

Prepares Historical Article on Early Barrington Township

An interesting historical article of Barrington Center church was prepared and read at the recent annual meeting of the Barrington Center church maintenance society.

The article was written by Jay Waterman of Elgin, former resident of Barrington and brother of the late F. L. Waterman, and was as follows:

James F. Miller and William Van Orsdal were the first settlers in Barrington township, taking up claims in section 16 in 1834 in what was known afterwards as Miller's Grove. There were about 400 Indians in the grove at the time but they finally moved westward. Mr. Miller and Mr. Van Orsdal, after knowing that section 16 was to be turned over to the school, took up claims in section 17.

The Methodist Episcopal church at Barrington Center was organized in 1840 in the school house with 6 members and John C. Allan, class leader, and P. N. Gould, steward. Other members were: Mrs. Alva, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Sarah Miller, wife of Alva Miller, and her son, E. N. Miller.

In 1853 a church structure, 34 by 52 feet, was erected at a cost of \$2,800. Membership increased until in 1858 the total was 85 but in 1864 the number had dropped to six. E. N. Miller being the only one of the original six.

Previous to 1841 all houses erected in this town were made of logs but during this year S. W. Kingsley built the first frame house, 14 by 20 feet in size. In April of 1849 the town organized in the school house south of Miller's Grove. William Adams was chosen moderator and Jerome W. Kingsley, clerk. For many years the elections were held on the William H. Otis farm until moved to Barrington in 1869 where elections are still being held.

Do You Know?
That the first reaper was on exhibition on the Benjamin Irick farm, now owned by Clare Healey, some time in the late 50's? It was drawn by four horses and said to be a horse miller.

That Edwin B. Sabin, the veteran thrasher, ran a machine for upwards of 35 years?

That J. W. Seymour imported France in 1832 and imported 15 head of Percheron horses?

That S. W. Kingsley shipped the first milk from Dundee to Chicago

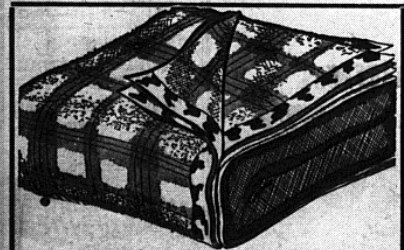
Comparative Report Indicates Progress in Health Program

Miss Lillian MacLish, R. N., has compiled a report on the immunization program under the sponsorship of the P. T. A. and based on comparative figures of 1934 and 1937. The health program is being conducted in the Barrington public schools.

Of a total of 899 children in 1936, there were 103 immunized against diphtheria, or 14 per cent. In 1937, using 750 children as a basis, 327 had been immunized for the same disease or 44 per cent.

During October of 1937 there were 174 children receiving the Schick test.

Percentages of children not immunized or vaccinated in the lower grades, kindergarten to third grade, 168 inclusive, is as follows: not immunized, 66, or 39 per cent; not vaccinated, 79, or 47 per cent.



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Whether or not the parent believes in homework for grade pupils, if such work is a school requirement, the child should be helped to adjust himself to meet it successfully.

"I'm so disappointed, Allan," remarked Mrs. Butler to her husband one evening as they looked over their little son's school report.

"You know, Jack has brains. I did hope he would rank higher than this. His marks are shocking. I spoke to his teacher about it, and she said that he never seems to have prepared his homework. Do you think Miss Roland is really efficient? The school is often very ready to blame the homework when a child has a poor standing. I am inclined to think it may be poor teaching. I send him off so regularly to his studies. Of course, he is sensitive and easily discouraged. He may lose heart when a difficulty presents itself."

"I wonder," said her husband thoughtfully, "if the trouble does not lie just there. Before we blame the teacher, how would it be if we watch him at his homework? Let us see if he is really doing it as he should."

"Perhaps you are right. I noticed that he was fidgeting about a great deal that night, but concluded he had finished his work."

The following evening Mrs. Butler sat where she would watch Jack's system of studying.

"First, he picked up his arithmetic, and for a time all went well. Then he came to a problem that was evidently not so easy. He made one or two attempts at it, frowned and grumbled and finally tossed the book aside in favor of his spelling."

This, too, he was quite happy about for a time. He shut his eyes in concentration and recited the words. Two words proved to be stumbling blocks. Again and again he glanced at his list and found he was making slight mistakes in them. Instead of mastering them, he put away his spelling book. "Have another look at it in the morning," he murmured to himself.

Next in order came his geography. Here he became completely muddled over the rivers in Africa and did not even trouble to trace them on the map. "Never mind, I guess I can pull through. I know all about the River Nile. The others are too hard to bother with," was his objection.

Bedtime came and he had finished nothing.

Later on Mrs. Butler reported to her husband.

"Just what I feared," she said. "He is like a soldier who quits under fire. Directly something hard comes along he gives up—a very serious fault. We must check it without delay, or Jack will not amount to very much. I was exactly the same way and hardly a day passes that I do not feel thankful to my mother for her help. Gently but firmly she insisted on my finishing one subject before attempting another. She taught me that it was unmanly to shirk the hard tasks."

"She did not scold. Lessons were like a wonderful game. In those days I was very fond of stories about giants. She made use of this and converted a puzzling problem into a giant to be overthrown. I shall never forget my joy when I accomplished something I had been tempted to lay aside. I had conquered a giant. Today if I am

Music Department of Public School to Present Concert

Barrington public school music department will present a musical at the school auditorium Thursday evening, Dec. 2, with Miss Adelaide Ewing of the faculty and Mrs. K. K. Litten, president of the Parent-Teacher association, as soloists.

Miss Ewing will sing three groups of songs and Mrs. Litten will play two groups of violin solos. Miss Harriet Parker and Miss Helen Jura will be the accompanists.

Girls of the A Cappella choir, wearing formal evening gowns, will usher.

There is to be no admission charge, the purpose of the program being to stimulate an interest in good music. It was reported.

Jr. Woman's Club Welcomes 13 New Members Tuesday

Thirteen young women were initiated into membership at a meeting of the Junior Woman's club held at the home of Miss Ruth Ahrens, 212 W. Russell street, Tuesday evening. They were Mrs. Darrell Sanders, Mrs. Stanley Corr, Mrs. Maynard Doeka and the Misses Adeline Orr, June Jara, Florence Lindberg, Marie Halten, Vera Kumble, Marjorie Kemper, Doris Olson, Kathryn Coe, Helen Parke and Frances Bennett. Philanthropic work for Christmas packages being prepared by the organization followed the initiation service and a social hour concluded the program.

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Inclined to follow the line of least resistance and just let things go. I think of those giants."

"Why, Allan!" exclaimed his wife. "I did not realize there was so much at stake. It is something more than high marks. It is character formation."

"Yes. We cannot leave all the responsibility to teachers. Without the self-sacrificing cooperation of the parents the schools can do but little. We must set Jack on the right path with his homework. I am confident we shall soon see definite improvement."

Ela Alumni Ass'n. Will Hold Musicales and Rally at School

The Alumni association of Ela township high school in Lake Zurich is planning a musicale and rally to be held in the auditorium of the Ela high school Wednesday, December 1.

According to reports, a prominent speaker will be engaged for the evening and the musical entertainment will be furnished by the Prairie View band.

Ernest Schenning Is Buried Monday

Last rites for Ernest H. Schenning, 65 years old, were held at the funeral home, 149 W. Main street, Monday afternoon with Rev. E. A. Irion officiating. Burial was in St.

Paul cemetery in Barrington. Mr. Schenning died Friday at the home of his half-sister, Mrs. Anna Glecko of Lake Zurich. He had suffered a stroke recently. He was born in Germany on

Nov. 28, 1871, and came to this country while a youth. He is survived by his half-sister and a daughter, Miss Anna Jane Schenning of Lake Zurich. His wife preceded him in death.

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