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News Items of 12 Years Ago

Jan. 25, 1929

Miss Helen Smith of Danville spent Sunday with home folks.

Misses Anna Edens and Merle Brewer were Danville shoppers.

A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hartsaw.

Roy Hobbs and family of Danville visited relatives here.

Mrs. John Blossie and baby of Danville visited in the August Zantow home.

Miss Ruth Taylor of Villa Grove spent the weekend with Miss Virginia Richard.

Mrs. Minnie Stearns of Chicago was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy Bergfield and family.

Mrs. T. W. Bergfield, Mrs. Lillous Harris, Misses Juanita Bergfield, Bessie and Naomi Harris were Danville visitors.

20 Years Ago

Jan. 28, 1921

Miss Esther Loomis was a Tuscola visitor.

Misses Lillie McCormick and Alma Kalk were Tuscola visitors.

Mrs. P. O. Rayl of Tuscola spent the weekend here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Henson and baby of Allerton visited relatives here.

Dr. O. T. Rowen of Longview attended the Poland China hog sale held here.

C. M. Phipps of Charleston spent the weekend with his brother, Mark Phipps and family.

The Ladies Guild of the M. E. church gave Mrs. Henry Kemper a surprise when they gathered at her home to help celebrate her 28th birthday.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.
9:30 A. M.—Confessional Service.

10:00 A. M.—Holy Communion
Sermon: "When God's Peace Fills the Heart."

The Lutheran Church owes allegiance to no foreign potentate. She is as independent as the United States. She has no foreign connections except the missions she supports in the four corners of the globe.

Her program of world evangelization, like that of the Lutheran Hour, is "Bringing Christ to the Nations." Tune in WIRE Indianapolis, 12:30, or WCFL Chicago, 3:30 P. M.

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.

Sunday should every week be a new day in your life, a different day, a better day, given to your spiritual needs.

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

Mrs. Walter Seider Honored at Shower

Mrs. Norman Seider, Mrs. Floyd Magill and Mrs. Melvin Place entertained about fifty guests at a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Walter Seider, nee Mabel Bahlow, a recent bride, at the Norman Seider home last Saturday afternoon.

Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Mrs. Seider was the recipient of many useful and beautiful presents.

Mrs. Louise Zenke Entertains at Bridge

Mrs. Louise Zenke was hostess to the Thursday afternoon bridge club. Mrs. Freda Maxwell held high score; Mrs. Leona Bergfield, low; and Mrs. Hilda Seider, traveling.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Thelma Smith; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Helen Eckerty.

Members present were Mesdames Minnie Anderson, Hilda Seider, Mae Block, Ruth Henson, Freda Maxwell, Leona Bergfield, Freda Limp, Helen Poggendorf, Helen Eckerty, Elizabeth Fassett, Mary Rowen, Thelma Smith and Louise Zenke.

Purchase 304 Acre Tract For Fort Massac Park

A 304 acre tract adjacent to Fort Massac State park, in Massac county, has just been purchased by the State Department of Public Works and Buildings. This rolling, wooded area will be used for recreation, and will give the park a total of 456 acres. Fort Massac is the oldest State park in Illinois, and is notable as the spot where General George Rogers Clark and his frontiersmen entered the Illinois country on the expedition which won this region from the British Empire and made it a part of the United States.

Illinois Farmers Have 280 Million Bushels Corn

Illinois farmers have about 280 million bushels of corn on hand, according to the January 1 estimates of State and Federal departments of agriculture. This amount, large as compared to the ten-year average, is well under the 351 million bushels held on farms at this time a year ago.

Present farm oat stocks of 97,597,000 bushels contrast with 57,362,000 bushels last year.

Although production of soybeans in Illinois in 1940 was 11 million bushels less than in 1939, farm bean reserves of about 17 million bushels are slightly larger than a year ago.

U. B. Church Notes

J. FRANK TURNER, PASTOR

Sunday, January 26, will be Men's Day. Men's Day has a significant meaning to thousands of the faithful men of our denomination. Men of Broadlands are joining with other men to make this day a red letter day in our church. Men, please put forth a special effort to be there on time.

Bible School at 10:00 a. m. A class for you.

Divine Worship at 11. Sermon topic: "The Trinity in Search for Souls."

Making Up the Social Calendar



Local and Personal

Mrs. Robert Smith is confined to her home by illness.

Keith and Teddy Thode are ill with chickenpox.

Kenneth Dicks is confined to his bed with an attack of the flu.

Edward Zantow and family of Danville visited in the August Zantow home Sunday.

Bus Baldwin and Art Struck returned Thursday of last week from a ten days sojourn at Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parsons of Villa Grove spent Sunday afternoon with P. O. Rayl and family.

George Dohme is representing Ayers township on the grand jury for the circuit court at Urbana for its January session.

Martin Sy, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks due to kidney trouble, is now able to sit up some each day.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Brewer attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Dragoo, 88, Murdock, Sunday.

Chas. A. Smith resumed his duties at the Brewer Chevrolet Co. garage Thursday, after a layoff of several days, due to illness.

Mrs. Bessie Loomis and Mrs. Dophia Warner left Sunday for California, where they will visit relatives for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Limp, Mr. and Mrs. Kerna Block and Elvera, visited John Limp and family at Evansville, Ind., over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Limp entertained Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller at supper last Friday evening, it being the 29th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Prof. I. R. Holt's grade school basketball team defeated the Allerton graders by the close score of 18 to 17 Friday night of last week. Wally Dicks was high scorer for the locals, having made 15 points.

The Ladies Aid society of the St. John's Evangelical church held an all day quilting at the home of Mrs. Tillie Schumacher, Thursday of last week. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at the noon hour. Twelve members of the society were present.

Will Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith attended the funeral of the late John Milton Smith, 83, at Metcalf, last Wednesday afternoon. The deceased was a brother of Mr. Will Smith of this place.

An all day carpet tacking was held at the home of Mrs. John Smith on Wednesday. Those present were Mesdames Jennie Nohren, Minnie Limp, Mary Fitzgerald, Bertha Kracht, Stella Miller, Harriet Smith, Pauline Limp. A delicious dinner was served at noon.

Attending the county basketball tournament at Fisher last Tuesday were the following: Clark Henson, the Misses Maxine Henson, Jane Anderson, Lila Mae Witt, Jean Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clem, Mrs. Adolph Anderson, Miss Anna Clem, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nohren.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilian, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mohr and Mrs. Dean Riggs attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Robert Baldauf at Villa Park, Friday of last week. Mrs. Baldauf's death was due to leakage of the heart. Rev. Baldauf was formerly pastor of the local St. John's Church, he and Mrs. Baldauf having left here four years ago for Navarro, Ohio, where they had since resided.

More People to File Income Tax Reports This Year

A number of local residents who never before have paid income taxes will probably pay this year since the First Revenue Act of 1940 provides that the personal exemption for income tax purposes in the case of single persons shall be \$800 instead of \$1,000 as heretofore, and in the case of married people living together, \$2,000 instead of \$2,500 as previously.

The act further provides that the gross and not the net income shall be the determining factor with respect to liability for the filing of income tax returns.

Liability of a citizen of the United States to file a return is dependent upon his status as a married or single person and the amount of his total income.

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Leora Fansler, Longview, Weds California Man

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fansler, Longview, announce the marriage of their daughter, Leora Helen, to Leroy Pike Porterfield.

The single ring service was read at 7:30 p. m., Monday, Jan. 6, 1941, in the Presbyterian manse, Yuma, Ariz., by the Rev. Raymond C. Acheson.

Shortly after the ceremony the couple left on a wedding trip through southern California and Mexico. They returned to Los Angeles Friday evening, where a wedding dinner was served in their honor at Querjls French restaurant. Special guests on this occasion were Miss Helen Granger, Los Angeles, and Anthony Slivka, Trona, Calif., close friends of the bride and groom. Miss Granger was a former Champaign girl.

Mrs. Porterfield is a Longview high school graduate and a graduate of the University of Illinois. She has taken work in Illinois State Teachers' College, Normal, University of Southern California, and DePaul University, Chicago. She has taught in Longview primary grades, and the Franklin grade school at Farmer City. She had taught at Lake Bluff, Ill., since last February.

Mr. Porterfield, elder son of Mrs. J. W. Porterfield, Windsor Hills, Calif., was graduated from Shattuck Military Academy. He served three years in the U. S. Army, and resigned to accept a position with the McKesson Drug Company. He is now in Trona, Calif., where he has charge of the retail drug sales for the Potash and Chemical Corporation.

The happy couple are now at home in the Argus.

Raymond Unit County Farm Bureau Meets

The regular meeting of Raymond Unit of the Champaign County Farm Bureau was held in the Longview high school at 7:30 Thursday evening of last week. Due to dense fog attendance was small, but an excellent program had been prepared by the committee, Dean Fulton, Henry Kilian, Harry Nohren, Henry Mohr and Merton Parks. A very interesting account of the trip to Baltimore and the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention, was given by Grover Dubson. W. W. Krughoff gave an excellent eulogy of Benjamin Franklin whose birth anniversary was January 17th.

Program committee as announced for next meeting Feb. 20th: Arthur Wilson, Alfred Toppe, Wilbert Toppe, Wm. Wilson, Mrs. T. T. Wilson, Louis Stuebe, Mrs. Chris Seider and sons.

Old Age Assistance and Relief Payments Assured

Continuation of old age assistance and relief payments in Illinois until June 30 is assured following the passage by the General Assembly and the signing by Governor Dwight H. Green of bills appropriating \$30,225,000. The appropriation carries \$20,300,000 for relief, \$9,350,000 for old age assistance, and \$575,000 for blind pension payments.

The General Assembly is now in recess, but will reconvene on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

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Ora C. Hays, 56, Allerton, Dies Suddenly

Allerton.—Ora C. Hays, 56, cashier of the Allerton State bank since 1926, died suddenly at 1 a. m. Monday, in his home here, following a heart attack suffered at midnight.

Although Mr. Hays had been ill two years ago of heart disease his health was believed to have improved. He attended a funeral in Murdock Sunday and was apparently in the best of health.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m., Wednesday, from the Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. C. M. Powell of Sidney, assisted by Rev. E. H. McGee, local minister.

The deceased is survived by his widow, and three children, Ralph of Danville; Mrs. June Eckerty, Urbana; and Junior Hays, a freshman at Blackburn College, Carlinville; also one brother, Ray of Villa Grove; and two sisters, Mrs. May Chilcote, of Murdock; and Mrs. Maude Harshbarger, Villa Grove.

Mr. Hays was born Aug. 25, 1884 at Murdock. He was married June 9, 1907, to Mae Stanford of Villa Grove. He was assistant cashier of a bank at Villa Grove until 1926 when he came to Allerton to become cashier of the local bank. For many years Mr. Hays was a member of the high school board, resigning last spring, and at the time of his death was a member of the town board, Masonic lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, the Methodist church, and was secretary of the Vermilion County Bankers' association.

Mrs. Neva Frick Hostess to F. A. Bridge Club

Mrs. Neva Frick entertained the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club. President Mrs. Gladys McClelland conducted the business meeting, and it was decided the club would entertain their husbands at a six o'clock covered dish luncheon on January 29, at the home of Mrs. McClelland.

Three tables of bridge were in play, Mrs. Anna Struck holding high score, and Mrs. Zermah Witt retaining the traveling prize. Mrs. Maude Luedke became a member of the club at this meeting.

The hostess served refreshments in two courses: salad and canapes; cranberry sherbet with whipped cream, cookies and coffee.

Mrs. Hilda Seider and Mrs. Edna Struck were guests, and the following members were present: Mesdames Anna Struck, Maude Luedke, Merle Block, Delia Nohren, Minnie Limp, Zermah Witt, Jessie Bergfield, Olive Rayl, Jennie Nohren, Gladys McClelland, Neva Frick.

Mrs. Olive Rayl will be the next Club hostess.

Market Report

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

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| No. 2 hard wheat | 80c |
| No. 3 white corn | 60c |
| No. 3 yellow corn | 55c |
| No. 3 oats | 34c |
| No. 2 beans | 92c |

Marie McMillin of Dallas, Tex. professional parachute jumper, holds the women's parachute altitude record of 24,800 feet and to date she has made 146 jumps.

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What Doctors Could Tell

American medicine, as an authority recently observed, has a weak spot. It is not a weakness affecting the patient—the sick man or woman anxiously seeking a return to health. The weakness lies in the fact that the medical profession has been so busy fighting disease in experimental laboratories as well as at the bedside of the ill, that it has found little time to tell the public of its tremendous achievements. But an amazing story could be told.

The undeniable record is there for all who wish to read it. And it tells, through the figures, a dramatic and inspirational story of an endless battle against disease and suffering and death.

That battle has won victory after victory. In the period of a century and a half, in this country, the life expectancy of man has nearly doubled—from 35 to 62 years. During that time, typhus, once one of the greatest killers, has all but disappeared. Smallpox and diphtheria, dreaded specters not so long ago, have been robbed of their terrors. Other great scourges—typhoid, diabetes, tuberculosis—have been brought under control, and their mortality rates steadily reduced.

That is what American medicine has done. And all over the land, in countless laboratories and institutes, for the most part privately financed and managed, the doctors and the scientists are fighting, day and night, the scourges which have not yet been conquered.

Medicine is not an industry. But, like industry, it has rendered its greatest service to the people under a system which places no brakes upon achievements of the individual, and which encourages any man, in any field, to develop his talents to the utmost.

A Preacher's Travels

Some remarkable facts concerning the travels of the Rev. Lorenzo Dow, who was born in Connecticut in 1777, are given by the Christian Science Monitor, which calls him the most traveled preacher of his time.

When it is considered that he lived before the days of railroads or steamboats, the records of his travels are amazing.

When 25 years of age, he covered in 72 days, 1,500 miles, conducting 184 services of between two and three hours each. This averaged almost 25 miles and three sermons a day. A year later he maintained the same average for a longer period, covering 4,000 miles in about seven months. It is said that he finished his tour without shoes, stockings or outer garments.

For many years he traveled from 7,000 to 10,000 miles a year, holding from 600 to 700 meetings each year. He visited England and Ireland, and on one of these trips traveled 50 miles and held nine meetings in 52 consecutive hours. On another occasion he traveled 1,700 miles and held 200 meetings in 37 days, an average of about 30 miles and three sermons a day.

As a hobby, George Leibling of Pittsburgh, Pa., collects locks of hair from everyone he meets.

Sidelights

Henry Miller, a barber in East St. Louis, obtained a loan of \$150 from the RFA with which to buy a new chair for his shop, but the salesman skipped with the money before delivering the chair.

A man wrote Sheriff M. L. Sells of Sioux Falls, S. D., that he wanted his wife back, but he wouldn't pay her fare back home because he thought it the duty of the man she ran away with to bear the expense.

Recently the army command of Thailand (Siam) reported that their forces had routed an invading party of 24 guerrillas from French Indo-China, mounted on two elephants, three horses and one bicycle.

At the completion of the registration period on Dec. 26, it was estimated that the number of aliens in the United States was very near five million, or about 1,400,000 more than had been predicted. States with the greatest percentage of aliens are in this order, New York and Connecticut (8 per cent) Massachusetts, California and New Jersey.

What's New

An electrically charged fence has been used in California to keep bears out of commercial apiaries.

Using a paste containing the metal desired, an electric brush has been invented for plating and polishing metals.

A machine to automatically shave fuzz from peaches before they are offered for sale has been invented by a New Jersey orchardist.

A drug which will arouse a person from coma produced by an overdose of sleeping powders has been discovered at Georgetown university.

An electric appliance cord plug has been invented that contains a circuit breaker to prevent a fuse being blown out if a short circuit or overload occurs on a line.

Random Notes

A diamond will turn permanently green if exposed to rays of radium.

Nearly one-seventh of all federal income is derived from taxes on tobacco.

Hundreds of bones of prehistoric elephants have been found in the Texas Panhandle.

The geographic center of the United States is in Smith county, Kan.

Thirteen different dialects are spoken by the people of the Philippine Islands.

The first hotel elevator was installed in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, in 1854.

Railroad passenger rates are now the lowest in the history of the United States.

C. Houk of Satillo, Miss., has transplanted more than 100 trees from foreign countries on his front lawn.

The longest non-stop railway passenger run in the United States is 324.2 miles, between Salt Lake City and Caliente, Nev.

There were 65,000 automobiles manufactured in 1908. That number can be produced in the United States now within five days.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. How many counties in Illinois bear Indian names?

A. Seven.

Q. What counties are they?

A. Iroquois, Kankakee, Macoupin, Peoria, Sangamon, Washash, and Winnebago.

Q. What are the Illinois Indians?

A. A confederacy of Algonquin tribes.

Q. What tribes comprised the confederacy?

A. The Kaskaskia, the principal tribe, Cahokia, Michiganam, Peoria, and Tamaroa.

Q. What treaty ended the War of 1812?

A. The treaty of Ghent.

Q. What stipulation did the British insist on including in the treaty of Ghent relating to Indians friendly to the British?

A. That the Indian allies of Great Britain were to be included in the pacification, and a boundary to be settled between the dominions of the Indians and those of the United States.

Q. What article of the Treaty was this Indian clause?

A. Article 9.

Q. Who were the commissioners appointed by Secretary of War James Monroe to meet with the Indians and establish Article 9 of the treaty.

A. Governor William Clark of Missouri, Governor Ninian Edwards of Illinois, and Colonel Auguste Chouteau of St. Louis.

Q. Where did the commissioners hold the peace conference with the Indians?

A. At Portage des Sioux, a little French village on the Missouri side of the Mississippi across from Jersey County, Illinois.

Q. When did the peace conference open?

A. July 10, 1815.

Too Much!

The little English refugee arrived late one afternoon and joyfully settled down in his new American home. The next morning he was given his bath and took it with an air of appropriateness. The second morning he viewed the bath a bit questioningly but said nothing. The third morning he said, "I say, I'm not a blooming duck, you know."

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STRANGE SUPERSTITIONS

By Edwin Finch



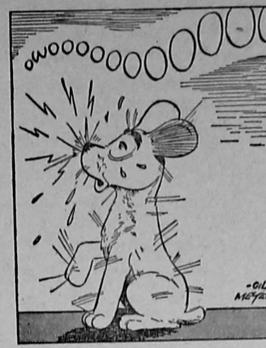
AN OLD ACCEPTED GOITRE CURE WAS TO BAKE A DOZEN EGGSHells IN THE OVEN—POWDER THEM—BURN A SPONGE OVER A COAL STOVE—POWDER IT—MIX WITH POWDER OF EGG SHELLS AND "WHEN THE MOON TAKES OFF" SWALLOW A PORTION OF THIS MIXTURE FROM THE POINT OF A KNIFE



THE ARABS BELIEVE THAT IF A BEETLE IS TETHERED TO A SMALL STAKE AND CONSTANTLY SHORTENS THE LEASH BY WINDING AROUND THE STAKE, A SLAVE WHO HAS RUN AWAY WILL, BY THIS MAGIC BE FORCED TO RETURN

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Chester the Pup
By GEORGE O'HALLORAN



MACTAVISH and I like to hunt gophers in the empty lot, and sometimes Harold, the airedale from down the block, comes over and joins us. Harold is a nice guy and all that but when it comes to hunting, he doesn't know from zero. Yet to hear him talk you'd think he was one of the bloodhounds that chased Eliza across the ice. Why that undersized timber wolf couldn't track a swiss cheese across a pool table without getting lost in one of the side pockets. We hardly ever catch anything we chase, but yesterday Harold discovered a porcupine and we not only chased him, but we caught him. Of all the things to catch, porcupines are one of the things you shouldn't. My nose is swollen up bigger than a muskmelon and it's so tender it throbs when even a shadow falls on it.

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In Lookout, Calif., fire interrupted the volunteer firemen's annual benefit ball by burning down the dance hall, a warehouse, and 1,000 cords of wood.

E. A. Hoffman of Media, Pa., sued his wife for divorce because she emptied cigar butts in his morning coffee in a campaign to humiliate him.

When fluid from a fire extinguisher was accidentally squirted into the blind eye of Charles Hudson of Anderson, Ind., his sight was restored.

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

Carl Davis of Columbus, Ind., won a divorce from his wife when he testified that she washed the family dog in the dishpan.

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The Treasure Chest

By **KELTIE OLIVER**
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WNU Service.

"WELL, I can tell you there's no cheap flat good enough for Mr. Billings. They've taken one of those new apartments right on Broad street, and Houston's interior decorator is going to fix it all up." Mrs. Wills was telling Margery Randall and her father about her daughter Peg's approaching marriage.

"Yes, and Peg's got the right idea, to get things before marriage, because a man may promise a lot of things, but he forgets all about them afterwards. But my Peg ain't going out empty-handed, either. Believe me, she has more beautiful things than many a girl who puts on airs." She directed a meaning look towards Marge.

"She's got a beautiful chest full of the most wonderful linens and a trunk with plain towels and things for everyday use, besides quilts and lampshades that she made; and kitchen stuff that she bought every time she went to town. I told her that marriage is bad enough when you have something to start on, but when one tries to live on love and cold potatoes, well, you know what happens.

"Marge, I suppose you have all your things ready, too, but then, it's different when you marry a farmer. Almost anything is good enough for a farm; even if Bill is the farmer and you are a school teacher."

When Mrs. Wills had gone, Tom Randall gazed with misery in his eyes at his little girl as she bent over her chest, looking at her belongings with a serious, thoughtful expression such as he had never seen before. He was wretched because his long illness and his inability to earn money had prevented Marge from having all the beautiful things she could desire.

"Marge, do you wish you were going to be Mrs. Billings instead of Mrs. Masters?"

"That old fool," retorted Marge. "But, Dad"—Marge slipped into his arms—"do you think we had better wait until I do get some nice things for my wedding chest? I don't think it's quite right to go to Bill empty-handed, as Mrs. Wills said."

That evening, when Bill and Marge were in the orchard, she told him of Mrs. Wills' and Billings' preparations for the wedding. Bill was as disturbed as Marge had been.

"Marge, darling, I've an awful nerve asking you to marry me. I've nothing but a farm plastered with all the mortgages that a movie thriller has, and nothing but broken-down shacks for out-buildings. If you want to, we'll postpone it." He ended up miserably.

SHORT SHORT STORY

Complete in This Issue

"You know, Bill, somehow I think maybe it would be wiser."

"Oh."

She didn't dare to look at him, for she knew she had hurt him to the quick.

"Of course you have a right to change your mind," he said a little stiffly, "but you did know the state of affairs before now."

With Bill's arms about her, and soothed by the heavy fragrance of the apple blossoms and the distant whippoorwill, Marge explained: "Ever since I can remember, I had always planned that when I would meet, be wooed and wed by my hero, I would have chests and chests of beautiful linens of all kinds: fine Irish, coarse Florentine and dainty Madeiras. Then I realized that even one chest of linens was much more than any poor schoolma'am could afford, so I decided that 'quality and not quantity' would be my slogan. Darling, I think you ought to have linen—real linen."

"But, Marge, I wouldn't know linen if I saw it. And, hang it all, what do I care about the old chest full of stuff, anyway? Won't the stores be open after we're married?"

"But we'll never be able to afford it. It'll be an extravagance, then."

"Then we'll keep on hoping and working until we can afford it. I'm not going to be a poor farmer all my life—not with you to help me. Sweetheart, if you'll take a chance on my run-down farm, I'll be satisfied because you're the treasure I'm looking for and not an old cedar chest of linens."

They sat long and silent that evening under the fragrant apple blossoms.

Pure Glycerin Chemical Fact
Modern glycerin is one of the industrial chemicals produced in millions of pounds which properly deserves the title "chemically pure," reports the American Chemical Society. This product consists practically of 95 per cent glycerol and 5 per cent distilled water. The ash, it is said, is "reduced to a mere trace, and the other impurities are so slight that the most exacting test now applied is a color test after mixing with an equal volume of concentrated sulphuric acid."

A Place to Call Home

By **BEULAH ROSE**
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WNU Service.

"MISS WINDSOR, my figures are done. May I go home now?"

A pair of wistful brown eyes looked out from under a frame of long, dark lashes. Save for this one redeeming feature, the face was plain and pale, and, one might think, almost homely. But to her teacher's heart this little pupil was very dear, and what to others was a plain, pale face was in her eyes an attractive one.

"You're all done, Elsa?" She looked up from her mass of corrected examination papers to the appealing countenance.

"Yes, Miss Windsor, I would like to go now."

"You may, dear."

But instead of scampering off the platform and out of the room, Elsa lingered.

"Miss Windsor—"

"Yes?" Miss Windsor smiled as she questioned. In fact, she always smiled. A sort of half-sad, half-pleading smile, it seemed.

"Why do you always stay so late every night? The other teachers leave so much earlier. They all seem so glad that the day is done and they can go home."

Miss Windsor's smile did not fade. But there was a suggestion of tears in the lovely gray eyes.

"No," was the soft reply. "I am not glad that the day is done and I can go home—because—and here her voice broke—"because, you see, dear—I have no home."

Phyllis Windsor's childhood ambition had been to study nursing. Somehow, however, her plans had been upset by a queer turn of fate, and before she could understand how she got there, she found herself before a class of youthful, volatile scholars.

Now, at the age of 26, she regretted that she had not at the beginning given up her plans for teaching and entered a hospital to study the care of the sick and needy.

The more she thought about it, the greater grew her inclination to abandon the school field and prepare herself for the nursing career that beckoned. Finally the impulse became too compelling, and she deserted the profession to which she had clung for the past four years.

The lapse of two and a half years found Phyllis Windsor looking forward to her graduation day.

"When are you getting through, Miss Windsor?"

He was a fairly tall, kind-faced young man in immaculate white. Of late he had begun to appear on the scene whenever Miss Windsor was at leisure, and he seemed not a little interested in her.

"When am I getting through? In seven weeks, exactly," she replied, and a little tremor in her voice was instantly detected by him.

"Then you'll go home for a long vacation, I suppose?" he suggested. "Home—for a vacation—"

Her lips quivered visibly, and her face blanched. "I—I never go home for a vacation."

His glance searched the gray eyes.

"Because," she finished sadly, "I have no home to go to."

He gasped. Looking about him hastily to assure himself that the ward nurse was safely in the kitchen, he leaned toward her and said, in a low voice:

"I shall be through here a few days after you. Phyllis—I mean, Miss Windsor—mother would be glad to have you home with us. She's so motherly to everybody. And to you—why, I am sure she would just love you."

Her eyes were wet when she looked up at him, but on her lips was a smile.

"Oh, Dr. Shelley—"

"Call me Fred," he said, simply. "Oh—oh, Fred—I think it is all a dream! To have a place to call home—it is too wonderful!"

He took her hand and gave it a friendly squeeze.

"You would make a wonderful wife and mother," he said, fondly. "All the kiddies here are crazy about you."

It was a long time before the eyes of Phyllis Windsor closed in slumber that night. She tossed on her bed and pinched herself many times. To her roommate she whispered:

"Sally, are you asleep?"

"No; what is it?" queried a drowsy voice.

"Oh, Sally, I am going to marry Fred Shelley!"

"Uh-huh—" the sleepy voice was scarcely audible.

"And I—oh, Sally dear, I'm going home!"

Women Forget
Among the Betsileos of Madagascar, a woman's funeral procession, when nearing the grave, turns around and goes back to her home for an hour to give her ghost its last opportunity to gather up anything that has been left behind. They believe that no woman, even when dead, ever leaves her home without forgetting something.—*Collier's Weekly.*

Interesting Notes

A judge in Newark, N. J., gave Harry Garfinkle the right to pay two dollars a week on a judgment of \$104.720.

Robert H. Burke and Louis Raybin earned part of their tuition to Columbia University by washing dogs at 50 cents a head.

After using kerosene lamps as railroad signals the last 46 years the town of Sugarhill, N. H.,

has installed electric appliances at the railroad station.

Paul Dunbar was 'sort of mad' at his wife. That was why, he told Indianapolis police, he tossed beer bottles through the window of her beauty shop.

When police in Kansas City asked Fred Strauss who cut an 8-inch gash in his throat all he would say was: "It was just a friendly little argument boys, just a little trouble between friends."

Nineteen years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schoenberger located a trunk of wedding gifts lost in shipment from Wisdom, Mont., to Butte, Mont.

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Blue Curtains

By MARY L. STETSON
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HE HOVERED over the fair young seamstress intent upon her work at the machine. "More aprons, honey?" he asked, awkwardly toying with a width of blue cotton cloth just released from the needle.

There was merry scorn in the quick glance of her blue eye. "Aprons, Phil? Of course not! How stupid men are, even the best of them! I'm making curtains for the kitchenette."

"Blue ones?" The tone of his voice indicated strong disapproval. "My mother says—"

A small white forefinger was held up in protest. "Now, Phil, remember you promised."

Before the mind's eye of the young husband loomed visions of marbled cereal and of cornflake green with soda. He had partaken of both that very morning and without once referring to the creamy cereal and the golden cornflake of boyhood days. He had complimented himself upon being thus early a model husband. But blue curtains! He detested blue curtains. Besides, he was feeling an antipathy for those blue curtains in particular since, because of them, he had all but broken his pre-marriage promise never to talk about what his mother said, or what his mother did.

The blue curtains were finished and hung in the windows of the kitchenette but without further argument. As far as possible, both husband and wife ignored their existence.

SHORT SHORT STORY

Complete in This Issue

A day came, however, when the pair over the sink could not longer be ignored. No smiling face greeted Philip at the first door to the left, third floor up, when he came home at noon. He missed it, and even before he turned the knob, had a feeling that something must be wrong.

He crossed the threshold. "Phil, oh, Phil—" It was a terrified cry that welcomed his coming.

Two strides brought him to the kitchenette. Before the gas range stood Arlene, the corner of her apron all aflame. He caught the look of horrified appeal in the blue eyes turned to his, snatched the rug from the floor and wrapped it tightly about his wife.

"All safe, honey! Don't tremble so," he soothed. "You're all right. Just a bit ruffled, that's all."

"But the doughnuts," she sobbed. "The fat spilled over, and I hadn't fried even enough for dinner. We haven't any dessert."

That evening, after the Myricks had returned home from a regular course dinner at the best hotel in town, Arlene asked abruptly, "How did you happen to think about the rug?"

"I promised not to tell," he assured her, with a countenance so serious that she laughed.

"Is it a secret, then, that rugs keep women from burning to death?" she queried.

"No, not women—little boys." The blue eyes wore a puzzled look.

"'Little boys?'" she repeated. "Well, one little boy, to be more exact."

"Oh, I'm beginning to guess what you mean," she said, with a knowing smile. "Maybe you were the little boy."

"Maybe."

"And maybe, once upon a time your mother wrapped a rug tightly about you."

"Maybe."

"Goodness, Phil, is that the only word in your vocabulary?"

"But, my dear, we're on dangerous ground. For two weeks you've held me to that promise made on a moonlight night when I'd have promised anything under the light of the sun—or moon—to keep you from deciding in favor of Jack. I can't tell the story of what happened when I was a little boy without telling what my maternal ancestor said and did."

"Oh, Phil, you're the funniest husband that ever lived," she sighed. "I thought it was the man that always says: 'What I said before marriage doesn't count,' but you've left it for me, so I say it for you. Look, dear, do you ever feel hungry for what your mother knows how to cook?"

"Maybe."

She gave him a simulated, haughty glance, then continued: "Well, if you think I shouldn't be too stupid, let's ask her to come and make us a nice, long visit. Maybe she'd teach me how to make the things you like best. And, Phil, would it be awfully extravagant to get new curtains for the kitchenette so soon? Of course, only half of them got burned, but I've decided I'd like white ones better, and we should have them before Mother comes. Don't you think so, dear?"

"Maybe," he grinned, and then, no rug of the proper size being available, he used two strong arms instead.

Saturday Nights

By KARIN C. ASBRAND
McClure Newspaper Syndicate,
WNU Service.

"IF I were a husband like you, and had a wife like me, I'd bring her home something Saturday nights."

SHORT SHORT STORY

eyes off the evening news, nor his teeth off his pipe.

"And what, pray," he parried "haven't you got that I would bring you home on Saturday nights?"

"Oh," she hesitated, "just things. Surprises! Things that I'd like to have but am not really looking for. Stanley always brings Stella home something."

"Easter," went on Otilie relentlessly, "Stanley brought her a big bunch of violets that Saturday night, and they were \$4 a bunch. Little things like that mean a lot."

"Sure they do," Homer snorted. "They mean eating spare ribs and rice for your Easter dinner. I paid \$4 for the duck we had for dinner that Sunday."

Try and argue with a man like Homer! Otilie's pretty curved lips straightened into a line of determination. She would show him a thing or two!

She joined a bridge club, and got a "big kick" out of going home late once in a while and letting Homer wait for his dinner. She joined the Ladies' guild at the church, and was tireless in well-doing.

Homer was swamped with work. He took to staying late at the office. Even on Saturdays, it seemed as though he never got through.

Everybody in the office was harassed and worried with work except the new junior sales manager, who had been there only a month, and who did not hesitate to let everybody know he was very much in love. Nothing worried him, except his appearance.

He paused at Homer's desk one Saturday on his way out from the office. His round young face beamed. It was spring, and he was overwhelmed with the thrill of love and life. He counted out his pay, folding it into three different envelopes.

"One," he enumerated, "for living, two for violets, theaters, candy, and three for savings. She's a great old girl for violets."

Violets! The word squeezed itself into Homer's work-benumbed brain.

Nila Mack of New York is one of the few women directors of

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Points Finger at Glove In Farm Tragedy

Gloves and mittens being worn by farm workers for hand-protection are failing in their purpose. Frequent reports reaching the Illinois Agricultural Association department of safety indicate that many serious accidents, resulting in amputation of fingers or hands, show that the mishaps occurred where gloves were caught by the machinery in use.

Most common at present are the accounts of buzz-saw catching the fabric of the glove or mitten and instantly jerking the wearer's hand into the cutting edge.

Constant alertness at this hazardous task is the price of safety, says the department of safety.

No Wife, No Land Edict Kept Bachelors on Jump

In the early 1900s a considerable number of Illinois farmers agreed that the road to agricultural success should not be made smooth for the unmarried man. Landowners in Logan county were reported to have taken action that put a premium on marriage by showing an unwillingness to rent their farms to men who were single.

"If you cannot support two on a farm," they said, "you can't support yourself," according to an account of the time noted by the Illinois Writers' Project, W. P. A. Records, it is said, show that several engagements were made known following the action of the farmers who had land to rent.

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Long View News

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Mr. and Mrs. Tipton Arwine are parents of a daughter, Dorris Kay, born Friday Jan. 17.

Mrs. Sanford Duncan entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bruhn at dinner Sunday, the occasion being Mrs. Duncan's birthday.

The Ogden grade school principal, Mr. Gohan, was the speaker at the Christian Church on Sunday morning. He will be present again on Jan. 26.

Miss Frances Howard, who teaches English in Tuscola High, has resigned to accept a similar position in Pekin High, where she will begin work Jan. 27.

E. C. Hagerman and Merton Parks attended a meeting of the Champaign County Federation of Christian Church Men at St. Joseph Monday evening. J. R. Colbert of Illinois Commercial College, Champaign, was the speaker.

Wigwagging Ears Won Early Euchre Games

A storekeeper in Morris, Grundy county, who opened with a stock of drygoods in a hotel room in the fall of 1845, was probably the first merchant of the town, but his fame does not rest on this, according to the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

He was described as passionately fond of euchre, a good if not unbeatable partner, if you understood his signs, and a dangerous rival in a four-handed

game. His skill is said by a local historian to have rested on large ears, which he moved forward or backward at will, and in this way he could indicate to his partner whether he had one or more trumps, as well as other significant information. To persons who had not been told of his unusual natural gift, both his playing and his luck seemed to be incredible.

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