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News Items of 12 Years Ago

Jan. 11, 1929

Rev. C. M. Temple was called to Mattoon by the death of his grandfather.

Miss Verla Thomas visited her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Cole at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Miss Mildred Walker was attending Utterback's Business College in Danville.

Mesdames Huldah Seeds and Ella Maxwell entertained the U. B. Ladies Aid.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Busekros and son returned home after a visit with relatives at Kewanee.

Miss Anna Dohme of Aurora arrived for a visit with home folks.

Mrs. Ida Messman entertained the D. of K. class of the Methodist Sunday School.

20 Years Ago
Jan. 14, 1921

Miss Della Bergfield of Longview spent the weekend with Mrs. Roy Bergfield.

Miss Lillie McCormick accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Douglas Telephone Co.

Mrs. Chas. Lunsford returned from a month's visit with relatives in Kentucky.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wienke, Jr.

Mrs. W. L. Shumway returned home after a two weeks visit with relatives in Danville.

Miss Helen Fuell accepted a position as operator at the local telephone exchange.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.
10:00 A. M.—Divine Worship.
Sermon: "The Gospel for the World."

The Gospel of Christ is a universal Gospel. God gave a Savior for all men. He gave the story of that Savior for all men, and He wants this story told to all men.

Hear it in the Lutheran Hour. Tune in WGBS Evansville, or WIRE Indianapolis at 12:30; or WCFL at 3:30 p. m. Sundays.

Methodist Church Notes

W. Earl Ballew, Pastor

The Sunday School meets at 10:00 o'clock.
The Church Service next Sunday is in the evening at 7:30.

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.

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

Reports of condition of the Longview and Allerton banks appear in this issue.

Wayne Hardyman Enjoys Home Paper

Sunnyside San., Indianapolis, Ind., January 4, 1941.

Dear Joe:—At this time, I take pleasure in writing you this letter letting you know how much I appreciate reading your paper. It makes me feel like I am back in the old home town. Although there are many I do not know now, I like to read your news items of 12 and 20 years ago. It refreshes my memories of many people and things of which I had forgotten. I only wish I was able to come back home and meet the friends and old pals when I was home.

Life within an institution of this type is very dull and dreary at times.

There's one thing in an institution as this; and at all times, we should, by all means, have God in our hearts. He is always willing to bring sunshine into our hearts when we are blue.

Many people today, as yet, have very much fear in their minds of tuberculosis. Today, we should remember, we have many more methods for fighting this disease. My only wish now is to convert people's minds into a better state, than of their present state of mind against tuberculosis. Tuberculosis can be cured, although many think not. I have seen some wonderful cases since I have been within this hospital. Upon being released from such a place our only safety then is to take better care of our bodies.

Give my best regards to all my friends and tell them to write as it seems very nice to receive their welcomed letters.

Thank you and God bless you and your staff in this New Year.

Yours truly,
Wayne Hardyman.

Long View News

Mrs. Ann Davison of Zion was a guest in the F. L. Martini home part of the week.

Mrs. Roy Davis was hostess to the United Brethren Ladies Aid on Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. J. Frank Turner submitted to a minor throat operation at Mattoon.

Mrs. Elsie Driver was hostess to the L. S. L. club on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Myrtle Warnes is able to sit up in a chair a short time each day.

Miss Jane Jarman returned to Kirksville, Mo., Sunday, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jarman.

Farrel Cook and family and Katherine May, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dyar of Dayton, Ohio, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Betts.

Joe Wheatley, who was injured in an automobile wreck several weeks ago, is able to be up part of the time. He is at the home of his mother, Mrs. Sanford Duncan.

Charles Bengston has received an added 60-day leave from the C&EI while recuperating from a recent illness. Merle Buddemeier is filling his place on the section, while Frank Dalzell acts as foreman.

Nineteen Forty-one???



(WNU Service)

Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Smith visited relatives in Danville on Sunday.

Mrs. Arch Walker spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Cook, and family, in Danville.

Carlos Brewer entered Illinois Commercial College at Champaign, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Henson and Mrs. Lydia Brown were Champaign visitors Tuesday.

Little Joe Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Smith, who has been ill for several days, is recovering nicely.

Bus Baldwin and Art Struck left Friday of last week for Miami, Fla. They expect to start home Jan. 19.

Warren Richard, teacher in the Georgetown High School, spent the weekend in the D. P. Brewer home.

Thos. Bergfield who had been a patient at Lakeview hospital, Danville, following an operation, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Reimer Witt of near Homer entertained the Ladies' Aid of St. John's Evangelical church this Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frick and son Erle were in Danville, Monday, consulting a doctor about Erle's collar bone which he recently broke in two places.

In last week's issue of The News, we stated that Dennis Luedke had the measles, whereas we should have stated he had the chickenpox.

Mrs. Arch Walker and Mrs. Kenneth Dicks attended a meeting of the Woman's Club of Sidney, Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. J. H. McArthur.

Mrs. Fred Messman accompanied her daughter, Miss Marjorie, to Champaign, on Monday, where she resumed her studies, following a two weeks vacation with home folks.

Dr. David K. Farmer accompanied his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Farmer, to Louisville, Ky., Sunday. Dr. Farmer was scheduled to report at Fort Knox for army duty Tuesday.

Fred Peterson who recently joined the U. S. Navy is home on a furlough. He is stationed at the Great Lakes training station near Chicago. Fred is looking fine and says he likes the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Telling visited Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Six over the weekend. They were enroute to their home at Meredosia, after a visit with relatives in Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frick entertained at a dinner-bridge Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Telling of Meredosia; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nohren.

Miss Nellie Thomas returned to Indianapolis, Sunday, where she resumed her studies at Indiana Central College, after a two weeks vacation with home folks.

Alfred Zenke returned Tuesday from St. Petersburg, Fla., where he had accompanied his father, Alvin Zenke, to spend the winter months. Mr. Zenke expects to return home about the first of April.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bergfield accompanied their daughter, Miss Leone, to Carlinville, Sunday, where she resumed her studies at Blackburn College, following the Christmas vacation.

Miss Dolores Messman found a small pearl in some oysters the other day. She took it to a jeweler who pronounced it genuine. However, he stated it had been cooked and the heat had rendered the pearl valueless.

Clark Henson, daughter, Miss Maxine, and Edward Maxwell accompanied Andrew Henson to Normal, Sunday, where Andrew resumed his studies at the State Normal University, following the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Honce Mohr entertained the Tuesday Night Bridge club at a 6:30 o'clock chicken dinner and bridge. The following members were present: Messrs. and Mesdames Oscar Limp, Earl Eckerty, Norman Seider, Bud Struck, Louis Frick, and Honce Mohr.

Mrs. Emil Schumacher will be hostess to the local unit of the WCTU, Tuesday, Jan. 14, at an all day meeting. There will be a pot-luck dinner, with each member taking one dish. Members are requested to be present by 10 o'clock to start sewing for the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ott of Webster Groves, Mo., visited friends here Saturday. They were enroute to Kansas Station for a visit with friends after spending the holidays in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Ott resided here during the summer months, the former being student pastor of the St. John's Ev. Church.

Y. W. O. Class Meets at Clark Henson Home

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Henson entertained members of the Y. W. O. class of the U. B. Church last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Jennie Nohren, president, had charge of the business session. Mrs. Thelma Clem led the devotions.

Refreshments of sandwiches, salad, cookies and coffee were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Witt, Mr. and Mrs. John Nohren, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clem, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Henson, Mrs. Lillie Bowman.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nohren.

Editor And Santa Claus Seemed to Be Strangers

"We intended to have talked to our patrons about Christmas, Santa Claus, and Saint Nicholas, and a great many other nice stories, but..." began an editorial by an Illinois newspaper owner about 70 years ago. What he had to say after that is of special significance to historians of the press in the state, for it reveals a part of the serious difficulties that editors had to face in their efforts to bring the news to their readers.

Continuing, the publisher wrote, "as we sat down to our pleasant task, our eyes ran mechanically over our subscription book, which lay open on the table..." This action led to a brief reflection about subscribers who had failed to remit, or, as he phrased it, "are so indifferent to their obligations to the printer, his cares and his necessities."

In the early days of the state, says the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, newspaper publishers had to pay cash for paper stock and ink but often their subscription lists yielded only foodstuffs instead of hard cash or included many promises to pay.

Theory Vs. Practice

It is good to know a lot, but it is even better to be able to do things. Many persons who have at their command a considerable assortment of information are unable to put it to very much practical use.

This was neatly illustrated in a sort of "confession" article by a teacher in a recent educational publication. She said:

"I can solve a quadratic equation, but I cannot keep my bank account straight.

I can name the Kings of England since the War of the Roses, but I do not know the qualifications of the candidates in a state election.

I know the economic theories of Malthus and Adam Smith, but I cannot live within my income.

I can explain the principles of hydraulics, but I cannot fix a leak in the kitchen faucet.

I have studied the psychology of James and Titchener, but I cannot control my temper.

I can conjugate Latin verbs, but I cannot write legibly."

The two young moderns were seated at a soda fountain. Said one, "People tell me I look like Helen Black."

Well, if you were to ask me, "You don't look any too good in white either."

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

Mrs. Eva Walker Entertains at Bridge

On Thursday evening of last week, Mrs. Eva Walker entertained at bridge for Mrs. Gertrude Farmer, Mrs. Anna Struck won high score, and Mrs. Ruth Henson, low.

Delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were Mesdames Anna Struck, Marie Krenzien, Minnie Anderson, Ida Messman, Zermah Witt, Mary Dicks, Eva Cullom, Ruth Henson, Bertha Cook, Gertrude Farmer, Jessie Bergfield, Eva Walker.

Mrs. Farmer, who has been keeping house for her son, Dr. David K. Farmer, has returned to Louisville, Ky., to visit her daughter, and then will go to California to spend about six months with her sister.

Early Illinois Records Show Silk Production

Since very little seems to be generally known about the production of silk in Illinois, some students of local history may be surprised when they learn that a considerable amount of it originated here during earlier years. According to records noted by the Illinois Writers' Project, W. P. A., one family in Winnebago county alone disposed of 80 pounds of cocoons that were gathered during 1843.



This warning is the theme of the January safety poster now being distributed among 39,000 elementary schools in Illinois and Indiana by the safety and traffic department of the Chicago Motor Club.

The warning is printed in bold black letters on a white background. Both boy and girl are shown in black and gray standing on the curb, waiting for the turning car, and the danger spot just off the curb, indicated by a circle, is pictured in vivid red.

"Danger of turning cars is one of the greatest of all menaces to pedestrians, regardless of their age," Charles M. Hayes, president of the Motor Club, points out. "Even older persons on foot who practice safe walking habits frequently forget to be alert for turning cars, if moving in the same direction as the pedestrian, approach him from the side and rear. A great many casualties occur each year under these circumstances."

The sending of safety posters to schools in the two states each month is a mainstay in the club's program of safety education among children of grade school age.

Market Report

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

No. 2 hard wheat 80c
No. 3 white corn 60c
No. 3 yellow corn 55c
No. 3 oats 34c
No. 2 beans 93c

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Seeking The Truth

It can hardly be denied that, with a disinterestedness not matched by any other class, the true scientist approaches every problem with an open mind, unfettered by prejudice.

He has no ancient beliefs or superstitions to defend, no special cause to plead, no selfish interest to advance. He tries at all times to define, so far as is humanly possible, the dividing line between fact and theory, although he deals with both.

New theories are given respectful examination, and if they can be proved they are assigned their places in the categories of fact. And when the scientific world in general reaches an agreement in any matter, it is the best possible evidence of its truth.

In an address before a scientific association Chief Justice Hughes once said:

"We need your interest in knowledge for its own sake; your ceaseless search for truth; your willingness to discard every disproved theory, however honored by tradition, while you jealously conserve every gain of the past."

While the scientific investigator, as a rule, receives meager material rewards in return for his services to mankind, all progress, both material and intellectual, has been primarily due to his labors.

A Fortune From Air

Shortly after the close of the Civil war, a young inventor, just past 21, endeavored to interest old Commodore Vanderbilt in a new brake for railroad trains, to be operated by compressed air.

After listening with much impatience to the proposition, the Commodore asked whether the inventor really meant that he could stop a rushing train with nothing but air. He was answered in the affirmative.

"Then get out of here," he said, "I have no time to waste on fools."

The young inventor was George Westinghouse, who shortly afterward perfected his air brake and after many discouragements succeeded in placing it on the market.

To make his triumph complete, the first big order for the Westinghouse air brake came from Commodore Vanderbilt.

This invention and others made Westinghouse a fortune and when he died in 1914 he was rated among the wealthy men of America, the use of his air brake having become almost universal.

His early struggles were typical of those of many other young men with an idea and nothing else, but he was more fortunate than most of them. He did ultimately reap the rewards of his genius, while many inventors, through lack of business ability, are defrauded of theirs.

Believing Nonsense

Most high school graduates look upon life with minds befogged with superstition, according to Dr. H. J. Arnold, eminent psychologist of Wittenberg College, who recently enumerated a few of the silly beliefs he found prevalent among them.

Upon asking freshmen entering psychology classes last year

to submit to examinations on their beliefs and disbeliefs, he discovered that 50 per cent or more than 200 believed that women have powers of intuition with which men are not equipped; that expectant mothers can mark their unborn by frightening experiences; that beavers know when to prepare for a long cold winter; that red makes a bull wild; that chess develops powers of concentration.

Nearly half of them believed that dogs howling foretold death; that long slender hands indicate an artistic nature; that civilization is almost entirely a product of the white race, and that if you stare long enough at a person's back you will force him to turn around.

As many as 25 per cent still cling to the idea that a receding or stream-lined chin denotes lack of will power, that silent men are deep thinkers, that fat ones are always good-natured, and that you can read character by bumps on the head, or by depressions in the skull.

And every one of the ideas mentioned are without the slightest foundation in fact, says Dr. Arnold.

The Useful Hairpin

An observant man is Chris Billop of the Baltimore Sun, who writes an informing essay on the uses of the hairpin, in which he describes that implement as a small wire bent double in the middle, and convenient for:

Getting the meat out of walnuts, pecans, and so forth;

Twisting around the hub of a toy automobile to keep the wheel from coming off;

Picking the teeth, if done in the privacy of one's bedroom;

Making emergency repairs in the electrical lighting system, though you had better be pretty careful if you don't want to be electrocuted;

For cleaning tobacco pipes and making holes in cigars that won't draw; for fishing for coins that have fallen into cracks; for pinning curtains to curtain rods; for improvising a link for a broken chain; for holding an undershirt together when a vital button has come off in the wash.

For perforating the cap of a salt shaker in damp weather; for picking a stubborn cork out of the mouth of a bottle; for a book mark; to button gloves; for picking locks; for running strings through brassieres; for tools for delicate clay modeling; for a hook to keep the door of the medicine cabinet shut and other domestic projects too numerous to mention. Then Mr. Billop adds:

"Is it any wonder, then, that when a hairpin is needed to pin in the hair, one can never be found?"

Hot Sun in January, 1889 Helped To Make News

Few winter seasons in Illinois seem to have been as mild as the notable one of 1888-89. On January 3, a newspaper account told of a farm hand near Geneseo in Henry county who was said to have suffered a sunstroke. The reporter added that this "is probably the first case ever known in Illinois of a man being sun struck in January."

A few days later, says the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, another resident was said to have picked flowers from his garden, and some persons were expressing fear that there might be a shortage of ice since streams had not been frozen to any considerable depth. Those were the days, of course, before widespread use of artificial refrigeration.

Many animals laugh, according to a scientist. They could hardly help it if they observed humans closely.

Hilma's Beauty Shoppe of Sidell advertises in this issue.

Sidelights

Gen. Alexander Papagos, commander-in-chief of the Greek forces which have wrought such havoc on the Italians, is being hailed as one of the most brilliant strategists the second World war has produced.

Three hours after the hunting season opened Harry Savage of Newport News, Va., got the first deer—but at a price. He ran over the animal with his automobile, and the repair bill set him back \$175.

A comet discovered a few months ago by Leland S. Cunningham of Harvard Observatory will soon be visible to the naked eye in the western sky soon after sunset. It is now visible with the aid of a small telescope.

The United States News says our Norden bomb sight is so accurate as to enable our flyers to hit a rain barrel from a height of 30,000 feet. That seems incredible, but it is gratifying to know that it is the best bomb sight in the world today.

Bermuda is said to be troubled by too many cats, instead of rats which formerly infested the island. Rats were brought to Bermuda by early sailing ships, and became such a plague that cats were imported to destroy them. Now the rats are gone, but the cats have so multiplied as to become a nuisance.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. When was the Upper Mississippi first made a part of the steam boating waterways?
A. 1823.

Q. What was the boat which made the epoch-making voyage?
A. The Virginia.

Q. When was the peak of commercial steamboating on the Upper Mississippi?
A. From 1828 until 1891.

Q. Approximately how many vessels were engaged in steamboating on the Upper Mississippi between 1823 and 1891?
A. About 2,500.

Q. How many of these vessels were named for the State of Illinois?
A. At least a dozen.

Q. When was the first "Illinois" enrolled?
A. 1828.

Q. Where was she enrolled?
A. New Orleans.

Q. In what trade was she engaged?
A. The Galena led the trade in 1828; the Illinois river trade in 1835.

Q. What is considered the finest steambot ever to ply the Illinois River trade?
A. The fourth vessel named "Illinois," a 763 ton stern wheeler built at Sardin, Ohio, in 1865 at the cost of \$60,000.

Q. How long was the fourth "Illinois" in operation?
A. From 1865 until 1874 when she was dismantled at St. Louis.

Salesman's Songs Bring Customers For Wares

As a singing salesman proceeded on his Illinois itinerary in 1894, his popularity became so great that sometimes editors regarded his arrival as news and carried stories of the event.

Like the troubador of medieval days, this enterprising merchant kept alive in many a fair heart the hope of romance and devotion, and as a result he brought within sound of his voice potential purchasers for wares he offered, according to an item noted by the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

Songs and sales seem to have gone hand in hand for the man is said to have prospered.

(OFFICIAL PUBLICATION)
Report of Condition of
LONGVIEW STATE BANK
Longview, Illinois, transmitted in response to call of the Auditor of Public Accounts, pursuant to law and showing condition at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1940.

RESOURCES

1. Cash and due from banks\$70,114.58
3. United States Government obligations, direct and or fully guaranteed 15,000.00
5. Loans and discounts 106,406.87
7. Banking house, \$3,-071.17; furniture and fixtures, \$428.833,500.00
Grand Total
Resources\$195,021.40

LIABILITIES

12. Capital stock\$20,000.00
14. Surplus6,000.00
15. Undivided profits (Net)10,963.52
17. Demand deposits 145,793.26
18. Time deposits12,264.62
Total of deposits:

(1) Secured by pledge of loans and or investments...None
(2) Not secured by pledge of loans and or investments\$158,057.58
(3) Total deposits\$158,057.58
Grand Total
Liabilities\$195,021.40

I, D. A. Smith, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the items and amounts shown above agree with the items and amounts shown in the report made to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State of Illinois, pursuant to law.

D. A. Smith,
Cashier.

Correct. Attest: M. H. Keefe,
J. V. Keefe,
Directors.

State of Illinois, } ss.
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Subscribed and sworn to be-

fore me this 4th day of January, 1941.

Grace Brewer,
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The Last Analysis

By **MARCIA DINSMORE**
 McClure Newspaper Syndicate,
 WNU Service.

LENA looked at the paper in front of her hopelessly. In neat, legible script she had made two columns, the result of three long hours of study over a book entitled "Character Analysis." With the advice and assistance of this volume she had been trying to find out what made her so different from all the other girls she knew. Probably she had been too honest with herself. The examination of one's character is a safe proceeding only when one is comfortably blind to one's faults.

Lena, this day, was in a desperate mood. Three weeks ago, when the new assistant buyer had returned from his first trip to New York, he had plunged enthusiastically into the office to report and had found Lena there alone at her typewriter. And since he was ready to pour the joyous story of his conquest of Gotham into any sympathetic ears, Gail Hemingway had straddled a chair and had talked to Lena for almost an hour—in fact until the boss returned. Lena had not been able to complete her work that day, but she had quite succeeded in falling in love.

"The trouble is, I'm mid-Victorian," Lena summed it up. "I

SHORT SHORT STORY

Complete in This Issue

want attention, to be taken to dances and made love to, but I don't want them badly enough to go after them. I'm afflicted with the disease my grandmother would have called maidenly reserve." Her lip curled in scorn.

"I can't help being timid, holding back, but I must do something to make Gail know that I am on earth, something that may seem awfully bold, but which really turns out to be quite modest. That's to save my pride."

Gail Hemingway, home from his next trip, flipped over his morning's mail at the office with a casual hand. His fingers paused over a stiff white envelope. A letter from Lena! He smiled in pleased anticipation.

"Dearest," it began, "somewhere I read a sentence which has been echoing in my heart all day. 'The precious jewel of thy home-return!' It is a jewel, dear, which I am wearing proudly for all to see."

There was a great deal more of this, and Gail read every word. And when he had finished, he kissed it suddenly and read it again.

As he was reading the letter for the fifth time, finding in it new and endearing qualities, there came a knock at the door. It was a messenger boy, with a special delivery letter. And Gail saw, with a swelling of the heart, that this letter, too, was from Lena.

"Dear Gail," it began in her usual careless style, "Fraid I've made a frightful error, and sent you the wrong letter. The enclosed is the one which should have gone to you. Please be a dear and return the other one. Hope you haven't read it! Lena."

Lena had laid her plans very carefully, but she had reckoned without the boss and his habit of sending her on errands to all parts of the building. And now, to her intense dismay she found herself outside the door of Gail's office not 10 minutes after he had received the special delivery.

At his harsh "Come in" the girl ventured as far as the threshold, prepared to stammer her message and depart. Gail was staring morosely at the letters, but he turned at her entrance, and stood quickly, glaring at her.

"The boss says—" Lena swallowed.

Gail waved "the boss" aside with an impatient hand. "Lena, do you ever read detective stories?"

"Why, why, yes." She stared at him.

"Then you must know that even great criminals always make some small error." He picked up the two letters thoughtfully. "I doubt if you qualify as a criminal at all."

Lena flushed slowly. "What do you mean?"

"Do you expect anyone to believe," said Gail calmly, "that this letter," he waved the invitation to tea before her; it was written on linen note paper, "was ever intended to fit into this envelope?" He indicated the heavy square which had first arrived.

Lena stared at him wordless, suddenly panic stricken. What was the mid-Victorian maiden to do in a case like this?

Gail pulled out his watch and laid it on the desk before him. "I want you to own up," he said firmly, "that the first letter was written to me and to me only. And I'll give you just three minutes to do it in!"

"No," gasped Lena. "It wasn't! It was written to—" She stopped.

"There are only two minutes left," said Gail inexorably. Then suddenly he grinned, boyishly, and Lena, shamefaced, grinned back.

"I wrote it to make you notice me," she confessed.

"As if I hadn't anyway!" he cried indignantly. But Lena, even with her lips against his, (wondered).

Host to Six Persons Meant A Gala Event

According to the reminiscences of an early Illinois settler in Montgomery County, dinner for six—and for six only—was the last word in hospitality during the 1820s. This limitation of guests was required, not because of concern for the bills of the butcher, the baker, or the candle-stick maker, but because of the table service. Rarely did any early settler have more than a six-piece set of china and silverware, research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, have learned. Frequently, however, two or more "tables were set," that is, after one group had eaten, another would follow using the same dishes, which had been hurriedly washed.

Big Money Went Begging For Funds To Change It

Tax collectors and postmen were the principal handlers of cash in pioneer Illinois. For a while much if not most business was carried on by a combined barter-credit system, according to the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

In one instance a resident of Fulton county wished to pay a court judgment of about \$60 and sent East for \$100. It came to him in one bill which he offered in settlement. However, not enough cash could be found in the whole community to give him the proper change, and indeed some time elapsed before enough money was accumulated to clear the proceedings.

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Interesting Notes

Kenneth Scheurman of Mansfield, O., although he has but one hand, is an expert locksmith.

One of the names on the draft registrants' list at Aiken, S. C., is Kindly Draft.

Rudy Reidel of Eureka, Calif., paid \$3.65 for a turkey, took it home and extracted a \$4.86 gold nugget from its crop.

Wreckers employed by J. W. Parker to tear down a house in Joliet, demolished one belonging to J. C. Cleary by mistake. Cleary sued Parker for damages.

Clyde Hendershot, a midget of Beck's Grove, Ind., smiled and said that he was 28 years old when an officer told him that children weren't permitted to operate automobiles.

A tax bill of \$2.40, delinquent for 94 years, was paid to the county treasurer of Pontiac, Mich. The delinquency was discovered when the property owner applied for a home loan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leister of Columbus, Ohio, left for their wedding trip with this sign attached to their car: "Uncle Sam loses another good man. Just married."

Policeman Bill Curry of Topeka, Kan., knows the license numbers and names of more than 1,000 drivers. It takes him about a month to memorize the new numbers at the start of the year.

Judge Owen of Phillips, Wis., whose home had recently been robbed, received a package of jewelry by mail with this note: "My man was on a spree on your money. I found your jewelry in his pockets."

Tulsa, Okla., police summoned by neighbors on a complaint that a father was spanking his 15-year-old daughter, reported they "arrived at the conclusion that the whipping was justified, as the girl had sassed her father."

Real Glass in Pioneer Cabin Brought Many Visitors

Among Illinois show places in 1832 was a log cabin with windows of real glass. The owner of the cabin in Livingston county, research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, W. P. A. have learned, brought the few panes of glass with him when he migrated from Ohio. In the construction of this early home he used principally an axe and purchased from the Kickapoo Indians the crude boards from which doors and window cases were made.

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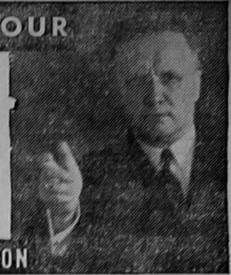
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