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SCHOOL MEETING VOTES HIGH SCHOOL SITE

On Wednesday evening, October 24, the School Board held a special meeting at the Cadieux School to consider the selection of a High School site and decide on a High School building.

Just previous to this date the Board had received a petition signed by a number of the electors asking that action be taken to secure a High School for this district.

In spite of the stormy weather the meeting was exceptionally well attended. Hand bills by the school board and postcard notices by the Citizens Association had been sent out, and doubtless helped the attendance. President Defer gave a synopsis of the situation. Superintendent Walling spoke on the present inadequate accommodations for High School pupils and strongly recommended a new building.

The following recommendation was introduced and unanimously passed: "that the Board of Education of Rural Agricultural School District No. 1 be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase and secure by condemnation proceedings or otherwise a site for a High School in the district and further, the school electors here assembled recommend that the site contain at least 20 number of acres and the same be situated as near as possible to the following location: Fisher Road and Grosse Pointe Boulevard. And further, the school electors at this meeting assembled do hereby declare it needful, necessary and expedient to secure and take, certain private property for the above school site, and the electors of this meeting assembled, have, and do hereby declare that the site for said High School is for the benefit of the public, and for the maintenance, prosperity, and success of the schools of this school district and for the promotion of the thorough education of the children of this district."

TOWNSHIP MANUAL

The Citizens Association plans to publish a township manual toward the end of the year that will include a history of the township, lists of all public officers, financial reports, and special articles on parks, schools, and institutions of public nature.

The articles will be written up in a manner showing the growth of our community and advantages of residence in Grosse Pointe.

Some of the articles will be first printed in the "Civic News" running in series if they are of considerable length, and then will be reprinted in the manual for permanent references.

PLANS OF NEW SCHOOL

At a special meeting of the school board held November 6, preliminary plans for the new school to be built on Kercheval and Nottingham Road were accepted upon the report and approval of the plans by the building committee. The architect, George Haas, was given authority to proceed with the development of working plans and specifications.

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

The sixth annual campaign of the Detoit Community Fund has just been brought to a successful conclusion.

Practically the entire quota of \$2,500,000 has been subscribed, the largest amount raised since the first year of the Fund's existence.

Grosse Pointe, as usual, played an important part in the drive. Several of our residents are directors, and many others served in the sales campaign. Grosse Pointe's financial contribution this year up to November 7th aggregated \$165,098.67 in pledges, or several thousands of dollars more than last year.

METROPOLITAN AREA AGAIN FAVORED

Citizens of Grosse Pointe should familiarize themselves with the Metropolitan District movement.

The Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research has dealt with the topic in a very thorough article of ten pages in their publication, "Public Business," Volume 111, No. 2 for September 10, 1923. Copies of the booklet may be seen at the Detroit Public Library or obtained at the office of the Bureau in the Krolik Building, East Jefferson Avenue.

The thought behind the movement is the organization of a single governmental unit large enough to undertake such projects as rapid transit, drainage, water supply, and port development where these projects are interurban in effect.

In Wayne County there are 5 cities, 12 villages, and 21 townships having in all 160 different governmental bodies, each in many ways inter-dependent. The Metropolitan District aims to provide a means of co-ordination of all these governments but not necessarily to eliminate any, and herein is where the plan differs from city-county consolidation or extensive annexation.

The various cities and villages would continue to care for their local affairs, but their representatives in the larger government would undertake activities affecting the whole area.

Grosse Pointe Shores is purchasing a Seagrave fire truck to be delivered within 90 days. The engine has a pumping capacity of 750 gallons per minute.

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WAITING FOR A WAITING ROOM

Grosse Pointe is in extreme need of a waiting room at the city limits. This simple statement hardly needs corroboration. One can observe a group of people standing there waiting for transportation at almost any hour of the day. Passengers transferring at this point are without any shelter whatever.

The need is evident. The source of remedy is not so easy to determine.

Can the D.U.R. be prevailed upon to compensate for their irregular service by providing a suitable place in which to await the arrival of one of their cars?

Can the Detroit Railway Department be convinced that they owe it to their passengers to deposit them somewhere else than in an open field? It was the purchase of D. U. R. lines by the City which brought about the present undesirable condition.

Or is there some other remedy?

Action should certainly come from some quarter, and if possible before winter sets in.

Grosse Pointe citizens are interested in securing a solution to this problem, for it is a matter that directly or indirectly affects every home in the community.

The Probate Court has postponed the case of the Black March Ditch until November 13.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Parent-Teachers Associations of Grosse Pointe Township have started their second year with marked success and good prospects for a successful season. A large paid enrollment already exists and this month there will be a campaign for new members.

The officers of the four organizations in Grosse Pointe are as follows:

Cadieux School; Pres. E. W. Douglas; Sec'y, Miss Ruth Bond; Treas., Mr. Marquardt; Membership Chairman, Charles Parcels.

Hanstein School; Pres., Willa Beatty; Sec'y, Mrs. Margaret Walsh; Treas., Jas. Sullivan; Membership Chairman, Whitley Mays.

Kerby School; Pres., Fred Dare; Sec'y, Belle Redmond; Treas., Ethel Tucker.

Vernier School; Pres., A. C. Bert; Sec'y, Mrs. A. H. Bennett; Treas., Ruth Young.

The Parent-Teachers Associations aim to bring into closer relationship the two most important factors in community life—the home and the school. They offer opportunities for the parents through programs on home training, child training, literature, current topics of civic and community interest. They aim to broaden the teachers' viewpoint and benefit the children thru fuller cooperation between teachers and parents.

No salaries are paid officers. The fees are nominal. The associations are free from commercialism, and unhampered by political or religious bias.

The movement was fostered by the national congress of mothers in 1907 and its popularity has been on the increase since. The organization is nation wide. Branches have been established in over three-fourths of the states with a total membership of more than half a million.

The Michigan branch was organized in Battle Creek in May 1908. The growth has been

steady. The 1922 membership reached 18,500 with 310 listed associations.

Often a county or township will organize the associations of its district into a unit with a council of representatives acting under the state council. Mr. Walling is anticipating such an organization in Grosse Pointe Township to facilitate concerted results.

Membership in one of the associations is open to anyone living in the district and interested in the welfare of children. Meetings are held once a month in the school building, and these meetings always include a program after the general business has been cared for.

At the next meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Cadieux School, on Thursday, November 15, Mrs. Blanche Bartlett, Educational Secretary for the Tuberculosis Society, will give a talk illustrated by a health play given by children of the school. The Armstrong family will render an orchestra recital.

The week November 18 to 24 is National Educational Week. President Coolidge has issued a proclamation to the schools of the country to that effect and the schools of Grosse Pointe are making preparations for extensive programs. Among other features they are planning on having an evening session and inviting parents to be present. Dr. Brewer and Father Nacy will have educational subjects for their sermons on Sunday, Nov. 18.

GROSSE POINTE BOY MISSING

Francis Sowden, 15 years old, son of Mrs. Edward Van Assche, 84 Vernier road, near Lake Shore Drive, has been missing since June 14.

A reward of \$25.00 is offered by the step-father for information leading to the recovery or whereabouts of the boy. His description follows; fair hair, blue eyes, eyebrows rough and sandy, teeth large and overlapping, height 5 feet six inches, and weight about 120 pounds.

ELECTION RESULTS

The results at the balloting at the special election in Grosse Pointe Park on November 5 were as follows:

Bond issue of \$65,000 for installing water mains on Mack, Kercheval and Essex Drive, 184 yes and 26 no.

Bond issue of \$48,000 for purchase of property to the south of and contiguous to the Village Hall site, 164 yes and 47 no.

BIDS ON HANSTEIN SCHOOL

The Board of Education has advertised for bids on the Hanstein School addition and alteration.

Plans and specifications under the direction of the architect may be seen at the office of Malcomson, Higginbotham, 6th floor Industrial Building, 1217 Griswold Street. Or at the office of the engineers, McCall, Snyder & McLean, Penobscot Building.

Proposals must be submitted on forms obtainable at either of these offices. Proposals will be received until 8 P. M. Tuesday, November 20, and will be opened at a special meeting of the board at this date in the Cadieux School.

THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

The last issues of the "Grosse Pointe Neighborhood News" had an attractive cover which improved the appearance of the paper very much and is an indication of the success and growth of the publication.

Mr. George Elworthy, of the Neighborhood Club, deserves credit for promoting the paper, and his staff or aids for its present success.

The subscription list is increasing and is representative of the community. The paper is bi-monthly with subscription at one dollar a year, and can be obtained from Mr. Elworthy at 60 Oak St.

THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL

March 1919 to October 1923

By Mrs. Benjamin S. Warren, Chairman

The Cottage Hospital is a direct result of the influenza epidemic of 1918. There were at that time nearly six hundred cases, with seven deaths, in the Township of Grosse Pointe, and many severe cases had to be neglected, as the nurses employed by the Board of Health and the graduate nurses and volunteers supplied by the Neighborhood Club, were unable to cover the area.

It was then evident that a small hospital was needed, and six interested women initiated the movement to raise a fund to buy and furnish a Cottage Hospital.

The residents of Grosse Pointe responded generously with voluntary subscriptions to the amount of \$25,000.00, and a house at 54 Oak Street was purchased in January 1919. It consists of three wards containing altogether 8 beds for adults and 8 for children and babies; with kitchen, pantry, laundry and heating plant. The upper floor is occupied by the resident nurses and housekeeper.

After a thorough renovation and adequate furnishing, the Hospital was opened March 7th, 1919. From that date to August 1st, sixty-five patients were cared for. The surprising demand taxed the Hospital beyond its capacity and necessitated enlarging the plant. In September the adjoining cottage was purchased, and between the two cottages an operating and a maternity room were built—thus joining the two buildings.

The new Cottage contains rooms for isolation of cases, an office and more rooms for the

nurses and household staff. Like Cottage No. 1, it is simply furnished, but the wards and operating room are equipped with the best of appliances for the care of patients—men, women and children.

The property has been deeded to the Mutual Aid and Neighborhood Club, and the organization is managed by committees from the Club's trustees and members. More than half of the running expenses are met by the Community Union, and the balance is taken care of by charges made to patients.

For a period of three years, the women of the Hospital Committee, met once a week at Mrs. Dexter M. Ferry's and made surgical dressings. At present this work is being carried on at the residence of Mrs. Murray W. Sales. The sewing committee of the Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church has also helped in making garments as well as surgical dressings.

Motor accidents, emergency, surgical and obstetrical cases and illnesses—both chronic and acute—are all brought to the Cottage, and the number of cases cared for each week more than justify its existence. The doctors of the community have enthusiastically availed themselves of the facilities offered.

One of the most satisfactory results following the establishment of this Hospital, is the place it has won in the confidence of the entire community, and being small, homelike, and near at hand, patients gladly turn to it for relief.

The total number of persons cared for is 1102, including 276 births and 188 cases where the patient did not stay at the hospital.

GROSSE POINTE

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SHORES CINEMA

A unique step in municipal community work has been put into practice in Grosse Pointe Shores in their Sunday evening moving picture plays held at the Village Hall at 7:30.

Efforts are made to get high class reels, including at each performance a comic, a feature, and a news weekly. The cinemas are exhibited at the popular prices of 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

F. D.: What is the population of Grosse Pointe?

Answer: According to the Federal census for 1920 the population for the four Villages runs as follows:

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| Grosse Pointe Park | 1355 |
| Grosse Pointe Village | 2884 |
| Grosse Pointe Farms | 1749 |
| Grosse Pointe Shores | 635 |

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| Total | 6623 |
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This total is for that area south and east of Mack which is generally thought of as Grosse

Pointe; however, it does not comprise the whole township. Since 1920 there has been considerable growth in the lower part of the area given.

E. E. W.: When was Grosse Pointe organized?

Answer: The Township of Grosse Pointe was set aside from the Township of Hamtramck in 1846. Since its organization it has been reduced in area thru the organization of Gratiot Township and annexations by Detroit.

ADJUSTING THE MAILING LIST

The Citizens Association spared no effort to get an accurate mailing list of the citizens of Grosse Pointe Township. But in a community spread out over the area of our township mistakes are certain to occur, no matter how conscientious a canvass is made. The plan is to have the "Civic News" go to every home in Grosse Pointe. A membership in the Association is not essential to receiving the paper. If any reader of this notice does not get the paper, or knows of a neighbor who does not receive it, and will fill out the following blank, suitable correction will be made in our mailing list.

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—Citizen and the Government.

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