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News Items of 12 Years Ago

Oct. 5, 1927

Louis Frick entertained the Phi Beta Delta class of St. John's Church.

Miss Virginia Richard was home from Danville where she was attending school over the week end.

Miss Leone Brewer, who was teaching school at Georgetown, visited home folks over the week end.

Ed Nohren and Ray Bowman attended the sessions of the Grand Masonic Lodge at Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Limp attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Limp, at Huntingburg, Ind.

20 Years Ago

Oct. 3, 1919

Miss Irene Kilian accepted a position with the Douglas Telephone Co.

Mrs. Emma Allen and daughter, Miss Hazel, motored to Philo, to visit Mrs. Ethel Burns and children.

Lightning struck the Henson property which had recently been vacated by Mrs. Mary Fuell and family. Two large holes were torn in the house.

Miss Dorothy Douthit went to Fithian for two weeks instruction in bookkeeping before taking up her duties as bookkeeper for the local branch of the De Long Motor Co.

Harry Richard driving a Ford and Clarence Kilian driving a Chevrolet, had a head-on collision four miles south of Broadlands. Both cars were slightly damaged.

St. John's Evangelical Church

Karl F. Albers, Pastor.

Regular Church Worship hour at 10:30, followed by quarterly meeting. Meeting was postponed last Sunday on account of illness. All members and officers, church interested, are urged to be present.

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

MICKIE SAYS—

IF YA KIN SELL ANY MORE GOODS BY NOT TELLIN' FOLKS 'BOUT 'EM, THEN IT DONT PAY TO ADVERTISE!



Homer Bank Trustees Pay Final Dividend

Dr. F. M. Conkey and Wm. Heppie, surviving trustees of the Raynor-Babb State Bank, spent Wednesday in Urbana signing checks in payment of the final dividend due depositors of the institution, completing the 100 per cent liquidation of its depositor liability, the steadfast goal of the late C. D. Babb, who was also a trustee. Checks totaling \$13,473.43 were signed, covering a 25 per cent dividend, and were to be mailed from Urbana Thursday.

The recent sale of the farm on which Joe McElroy is a tenant to Harry Winston, Sidney, and Ralph McElroy, Homer, provided funds sufficient to complete the liquidation, ending the duties of trustees Conkey and Heppie.

There are unique phases in the liquidation of the Raynor-Babb bank which reflect credit upon the late Mr. Babb and his co-trustees. A review of the liquidation will be published in next week's Enterprise.—Homer Enterprise.

Lutheran Aid Society Meets With Mrs. Mary Struck

The Ladies Aid society of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church met at the home of Mrs. Mary Struck on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Lena Biesterfeld had charge of the business meeting and Rev. P. E. Kerkhoff led the devotions.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in piecing quilts.

Guests present were Mrs. Marie Madigan of Champaign, Misses Florence Rothermel, Ella Luth, Mildred Messman, and Mrs. Will Rothermel.

Members present were Mesdames Lena Rothermel, Lena Biesterfeld, Freda Luth, Elsie Cress, Lena Wienke, Hannah Luth, Esther Rothermel, Lyda Messman, Josephine Kerkhoff, Elvena Sy, Amelia Smith, Carrie Wienke, Bertha Kracht, Marie Bundy, Johanna Luth, Louise Struck, Lena Seider, Tena Seider, Rickie Rothermel, Flora Mohr, Josephine Schweineke, Mary Struck.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elvena Sy.

Methodist Church Notes

W. Earl Ballew, Pastor

The Sunday School meets at 10:00 o'clock. Any one attending goes away from it the better and happier.

The Church Service next Sunday is in the evening, at 7:30.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Divine worship, 10:00 a. m. Sermon: "Altars to an Unknown God."

There is no more pathetic figure than he who worships at the altar of an unknown god. We have an example of it in the case of St. Augustine, who drifted aimlessly from altar to altar until he found Christ.

In his great book, a spiritual autobiography unique in literature, he pictures the dire need in which he stood before he found Christ. In one great sentence he sums up the experience of his own heart and life: "Thou hast made us for thyself, O God, and our souls are restless until they rest in Thee."



Local and Personal

Mrs. Chas. Bevers visited in Chicago the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ewing of Fairland were Sunday guests in the Edward Maxwell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Block visited Mrs. George Messman at Champaign last Friday.

Andrew Henson of Normal University, Normal, spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. Nelle McPherran spent the weekend with her mother at Urbana.

Frank Frick has returned from Brinkley hospital at Little Rock, Ark., after a few weeks treatment.

Mrs. Stanley Scheeter of Danville spent the past few days with her mother, Mrs. Lottie Astell.

G. L. Parsons of Villa Grove, a former editor of The Broadlands News, paid this office a pleasant call last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schweineke of Champaign were guests in the Fritz Schweineke home on Sunday.

Kenneth Dicks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Witt, Mr. and Mrs. John Nohren and son, Harry, were Sunday guests in the Edward Nohren home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerna Bloek and daughter, Elvera, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Nichols were Sunday dinner guests in the Roy Boyd home.

Mrs. Maria Frisbee of Champaign and Mrs. Wilma Krisen of Tuscola visited at the Fritz Schweineke home, Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiese entertained at dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ankrom and daughter of Lovington, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ankrom of Bement, Mrs. Alfred Zenke and children.

Rev. P. E. Kerkhoff and Herman Struck left Sunday to attend the Twenty-First Convention of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church in session at Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rothermel, Jr., entertained at dinner, Sunday, Lou Schweineke and family, Newman, Elmer Messman and family, Homer; George Rothermel and family, William Rothermel and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Block visited Mrs. Floyd Block at Jarman hospital, Tuscola, Thursday of last week.

Miss Geraldine Jackson and Paul Reiz of Champaign were Sunday guests in the James Jackson home.

Misses Beulah Gore, Farrell and Lorena Wagner of Indianapolis spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Gore.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyl Cummings and son, Lowell, of Danville visited Mr. and Mrs. August Zantow, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Zantow and daughter, Lois, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Swearingen at Tolono.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilian, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilian, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Dean Upp at Vincennes, Ind., Sunday. The Senior Kilians remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. Nelle McPherran has been appointed chairman of the Rural School Section of the East Central Division of Illinois Educational Association, which will meet at the U. of I., Oct. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Logan entertained at dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Marcelle Ragan and daughter of Hazeldell; Shelby Roberts and Miss Myrna Dunn of Hidalgo.

Beginning this Saturday night, Oct. 7, movie shows will be given at the Broadlands Theater each Saturday night. Ten dollars will be given away at each show. Local business men are sponsoring the shows. Admission 10c to all.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dohme entertained at dinner, Sunday, Othol Willoughby and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wiese of Brocton; James Gorman and family, Philo; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krukewitt, of Homer; Mr. and Mrs. August Wiese, Mrs. Emma Block, Mr. Henry Wiese, Mrs. Leon Struck, Mrs. Irene Wiese and children, Clarence Kilian and family.

The following relatives spent Sunday in the Howard Clem home: Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Stanford, daughter, Miss Cleo, and Mrs. Ellen Stanford, Clay City; Mrs. Don Clawson and daughter, Carolyn, Illiopolis; Albert Clem, Earl Clem and family, Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Hubbel, Tolono; Herbert Clem and family, Everett Clem and family, Miss Marjorie Krukewitt, Homer; and Miss Anna Clem.

Mrs. Betty Dicks Entertains G. T. Club at Allerton Home

Mrs. Betty Dicks entertained the G. T. Club at her home in Allerton on Thursday afternoon of last week.

President Mrs. Anna Struck had charge of the business meeting.

Five tables of "500" were in play, Mrs. Jennie Nohren winning high score prize.

Mrs. Minnie Anderson will entertain the next club. Beginning with October the meetings will be held from 1:30 o'clock to 4:00.

Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, salad, and coffee.

Members present were Mesdames Ida Messman, Jessie Bergfield, Minnie Anderson, Freda Maxwell, Neva Frick, Olive Rayl, Bertha Cook, Leona Bergfield, Rosa Smith, Maude Fitzgerald, Ruby Holt, Delia Nohren, Pearl DeWitt, Lillie Bowman, Mary Dicks, Ruth Henson, Elsa Walker, Gladys McClelland, Jennie Nohren, Zermah Witt, Anna Struck, Helen Eckerty, Betty Dicks.

Mrs. Ella Maxwell is Hostess to U. B. Aid

Mrs. Ella Maxwell was hostess to the U. B. Ladies Aid last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Thelma Clem had charge of the devotions and Mrs. Leona Bergfield conducted the business meeting. The rest of the time was spent socially.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cabbage salad, pickles, dark cake and coffee were served.

Guests present were Mrs. Josie Riddle, Mrs. Lillous Carr, Mrs. Cecil Griffith, Mrs. Alice Crain, Rev. J. F. Turner.

Members present were Mesdames Thelma Clem, Ruth Henson, Jessie Bergfield, Olive Rayl, Flora Bailey, Ora Brown, Bessie Loomis, Lydia Brown, Jennie Nohren, Leona Bergfield, Freda Maxwell, Nola Donley, Agnes Turner, Lillie Bowman, and Ella Maxwell.

Royal Guards Meet at Henry Mohr Home

The Royal Guards of the St. John's Evangelical Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mohr last Tuesday evening.

Lyman Mohr had charge of the business session, and Rev. Karl Albers led the devotions.

Refreshments were served.

Members present were Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Mohr, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilian, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nohren, Mrs. John Nohren, Rev. Karl Albers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mohr.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kilian.

Paul Reiz, Champaign, to Wed Geraldine Jackson

Paul Reiz, 24, of 108 West Washington street, Champaign, has applied to the county clerk for a license to wed Miss Naomi Geraldine Jackson, 18, of Broadlands.

A light rainfall visited this locality on Thursday of this week.

For Sale—One Quick Meal Range, in good condition, reasonable.—Mrs. Harry Allen, Allerton.

Bud Strucks Report A Delightful Trip

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Struck and children, who recently returned from a five weeks vacation motor trip in the west, covered 8,000 miles, seeing many places of interest and beauty. They saw the Rushmore Memorial in the Black Hills, and drove through the Big Horn Mountains on the way to Yellowstone, some of these mountains being snow-capped. At Lead, South Dakota, they went through the Homestake Gold Mine, which is the largest low grade gold mine in the world. At Yellowstone National Park they saw Old Faithful and other geysers, the falls and canyon of the Yellowstone River, and the Mammoth Hot Springs. They drove up to see the Grand Coulee Dam, which is now being constructed on the Columbia River in Washington. At Seattle, Wash., they saw the U. S. Locks, the frozen fish aquarium, and Mt. Ranier National Park. At Toledo, Oregon, they went through a large spruce and fir lumber mill. The highway was along the ocean from northern Oregon down into California. They saw thousands of sea lions, and their cave.

In southern Oregon they saw the Myrtle trees, which grow only in Oregon and in the Holy Land. The Redwood Highway took them through the redwoods in California. They saw the tallest tree in the world, and they drove through two different trees. They visited the Fair on Treasure Island at San Francisco, and at Hollywood they drove past some of the movie stars' homes, and studios. They went to Catalina Island on a boat carrying 1,400 passengers. While there they rode on a glass bottom boat to view the life on the bottom of the ocean. They saw several ships with the American flag painted on the side. They drove through miles of orange and lemon groves, and vineyards.

On the way home they saw Boulder Dam, Grand Canyon National Park, and Mesa Verde National Park.

Motorists Pay Huge Gas Taxes Visiting Fairs

Two spans like the Golden Gate bridge at San Francisco could be built and paid for with the money motorists will pay in gas taxes while driving to and from the world's fairs this year.

A recent survey reveals that motorists driving to both world's fairs will drop nearly seventy million dollars into the palms of federal and state gasoline tax collectors this year, enough to pay the bill, according to the Chicago Motor club.

And here's how and why: A total of nine million car loads of motorists are expected to visit the fairs. Collectively, they will drive some 18 billion miles and consume about one billion, two hundred million gallons of gasoline, making a total tax assessment of \$70,000,000.

Market Report

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

No. 2 hard wheat, new 72c
No. 2 white corn 51c
No. 2 yellow corn 40c
No. 3 oats, new 30c
No. 2 beans, new 72c

The News is \$1.50 a year.

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Rare U. S. Money

In a collection owned by a New York bank is the most complete assortment of rare money in the world, which visitors are permitted to see. A few of the rarest United States issues may be mentioned.

There is a silver dollar of 1804, only 14 of which are now in existence. It is said that the rest of those minted that year went down with a ship bound for China and lost in a storm.

Another oddity is the Pine Tree shilling. Although this coin was minted for 30 years, the date 1652 is on all of them. There are paper bills issued in the early days by various states which were printed in two languages; for example, Louisiana issued bills printed in English and French, and Pennsylvania in English and German.

Various specimens of local script, issued during emergencies, are also shown, as well as greenbacks issued by banks between 1820 and 1860, also specimens of Confederate money.

In the early days, American Indians highly valued red woodpecker scalps, which were used as money.

Two cancelled checks issued by Henry Ford are shown, one for one cent, the other for \$146,000,000. There is also the special check designed for the payment of Lindbergh's \$25,000 Atlantic flight prize money, and a draft executed in Braille, signed by Helen Keller.

Altogether there are about 40,000 pieces in the collection, owned by the Chase National Bank, which is visited by some 15,000 persons every year.

The Destructive Rat

Public health authorities estimate that the actual loss caused by rats in the United States amounts to \$400,000,000 a year, of which about one-half is in foodstuffs and the rest in the destruction of other property.

The number of rats engaged in these depredations is estimated at 120,000,000, or about equal to the country's human population.

Besides the destructiveness of the rat is its constant menace to health through the transmission of disease, especially bubonic plague, which is spread entirely by fleas which infect infected rats. While the disease has been held in check in countries employing preventive measures, bubonic plague killed more than 11,000,000 people in India during a 20-year period.

The Public Health Service declares that if the extraordinarily prolific breeding of rats were not partially controlled by natural enemies, disease and the cannibalistic tendencies of the animal itself, they would soon overrun the world and exterminate man by depriving him of his sources of food.

Like many other ever-present menaces to property and health, the rat appears to be taken for granted, and seldom is any concerted effort made with a view to its extermination.

An exchange tells of a citizen whose ambition is to get a job as tester in a mattress factory.

A music critic says only two per cent of people can sing. A liberal estimate, we should say.

Sidelights

When officers in Columbus, O., evicted John Taylor from his home in the roots of a fallen tree, explaining: "You might freeze to death," Taylor asked: "What do you think I am, a panty-waist?"

A father testifying in his daughter's divorce case on non-support charges declared in a court in Knoxville, Tenn., that the husband "never even bought her a box of snuff, and she loves snuff better than nearly anything."

Eight-year-old Edward Pearlman of Philadelphia wandered away from home so often that his mother took him to a clinic for an examination. While she explained his case to the doctor, Edward strayed off for several hours.

John Moraine of Montreal thought his legs were paralyzed and had not walked for three years. But when lightning struck his house during a severe thunderstorm recently, he forgot his infirmity and ran for dear life.

Inspecting an electric washing machine a recent June bride asked what the hole in the bottom was for. When told it was to let the water out she exclaimed: "Oh, it doesn't wash with electricity then; you have to use water."

What's New

Japanese chemists are attempting to make synthetic tobacco from the soybean.

Among freak inventions is an automatic spanking machine devised by an Australian.

Dr. W. F. Goebel reports that a synthetic vaccine against disease has been made at Rockefeller Institute.

Television by telephone is said to have been made possible for a distance of 400 miles, persons seeing one another as they converse.

Experiments indicate that tonsils aid growth. Young fish fed tonsil tissue from hogs, grew larger than those given an ordinary diet.

A laboratory for studying cosmic rays has been established by a University of Chicago scientist in an unused steel tunnel, the rays penetrating 50 feet of rock.

Dr. O. C. Durham, a Chicago botanist, recently began a 10,000 mile airplane trip to study the distribution in the United States of plant pollens which cause hay fever, and to find out how far the wind carries such pollens from their source.

Problem for Educators by Popular Request

Illinois educators of 63 years ago pondered over the problem of whether they should spend public funds to pay for instruction in a subject now commonly called shorthand, but in those days referred to as phonography.

Research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, collecting historical information from early newspaper files, noted a report that in Cook County "nearly one hundred persons have applied for admission to the evening schools who intend to acquire a knowledge of phonography. The question that arises is, is this study of sufficient importance for the county to hire a special teacher to impart the knowledge."

Before long, thousands of students were being given instruction in this subject.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. Where did the first United States circuit court meet in Illinois?

A. Vandalia.
Q. Who were the justices of the court?
A. John McLean and Nathaniel Pope.

Q. When were the federal courts transferred from Vandalia?

A. In 1839 they were transferred to the new capital at Springfield.

Q. What interesting case involving the Mormon leader Joseph Smith was before the United States circuit court at Springfield in 1843?

A. Joseph Smith (the Mormon Prophet) was before the court on a charge of having instigated an attempt to murder Ex-Governor Boggs of Missouri.

Q. Who were Smith's attorneys?

A. Justin Butterfield of Chicago and Benjamin S. Edwards of Springfield.

Q. How was Smith accompanied on his arrival for the preliminary hearing?

A. He was attended by his twelve apostles and a large number of his followers.

Q. Who was the presiding justice?

A. Nathaniel Pope.

Q. When was the case heard?

A. Jan. 4, 1843.

Q. What was the preface of the opening address delivered by Butterfield?

A. "May it please the court: I appear before you today under circumstances most novel and peculiar. I am to address the 'Pope,' (bowing to the judge) surrounded by angels (bowing still lower to the ladies) in the presence of the holy Apostles, in behalf of the Prophet of the Lord."

Q. What was the Pope's decision?

A. Smith was discharged on a technical point regarding extradition.

Strawberry Box Notes Add Romance to Work in 1885

In 1885, an ingenious young lady provided a romantic angle to Centralia's strawberry-packing industry, according to research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, who are assembling historical material for guide books.

One day during a few moments of leisure the enterprising girl picked up a strawberry box and wrote a letter on it. Happily surprised when a reply was received, she continued her box correspondence and soon had more than a hundred answers from all parts of the United States.

Cost of Light and Suds is Noted in Help Wanted Ad

Reminiscent of the days before the advent of electricity is the advertisement of a Springfield man in the Sangamo Journal, an early newspaper, 1832, for a tall chandler and soap boiler, say research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project.

Steady employment is promised to any person who can combine these two "professions," and complaint is made that "miserable candles are now selling at 10 to 12 cents per lb. Hard soap is brought from St. Louis, and retails at 12 and a half cents per lb. Soft soap is scarce at 6 and a quarter."

Walter Albright, 18, of Baltimore County, Md., was knocked out of a truck by a bolt of lightning which rendered him unconscious, but he shortly recovered. The straw hat he was wearing was torn to shreds.

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American Adventurers
By Elmo Scott Watson

Unlucky North Pole Seeker

ON OCTOBER 25, 1933, an automobile in Washington, D. C., struck down and killed a 71-year-old man who, for 20 years, had defied the numerous pitfalls of death in the frozen North and who once just missed sharing in the honors of discovering the North pole. He was Evelyn B. Baldwin.

Baldwin first went beyond the Arctic circle in 1893 as meteorologist with Capt. Robert Peary's second expedition to Greenland. On a previous expedition, Peary found what he thought was a "royal road to the pole," via Independence bay.

Baldwin suggested that a better route lay through Kane basin. But Peary decided otherwise. Ironically enough, when Peary did make his successful dash to the pole, several years later it was by the very route which Baldwin had suggested.

In 1897 Baldwin was en route to accompany the famous Andree balloon expedition to find the pole when Andree, suddenly favored by good weather, decided to start, without waiting the arrival of Baldwin's ship next day. On July 11, the ill-fated Andree sailed away, never to be heard of again until 1930 when a party of Norwegian explorers found his skeleton.

But this narrow escape from death did not daunt Baldwin. In 1901 he made his supreme attempt to reach the pole with the Baldwin-Ziegler expedition. It failed because his supply ship did not arrive in time and only good luck prevented the entire party from perishing. Before he could finance another expedition Peary discovered the pole and Baldwin's career as an explorer ended.

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Cannonballs in Walls of One Illinois Jail

Cannonballs placed between adjoining stones were used by the builders of the Macoupin County jail at Carlinville, say research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, who have compiled many little known historical facts for guide books to Illinois communities. This unique structure, the fourth jail house built there since 1832, has proved practically escape-proof because of its mode of construction.

Land of "Plenty to Eat"

Richness of the Illinois country in and around Sangamon County was known to the Indians long before the white men appeared, judging from the name they gave it. According to one historian, noted by research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, the Indian name was Sangamo, meaning "the country where there is plenty to eat."

Volunteers in the War of 1812, saw the country for the first time when they marched thru it to Peoria Lake, and soon after their return home the beauty and fertility of the area were often subjects of comment.

Mrs. Ethel Nicholson hitchhiked nearly 300 miles with her 2-year-old baby to take a job as housekeeper for Mrs. Mary Moody of Salem, N. J.

A 4-foot rattlesnake got tangled in the springs of J. F. Cleckley's automobile near Bamberg, S. C., and he had to employ a garage mechanic to remove it.

While trying to rescue his goat which had fallen into a well, L. V. Warlick of Marcum, Okla., fell in himself. Discovered several hours later both man and goat were fished out.

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At the request of relatives who missed their train to Stamford, Eng., to attend Charles Smith's funeral, the entire service was repeated the following day.

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Who Killed John Robbin?

By RAY SAPERSTEIN
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ON WEEK days Mr. Benjamin Telfer sold ribbons, laces, hosiery and underwear in Allenville's leading dry goods emporium to satisfy his body, but Sundays and evenings he spent in a manner suited to the needs of his soul—which called for detective stories.

In his youth Mr. Telfer had harbored a praiseworthy ambition to be the world's greatest sleuth, to make his name and fame a terror to evildoers the world over. But a certain young lady, to whom he was then engaged, objected to a life devoted to the pursuit of crime, and made it clear that no man, though otherwise possessing all the qualities dear to a maiden's heart, could follow such a profession and still aspire to her hand. So Mr. Telfer married the lady, and thereafter read about sleuths instead of being one himself.

He was alone in the house one evening, reading "The Mystery of the Headless Guards," a truly delightful tale.

Mr. Telfer laid down the book with a sigh of regret. He would have enjoyed a tussle with a gang like that, but Allenville offered few opportunities for a brave sleuth to distinguish himself. The majority of its inhabitants were too honest, or, at least, too law-abiding, to commit a crime worth noticing, and too poor to tempt criminals from other localities. Now, the Robbin house—

Mr. Telfer rose and looked hopefully through the window at the house in question. It was very much like the homes described in the

SHORT SHORT STORY

Complete in This Issue

choicest criminal literature. Its owner was undoubtedly eccentric. He lived alone, a cleaning-woman the sole outsider to enter it. And judging by the hints she dropped, the place contained not only silver, linen and handsome rugs, but treasure of all kinds safely hidden from sight under lock and key.

From where he stood he could see only a small portion of his neighbor's library, and that was almost obscured by an enormous bookcase. He was about to turn away, with a sigh, when he saw Mr. Robbin approach this article of furniture, saw his hand extended to remove a book from one of its shelves, and then sink to the floor as though felled by an unseen hand.

Mr. Telfer did not dally. In five seconds his neighbor's door had yielded to his touch, and he was bending over the old gentleman, who was lying on his back, blood from a wound in his temple saturating his thick, silver hair. Close by lay a small bronze Mercury.

Mr. Telfer picked it up, and deduced rapidly. "Dead as a doornail," said he. "Somebody sneaked up from behind, and cracked his skull with this thing."

He looked around, opened as many closets as he could find, and walked through every room in the house. He examined the floor for footprints, and scrutinized the grass beneath the windows to see if it had been disturbed. Nothing rewarded his efforts. Reluctantly he went up to the telephone and called headquarters.

Jim Horton, the chief, answered. "What did you say?" he demanded. "Murder? A murder in Allenville?" "That's what I'm telling you," replied Mr. Telfer, trying to keep the elation out of his voice. "I'm in Mr. Robbin's house, and he's lying on the floor with a hole in his head. I'm looking around for clues."

Mr. Telfer waited patiently until the sound of heavy boots told him that Horton had arrived. With him was Al Bush and Phil Baker, Allenville's entire police force. He escorted them, with due solemnity, to the library. But here a shock awaited him. The dead man had raised himself on an elbow and was looking around with an expression of by no means pleasurable surprise.

"What are you doing in my house?" demanded Mr. John Robbin.

There was an awkward silence before Jim Horton answered, apologetically, "Er . . . Er . . . I thought you were dead."

"Did you, indeed?" returned Mr. Robbin.

He arose, dusted his trousers, and wiped the blood away from his injured temple. "Well, if it will relieve your feelings any, I'll assure you that I'm not. I was reaching for a book when this statuette, which that fool of a cleaning woman placed on top of the bookcase, where it could do the most damage, fell and hit me on the head. But I'm all right now, and as I have some important work to do, and your presence isn't going to help me do it—"

They took the hint. Outside the house the police force expressed itself vigorously, if not elegantly. Mr. Telfer would have been pained at some of the epithets applied to him, had he been listening, but he wasn't. He was thinking that even he, voracious reader of detective tales though he was, had never heard of a corpse coming to life and destroying all a sleuth's careful deductions.

Monkshood

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AS THOUGH cut from thin gold-leaf and fastened cunningly to the tree tops, each leaf overlapping the other in dense profusion, the poplars, with their lower branches swept clean by the high autumn winds, looked like golden-hooded monks; so tall and straight, so resplendent in their crowned beauty against a sky of bright ravishing blue.

SHORT SHORT STORY

It was but a moment she could linger; tasks, homely tasks, menial drudgery, claimed her and crushed out all but the immediate present.

"Phyrne!" came Miss Shale's voice, high, querulous. And Phyrne, as though an eraser had been passed over the surface of her mind by the sound of her name in that voice, turned quickly toward her employer.

"I want the kitchen floor scrubbed, today. You will have to use a brush. And don't put soap directly on the linoleum, but first make a suds."

"Must I scrub it on my knees Miss Shale?"

"Of course! how else could you use a brush?"

Humanly, the half-formed vengeful thought, "I hope she skids and gets a jolt on it," was strangled in its inception by, "You beast, you! You richly deserved to go down on your knees! Better smile and do it joyously—and pray!"

Miss Shale, tripping out on stilt-heeled mules, inspected the result with a smile and generous words of approbation. Her pale pink negligee, swirling and trailing about her like a heavenly cloud, her pointed heels clicking on the highly polished floor, she started across to the pantry beyond, and—A sudden sense of being poised in the air, of being hurled through space in the crack of doom, and Miss Shale lay in a queer, sickening position on the immaculate floor. The dish in Phyrne's hand fell unheeded with a clatter, as she leaped toward the prostrate figure. She lifted the head tenderly, but no response came from the closed and pale grimly set lips.

Phyrne lowered the head and sprang to the telephone, summoning a doctor and a neighbor friend, then she returned and cradled the head with her two hands beneath. On her knees, now, praying with all her heart, stricken with an unnameable horror at herself for even her half-formed vindictive thought. Over and over again, "Oh, I didn't mean it! Oh, God, thou knowest I didn't mean it in my heart! Do not let her die, or Father in Heaven, I've killed her!"

The friend hastened in, and between them, they lifted the unconscious form. The doctor soon bustled in and made short shrift in restoring the frightened woman to swift, ordered movements of helpful ministrations. "Bad, bad enough and mighty painful. Leg broken just above ankle and a clip on the head that knocked her unconscious. Not dangerous, though."

Three weeks of a trained nurse. Three weeks of abject solicitude on Phyrne's part. Then one morning when the nurse was taking her daily walk, Miss Shale spoke:

"Phyrne, do you suppose you could wait on me and get us something to eat, too? You can have someone to come by the day to clean up."

They had grown very close to each other in the close confinement of the sick room, and she made haste to assure her employer that she would be delighted.

One evening when Phyrne started to read, Miss Shale said: "Let us talk, instead, Phyrne. Tell me what you aspire to do or be, for I know you are preparing for a certain future. Please tell me for I am your friend."

A different Miss Shale was this from the one of five weeks ago. A kindly speaking, tender Miss Shale, and to her Phyrne opened her heart. She had already spent two years at an art school, had won a scholarship and needed the means to support herself while taking the course.

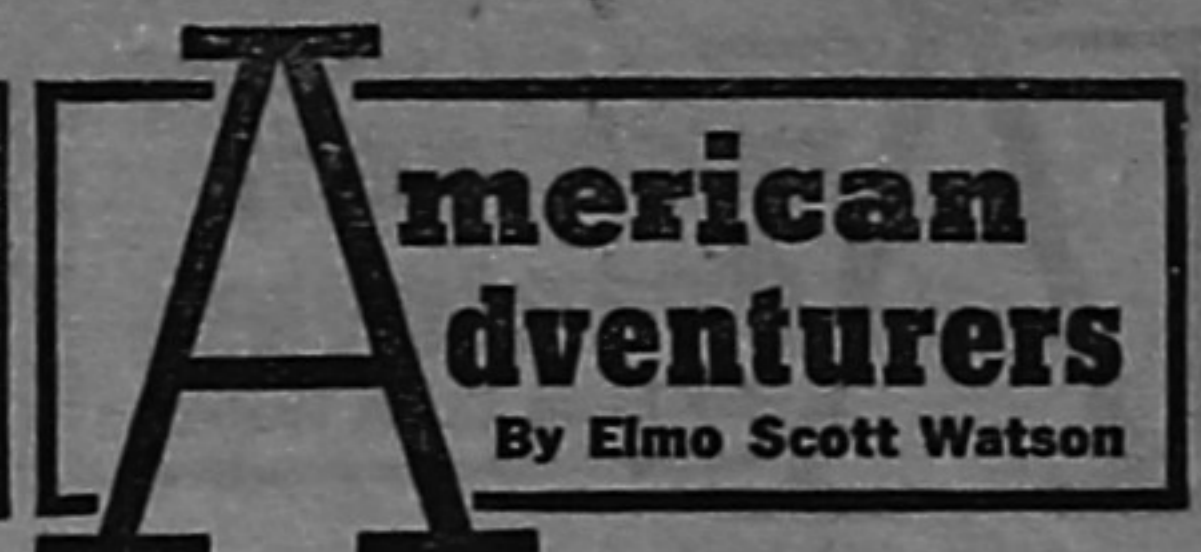
Miss Shale listened quietly, and then: "You brave, brave heart! You sweet companion and comforter! Stay with me until I can get about, as you are now. Then we'll have someone to do the work, and I want you as my guest. You may move your things to the guest chamber and begin your duties at once. Will you do this for me, child? For I love you very much."

Phyrne burst into tears. "Oh, Miss Shale, you are too good, you do not know—I had a wicked thought—"

"There, there, my dear, not another word. I, too, had a wicked thought. I relished seeing your pride humbled. I got my punishment swift and sure. We both seem to have had to suffer to find the panacea for our self-justification. Mine was the greater. Shall we forget everything except that we have found each other's real self?"

"Gladly, oh, gladly, dear Miss Shale, and thank you with all my heart. I feel now as though I belonged."

"And thank you, too, Phyrne. After your studies are finished here, shall we go to Paris together for as long as you like? Then it is for you to decide your next plan."



A Frontier Paul Revere

JAMES WATSON WEBB was the famous editor of the New York Courier and Enquirer who also had a career as a politician and diplomat. But he deserves more honor for a daring exploit which he performed as a young army officer on the Illinois frontier.

In October, 1821, young Lieutenant Webb was sent to join the garrison at Fort Dearborn. In the middle of the winter John Kinzie, the Indian agent at Chicago, reported to the commander that the Sioux and Foxe Indians were plotting to surprise and massacre the garrison at Fort Snelling the next spring.

Colonel McNeil immediately called for volunteers to carry the news of the plot to Fort Armstrong (near Rock Island, Ill.) so that word could be sent up the river to Fort Snelling. Lieut. Webb offered to make the journey. Accompanied by a sergeant and a Pottawatomie guide, he set out early in February.

He intended to go first to the post of a French trader on the Rock river and there secure a Winnebago guide. But when he reached the post he found the Winnebagoes holding war dances. So Webb and the sergeant cautiously circled around the camp and headed toward Fort Armstrong.

The weather was bitterly cold and the two men faced the danger of perishing in the raging blizzard. But in spite of this they reached Fort Armstrong in safety. As a result of their trip, the commander at Fort Snelling so reinforced his post that the Indians did not dare attack and a possible massacre was averted.

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While he was on a vacation, the apartment of Ralph Ellis of Salt Lake City caught fire from an overheated radio which had been going continuously for 10 days.

Interesting Notes

It might help us to love our enemies if we would remember that they never pester us with unsought advice.

Rev. Gerald E. Bonney of Randolph Center, Vt., is a ventriloquist, and uses a dummy similar to Charlie McCarthy in teaching a children's Sunday school class.

A Seattle judge ruled that Miss Marion Heller, who is over 21, need not obey her father's order to be at home every night before 12.

Mrs. Margaret Vink of Emigrant, Mont., killed two rattlesnakes in her kitchen, first stunning them with a stick of wood and then cutting their heads off with an ax.

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The Dish Knot

By RUBY H. MARTYN
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THE child clung shyly to her homespun skirt.

"I will walk far as the brook with Ruth and thee, Timkins," she promised.

"Then thou wilt go alone with her like a big, brave man!"

"Thou hast made a baby of him, Rosemary!" chided Ruth; the grave dignity of a step-mothering bride upon her face.

She had come hither to take home the lad.

Rosemary smiled wistfully over the curly head for which she had cared so tenderly since his sweet, young mother had died.

Could Ruth know that Timothy Pratt had asked her to take a second wife's place in his bereaved home?

Could Ruth guess that loving Timkins had made her hesitate to refuse the offer?

What new wisdom lay in the depths of the eyes of Timothy Pratt's week-long bride?

Rosemary faltered at the gulf of experience that had yawned between them.

"Thou wilt love the lad," she said.

He gave Ruth one chubby hand to hold as they went along the path.

The meadow had turned green over night. Spring was opening with a rush.

There would be cowslips in blossom beside the brook Rosemary had set for a parting place.

An ax rang in the distance.

"Truman Brewster is cutting logs to lay up a cabin for himself," said Ruth.

"He told Timothy he meant to use the cleared land for an orchard; but it would be more to the purpose if he took himself off instead of staying around to keep the girls so unsettled!

Why, if I had been so silly about him as some others I know of, I wouldn't have listened to Timothy.

Now I have a good husband and a comfortable home.

Truman Brewster hasn't so much as a dish knot to make bow's of!"

Rosemary felt her face grow hot. No one knew how hard she had tried not to be silly about Truman Brewster.

Yet she probably would have listened to Timothy Pratt, but for her secret memories of him: the challenging ring of his voice; the accidental touch of his hand on the latch string; a questioning flash of his gray eyes; some things that might mean nothing, or anything.

The little lad had run ahead on the path.

He caught sight of a clump of golden cowslips in bloom beside the swollen brook at the bottom of the slope.

The water was running rapidly, and when Timkins climbed on a stranded log to reach the cowslips the force of his moving weight pushed it afloat in the middle of the swirling stream.

He lay flat and clung with both hands.

Rosemary heard Ruth scream behind her as she sped down the path.

She dared not scream herself lest she frighten the little lad and he lose his precarious hold upon the floating log.

The bank of the brook was sodden with flooded water. Already the log had floated some distance down stream, and Rosemary chased through the morass after it.

She was ankle deep in slush.

"I'll run ahead of the ford," thought Rosemary.

By scrambling fast she managed to reach the ford ahead of the log.

She had just time to wade out on to the submerged sand bar upon which horses and wagons crossed the stream.

The log was coming toward her with a swinging motion that would make it difficult to catch and hold.

Perhaps she could swing it ashore. It was almost impossible to keep her footing on the sand bar with the cold, cold water swirling around her knees.

The log gave a twitch and plunge that knocked her down, but Rosemary managed to cling to it.

Timkins crowed with delight as if it were a game.

Somehow she managed to reassure him. She had fallen forward and knelt breast high in the cold, cold water.

She could not rise and keep her hold upon the log where Timkins clung so happily.

She began inch by inch to creep ashore. Had she strength to make it?

"Steady, my girl!" rang a vibrant voice.

She dared not answer. Another inch toward shore!

Another inch before his hands seized Timkins. Yet Rosemary clung to the log until the same strong hands lifted her to her feet.

"Don't let it go, Truman! It's dish timber!" she muttered.

The strong man waded in again and returned with the dripping log on his shoulder.

"We're so much ahead!" he said.

Rosemary put out her hand to claim the log.

In those pioneer days when nearly all the table and kitchen utensils were whittled from wood, the finding of good dish timber was the discovery of essential raw material.

A single excellent white ash knot like this log would make a whole nest of necessary bowls and trenchers.

Rosemary put her hand on the wet wood to claim it. And Truman's hand closed pressure.

"We're so much ahead!" he repeated.

"Rosemary! I thought I would wait, until I saw thy face when you knelt there in the water. It will take a lot of courage to start life with me, but you've got it! O Rosemary! I've always loved thee."

Illinois State Capitol News

To avoid the necessity of a double observance of the legal Thanksgiving Holiday in Illinois, Governor Horner has announced that he would proclaim the state holiday for the same date as that fixed by the President for the National holiday. The President has announced that he would advance the date from Nov. 30 to Nov. 23, this year.

More than 47 per cent of the retailers' occupation tax collections in Illinois for the year ending June 30, 1939, was spent for emergency relief, it is disclosed in the Annual Analysis of the Funds of the State of Illinois, issued this week by S. L. Nudelman, Director of Finance. The total relief expenditures from this fund were \$38,440,235.

Total state revenues for the year, excluding trust fund receipts, were \$216,027,900, a decline of \$3,547,895 from the preceding year.

No restrictions on the drilling of water wells, beyond the fact that a permit should be secured before work is begun, are imposed by the laws governing well drilling which were passed by the General Assembly in its last session, the State Department of Mines and Minerals points out in an announcement.

For the convenience and guidance of farmers and other property owners and of well drillers, the department has prepared a leaflet headed "Drilling for Water Under New State Regulations" which will be sent to anyone who writes to the Department, Room 219, Statehouse, Springfield.

Plans for the development of the 3,200 acre Chain-O-Lakes State Park in northern Lake county have been announced following a meeting of the Illinois State Park and National Park Service regional officials.

The CCC camp now at White Pines Forest near Oregon will be transferred to new quarters now under construction on Grass lake, two miles north of the village of Fox Lake, about Oct. 9. The camp consists of 200 world war veterans who have been engaged in construction activity at White Pines since 1934. They have been assigned to the Chain-O-Lakes project for an indeterminate period.

The new park site, acquired in 1935, contains large areas of open water which are ideal for fishing and swimming, as well as marsh areas abounding in plant and animal life. The lotus beds in Grass lake annually attract thousands of visitors.

Needy School Children Provided Free Hot Lunch

Thousands of needy school children throughout Illinois will be provided free hot lunches because of the cultivation and canning during the summer of nearly 400,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables by over 700 WPA employees. This food, canned, dried, or stored for winter use, will reduce the average 8c hot lunch to less than 2c through the cooperation of the Work Projects Administration and the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

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Orange and Blue Echoes

L. V. H. S.—Long View, Illinois.

Last Friday afternoon the Long View softball team motored to Philo and defeated the Philo team 11-3. The sudden change of weather seemed to have put real pep in our boys!

On the evening of Friday, Oct. 13, the magician, V-Roy, will appear for a little more than an hour's entertainment in the high school auditorium, under the auspices of the Long View High band. This will be V-Roy's second appearance here and he has guaranteed an hour of entertainment wholly unlike that previously presented here.

The cast for the senior class play, "Black Gold," has been chosen and production begun. Those chosen for the cast are Adolph Brooks, Lois Bickers, Bob Parks, Dorothy Myers, Frances Wagner, Edith Stipp, Wayne Nohren, Evelyn Chandler, Everett Dietrich, Ray Boyd. Many of the rest of the class will serve as chairmen of the various production committees.

Local and Personal

Mrs. Lillie Baker and daughter, Miss Hazel, were Champaign visitors, Friday.

Howard Clem and family and Miss Anna Clem were Champaign visitors, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. August Zantow visited relatives in Danville on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reed and Mrs. Dale Lunger of Champaign visited friends here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cable were guests in the S. E. Shultz home Sunday.

Alfred Thode and family, and Mrs. Chas. McCormick were Champaign visitors last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollie Collins and daughter, Velma, of Danville visited in the Albert Cummings home Monday evening.

Fay Comer moved Wednesday from the Benschneider property to the Alfred Zenke property north of the depot.

Albert Cummings and family spent the weekend with the John Craycroft and Earl Lewis families at Marshall, Ind.

Mrs. Bessie Loomis has moved from the Newkirk property on the north side to rooms in the Henry Struck home.

Mrs. Edith Kalk and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kalk and daughter of Newcastle, Ind., spent the weekend with relatives here and at Longview.

Long View News

James Parks has been numbered with the sick this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fields and Miss Ada Carleton visited in Chicago last week.

The Friends society of the Methodist Church was entertained at the home of Mrs. Renos Reynolds Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. B. C. Paine received word this week of the death of her sister, Mrs. Mary Sims of Youngstown, Ohio. Mrs. Sims was well known here, having visited frequently in the Paine home and in the Douthit and Vance homes. Mrs. Sims had reached the age of 89 years.

American Adventurers
By Elmo Scott Watson

Adventure After Death

VICTOR TREVITT was a native of New Hampshire, who at the age of 14 ran away from home and became a printer in Chillicothe, Ohio. By the time he was 20 he had been in the army and had many close calls in the Mexican war.

He emigrated to Oregon City, Ore., in 1854, became territorial printer, newspaper man and clerk in the house of representatives. Next he took to exploring up the Columbia river, after which he returned to Dalles City and opened a tavern that catered to prospectors. As the town grew, he opened two more taverns. Soon he was one of its leading citizens and was sent to the state capital to serve as senator.

When he returned to Dalles City, he found that the free spending era was over and his taverns were no longer profitable. This led him to gambling at which he made a considerable fortune. He died on January 23, 1883, but this was only the start of another adventure.

He had made arrangements to be buried on Memaloose island, the burying ground for one of the neighboring Indian tribes. Burial in the same ground with a white man was considered "bad medicine" by the Indians. The day after Trevitt was buried there, all who had relatives in the Memaloose graveyard dug them up and buried them on the mainland. Today, amid the scattered bones of Indians who have no descendants to remove them, the body of Victor Trevitt, adventurer, still rests.

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