

SCHOLARSHIP IS KEPT AS RELIC

Bought in Early Fifties Has Real History

Of the 1,000 perpetual tuition scholarships sold in the early fifties to raise funds for Northwestern university less than twenty are actually in use now. A large number have lapsed because of the original owners' dying childless, or have been redeemed. Several hundred were lost in the Great Chicago Fire. These scholarships were sold by the founders of the institution. The plea was for the aid of education in the Middle West by insuring free tuition to the holder and his descendants for an initial outlay of \$100.

House-to-House Canvass

After the founding of Northwestern university in 1851 funds were needed to carry on the work of instruction. The board of trustees wished to raise \$200,000, one-half to be raised by subscription and one-half by sale of perpetual scholarships. Dr. Clarke T. Hinman, the first president of Northwestern, took hold of the sale of scholarships and within one year had sold 646. When he could devote time to the work he averaged \$1,000 a day from house-to-house canvassing. He visited business men in offices and pleaded with them. Dr. Hinman did not limit his solicitation to Chicago but passed many a day in outlying Illinois towns.

A proud possessor of one of the perpetual scholarships is Dr. Jesse R. Gerstley, for several years a member of Northwestern university's medical school faculty. Dr. Gerstley's grandfather, M. M. Gerstley, in 1858 purchased the scholarship from John Evans, the founder of Evanston.

Moved to Suburbs

M. M. Gerstley came to Chicago from Pennsylvania in 1848. Peoria was his goal, but after missing the canal boat, he decided to remain in Chicago, which was even then considered a coming city. After wandering about the village for a few days, he chose a site on Lake street and opened a furnishing goods establishment. A short time later he built a home in the suburbs at what is now 166 West Monroe street.

Mr. Gerstley saw the need of medical facilities in Chicago and bought a scholarship to aid in the establishment of Northwestern's medical school and possibly to interest his son, Henry, in the study of medicine.

Dr. Jesse Gerstley, the present holder of the heirloom declares the tuition privileges have never been used, and that it will be kept in the family as a relic.

P. T. A. Elects Officers

at Annual Session May 21

The Winnetka Parent-Teachers association will hold its annual meeting Monday afternoon, May 21, at 4 o'clock, at the Horace Mann school.

Tea is to be served following the regular meeting which will be featured by the annual election of officers. Every member of the association is urged to attend this important session.

Wheeler Oakman, who has the role in "Slippy McGee," addressed a woman's club in a California city on the "silent drama." After his talk one of the women pointedly said to the actor, "I don't like pictures. I never saw one." "Same way with me regarding blind sharpshooters," replied Oakman.

MUST HAVE CAR TO 'KEEP STEP'

Practically a Necessity Now, Says Dealer

"The present phenomenal wave of new car buying is only the effort of business institutions and individuals to meet the accelerating pace of commerce and industry generally," says William T. Wersted of the Wersted Motor Company.

"As we see it, the present tremendous demand for new cars is abundant proof of the fact that automobile transportation is one of the first requisites of a successful social and commercial life today.

"The man who is not making use of it under a disadvantage that no amount of economy can justify or equalize.

"It is equally true that the car owner who is not getting satisfactory performance from his car is poorly able to keep up with the man who does.

"The most important function of the automobile dealer today is to be at the service of owners rather than merely to look for sales. The responsibility for local automotive transportation falls directly upon the local dealer, rather than upon the maker of the car."

PUBLIC HEARING

An informal hearing has been called by the Village Board of Local Improvement for Tuesday evening, June 5, at 8 o'clock, at the Village hall, to consider condemnation proceedings to permit the widening of Fig street west of Rosewood avenue to a full width street, it was announced this week by Village officials.

SOAP AND WATER BEST CURE FOR POISON IVY

Good soap and water.

This was the prescription given as the best antidote for poison ivy, by L. E. Hildebrand of New Trier High school, who conducted sixteen members and friends of the Evanston Young Woman's Community association on a hike to the Forest Preserves.

"The poison takes a little time to be absorbed," he said, "so the sooner one can wash with soap and water, the less the chance of getting it."

This was the only one of the "pointers" he gave which are of interest to the many lovers of nature who are flocking to the woods these Spring days.

A bee, hovering over a dog-tooth violet, attracted the attention of the group, as he tried to reach for it with his hand.

"It is only when you are afraid of them, and move your arms about, making them feel the necessity for self defense, that bees will hurt you," he explained.

DR. DAVIES HEADS CLUB

On Monday evening, May 7, at the 316th meeting of the Congregational Club of Chicago, Dr. J. W. F. Davies was elected president of the organization.

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