

## Yakes Family



**Herman and Alma Yakes wedding**

Herman Yakes, a German immigrant, was hired by John G. Shedd to assist with the construction of a mansion as a wedding gift for his daughter Laura Shedd Schweppe on Mayflower Road in Lake Forest. Following the construction phase of the Charles M. Schweppe home, Herman became the caretaker of the estate until his death. At the height of the estate era, Herman managed 35 people and maintained the 33 acres. Herman and his wife Alma lived in the coach house with their two boys Don and Lloyd, who were both born on the estate by Dr. Proxmier in 1912 and in 1917. Lloyd, the younger son graduated with the first senior class of the Lake Forest High School.

In June of 1926 the Prince and Princess Adolphus of Sweden visited Lake Forest. He played golf at the Onwenstia Club followed by an elaborate dinner party at the Schweppe estate. Herman Yakes received a thank you letter and honorary medal from the Crown Prince.

Lloyd Yakes married (who?) and had a son, Lloyd, Jr. who currently lives in Lake Bluff with his wife, Theresia. Theresia has been the Assessor for Shields Township for over twenty years. Their son, Michael currently lives in the Yakes family home at 674 North Oakwood. Herman purchased and built the home where the parking lot of St. Mary's School stands today, and the house was moved in the 1920s by the Yakes to its present location.

Nomination prepared by Lloyd, Theresia and Michael Yakes.