

News Items of 12 Years Ago

Sept. 22, 1927
Miss Helen Smith was visiting Miss Dorothy Taylor at Catlin.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cummings.

Misses Enola Sy and Elsie Struck returned from a two weeks visit at Niagara, N. Y.

John Bahlow and family and Walter Kracht attended the Tuscola fair.

Carl Dicks and John Fitzgerald attended the meet of the Wabash Valley Fox Hunters association at West Union.

Miss Marjorie Freeman was quite seriously injured while motoring to Patterson Springs, when the Ford coupe in which she was riding with Margaret Gore and Elmer Mohr overturned on the road south of Longview. Miss Gore and Mr. Mohr escaped with a few scratches and bruises.

20 Years Ago

Sept. 19, 1919
Miss Florence Kesterson was quite ill with typhoid fever.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thode.

Miss Helen Fuell was quite ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Hazel Allen attended the Postmasters' Convention at Chicago.

Rev. Elizabeth Thompson, pastor of the U. B. Church was returned to the local charge for another year.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mrs. Minnie Boyd for Wilfred Shumway and Roy Boyd, soldiers, who had recently returned from France. The evening was spent in music, games and dancing.

Community Dinner

The Fairfield Community Dinner will be held at the Fairfield Church on September 24. Bring well filled baskets and table service and eat your dinner with both old and new friends. A program follows the dinner. Everyone is invited.—Marjorie Young, sec.



Rothermel-Lenhart Family Reunion Held at Decatur

The 5th annual Rothermel-Lenhart reunion was held Sunday, Sept. 10, at Nelson's Park, Decatur.

A basket dinner was enjoyed followed by a business meeting which was called to order by the president, John Rothermel Jr. Helen Post read the minutes of the 1938 reunion.

Officers elected for the 1940 reunion were as follows: President, John Rothermel Jr.; vice president, George Bloechle Sr., of New Berlin; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Helen Post, Decatur.

There were 140 attending the reunion. The oldest member present was John Lenhart of Maroa, age 78 years. The youngest member present was Melvin Lehn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lehn, age 8 months.

The afternoon was devoted to entertainment put on by the entertainment committee.

The 1940 reunion will be held at Nelson's Park, Decatur, Sunday, Sept. 8.

Those attending from this vicinity were John Rothermel Sr., and family, August Mohr and family, George Rothermel and daughter, Alice, John Rothermel Jr., and family, William Rothermel and family, Louis Schweineke and family, Elmer Messman and family, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mohr.

Mrs. Irene Witt Hostess to Friday Bridge Club

Mrs. Irene Witt was hostess to the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club.

Four tables were in play and prizes were given as follows: high score, Mrs. Margaret Anderson; low score, Mrs. Zermah Witt; traveling, Mrs. Merle Block.

Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, olives, salad, angel food cake with heavenly hash topping, and coffee.

Members present were Mesdames Zermah Witt, Neva Frick, Olive Rayl, Jennie Nohren, Delia Nohren, Jessie Bergfield, Minnie Limp, Merle Block, Edna Telling, Gladys McClelland, Margaret Anderson, Irene Witt.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Anderson.

L. W. Class Meets With Mrs. Benefiel

The L. W. class of the U. B. Sunday School met with Mrs. Olive Benefiel last Wednesday. Mrs. Belle Smith had charge of the business and devotions.

Mrs. Benefiel was chosen as teacher of the class for the coming year, and Mrs. Leona Bergfield, assistant teacher.

After the business meeting a questionnaire contest was enjoyed.

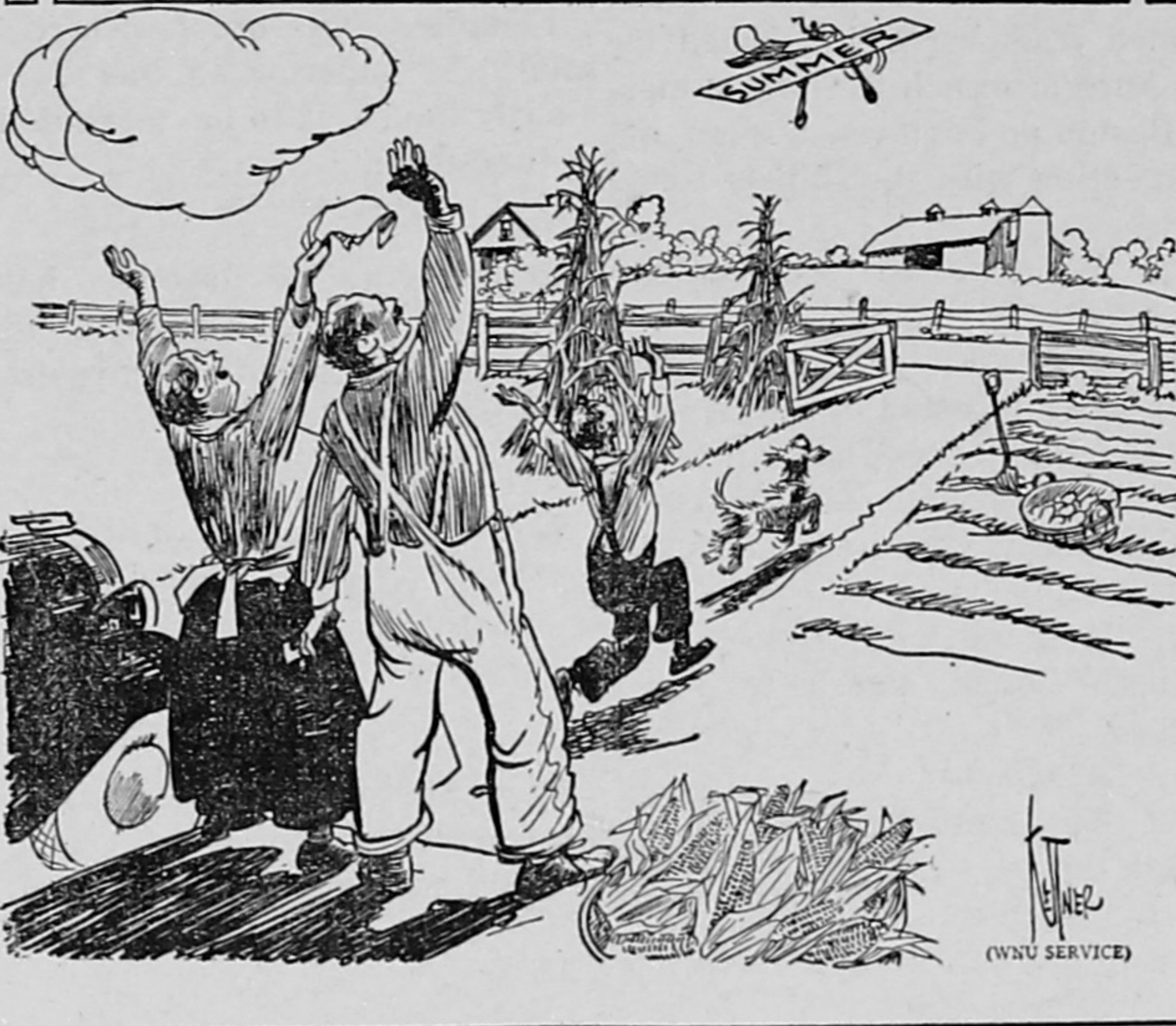
Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, pickles, graham cracker pie with whipped cream, and coffee.

Guests were Rev. Turner, Mrs. Charley Benefiel, Mrs. Lillous Carr, Mrs. Willis Myers, Mrs. Oscar Witt.

Members present were Mesdames Flora Bailey, Leona Bergfield, Lydia Brown, Ora Brown, Bessie Loomis, Olive Rayl, Belle Smith, Lucy Sullivan, Agnes Turner, Olive Benefiel.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Agnes Turner.

Summer Departs



Local and Personal

Place your news items in our mail box at foot of stairway.

Walter Divan of Champaign was a visitor here Monday.

Mrs. Alonzo Zantow was a Champaign visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Arch Walker spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hammond at Martinsville.

James Gorman and family of Philo were Sunday guests of Mrs. Emma Block.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gallion and son, Harold, of Newman visited friends here, Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Boyd and daughter, Miss Hazel, were Champaign shoppers, Tuesday.

Wm. J. Biggs of St. Louis, Mo., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Leanna Miller, last week.

Miss Sarah Ramsden of Findlay spent the weekend here with Miss Marjorie Messman.

Glenn Busick of Romulus, Mich., is among our renewal subscribers this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bergfield visited their daughter, Miss Leone, a student at Blackburn College, Carlinville, last Sunday.

Walter Seider, Miss Mabel Bahlow, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Place and daughter, visited relatives at Mattoon on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Highsmith of St. Louis visited Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laverick on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orron Hardyman spent the week end with their son, Wayne, and family at Indianapolis.

Mrs. Lawrence Griffith and baby of Fairland spent Tuesday night here with her mother, Mrs. Ella Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCormick, Roy McCormick and family visited Virgil Reed and family at Champaign, Sunday.

Rev. J. F. Turner, pastor of the U. B. Church, has been returned to the local charge for another year. This will be his ninth year here.

Messrs. and Mesdames Kenneth Dicks and George Cook attended the annual Methodist Church Conference at Springfield last Sunday.

The heat wave was broken here last Saturday evening, following two weeks of the hottest September weather ever recorded in history.

Rev. W. Earl Ballew, pastor of the Methodist Church, has been returned to the local charge for another year, as was hoped and expected. This will be his fifth year in Broadlands.

Miss Marjorie Messman, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Messman, left on Wednesday for Jacksonville, where she entered MacMurray College for her second term.

Alfred Thode who is employed at Springfield spent Sunday here with his family. Mrs. Thode and children accompanied him to Springfield Monday to spend a few days.

Mrs. Fred Naylor of Montezuma, Ind., and Miss Maxine Lewis of Dana, Ind., were guests in the John Bahlow home on Monday. Mabel Bahlow accompanied them home for a few days visit.

Relatives visiting at the Village Inn, Broadlands, last Sunday were Jack Wagner and family, Medora; Orley Wagner and family, Elza Lewis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adamson, Bedford, Ind.; Lowell Wagner and family, Misses Farell and Lorena Wagner and Beulah Gore of Indianapolis.

Among those attending the chicken supper given by the ladies of the Methodist Church at Sidney last Saturday evening were Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, Mrs. Leanna Miller, Mrs. Arch Walker, Mrs. Fred Messman and daughter, Miss Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Kerna Block and daughter, Elvera.

Star Theater, Villa Grove, is showing a timely picture this Saturday—Clouds Over Europe—which shows the international spy system through aviation plants, telling how countries steal each others secrets and international complications which arise from those secrets. Also on the same program is Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in their latest musical western picture, Mountain Rhythm.

Methodist Church Notes

W. Earl Ballew, Pastor

The Sunday School meets at 10:00 o'clock.
The Church Service next Sunday convenes at 7:30 p. m.

Methodist Aid Holds All Day Meeting on Thursday

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church held an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Anna Laverick on Thursday of last week.

A pot-luck dinner was held at 12:30 in honor of the birthdays of all members. Birthday dues were paid to be used for flowers for the sick during the coming year.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Eva Walker. It was decided to hold the annual chicken supper Oct. 5, at Brewer's garage.

Mrs. Edna Telling led the devotions.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Highsmith, and Mrs. Myers.

Members present were Mesdames Eva Walker, Minnie Anderson, Ida Messman, Eva Brewer, Elsie Walker, Edna Telling, Gladys McClelland, Mary Fitzgerald, Gladys Walker, Anna Laverick and Miss Mildred Neal.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Maude Anderson.

Long View High School News

Last Friday Philo High School handed Longview a 2-1 defeat. A few errors on the part of Longview and a home run by the Philo pitcher helped Longview to bring about this defeat.

The Longview High School band, which is now starting its fourth year, held its first marching practice Monday. The band this year has 46 members, several of whom are beginners. The band is under the able direction of Mr. Stover.

The first meeting of the Longview chapter of the Future Farmers of America was held on Monday. At this meeting the officers for the coming year were elected. The officers are as follows: President, Wayne Nohren; Vice-President, Maurice Keefe; Secretary, Irvin Toppe; Treasurer, George Akers; Reporter, Ralph Butler.

We have been able to gather a little data on the Seniors of last year and we find that: Andy Henson is attending Normal and majoring in Physical Education; Leone Bergfield is attending Blackburn College at Carlinville; Jane Jarman has entered college at Kirksville, Mo.; Rosetta Smith is taking a course in Beauty Culture; Phyllis Stuebe is attending Charleston State Teachers College; and Ferne Walker has entered nurses training at Lake View Hospital in Danville.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

Confessional Service, 9:30 a. m.
Holy Communion, 10:00 a. m.
Sermon: "Two Visitors in the City of Nain."

Announcement for Holy Communion may be made on Friday previous from 2:00 to 8:00 p. m.

The Sunday School teachers will meet Friday evening.

If you want to rise above this world's fogs ascend the mountain of Christ-faith. The Bible points the way; the church stands ready to help you.

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The Rohl-Schweineke Reunion Last Sunday

Homer—Earl Kresin, Tuscola, was elected president of the Rohl-Schweineke family at the reunion Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schweineke near Newman. Mrs. Marie Frisbie, Champaign, was elected secretary and Fred Block, Homer, treasurer.

A basket dinner was enjoyed at noon. The reunion next year will be at the same time with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rohl near Newman. Glenda, eight month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Block, was the youngest present and Will Schweineke, the oldest.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kresin, Tuscola; Mr. and Mrs. Will Schweineke, Mrs. Marie Frisbie, Champaign; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rohl and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bundy and family, Allerton; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rohl and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Schweineke, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schweineke, near Newman; Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Schweineke, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Block and daughter Glenda, Mr. and Mrs. William Rohl and family, Homer.

Y. W. O. Class Meets at Thos. Bergfield Home

The Y. W. O. Class of the U. B. Sunday School met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bergfield on Wednesday evening of last week.

Oscar Witt conducted the business meeting and devotions.

Guests present were Mrs. Flora Bailey, Mrs. Juanita Eckerty, Miss Mary Jane Phipps, Miss Nellie Thomas and Ralph Clem.

Members present were Messrs. and Mesdames Oscar Witt, John Nohren, Howard Clem, Clark Henson, T. W. Bergfield, and Mrs. Lillie Bowman.

The next meeting will be held at the Oscar Witt home.



The number of pedestrians killed by automobiles makes the problem one that each community should carefully consider. When we realize that over 40 per cent of the people killed by automobiles are pedestrians, we should readily appreciate that it is a real problem.

The first thing the pedestrian should do is to abandon the old idea that as a pedestrian he can use the streets in any way he pleases. This he can not do.

Traffic lights were made to control traffic, including pedestrian traffic, and the pedestrian should obey traffic signals.

Market Report

Following are the prices offered for grain on Thursday in the local market:

No. 2 hard wheat, new	76c
No. 2 white corn	59c
No. 2 yellow corn	49c
No. 3 oats, new	35c
No. 2 beans, new	71c

Broadlands Grain & Coal Co. is building two concrete silo bins at its east elevator. Each bin will hold 22,000 bushels of grain, states F. A. Messman, manager.

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The Maginot Line

To the imagination and good sense of a former first sergeant in the World War the republic of France owes her great Maginot Line, stretching 150 miles along the border facing Germany, which is the strongest defensive military wall ever constructed by man.

Andre Maginot was the sergeant, who rose to be minister of war in the French cabinet, and for whom the completed system of fortifications was named. He conceived the plan, which was adopted after funds for extraordinary measures of military preparation were voted in 1928.

Construction was begun shortly thereafter, but Maginot did not live to see the works completed, as he died in 1932. A monument to his memory has been erected at Fort Souville, 18 miles from Verdun.

The Maginot Line consists of continuous fortifications, including 300 mighty forts, and cost about 150 million dollars. It is considered impregnable, so far as attacks by land are concerned, and it is believed that little damage could be done to it by air raids, as much of the defensive works and equipment are underground.

Steam and electric transportation systems, supply bases and communication lines are all protected in tunnels deep in the earth. Troops, equipment, food and all manner of supplies for the line can be brought to the front by trains operating wholly underground and a million men can be garrisoned under its protection.

We're a Wild Country

The United States Biological Survey has been counting its wild animals, and the inventories show nearly 6 million big-game animals in our country. The officials say that this is an increase of one million animals since 1937.

We knew something significant was happening in the United States wilds, and are thankful to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes for confirming the suspicion in the above item.

There are more than 5 million deer in the United States, scattered all the way from Pennsylvania to California, both of which States are champions in rearing the animal—that is stalked by millions of hunters every winter.

Wyoming has 91,000 elk, 7,400 moose, and 4,500 buffaloes. Big black and grisly bears thrive in Tennessee, California, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Washington and Wyoming. Delaware is the only state in which no big-game animals are found.

The Greatest Trees

California has long been considered the home of the largest trees on earth, but the fantastic stories of great trees in various parts of the world led by T. J. Starker, professor of forestry at Oregon State College, to make a systematic study and investigation of the subject for the last 15 years.

This he has done through travel and by correspondence with forest experts all over the globe. Many of the claims concerning

great trees proved entirely false or greatly exaggerated, and he has at last come to the conclusion that the world's largest trees are in California, after all.

The tallest tree, he declares, is a redwood in Humboldt State Park, 364 feet high, while the most massive is the General Sherman tree, a sequoia in sequoia National Park, which is 279 feet high, with a diameter of 36.5 feet. If cut into lumber the General Sherman tree would yield enough to build more than 100 five-room houses.

Sidelights

One Sunday morning recently a St. Louis lady called across the yard fence to complain of loud swearing emanating from the house of her next door neighbors. A small boy explained: "Aw, that's only dad; he's late for church and can't find his prayer book."

Hunters are notorious for mistaking the nature of their targets, and Jack Evers of Wyoming is no exception. When he presented a pelt at the court house and claimed a wolf bounty, it was pointed out to him that he had erred in shooting and skinning the sheriff's dog.

Peggy Hopkins Joyce, whose many marriages should make her an authority on the subject of husbands, says: "If husbands were clever they would never let us see them when they first awake in the morning." And possibly it works the other way around, also.

A story of what appears to be rank ingratitude comes from Gaena, Spain. Manuel Paulido shot a cow that was going a farmer's daughter, and the young woman's life was saved. Now the farmer is suing Paulido for damages, declaring: "It was none of his business what my cow did."

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Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. What was the ultimate chance which produced the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railroad?

A. Chauncey Colton of Galesburg, interested in the Peoria-Oquawka railroad; J. W. Grimes of Burlington, Iowa, also interested in the P-O; and a man named Wadsworth, interested in an Aurora branch to Galena, met in Boston and evolved a plan of connecting with the Illinois Central.

Q. What was the eventuality of this meeting?

A. James F. Joy, a promoter who was interested in the Aurora branch and the Michigan Central, was consulted and eastern backing was secured through him.

Q. How much did Galesburg, through Colton, agree to subscribe?

A. \$300,000.

Q. How much did the original Galesburgers have to raise 15 years before to buy the half-township where the town stood?

A. \$21,000.

Q. Did the citizenry succeed in raising \$300,000?

A. At the last minute there was but \$250,000 subscribed with apparently all resources tapped. Joy reported that his Boston capitalists refused either to reduce the amount or extend the time.

Q. How was the money finally raised?

A. A meeting was called and frantic appeals made to Colton. Finally he turned to his friend Silas Willard and said: "I will subscribe half if you will." Willard accepted.

Q. How did Colton and Willard get the money?

A. Both had subscribed to the limit of their resources, but they borrowed the money at 10 per cent interest.

Q. What road was on the verge of taking over the plan?

A. After leaving Galesburg for Chicago, Joy encountered the treasurer of the Rock Island on his way to Galesburg to close a contract with the Central Military Tract Railroad, and open a subscription for stock.

Q. What was the population of Galesburg at the time of the \$300,000 subscription?

A. Scarcely 1,000.

What's New

A cheap plastic compound has been developed from the waste product of sugar cane known as bagasse.

An improved machine has been invented for more accurately testing the wearing qualities of various fabrics.

Flexible, waterproof cement, said to be superior to any previously in use, is to be marketed in tube form.

Much synthetic gasoline has been produced in Germany, but it is said to be unsuitable for use in airplane engines.

Development of a substitute for sheet mica is reported by scientists of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Tests are being made in fighting fire with carbon dioxide gas, to avoid water damage to articles in a burning building.

Attached to the starter, a new device can be set to give out an unearthly warning sound when an unauthorized person tries to start a parked car.

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Advised by the Principal

By JANE OSBORNE
(McClure Syndicate)
WNU Service.

MARY DAWSON went timidly into the principal's room to sign the time chart that first day of her career as teacher in Public School No. 78. As she approached the table a young man drew back to let her precede him.

"Thank you," said Mary, and as she looked at him all she noticed was that he had red hair.

"I didn't know there were any men teachers here," she observed at recess to one of the younger teachers whom she had met in the playground. "I saw one when I was signing in this morning—young—with red hair—what grade does he teach?"

"That's Dick Mendham—teaches eighth-grade boys. There are three of 'em—if you call 'em men—never seem like real men to me. But they have to have 'em to teach the big boys—they're such a rough crowd in a neighborhood like this."

Later Mary Dawson realized that this young woman's attitude toward the men teachers at No. 78 was characteristic of the attitude of the other women teachers there, who passed Mr. Mendham and the other two men in the corridors with amused or disdainful mien.

After Mary had been teaching for a month or more Miss Graham, the principal, asked her to stop in her office after school to see about report cards. It was a small matter soon arranged and then Miss Graham asked Mary to sit down and have a little chat. Miss Graham asked Mary how she liked her work. Mary said she liked to teach, though she was doing it to make a living.

"I'll give you a piece of advice," said Miss Graham, who was 50. "Snap out of it as soon as you can. Once the system gets you it will be hard to get out. You'll put off the idea of marriage because every year you'll look forward to a little more money the next. Then you'll begin to count the years to your retirement with a nice annuity the rest of your life. Now my advice to you is to marry your best young man soon—before you get obsessed with this idea of yearly increase and eventually retirement."

"But suppose I haven't a young man," said Mary smiling.

"Marry the first man that asks you—providing he's decent. Don't wait for a man who can guarantee a yearly increase and an annuity in your old age."

"I'll remember what you have said," said Mary with a little blush, and would have said more but Miss Graham interrupted.

"Don't go away," the principal was calling good naturedly—then in an aside to Mary—"There's poor Mr. Mendham—scared off because you're here. Somehow men teachers never seem like real men." Then raising her voice: "Come right in Mr. Mendham, I want to show you the new report cards."

Mary hurried out of the principal's room, tingling with a deep sort of resentment. It wasn't because of what Miss Graham had said about marriage. Undoubtedly she had given good advice. It was because of what she had said about Mr. Mendham. Mary herself liked Mr. Mendham and respected him.

One day she was leaving the school at the same time that Mr. Mendham passed out of the teachers' entrance, and because Miss Graham was standing by, Mary waited for him and asked him if he would walk with her—since they both went in the same direction. A few days later when he had walked home with her she asked him to come into tea at her boarding house. It was four o'clock and her boarding-house keeper, who was an English woman, always had tea in the little parlor.

A month later Mary found herself one evening after dinner eagerly waiting for Dick Mendham who had invited her to go to the theater with him. Mary wondered why she was so feverishly eager for the time of his arrival to come. Then as she walked beside him and later sat beside him in the subway going to the theater she reflected to herself that he looked much more attractive away from school. And coming back after the theater that night Richard Mendham asked Mary to be his wife. Mary accepted him at once.

"I never dreamed that you would have me—at least not right away," Dick told her, and Mary was wondering how much Miss Graham's advice had had to do with her quick decision. He was the first man who asked her, and she had accepted him. They planned to be married in the summer after school was over and Dick told Mary that he would never consent to her teaching after they were married. He himself was giving up teaching when the summer came. He had a position waiting for him in a school-book publishing company and had been teaching for two years to fit himself for this work. His uncle was the president of the concern.

In June Mary announced her engagement to Miss Graham.

"Not Dick Mendham," said she, amazed. "What made you accept him?"

"You did," said Mary, her eyes glowing. "You told me to accept the first man that proposed. And I want to thank you for your very good advice."

Illinois Pioneer

An almost legendary figure in the history of Crawford County, Illinois, is the Frenchman, La Motte, say research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, who have compiled a guide book to the state.

Tradition has it that when the first French settlers came to the region, La Motte was already established there, probably as a fur trader, and the only white man in the area. Other than this, little seems to be known of his life.

A fort, a creek, a prairie, a township, and a school were named after him.

Bath Tubs and Education

In 1894 the bath tub was introduced as a factor in Illinois public education, when one board of education decreed that the basements of two schools should be fitted with bath tubs for the use of children found by truant officers, research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, have learned from an early newspaper.

The board decreed that boys who seemed to be in need of a bath were to receive a scrubbing under the supervision of the school janitor and that girls in a similar condition should be taken in charge by the women employed as assistant janitors.

Education in Good Manners

In the early days of Illinois when schools were private institutions, financed by parents who wished to educate their children, good manners were considered as important as reading, writing and arithmetic.

In 1830 a subscription school in Montgomery County required each boy upon entering the room to make a bow, first to the teacher, and then to the rest of the school. A gentle and demure curtsy was expected from girl students. This was considered the first step in the making of a polished lady or gentleman.

With the advent of the free schools, the formalities of training in politeness and courtesy was left in other hands. The change, report research workers for the Illinois Writers' Project, was mourned by many of the pioneers. A letter written in 1873 by a Hillsboro resident, stated the writer's disappointment in the passing of an art, which "however simple the thing may have been, took time and practice to do it gracefully."

Executor's Notice

Estate of Friedrich Albers, deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed Executor of the Estate of Friedrich Albers, deceased, late of the County of Champaign and State of Illinois, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Champaign County, at the Court House in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, on the 16th day of October A. D. 1939, the same being the Third Monday of October, next, at which time all persons having claims against said Estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having same adjusted. All persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 11th day of September A. D. 1939.

Martin Sy, Executor,
Cotton & Nichols,
Attorneys.

Chicago streets were first lighted with gas on the night of September 5, 1850.

Finding he had unjustly accused Mary Hogan of theft, Geo. Stevens of Milwaukee offered to marry her and she accepted him.

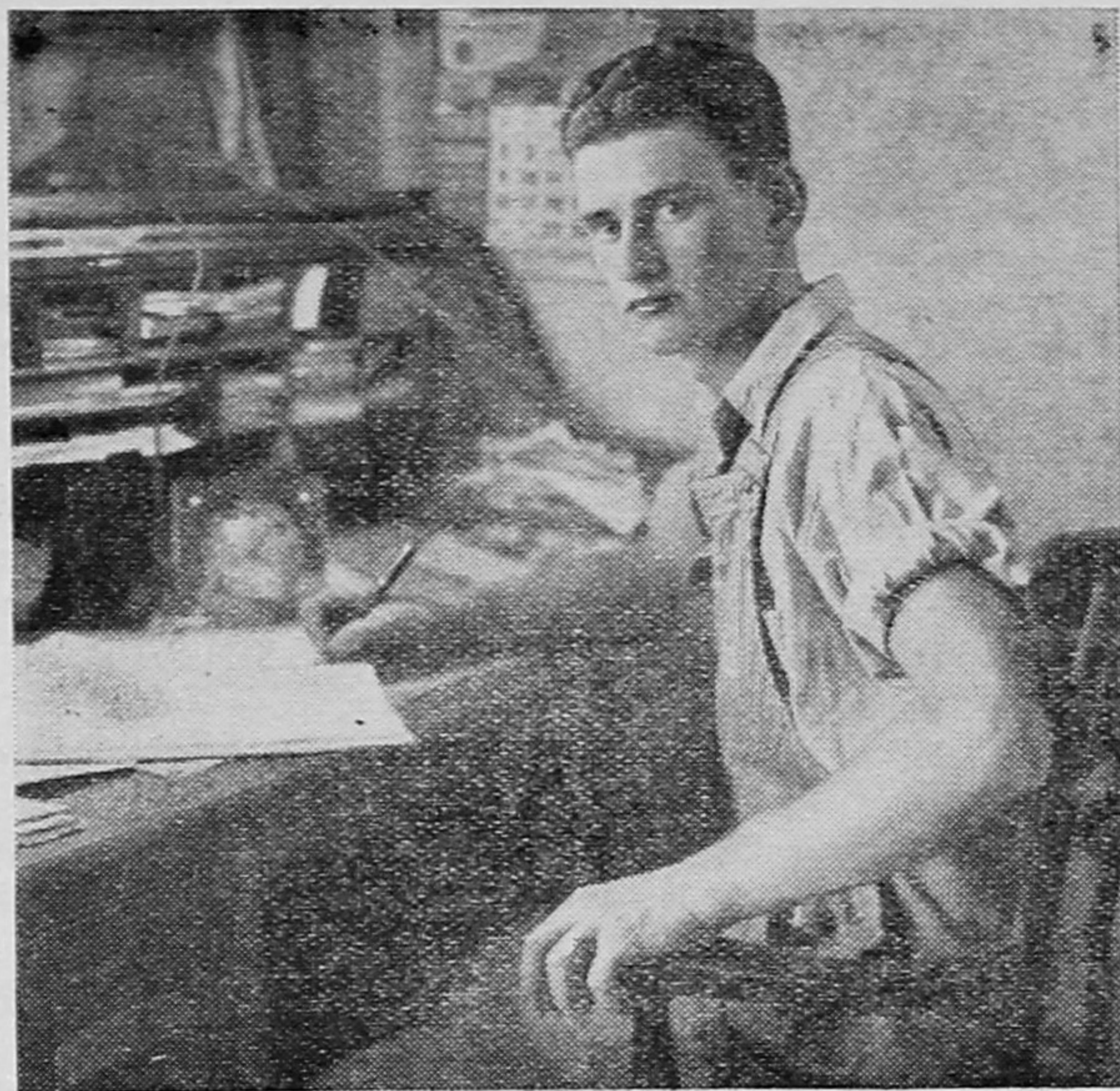
Not satisfied with taking his money and a watch, a bandit forced Frank Morris of Omaha to take off his new shoes and hand them over also.

Canoe for a Ferry

An abandoned Indian canoe was once put into service as a ferry across the Kishwaukee River at Belvidere, Illinois, say research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, who have compiled a guide book to the state. The makeshift ferry, however, did not last long. When a rumor spread that the canoe had belonged to Black Hawk, the famous Indian chief, souvenir hunters literally tore the craft to pieces.

Restricting Dan Cupid

In 1899 a group of Illinois bachelors agreed to marry widows only, according to a news item that has come to the attention of research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA. The club, formed in Peoria that year, consisted of 35 members for whom penalties and expulsion were provided for violation of rules. Bachelors who married widows with children received a sum of money taken from funds collected from fines.



Wilbert Stevenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stevenson, whose farm is near Streator, Ill., has been announced the national winner of the 4-H Club Farm Accounting Contest. The award was presented to him at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

Supervision of the contest in Illinois was under the boys' 4-H Club staff of the Agricultural Extension Service, College of Agriculture, Uni-

versity of Illinois, with Professor E. I. Pilchard in charge. Young Stevenson is a student in the College of Agriculture at the University.

This photograph shows him busy with his accounts at home. The annual contest, in which many thousands of farm boys and girls all over the nation participate, is sponsored and the awards are given by the International Harvester Company.

Alex Ifill, 12, confessed to the New York police that he set fire to a school house to get even with a teacher who scolded him.

A psychologist recommends letter writing for lonely persons. But it's sometimes risky for lonely men of means.

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Smiles and Umbrellas

By VIVA STINGEL ELDREDGE
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GAIL NORTON'S fingers flew rapidly over her typewriter, while against the office windows the rain beat a furious tattoo. It was like a shimmering, silver sheet that shut one in. She thought cozily of the two good hours of uninterrupted work she could accomplish when Mr. Benton, her employer, finally took himself off to the luncheon at the Men's Civic club. It was an important chance for Benton and Company, he had given her to understand. "If I can only talk convincingly—most of the city council will be there—the board will give me the franchise." In his jerky, worried way he had marked out his plan. Every phase of the subject had been gone over painstakingly, and Gail was making copious notes.

"Don't leave out anything, Miss Norton. I'm sure to forget half I want to say—" So he worried and fussed.

Sometimes her employer's pessimistic nature sorely tried Gail's joyous spirit. He was so doubtful of every outcome.

Almost at the end of the notes Mr. Benton's voice broke in sharply and caused her to start guiltily.

"Where's the office umbrella, Miss Norton?"

"Oh, Mr. Benton, I'm so sorry. Who could have supposed that it would rain again today! I lent it to that old man yesterday—he looked so forlorn in that downpour."

"Call a taxi, Miss Norton." Mr.

SHORT SHORT STORY

Complete in This Issue

Benton's tone was curt as he jerked himself over to the coat rack. "Of course there'll be no taxis. Everything will be engaged."

It was as he said. The town's small supply of taxicabs was kept busy in a storm.

He was shrugging into his coat, his hat in his hand. "Pouring like the devil. No taxi, no umbrella—"

"Let a smile be your umbrella," Gail's lilting voice mocked, even as a look of consternation overspread her face.

Dazedly she watched her employer, white of face, turn back from the door, write a check, and hand it to her. "You're through, Miss Norton. There's an extra week's salary." The soft, careful closing of the door showed to what heat his anger had risen.

Gail's first feeling was one of sorrow that she should have bothered him on this day, of all days. Vexedly she bit her unruly tongue.

Well. Her first position was ended. Her eyes sought the window. Rather a rainy day to look for another job.

For 15 minutes she typed steadily, then carried the letters to the accustomed place on Mr. Benton's desk. Why, there were the notes she had made for him. Her conscience smote her again. Forgotten because of her untimely flippancy.

She stood in indecision for a moment. He had fired her. He needn't have done that—quite. Did she owe it to him to rush out in all that storm? Always expecting the sun to shine, she was unprepared, of course. But she'd do it. The funny side of the situation appealed to her. She'd take the notes—and a smile—and chase Mr. Benton.

The wind and rain battled about her small body. Once it flung her against a fence, and she clung there, laughing, until she got her breath. Roses were in her cheeks and kinky little tendrils of hair blew about her face. She hoped she would be in time, that Mr. Benton wouldn't have given his speech.

Arrived at the club, she was amazed to find that her employer had not come. Luncheon had been held up for a time, but was now in progress.

Hardly knowing why, Gail asked if anyone had been assigned his place on the program. No; no one had been available.

"Then—then—may I take his place?" Gail asked, her heart in her mouth.

It was arranged. She slipped out of her dripping hat and coat, mopped her face with an inadequate square and "squashed" in.

Fear gripped her as she viewed that long table of men. Too scared to think of another thing, she began: "It's a rainy, rainy day, gentlemen."

What an absurd thing to say! And she laughed, her joyous laugh.

From critical, disinterested or disapproving eyes, the cold rain of stares gave way to understanding sympathy. Then Gail was unafraid and laughed into her subject.

Mr. Benton, returning from his unsuccessful trip back after the notes, stopped aghast at the back of the hall, but he soon saw that Gail's belief in her subject, her enthusiasm and her clear, concise answering of questions were impressing the men.

She was talking convincingly, all right. He felt his own beliefs strengthening. For once he was sure that his project had won. Being honest, if irascible, he admitted to himself that he had "better give her a raise instead of firing her."

Tarry He Could

By PHYLIS DORR
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HE SAW her first in the old garden, leaning against the ancient stone house where the morning sun had warmed the rocks. She stood very quietly, back to the wall, hands outspread to its warmth, apparently dreaming.

SHORT SHORT STORY

She was slim, with short black hair, but her expression—well, her thoughts must have been perched on that whitest cloud that was chasing the others around the world.

Just then the girl moved. He expected her to—Well, he didn't know just what he did expect her to do, but not to shrug and walk slowly into the house, as she did.

"Hm! End of chapter one," he thought. "She intrigues me; guess I'll hang around awhile."

Modern youth, in search of adventure, tarries at the sight of a whimsical-looking girl in a frayed-at-the-wrists blue smock, who leans against an old stone house in a nearly deserted garden. Oh, well, it will interest him to find out the whyness of the is. And then, maybe, he will wander along. Or will he?

The girl Nancy? Inside the house she surveyed its genuine antiqueness, not with the speculative eye of the collector, but as one who knows every crack where dirt will gather and every inconvenience caused by lack of the modern home improvements.

"Thunder! And it could be a charming old place; and comfortable; and without spoiling the oldness of it, either. Oh, how can I get Gram to let me fix it up, and how can I pry the money loose from her to do it with? It would be different if she didn't have it, but darn it, she has!"

Later, as the sun set, and Gram couldn't see so well, Nancy wandered to the door for a breath of the sweet "damp night air" that Gram so feared.

"I beg your pardon," a masculine voice remarked. The girl jumped perceptibly. "W—what—where did you come from?"

"Baby dear? Out of the nowhere, etc., or weren't you quoting?"

"Really! I'm afraid I—"

"I don't blame you, I'd be afraid, too, if I said such things to me before I knew me. But, honestly, I'm not escaped from—well, any of those well-known places. I'm just an irresponsible, and want very much to sketch that interesting old tree in your garden, and see the color of your eyes. May I?"

Beginning to enjoy this, she replied, "Which?"

"Both," came promptly back. The young man came, he stayed, he—sketched. The next day was like unto the first, and so on, for over a week. Of course, ever so often, he needed a rest period; so he sought Nancy. They talked about everything people usually talk about, and he found out the history and interesting facts about the old house.

"You know," said George, "I love it here. And tarry I would if I could, just talking to you; but the crave for filthy lucre with which to support my fainting form makes it necessary for me to depart."

They were sitting on the doorstep and, as he rose to go, Gram hastily drew back from the window.

"See you tomorrow, and then—who knows?" He waved to Nancy and left.

"Nancy, Nancy!"

"Yes, Gram!"

"Nancy, at last. I'll allow I don't think you've known him hardly long enough to accept him right off, and you did right to temporize, but he's proposed, and when you do accept him and get married, I'll give you this house for a wedding present."

"The house—propose! Why, Gram!"

"Oh, I heard him. 'Course I couldn't hear all, but I guess when I hear words like 'love,' 'dear,' 'marry,' a murmur, and then 'heart,' that it's a proposal."

"Good grief," thought Nancy, "what bad hearing can do to a prosaic conversation."

In the morning George found her again leaning against the sunny wall, eyes on the sky.

"Sit down. I am going to talk to you."

"Well, you've done that before."

"Uh huh, but not sitting very close to you where Gram couldn't possibly see us. She sort of put you in a hole last night, didn't she?"

"What!"

"You heard what I said. So did Gram, last night. I figured she would—I thought it rather clever of me. So I returned and did a little eavesdropping myself. You looked the part of an engaged girl so perfectly that I—well, I had to push me out of the gate awful hard to make me go."

"George, you're a villain!"

"Uh, huh, but we'll reverse the melodrama and let the villain capture me pr-round beauty."

Punishment ensued—there should be a row of asterisks.

"I thought you were leaving tomorrow."

"Right. Temporarily, to get the marriage license."

"But all your bags are packed."

"Right again. I wasn't dead sure of the other party."

"Oh."

More asterisks.

Illinois State Capitol News

A total of 310 producing oil wells were completed in Illinois during August, the monthly report of the State Geological Survey reveals. Drilling or production activities were in progress in 55 of the state's 102 counties on Sept. 1, with a total of 483 drilling operations in various stages of development.

Approximately one million quail will be bagged by hunters in the state during the coming season, which opens in all zones Nov. 10, Thomas J. Lynch, Director of the Department of Conservation, predicts.

There is an abundance of quail in all southern counties of the state and a heavy population in some 15 scattered counties in northern and central sections of the state.

In a statement calling attention to Real Estate and Home Owners Week, Oct. 1 to 7, Governor Horner pointed out the stabilizing social influence of home ownership.

"There is no greater defense against subversive political doctrines and social unrest than the widespread ownership of individual homes," the Governor declared. "That nation is fundamentally most secure in which the largest proportion of citizens dwell in their own homes."

The recent hot weather hastened the maturity of the corn and soy bean crops in Illinois, according to reports of the Illinois and Federal Departments of Agriculture. Corn has established a new record for early maturity and practically all of it now is reported to be out of frost danger.

Prospects for a record corn yield continue favorable with the average estimated at 49 bushels per acre. The estimated yield of soybeans is 22 bushels which is second only to the record of 23.5 in 1938.

Long View News

Mr. and Mrs. James Parks and the Merton Parks family attended a reunion of the Parks family at Sidell last Sunday afternoon.

Loyal Workers of the Christian Church were entertained on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Helen Mohr.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dyar and daughter, Kitty Mae, of Dayton, Ohio, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Luther Betts.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beatty are parents of a son, James Jr., born Saturday, Sept. 16. This is their first child. The mother is the former Lois Nonman.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bengston have returned from Mt. Ayr, Indiana, after spending a week with Mrs. Bengston's parents. Mrs. D. A. Smith went with them and visited her mother also at Mt. Ayr.

At seven p. m. Saturday, Sept. 16, Miss Esther Albin and Rex Dague, both of Newman, were united in marriage. Vows were read by Rev. J. A. Parker, pastor of the Longview Christian church, in his home. The singling service was used.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Albin of Newman. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dague, also of Newman.

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Interesting Notes

Playing with a cigar lighter, a cat set fire to the home of Fred Smith in Boston.

An opossum is reported to be doing duty as rat catcher at the jail in Belleville, Ill.

Mrs. Mary Fuller, 104, of Stratford, Ont., climbs a ladder to her bedroom, refusing to have a stairway built.

Robert Watson of St. Paul was arrested for robbing a man who had given him a night's lodging and a suit of clothes.

Robert Morris of Pittsburgh, wearing only a nightshirt, chased and caught a thief who had entered his home.

Calvin Meeks of Minneapolis found three old \$20 bills in a suitcase bought for \$1 at a second hand store.

Burglars who robbed the home of Robert Jones in Los Angeles of \$3 tarried long enough to eat a cherry pie.

Ellen Kearny, a New York chorus girl, in a moment of exhilaration kicked a policeman's cap off and was arrested.

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