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### DEERFIELD P. T. A. MEETS ON FRIDAY

The Deerfield Grammar School Parent-Teacher association will meet on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the school. Dr. Morley D. McNeal of Highland Park will speak on "Prevention of Contagious and Infectious Diseases." There will be a short program by the school children and also a brief observance of Founders' Day, with a birthday cake. The National Council of Parents and Teachers is 45 years old and the local P. T. A., which was organized in January, 1910, is now 30 years old.

When the Parent Teacher association was organized in the Deerfield Grammar school in January of 1910, it was only a two-room wooden structure on the present site with W. O. Cox, as upper grade teacher. The first meeting was called for the purpose of creating a more intelligent interest by the parents in the school. The first program consisted of four informal talks. Mrs. Irving Rehm presented a list of books suitable for children of school age; Mrs. J. A. Reichelt Jr. and Dr. C. J. Davis talked on proper school lunches; and Rev. J. Bosold (St. Paul's church) assailed the uncovered pail that contained the supply of drinking water, with its one dipper.

The first officers were: President, Mrs. John P. Schneider (mother of one of the present village trustees); vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Reichelt Jr.; secretary, Mrs. Harold Flower; and treasurer, Mrs. George M. Pettis.

As a result of the first meeting, a school library of 300 volumes was started, the principal presented a list of proper foods for school lunches and mothers volunteered to serve hot cocoa at noon and last, but not least, individual drinking cups replaced the dipper (with marked hooks for each child) and the pail of water was kept covered with a lid. That was only a beginning of the many accomplishments of the Deerfield Parent-Teacher association.

The aim of the association as set forth in the constitution is "to provide facilities for bringing parents and teachers into closer contact, the object being to secure more perfect cooperation in advancing the moral, intellectual and physical welfare of the pupils, and furthering the cause of education in the community."

The following year two more rooms were added to the wooden structure and two years later in May of 1913, fire destroyed the entire school leaving nothing but a useless foundation. Then began the hardest work of the P. T. A. The school had limited funds for the construction of a new building, (the center unit of the present building,) but no funds were available for classroom necessities. Although the purpose of any P. T. A. is not making money, this small group provided the educational program which gained state-wide recognition, and also earned enough to equip the school with those things which could not be provided by the school board. From this humble beginning has grown an active, useful, and progressive Parent-Teacher association.

### AMERICANISM TALKS

Lake County Superintendent of Public Instruction W. C. Petty will speak at the Deerfield Grammar school on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 9:00 a.m. on "The Schools of Lake County," for the upper grades of the four local schools—Bannockburn, Deerfield, Holy Cross and Wilmet. This morning (Thursday) Circuit Clerk Lyman J. Wilmet is scheduled to speak on "The Government of Lake County." Last Thursday Township Assessor E. H. Selig was ill and unable to give his talk on "Taxes." This talk will be given at a later date.

### CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Postmaster John J. Welch announces that all who are interested in taking the United States Civil Service examinations, may apply for blanks at the Deerfield Post Office. Literature and applications are available there. Applications must be filed before February 26, 1940.

### WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Circle Three is serving a luncheon on Thursday (today) at the monthly meeting of the Woman's association of the Deerfield Presbyterian church. Mrs. George Pettis and Mrs. Fred Meyer are in charge of luncheon arrangements. The luncheon is to be followed by a musical. Miss Frances Biederstadt will introduce Miss Jasmine Sessa of

Highland Park, who will give a program of piano-accompanied music.

### POLITICS

The political pot is beginning to boil and although the only local offices to be filled at the Primaries on April 9, will be precinct committeemen, many are reported as ready to file for the office. The only candidate thus far to have filed is Edward B. Crush, village trustee, who is in the race for Republican Precinct Committeeman for West Deerfield. The incumbent is Elmer L. Clavey. Other incumbents are Clarence Pedersen, Republican and Earl Frost, Democrat in Precinct One. Strange as it may seem Precinct Three (West Lake Forest) has neither a Republican nor Democratic precinctman, as both moved out of the district last year. Precinct Two has no Democratic Precinct committeeman for John T. Beckman Sr. moved to another precinct.

### CONCERT

The Young People's Congregation of St. Paul's church is sponsoring a concert at the church on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 7:45 p.m. Hyman Mills and his famous choir of Negro singers will present a program of music. A small charge of admission will be made.

### VARIETY SHOW

A vaudeville show with a great variety of acts is being planned by Job's Daughters, the young members of the Deerfield Chapter of the Eastern Star for Friday, March 1, at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield Masonic Temple. Ardyth Meintzer is in charge of the program and Mrs. R. A. Nelson is adviser.

### TOWNSEND CLUB

The Deerfield Townsend Club will meet on Tuesday evening, February 20, at 8 o'clock, in the West Deerfield Town Hall, with John A. Hoffman, the president, presiding. Mrs. Minnie Whitcomb, program chairman, announces that the speaker will be Rev. Martin Carlson of Chicago. Membership of the local Townsend club is now 202. The public is invited to these meetings.

### ROYAL NEIGHBORS

The Deerfield Camp of the Royal Neighbors of America will observe its 29th birthday anniversary on Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, in the Deerfield Masonic Temple, with appropriate ceremonies. Officers from neighboring camps will fill the stations. An executive meeting of the camp was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Meyer, at which time plans for the celebration were made.

Mr. and Mrs. William Desmond and daughter, Mary, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zerson (Mona Desmond) on Sunday in Mundelein.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred LaBahn were Sunday dinner guests at the George LaBahn home in Evanston.

Mrs. Louis Soefker was hostess at luncheon and 500 on Wednesday at her home on County Line road.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nielsen were dinner guests on Sunday at the Alfred Werhane home in Des Plaines.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rollman were guests at a pinocle party on Saturday evening at the Jestila home in Winthrop Harbor.

Mrs. LeRoy Meyers' mother, Mrs. Andrew Kujula, of County Line road, was buried on Saturday in Mooney's cemetery.

Members of the Bannockburn Athletic association held a sleigh ride party on Friday evening.

Mrs. George Ward, Mrs. Bruce Frost and Mrs. C. E. Rollman were luncheon bridge guests on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Richard Holste in Northbrook.

Mrs. Walter Hoffman entertained her bridge club on Friday at her home on Greenwood avenue.

Arthur Wolter injured his shoulder on Sunday evening while on a sleigh ride party.

Nancy Shaw entertained at a party on Friday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw of West Deerfield road.

Mrs. Hazel Vant Kreh of Waukegan spent the week-end with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rollman of Osterman avenue.

The Deerfield Grammar school will be closed on Thursday and Friday, February 22 and 23.

Mrs. Fred LaBahn entertained members of the Independent Social club yesterday afternoon at her home on Central avenue.

Mrs. Edward Horenberger is entertaining her club this afternoon at her home on West Deerfield road.

Mrs. Eugene Engelhard of Wilmet road, who is a cellist, played at the Melodist club on Lake Shore drive in Chicago, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Clavey left on Friday for a several weeks stay in Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Alex Willman will be hostess to members of her contract bridge club at luncheon on next Thursday at her home on Waukegan road.

The Just Sew club will meet on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 27, at the home of Mrs. Malcolm Charleson in Libertyville. Mrs. Charleson is a sister of Dr. Dorothy Sugden Davis.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Johnston Davis returned home last week from a several weeks vacation in Gulfport, Miss.

Juveniles of the Deerfield Royal Neighbor camp were entertained at a Valentine party at the Town Hall on Saturday afternoon.

The Deerfield Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantine of Elm street have gone to Florida for a six weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hansen (Jane Wood) of Chicago spent Sunday with Mrs. Hansen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Wood of Rosemary terrace.

Eileen Cole, the seven year old daughter of the Robert Coles of Somerset avenue, broke her leg when she fell on the ice last week.

Harry Clavey fell and broke his right arm last Tuesday evening while on a sleigh ride party.

David Trute, son of the Otto Trutes of Wilmet road sprained his left wrist in a fall last week.

Miss Mary Pfister has returned from a visit with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pfister, in Harrisburg, Ill.

The Rev. Father John Heffernan of St. Mary's church in Lake Forest spoke at the Holy Cross Catholic church on Tuesday evening at the Lenten service.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter B. Metcalf of County Line road had as their dinner guests on Friday evening, Dr. and Mrs. Emory Luccock of Evanston. The Rev. Dr. Luccock is minister of the First Presbyterian church in Evanston of which the Metcalfs have been members for the past 28 years.

Shirley and Jeanne Ann Siljestrom were hostesses at a sleigh ride party on Sunday. They are the daughters of the Ben Siljestroms of Saunders road.

Mrs. Paul Hunter was hostess at luncheon to members of her sewing club on Thursday at her home on Westgate road.

Hot lunches are being served at the Wilmet school each noon with mothers volunteering to prepare the meals. Each week the menu for the five days is posted on the boards so that the children will know what to bring from home to supplement the lunch. The tables in the lunchroom will have red marbled linoleum with chromium binding, a gift from the Wilmet Mother's club.

The cast and crew of The Stagers production of "Kind Lady" will be entertained at the Paul Hunter home following the play on Friday evening with Kenneth and Doris Hunter as hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petersen will be hosts at two tables of bridge on Saturday evening at their home on North Chestnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lewenthal (Helen Reichelt) of Phoenix, Ariz., will spend the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. Charles C. Gates (Dorothy Reichelt) in Tucson and will attend the wedding of their niece, Miss Jean Pettis and William A. West on Sunday, in Tucson.

Mrs. Paul Knigge and son, Paul Jr., are spending this week with Mrs. Knigge's mother, Mrs. Myrtle Mitchell and sister, Mrs. Edward Pence, in Maywood.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Giss of Central avenue announce the birth of a son, on Monday, Feb. 12, in the Highland Park hospital. This is their second son.

Miss Gayle Potterton and Keith Hill of Beloit, Wis., spent Saturday at the Russell Potterton home. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mann and daughter, Beryl, of Clinton, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. William Potterton, who had spent the past week in Deerfield at their son's home left on Sunday with the Wallace Manns for Clinton.

Rev. E. A. Piepenbrok of Indianapolis is visiting with his brother, Rev. F. G. Piepenbrok of Deerfield. Mr. E. A. Piepenbrok is chairman of the Devotional Life Department of the Evangelical and Reformed church. The Young People's Council Board. He was the principal speaker at the "National Board Welcome Party" at the Congress hotel, Chicago, Tuesday evening.

Last Sunday evening Rev. F. G. Piepenbrok accompanied a group of young people, members of St. Paul's Young People's League, to a national hockey game at the Chicago Stadium. The game was played be-

tween the Chicago Blackhawks and the New York Rangers.

Sunday evening, February 18, Hyman Mills and his famous choir of Negro singers will be at St. Paul's church. The Young People's Congregation is sponsoring this program for the benefit of their athletic department.

Sergeant and Mrs. Julian Jasper of 808 Deerfield road announce the birth of a daughter on Friday, Feb. 2, at the Fort Sheridan hospital. Sgt. Jasper, who has been stationed in Arkansas for the past month, returned home on Friday.

John and Conrad Bekko, who live at the home of Mrs. Minnie Whitcomb, spent Sunday in Chicago with their brothers, Joseph and Louis Bekko.

The Deerfield Chapter of the Eastern Star will have a Valentine party this evening at the Masonic Temple, with husbands and sweethearts as guests. Miss Edna Johnson is program chairman. Mrs. Leonard North is worthy matron.

The Bethlehem Woman's Auxiliary will meet on Thursday evening, Feb. 2, at the home of Mrs. Leslie Christensen of North Chestnut street.

The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department was called out on Tuesday morning to extinguish a roof fire at the home of Dana Corrough, 850 Rosemary terrace, which started from a spark from the chimney. Only the chemicals were necessary to put out the fire and very little damage was done.

### Deerfield Board Approves Liquor License Changes

The Deerfield Village Board met Tuesday evening with Trustee Marshall Potteger acting as mayor-pro-tem, in the absence of C. M. Willman. Village Clerk Chester Wessling was also absent and his place was taken by village treasurer, Charles Turner. All other members of the board were present.

The most important business was presented by Trustee John Schneider, chairman of the license committee, who gave a report of a special meeting held by his committee. The board approved the recommendations of the committee on the liquor question as follows:

Class A, for the sale of bottled liquor, fee changed from \$50 to \$150 per year.

Class B, for retail sale of bottled goods on the premises to remain at \$50 per year.

Class C, Retail sale of liquor by a club on premises, fee changed from \$75 to \$350 per year. The attorney will draw up certain changes in the wording of "club" to mean golf club. No signs will be allowed outside to display ads for liquor sales at a golf club.

Class D, Retail sale of liquor and draught beer (tavern), license fee increased from \$500 to \$600 per year, payable at \$300 every six months. Only two Class D taverns will be permitted.

The motion carried by a vote of four, with Trustee Edwin Palmer refusing to vote on the liquor issue. Justice of the Peace W. W. Todd's report was read by Trustee E. B. Crush listing seven violations of the ordinances with fines of \$61.

Trustee E. M. Palmer read a letter from Police Magistrate Dan Hunt stating that he had received no cases since last August. Mr. Palmer requested that the letter be read into the minutes, but it was voted down 3 to 2.

William Johnston, water commissioner, was commended for his faithful service. Water leakage has been reduced to about eight per cent.

An error in special water assessments on the Conrad Uchtman property is to be corrected. Attorney Milton O. Olson told of the numerous judgments against the village and that the board is in contempt of court on mandamus orders. He reported his progress in these cases.

Fire Chief Conrad Uchtman reported that the new fire hose had arrived. The annual fire department benefit dance will be held at Briar-gate Golf club on April 27. The meeting was adjourned until the next regular meeting in March.

### Deerfield Legion Father and Son To Speak Feb. 27th

The Deerfield Post of the American Legion will have its annual Father-Son banquet on Monday evening, to which the Boy Scouts of Deerfield have been invited. The Scouts will have their court of honor and a speaker has been secured for the program.

Members of the Legion and its Auxiliary will attend the district meeting in Highwood on Friday (tomorrow night).

The Legion will sponsor a dinner in honor of the Deerfield teachers at St. Paul's church on Tuesday evening, Feb. 27. William Cruickshank is dinner chairman.

### Large Attendance At Ice Carnival In Deerfield Sunday

The Deerfield-Northbrook Rotary Club sponsored an ice carnival last Sunday at the Deerfield Municipal Playgrounds which attracted a large group of contestants and spectators. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the first three to finish in each event. The winners are:

Boys and Girls (6 to 8 years)—1st, Donna Hyett of Deerfield; 2nd, Francenia Bell of Deerfield; 3rd, Dexter Gauntlett of Deerfield.

Boys (9 to 10 years)—1st, Hume Eastman of Northbrook; 2nd, Dewey Deal of Deerfield; 3rd, Robert Knigge of Deerfield.

Girls (9 to 10 years)—1st, Jeanne Diebert of Deerfield; 2nd, Patsy Roeder of Deerfield; 3rd, Marjorie Marshall of Deerfield.

Boys (11 to 12 years)—1st, Billie Erickson of Northbrook; 2nd, Chas. Uchtman of Deerfield; 3rd, Walter Deal of Deerfield.

Girls (11 to 12 years)—1st, Dottie Eastman of Northbrook; 2nd, Lorraine Tuttle of Deerfield; 3rd, Evelyn Slown of Deerfield.

Boys (15 to 16 years)—Phillip Scully of Deerfield; 2nd Edward Sticken of Deerfield; 3rd Bob Hoffman of Northbrook.

Girls (Open Race, no age limit)—1st, Elaine Plagge of Deerfield; 2nd, Clara Cruttenden of Northbrook; 3rd, Dottie Eastman of Northbrook.

Boys Open Race (older age limit)—1st, Joe Verbeke of Lake Forest; 2nd, Joe Van Eckhout of Lake Forest; 3rd, Earl Martin of Lake Forest.

Boys' Open Race (younger age limit)—1st, Frank Meier of Northbrook; 2nd, George Moen of Deerfield; 3rd, Billie Erickson of Northbrook.

Novelty Race (Boys and girls)—1st, Norbit Devine of Deerfield; 2nd, Dorothy Jacobson of Deerfield; 3rd, Frank Stuppel of Deerfield.

### Bannockburn Leads County in Finnish Relief Fund Drive

Collections totaling \$209 for the Finnish relief fund are reported from two towns in the county by Bernard J. Juron, chairman of the relief fund for the Eighth Senatorial district.

They are the Village of Bannockburn, which has collected \$160. Mrs. Eleanor H. Torbet is chairman.

The City of Highland Park, of which Mayor Frank Ronan is chairman, reports \$49.

In places outside of Waukegan, the lead in the county is now taken by Bannockburn. Other leaders are Lake Villa \$129.51; Grayslake, \$59, and Highland Park, \$49.

### Deerfield Teachers To Be Feted At Washington Dinner

Respect and appreciation for those who are intrusted with the important task of educating the boys and girls of the United States form an American tradition as old as the nation itself, for it was George Washington who said: "The best means of forming a manly, virtuous and happy people will be found in the right education of youth. Without this foundation every other means, in my opinion, must fail."

It is the privilege of the community of Deerfield to join with Deerfield Post No. 738, the American Legion, in paying tribute to the teachers of the local elementary schools at a Washington banquet which the Post will sponsor on Tuesday evening, February 27, at 6:45 o'clock, in the dining hall of St. Paul's Evangelical church.

Tickets may be purchased at the Deerfield Pharmacy or from any member of the Deerfield Post, and, since there is a limited capacity, you are urged to secure your tickets as early as possible. The evening's program, which is under the direction of Legion Chairman William Cruickshank and Post Commander Ralph E. Dunham, will include music, addresses, fun, and fellowship, in addition to one of the fine dinners for which St. Paul's ladies are famous.

### West Deerfield Twp. Young Republicans To Meet Wednesday

All chairmen and their committees and the officers of the West Deerfield Township Young Republicans will hold a meeting on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21, at the Town Hall. Mrs. C. W. Boyle has resigned as program chairman and Edward G. Jacobson was appointed in her place at a special meeting on Tuesday evening.

### Deerfield School Discusses Finances At Meeting Feb. 12

A meeting was held at the Deerfield Grammar school on Monday, February 12, to discuss the general topic of school finance. The meeting was called in an attempt to explain the retrenchments made in the program for this year and to give the details of the suggested needs for the coming year.

Mr. Burton B. McRoy, president of the Board of Education, spoke first, discussing the financial situation. In his discussion, he pointed out that over a period of ten years assessed valuation of the school district has fallen from \$1,771,000 to \$1,230,000. This fall in assessed valuation, he explained, was due to blanket decrease in taxes made throughout the county; withdrawal of territory within the school district; and reduction of the amount of taxes paid by the railroads. The reduction in assessed valuation, Mr. McRoy pointed out, further brought about a decrease in the school income from approximately \$260,000 levied in 1931 to \$15,000 levied in 1938. Of the amount levied, Mr. McRoy explained, only \$13,000 is normally collected.

After giving the details of the financial picture, Mr. McRoy explained that deductions have been made in the budget in an attempt to adjust the fall income. Over a period of years, it was pointed out, school expenditures dropped from a maximum of \$27,000 to approximately \$19,000. Mr. McRoy explained that unless an extra income is obtained the present program cannot be continued.

In continuing the discussion, Mr. Lester B. Ball, Superintendent of the Deerfield Grammar school, evaluated the instructional program as being carried on at the present time. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Ball pointed out that the expenditures per pupil in our high school district were considerably higher in each of the other schools. While most schools levy from \$154.00 to \$96.00 per child in direct taxes the Deerfield Grammar school at the present time is able to levy only \$75.00 per child and of this approximately \$53.00 per child is collected. In order to compete with the other schools in this area, Mr. Ball thought it would be necessary to find means to increase rather than further retrench the school program. In the fields of the skilled subjects, it was held that adequate work was being done; in the special areas of grammar school education, however, Mr. Ball thought that further programs were needed.

The discussions were followed by a general forum period on the part of the audience. Several possible remedies for the situation were discussed among which primarily were (1) an increase in the tax levy, which Mr. McRoy pointed out was not possible under the existing laws; (2) an increase in tax collections; (3) an upward raise in the assessed valuations of properties in the school area.

It was announced by the Board of Education that further such meetings would be held in the next few months.

### "Kind Lady" To Be Presented Friday By Deerfield Stagers

At 8:15 tomorrow (Friday) night, the curtain will ring up at the Deerfield Grammar school auditorium on the second production of the current Stagers season, Edward Chodorov's successful play, "Kind Lady." The Stagers feel very fortunate in being able to present this former Broadway success, one of the most unusual and dramatic plays ever produced by them.

There has been a change in the cast for the play. Ralph DeSha has replaced Jack Covington in the role of Peter Santard, a charming young American. Ralph DeSha has been in previous Stagers productions of "The Bat" and "Mrs. Bumpstead Leigh."

Kenneth Hunter is directing the following experienced cast: Marion Hyett, Aubrey Gould, Geneva Ritter, Jim Tibbets, Doris Hunter, Adelaide Alexander, Janice Galloway, Lois Clark, Kathleen Galloway, Anthony Mercurio, Jirah D. Cole, and James Russell.

Although the piece has a prologue, three acts, and an epilogue, all of the action takes place in one elaborate setting. This feature will eliminate the overly-long intermissions which sometimes occur in plays of several scenes.

Those on the production staff include Milton Merner, James Russell, Robert Alexander, Beatrice Cole, Barbara Potter, Mary Jane Galloway, Helen Engstrom, and Martin Decker. Tickets may be procured in advance from members of the Stagers or at the door on the night of the performance.