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THE Des Plaines Lions Club early in 1934 started making plans for a celebration of Des Plaines’ centenary, and later appointed committees of prominent Des Plaines citizens to aid in the formation of plans.

An executive committee of fourteen leading citizens, now formed a corporation, known as Des Plaines Centennial, Inc., to carry on the ground work of the Centennial. This committee met regularly for weeks and finally appointed committees to work with them in realizing a successful celebration.

The committees have labored hard and long. They have had the gracious support and cooperation of our many civic, service, professional and patriotic organizations. It was this gracious enthusiasm which gave us the courage to undertake the presentation of a great historic pageant, in addition to the other celebration features.

The volunteer office help must be thanked for fine work. Mrs. Audrey Wickner, Violet Butenschoen, Gilbert Lemke, Sophia Shello, Ilva Bartolomi, Mildred Eisenbeis and Katherine Bayer were the willing workers.

Through the pageant and celebration features we present to you, the community, a dramatization of the outstanding events of our one hundred years of history and progress. We hope that you will remember our entire centennial celebration with pleasure and profit.

Walter C. Oehler, General Chairman.
Murray S. Smith, Program Chairman.

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Thanks to the helpful co-operation of the Des Plaines Park District board, led by Harry O. Marietta, the Centennial has been able to use the Earle Field for the Pageant. The Park Board's assistance has been most valuable in the creation of this Centennial program.
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On June 25-30, 1935, Des Plaines is celebrating its 100 years of history and growth with a gala week of pageantry, parades, concerts, exhibits, dancing, and carnival of fun.

As Mayor of the City of Des Plaines it is my pleasure to recommend this entire program to the citizens of this area and to urge from you whole-hearted support and co-operation therein.

It is, therefore, my pleasure, as Mayor of the City of Des Plaines, to proclaim the week of June 25-30, as Des Plaines' Centennial Celebration.

Respectfully submitted to our citizens this 4th day of June, 1935.

CITY OF DES PLAINES,
By Geo. W. Kinder, Mayor.

Des Plaines' First "Bus" in 1895

This picture shows the first "bus" of the United Motor Coach company and dates back to the "gay nineties." Back in the early days the late Dr. E. A. Manuel, founder, rigged up this surrey with extra seats. Two horses were the locomotive power. The bus was used primarily for picnics and private parties. The group are Park Ridge pioneers.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 25
Big Centennial Parade
7:30 P. M.
The Centennial Parade will be held in the downtown streets of Des Plaines terminating in front of the Reviewing Stand where Miss Des Plaines will be assisted to review the remainder of the Parade. Prizes are being offered for various types of floats and drum and bugle corps. Three official bombs will be set off before the parade to denote the official opening of the Centennial.

Chairman—W. B. Molzer

Coronation of Miss Des Plaines
9 P. M.
Miss Des Plaines with Miss Columbia and the Court of Honor will receive the official Crown presented by Mayor Kinder and Chairman of The Court of Honor Contest. A very impressive ceremony which no one will want to miss to be held at the Reviewing Stand after the Parade.

Chairman—Dr. E. V. Sergeant

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
Des Plaines Historical Pageant
8:15 P. M.
This Pageant which has a cast of 500 local people from Des Plaines and vicinity will depict in a series of episodes the History of Des Plaines from 100 years ago till the present time. It is staged by Wayne Lemmon, representing the John B. Rogers Producing Company of Pistoria, Ohio, who staged most of the largest Pageants in the country. This is a form of entertainment that is not only entertaining but authentic in its History and of a real educational value, particularly to children and all interested in the past development of their home community.

The Pageant is presented at Earle Field, starting Wednesday night, with the final performance Saturday night. General admission 50 cents, children under 12, 25 cents. A section of reserve seats are being sold at 75 cents. In the event of rain or bad weather, the Pageant is produced on the next clear night. Seats are now on sale by the cast and committee. This is an event of the Centennial week that you cannot afford to miss.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
Old Settlers Dinner, Congregational Church
6:30 P. M.
Registrations have been made of all the local residents, in order to find the Old Settlers and invitations have been sent out to a dinner for them.

Many novel surprises are in store for the Old Settlers who attend this banquet. The committee asks that all those attending this dinner will wear Old Costumes, if at all possible, so as to lend to the general fun and enjoyment. Tickets for this dinner are 50 cents and all Old Settlers are urged to make their reservations through the Old Settlers Committee Chairman, Mrs. W. H. Tallant.

Historical Pageant
8:15 P. M., Earle Field

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
Old Fiddlers’ Contest
7:30 P. M., Earle Field
The Old Fiddlers’ Contest will be run as a feature before the Pageant on Friday night. Admission to the Pageant Grounds for the Pageant will admit anyone to the Old Fiddlers’ Contest. Many entries have been received and this feature promises to be a very entertaining one.

Chairman—Mrs. Ella Raymond

Historical Pageant
8:15 P. M., Earle Field

SATURDAY, JUNE 29
Old-fashioned Muzzle Loading
Rifle and Pistol Match
4 P. M.
One of the greatest sporting events of the early pioneers was the old time rifle matches. It is proposed to hold these matches using the same type of guns. No entry fee is required.

All Rifles must be of the muzzle loading or "cap and ball" type. The course of fire for the rifles will be five shots standing at 60 yards and five shots prone with rest at 100 yards.

The "cap and ball" revolver match will be fired on the standard 50 yard American revolver target at a range of 25 yards. The course of fire will be ten shots.

Members of the Des Plaines Legion Club will supervise and conduct the match. Three high men in each event to receive prize. Anyone is eligible to compete in this match.

Those interested get in touch with Dr. C. J. Hill.

Kiddies Pet and Costume Parade
2 P. M.
This parade will have a short line of march and will feature all the kiddies of the town who have pets. Four valuable prizes will be awarded.

After the parade all contestants will be guests of the Des Plaines Theater for the afternoon matinee. All Des Plaines kiddies are urged to register their names with the committee, Walter Plughaupt, chairman.

Historical Pageant, Final Performance
8:15 P. M.
Earle Field

Centennial Ball
10:30 P. M. to 1 A. M.
The Centennial Ball will be held at the Maine Township High School Gymnasium. Music to be furnished by Mel Borchard's Orchestra, and arrangements are made for talented entertainers in addition to the dance music. The Grand March is to be led by Mayor Kinder and will take place at midnight. Tickets will be 50 cents per person. Queen and her Court of Honor will be the honored guests of the Centennial Ball.

Chairman—Walter Dopheide

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
Home Coming Church Day
10:45 A. M.
All people are urged to attend the Church in which they first received membership in Des Plaines so as to prove that they have not forgotten their original Church Homes.

Chairman—Reverend A. W. Barrick

Band Concert and Song Festival
3 P. M.
Music by the Elk’s band, chorus vocal music and community singing will be featured. This will be the concluding feature of the Des Plaines Centennial.

EVERY NIGHT THE STREET OF FUN
Rides — Bingo — Games
The Committee has endeavored to make this street of fun as clean and wholesome as possible. All games of chance, such as Bingo, and so forth are sponsored by local organizations. The proceeds of which go for local charity. A. L. Winkelman, chairman.

During Centennial week, you are urged to view the various displays of antiques and relics that are being shown in the local stores. If you have any antiques of special interest to Des Plaines people you are urged to get in touch immediately with the Chairman of the Committee.

Chairman—Harley Schlage1
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Historical Pageant of Des Plaines

(This History will be read by the narrators during the Pageant, with slight changes due to dramatic necessity and to preserve the continuity of the scenes).

PROLOGUE — Episode I

The prologue is self-explanatory and will be done without narrations.

Miss Des Plaines and her attendants will come forward and make a speech of welcome. Miss Columbia, attended by 48 states, arrives and accepts Miss Des Plaines and the Historical Pageant as an important event in the History of the State of Illinois and the states of the nation. They are escorted by a guard to the Court of Honor, where they review the entire Pageant.

CREATION BALLET — Episode II

In this ballet the effort is made to portray the Dawn of Creation, out of which comes sky, land and flowers. First appearing is the Creation Ballet group followed by sky, land and flowers, pictured by three different groups, sky, land and flowers being the product of Creation and all form the latter part of the ballet together, to depict the coordination of these elements into a sensible order to make the existence of mankind possible.

EARLY INDIAN CAMP LIFE — Episode III

When this land was first explored it was inhabited by the Red Men, where they came from, how long they dwelt in North America, and what people they replaced, is a matter of much dispute. They cultivated the soil very little and depended almost entirely on the chase as a means of livelihood. Hunting, fishing and dancing constituted their enjoyments. Their two great interests in life were to secure food and devote it, and to subdue their enemies.

The Indians who roamed this country in and around Des Plaines were the Pottawatomies, Ottawas, and Chippewas. The Pottawatomies came into Illinois from Wisconsin and the Ottawas and Chippewas from north and east, particularly from what is now the State of Michigan. The three tribes were united under two chiefs, and for the most part these Indians were rather superior in type and generally friendly to the White Man. They did take part in some of the Indian troubles of the early pioneer days of Illinois but they were divided during the Fort Dearborn massacre, some of them giving aid to the White Man. These Indians were located in this vicinity for over two centuries prior to the time of 1836. The Indians we are picturing here are preparing for a meeting with one of the first white traders whose name is unknown. The Indian country at that time was travelled by a great many white traders who did a very profitable business in skins and furs with the Indian tribes of the United States.

Notice that the squaws did all the menial labor of the camp, such as carrying the equipment and setting up camp while the braves were expected to provide food and protection from other tribes. In the front part of the set you will notice a group of Indian braves in some sort of a game. They are gambling in a primitive fashion. An argument arises between two of the braves and one accuses the other of cheating. The Chief persuades the two braves who are the principals of the disturbance to settle the argument by an athletic race rather than a physical combat which is done, and the winner of the race is considered the winner of the argument. As the white trader enters we notice that all the braves salute while the trader goes to the Chief, and, customary to the usual Indian tradition is asked to smoke the pipe of peace. This white trader was the forerunner of our travelling salesman and perhaps told them stories of other settlements and of the wonders of the white man civilization of the East. He succeeds in making a trade of some bright red cloth and a few cheap trinkets for the valuable furs and hides that the Indians have. This is no more than the customary thing among the traders and the Indians, as the Indians placed great value on bright colored ornaments and clothing which the traders brought them.

With the white trader, and sitting a little aside, is a government agent who, with the help of the trader, persuades the tribes that there is far more abundant field for hunting and trapping and raising small crops in the yet undeveloped land in the territory which is now Kansas, and between the two white men’s arguments and powers of persuasion, the Chiefs decide that they will order camp broken and start on the long trip to the more plentiful hunting ground. They explain to the braves what has taken place between the white men and the Chiefs and they are to break camp. They go, not feeling as if they have been driven out, but rather that they are improving their living conditions by finding territory further west. Before they leave, however, they do a short ceremonial dance as the squaws and children break up the camp. The white men leave as friends of the tribe and receive the customary salute.

WILDERNESS BALLET — Episode IV

This part of the country after the Indians had left was still very much of a wilderness. There were no roads, no bridges, no means of communication with the outer world. Those who first followed the red man would have to conquer the wilderness, cut down the timber of the forest, bridge the rivers and plan their farming to meet the various climate situations. In this ballet an effort is made to depict the Spirit of the Wilderness with the groups of the Powers of the Forest and of the Rivers and the Mist Maidens which signify climate. The Powers of the Forest and the Rivers and the Mist Maidens dance together to show their complete control of this territory. The Spirit of the Wilderness is pictured by a soloist which dances with joy unconquered in the midst of the various Powers of the Wilderness. This scene must be accepted as an allegorical one and is given to bring to your mind a vivid picture of the barriers that confronted the brave settlers who attempted to make this territory livable for the white man.

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16 YEARS

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FIRST SETTLERS — Episode V

Here come the White Men, the Pioneers of Des Plaines. They are preceded by a scout who has been searching for days for a suitable spot of land that would have facilities for water and food and fertile land on which to grow crops. The covered wagon was their mode of transportation and often two families were crowded into one wagon, in order to save the expense of additional equipment. Life in those days was no thing of pleasure, yet the hardy men who made up the Pioneers of this district were full of courage, ambition and a dream of the possibilities of the future Des Plaines.

The first early settlers came here in 1833, and settled along the west bank of the Des Plaines river (it was then called Aux Plaines). They were: Mr. Brooks, Mansel Talcott, John B. Foot, J. W. Walton, A. H. Conant, Gen. Peet, Mr. Allison, Mr. Parsons and Mr. Kennicott. In 1835 came James Long, Judge Hoard and Mr. Rand; in ’36 Conner and Jones; in 1839 came Capt. Sabin, Joseph Jefferson and son Hiram, Mr. Ockerby and Mr. Barchard; in 1840 Mr. Thacker, Luther Jefferson and sons, George and Stephen, Geo. Babcock, who located where Feehanville now stands.

The Rand homestead was at Geo. Hid’s present home. Judge Hoard settled on the farm lately owned by J. H. Coons, north of this town. Stephen Thacker lived south and some distance back of Mr. Minnich’s present home on Ellinwood street.

It may be interesting to know where some of the old landmarks are in this vicinity. The Jeffersons are on the same old spot their grandfather located on in 1839.

Because of the hardships very little ceremony was used in putting food before the people who had ridden through almost impassable woods and trails for days and days on end. The quickest and the simplest way was as you see pictured here. Although the food was simple, it was greatly appreciated by the settlers and several helpings were usually ordered. However, not every day nor every meal brought second helpings because all food had to be hunted down by the men of the party, and the survival of the hardy families was entirely dependent upon what the men could find in the fields and the streams. The rugged out-door life of the pioneer did much to provide him with a constitution strong enough to ward off any illnesses and minor injuries; very few people were on the sick list at any time. About the time the scout and the leaders had decided that this would be a suitable location for a settlement, a small band of strange Indians swept down upon their little camp in an effort to frighten the settlers away. Where this tribe came from is not known, but it is presumed that it was a small hand of a traveling tribe who as a matter of self preservation endeavored to frighten away the small settlers’ groups in this territory, in order to have this land for themselves. They were unarmed as they had already been warned by the government that further disturbances on their part, and if they in any way bothered the white settlers, the National Army would be called in to put them back onto reservations. This visiting party of Indians naturally frightened the first settlers almost to the point of terror, but insomuch as they saw that the Indians were unarmed, they made no effort to excite them farther by firing at them with their muskets. After the Indians had thought they had put sufficient fright into the settlers, they rode off with their customary blood-curdling yells. Our first settlers were undaunted, however, and knew that their Federal Government was behind them in the matter of land grants and protection against the Indians. They resolved to make this clearing their new home.

Episode VI

There are a great many outstanding events in the past history of Des Plaines that are important in its development through the years. An effort is made here to show you some of them in as nearly as possible their natural setting. It must be remembered, however, that these various outstanding events took place over quite a period of years, as for example in 1836. One year after the coming of the first old settlers, the first church service was held in Des Plaines at the home of Mr. Wallace, about a mile north of this town. The church service was conducted by a young man named Colson; a minister sent from the southern part of the state, this town being one of the number on his circuit. He was on this circuit about two years and it was so large that he only came here about once a month. The members of this church were Mrs. (Continued on page 21)
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Walter and Mrs. Conners; afterward Mrs. Johnstone and Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey joined. The next on the circuit were Mr. Jewett and Mr. Hinman, two of the most earnest and prominent early Methodist preachers. About this time the church was increased by the advent of Mr. and Mrs. Holten, Mr. and Mrs. Burlingame, Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Jones and Mary Jefferson. It can readily be seen that together with courage and vision the early settlers here had a strong conviction that religion and the worship of God played an important part in their lives. Considering the fact that scarcely a year had passed, and this year was unquestionably a busy one, for homes had to be built, supplies gathered against the winter, and many other duties that were necessary to maintain even a meager existence, had to be performed; yet the desire for guidance along religious lines was predominant in the minds of all the leaders. The first service was not a long one and yet it keyed the fervor of the settlers to a higher level, that of a prayer of thanksgiving for their survival through their many hardships that the first year had brought about. A prayer was led by the young minister and a hymn hung at the close of the service.

Episode VII

Some months later in the next year was the first wedding in Des Plaines. This was a celebration that was not forgotten for a good long time by all those attending. The first couple to be married in Des Plaines was Betsy Kelsey and Augustus Conant. Their marriage ceremony was performed in James Long's log cabin, May 12, 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Long were the pioneer host and hostess and acted as master and mistress of ceremonies and the people flocked from miles around to attend the celebration. After the ceremony, the bride and groom came in for some playful handling on the part of the guests but all is done in the spirit of fun and revelry and much free advice and counsel was given to the newly married couple which they accepted in the spirit in which it was given. A carriage arrives and takes the happy married couple away on their honeymoon as the party breaks up.

FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE — Episode VIII

"Grave is the master's look; his forehead wears,

Deep rows of wrinkles, prints of worrying cares,

Heavy lies the head of he who rules;

Him, worst of all, whose kingdom is a school."

The first educational institution in Des Plaines was a private school conducted in a cheese room, belonging to Socrates Rand. His daughter, Harriet Rand, was the first teacher. They had a room 10 by 12 renovated for a school room, which had formerly been used as a cheese room. About fifteen scholars attended. A school was taught at the south end of the settlement about the same time in an upper room of Luther Jefferson's home and was taught by Jerusha Walton, mother of the Lucie boys. It was afterwards taught by Mary Jefferson in her father's home. The first school house was built about that time, northeast of the present site on the property now owned by Wm. Rixes. Some of the teachers of the early days were: Orvis Skinner, Orlando Talbot, Robert Meacham and Orlando Alger. The first trustees of schools were: Eben Conant, Seth Otis, Joseph Jefferson and Alexander Brown. The number of children in this district in 1841 was 35. The first school was at best a makeshift proposition and the pupils attended because their parents made an honest effort to see that their children were given the only possible means of education. This was back in the days when desks and good equipment were out of the question. A bench and a blackboard were the only equipment the teacher had to work with. School begins at 9 o'clock after some of the children had walked distances of three to five miles to get there and of course, roll call was taken and an attempt made to keep some sort of record of the children's standings. It was back in the days of the dunce cap and the rule: "Spare the rod and spoil the child" was still in effect. This first school as you can see was a far cry from the magnificent buildings with their swimming pools, manual training shops, gymnasium and recreation equipment that we have today. The mischievous boy was handled without much ceremony and the punishment although not severe was usually quite sufficient.

Episode IX

In the fall of 1854, the occasion of the arrival of the first train on the newly built Illinois and Wisconsin Railroad was one of great celebration for the people of the village. People for many miles around came by foot, by horseback and by buck-board wagon to celebrate the event and to welcome the railroad officials who joined in the festivities. A short speech was made by one of the officials and the villagers gathered around the new "iron horse" to inspect it as a great many of them were seeing their first railroad train. After the speech by the official, the train leaves amid great cheering. And here, ladies and gentlemen, is Des Plaine's first commuter. He and his descendants have been running for that morning train ever since. Now that the train has left the villagers all join in an impromptu dance to give vent to their joyful feelings that transportation and mail would be given to them with quite regular services.

Episode X

For the sake of continuity, we will explain that a great many German families came here from Germany and the eastern part of the United States in 1850 and 1860. They were greeted by the villagers and were looked upon quite curiously because of their costumes and manners. The coming of these German people eventually meant a great deal to Des Plaines because their thrift and perseverance were a great help in the progress and development of this community. The leaders of the village greeted the leaders of the German families and explained to them the advantages of settling in Des Plaines. The German folk, although good sturdy pioneers, were also a jolly lot and enjoyed festivities. They were asked by the local people to show them some of the German dances which they obliged by doing the old fashioned German Waltz. The German people then described their lives in the old country and described a picture of the German folk dance which we see pictured by the German girls who are now dancing. Needless to say the German people had very strong religious convictions, so we take you now to the scene of the laying of the corner stone of the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran church in 1876. The original church was a brick build.
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The old Moldenhauer homestead was a landmark for years.

Above: For years the Suburban Times was published in this building, now a part of the bank.

Left: The Kinder hardware store as it appeared some 20 years ago.

Looking north across the C. & N. W. right-of-way from Ellinwood, we see the old Thoma House, and the depot and water tank.
INTERESTING HISTORICAL NOTES ON TELEPHONE DEVELOPMENT IN DES PLAINES

In 1897 the Chicago Bell Telephone Company (Bell System) received franchise rights from the Village Board of Trustees to build and operate a telephone system in Des Plaines, Ill., whereupon they erected a plant, installing 25 or 30 stations in Des Plaines.

In the winter of 1900-1 the F. E. Bell Telephone Co. started erecting a telephone plant to compete with the Chicago Telephone Company's system.

In the spring of 1901, Mr. F. E. Bell, who controlled the stock and management of the F. E. Bell Tel. Co., sold a controlling interest in the company to Messrs. B. F. Kinder, J. D. Jefferson, Chas. Boesch, John Curtis and Ning Eley, all residents of Des Plaines, Mr. F. E. Bell remaining a minority stockholder in the company with his new associates, and acted as manager and constructing foreman until October, 1902.

In October, 1902, W. R. Wheeler was appointed superintendent of the Company. About January 1, 1905, the Des Plaines company purchased the plant of the Chicago company at Park Ridge.

In March, 1908, L. M. Morrison succeeded Mr. Wheeler as manager. At the expiration of Mr. Morrison's administration as manager, in March 1911, the company's development in stations in service had grown to 582. J. F. Risser was appointed manager in March, 1911, and the stations grew from 582 to 1106 when the Des Plaines company transferred the plant to the Chicago Company in Edison Park, representing 117 stations.

In July, 1912, the company moved their central office to the building at the corner of Pearson and Prairie in Des Plaines, and in January, 1925, the office was moved to 1163 Ellinwood street, the present location, and subscribers were cut over to a central energy or "common battery" system. A new system of A B trunking was also installed at the time which afforded a faster service to Chicago exchanges.

In October, 1926, Mr. Risser resigned as manager to go into the real estate business and George H. Eck, the then plant superintendent, was advanced to the position of manager.

Mr. Eley sold the company in November, 1927, to the present owners, W. S. Green and R. H. Coyne of Chicago and the name was changed to the Middle States Telephone Company of Illinois.

The Middle States company also operates at Park Ridge, with 3412 telephones and has a group of exchanges around Pekin, Illinois, and is a part of the Middle States Telephone company system which operates exchanges in Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio. It is one of the largest independent companies in the United States.

Improved straight forward trunking was installed between Chicago exchanges and Des Plaines in 1929 which afforded even faster and more satisfactory service than the A.B. trunks installed in 1925. The company had 2437 telephones in Des Plaines in 1930 but due to the depression lost 351 phones, but is fast gaining these back and at the present time has 2168 telephone stations in Des Plaines. A gradual increase in telephones has been realized in the last two years.

Mr. Eck, the present manager, has been an employee of the company since September, 1907, starting in as a night operator while attending Maine Township High School, 38 years of service. Some of the other faithful employees are Mr. Walter Becker, 23 years; Mr. Fred Domin, 19 years; Mrs. Bessie Teif, 13 years, and Mrs. Kathryn Taylor, 11 years.

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ing about 40 by 60 feet with the tower and is still standing and being used as their church today. The elders and Reverend Detzer laid the cornerstone in a service which marked the celebration of the foundation of the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran church. It was a day of great rejoicing for the German people of Des Plaines. They felt that a great step in preserving their country’s religion had been made on the day their church was completed. The first pastor of the Lutheran church was Reverend Adam Detzer, who stayed in Des Plaines for a period of eight years and whose fine qualities as a pastor and leader did much to lay the foundation for the strong Lutheran faith in this community.

BALLET OF THE CIVIL WAR — Episode XI

Des Plaines joined with the other northern communities to do her part in the preserving of the Union during the days of the Civil strife of 1861-65. We now present an allegorical ballet to picture Civil War history. First, we have the dance of the Blues of the North, next the dance of the Grays of the South. The Clouds of War enter, and create a spirit of battle between the Blues and the Grays. The Spirit of the Union enter on the scene and shortly the Blues and the Grays are working together again to preserve the Union of these United States.

In the tableau and center stage, we see General Lee of the South and General Grant of the North joining hands, while the Spirit of Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, the man who played the greatest part in bringing these two forces together, standing between these two great generals.

ELECTION OF 1874 — Episode XII

On January 3, 1874, the men of Des Plaines gathered together in the Village Tavern for the business of electing a group of officers to operate the government of the village. After considerable talk, some of which developed into heated arguments, nominations were made and balloting was done by the raising of hands. The results named six trustees as follows: Frank Whitcomb (president); John Behmiller, Theodore Tillston, F. W. Hoffman, E. C. Bennett, and G. G. Talcott. Other officers included E. H. Thomas, clerk; F. W. Bohle, treasurer; W. J. Durham, attorney; and Ira Barchard, constable. The villagers gathered outside the tavern anxiously awaiting the returns of their first election.

After the election the men all joined together and, realizing that they had met for the community’s good, forgot their pre-election differences and celebrated the happy event.

Dancing as we know it today is a far different thing than from the stately minuet of the 70’s and it would be only fitting if we were to picture a celebration that would compare with the election ball or dances of today that we should picture the dances of 1870, which is the minuet that is now being danced.

WORLD WAR TABLEAU — Episode XIII

"Time goes on —
Days of peace and prosperity,
Advancement in education, science and the arts,
Then again the cry is heard —
War! War! War!
Not for conquest — but in an effort to bring
A greater Peace — and a greater Brotherhood of Man."

In memory of the courageous men and women of Des Plaines and vicinity who served in the World War, we present representatives of the various branches of service and in tableau form show the Coming of Peace.

1. Red Cross Women.
2. Soldiers and American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.
5. Peace, the desire of all America. Millions have been spent for her. Rivers of blood have been shed for her. Yet, with all the pain, sorrow and anguish, the battle for her has caused our Nation; if she will stay with us now and forever, time will heal our vivid memories of the sacrifices we have made in her name.

GRAND FINALE — Episode XIV

All Pageant participants, in colorful array, pay homage to our National Colors. (Note)—The audience is requested with the pageant cast in the singing of our National Anthem.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED HEROES — TAPS

We hope that you have found your evening enjoyable and educational. Tell your friends about the "Historical Pageant of Des Plaines."

1912 Telephone Co. Office

Back in 1912 the Des Plaines Telephone company office was located at the corner of Pearson and Prairie, where the Recreation Parlors now are located. You can see in the picture J. F. Risser (with straw hat); Geo. Eck (with telephone under arm), and Walter Becker at extreme left.
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Histories Of Des Plaines' Organizations

Des Plaines Post No. 36 was one of the first Posts in the State of Illinois to organize—as the number 36 indicates. Even before they had heard that there was such a thing as an American Legion, a group of local ex-service men got together to plan Memorial Day service in cooperation with the G. A. R. and the Women's Relief Corps. After the Memorial Day services these same men met again and under the chairmanship of Doctor Purves, formed the embryo of the present organization. They received their charter as "Des Plaines Post No. 36 of the American Legion, Department of Illinois, in August 1920."

Space will not permit more than a brief resume of the growth and activities of that embryo. The Woman's Relief Corps, whom the boys' think of as their "Mother" and of the Legion. A number of the charter members contributed the money for the Post's colors. Meetings were held in a number of places. At first the group met in the village hall. For over a year they gathered at the Thoma Hotel (which was later demolished). The next few years meetings were held in Hoffman's Hall. In 1926, under Commander E. A. Lockett, the boys purchased their present home on Pearson street. Recently that home has been re-modeled and now several groups use it, including the "Mother" of the Legion organization.

The Post has been fortunate in having had outstanding leaders. Such men as Purves, Heller, Zaleski, Schaff, Price, Nissen, Imig, Lockett, Smith, Gernhardt, Eck, Conover, Biever, Detwiler, and Rick have built up a standard of leadership which has attracted followers. From the few men whose names were on the application for the charter, the list has grown until at the present time there are over 200 paid-up members.

The Legion is a "Service" organization in this community. Each year they present medals to a boy and a girl in the various school units who, in the estimation of their associates, have shown the highest standards of ability, leadership and scholarship. All schools in this area have American flags that were presented by the Post, along with large framed copies of the Constitution of the United States. Memorial Day and Fourth of July celebrations are sponsored by the Legion. They, with Park Ridge, inaugurated the Music Festival. The disabled and needy ex-service men rely on the Post for help one boy each year to attend the A. V. A. summer camp, sponsoring a Poppy Day poster contest in all schools every year, with cash prizes, etc.

We have in our local organization one Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Carolina Biha, and one Gold Star Sister, Miss Carolyn Biba.

Under our present able and untiring president, Mrs. Mildred Deis, the organization has grown to over 90 paid-up members who give generously to support the principles for which the Auxiliary stands.

The Boy Scout organization made its inception in Des Plaines in the spring of 1916. The credit of organizing the first troop is due the Des Plaines Women's Club which at that time was headed by Mrs. Ransom (Continued on page 35).
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Subject of much controversy, the old freight house is now moved. The new State Bank building stands just south of where the peculiarly shaped Nissen building stands in this picture.

Des Plaines' Postoffice which was erected in 1930 and has served its purpose well since that date. Arthur L. Larson is now postmaster.

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The present officers of the company include: Martha Manuel, president; John Muvrin (founder and former president of the White Line company), vice-president; Leonard E. Manuel, secretary-treasurer and general manager.

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Kemnott. Mrs. Kemnott interested Mr. Edwin D. MacLuckie, then superintendent of Des Plaines schools in the project. Other citizens that were actively interested were Messrs. A. L. Webster, Chas. Kemmell and Harold Abbott, a Scoutmaster from Park Ridge.

Those who remember Mr. Abbott will recall him as one who fitted the part in character, spirit, ability and activity. The Scouts thought very highly of him and although he has passed on every year on Memorial Day they place a wreath on his grave in Maine Township Cemetery.

The one troop grew into two and during the war the local scouts along with those throughout the entire nation assisted in Liberty Loan drives and such but due to the many other activities and responsibilities placed upon the men in charge the activity in scouting ceased for a time. It again enters the picture in Des Plaines history about 1920 as another troop was formed. This like the first, grew into two troops which were known as troops 1 and 2.

When the Northwest Suburban Council was organized in 1926 they became troops 5 and 6. The latter, sponsored by the Des Plaines Lions club is still active and proudly cherishes its long and fruitful record.

Under council leadership and supervision, adult leaders were recruited and trained through numerous training courses and other troops, one by one, were added to the roster until at the present time Des Plaines may proudly boast of its six scout troops. They are:

Troop 6 of the Methodist Church.
Troop 12 sponsored by the Lions Club.
Troop 13 sponsored by the V. F. W.
Troop 14 of the Congregational Church.
Troop 20 of the Congregational Church.
Troop 25 sponsored by the Junior High School P-T-A.

With the development of a national younger boys program known as Cubbing, Des Plaines was the first community in the council to organize a cub pack. This is now known as Pack 214 of the Des Plaines Congregational Church.

During the last five years alone the Boy Scout work has had an 80% increase in membership in Des Plaines.

100 years of progress! But the last ten are of the most importance in history of the Girl Scouts. This organization was introduced to Des Plaines in 1925. Mrs. Charles F. Loesch of Hawthorne Lodge in Des Plaines was the captain of this troop of girls, many of whom are now leaders in Girl Scouting. By 1927 the troops had grown so rapidly that help in leadership was quite necessary. Marian Hodgins became captain of Troop 1 and Mrs. Loesch acted as commissioner. Today, Miss Hodgins is in charge of all troops in Des Plaines.

In 1930 Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Loesch purchased a tract of land on Rice Lake near Edgerton, Wisconsin, and presented it to the Girl Scouts of Des Plaines for a camp site. Girls from all suburban communities attend this camp and the registration is overflowing each year.

Ten years of scouting and we have ten troops of Girl Scouts and two Brownie Packs. Leaders of the troops are as follows: Troop 1, Marian Hodgins; 2, Helen Huxmann; 3, Maryalice Lauten; 4, Mrs. Einar Anderson; 5, Hespera North, assisted by Helen Grienke; 6, Mrs. John Rietz; 7, Mrs. George Rudolph; 8, Mrs. Alfred Kayser; 9, Erma McLane Dotts, assisted by Jeanne Vildebille; and 10, Mrs. James Beaumont. The Brownie Packs are for children from seven to ten years of age. The leaders are as follows: Pack No. 1 is Mrs. Alfred Abbe, assisted by Jane McKinley, and Pack No. 2 is Mrs. Lee Robins, assisted by Mrs. L. H. Shropshire.

The Girl Scout Council is an active group of women including Mrs. Charles Loesch, commissioner; Mrs. A. F. Longren, treasurer; Mrs. James Gibbs, secretary; Mrs. W. L. Plew, chairman camp committee; Mrs. Charles Gronk, chairman of training and personnel committee; Mrs. A. F. Longren, chairman finance committee; Mrs. A. C. Vildebille, chairman ways and means committee; and Mrs. Clifford Carlson, chairman of awards and standards committee.

Application for a charter for a Des Plaines unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was made by a group of local ex-service men here. The move to establish a unit here came in line with a veterans' defense rally and drive in which the V. F. W. hopes to increase their membership by 100,000.

Adolph Lancot, 1509 Whitcomb avenue, was active on the group seeking a charter from the V. F. W. for Des Plaines, called the drive a new call to arms in a nation-wide drive for reinforcements in the fight for a square deal.

Other names on the charter application included Max J. Goertz, August Braun, John J. Braun, John Becker, Myles Courtayne, Roland J. White, Samuel C. Campagna, and Edwin F. Murphy.

The group met Tuesday night, February 6th, 1934, at Mrs. Lancot's home, 1509 Whitcomb avenue. All interested ex-service men were invited to attend this meeting and join with these local boys establishing a Veterans of Foreign Wars unit here.

Ex-service men who expected to secure a charter for Des Plaines from the Veterans of Foreign Wars national organization, met Wednesday, Feb. 12th, at the home of A. Lancot, 1509 Whitcomb avenue.

The organizing Des Plaines chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars received their charter from the national organization in a gala celebration and event here Sunday, April 7th, elected officers; Adolph Lancot, who had been instrumental in organizing the Des Plaines unit, was elected commander.

Other officers of the organization include Edwin F. Murphy, senior vice-commander; Max J. Goertz, junior vice-commander; John Becker, adjutant; Sam Campagna, quartermaster, and John Braun, officer of the day. Trustees of the unit include Roy Winn, August Braun and Michael Jones.

We sponsor Boy Scout Troop No. 13 and an Honor troop of the Northwest Suburban Council, and a softball team which travels around advertising the V. F. W. of Des Plaines.

We bowl in season, not always on top, but —

We expect to dedicate the flag pole at Rand Park and furnish flag for same.

All in all we are out to do the community a good turn whenever possible and at this time we thank all our friends for their support.

Organized March 14, 1934, and instituted April 8, 1934, with 22 members, we now number 57 members in all.

AUXILIARY

Sunday, April 7, 1935, witnessed the celebration of the first anniversary of the existence of our Post. It was fittingly celebrated with the institution of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The ceremony was to have been held at the Junior high school, where a large crowd had assembled. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen weather conditions, the instituting officers failed to arrive as per schedule.

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the entertainment. There were short talks by Commander Lanctot and Comrade McGar, also Comrade Fleich of Mount Prospect Post. Shortly after 4 o'clock the assembly adjourned to the V. F. W. clubrooms to await the belated arrival of the instituting officers, who arrived shortly after, having driven all the way from Kankakee through a blinding snowstorm.

Following the introduction of various national and departmental officers, Mrs. Harriet Marquard, Dept. Treasurer, proceeded with the instituting of the Post Auxiliary.

Installation of officers as follows then followed: Cecilia M. Lannout, president; Mabel Murphy, Sr. vice pres.; Florence Graetz, Jr. vice pres.; Anna Wright, Sec.; Mayme Hauser, Treas.; Bertha Landry, Chap.; Jewel Thompson, Corp. Vera Schwabbeck, guard; Mamie Crement, trustee; Bertha Winzler, trustee, and Doris Gould, trustee.

Following this (Daddy) Henry F. Marquard, National Judge Advocate of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, gave an inspiring address and extended the well wishes of himself and the V. F. W. for a successful future to the Women's Auxiliary.

A program of music and dancing concluded the ceremonies after which Post No. 2992 entertained with an open house.

The Des Plaines Lions Club owes much to its first president W. B. Melzer, who took the club through its period of organization, the first two years the club existed—having been chartered May 5, 1924. The original membership was forty in number.

Other past presidents to follow Melzer were: Victor L. Spiegler, 1926-27; Walter Poyser, 1927-28; Edwin H. Schulze, 1928-29; Fred A. Fulle, 1929-30; W. L. Plew, 1930-31; Henry Sigwalt, 1931-32; William A. Townsend, 1932-33; C. J. Hill, 1933-34; W. C. Oehler, 1934-35.

The membership of the Lions Club at present is 81. Having always been a civic club the Lions' principal activities are blind work, tubercular work and civic enterprises. Among its civic enterprises is the sponsoring of the present Centennial Celebration.

Meetings and dinners are every first and third Tuesday evening of the month and during President Oehler's regime these meetings have included interesting speakers and splendid entertainment. Raymond C. Schulze will be the next president of the Lions club.

WOMAN'S CLUB

In the year 1912 there was organized in Des Plaines a club choosing for its name "The Woman's Club of Des Plaines," its object "the intellectual improvement of its members and the bettering of civic conditions in Des Plaines."

At this time the club became affiliated with the State Federation of Woman's Clubs and also with the Seventh District. The first president was Mrs. John H. Longley.

Shortly after the organization of this club the name automatically became the Des Plaines Woman's Club rather than the Woman's Club of Des Plaines.

Years before this a similar club also using this name was in existence, which had no affiliation with state or district. Many of these "chalice" members, as they are referred to in the records, joined the new organization in 1912 and carried on the same type of literary and civic work.

As the club grew in membership and program the meeting places were changed from homes to the library and the YMCA, and finally the Community House of the Congregational church.

During its entire life the club has continued to be very much civic-minded and among other things can take credit for being instrumental in landscaping the library grounds. Mr. Loesch very kindly donated the trees and Mr. Ransom Kennicott superintended their planting and also the planting of shrubs furnished by the Woman's Club.

The club has always been interested in furthering new projects in the schools such as furnishing table linen and glassware for one of the domestic science departments. Their relation toward the Parent-Teachers Organization has always been on the most cooperative terms. In fact, the Parent-Teachers Association was sponsored by the Woman's Club.

Other clubs which had their beginning as working committees of our club until such time as they grew to individual club proportions are the Garden Club and the Brush and Pencil Club.

In the early years, the club-sponsored and charaperoned municipal dances.

The Park Ridge School for Girls, the Little Wanderers' Day Nursery, the Chicago Woman's Shelter have been recipients of many donations and showers through this club, and the Red Cross Roll Call, the Christmas Seal Drive for the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute, and the Boy Scout Membership Drive always find their places on the Woman's Club work program.

The Garden department of the Des Plaines Woman's Club was the nucleus from which the Des Plaines Garden Club grew.

In June, 1931, the newly formed separate organization met at the home of Mrs. H. Von Holst. The first officers were: Mrs. G. S. Cook, president; Mrs. Sidney Wiffin, vice president; Mrs. F. A. Helm, treasurer; and Mrs. W. H. Forsyth, secretary.

From this small group of women, who are interested in gardens and gardening, has grown the present organization with its fifty-three members. Present officers: Mrs. Frank Marretta, president; Mrs. Erich Schalk, vice president; Mrs. Mathia Klein, treasurer, and Mrs. Walter Poyer, secretary.
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The first part of the Central school building was built in 1906. The present West school was erected in 1923. Then in 1929 eight rooms were added to the Central school. The present Junior high school building was purchased in 1932 from the Maine Township High School Board.

The following superintendents have administered the system in District 62, although some of the exact dates are lacking:

J. Q. Adams was superintendent in 1886. At a later date his wife, Mrs. Adams, served as principal.

A man by the name of Smith had charge of the school at some time between 1886 and 1890 for a short period.

E. Quantril served until about 1891 or 1892. He was followed by Leopold Schroeder who served until 1902.

In 1902 W. Don Smith became superintendent and held that position until succeeded by Mr. Edwin D. MacLuckie in 1915.

Mr. MacLuckie was superintendent until 1923 when Mr. Harry E. Knarr served from 1922 until 1929.

Our present superintendent, E. R. Selleck took over the system in 1929.

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Class of 1901

Among the names of those who have served on the Board of Education, we find the following:


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J. H. Fall, Jr.

In a spirit of neighborly friendship it is not only my personal privilege but in addition as chairman of Benjamin Electric Company and on their behalf to extend to Des Plaines and to her citizens, on this One Hundredth Birthday celebration, Congratulatory Greetings.

METHODOIST CAMP GROUNDS

THE 76th Annual Summer Assembly at the Methodist Camp Grounds will be held from July 7 to July 21. The Des Plaines Camp Grounds are owned and controlled by Chicagoland Methodism and is offering this summer the most extended and worthwhile program in all of its history.

This is the first year of the Summer School conducted by Illinois Wesleyan University, which opened on June 17, at the Camp Grounds. Numerous meetings for education, inspiration and recreation will be carried on through July.

Groups from Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues and other church organizations find the Camp Grounds ideal for picnics, conferences, retreats, institutes and other summer activities.

JULY 4th 1903 PARADE

It was, indeed, a notable occasion when the various organizations gathered together for a parade back on July 4, 1903. In the foreground of this picture we see what might at first seem to be Spanish American War Veterans, but on good authority we understand it is the uniform of a political faction of those days.

People who are principals in the Pageant which is to be presented as a feature of the Centennial have been selected by the director, Mr. Lemmon. They are as follows:

First Train

Officials:

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Mr. Ransom Kennicott, Sr.

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Bride:

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Ernest Tagge
David Hanns

First Election

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C. L. Bishop
John Lemke
James Carroll, Jr.
Hobart Abbe
Fred Fulle
E. D. MacLuckie
Sam Campagna
Theodore Swanbeck
E. A. Frederick
Edgar Friedrich
Kenneth Meyer
Otto Henrich

Creation Ballet

Soloist: Ruth Kurtz
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Lincoln: Bob Wetterman
Grant: Hammerl
Lee: Fowler

World War

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Early School Scene

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To all of your citizens who have worked to bring this organization to its present position, we wish particularly at this time, to express our deep and sincere appreciation for the loyal and unstinting services they have rendered. Their admirable spirit is truly reflected, we believe, in the high character of their citizenship.

To the merchants, business people, public officials and social groups, we offer our felicitations and good wishes. The enterprise and high principles of all are brought to most fitting fruition on this most memorable and historic occasion.

Therefore, citizens of Des Plaines, as good Americans, loyal to our principles of government and to our Constitution, let us all face the future and march proudly forward together. Great as have been the accomplishments of the Des Plaines of the past, in tender retrospection we submerge these memories in our hopes for the Des Plaines of the future and say, "ALL HAIL!"

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