

News Items of 12 Years Ago

Nov. 23, 1928

Harry Lutge of Ithaca, Mich., visited friends here.

Misses Anna Clem and Maude Block were Newman visitors.

Mrs. Clara Hedrick was hostess to the D. of K. class of the M. E. Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Krenzien moved to the north side occupying the Luth property.

Mrs. O. P. Witt returned from Kansas City, Mo., where she had gone to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mrs. Herman Seider was here from Ohio visiting her mother, Mrs. Benschneider, and other relatives.

20 Years Ago
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J. O. Cadwallader was a De- catur visitor.

Pearl Zantow spent Thanksgiv- ing with Frances Parsons at Villa Grove.

Miss Olga Six of Ridgfarm spent Thanksgiving with home folks.

Misses Lillie McCormick and Thelma Thomas were Newman shoppers.

Lonnie Zantow and Carl Dicks spent Thanksgiving with friends at Champaign.

Kenneth and Forrest Dicks, Ralph Allen and Miss Anna Cool- ley of the U. of I., spent the Thanksgiving vacation with home folks.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.
10:00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
Sermon—"Holy Communion, a Feast of Thanksgiving."

You are invited to attend an illustrated lecture on "The Religious and Social Conditions of India as Seen by a Missionary," by Rev. R. H. Brauer, returned missionary from India. It will be Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. You are welcome.

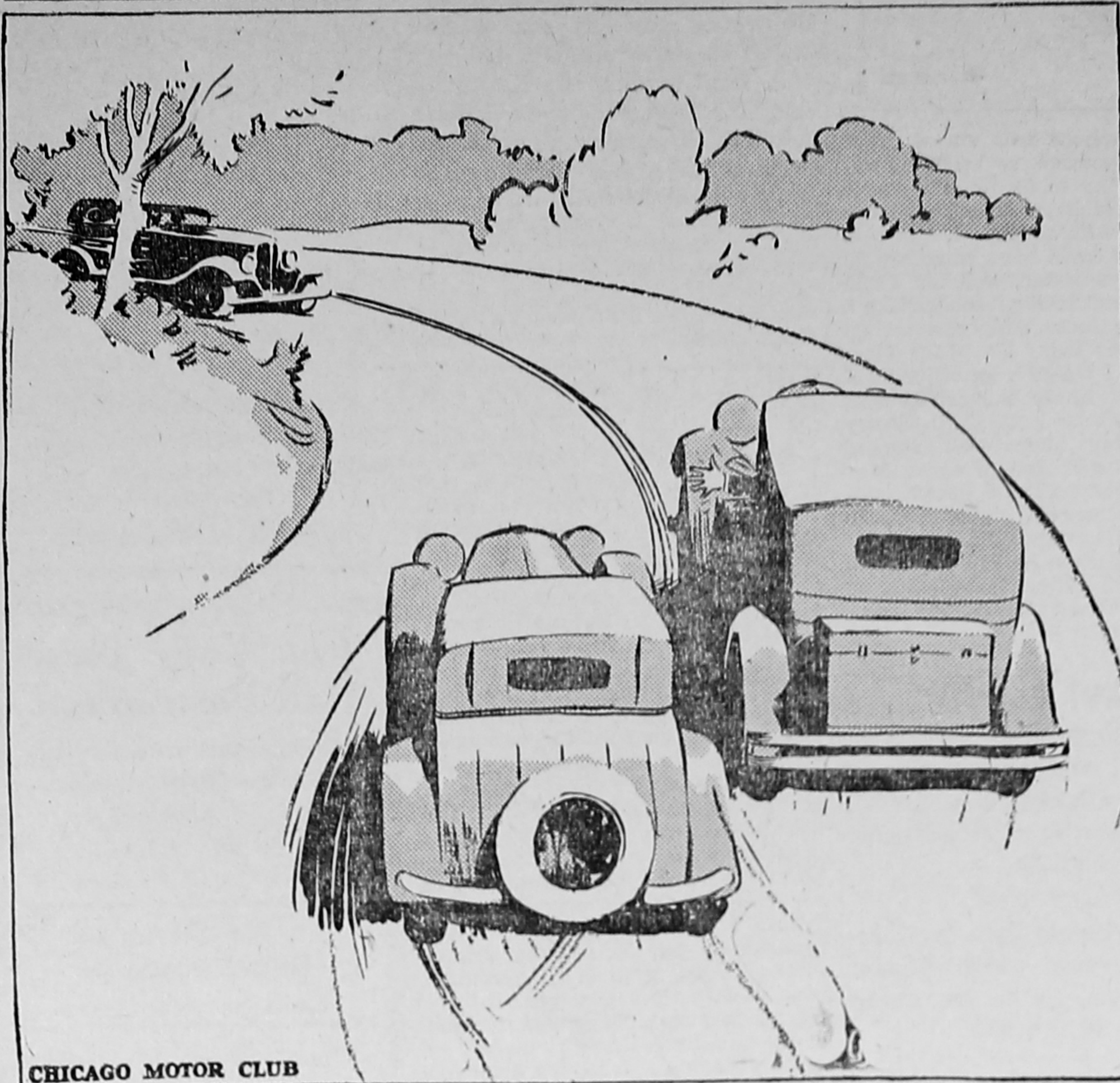
Rapid Progress of Settlement Amazed Early State Visitors

Rapid progress of settlement less than 75 years ago seemed phenomenal to observers from older sections of the United States and they wrote enthusiastically of the land and its people. "You can't help being surprised to find farms that 15 years ago were a wilderness of grass without a tree, house or roof in sight now fenced, shaded with quick growing trees and valued at as much per acre as the majority of eastern land," wrote a visitor in 1870, says the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

A report issued by the State Department of Agriculture for 1867 showed 13,096,374 acres of improved farm land in Illinois, and 143,310 farms, with an average of 146 acres to each one.

Mrs. Jesse Thompson, Mooresville, Ind., has made 80 quilts over a period of years, using the same needles. One quilt contains 7,632 pieces.

DRIVERS WE HATE TO MEET



The fellow who tries to pass others on a curve.

WSCS Meets With Mrs. Ida Messman

The November meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. Ida Messman on Thursday afternoon of last week, with Mrs. Emma Jackson as assistant hostess.

Mrs. Jackson led the devo- tions, and the president, Mrs. Mary Dicks, had charge of the business meeting, at which time plans were made to serve a tur- key supper in the church base- ment Wednesday evening, De- cember 4.

One new member, Mrs. Thel- ma Smith, was added to the So- ciety. Roll call response was "Thanksgiving Thought." Mrs. Laverick read an interesting pa- per on Foreign Missions.

A social hour was enjoyed, and refreshments consisting of chick- en sandwiches, angel food cake with whipped cream, mints and coffee, were served by the hostesses.

Mrs. Eva Walker and Rev. W. Earl Ballew were guests.

Members present were Mes- dames Leanna Miller, Gertrude Farmer, Mary Fitzgerald, Anna Laverick, Minnie Anderson, An- na Seeds, Eva Brewer, Maude Anderson, Lettie Eckerty, Alma Bruhn, Helen Ward, Ruby Holt, Gladys Walker, Pearl DeWitt, Mary Dicks, Margaret Anderson, Myrle Block, Bertha Cook, Thel- ma Smith, Gladys McClelland, Emma Jackson, Ida Messman; and Miss Mildred Neal.

Elmer Sy Seriously Ill

Elmer Sy submitted to an op- eration for kidney stones at Lake View hospital, Danville, last Sat- urday. Pneumonia developed on the following Monday and since then his condition has been se- rious. We learn his condition is somewhat improved, as we go to press on Wednesday evening.

Digging in his basement look- ing for rats, Ole Lingen of Stan- ley, Wis., unearthed a jar con- taining 386 silver dollars, all dated before 1900.

Local and Personal

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

Walter Divan of Champaign was a visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Guthrie of Moline spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Holt.

Miss Phyllis Bergfield of Dan- ville spent Monday and Tuesday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bergfield.

Mrs. Lettie Eckerty and Miss Lena Todd were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eckerty at Allerton, Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Schumacher, of Lake View hospital, Danville, spent Monday and Tuesday here with her father, Henry Schu- macher, and other relatives.

Mrs. Mary Benschneider and sons Billie and Arnold, of Payne, Ohio, spent last Monday night and Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Hannah Luth. They were en- route to Atwood for a visit with Mrs. Benschneider's sisters.

Members of the Woman's So- ciety of Christian Service who have not yet contributed jars of fruit for the Cunningham Home are requested to do so at once, and bring them to the home of Mrs. D. P. Brewer.

Henry Schumacher has pur- chased the Walker property on the south side and will move into the same in the near future. Dr. David K. Farmer and mother who had been residing in the Walker property removed to the St. John's parsonage on the north side.

I. R. Holt attended a meeting of the Champaign County Ele- mentary Principals and coaches in Champaign on Thursday even- ing of last week. The meeting was held in conjunction with one of the Champaign and Urbana Elementary Principals. Mrs. Holt spent the evening with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Horn.

The 1940 Illinois Turkey Crop Estimated at 623,000

The 1940 turkey crop in Illinois is estimated at 623,000 birds by the State and Federal depart- ments of agriculture, compared with 566,000 last year. This year's turkeys are said to be heavier than those of 1939. The great storm which swept the Midwest last week and destroyed many turkeys in some sec- tions did not materially cut down Illinois flocks.

Land Could Be Bought For \$1.84 Per Acre In 1818

Illinois land, some of the rich- est in the world, could be bought for \$1.84 per acre in 1818, the year in which Illinois became a state, according to the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA. By Act of Congress, parcels of land were offered for sale in that year at public auction in units of 80, 160, and 320 acres.

Land for which there was no bid of \$2.00 per acre or more, was later offered for sale at the minimum price of \$2.00. "Cash on the barrelhead" brought a discount of eight per cent, and thereby reduced the cost to \$1.84 per acre.

Seven Million Trees To Be Planted Next Spring

Almost seven million trees, furnished by the State at low cost, will be planted next spring by Illinois land owners, accord- ing to Anton J. Tomasek, State Forester. This will mark a new high in the distribution of trees under the State's reforestation program, which began in 1936. Community forests, now being started by many towns and com- munities, and planting on waste lands where strip mining opera- tions have been carried on, ac- count for much of the growing demand for trees. Illinois main- tains two big tree nurseries, and the State Forestry Division will send an expert to plan the plant- ing where five acres or more are being set out. The state fur- nishes trees only for reforesta- tion, and not for ornamental or landscaping purposes.

The Fred Newkirks Celebrate Birthdays

A large number of relatives gathered at the home of Fred Newkirk in Broadlands, last Sun- day, the occasion being the birth- day anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Newkirk. A bountiful basket dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour, and the afternoon was spent in playing bridge, pin- ochle and euchre.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Will Aders, Lora and Min- nie Gerike, Villa Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kraft and family, Fairland; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kraft, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kraft and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kraft and son, Walter, Sid- ney; Mr. and Mrs. Fred New- kirk and son, Carl.

Chicago Show Draws Nation's Best Stock

Of the 28 breeds of purebred draft horses, cattle, sheep, and swine that will be shown this year at the International Live Stock Exposition, opening in Chicago the last of the month, the management reports entry increases in 13 of the breed com- petitions over last year's Ex- position.

The show will be held in the International Amphitheatre at the Chicago Stock Yards Nov. 30 to Dec. 7.

A tally of the entries for the purebred live stock classes, which closed on Nov. 1st indicat- es a record showing in many di- visions, says B. H. Heide, show manager.

The huge International Amphi- theatre, permanent home of this largest annual agricultural show, will be taxed to capacity, he says, to accommodate the thou- sands of farm animals that have been listed for this year's event by stockmen from 34 states and all provinces of Canada.

Illinois leads all other states in the number of prospective ex- hibitors, with entries of live stock and crops received from stockmen and farmers in 57 counties of the state.

More than a thousand horses will be on view at the 1940 Ex- position, a total of 456 draft horses having been entered for the contests of six different breeds; and the total showing of riding and driving horses is ex- pected to bring this count above the thousand mark by the closing of entries.

Reduced Fares to Chicago

Reduced, round trip fares from all points on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railway Compa- ny lines to Chicago for the Inter- national Livestock Exposition will be in effect daily from No- vember 29 to December 5.

The exposition will be held at the International Amphitheater in Chicago from November 30 to December 7.

Under the terms of the special coach excursion rates, visitors to Chicago during the November 29-December 5 period may take advantage of a ten day return limit.

Half fares will be available for children, and the usual regu- lar rate free baggage allowance will apply.

The News was issued on Wed- nesday, instead of Thursday, this week, on account of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Grandma Benschneider Honored on Her 91st Birthday Anniversary

Mrs. Hannah Luth entertained a number of relatives and friends in honor of her mother, Mrs. Benschneider, on Saturday, Nov. 16, it being her 91st birthday an- niversary.

The afternoon was spent in conversation, and lunch was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Benschneider, daugh- ter Marie; Mr. and Mrs. Erhart Benschneider, Earl, Donald and Carol Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Luth, daughter Bernita; Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Luth, Donald and Dorothy, Mrs. Paul Kruse; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schweineke and daughter Inez; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schweineke; Mrs. Lena Seider and daughter, Evalyn; Mrs. Augusta Frenz and daugh- ter of Mason City, Iowa; Grand- ma Benschneider, Mrs. Hannah Luth and son Vernon.

Grandma Benschneider receiv- ed many lovely gifts, and all de- parted wishing her more happy returns of the day.

Broadlands Beats Foolsland, 20-15

Broadlands highs defeated the Foolsland highs by a score of 20 to 15, on Friday night of last week, at Foolsland.

The summary:

Foolsland	B	F	P
Taylor, f.	0	1	2
Armstrong, f.	1	0	0
L. Wilson, f.	1	2	2
Fairchild, c.	1	0	1
Painter, g.	2	2	0
J. Wilson, g.	0	0	1
Broadlands	B	F	P
J. Crain, f.	0	0	0
McCormick, f.	4	0	2
McClelland, f.	0	0	0
Luth, f.	3	2	2
DeWitt, g.	0	0	0
John Crain, g.	2	0	3
Gallion, g.	0	0	0

Broadlands Grade School Defeats Tolono 32 to 11

The Broadlands grade school basketball team went to Tolono Tuesday evening where they met the Tolono grade school team, defeating them by a score of 32-11.

The box score follows:

Tolono-11	B	F	P
Eastman	1	1	2
Klette	4	0	2
Harden	0	0	1
C. Woodworth	0	0	0
Gillespie	0	0	0
Ryan	0	0	0
R. Woodworth	0	0	1
Broadlands-32	B	F	P
Wally Dicks	7	3	1
Bobby Crain	3	0	1
Harold Elliott	3	0	1
Lloyd Cummings	1	1	1
Paul Thode	0	0	2
Noel Dicks	0	0	0
Byron Struck	0	0	0
Oliver Boyd	0	0	0

The boys and Mr. Holt, ac- companied by a guest, D. D. Guthrie of Moline, stopped in Pesotum on the way home to see the Broadlands - Pesotum high school game.

The following local people at- tended a district layman's meet- ing and supper at the Methodist Church in Homer Tuesday night: Mesdames Leanna Miller, Ger- trude Farmer, Ida Messman, Mary Dicks, Pearl DeWitt, Eva Brewer, and Rev. W. Earl Bal- lew.

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Alaska's Resources

When Secretary of State Seward negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867 for \$7,200,000, the transaction was severely criticised by many, and by some it was termed "Seward's folly." But subsequent events have proved it to have been a very good buy after all.

Since the discovery of gold in 1880, more than 400 million dollars worth of the precious metal has been produced, and the output still exceeds 10 million dollars a year. When the price of copper was high, from five to seven million dollars worth of that metal was mined each year, while the salmon pack value has ranged from 21 to 45 million dollars in recent years. The normal lumber cut from Alaskan forests is from 40 to 50 million board feet.

Alaska's present population is about 60,000, almost equally divided between whites and Indians.

The vast territory of 586,400 square miles is rich in natural resources yet untouched, and could support several times its present population.

While the winters are severe in the interior, the temperature sometimes going to 60 degrees below zero, the climate on the coast is moderate, the thermometer rarely falling below zero or going above 80 degrees.

Our Ready-Made Army

The United States has so many latent sources of strength which are not actually appreciated by our own citizens that we are a much stronger nation in certain respects than we ourselves realize, says Harvey C. Fruehauf, President of Fruehauf Trailer Company. "Take, for example, our 'standing army' of truck drivers. No other country in the world has the number of men who are experienced in handling automotive equipment as we have. In this country there are more than three and a half-million truck drivers. Most of these men are not only drivers but are also expert 'trouble shooters' on automotive equipment. A goodly share of them are expert at handling heavy duty units under all sorts of tough and trying conditions.

"No subject is as close to the heart of Americans today as the job of preparing our country against any eventuality. Nothing is so vital in the preparedness program, not only for actual combat units but for the vast 'behind-the-lines' activity, as the transportation of field forces and equipment as well as the greatly increased volume of commercial products. The experience of our truck operators in the handling of their trucks and trailers over the highways is an invaluable asset to the nation's mobility and flexibility.

"It would be difficult indeed to find a more valuable body of citizens than the truck drivers of the United States. For this reason nothing should be left undone which would help to develop the morale, character and efficiency of this group."

All who have reached extreme old age, it seems, have either used lots of tobacco and whisky, or none.

Electrocuting Bugs

Among the new inventions which promise relief to suffering humanity is the electric light insect exterminator, said to have been perfected by scientists of the University of California, and which may take its place among such well known appliances as the electric toaster, the electric iron and the electric razor.

According to the United Press, the invention consists of a bulb which may be attached to any ordinary electric light socket. Among the uses to which it already has been put with success are:

In front of theaters to keep insects from annoying patrons at the box office; at filling stations for the same purpose; over outdoor swimming pools and in illuminated gardens; on playgrounds and athletic fields, and so on.

The same process is being employed in chicken and turkey pens; the turkeys especially showing great appreciation of having their food electrocuted before their eyes and then having the choice morsel dropped right before their beaks.

The light, which was invented especially as a protection against mosquitoes, has received so much attention that requests have come from as far as India and Africa for full information on its manufacture and use.

If the device really works as advertised, its inventors may be classed among the benefactors of mankind.

Sidelights

J. Edgar Hoover, head G-man, has been given a gold medal by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, for courageous and intelligent leadership in the exposure of fifth column sabotage of American ideals and institutions.

Dr. Howard Hyde Russell, who founded the Anti-Saloon League 45 years ago, recently made an optimistic prediction on his 85th birthday, saying: "I'm confident this movement will be successful during my lifetime."

For his resourcefulness and heroism in keeping alive on berries, grass and leaves while lost in the Maine woods for more than a week last year, Donn Fendler, 12-year-old Boy Scout, of Rye, N. Y., has been given the Army and Navy Legion of Valor annual award.

President Roosevelt recently nominated Colonel Benjamin O. Davis to be a brigadier general, the first Negro ever to be appointed to that high rank in the Regular Army. General Davis is one of the very few members of his race to graduate from West Point.

With about 40 students in attendance, the first American class in industrial camouflage has been opened at the Kansas City Art Institute. It is designed to develop improved means for protecting important objectives, through painting and all manner of devices to fool enemy airmen.

Time Tables

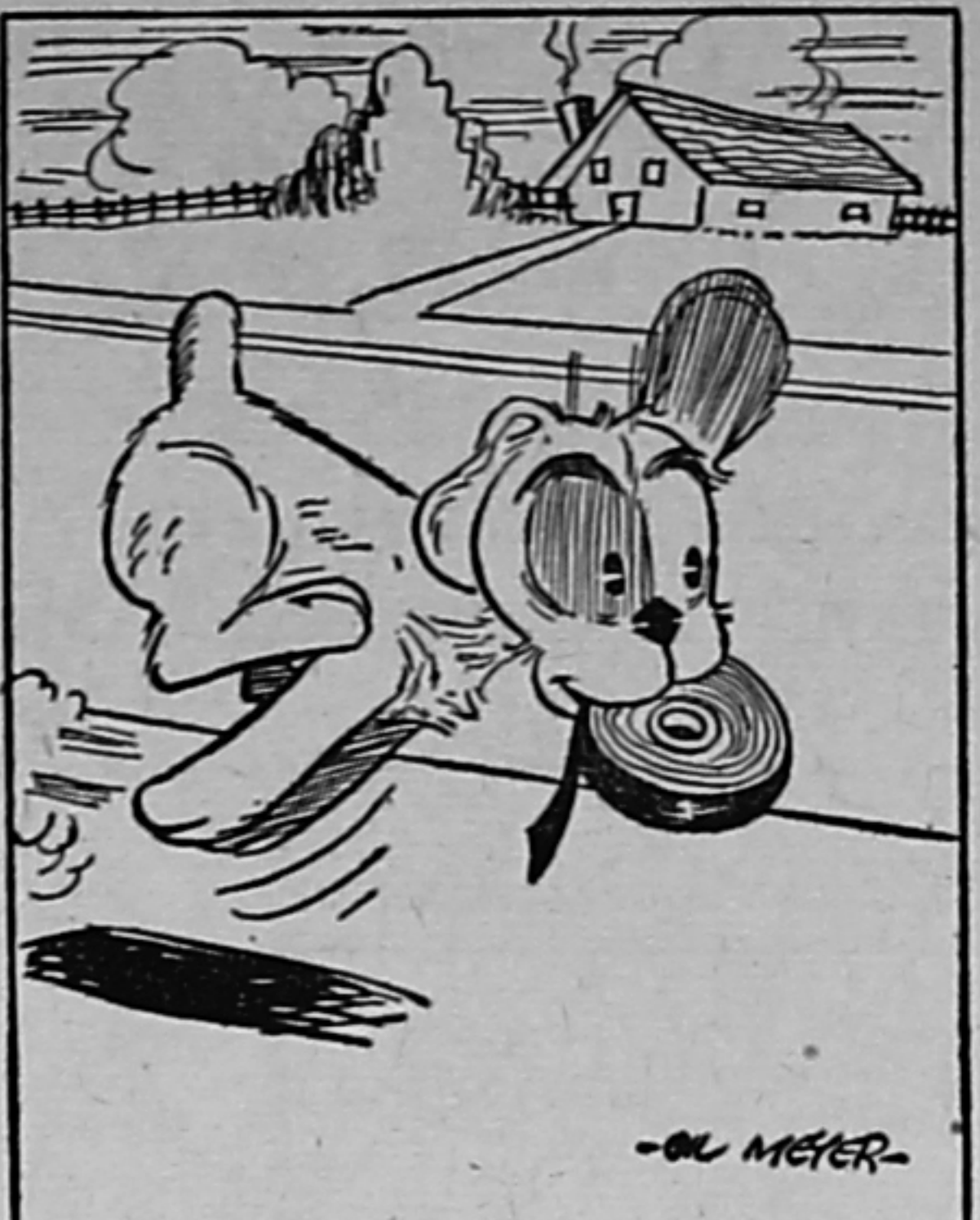
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 Southbound.....1:27 p. m.
 Star Mail Route
 Southbound.....7:15 a. m.
 Northbound.....8:30 a. m.

Judge—The charge against you Sambo, is that you left your wife. That makes you a wife deserter. What have you to say for yourself?

Sambo—Judge, you don't know dat woman. Ah ain't desertin'. Ah'se refugeein'.

For Sale—Two Purebred Poland China Male Hogs. O. P. Witt, Broadlands.

Chester the Pup
 By GEORGE O'HALLORAN



OUR telephone was out of order this afternoon, so the company sent a guy up to fix it. He was a tall skinny bloke, and looked like a floor lamp with a wig. He was so thin that he could have worn a wool sock for a sweater, and his backbone stuck out so far it looked like a bunch of walnuts tied on a string. While he was fixing the phone Mac-Tavish and I pulled a lot of junk out of his grip. There was wire, tape, pliers and all kinds of stuff. Every time the big totem pole wanted something he'd have to chase Mac and me over half the house. He chased me down the street trying to get his roll of tape and he nearly broke a leg when he fell through a crack in the sidewalk.

What's New

Artificial sponges which are said to be as satisfactory for all uses as natural sponges are now made from cellulose.

A new vitamin has been reported discovered which is said to be beneficial in the treatment of blood vessel ailments.

It has been found that a film of barium metal particles may be used as a lubricant on bearings working in a vacuum, as in X-ray tubes, where other lubricants are useless.

The first clock known was placed in the tower of the church of St. Eustorgio, Milan, in 1309.

In the state of Idaho an old ordinance declares it illegal to buy a chicken after dark without a permit from the sheriff.

Judge John McCooley of New York City recently granted Alex Mirman 99 years and a month in which to pay up a \$2,578 alimony deficit to his first wife.

The Methodist Church at Mackinaw, Ill., was the site of its first wedding in 50 years recently when Miss Ruby Lou Phillips was married to William G. Thanert.

DOLLAR MAKERS—Showmanship Is Essential To Success

By GEORGE T. EAGER

THE selling end of any business consists of a number of basic operations that are repeated over and over again. Customers are attracted and held when such routine operations are occasionally done in a different way by an added touch of showmanship.

A fruit packer in Kentucky sent his food broker in Buffalo a crate of carrier pigeons. As each order was secured by the broker it was enclosed in a metal band fastened to a pigeon's leg and the bird released from the customer's office. Just a different way of placing a routine order but it made both the fruit packer and the food broker better known among customers and prospective customers.

For years dogs displayed in the windows of pet shops have attracted more passersby than any other type of window display. But until recently not a single manufacturer of dog food has made use of this natural interest in live dogs to sell his product. A recently constructed billboard in Chicago combines an air conditioned kennel containing live dogs with an advertisement of a canned dog food. The crowds that are continually in front of it leave no doubt as to the commercial value of this combination of advertising and showmanship.

The acknowledgment of orders received by a manufacturing organization might seem to be a routine matter with little possibility of being made more interesting. Instead of the usual cold, formal method of acknowledging orders, one company attaches a sheet notifying the customer that the order is of direct benefit to 800 people on the company's payroll and that the raw materials used in making the goods are bought from 412 different firms employing 50,000 people.

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Kenneth Dicks Broadlands

Forrest Dicks Allerton

Dicks Bros. Undertakers
 Ambulance Service Ambulance Service

Random Notes

Ranches in the United States produce 100,000 mink skins yearly.

The world's largest burley tobacco market is in Lexington, Ky.

About a quarter of the land area in the United States is still in forests.

Pigeons have been known to attain a speed of over a mile a minute.

Americans spend \$150,000,000 a year playing nickel-in-the-slot machines.

There are about 135 doctors for every 100,000 persons in the United States.

A 100-watt electric light bulb today costs about one-seventh as much as 20 years ago.

The News is \$1.50 a year.

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 Phone 37 Sidell

Apothecaries say a dram contains three scruples, but some think if one takes a dram he has no scruples.

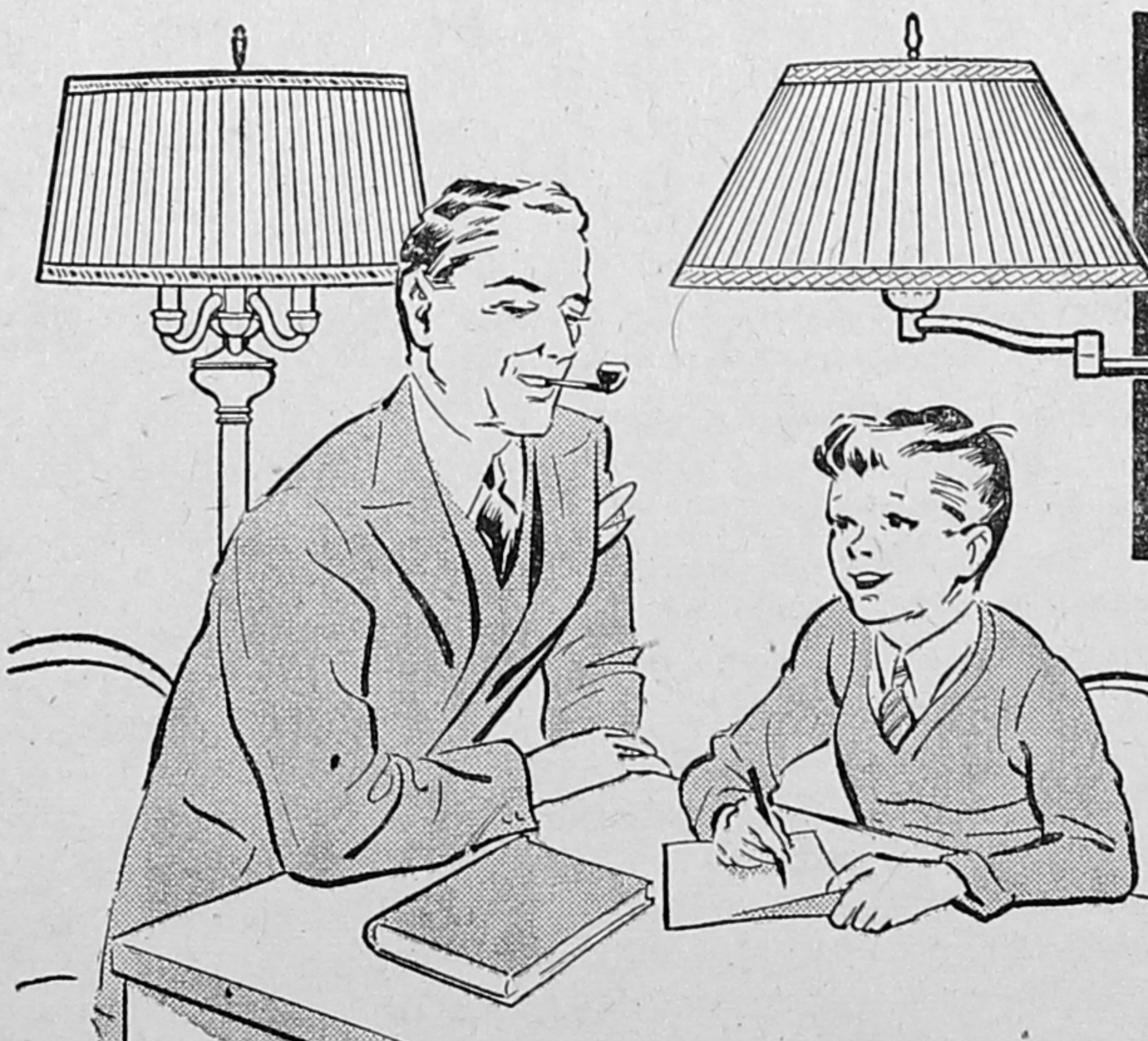
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CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

JUST A BRIGHT IDEA
By JANE OSBORN
(McClure Syndicate—WNU Service.)

IT WAS not quite as a last resource that Hortense Fay had gone to work at York's department store. She had had one year in college and she had taught herself how to use the typewriter. She might have got some sort of office job, or managed to find employment as a governess. But somewhere she had heard that there were golden opportunities waiting for clever girls in department stores. They became buyers, drew enormous salaries, wore lovely clothes and went to Europe.

But after a week at the ribbon counter at York's her aspirations toward a buyer's career were becoming a trifle dimmed. Clever though the ribbon buyer undoubtedly was she was more than clever—and Hortense felt that the other traits had more to do with her success than cleverness.

Still, Hortense was not entirely discouraged. She kept her bright blue eyes open—did her best to make a good sales record and racked her brain for bright ideas which being communicated to her chief might lead to promotion. "I've had a bright thought," said she one morning to another girl behind the counter. "I think I'll tell Miss Gray."

The other girl looked at her with mingled contempt and amazement. "Don't spill any of your bright ideas to that hyena," she advised. "If it's any good she'll swipe it, and the chances are it's no good anyhow. New girls always have bright ideas for a few weeks. You'd die if you could hear some of them."

"Well, this really is an awfully good idea," Hortense defended herself. "But I won't tell Miss Gray if you think she'd swipe it. I'll go right to the seventh floor with it."

Such a notion was manifestly too absurd to bother to protest, so Miss O'Brien went right on arranging the counter display. Being extremely green Hortense made her way, past various outposts, directly to the door marked Mr. Oliver York, Private. Mr. Oliver York, son of the founder of the store, was a person whose name was usually not even mentioned above a whisper by mere salesgirls during business hours.

Hortense stood in the broad passageway outside the door, and five minutes later when it opened and a genial-looking, tall young man emerged she went up to him without embarrassment and said:

"Is this Mr. Oliver York? Well, I'm a salesgirl in the ribbon department. And I've had a bright thought I want to tell you about."

For a fraction of a minute Mr. Oliver York looked dumbfounded—possibly annoyed. But a glance into the clear blue eyes of the unembarrassed young woman before him altered his feelings. He glanced quickly up and down the passageway, saw no one, and with a courtly bow opened his office door and asked the girl to enter.

"So you are working in the ribbon department," he said—and then thinking of a problem that had been discussed in conference that morning he forgot all about the bright idea the girl had and asked her why it was that the personnel of the sales force changed so often.

And so it began. Hortense did not say that the personality of department heads and buyers possibly had something to do with the matter. In fact, she offered no solution to the problem. But it wouldn't have mattered if she had—because Oliver York was gazing into the sky-blue depths of Hortense's eyes and somewhere out of his past reading flashed the line: "None ever loved, but at first sight they loved."

"I came up to see you to tell you about a bright idea I had—for selling ribbons," said Hortense.

But Oliver, remembering that he had a twelve o'clock engagement downtown, had no time to waste. It was important not to lose an opportunity to see those clear blue eyes again. "You keep your eyes open," he said, "and meet me tomorrow, say at four. We can talk things over—might meet at Stanley's for tea. I'll have you excused. Now I must hurry off—"

"Well, did you tell 'em about your bright idea?" asked Miss O'Brien, when Hortense returned to her post after her very brief luncheon.

"No," said Hortense with a twinkle in her eyes. "Mr. York had an important business engagement. But he asked me to have tea with him at Stanley's tomorrow afternoon."

Miss O'Brien laughed approvingly. This new girl had a sense of humor after all. But later in the afternoon when the buyer, bearing an office communication in her hand, snapped out to Hortense that she would be excused at half-past three the next afternoon, Miss O'Brien did feel a little puzzled.

Two days later Miss O'Brien greeted Hortense with a grin.

"Well, did you tell Mr. York your bright idea?" she asked. "I didn't have a chance," said Hortense. "We discovered that my mother and his were second cousins—and then he asked me to marry him."

"That was real sweet of him, I'm sure," grinned Miss O'Brien. "Don't forget to invite me to the wedding."

"I certainly will," said Hortense—and as a matter of fact she did.

Spooks Does It

By GAIL F. WHITEHOUSE
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FOR two hours, now, the boy in the blue serge suit had sat almost motionless, head thrust forward, slim shoulders hunched, the sole occupant of the line of benches that bordered the artificial lake.

SHORT STORY

With half blinded eyes he stared down at the shiny toes of his new oxfords—the oxfords his father had sent him from the store for graduation.

Graduation! The boy jerked his gray cap lower over his eyes and swallowed hard.

"What's the matter, kid? Grandmother dead?"

Mechanically the boy pulled himself upright and started up at an apparition in pink, rather soiled but jaunty pink, with exaggerated length of pink hose.

"Did you speak to me?" he muttered.

The girl regarded him with curious eyes, her mouth widening in a good natured grin.

"Go back to sleep, kid," she advised, getting to her feet with studied nonchalance. "Ain't seen a black dog 'round? Pink ribbon? Name Spooks?"

The boy shook his head. With listless eyes he watched her as she sauntered down the path and disappeared around a clump of birches.

Again his shoulders hunched drearily forward.

"Ex-schuse."

Once more the boy was aware of an intruder. Why couldn't they leave a fellow alone? Sullenly he looked up and glared at a ponderous figure swaying uncertainly in front of him.

"Thisch seat oc-occupied?" queried the voice thickly.

"Yes!" snapped the boy. "Use your eyes!"

"Sheeepy," confided the fat man, lowering himself heavily onto the bench. "Leth's take li'l nap."

Dully, for a moment, the boy scrutinized the good-natured profile of his bench partner in disgust, then forgot him in a deeper disgust at himself.

Idiot! Fool! Commencement week and fired!

He never wanted to see any old hard cider again. What fun was Senior Prom anyway, when you didn't have any girl to take? He'd just meant to sort of cheer up some of the other fellows who didn't have any girls either.

He chewed nervously at his finger nails. One thing was certain, he wasn't going home. His father would want him to go into the shoe store, but he wouldn't do it.

Choking miserably, the boy kicked blindly at the turf, but his foot, instead of coming into contact with hard earth, struck something softly alive. There at his feet sat a very small, very friendly black pup, a bedraggled length of pink ribbon trailing from his collar.

The boy stooped and instantly gathered the soft, wriggling body into his arms.

"Didn't mean to, old pup," he apologized, and immediately his face was covered with wet, doggy kisses.

The boy's self-control was shattered. "Nice old pup," he sobbed, then glanced furtively at his bench mate. But the fat man was dozing happily.

Gradually the ache in the boy's throat lessened and he looked at the little dog with appraising eyes.

"Got a pup at home looks most like you," he informed him. "Only mine's got a little round white spot between his eyes. Gee, old pup, you ought to see that dog tag me 'round." (Unconsciously the boy's shoulders straightened.)

"Can't go anywhere but that dog thinks he's got to come, too. Guess he'll be pretty glad when I come—"

The sentence jerked into silence. "Why, he'd never thought—"

The boy's pent up emotion burst forth in uncontrollable sobs; tears trickled down the little dog's neck, and the bedraggled pink ribbon became warm and moist.

Presently the boy's head lifted. He thrust his hand into his trousers' pocket and when he drew it out again he regarded the contents with calculative eyes.

"Just five dollars and seven cents," he announced, jumping unceremoniously to his feet. "Pup, I'm going home."

Beside him the fat man stirred and yawned prodigiously. "Nithe day," he ventured affectionately. "Leth's have li'l nap."

And trailing down the path a girl in an abbreviated pink dress approached with languid steps.

"C'me on, Spooks," she shrilled. "Ain't you 'shamed desertin' your old momma that way?"

With his tail hugged meekly between his legs, Spooks departed.

Device Warns Engineers

Pennsylvania railroad engineers have invented a new safety device to warn engineers of damaged or loosened parts on their locomotives. The apparatus lights a signal in the cab of the locomotive when any piece of metal projects below the level of the top of the rails. Loose pieces of metal have occasionally fouled switches, derailing the trains.

Said one eye to the other: There's something between us that smells.

Police in Santa Rosa, Cal., are looking for a thief who stole 200 feet of newly planted hedge from a city park.

The use of money is all the advantage there is in having money.—Benjamin Franklin.

Henry Ford Carr was arrested recently in International Falls, Minn., and charged with having stolen a Chevrolet.

In 1905 David F. Shull of Philadelphia eloped with Miss Reba Leighton. In 1935 they were divorced. Last week they eloped again.

Jean Alice Matty of Monessen, Pa., an eight-weeks-old baby had the tooth with which she

was born pulled by a dentist, who described her as the nicest patient he ever had.

Joaquin Isaacs, El Paso, Tex., was willed \$1,800 in a bequest from his wife, but neither he nor his lawyers can locate the bank in which it is deposited.

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The Wall Flower

By FRANCES M. SMALL
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NOTHING could have told you more about the natures of the two sisters, Marilyn and Ruth, than the two evening gowns lying side by side on the little bed; Marilyn's flaming tangerine, touched here and there with daring bits of black, and Ruth's soft, creamy white tulle, with a deep yellow rose on the shoulder.

Marilyn chattered as they dressed, her black eyes flashing with eager anticipation, and Ruth listened with her slow, wise smile. Ruth had no illusions about dances. She knew that tonight she would be as she always had been, a wall-flower. She had come to look upon the fact as inevitable and to face it with resignation.

Tonight she was a little wistful, and wondered whether romance, love, all the dreams dear to a girl's heart were, after all, not for her. A very great longing was in her soft brown eyes and her lips were tremulous. As the girls reached Mrs. Van Alstyn's home, and the crash of music burst upon them Ruth felt just a little weary of it all. At once they were surrounded by a laughing, noisy group.

"My dears," cried Alice Van Alstyn, "we have a lion with us to-night. Marilyn, Ruth, allow me to present Mr. Allen Howard Rich. He's the author of a book of poems, and you should see him dance!"

General laughter greeted this bold sally, and Marilyn, as by sovereign right, was allowed to monopolize the young man. Not so young, either, as Ruth's cool, appraising eyes noted. There were touches of gray around the poetic temples, and the eyes had not the eagerness of first youth. He knew how to make pretty speeches.

SHORT SHORT STORY

Complete in This Issue

The music called from the ballroom and the young folks drifted away like bright leaves before a wind. All but Ruth. She wandered off to find her hostess, to talk with the older people, or to amuse herself as best she might.

"Why, why, must it always be like this?" she thought.

The music made her head ache, and she slipped through a French window onto the terrace. Here it was cool and quiet, and here one might dream of the prince who was to be—someday. A step sounded on the flagging. It was the lion.

"Ah, Miss Ruth, why are you not dancing? Aren't you being rather unkind to all those young men who have such a hard time supplying themselves with partners?"

"Oh," thought Ruth, "he's going to be clever, is he? We'll see!" Aloud, she said, "I doubt if they are aware of my unkindness. You yourself seem to prefer the 'exotic tiger lily.'" Why had she said that? She hadn't meant to be bitter. Mr. Rich moved so he could study her face in the moonlight.

"I see," he said slowly, after a little pause. "A white rose doesn't belong in a field of wild flowers."

Ruth was furious. Why must he hurt her so?

"Don't you see?" she cried. "I'm just a wall-flower. I never dance. I'm never asked. I'm—a wall-flower."

"Ah, yes. A wall-flower." Mr. Rich paused thoughtfully. "A sweet little white rose growing on the wall in the sun, needing the old gray wall for a background and support. Seeing the gorgeous, flaming tiger lily growing by hundreds in the field beyond, and, in her innocence, imagining they are fairer than she. Sweet, foolish little white rose!"

"It is very sweet of you to say things like that to me," said Ruth, "but, of course, you can't mean them. You are a poet, and pretty and meaningless words come naturally to your lips. Thank you. I must go in now."

"Wait one minute. I don't mean them? Give me leave to prove that I do, and much more. May I call on you tomorrow evening? Perhaps, who knows? I may be the gray wall which will make such a fitting background for a sweet white rose."

Ruth's hand was imprisoned for a breathless moment in a firm clasp, then she ran down the long corridors to seclusion for the rest of the evening. Late that night Marilyn recounted the gayeties of the evening to her sister.

"And just think, Ruth, Allen Rich called me an exotic tiger lily!" Ruth smiled. In her heart was a great contentment.

About St. Patrick
In the Gaultie mountains which are situated between the counties of Cork and Tipperary in Ireland there are seven lakes. In one of these, called Lough Dilveen, it is said Saint Patrick, when banishing the snakes and toads from Ireland, chained a monster serpent, telling him to remain there till Monday. Irish legend has it that every Monday morn- ing the serpent calls out in Irish, "It is a long Monday, Patrick."

Do You Know Illinois?
By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. What was the first constitutional provision for the use of a ballot in this State?

A. The Constitution of 1848 provided under Article VI, Section 2 "All votes shall be given by ballot." The Constitution of 1870, Article VII, Section 2 also provided for the use of a ballot.

Q. What was the method of voting prior to 1848?

A. Voting was conducted by the "viva voce" or voice voting. The clerk of election took the name of the voter who signified his choice which was recorded in the poll book.

Q. How many names were submitted to the electors by the Constitution of 1818?

A. The first Constitution provided for the election of two State officers, Governor and Lieutenant Governor; Representatives in Congress, Legislative officials, namely, Senators and Representatives and County Officers known as County Commissioners, sheriff and coroner.

Q. What provision was made for voting by the Constitution of 1818?

A. It provided "All votes shall be given viva voce until altered by the General Assembly."

Q. Did the General Assembly change as provided by the Constitution of 1818?

A. Yes, by virtue of Section 10 of the Act of June 1, 1829 the General Assembly added, in addition to the viva voce system, the following provision "a voter may vote by presenting an open ticket to the judges containing the names of the persons for whom he votes and the offices."

Q. Who provided for the

printing and distribution of ballots prior to the Ballot Act of 1891?

A. Prior to the Ballot Act of 1891 no one was responsible for the printing and distribution of ballots. The various political parties printed their own and many were printed by individuals resulting in widespread confusion and unrestrained solicitation of votes around the polls.

Q. What occasioned the growth of the ballot?

A. The belief that all offices should be subject to the will of the people led to the placing of newly created officers on an elected status which has led to an unwieldy ballot. The adoption of a Primary Law Providing for primary elections has also resulted in long ballots, so much so, that the trend now is to shorten the ballot as much as possible.

Q. What are the titles of election officers?

A. The titles of the election officials provided by Statute to oversee the casting of ballots are judges and clerks of election.

Q. What are the primary duties of the judges of election?

A. The judges of election hand out the ballots to the voters and deposit them in the ballot boxes after they have been

marked. They also send post cards of instruction to voters, take care of the blanks and poll books, canvass the voters, and deliver the returns to the County Clerk.

Q. What are the duties of the clerks of election?

A. The clerks of election keep the register of electors in the poll books, and assist in the canvass of votes by keeping tally sheets.

The State parks of Illinois attracted more than 4,000,000 visitors during the first ten months of this year, and so set a new record. As in former years, Starved Rock was the most popular park, drawing over 1,250,000 persons. White Pines forest in Ogle county, the Lincoln shrines—New Salem village, the Home and Tomb, and Lincoln Log Cabin park—and the old Vandalia Statehouse, had together more than a million visitors.

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Long View News

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Mrs. Helen Mohr was hostess to Loyal Workers of the Christian Church on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Jarman returned Saturday from Beaumont, Texas, where she was called by illness and death of her brother.

Tommy Tuttle who lived on the Nohren farm, and George Duncan on the P. T. Madigan farm exchanged homes the first of the week. Both men work for John Nohren.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Paine received word of the death of their niece, Mrs. Edna Schrempf, of St. Anne. She was the daughter of Mrs. Addie Levy, sister of Mrs. Paine, who formerly lived here. Mrs. Schrempf died at Ottawa sanatorium, Nov. 11. She had been ill for a number of years and had been a patient at the sanatorium since last March.

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