

News Items of 12 Years Ago

Dec. 16, 1927

Miss Frances Walsh was ill with tonsillitis.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Busekros were Champaign visitors.

Mrs. Roy Bergfield was ill with an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Maude Block and Mrs. Edith Snow were Danville shoppers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Allen and daughter visited relatives in Champaign.

The showing of the new Ford car by Harden Sales & Service drew a large crowd here on Dec. 15th.

Arthur Schumacher who was attending school in Champaign spent the weekend with home folks.

20 Years Ago

Dec. 5, 1919

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan.

Miss Dora Messman spent Sunday with relatives in Danville.

Miss Mauretta Wills of Danville spent Thanksgiving with Miss Grace Astell.

Dr. T. A. Dicks and Mayor J. E. Johnson attended a lecture by Hon. Owen Scott at the Masonic Temple in Danville.

Mrs. Etta Seebre and daughter of Paris spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Johnson and family.

Rev. W. D. Fairchild of Mattoon conducted the first quarterly meeting of the Broadlands and Longview churches.

Time Tables

C. & E. I.

Northbound 11:49 a. m.

Southbound 1:27 p. m.

Star Mail Route

Southbound 7:15 a. m.

Northbound 8:30 a. m.

When a California editor received a poem entitled "Why Do I Live?" he returned it with the comment: "Because you mailed your poem instead of bringing it in person."

MICKIE SAYS—

WE CALL TH' WANT ADS OUR "MIGHTY MIDGETS" BECUZ THEY'RE SMALL BUT THEY GET RESULTS & ALL TH' BENEFITS OF OUR BIG CIRCULATION FER A FEW NICKELS



John Bernard, Newman, Dies at Tuscola

Newman—John Bernard, 72, resident of Newman for the past 40 years, died at 6 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1939, at Jarman hospital, Tuscola. He was taken to the hospital last Friday after suffering a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a. m. Friday from the Catholic church at Bongard. Reverend James Drackert, Catholic minister at Hume, will officiate and burial will be in the Bongard cemetery.

Mr. Bernard was born May 7, 1867 in Louisville, Ky. He moved to Newman 40 years ago and had been operating the broom factory here since. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Florence Thompson, Villa Grove; two grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Anna Prickett, Detroit.

Mrs. Jennie Nohren is Hostess to U. B. Aid

The U. B. Ladies Aid held their December meeting with Mrs. Jennie Nohren.

Mrs. Thelma Clem had charge of the devotions and Mrs. Leona Bergfield conducted the business meeting.

Refreshments consisted of neapolitan salad, hot rolls, creamed chicken, gingerbread with whipped cream, coffee, and candy canes for favors.

Following the serving of refreshments a gift exchange was enjoyed.

Guests present were Mrs. Julia Loomis, Mrs. Bertha Cook, Miss Dorothy Turner, and Rev. J. F. Turner.

Members present were Mesdames Jessie Bergfield, Leona Bergfield, Lillie Bowman, Lydia Brown, Ora Brown, Thelma Clem, Hattie Dicks, Ruth Henson, Bessie Loomis, Ella Maxwell, Freda Maxwell, Betty McCormick, Olive Rayl, Gale Reasor, Belle Smith, Opal Thode, Agnes Turner, Jennie Nohren.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

Sunday School—9:30 a. m.

Divine Worship—10:00 a. m.

Subject: "The Son of God Returns."

"Behold thy King cometh unto thee," has a different meaning on each of these Advent Sundays. On the second Sunday the church looks forward to her final consummation; to the second coming of her Lord and the attendant triumph of the faithful.

The unfaithful are not necessarily through with Jesus Christ, even though they have turned their back on Him and refuse to have anything to do with Him. When they face eternity, they again face Jesus Christ.

Methodist Church Notes

W. Earl Ballew, Pastor

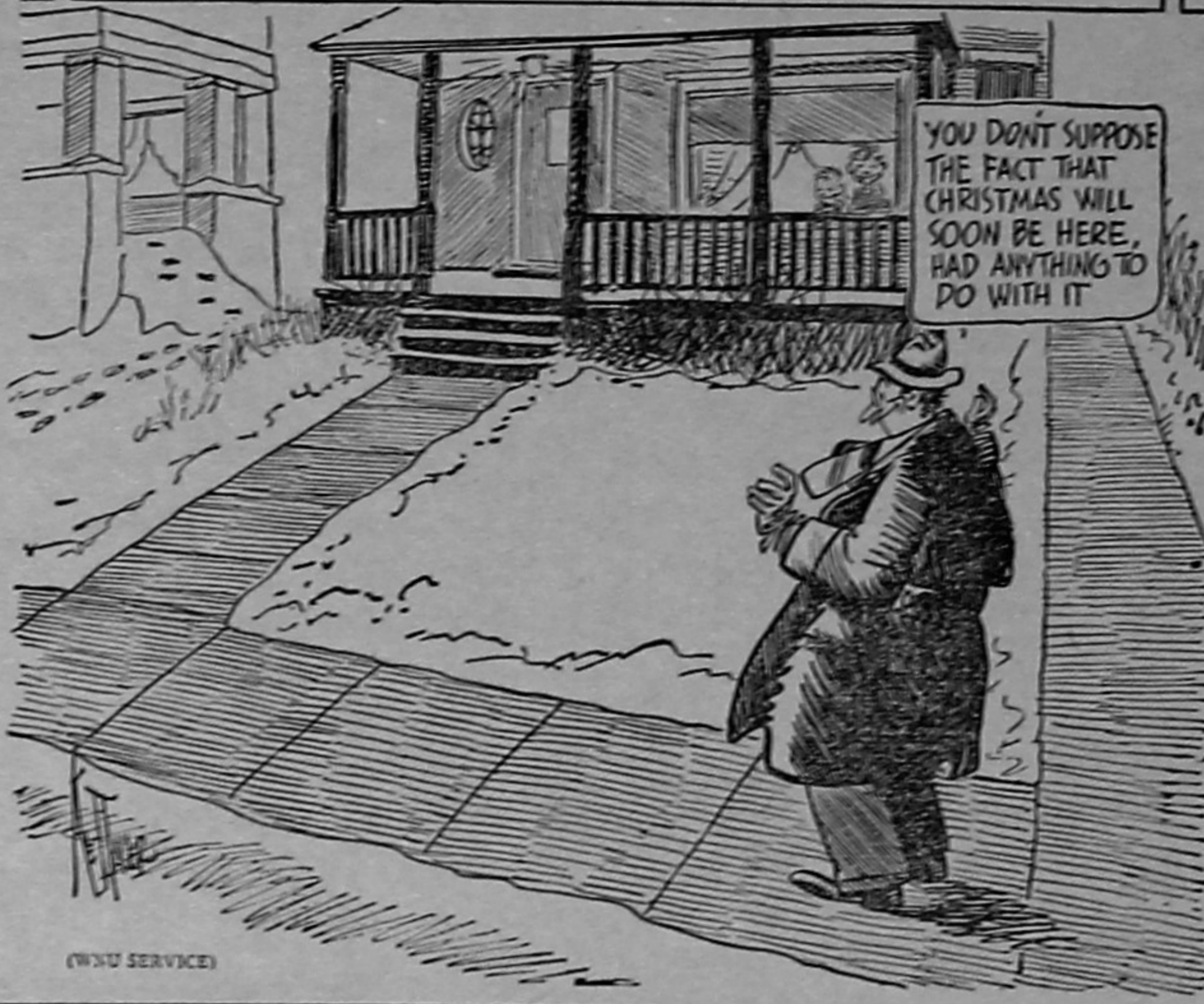
The Sunday School meets at 10:00 o'clock.

The Church Service next Sunday is in the morning, at 11:00.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Eva Walker, Thursday, December 14. Mrs. Bertha Cook will be assistant hostess.

Do not forget the gift exchange, also the donation to the treasury.

Month of Miracles



Mrs. Enola Sy Struck is Given Miscellaneous Shower

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Mrs. Enola Sy Struck at the home of Mrs. Herman Struck last Saturday afternoon.

A social afternoon was enjoyed and Mrs. Struck was presented many nice gifts.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

There were about 37 guests present.

The James Davids Entertain Euchre Club

Mr. and Mrs. James David entertained the Saturday Evening Euchre Club last Saturday evening.

Prizes were awarded to Harry Archer, Lawrence Lee, Mrs. Bill Crain, Mrs. Bud Comer and Bill Crain.

Refreshments consisting of apple salad, toasted cheese sandwiches and coffee were served.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Limp.

Members present were Messrs. and Mesdames Harry Archer, Lawrence Lee, Bill Crain, Bud Comer, Willis Myers, Wayne Dalzell, James David.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Coryell.

The Robert McCoys Entertain at Euchre

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCoy entertained a number of friends at euchre on Friday evening of last week. Mrs. Wayne Dalzell and Mrs. Everett Chandler held high score; Edgar David and Bud Comer low.

Refreshments of sandwiches, fruit salad with whipped cream and coffee were served.

Guests present were Messrs. and Mesdames Leon Struck, Edgar David, Alfred Thode, Everett Chandler, Bud Struck, Bud Comer, Wayne Dalzell, Thomas Tuttle.

The following attended installation of officers of Homer Chapter, O. E. S. on Thursday night of last week: Mesdames Minnie Anderson, Alice Crain, Jessie Archer, Gladys McClelland, Elsa Walker, Eva Walker, Maude Fitzgerald, and Miss Marie Witt.

Harold Anderson attended the International Live Stock Exposition and Horse Show at Chicago Wednesday.

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

Roll of Honor

The following is a list of those who have renewed their subscriptions and new subscribers for this paper since our last report:

Mrs. Lucy Cole, Milan, Mich.
Mrs. Mary Hashagen, Urbana.
Glenn Busick, Romulus, Mich.
Miss Leone Bergfield, Carlinville.

Paul Decker, Champaign.
Division of Department Reports, Springfield.

Harry Allen, Allerton.
Albert Telling, Meredosia.
Mrs. Edith Smith Penney, Chicago.

Alvin Windler, Urbana.
George Edens, Antwerp, Ohio.
Ira Tremain, Williamsport, Ind.
John H. Mohr, Allerton.

Mrs. C. A. Elliott, Evanston.
Carl Baylor, Libertyville.
Harlin Barnes, Akron, Ohio.

John Jones.
Ray Bowman.
Kerna Block.

Mrs. John C. Wienke.
R. L. Potter.
Walter Neal.

Mrs. Ella Maxwell.
Will Messman.
August Wiese.

Edward Maxwell.
Arch Walker.
Martin Sy.

Mrs. Ora Brown.
Elmer Mohr.
Carl Dicks.

John M. Smith.
Harold Anderson.
Earl Eckerty.

Mrs. Wm. Wienke.
Bud Poggendorf.
Louis Frick.

Mrs. Bertha Block.
Ira Laverick.
E. H. Wiese.

Henry Seider.
Fuller Freeman.
I. R. Holt.

O. E. Anderson.
George Dohme.
Robert Smith.

Mrs. Hannah Luth.
Mrs. Nora Griffin.
Bud Comer.

This is a fine report, but there should be many more names in the list. We are thinking especially of those subscribers to whom we have been sending the paper throughout the depression.

The names of those who pay during the month of December will be published the first week in January.

The two Albers properties on the north side will be sold to the highest and best bidder for cash this Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

LYDICK'S STORE at Newman, handling Jewelry, Music, Shoes, Hose and other Gifts, will be open from 7 morning till 9 at night from Dec. 11 to Dec. 23rd.

Fred Newkirk Given Birthday Surprise

Fred Newkirk was the victim of a pleasant surprise last Sunday when a number of relatives and friends gathered at his home to help celebrate his birthday anniversary, the surprise being planned by his sister, Mrs. Sam Kraft of Sidney. All took along well filled baskets and a bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour. The afternoon was spent in playing euchre and pinocle.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Will Aders, Misses Lora and Minnie Gericke, Villa Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kraft and family, Fairland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kraft and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kraft and son, Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kraft of Sidney; Mr. and Mrs. Will Kracht, Villa Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newkirk and son Carl.

Lutheran Aid Meets at Home Mrs. Lou Wienke

The Ladies Aid of the Immanuel Lutheran Church met at the home of Mrs. Lou Wienke on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Rev. P. E. Kerkhoff led the devotions. Mrs. Lena Biesterfeld conducted the business session.

Following the business meeting the afternoon was spent in piecing quilts.

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

Guests present were Mrs. Martin Wienke, Mrs. Lou Wienke, Jr., Miss Mildred Messman.

Members present were Mesdames Mary Struck, Louise Struck, Elsie Cress, Hannah Luth, Joannah Luth, Esther Rothermel, Lena Rothermel, Tena Seider, Lena Seider, Lena Biesterfeld, Flora Mohr, Lucy Schweineke, Josephine Kerkhoff, Bertha Kracht, Lena Wienke, Marie Bundy, Amelia Smith, and Carrie Wienke.

The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lena Wienke.

Grade School Loses to Sadorus in Hot Battle

Mr. Holt took his grade school basketball team to Sadorus on Thursday evening of last week at which time they played the grade school team there. The game was hotly contested from the first whistle and was anyone's game all the way. The boys lost by a 25-24 score. The score by quarters was:

Broadlands	8	3	3	10	24
Sadorus	6	6	9	4	25

Loyde McCormick, Wallace Dicks, Bobby McClelland, Bobby Crain, Lloyd Cummings, Byron Struck and Paul Thode made the enjoyable trip with Mr. Holt.

The more you say the less people remember.

3 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT

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BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Mrs. Reed, 83, Dies at Allerton

Allerton—Mrs. Hannah Reed, 83, died Sunday noon at her home in Allerton of pneumonia after an illness of three weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday from the family home by Rev. R. H. Barstead, Presbyterian pastor. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery at Indianola.

Mrs. Reed was born in Randolph county, Ind., March 11, 1856. She was married to Frank Reed May 2, 1882 at Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Reed resided in Edgar and Vermillion counties all their married lives and she had lived in Allerton for 32 years.

Her husband died May 5, 1937. Surviving are the following children: Grover, Brazil, Arthur, and Mrs. Effie Darling, all at home; Frank of near Allerton; Mrs. Alice Turner, Allerton; also two sisters, Mrs. Nora Griffin of Broadlands; Mrs. Alice Johnson, Horace; and two brothers, Dave Hancock, Tulsa, Okla., and Watson Hancock, Muncie, Ind.

Oscar Gallion's Quartette Broadcasts From WDJ

Oscar Gallion's barbershop quartet broadcast from Station WDJ, Tuscola, last Sunday afternoon. The quartet made a big hit with the radio audience and the station received many calls during their broadcast, asking for names of the members of the quartet and whence they came.

The quartet is composed of Emmerson Gwinn, 1st tenor; Oakland; Bill Wamsley, 2d tenor; Brocton; Howard Wamsley, baritone, Newman; Oscar Gallion, bass, Broadlands.

The quartet will broadcast again this Sunday. Tune in at 1:15 if you want to hear them.

Fairfield Missionary Society at Home Miss Effie Thayer

The Fairfield Missionary society held its November meeting with Miss Effie Thayer and Mrs. Sola Wulff.

Mrs. Russell Young had charge of the devotions. She used "Thanksgiving" as her subject. The roll call was Thanksgiving thoughts and poems.

Mrs. Ira Laverick had the home topic, "Southern Mountains."

Mrs. Homer McIntyre read a story about the people of the Southern Mountains.

Mrs. J. A. Church had the foreign topic "Siam."

After the business meeting a social hour was spent at which time the hostess served lovely refreshments, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Jane Smith.

There were ten members and two visitors present.

Market Report

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

No. 2 hard wheat, new	82c
No. 2 white corn	53c
No. 2 yellow corn	47c
No. 3 oats, new	36c
No. 2 beans, new	96c

How much milk does your cow give?

About eight quarts.

How much do you sell?

About twelve quarts.

Broadlands News

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Dangers in the Home

Figures compiled by one of the largest insurance companies show that accidents in and about homes cause more than 25,000 deaths and three million injuries in the United States every year. Of these deaths about 8,000 are caused by falls; 5,400 from burns, scalds and explosions; 3,600 from asphyxiation, and 2,000 from poisoning.

To avoid such accidents, the National Safety Council recommends the following precautions:

Have rugs on polished floors anchored or rubber-lined.

Keep stairways properly lighted, free of objects on which one might stumble, with treads and hand-rails in good repair.

Keep sharp instruments, such as scissors, ice-picks, pins and needles out of reach of young children.

Have all medicines, washing powders, insecticides and other household articles containing poison properly labeled and kept in a safe place.

Keep all open fires screened, chimneys cleaned and all heating apparatus in safe condition.

Never allow an automobile engine to run with the garage door closed. Keep steps and sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

32 Million Turkeys

This year's turkey crop was the largest in the country's history, estimated at 32 million birds, or 15 per cent above that of 1936, which previously held the record.

The American turkey got its name in a roundabout way. The early colonists found the birds in their wild state to be easy to hunt and excellent for food, and they soon became an important item in the colonial diet. Later large numbers were exported to England, where they were confused with a type of African fowl, first imported into Europe by way of Turkey and called the turkey cock.

In time the so-called turkey was domesticated, and the annual American crop now reaches a value of more than 75 million dollars.

Poultry experts of the Department of Agriculture have been experimenting in turkey cross-breeding, whereby they expect to produce smaller birds, which when dressed will weigh only about eight pounds, and should be more in demand for occasions other than holiday feasts. They would also be large enough for a small family's Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner.

Whether these smaller ones would be popular among housewives who like to serve turkey hash indefinitely remains to be seen.

A Volcano's Wrath

In the far away Maylay Archipelago, thousands of people are daily in fear of a volcano's wrath for the mighty Krakatoa has been restless again. And Krakatoa once staged the most stupendous eruption of which man has any record.

It was on Aug. 26, 1883 that this volcanic island, after two centuries of repose, blew up with a roar that was heard 200 miles away, hurling a cubic mile of rock into the air. The northern part of the island, including its highest peak, disappeared al-

together.

Seacoast towns throughout the archipelago were inundated by the great tidal waves, and it is estimated that more than 30,000 persons perished. Ashes were thrown to such a height that they drifted around the earth, causing weird sunset effects for months afterward.

Eruptions continued at intervals for some time, after which Krakatoa was quiet for 45 years. Since 1928 it has shown occasional signs of activity, and it is no wonder that the Malays are fearful, for volcanoes are temperamental.

Vesuvius was thought to be extinct for centuries before its first recorded eruption in the year 79 A. D., when it destroyed Pompeii and Herculaneum. Many eruptions have occurred since, one in 1906 killing about 5,000.

Volcanoes have been the subject of much study by scientists, but the probability of an eruption is difficult to predict.

Air Raid Problems

One suggested explanation of why Germany has not used bombing planes more extensively against England is that bombers attacking bases defended by small fighting planes must be accompanied by small planes themselves in order to effectively reach their objectives.

These little fighters can rise quickly to meet and attack an approaching heavy bomber with machine gun fire. The unwieldy bomber cannot maneuver rapidly, and when pounced upon by two or three one-man fighters is usually at their mercy.

Therefore, the bomber needs accompanying fighters to ward off such attacks. Germany has the small fighters, but they can not carry fuel for flights of more than 600 to 700 miles. This is not sufficient for them to fly to England from any present German base and get back home without refuelling after a flight even if they are uninjured.

The defending fighters, on the other hand, do not begin using fuel until the enemy appears, and are good for sufficient time in the air to decide the outcome of the action without having to worry about their gasoline supply.

England and France, it is said, have enough anti-aircraft guns and fighting planes to make a large bombing expedition very costly to the Germans. Such news as has been available regarding air fighting so far seems to confirm this. However the correctness of the foregoing can not be determined except by future developments.

Sidelights

A motorist whose car was stalled for several hours in front of the police barracks at Topsfield, Mass., obtained a note from a trooper certifying his whereabouts, explaining: "I need it to show my wife."

Fireplaces make a room look cozy, many think, but they are an expensive luxury when it comes to fuel bills. For every dollar spent for fireplace fuel only 15 cents worth gives out heat, the rest going up the chimney.

On May 5, 1863, A. Lebrjam of Oregon wrote to a Mr. Hinman of Arizona, complaining of damage to a sack of sugar. The undelivered letter was found in a pair of old Pony Express saddlebags in Portland, Ore., a few days ago.

Although blind, Vera Oho of Cleveland completed the twelve grades through high school in eight years, and was rated fourth in her class of 119. She has won a national contest for an essay on "Why I am glad I am an American."

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. What convention was held in Chicago in August, 1893?

A. A great silver convention.

Q. Who attended the convention?

A. "The hosts of bimetalism," mine owners, leaders of the Populists, Knights of Labor, and free silverites of the two old parties.

Q. How did Mayor Carter Harrison term the leaders of the convention?

A. He said: "While you have been called lunatics, so too, have some of the great men of history been called madmen."

Q. What singular declaration was made from the floor of the convention hall?

A. War was declared upon England.

Q. How did Illinois stand among the States at this time on the silver question?

A. It was with the western States for free silver coinage and looked with distrust on the east.

Q. What was the original name of Coxey's Army and what did Illinois have to do with pointing the appropriateness of the name?

A. The army, which started in the West on its way to Washington, was known as "the petition in boots." It seized railroad trains for transportation. In Chicago the law deprived it of the trains and the army proceed-

ed on its way on foot.

Q. What large delegation from Chicago followed Coxey's Army and who was its leader?

A. 150 Commonwealers and their leader, John H. Randall, followed the marchers to Washington.

Q. What were the repercussions in Illinois of the free silver agitation?

A. On May 11, 1894 the employees of the Pullman Company went on strike and late in June the American Railway Union joined the strikers.

Q. What was Pres. Cleveland's reaction to the strikers in Illinois?

A. He sent federal troops, they camped down by the stockyards in Chicago, and issued proclamations stating that he believed he was obliged to do so in order to preserve established society.

Q. What was the attitude of Illinois' chief executive?

A. At the opening session of Illinois General Assembly in 1895 Governor Altgeld delivered a biting criticism of Cleveland.

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Dr. Erwin Pasternak

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A Christmas Snowstorm

By Sarah Jane Clark

THREE hours late, the snow-bound train reached Chicago. Mary Lou gathered her baggage together and took the bus across to the other station, to find her connecting train had left on schedule. The folks would drive in to town to meet the train unless she could head them off.

Her message put through, Mary Lou sank down on one of the benches to collect her thoughts and make her plans until train time. Five o'clock, and no train until 9:30 the next morning.

"Going out soon?" a cheery voice near her asked. She looked up to find the chief usher standing beside her. A middle-aged, friendly-looking fellow. Mary Lou told him of her missed connections.

"Here, Eddie, look at this!" a red cap interrupted her story. He was leading a three-year-old child, a dear little girl with big blue eyes and yellow curls.

"What are you doing with the kid? Is she lost?" Eddie asked sharply, turning away from Mary Lou.

"Might as well be. She came in from Denver, in charge of the stewardess. They missed the train north, and the stewardess is celebrating Christmas by having her appendix out, emergency case. They told me to turn the kid over to you," the boy grinned as he handed her over to the chief usher.

Eddie took her clumsily. "See here, what can a bachelor like me do with a kid like this?" He looked appealingly at Mary Lou.

Mary Lou's eyes filled with tears. Then she held out her arms toward the youngster. "What is your name, dear?" she asked.

"Annette Pollard. I am three years old and I am going from Cheyenne to Rio, Wisconsin, to my grandma Pollard. My daddy is there." It was a lesson she had been taught.

Mary Lou held her close. "I had a little girl almost as old as Annette



Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father.

when she died," she said brokenly to Eddie. "Let me keep the child tonight, and take her to her home. I missed the same train she did."

Eddie studied her face. What he saw satisfied him. Still he hesitated for a moment. "That sounds good to me. But I'd better get the conductor to authorize it."

IT WAS soon decided that Mary Lou should keep her. But she must not leave the station. "It won't be very comfortable for you, ma'am, but the kid can curl up on a bench here and be dead to the world in no time. There are some rocking chairs in the far room there. Why, of course there are some cots there, and baby beds."

"We ought to telephone the child's relatives," Mary Lou suggested.

"Of course we should. Here is the address and telephone number. You do it for me, will you, please, ma'am? I've got my last minute shopping to do. I'm mighty glad you came in on this train. Eddie'll take the kid while you telephone to Rio," and the conductor was off, after turning over the child's money to Mary Lou. But not until Mary Lou had made him promise to send a big doll back for the child's Christmas.

"We'll let Annette say hello to her daddy herself, if she wants to," Mary Lou exclaimed. And so it was done. Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father, tense with concern, and then joyful as he realized where his baby was and heard her childish treble over the phone. "Her mother's parents sent her back here to have Christmas with me. Her mother died two years ago," he added.

The sun was shining dazzlingly bright the next morning when the train stopped at Rio. The red-haired man who was waiting expectantly on the platform had only time to thank Mary Lou, and get her address, before the train pulled out leaving him holding Annette as she waved a good-by to Mary Lou.

But the trip home was much easier. Mary Lou forgot the burning pain at the loss of her own little daughter, the aching loneliness since her own husband's death, as she remembered the soft kiss of the baby lips of the motherless child who had been in her charge the night before. And the look in the face of Annette's daddy made her sure she would see Annette soon.

Interesting Notes

Lorin Van Orden of Lewiston, Utah, travels 16 miles a day on a trained bull, delivering papers.

Triplet sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Green at La Crosse, Wis., just 17 months after the birth of twin boys.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Patrolman Charles A. Lindquist of Des Moines for repeated discourtesy to motorists.

The average preacher-widower waits two years before remarriage; the average banker two and a half.

Joe Vandle, city employee of Charlotte, N. C., built a 3-room cottage from stray bricks which he collected in streets, alleys and vacant lots.

Mike Foley of Hollywood, Cal., is employed to keep flies from lighting on the grease-painted faces of actors and actresses by shooting them with a patent gun.

Before putting away their ladders after extinguishing a roof fire at the home of Wayne Reeves in Salina, Kan., firemen reshingled the hole in the roof.

The Rev. G. E. Bonney, pastor of a Randolph Centre, Vt., church, is a ventriloquist, and uses a dummy to illustrate Bible stories and drive home moral lessons.

Seeking a divorce, Mrs. Mary Henry of Chicago said she didn't think her husband was coming back to her. The judge agreed when he learned her husband had deserted her in 1892.

Mrs. Grace Walling of Fayette, O., purchased the whole town of Jimtown, O., consisting of a restaurant, gasoline station, and house at an auction for \$1,475.

Paul Kramer of Tincum, Pa., has built up a prosperous business collecting water lice from stagnant pools and selling them as food to the owners of tropical fish.

Mrs. Julia Flinchbaugh and Mrs. Louise Weaver of Denver are twins, and both are widows of Civil War veterans, with whom they went west in covered wagons in 1879. On their recent 95th birthday they frowned on suggestions for a celebration of the event, saying it was nothing to make a fuss about.

Illinois Watermelons Figure in Early Records

Watermelons were known to have been grown in Illinois long before the coming of white settlers, according to accounts noted by research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, who have compiled a guide book to the state. Records of both Father Marquette and Louis Jolliet mention the excellent melons that were known to the Illinois Indians.

In the course of years, Illinois acreage set aside for this popular fruit has varied. During 1933 growers here devoted 8,800 acres to its cultivation.

Children used to learn valuable lessons at mother's knee and across father's knee.

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A SMOKING JACKET IS A WELCOME PACKET



BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

American Adventurers

By Elmo Scott Watson

'The American Traveler'

JOHN LEDYARD, Dartmouth sophomore, paddled home in a canoe down the Connecticut river to Hartford in 1772. This was not only the first recorded trip of its kind—it started Ledyard on his career as "The American Traveler," who saw more of the world, as it was then known, than any other man.

He went to sea and landed in London at the time the great navigator, Captain Cook, was preparing for his third South Sea voyage. He won a berth on Cook's vessel as a corporal of marines. Returning, he went to Paris and hobnobbed with Thomas Jefferson, Lafayette and John Paul Jones. Then back in America, he accepted Jefferson's suggestion that he explore the western part of North America by crossing it on foot eastward to Virginia. This meant going first to London, crossing Europe and Asia and taking a Russian ship to the Vancouver islands.

He started from London in December, 1786, and reached Stockholm uneventfully. He learned there that he was to cross the Gulf of Bothnia by sled but the ice route to Russia was not frozen over. Faced with waiting until spring to cross by boat, he decided to walk around the gulf instead—a 1,500 mile trek through unknown country.

Although the feat seems impossible, he reached St. Petersburg seven weeks later. He continued by sledge across Russia until Empress Catherine banished him as a French spy.

Shortly thereafter he started on a trip to explore Africa but died suddenly in Cairo, January 17, 1789.

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Executor's Sale of Real Estate

State of Illinois, County of Champaign, ss.

In the County Court thereof.

In the matter of the Estate of Friedrich Albers, Deceased.

No. 10244.

Public Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Martin Sy, sole surviving Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Friedrich Albers, deceased, pursuant to an order of the County Court of Champaign County, Illinois, made and entered of record on the 22nd day of November, A. D. 1939, and pursuant further to the terms of the Last Will and Testament of the said Friedrich Albers, deceased, will on Saturday, the 9th day of December, A. D. 1939, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon on that date, offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, all interest of the said Friedrich Albers in and to the real estate described as:

TRACT I. Lots One (1) and Two (2) in Block Three (3) of John R. Johnson's Addition to Broadlands, Champaign County, Illinois; also,

TRACT II. The East Half of Lot Eight (8) and Lot Nine (9) and Lot Ten (10) in Block Three (3) of John R. Johnson's Addition to the Town of Broadlands, Champaign County, Illinois.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale. Deed of conveyance to be given upon approval of said sale by the Court, and possession at the same time, subject to the rights of the present tenant, if any.

Said sale will be had on the premises above described in the Village of Broadlands, Illinois, and the said premises will be sold subject to the 1939 taxes, payable in 1940. Abstract of title will be furnished, and the same can be obtained from Martin Sy, of Broadlands, Illinois, for examination.

Dated at Broadlands, Illinois, this 22nd day of November, A. D. 1939.

MARTIN SY, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Friedrich Albers, deceased.

Cotton & Nichols, Attorneys.

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Christmas Invitation

By Katherine Edelman

JACK TRESLAR hunched his broad shoulders deeper into the big chair, turning a new page of his book. He was reading a Christmas story, trying hard to become absorbed in the tale.

A sharp ring from the telephone brought him to his feet. Who could be calling him on Christmas eve?

A strange voice responded to his "hello." "I hate to bother you on Christmas eve, Mr. Treslar. But I'm ringing up to ask if it would be possible for you to come and spend Christmas with me. My name is Bevan Willers. I live out at Richmond. I have a big home, and—"

"But—but I don't even know you, Mr. Willers. There must be some mistake."

"I want you!" the low voice was emphatic. "Will you come or not?"

Jack repressed a quick exclamation. "I—I had thought of spending Christmas—"

"Wouldn't it be possible to change your plans? I have a feeling they could be side-tracked easily."

Jack thought of the lonely Christmas he had been anticipating. Af-



He ascended the steps leading to the massive door.

er all, there might be something to this unusual invitation.

"You are right about my plans," he admitted. "They are rather in the air. But—but going to spend Christmas with an utter stranger took me back for a moment."

"That's why I thought you might come." There was a note of disappointment in Bevan Willers' voice. "I probably got the wrong man, however."

Jack thought again of the lonely Christmas before him. And before he could debate the question, he heard a voice inside of him answering, calling through the wire to Richmond, "You got the right man, Mr. Willers. I'm coming."

An hour later, bathed and dressed, Jack Treslar was speeding along the frosted highway to Richmond. Following the detailed instructions that had been given him, Jack found the long winding drive leading from the roadway. What a secluded, ghostly place, he thought, as he drove under the snow-sprinkled trees.

BEVAN WILLERS was waiting. In the dim light from the chandelier, his tall bent figure seemed grotesque. "I have let the servants away for the evening," he said, his bony hand motioning toward the end of the shadowed hall.

Jack Treslar felt a twinge of fear as he followed. Here he was—alone in the house with this strange old man. Anything could happen. There wasn't another residence within blocks. Then, his adventurous spirit asserted itself, and he looked smilingly across the table at Bevan Willers. "Well, what's it all about?"

A dead silence was the only answer. Gray eyes under heavy bristling brows stared at him intently. Jack stared back unflinchingly. Then a hearty laugh rang through the library. With amazement Jack saw the old man straighten up in his chair. Years seemed to fall off his shoulders. The twisted, grotesque appearance vanished as if by magic. He spoke quietly.

"I'm not crazy," he began; "I'm just a lonely old fellow, ticketed as a sort of recluse. The true facts are that I've been trying for years to write. Yesterday I got word that a story of mine had been accepted."

"But I still don't understand your strange invitation, and—" Jack interrupted.

"I'm coming to that," Bevan Willers continued. "The hero of my book is a daring, adventurous fellow. A man willing to answer a strange call that came in the night. I got intrigued with the fellow, and began thinking. Wondering if there was any young fellow who would act as he had done. So I rang the first hotel that came to mind and described my hero. Young, unmarried, interesting sort of chap. Pretended his name had slipped my mind for the moment. They connected me with your room. You know the rest."

Jack stretched out his long arm across the desk, and gripped the old man's hand. "Now that I'm here, Mr. Willers, do you still believe you have got the right man?" There was wistful entreaty in his dark eyes.

"I don't just think—I'm absolutely positive."

Local and Personal

The weather has been mild and spring like the past week.

Miss Anna Clem was a Danville visitor Monday.

Mrs. C. H. Lynn of Elmwood spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. I. R. Holt.

Mrs. Lillie Bowman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Clark Henson and family at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Upp of Vincennes, Ind., visited relatives here over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cable entertained Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shultz at dinner Sunday.

Leslie Cooper and family of Tuscola were dinner guests at the D. P. Brewer home Sunday.

Miss Beulah Gore of Indianapolis spent the week end with relatives here.

Mrs. Harold Anderson and Mrs. Floyd Block were Danville visitors Wednesday.

Miss Mamie Darnall spent Sunday with Frank Darnall and family at Champaign.

Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald returned Monday after a few weeks visit with relatives in Champaign and Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Griffith and daughter Doris Marie of Fairland spent Sunday with Mrs. Ella Maxwell.

Mrs. Oscar Witt, daughter Lila Mae, and Mrs. Olive Benefiel visited relatives in Chicago Sunday.

Rev. P. E. Kerkhoff spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week attending the Lutheran pastoral conference at Thawville.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Limp, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Nichols spent the weekend with friends at Huntington, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Maxfield and family of Villa Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schecter of Danville were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lottie Astell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Comer entertained at dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carlisle and daughter of Royal; Mr. and Mrs. James Edmundson and son of St. Joseph.



Accidents usually leave scars—different kinds of scars. There are physical scars, of course—the cuts, bruises, burns, or whatever they may be.

But the kind of scars that hurt most are those that sear into our minds and leave unhappy memories. These scars seldom heal.

We can all think back to some tragedy in which someone we knew, or perhaps someone in the family, played the leading part. The vividness of such a memory depends on the seriousness of the accident.

Why take chances in driving an automobile carelessly or recklessly? Why try to cheat time? What do you gain?

It's Smart to Drive Carefully!

A missionary in India had the hymn, Rock of Ages, translated into Hindustani. On retranslation into English by a student, the first two lines bore this inspiring and illuminating aspect: "Very old stone, split for my benefit, let me absent myself under your fragments."

Orange and Blue Echoes

L. V. H. S.—Long View, Illinois.

Remember the band concert to be given December 17, at 2:30 p. m.

The Hornets won the Villa Grove game by a 35-15 score on Tuesday. Wednesday they meet Tuscola there.

Due to the illness of Mrs. Dalzell the teachers are boarding with Mrs. Krughoff. The meals must be good because they were late the first day they ate there!

The trip to the International Livestock Show which was to be made by some of the F. F. A. boys was called off because of an insufficient amount of students to go.

The regular F. F. A. meeting was held last Friday. All old business was discussed and disposed of and the club is now ready for the new problems that face it.

James C. McIntyre took part in the grain and poultry exhibit at Oakwood. He placed first on his corn and second on his ducks. Jim wants to know if you "wanna buy a duck?"

The basketball boys wore their new sweat shirts for the first time Tuesday night. These shirts have a wide orange strip around the bottom and a chenille hornet emblem on the back. These sweaters were paid for in part by the proceeds of the carnival.

The Home Ec Club held its first social meeting of the season, a bad taste party, Friday night at the Nohren home with Inez Schweineke and Wanda Nohren hostesses. Crazy bunco was played after which refreshments of sandwiches, date roll, and cocoa were served.

The honor roll for the second six weeks was as follows: Lois Bickers, Wayne Nohren, Edith Stipp, Margaret Mohr, Inez Schweineke, Norma McCormick, Wanda Nohren, Eddie Doney, Marjorie Gorman, Ada Ringo and Evelyn Hedrick. The freshman class still leads the school in scholastic standards.

Property Taxes In The State

Property tax payers in Illinois this year received bills totalling \$317,898,800. The taxes were levied by 15,126 governments, including counties, cities, villages, townships and school districts.

These statistics are set forth in two volumes released by the Illinois Tax Commission as part of a comprehensive survey of local taxation which is now being completed.

Forty-one per cent of the property taxes collected this year were for school districts, 29 per cent for cities and villages.

Of the total \$111,667,100 was levied by the 101 downstate taxing units, \$206,231,700 having been for Cook county governments. Almost three fourths of the total annual revenue of the local governments is derived from taxes on real estate and personal property.

A man, evidently intoxicated, sat down in a seat beside a clergyman. "Sh-h fine day," he began.

Clergyman—Yes, it is.

This's fine hotel.

Yes I find it very comfortable.

Wontcha have a drink?

No, thank you, I never indulge.

Shay, watcha givin' me? You gotcha collar on backwards now.

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

Long View News

Mrs. Frank Dalzell became ill with pneumonia, Sunday evening.

The ladies of the Longview Christian Church will serve lunch at the Mrs. Will Davis farm sale.

George Roy Appar is assisting in the post office during the pre-Christmas rush.

Dale Churchill submitted to an appendectomy at Jarman hospital, Tuscola, Monday morning. His condition is said to be satisfactory.

Mrs. Edythe Warnes, Mrs. Etta Hagerman and Mrs. Irene Davis attended a W. C. T. U. county meeting at the Congregational Christian Church, Urbana, last Friday.

James Ronald Hagerman entertained at a party celebrating his twelfth birthday anniversary last Saturday afternoon.

Guests were Mrs. E. J. Doney, John M. Beatty, Miss Elson, Martha and Phil Doney, Margaret Carleton, Jeane and Jack Kalk, Betty Kielbach, Maurice Budde-meier, Howard and Paul Mohr, Mary Mohr, Gerald Appar, Davy Wheatley, Mary Lou Oye, Carol Martinie, Buddy Seeds, Teddy Ringo.

Chinese checkers, darts, Robin Hood, and old maid, were played.

Instead of birthday gifts, canned fruit and vegetables for the Outlook Sanitarium were brought.

Is my face dirty, or is it my imagination?

I don't know about your imagination, but your face is clean.

Joseph Fayder of Jersey City, N. J., was brushing his teeth when his baby said "Daddy" for the first time, whereupon Fayder became so excited he gulped down the toothbrush.

A small boy at the zoo asked why the giraffe had such a long neck.

Well, you see, said the keeper gravely; the giraffe's head is so far removed from his body that a long neck is absolutely necessary.

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