield camp of the Royal Neighbors which was organized in 1911, will be observing its 29th birthday anniversary on Feb. 22. An initiation and Friends Night is being planned in observation of the event. Mrs. Otto Gieske is Oracle.

Mrs. Leslie Brand was hostess at a tea on Wednesday, Jan. 31, in honor of the 71st birthday anniversary of her mother, Mrs. A. L. Renning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Scheskie of Des Plaines were guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Herman Cooksey of Osterman Ave. Mrs. Cooksey has been ill with an infection in her hand for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clavey were dinner guests on Friday evening at the Orville G. St. Peter home in Waukegan.

Mrs. Louis Soefker will entertain her luncheon 500 Club on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at her home on County Line road.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McClave of Grand Rapids, Mich., who were here last week-end for the Wright-McClave Jr. announcement party, were guests at Exmoor Country club.

Mrs. John Kross of Winnetka has

been seriously ill at the Highland Park hospital.

Lindell Gibson, employed at the Frost electric shop, was fined \$1.00 in Waukegan last week for making a left-hand turn at Washington and Genesee streets.

Harry and Roy Clavey, owners of the Clavey's Ravinia Nurseries, have been awarded the contract for the landscaping of the grounds at the Lake County Tuberculosis sanatorium in Waukegan. They have begun the moving of trees.

Mrs. George Ward, Mrs. Bruce Frost and Mrs. Clarence Rollman are attending a bridge luncheon today at the home of Mrs. Ray Sievers in Highland Park.

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Miller were hosts to the young people of the Deerfield Presbyterian church on Sunday evening at the Dorcas Home.

The Deerfield Townsend club will meet on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Town hall. There will be an out of town speaker from the Chicago headquarters.

William Croft of Chicago will be the speaker at the Townsend Club on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stowell (Jane Twist) have moved to Nebraska City, Neb. Mrs. Stowell is Mrs. Lester Ball's sister and lived at her home until her marriage last fall.

Miss Mary Louise Ball, who had been visiting at the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ball of Central avenue, has gone to Hampshire, Ill.

Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Bethlehem Evangelical church, who were elected on Friday at the January meeting of the group at the home of Mrs. Earl J. Bruso are: president, Mrs. Leslie Christensen; vice president, Mrs. Chester Wessling (who has been president for three years); secretary, Mrs. James Gray; and treasurer, Mrs. Harold Peterson.

Village Clerk Chester Wessling, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, has passed the crisis and is on the road to recovery. The newly discovered serum for pneumonia, which was used for Mr. Wessling, is hastening his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pagel will be hosts to the Bethlehem Fireside Club on Thursday evening of next week at their home on Orchard lane.

Dr. Pope, Treasurer Young Republicans West Deerfield Twp.

At a meeting of the West Deerfield Township Young Republicans club last Wednesday evening at the Town hall, the constitution and by-laws of the organization were read and approved and the club was officially designated. Copies of the constitution were sent to the Lake County Federation of Young Republicans for recognition. Erwin Seago, president, presented his list of committee chairman and committee members. Miss Shirley Clark resigned as treasurer and Dr. C. E. Pope was appointed as temporary treasurer until a young woman can be found who will accept the office. The next meeting of the club will be held sometime in February, and all Republicans, both young and old, are invited.

Deerfield Man Ends Life, Early Friday

Fox Joseph Mahen, 49, a former WPA worker, committed suicide while under the influence of intoxicants, early Friday morning by inhaling gas in his apartment in the Stryker building at the corner of Deerfield and Waukegan roads, in Deerfield. This was the verdict of a coroner's jury at an inquest held Friday in Highland Park. Mahen, who had been laid off his WPA job, was found dead in the kitchen about 4 a.m. by his wife, who smelled gas. The jets in the gas range were open and he had left a note instructing her not to light a match. Mr. and Mrs. Mahen and their son, Jackie, age 10, moved from Highwood to Deerfield in September.

The Tale of King Arthur's Sword "Excalibur." First of seven intimate stories about the Knights of the Round Table as told by John Erskine, eminent author and scholar, and illustrated by Edmund Dulac, distinguished painter. Don't miss this front page of the American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sunday's Chicago Herald-American.

This Week In Washington

By Ralph E. Church Representative, 10th Congressional District

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27—On Monday (the 22nd) ranking officials from the three branches of the government, as well as representatives of foreign governments, assembled in the small Chamber of the United States Senate to pay respect to the distinguished late Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho. The ceremonies were impressive. They were impressive in their simplicity.

One could not but reflect on the fact that it was this lack of pretentiousness, indeed his simplicity, that endeared Borah to the people he represented at Washington since 1907 and to his colleagues in the Senate. He disliked the superficial and never deliberately sought to impress any one with his ability or importance. He was not a showman, a wisecracker nor a stuntist, so common in political life. Yet no man in our day has commanded for so many years the public attention that was Borah's. In the language of the press, he was always "news."

The kindly Senator attracted people and won the admiration of his bitterest enemies by his sincerity of purpose. He held public attention and obtained respect by the brilliance of his intellect and his power of oratory. He persuaded others to his side and an issue by his clear logic. I think it may be said that no other Senator had a wider audience than the late Senator from Idaho.

Whenever Borah rose in his place to speak in the Senate, Senators invariably could be seen to come in from cloakrooms to take their seats. The press gallery, practically empty most of the day, would quickly be filled. Employees in the various offices in vicinity of the Capitol would seek seats in the public galleries. That of itself is an indication of Borah's quality of intellect and power of expression. It was these lasting qualities that gained for the Senator from a relatively small State an important place in American history.

His speeches were always on a high level and he was never known to engage in personalities. Through all the bitter fight over the League of Nations, Borah made no personal attack on President Wilson. His addresses on this subject are considered masterpieces, and that of November 19, 1919, just prior to the Senate rejection of the treaty earnestly desired by Wilson, has often been said to be one of the greatest ever delivered in the United States Senate.

The story is told that toward the end of his life, President Wilson, ill and broken as a result of the League of Nations battle and its bitterness, was driving along a street in Washington when he saw Senator Borah—the man who had done more than any one else to defeat the Wilson ideal. The President turned to his companion and said: "There is one irreconcilable whom I can respect."

The story is also told that after Borah finished his speech against the League and presiding over the Senate, sent the "Lion of Idaho" a note on which he had scribbled: "Even an old mummy on a pedestal could not remain silent after such a speech."

Those two stories describe better than anything any one might say the character and ability of Borah. His voice is now silent but his words will live on forever, and I have no doubt when history is written the brilliant Senator will have a place among the nation's immortals—with such of the nation's great as Webster and Calhoun and Clay.

Borah was truly a statesman and not a politician. Had he been less a statesman and more the politician, had he been less independent and more interested in votes, he might have been President. But Borah was not the type of man to compromise not to equivocate.

Illinois can take pride in claiming him as a native son. He was born at Fairfield, Illinois and educated in the public schools of Illinois. He is a son of Illinois who is no longer with us but who will live forever.

Bethany Lenten Services
The pastor and officials of the Bethany Evangelical church have made plans to observe the Lenten season in various ways. The pastor's Sunday morning messages will deal with this subject from week to week. The Sunday evening services will be special services. The Wednesday evening services likewise will give emphasis to the Lenten thought. Various groups and organizations will sponsor the Wednesday evening services and will provide special music and present subjects of interest.

Second Semester Is Begun Monday at Deerfield School

The Deerfield Grammar school last Monday commenced its second semester of the school year. Changes are being made in the club program offered and in the work taken up in the upper grade rooms. New tests are being offered in the Social Studies and the English work. During the second semester practical emphasis will be placed in all grades upon the individual progress of boys and girls in their subject matter fields.

Fees Now Payable
The fees collected for books and supplies for the Grammar school are now payable for the second semester. Monies collected from this source go toward the purchase of new test books and supplies. By this means a more up-to-date group of text books are kept on hand for use by the children.

Report Cards Issued
On Wednesday, Report cards for the end of the semester were sent out. The report used is the new one inaugurated this year which attempts to give a clear diagnostic picture of the child's progress. The report used in all grades consists of two parts. A grade given in the subject and a letter written to the parent, explaining the progress of the child. It is felt by means of this dual report system a more clear picture of his school progress is presented.

Alumni Play Basketball
As part of the mid-semester the boys of last year's graduating class were invited for a basketball game against this year's 7th and 8th Grade boys. Children in all the grades were invited to attend the game.

Deerfield Civic Group Gives Report Of It's Activities

Interesting reports on many phases of civic projects were heard on Tuesday evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Deerfield Civic association in the Town hall. President E. F. Nelson called on all committee chairman to report the progress of their work. Arthur Pearson, in the absence of J. A. Benz, gave the yuletide summary and because of its popularity, will become an annual event. Burton B. McRoy's report of the recreational committee was presented by Lester B. Ball outlining the financial problems and tiling of the playground ice rink. He also explained that the school was trying to educate both children and parents in safety measures to prevent them from crossing the tracks and insisting that they use the subway. Mr. Ball also stated that 94% of all children attending the Deerfield Grammar school cross either railroad tracks, or one of the two main arterial highways in order to get to school. In stating that they crossed the tracks he meant that they lived west of the tracks.

Victor Carlson and his committee on railway safety have done some extensive research work, in timing the speed and number of trains passing through the village; taking pictures of unguarded crossings; making diagrams and gathering data on rules and regulations for bells, lights and gates at crossings. They are asking members of the community to write this committee any suggestions that will be constructive in their investigations. Further reports if this group will be made at the next meeting. One objective has already been accomplished which is getting the railroad to agree to put up a fence between the two tracks at the depot to prevent commuters from walking onto the tracks and into the path of another train. This will be done in the early spring.

The Sea Scouts will be changing their meeting place back to the Town Hall now that the school is closing each evening. Michael S. Palermo, chairman of the Sea Scout Ship urged members of the civic association to hire the boys so that they could get their new uniforms.

The citizenship committee will begin its activities with a meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, at the home of E. F. Nelson of Forest Ave. It is an open committee and all who are interested are invited to the meeting. Mr. Nelson has an interesting plan worked out for all young people who have attained the age of 21 and are ready to vote. His series of programs will be discussed at this meeting.

The Young People's club of the Holy Cross church will attend the annual banquet of the Lake County Federation of Catholic Youth to be held on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Glen Flora Country club in Waukegan. Bishop Shell, administrator of the archdiocese of Chicago, will be the guest speaker.

Deerfield School Makes Reductions And Retrenchments

At a meeting of the Grammar School Board of Education held Monday evening it was voted to decrease certain services of the school due to a falling off income for the balance of the school year. The support of the school which comes from tax sources has been materially reduced and it was therefore found necessary by the Board to make certain retrenchments.

The program of the Grammar school will not be seriously affected in its instructional program; however, other services will not be maintained at the present level.

The upper school singing lessons will be discontinued for the balance of the school year. The school gym will be closed completely with the exception of special rentals for the balance of the cold weather. The Grammar school will be closed completely on evenings with the exception of services to the West Deerfield Township library, which is located in the school building. The Dental Clinic services, operated in the school, under the sponsorship of community agencies, but supported financially by the school will be discontinued for the balance of the school term. It is hoped that outside financial aid can be obtained for this program so as to guarantee its continuance for the balance of the term.

The finances of the Deerfield Grammar school have suffered, as have the finances of other schools in our area, due to a decrease in tax collections during the past months. Further, the school finances were curtailed by a 50% decrease for the present year in income for the support of tuition pupils by the state. The effect of these decreases in income for next year have not as yet been determined and the Board of Education at the present time is working upon a study to determine the situation for the 1940-41 school term.

It was felt that the reductions in the program made by the Board would be those that would least affect the instructional program of the school. It was also announced by the Grammar School Board that further information on the financial situation would be made available as soon as this information was obtained from the Lake county tax authorities. A series of meetings is planned for the consideration of the school finances, as soon as further information is available and the study is completed.

All Members of Stagers Share in Production Feb. 16

When "Kind Lady" is presented on February 16 by the Deerfield Stagers, those who have followed the development of this organization's settings from play to play will note with approval the setting of this production. This play takes place in one room, the drawing room of a rather well-to-do London woman, who is a serious collector of pictures and statuary.

The color scheme of the set was designed by Robert Alexander, who appeared in "The Last Warning." The walls of the set will be duobonet, the woodwork oyster white, and draperies chartreuse. Adding to the rich appearance of the set will be several "Old Masters" painted by Mary Jane Galloway, who painted the portrait in the office scene of "The Last Warning."

General design and preparation of the set will be under the direction of Milton Merner and James Russell. Furniture and other properties will be under the direction of Beatrice Cole and Barbara Potter.

It should be remembered by the audience that all of these people have contributed as vitally as the actors that they see before them on the stage. It is these people who add the necessary touches that go to make up the well-rounded production typical of the Stagers. Tickets for the coming play are now on sale by all members of the club.

Deerfield C. of C. Elects C. Wilson As New President

The Deerfield Chamber of Commerce met Thursday evening for a dinner meeting at Shugrues restaurant. Directors elected were John E. Nots, Raymond Meyer, Edward Segert, Milton A. Frantz, Clarence Schmidt, Earl Hurt, and Clarence Wilson. The directors met for a special meeting and the following officers will serve for the coming year:

President, Clarence Wilson.
Vice President, Earl Hurt.
Secretary, Clarence Schmidt.
Treasurer, Edward Segert.
Retiring president, M. A. Frantz.