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N. T. Students Compete in Williams' Contest

The Williams prize contest at New Trier High school is now in progress. It is open to New Trier students and is given for various types of literary

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effort including short stories, poetry, plays and any miscellaneous work.

Every year Henry P. Williams of Glencoe offers first and second prizes in each of the several divisions of the contest.

A contestant may write as many articles as he desires for entry in the contest, and there are no limitations as to character. Contributions must be given to Miss Mabel Payton of the High school English department not later than 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, May 11. The form for contributions will be specified in the near future, it is explained.

State Ranks Only Eighth in Amount of Teachers' Pay

The wide publication last month of an anonymous article concerning teachers' salaries in Illinois in 1925 makes it advisable to give later figures and some additional facts. The impression given by the article was that teachers' salaries are high in Illinois; but this is not true of many teachers.

It is true as stated that the average salary of teachers for the year 1925 was \$1,530; but the unknown author does not say this is too high for the service rendered. Neither does he tell these facts: In 1926, the average salary of teachers in 45 counties of Illinois was less than \$1,000; in 15 counties it was actually less than \$800; and in one county was below \$600 for the year.

The State Superintendent's report for the year 1927 has just appeared and shows that 13,793 teachers in Illinois that year were paid less than \$1,000, and 1,981 teachers were paid less than \$600.

The article made much of the fact that Illinois ranked sixth among the states in amount of average salary of teachers in 1925. This information was evidently taken from Bulletin No. 13, 1927, U. S. Bureau of Education. But Bulletin No. 39, 1927, from the same Bureau, gives the figures for 1926 and ranks Illinois eighth among the states. This clearly indicates that Illinois is not keeping pace with other states in the matter of teachers' salaries. It should be added that the U. S. Monthly Labor Review, November, 1927, says that the weekly wages of all union labor increased 133 per cent from 1913 to 1926; but Illinois official reports show that teachers' weekly wages in the same time increased only 105 per cent, although the number of teachers who were graduates of college or normal or both increased 165 per cent, and the cost of living increased about 75 per cent.

Numerous recent studies of the relative economic standing of the states show Illinois well toward the top of the list. Illinois as a whole is well able to pay fair salaries to all teachers. But the extremely unequal distribution of wealth in our state, our low certification standards and the consequent flood of poorly educated teachers from states with higher standards have kept our salaries, our professional standards and our average teaching efficiency too low. These weaknesses can be remedied by a higher state school fund distributed where needed, higher requirements for beginning teachers, and, most necessary of all, higher ideals of teaching service generally diffused among the people.

Stray Dog Kills 2 Other Animals; Pronounced Rabid

A stray dog which last Tuesday attacked and killed two dogs belonging to Mrs. F. H. Scott, of 175 Sheridan road, it has been found was suffering from rabies. The animal was killed by the gardener at the Scott home, and on Thursday, Health Officer Dr. H. A. Orvis received a confirming report on the diagnosis of the canine's head which had been sent to Springfield.

It is thought many dogs in the village have been bitten by the rabid dog and the police are taking every precaution to check a further outbreak of the disease here.

The dog-muzzling proclamation issued by President H. F. Tenney several months ago is still in force.

The police are doing their share to safeguard the public from this threatened danger and every resident of the village who owns a dog is requested to either keep him shut up or see that he is securely muzzled.

My Wife Enjoys Living in Deere Park

"Because she is relieved of the problem of selecting the children's companions, as well as the watchful care necessary when we lived in the congested city.

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"She herself has found new enjoyment, and her cheeks are made rosy by invigorating air and bright sunlight.

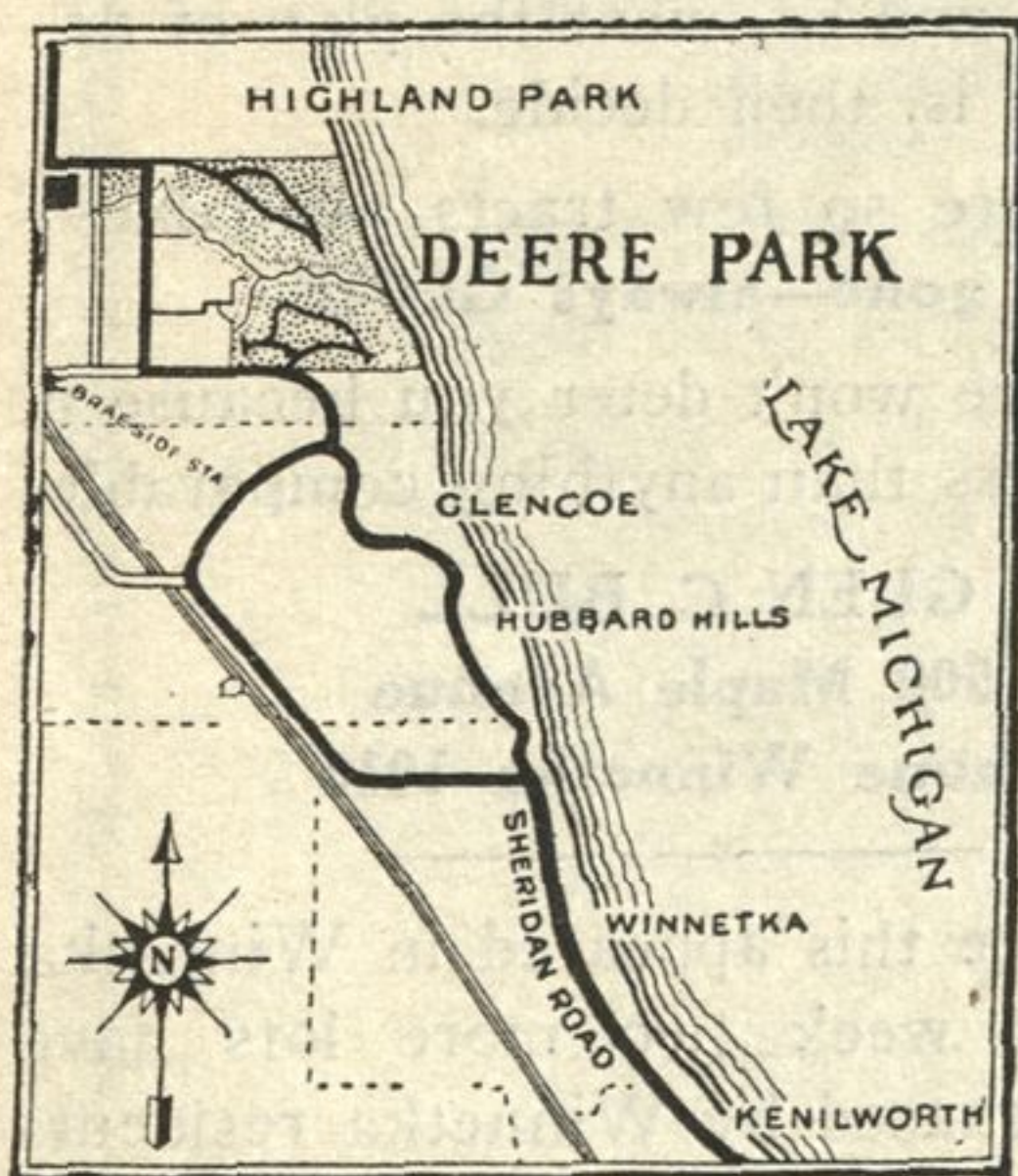
"She now feels confident in her motoring ability, and drives to nearby towns without fear.

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