

News Items of 12 Years Ago

Feb. 17, 1928

Mrs. Vashti Busick of Flat Rock, Mich., visited friends here.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Temple attended a lecture at Wesley Foundation, Urbana.

George Dohme spent the week end with his sisters, Hazel and Anna, at Normal.

Mrs. Kenneth Dicks and baby spent the week with her parents at Sidney.

Rev. R. L. Webber made this office a pleasant call while over from Longview.

Leonard Luallen and family were given a farewell party. The Luallens moved to Newman.

Thos. and Roy Bergfield and Forrest Dicks attended a meeting of the Independent Grocers' Alliance at Mattoon.

20 Years Ago

Feb. 20, 1920

Little Anna Harden was quite ill with pneumonia.

Misses Freda Sy and Dora Messman were Danville visitors.

Miss Lena Todd attended the funeral of Mrs. Harold Kenney at Decatur.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. High.

Fred Wienke, Jr., and Miss Minnie Nonman were married at the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. R. Krenzien officiating.

Many local people were ill with influenza, the epidemic having spread until almost every community in the state was involved.

St. John's Evangelical Church

Karl F. Albers, Pastor.

10:30 a. m.—Divine Worship.
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
Feb. 21—Lent services, 7:30 p. m., at Broadlands.

LENT THOUGHT

Is it easy to be a Christian? Let no one suppose that it is. It entails tribulation and antagonism of a very real sort. It provokes ridicule and scorn. It makes us the butt of many a bitter jest and the object of many a withering sarcasm. These things are as painful to the spirit today, as the stones were to the martyr Stephen's body, and to Christ on the cross. How about your religious life? Are you in line with these men of old time? If you are you will be a blessing to multitudes. Stephen's martyrdom led to a St. Paul. The words of Stephen became the seed of the greatest missionary enterprise. When Christ died, all who would follow him were granted access to Eternal Glory.

Methodist Church Notes

W. Earl Ballew, Pastor

Sunday School, 10:00 o'clock. Preaching service in the morning at 11 o'clock.

Philip Limp is driving a new Chevrolet sedan.

Williard K. Craig Funeral Held at Newman Sunday

Funeral services for Williard Kent Craig, of Newman, were held in the Presbyterian Church at Newman, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 11, at 2:00 o'clock, with Rev. W. Earl Ballew, pastor of the Broadlands Methodist church officiating.

Just three weeks before the day of his funeral services, Mr. Craig and his bride, Miss Madge Geraldine Fogerson, of Homer, were married in the Methodist parsonage in Broadlands, with Rev. Ballew performing that happy ceremony.

Mr. Craig's sudden and tragic death was due to a fall upon the ice at his newly established home near Hume.

Williard Kent Craig, son of J. Frank and Goldie Birchfield Craig was born at the present home of his parents on July 4, 1917, and died at Jarman hospital, Tuscola, Ill., Friday, Feb. 9, 1940, at the age of 22 years, 7 months and 5 days.

He was educated at McCown rural school, the Newman High School, and the Rosedale High School at Irwin, Ohio.

He enjoyed farming and had been a partner with his father in this enterprise for several years.

Three weeks ago he was married to Miss Madge Geraldine Fogerson of Homer. He and his wife had a newly furnished home on Route 36, between Hume and Newman, ready to move into.

Leaving loved ones behind he joins Ned R. Craig and Harlan Craig, brothers, who preceded him. Those left behind are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Craig; one brother, Harold of Newman; four sisters, Mrs. Mildred Roth and Mrs. Imogene Williams of Kansas; Mrs. Bernice Dillman and Mrs. Goldie Dornblazer, Hume; besides a host of relatives and friends.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

Sunday School—9:30 a. m.
Divine Worship, 10:00 a. m.
Lenten Service, Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m.

Lent! Not since 1913 has it begun earlier. Not until the year 2000 will it begin as early again.

By the year 2000 it will make little difference to most of us whether we were rich or poor, drove a Packard or a Model T, walked on velvet or the bare floor; but it will make a mighty big difference whether we are a lost or a saved soul.

Lent derives its meaning from the fact that Christ is the Emancipator of the whole human race. His work of atonement sets you free. We invite you to come and hear more about it.

Illinois Peach Crop is Damaged by Cold Weather

Illinois' 1940 peach crop has been considerably damaged by sub-zero temperatures, according to reports received at the Springfield offices of the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture. Full extent of damage has not yet been determined and warm weather only will show whether the winter wheat crop was affected by the freezing weather. A. J. Surratt, Chief Agricultural Statistician, said,

At the Cross Roads



Rites For Charles Eckerty Held at Newman Thursday

Newman, Feb. 15.—Funeral services for Charles Eckerty, 76, who died at his home north of Newman Monday evening, were held at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Christian Church, with Rev. W. Earl Ballew, pastor of the Broadlands Methodist Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. C. Weir, pastor of the church. Burial was in Fairfield cemetery, north of Newman.

Mr. Eckerty's death was due to pneumonia which followed a paralytic stroke suffered recently. He was born June 10, 1872, in Woodward county, Ind., and spent the greater part of his life on a farm north of Newman.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Ida Eckerty, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Cook, Broadlands; Mrs. Marie Barracks, Villa Grove; three sons, Harold, Newman; Ray, Blackport, N. Y.; and Virgil, at home; two brothers, Jacob of Birdseye, Ind.; and Floyd of Longview; and one sister, Mrs. Phoebe Mavity, Longview.

Mrs. Eva Walker Is Hostess to W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Eva Walker was hostess to the local unit of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, last Tuesday. A potluck dinner was served at the noon hour, followed by a business meeting in the afternoon. Three new members, namely: Mrs. Emma Jackson, Mrs. Bessie Loomis and Mrs. Lydia Brown, were enrolled.

Members present were Mesdames Ruby Holt, Leanna Miller, Anna Laverick, Mary Fitzgerald, Grace Pugh, Eva Brewer, Ruth Henson, Anna Seeds, Gladys McClelland, Eva Walker.

Guests present were Mesdames O'Neal and Bennett of Champaign; Nellie Potter, Mary Dicks and Pearl DeWitt.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Henson.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our thanks to relatives, friends and neighbors for their kind assistance, expressions of sympathy and floral offerings in our bereavement, by the death of our dear mother, Mrs. Salona S. Sexton, Mrs. Anna Neal, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schumacher attended the funeral of a relative at Woodburn, Ind., Monday.

Methodist Aid Entertained at Home Mrs. Edna Dicks

The Methodist Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Edna Dicks on Thursday afternoon of last week, with Mrs. Lottie Astell as assistant hostess. The meeting opened with the hymns, "In The Garden," and "Sweeter as the Years Go By." Rev. Ballew had charge of the devotions. Mrs. Gladys McClelland read two interesting articles entitled "Washington, the Father of His Country," and "When Martha Washington Cooked for George."

The president, Mrs. Eva Walker conducted the business meeting, during which time a food sale was planned. Mrs. Harriet Smith became a member of the society.

During the social hour valentine contests were enjoyed.

Dainty refreshments consisting of valentine heart shaped ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Guests were Mesdames Hattie Dicks and Grace Schechter, and Rev. W. Earl Ballew.

Members present were Mesdames Mary Fitzgerald, Leanna Miller, Anna Laverick, Minnie Anderson, Eva Brewer, Ruby Holt, Rosa Smith, Eva Walker, Elsie Walker, Gladys Walker, Ida Messman, Gladys McClelland, Pearl DeWitt, Faustine Smith, Harriet Smith, Edna Dicks and Miss Mildred Neal.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Faustine Smith.

The Carl Zenkes are Hosts to Bridge Club

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zenke were hosts to the Tuesday Night Bridge Club. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Struck held high score; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frick, second high; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eckerty, low. A cafeteria luncheon was served.

Members present were Messrs. and Mesdames Oscar Limp, Ray Struck, Bud Struck, Elmer Mohr, Earl Eckerty, Norman Seider, Louis Frick, Carl Zenke. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Struck were guests.

Lodge Meets Next Monday

Broadlands Lodge, No. 791, A. F. & A. M. will meet next Monday night at 7:30.

Henry K. Mohr, W. M.
Carl B. Dicks, Sec.

Leon Struck and family have moved to what is known as the George Walker farm, one mile west of town. The place is now the property of Mrs. Eileen Williams of Corpus Christi, Tex.

Miss Lydia David is Bride of Wilbur Thomas

Wilbur Thomas and Miss Lydia David, both of Broadlands, were united in marriage last Sunday evening, at the United Brethren parsonage, Longview, with Rev. J. F. Turner performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Coryell, sister and brother-in-law of the groom, were the attendants.

The happy couple have gone to housekeeping on the Struck farm northwest of Broadlands, the house having been furnished and put in readiness for their occupancy prior to their marriage.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch David, who have resided on a farm in the vicinity of Broadlands for a number of years.

The groom is a son of James Thomas of Terre Haute, Ind., a former resident of Broadlands. He is an industrious young man and is well known here, having been reared in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were given an old fashioned charivari at the home of the bride's parents last Monday evening.

Mrs. Cora Tharp, 66, Newman, Dies Monday

Newman.—Mrs. Cora Mae Tharp, 66, died at 8:45 p. m. on Monday, Feb. 12, 1940, at her home in Newman following an illness of one year. Death followed a paralytic stroke suffered three weeks ago.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the local Christian church by Rev. J. C. Weir, pastor. Burial was in the Fairfield cemetery.

Mrs. Tharp was born July 1, 1873, in Lawrence county, Ind., a daughter of John and Charity Richards. She was married Feb. 4, 1891, to Isaac Virgil Tharp, who died Dec. 4, 1928.

Surviving are eight children, Mrs. Leona Turner, Indianapolis; Mrs. Arthur Miller, Mrs. Harold Smith, Broadlands; William, of Champaign; Cecil, Tuscola; Earl Tharp, Newman; Harry Virgil and Effie Tharp, at home. She also leaves 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Craig Inquest Held at Newman Friday

Newman, Feb. 10.—That Williard K. Craig, 21, died of inflammation of the brain resulting from a head injury was decided at an inquest Friday night in the Barr funeral home here.

The inquest was conducted by Doctor James Taylor, deputy coroner.

Craig died Friday morning in Jarman hospital, Tuscola. It was reported he received the injury when he fell on the ice several days ago.

Wells Produce 10,825,000 Barrels of Oil in January

Illinois oil wells produced an estimated 10,825,000 barrels of petroleum during January, the highest production in any single month in the 35 years since Illinois became an oil-producing state.

This record yield was obtained despite adverse weather conditions which caused a sharp drop in the rate of well completions. January completions totaled 234, compared with 343 in December.

Mrs. Mary E. Smith, 94, Is Summoned

Mrs. Mary E. Smith, 94, widow of the late George W. Smith, died at her home northwest of Broadlands, Monday, Feb. 12, 1940, at 4:30 a. m. Death was attributed to complications and infirmities of age.

Funeral services were held at the local Methodist Church, on last Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. W. Earl Ballew, pastor of the church, officiating. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mrs. Lillie Bowman, Mrs. Kenneth Dicks, Charles Smith and Oscar Witt, with Mrs. Oscar Witt at the piano.

Burial was in Fairfield Memorial cemetery, southeast of Broadlands, with Dicks Brothers in charge.

Mary E. Oglesby was born in Fairfax District, South Carolina, on March 30, 1845. She was brought to Illinois by her mother when three years old, her father having died on the eve of their departure for Illinois.

The family first lived in Carlyle, Illinois, where in a few years her mother died, leaving a family of four children. She is the last of her family.

In young womanhood she married Anthony Gaines, who lived a very few years. He was the father of the late Anthony Albert Gaines. She was married in 1866 to the late Geo. W. Smith in Springfield, Ill., where they lived for several years, coming to Champaign County in the spring of 1876. In December of the same year they purchased that part of their farm which has been the family home for nearly 64 years. She was a charter member of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church of Broadlands, Ill., and an earnest, conscientious Christian.

She leaves to mourn the loss of a loving mother, two daughters and one son: Salona S. Sexton, Anna S. Neal, and John M. Smith. Her husband, and three sons, the late Charles A., Fred L., and Wm. Walter Smith, having preceded her in death. Also twelve grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one niece, Miss Sadie Oglesby, of St. Joseph, Mo.; and a host of other relatives and friends, to mourn her loss.

Many Persons Visit the Lincoln Home, Springfield

January attendance at the Lincoln Home in Springfield indicates growing popular interest in Lincoln shrines, according to George H. Luker, Illinois state park superintendent. Although January was the second coldest month in 61 years and the coldest since 1918, a total of 1,151 persons visited the home, where the Lincoln family lived between 1844 and 1861. Visitors came from 34 states and ten foreign countries including Canada, England, France, India, Japan, Monaco, Russia, Wales, China and Yugoslavia.

Lyons and Brooks at Champaign Monday

Richard J. Lyons, Republican candidate for Governor, and C. Wayland Brooks, the Republican candidate for United States Senator, will speak at the Champaign City Building next Monday at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited.

Easter falls on March 24.

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Lincoln and Darwin

On February 12, 1809, two boy babies were born in widely separated homes, one in America and the other in England, but both were destined to exert a far-reaching influence upon their own and future generations. They were Abraham Lincoln and Charles Robert Darwin.

Aside from their common birthday and the fact that both attained undying fame, their careers were almost entirely dissimilar. Lincoln lived in the maelstrom of politics and war, while Darwin pursued the quiet life of a naturalist, although the scientific ideas which he advanced raised a mighty controversy, the end of which is not yet in sight.

Lincoln was born of obscure parents, had almost no formal education, but rose to the Presidency of the United States, during the time of the nation's greatest crisis. His assassination just at the close of the Civil War deprived the country of his wise guidance during reconstruction. Had he lived, much of the bitterness engendered during that trying period might have been avoided. But his greatness of mind and heart is universally recognized and his name is honored in the South as well as in the North.

Darwin came of distinguished ancestry, was educated at Oxford, and as a result of his researches gave the world the epoch-making work, "The Origin of Species," in which to quote Rev. Henry Van Dyke, "he gave lucidity and coherence to the conception of a progressive and continuous creation, which has changed the face of the modern scientific world."

Probably no two persons born on the same day ever made such an impress upon the lives and thoughts of their fellow-men as have Lincoln and Darwin, who first saw the light 131 years ago.

Planes of Plastics

Because of the ingenuity of industrial chemists and research workers, airplanes may soon be stamped out like cookies, according to Industrial Press Service. If this prediction comes true, as seems probable, the building of planes will be greatly facilitated.

After long research and much laboratory expense, aeronautical engineers have pronounced the moulding of aircraft sections from plastics to be practical, it is said. The new plastic process produces aircraft sections of great strength and lightness. The wings, tail and fuselage are stamped out in a few operations and assembled into one solid piece under heat and pressure.

Military officers are reported to have shown considerable interest in the new process, and have lent their own research facilities to its development. It is claimed that planes may be built in this way much faster and at greatly reduced cost, enabling manufacturers to better meet mass production requirements in an emergency.

Several agricultural products are used in the manufacture of the plastic materials proposed for building the new type planes. If production on a large scale is attained, it might provide a new market of considerable importance for these farm products.

Sidelights

Recently a two-and-a-half ton truck in Memphis, Tenn., was badly damaged when it collided with a home-made midget automobile. The midget's owner was jailed for reckless driving.

After P. J. Wells of Exeter, Calif., had dined on the 27-inch trout he had caught, he learned that he had eaten the evidence which would have won him the new casting rod for the biggest fish of the season.

WPA laborers in New York City, armed with putty knives and solvents have been working on the floors and stairways of the administration building at LaGuardia Airport—cleaning off hundreds of wads of chewing gum.

Imbued with the idea that motor busses are run for the convenience of the public, a young woman in Evanston, Ill., hailed one. When it stopped she put her foot on the step, tied her shoe lace, smilingly thanked the motorman and walked away.

Fred Terron may be said to be an interstate character. His ranch being located at the intersection of four states, he calls for his mail in Colorado, votes in Utah, trades at a county seat in Arizona, and goes to church in New Mexico.

An attorney in Rio de Janeiro obtained the release on writs of habeas corpus of two men charged with passing counterfeit United States currency. He charged them a fee of \$500, which was promptly paid in nice, new bills, and the culprits left Brazil. The attorney found the bills to be counterfeit.

Ed Peterson of Pomona, Calif., and other points west, became a super-salesman early in life. Before he was 17 he had sold an oil derrick, a barn, two unoccupied houses, a sugar company's employees club house, and other property, none of which he had ever owned. Police finally nabbed him in Phoenix, Ariz., where he was about to sell a railroad train to a Pullman porter for \$100.

Random Notes

Wild animal dealers receive about \$700 each for ostriches.

The first world's fair was held in London in 1851, the second in Paris in 1855.

Water wheels still power more than 2,000 Pennsylvania flour mills.

Grant was the only president who was graduated from West Point.

Ten persons are buried in the same coffin in the Forest Lawn cemetery at Richmond, Va.

More railroad cars are built in the Chicago district than in any other similar area in the world.

Two presidents of the United States, Jackson and Hayes, were born after their fathers had died.

Five members of the Roosevelt family have served the nation as assistant secretary of the Navy.

People of the United States waste 15 million dollars a year on worthless medicines, according to a medical committee.

William W. Gaswell of Portsmouth, N. H., has constructed a house out of 2,138 champagne bottles.

Miss Marcia O'Day of New York City earns her living raising and selling white mice to socialites and theatrical celebrities.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. What was the first trial held as an aftermath of the Alton riot of Nov. 7, 1837 in which Elijah Lovejoy was killed defending his printing press?

A. The defenders, not the destroyers, of the press were brought to trial in January, 1838.

Q. Who were the prosecutors? A. Francis B. Murdock assisted by Usher F. Linder, Attorney General of Illinois, a bitter enemy of Lovejoy.

Q. Who were the attorneys for the defense?

A. George Davis and Alfred Cowles.

Q. What did the defense request?

A. A separate trial for Winthrop S. Gilman, one of the owners of the warehouse where the press was stored.

Q. What was prosecutor Linder's contention?

A. That the men were defending "a press brought here to teach rebellion and insurrection to the slave; to excite servile war; to preach murder in the name of religion.

Q. How did the trial result?

A. Gilman was acquitted and a nolle prosequi entered against the other press defenders.

Q. Who were the next brought to trial?

A. The attackers of the warehouse and destroyers of the press on Jan. 19, 1838.

Q. What was the conclusion of Cowles summation against the defendants who had destroyed the abolition press?

A. "Let the abolitionists think, if they please; let them speak if they choose; let them print if they will. Freedom of thought is the birth right, and freedom of speech the charter of every American citizen."

Q. What was the result of the trial?

A. No one could be identified who fired the fatal shots. Past midnight on Jan. 20, 1838 a verdict of "not guilty" was returned.

Q. Did the Alton Observer die?

A. It was re-established in Cincinnati and the first number appeared Dec. 28, 1837.

What's New

By the invention of a new machine, it is now possible to make firewood out of sawdust.

Lead pads, weighing more than 90 tons, keep one of New York's major hotels from vibrating to traffic.

An English horticulturist has developed a liquid plant food to enable vegetables to grow in sand bags.

A portable railroad grade crossing signal has been invented that is operated by radio, sounding a horn when trains approach.

An inventor has equipped an innerspring mattress with a motor-driven blower and an electric heater to enable a user to sleep at any temperature desired.

A new service station for motorists sells gasoline and oil in quantities according to coins inserted, at the same time permitting free use of air, water and repair tools.

Adjustable to any angle, a new copy holder for typists is equipped with an electric light to illuminate the copy and is shielded to save users from eye strain.

A rubber hub carrying a disk of the same material has been invented by an Englishman to anchor beverage glasses in airplanes, railroad cars and other places subject to vibration.

Fire Drives Wolves To Illinois Farms

As late as 1892, timber wolves menaced live stock in some parts of the state, says the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

According to a Carthage news item of the time, farmers in Hancock county, who had organized a campaign to rid the area of them, found much difficulty in getting dogs to attack the hunger-crazed creatures. Forest fires had driven the animals south along the ice on the Mississippi river.

Horses Cross River By Means of Canoe

When three Illinois pioneers started on a trip to Missouri in 1833, they transported their horses across the Mississippi river on two canoes, according to research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

After constructing a platform on canoes and enclosing it with a railing, the resourceful men set out from Mill Creek near Quincy. The unique craft safely transported its passengers and equipment to the west bank of the stream.

Ugly Disposition Places Steer on Dinner Tables

An Illinois steer was hailed before a regular court of Adams county residents in 1828 because it could not be restrained in any ordinary enclosure, according to a historical account of the time noted by the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

When the evidence had been weighed the steer stood convicted of annoying the community even to a point where forbearance no longer was considered to be a virtue. As a result, it was ordered that the animal be slaughtered and properly dressed upon a given day and the beef divided among the families of the neighborhood.

Even the hide was accounted for. It was made into a belt for the local grist mill.

Bow and Arrow Rivals of Baseball and Bat

In 1879, archery made a bid for the title of "the great American game," during the first National Archery Tournament, held in Illinois. One writer of the time asserted that baseball was too violent and a game in which women could not participate. Archery deserved to outrank all other sports, he said.

Still other arguments were advanced to place archery on the sports pinnacle, says the Illinois Writers' Project. It struck the happy medium, affording ample pedestrian exercise in recovering sidelong arrows, bringing in to full play the muscles of the arms and chest, and withal, cultivating grace of attitude and movement beyond any other sport in the list.

During the tournament, in the old White Stocking Park at Chicago, \$3,000 in prizes were distributed among 100 contestants.

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

Miss Edith B. Clark, 61, of Porterville, Calif., is perhaps the oldest woman air pilot. She has flown 260 hours since 1927.

Mrs. Ruby Ludwig of Chicago complained to police that her husband had attempted to force her to get up at 2 o'clock in the morning and shovel snow off the sidewalk.

When Henry Toland of Lincoln, Neb., attempted to caution a motorist against crossing a bridge, he was blinded by the car lights and stepped into a hole, breaking his leg.

More than 10,000 skulls are preserved in the National Museum in Washington.

Mrs. Finis Rupe of Marshfield, Mo., declares that one of her hens laid three eggs in one day.

The world's youngest monarch is the newly crowned 3-year-old King Feisal of Iraq.

A shortage of skilled labor is reported in the machine tool and aircraft industries.

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Justice Jest

By THAYER WALDO
(McClure Syndicate—WNU Service.)

THE lady speared a pickled onion and nibbled it appraisingly. "Delightful!" she pronounced. "I compliment your taste, Burton, dear. They do go well with sherry."

The large man at her left nodded somewhat curtly.

"Yes, yes, Prunella; quite so. But that's a trifle irrelevant just now. Mortimer and I have weighty matters to discuss. Haven't we, old boy?"

Across the table from him the party's third member seemed almost to start.

"Eh?" he jerked; then: "Oh, absolutely! I should say—a great many."

Huffily the hostess inquired: "Well, am I to take that as a hint to retire?"

"Not at all, my dove," said Burton; "on the contrary. I was merely about to suggest that you listen with attentive silence to our talk."

"As the producer of this play of yours, I wished to go over some of the details with you."

"You—ah—you mean there are some things in the script you want to change?"

"Most emphatically not!" The bulky gentleman flicked one thick hand in a gesture of reproof.

"I see. Yes; of course. Were there—did you have any particular scenes in mind?"

"Glad you asked that!" Burton boomed heartily. "Just the point I was coming to. Yes, there's one bit I particularly feel we would do well to examine. I refer to the sequence in which Sir Cholmondeley Twerp-Gerald is given the poisoned wine by Horatio Steele."

"In that," the other went on imperturbably, "I will insist that you achieve a masterpiece. It has suspense, dramatic force, and, above all, justice triumphant."

He looked at each of them with eyes enthusiastically aglow, then resumed:

"Think of it—at last we are to have in the theater an enactment of civilized yet perfect revenge. It has remained for Mortimer Prent-rup, the outstanding playwright of this age, to deal with the problem in a wholly satisfactory manner. I am more than proud to be instrumental in offering this magnificent example of right conduct to husbands everywhere."

He paused, glanced at the wine glasses of the other two, and said solicitously:

"Come—I didn't realize we were running dry. Prunella, ring for Quint and have him bring more sherry."

Mortimer's mouth opened twice before words came.

"Not—not for me," he managed finally.

"Nonsense!" Burton scoffed. "We mustn't neglect conviviality. Ring, my dear."

After a quick glance to her right, Prunella obeyed. The butler appeared almost at once, carrying a tray which held two Spanish-labeled bottles.

"Fill the glasses," Burton directed; "the same as before."

It was performed and the man went out.

"A toast!" said Burton, "to the success of a fine and noble work, in which we all believe most sincerely!"

All joined, in varying degrees of exuberance. After that the host placed elbows upon the table and renewed his monologue.

"Somehow, I just can't put aside that incident. It has become, beyond all comparable passages in literature, a living, vital thing to me. Suppose for instance—just to illustrate my point, of course—that we three were involved in the situation your play presents, Mortimer. Imagine my satisfaction as the outraged one in hitting upon that scheme of vengeance. Really, I want you to enter into the spirit of the thing, to conceive for the moment of yourselves as the characters. Mortimer, picture if you can, my supreme delight if I were sitting here possessed of the knowledge that the wine you just took contained a deadly poison!"

One hoarse and barely articulate cry came from the man opposite; then he swayed and toppled to the floor, inert. Instantly Burton sprang up.

"There!" he bellowed, facing the aghast Prunella. "I knew it could be done!"

Greedily he drained the glass. An expression coupling surprise with pain overspread his countenance. very gracefully he collapsed, stretching well across beside Prunella's chair and said:

"Pardon me, ma'am, but there is no cause for alarm. Some months ago a violent passion for you was born in my breast. Since then I have observed your favor divided equally between these two gentlemen, so I thought some way to dispose of them both. Fortunately your husband left a copy of the other gentleman's play on the library table. I read it and gained my inspiration. Poison was in both their drinks tonight."

The producer chuckled and rose. "Okay, boys," he agreed; "the skit suits me. You can put it in the picture, right after Bong Crossbow's number where he sings 'You Horrid Woman.'"

Bathroom Bandit

By ARCHEY C. NEW
(McClure Syndicate—WNU Service.)

THE bathing hour was at its peak, the vast bathroom, now enjoying that somnolent intermission before the return rush of happy, laughing, wet bodies.

In one of the little cubicles or dressing-rooms, in a cross-section corridor distant from the Boardwalk entrance, a bather stood, enshrouded in a huge towel, listening intently. Down the shadowy passage came the shouts of voices. The lone bather opened the door a few inches and peered out. A young man was running this way. At that moment, the bather, perversely it seemed, elected to toss a very wet bathing-suit into the corridor, hitting the runner squarely on his spick-and-span flannel trousers.

"Oh, I beg your pardon," murmured the bather.

"That's all right. Let me in a minute, will you?"

Without waiting for an answer, the young man crowded into the tiny cubicle and hastily closed the door.

"I like your nerve! Get out of here!"

"What do you think this is—a nudist camp?"

"I wouldn't know about that. Whee! I come from, we don't sorta like such goin'-on." He fingered a man's coat and trousers hanging on the wall. "How come these heah clo'es? You—you're not one of those movie stars that weah men's clo'es, are you?"

"I'm not," she told him, tartly. "I—they're—my husband's." And she added, quickly, "You'd better get out before he comes back."

"Great Grief, that sho' is tough." He started to open the door, when again the excited voices drew near. He shut the door.

"What's wrong?" the bather demanded, "are you running away from the police?"

"Gosh, no sistah!" he assured her. "Then what are you afraid of?" she insisted.

"I'm in the darndest jam you evah heard of."

"Tell me about it," she urged.

"I was in bathin' today, too," he explained, "and I checked my valuables like they all do. I went back to the hotel, to gettin' to claim my things. I came back heah and when I stepped up to the window to get them, the girl in cha'ge was lyn' inside, with blood on her head and lookin' kind of dopey. I yelled fo' someone to come, and reached in the window so's to open the door, so's I could help her, when along came a man. He looks around quick, yells for help and seein' me with my arm in the window, accuses me. Somethin' tells me I'd have a ha'd time explainin', so I lammed. And heah I am."

"And you expect me to believe that?" she demanded scornfully.

His eyes, flashing flintily, at that moment made out a glittery object on the floor. He pounced on it.

"Must be scads o' gold in this heah bracelet, ma'am: it's pow'ful heavy." He grinned sourly. "An' I can't be a thief, exactly, else I wouldn't be handin' it back to you."

"Help!" she cried out, suddenly.

"Help!" The door flew open, and a score of men and women, with a Boardwalk cop in the forefront, stared eagerly into the tiny room.

"What's the trouble, ma'am?" asked a white-coated attendant.

"This man said you were hunting him for a hold-up," she cried. "He forced his way into my room, to hide."

"So-o?" growled the cop. "Seems to me I've seen this bozo before, eh, bub? Let's see." He reflected briefly.

"Ain't you the Curly Wolf?"

"Gosh, no," protested the young man. "I'm no criminal. I—I—"

"Oh, yeah?" sneered the cop. He turned to the attendant. "See if you can get Miss Jennie back here now."

"And, if you don't mind," spoke up the outraged bather, "I'm going to the beach to find my husband."

"Oh, I say, ma'am—" he started to protest, but the girl vanished. Another girl, holding a wet towel to her head, and half supported by an attendant, appeared in the group.

"Who's he?" she asked listlessly. "I never seen him before."

"Why, Miss Jennie," sputtered the cop, "ain't he the hold-up guy?"

"That big beef?" sniffed the girl. "He is not!"

"That's funny!" came an interruption from the white-coated attendant, emerging from the dressing room, holding a man's suit, and scanning his chart with a puzzled air. "How'd this suit get in there? My book says a lady took this room today—alone."

Jenny snatched at the coat. "That's the little shrimp's coat what slugged me," she shrieked excitedly.

"The little sawed-off worm had a voice like a woman. Showed me a big gold bracelet, used it for knuckles, and hit me with it. I'd 'a sworn it was a woman . . ."

"I'd swear to it now, damn it all," yelled the cop, light striking him suddenly. "Brazen Bess, the—Gangway! everybody—" and dropping his captive's arm, he streaked for the nearest call-box.

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By JANE SNOW
(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

"I TRUSTED you, only to find that you had frittered yourself away on other women—I, who had saved my lips for my husband and had lived like a nun—"

Althea was going good, Don Morgan reflected.

"Bad daddy! Make mudder kwy!" Donny puffed out his chest and stamped his small feet.

Althea reached out, drew the indignant little figure to her and said, between sobs:

"Darling son! He'll take care of mother, won't he?"

"Of course, Althea," Don's voice carried a bored note, which gave her an inward wince, "such scenes always mean that you want something. This time, I suppose, it is the new roadster, which I told you I cannot afford. You will probably win, because I'd go bankrupt to escape this sort of melodrama, though you have found it lucrative. But you might at least keep the baby out of it."

In his youth Don Morgan had been too good looking and too susceptible. First he had succumbed to the appeal of Myrna Lewis, he being a handsome and romantic 18 and she a mysterious, alluring 32, who needed a satellite pending a divorce she was seeking.

No harm had been done for, Myrna had other plans, and after receiving Don's attentions for several months sailed away to a titled marriage.

Later on he became engaged to peppery Sally Will. But many of the other fellows had done the same thing. That affair ended, as most of hers did, with about her third tantrum.

When Althea came upon the scene Mabel Parsons had him almost landed—her stronghold was the serious, big-sister pose. But after he laid eyes on Althea there were no more affairs for Don, nor for Althea, either.

They were happy, except that Mabel Parsons took her spite out by telling Althea about Don's affairs in an increasing ratio. Althea took her spite by referring to these exaggerations when she wanted to manage Don.

This last scene, with three-year-old Donny taking part, was too much, Don told himself many times during the five or more miles he walked before he came back to his own door.

The next morning Don left before Donny and Althea were awake. He did not phone during the day and at night turned homeward with lagging steps, for he knew the hostilities would not end until the roadster question was settled. Dropping into a porch chair under the vine, he opened his paper.

"Whoo-oo-oo!" It was the whistle that went with the postman's outfit he had bought Donny the day before.

"Whoo-oo-oo! Mail, daddy!" "A-a-all right, sir! How many letters today?"

"Four, free, leben!" The man held out his hand for them abstractedly. "Gotta hurry! Big hurry! Lotta letters, all down sweet!"

After a few minutes Don glanced at the letters. The first one was without an envelope and began, "Althea, My Own Angel."

A half-hour later Althea looked up from her reading, an injured aloofness in her manner, to see a husband whose mien was neither placating nor contrite, but rather that of a stern judge.

"You told me last night, Althea, between sobs, that you had saved your lips for your husband. Yet, before you knew me there was one Mike Wickham who said that your kiss was like wine to him!"

"Don, are you crazy!" she cried wildly. The stern judge went on.

"There was a poet, one Leon, who insisted that with his arms around you and his lips on yours the sorrows of the world were blotted out. He believed that you were going to marry him. And there was a Bobby James who went into a football game with your glove beneath his sweater; next to his heart, and with your kiss upon his brow. He called it life's accolade; so his team must have won."

"Are you trying to lie about my character?" bluffed Althea, angrily. He held up the mail Donny had given him and announced sternly:

"Althea, you have taunted me with my early foolishness for the last time. Also, there will be no more of the 'virgin mind,' 'innocent girl' or 'living like a nun' stuff. So far as your past and mine are concerned we will call it a draw!"

"You have been spying upon me!" She snatched at the letters.

Donny, perspiring but happy, burst into the room, an empty mail-pouch over his shoulder.

"Well, mudder," he beamed, "I was postman, and I d'ivered all de letters out of dat big box back in your closet—'vybody got one. Didn't you like yours, daddy?"

"Mine were just what I needed, son," replied Don, zestfully, while Althea sobbed into her best satin cushion.

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Local and Personal

Leonard Block of Alton spent the first of the week with his mother, Mrs. Emma Block.

Old Man Flu was the uninvited guest of ye editor the first of the week.

Mrs. Bessie Loomis spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parsons at Villa Grove.

Roy McCormick was confined to his home by illness the first of the week.

Mrs. Verla Darley of Ypsilanti, Mich., is among our new subscribers this week.

Ilo Barnes and family of Indianapolis spent the weekend in the John Barnes home.

Mrs. Fred Harris of Worden is visiting her father, R. H. Hardyman.

Walter Poggendorf, who recently submitted to an appendectomy at Mercy hospital, Urbana, returned home Sunday.

Floyd Block and family and Charles Brewer were supper guests at the Leslie Cooper home in Tuscola Sunday evening.

Miss Rosemary Cummings, who recently submitted to an appendectomy at the Urbana hospital, returned home Wednesday.

Carl Poore and family, who have been living in one of the Zenke tenant houses, have moved to Broadlands, occupying the Cadwallader property.

Mrs. Leanna Miller, Mrs. Eva Walker and Mrs. Eva Brewer attended the World's Day of Prayer service observed at the Methodist church in Allerton last Friday.

Mrs. Clifford Thomas returned to Ypsilanti, Mich., Saturday, after a few days visit at the Howard Clem home. Mrs. Clem accompanied her home for a weeks visit.

Despite the cold weather, work on the basement being built at the local U. B. Church has gone forward at a rapid rate. The major portion of the concrete work has been completed, only the steps and the upper part of the ledges remaining to be finished.

Mrs. Charlotte McCormick received a letter from her daughter, Mrs. Sylva Brown, of Lake Wales, Florida, Thursday morning, which read in part:

"Yes, we had cold weather, down to 18 two nights. I saw clothes frozen on the line at 10 a. m., they had frozen during the night and stayed so until noon. Our fish pool froze over twice, and rain water tubs kept a cartwheel of ice all day. Our solar heater froze and pipes burst. Charles had opened the drain valve, but found the pipes were laid so only half of them drained. Some of our shrubs had tops killed, but most were only nipped. We covered the roses blooming and they came through O. K. It went to 18 in low spots, 24 at our house."

Long View News

Girl Scouts will hold a bakery sale Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Caudle and daughter of Indianola, were recent guests in the Jas. Parks home.

Adolph Brooks and Horace Fansler are back in high school after illness from chickenpox and mumps, respectively.

Mrs. Alice Hanley is at home after several week's visit with her son Kenneth and family at Allendale.

E. J. Doney began his work at the C. & E. I. tower at Gerald, Ill., Monday. E. G. Price of St. Joseph began work as agent here that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martinie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalzell celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries with a dinner in the Dalzell home, Sunday.

Longview grade school won first place in the county heavy-weight basketball tourney at Pesotum Saturday night. A pennant and basketball were the awards received.

Howard Dyar and Mrs. Farrel Cook of Dayton, Ohio, have been here this week, to be at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Luther Betts, who submitted to a major operation at Burnham hospital. Mrs. Betts' condition is reported as satisfactory.

Miss Leora Fansler has resigned

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