

## News Items of 12 Years Ago

Feb. 1, 1929

Carl Dicks and Kenneth Allen attended the Grand Masonic Lecturers' School at Kankakee.

Fuller Freeman attended the annual meeting of the Illinois Agricultural Association at Danville.

Miss Bertha Snider, Miss Helen McCormick and Mrs. Beulah Reed visited friends at Villa Grove.

The following attended the School of Engineering held at the U. of I. for one week: Alfons Struck, Elmer Mohr, Ralph Messman, Vernon Luth, Albert Nonman.

Among those attending the Tolono-Longview basketball game were Anna Edens, Merle Brewer, Margaret Gore, Harry Nohren, Elmer Mohr, Alfons Struck.

## 20 Years Ago

Feb. 4, 1921

Miss Olga Six visited relatives in Chicago.

Reuben Lloyd of Davidson, Sask., Can., was looking after some business matters here.

Miss Anna Coolley of the U. of I. spent the weekend with home folks.

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Harry Richard, local mail carrier, had the misfortune to run a nail in his foot. W. L. Shumway was carrying the mail.

Mrs. Huldah Seeds and Mrs. Mattie Zantow entertained a number of friends at a handkerchief shower for Mrs. Bessie Loomis and Mrs. Dophia Warner in celebration of their birthdays.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.  
10:00 A. M.—Divine Worship.  
Sermon: "When Man Walks With God in the Light."

In 1907 the King of Sweden died. Just before his death, when sinking fast, the Queen, his wife, bent over and whispered into his ear the words: "The blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin." The King, still conscious, whispered back: "Thanks be to Jesus."

Whether king, or peasant, it is the only way to light.

## Methodist Church Notes

W. Earl Ballew, Pastor

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

The Church Service next Sunday is in the morning, at 11:00. Will you take the Christian attitude toward the Sabbath day and the church? Be faithful to both.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eddy who have been residing in what is known as the Allen property, have removed to the Overman property, which was recently vacated by the Carl Coddingtons.

## Longview Indies to Play Double-Header

The Longview Independent basketball team which has been winning most of its games this season, against pretty stiff competition, is playing a double-header this Saturday night, Feb. 1. At 7:15 they play the Meadow Gold team of Danville, and at 8:15 the Champaign Elks. Both of these teams are leaders in their respective leagues, and should produce two thrilling games. The admission price will be 10c and 25c. High school students will be admitted for 10c. Longview won from Kuhn's Clothiers of Champaign on last Monday night, 43 to 36. Height and some brilliant work under the basket helped Longview to pull out in front.

The summary:

Longview—	FG	FT	PF
G. Gaines, f	9	4	0
W. Brewer, f	2	1	1
C. Brewer, f	0	0	1
Nohren, c	5	2	3
Baptist, g	1	0	0
Buddemeier, g	1	0	1
Boyd, g	0	0	0

  

Kuhn's—	FG	FT	PF
Bruns, f	1	1	1
Kirk, f	2	1	1
Dickey, f	0	0	0
M. Dolan, f	5	2	0
W. Dolan, c	1	0	3
R. McCloskey, g	5	0	5
E. Hart, g	2	0	2

## Danville Fire Captain Killed During Blaze

Danville, Jan. 27—Fire Captain Leo White, 46, was killed while fighting a blaze which destroyed a church with an estimated loss of \$8,000. A coping fell from the burning structure and struck White as he stood on a ladder some 10 feet from the ground. An overheated furnace was blamed for the fire.

## U. B. Church Notes

J. FRANK TURNER, PASTOR

We were pleased with the good attendance last Sunday.

We want you to join us next Sunday in a new offensive against sin, negligence, indifference, selfishness, complacency, and all those forces which are out to destroy persons, homes, schools, churches, our nation, and life everywhere they touch it. We want to enlist every member in this campaign.

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. A class for you.

Preaching will be in the evening at 7:00 p. m. Subject, "Go."

We want to meet all officers, teachers and workers after the close of the worship service.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilian, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Green, Alfred Seider and Vernon Luth left Wednesday morning for St. Louis, where they are attending the annual meeting of the Illinois Agricultural Association being held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dohme and children and Mrs. Gladys Snider of Champaign were supper guests in the George Dohme home on Monday evening. Carl is a first lieutenant of the R. O. T. C., and will leave next Monday for Riverside, Cal., where he will take a year's training. Mrs. Dohme and children will leave for Riverside about Feb. 10, where they will reside until Mr. Dohme is discharged from the service.

## And Watch Your Shadow



## The John Nohrens Entertain at Bridge

Mr. and Mrs. John Nohren entertained at four tables of bridge last Monday night. Ben Rayl and Mrs. Edward Nohren held high score; George Cook and Mrs. Lillie Bowman won the consolation prize; Harold Anderson and Mrs. George Cook won the traveling prize.

Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, olives and coffee were served.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Edward Nohren, Roy Bergfield, Oscar Witt, Ben Rayl, Harold Anderson, George Cook, Ray McClelland, John Nohren; and Mrs. Lillie Bowman. Next bridge will be held at the home of the Roy Bergfields.

## Sailing Over Illinois Prairie Made History

Sailing the boundless prairies of Illinois in a stiff gale may sound fantastic, but it actually happened in 1849 in McDonough county, according to a record noted by the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

An early resident of the county, taking advantage of a sheet of ice which followed a sleet storm after a heavy fall of snow, rigged up a sled with quilts for sails. With the aid of a north-west wind he was soon scooting across the prairies at a terrific speed.

He could not lower his sails in the heavy breeze but did manage to direct his course homeward. By the time he approached the homestead he was again traveling at such a swift pace that he could not halt his "prairie schooner." The craft smashed into a building, wrecking the sled and nearly killing the pilot.

While recovering, the pioneer insisted that although his venture was a complete success as far as sailing the prairie was concerned he would never try the experiment again.

Mrs. Nola Donley will be hostess to the Ladies Aid of the U. B. Church, Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Oscar Anderson of Champaign was looking after some business matters here Tuesday.

Oscar Gallion and the barber-shop quartet sang at a basket dinner in the Christian Church at Hume last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warren and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bower of near Danville, visited in the Henry Carr home on Tuesday.

## Golden Gloves Tournament Danville Feb. 5-6 & 12-13

Danville's outstanding sports spectacle, the annual Sectional Golden Gloves Tournament, will be unfurled in the Danville Armory, Hazel and Harrison Sts., on Feb. 5-6 and Feb. 12-13.

As in the past several years the tourney will be sponsored by The Commercial-News, in conjunction with the American Legion. All profits of the tourney go to charity, toward maintenance of the Sunshine Health Camp, a summer camp operated by the Legion for boys and girls.

A record prize list of awards is expected to attract one of the largest competing fields in the history of the tournament. Teams from Chanute Field, Rantoul, and from CCC Camps Vermilion and Danville will participate.

In addition to the trip to the Tournament of champions in the Chicago Stadium, the eight champions will receive robes, trunks and boxing shoes. Every boy participating in a fight will receive a sweat shirt and every boxer winning a bout will receive a Golden Gloves pin.

## Villa Grove Man Misses Bridge Crash

Villa Grove—Den Skidmore, local trucker, was one of the last persons to safely cross the Montezuma, Ind., bridge which collapsed about 3:30 p. m. Tuesday. Skidmore crossed in his truck at 1 p. m. heading for Montezuma and on his return at 3 p. m., he discovered that the bridge had collapsed, a 200-foot span being partially submerged in the Wabash river.

The bridge, built in 1892, had four span and when it fell, a truck on the collapsing span was jolted to an adjacent span and its two occupants, Mack McCallister and John Oates, were severely shaken. Two other cars were on the bridge at the time but were not damaged.

The bridge is located on route 36, and traffic has been re-routed temporarily south from Rockville to Clinton on route 63 and then north to route 36.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gallion visited Enos Gallion in the Urbana hospital Tuesday.

Carl and Kenneth Dicks, Grand Masonic Lecturers will conduct a school of instruction at Indianola beginning this Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Smith left Thursday night of last week for Byhalia, Miss., being called there by the serious illness of the latter's sister.

## Miss Frances Tharp Is Bride of Forrest Walker

Miss Frances Tharp of Newman, and Forrest Walker of Broadlands, were married at Hannibal, Mo., on Saturday evening, January 18, 1941, at eight o'clock, in the parsonage of the First Christian church. Dr. C. J. Armstrong, the pastor, used the single ring ceremony. The couple was unattended.

The bride is a daughter of Cecil Tharp and is a graduate of the Newman high school. She wore blue crepe with fur trimmings and accessories to match. The groom, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, is a graduate of the Longview high school, and is a farmer.

They are residing on the Walker farm northwest of Broadlands.

## Entertain Husbands at Bridge-Luncheon

Members of the F. A. bridge club entertained their husbands and friends at a 6 o'clock covered dish dinner and bridge party on Wednesday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McClelland, with six tables in play.

Those winning prizes were Mesdames Robert Luedke and Ben Rayl, Messrs. Philip Limp, Ben Rayl, Bud Struck. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served afterward.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Oscar Witt, Louis Frick, Ben Rayl, Bud Struck, Edward Nohren, Roy Bergfield, Philip Limp, Robert Luedke, Harold Anderson, George Cook, Mesdames Floyd Block, Nelle McPherran, Ray McClelland.

## Historians Give Details of Early Hunting Garb

Just what did a well dressed Illinois hunter wear 100 years ago—in 1841?

An answer to this question was given by historians of Mercer and Henderson counties says the Illinois Writers' Project, W. P. A. He wore a woolen cap knitted in such a pattern as to show white, green and red bands. A white tassel crowned the top. His shirt was fringed at the seam and skirts as well as the cape and at the neck. The trousers were tied by deer leather leggings at the ankle. Thongs were used to lace the moccasins which had leather bottoms.

A tomahawk dangled in his leather belt, and a shoulder strap held a pouch, a small butcher knife in a sheath, and a powder horn. He carried a long deer gun, which had a leather guard protecting the lock.

The heaviest snowfall of the season visited this community on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. Frank Kracht and Mrs. Henry Kilian jr., were Champaign visitors last Friday.

Miss Leone Bergfield of Blackburn College, Carlinville, arrived Wednesday for a few days vacation.

Enos Gallion entered the Urbana hospital last Monday for treatment for kidney trouble. He was taken to the hospital in the Dicks Bros. ambulance.

## Mrs. Emmett Freeland, 22, Dies of Poison

Mrs. Emmett Freeland, 22, died at her home east of Broadlands, Tuesday morning, from paralysis of the respiratory center.

William J. Strode, Champaign county coroner, conducted an inquest into her death at 11 a. m. at the Dicks funeral home where the body was taken. The jury returned a verdict that Mrs. Freeland came to her death "accidentally on January 28, 1941, by taking an overdose of strychnine tablets."

Members of the jury were C. T. Henson, foreman, Roy Bergfield, B. H. Thode, H. H. Krenzien, R. F. McClelland and W. J. Smith.

Mrs. Freeland had been ill for three or four weeks and was under the care of Doctor E. J. Walton, Homer. Doctor Walton testified at the inquest as did Mr. Freeland, husband of the deceased. Besides her husband, she leaves a 2-year-old child. Mrs. Freeland was born November 16, 1918, at Tuscola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barbee, Tuscola.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. today (Thursday) from the Baptist Church in Tuscola.

Casket bearers were Messrs. Fred Anderson, Ollie George, Wilbur Thomas, Earl Loop, Ernest Potter and Paul Courson.

Burial was in the Tuscola cemetery, with Dicks Bros., local undertakers in charge.

## Rites For Mrs. Carrier At Fairland Wednesday

Fairland—Mrs. Muretta Carrier, 85, died following a lingering illness, at 3 a. m. Sunday, at her home here.

Mrs. Carrier, who spent most of her life in Fairland, had been a member of the Methodist church for 70 years. Born in a log cabin in Brazil, Ind., on November 12, 1855, she came to Fairland at an early age, spending the last 70 years of her life here.

She is survived by one son, Warren Carrier, El Cerrito, Cal.; five daughters, Mrs. Susie McFarland, Kurin, Ia.; Mrs. Mamie Hurz, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Wianns, Minn.; Mrs. Martha Ducksworth, Exeter, Mo.; and Mrs. Edith Barrick, Frankfield; 25 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A twin sister, Mrs. Clareta Biddinger, died in April, 1927.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the Fairland Methodist church, Reverend J. E. Tuschoff, Villa Grove Methodist pastor, officiated, assisted by Reverend Joseph McBride of Newman. Burial was in Fairfield cemetery.

## Lodge Meets Next Monday

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

Lyman F. Mohr, W. M. Carl B. Dicks, Sec.

## Market Report

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

No. 2 hard wheat	76c
No. 3 white corn	58c
No. 3 yellow corn	54c
No. 3 oats	33c
No. 2 beans	89c

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**Boy Scouts' Founder**

Although organizations of boys for outdoor activities had existed in the United States a few years earlier, the Boy Scouts as we know them today were first organized in England in 1908 by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who died recently at the age of 83.

The movement soon spread to this country, and the Boy Scouts of America received a charter from the District of Columbia, on February 8, 1910. Daniel Carter Beard, a pioneer in scouting in the United States, is still active as head of the Boy Scouts of America at the age of 90.

Lord Baden-Powell was in the British Army, and during the Boer War won great fame as commander of the small British force at Mafeking, which successfully withstood a siege of 215 days against a large Boer army. For this achievement he was promoted to the rank of major general at the age of 42.

In recognition of his service in founding the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides he was raised to the peerage. He was an author of note, as well as an explorer, a sportsman, and a talented sculptor.

The ideals of Baden-Powell were well illustrated by the principles of the Scout oath and law: To be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

**This Tell-Tale Radio**

We will all be living in the proverbial "glass house," if the scientists keep on discovering new means of checking up. With dictographs and truth serums and a new device said to be capable of making moving pictures of what goes on in a room, without the knowledge of its occupants, they are getting things down pretty fine.

Besides these schemes for the invasion of privacy, of which evil-doers might be warned, Fred Taylor of Kansas City would probably caution them to keep off the air—for the radio proved to be his undoing.

Some months after deserting a wife in Illinois, Fred married a young society woman in the Missouri city, the wedding being a swell affair, with the ceremony performed by a bishop. To make the occasion strictly up-to-date, the proceedings were broadcast over the church radio.

Wife No. 1 happened to be listening in at her Illinois home, and as Fred had neglected the minor detail of getting a divorce or changing his name, his duplicity was exposed. The deserted wife journeyed westward.

When the judge asked the two Mrs. Taylors to suggest a suitable punishment for their joint spouse, they agreed that five years would be about right, but his honor thought that two years in Jefferson City would satisfy the demands of the blind goddess, and so decreed.

There Fred will have ample opportunity to reflect on the wonders of science, particularly the radio.

Jimmy Triano, bootblack of Thompsonville, Conn., supplied his customers with music by installing a radio in his shine box.

**Are We All Dynamos?**

Quite frequently a particularly active and hard-working person is spoken of as a "human dynamo," but this term is popularly employed only in a figurative sense, to indicate that the individual referred to is possessed of uncommon energy.

Now the researches and experiments of Dr. George W. Crile, world-famous surgeon of Cleveland, and his associates have led them to the conclusion that all persons are literally electric dynamos—that each of the 28 trillion cells in the human body is a tiny electric cell—that what we call life is really an electrical phenomenon.

Going deeper into the subject, Dr. Crile found evidences to indicate that the brain is the positive pole of the body machine, and that the liver is the negative pole, with the heart, stomach and lungs as accessories to the electrical operation of the two dominant organs.

When the body is in normal condition, a continuous flow of electrical energy is produced, but this becomes weaker through fatigue or exhaustion, and at death ceases altogether. Sleep permits the brain to reestablish its load of positive electricity, through a process somewhat similar to that of charging a battery. At least these are the theories advanced, with scientific explanations, in Dr. Crile's book entitled "A Bi-polar Theory of Living Processes."

These investigations by Dr. Crile are in line with the theory that all matter and all life are varying manifestations of electricity.

**A Three-Fleet Navy**

While the United States will not have a satisfactory two-ocean Navy for about three years, its present naval strength will be organized into three fleets, and all vessels are to be manned at full war strength at the earliest possible moment.

For several years only a small portion of the Navy has been stationed in the Atlantic, but with new and reconditioned ships being added it is assuming proportions to warrant the designation of this force as the Atlantic fleet. It will be commanded by Rear Admiral Ernest J. King, now commander of the Atlantic patrol force, and will have about 125 ships.

The main fighting force afloat will continue to be known as the Pacific fleet, whose new commander will be Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, who succeeds Admiral J. O. Richardson as commander-in-chief. The Asiatic fleet, stationed in the Far East, will continue under the command of Admiral Thomas C. Hart.

Under the fleet reorganization plan, which becomes effective on February 1, the enlisted strength of the Navy is authorized to be increased from 192,000 to 232,000 men. To supply additional officers urgently needed, a considerable number of midshipmen at the Naval Academy will be commissioned in February, four months ahead of the usual graduation date.

Naval construction is progressing more satisfactorily than any other phase of the armament program, and the United States Navy will soon be the strongest sea force the world has ever known.

Trenton, N. J., has 48 potteries and is the greatest pottery center in the United States.

Jay Bruce recently killed his 500th mountain lion in California, where he is employed by the state to protect cattle from savage animals.

Commander L. G. Settle of the Navy is the only man in the world qualified to fly every kind of aircraft—airplanes, gliders, autogiros, blimps, dirigibles and balloons.

**Sidelights**

After Miss Dorothea Hall of Mobile, Ala., was robbed of \$50, she gave this description of the holdup man to police: "He was a perfect gentleman, and spoke in a cultured manner, even when he threatened to kill me."

Mr. and Mrs. William Sumerlin of Biloxi, Miss., have been

married 67 years, during which time they have not been separated a single day. Sumerlin is 92 years of age and his wife is 94, both being natives of Alabama.

George O'Conner, retired Jersey City fireman, threw his wife's old 1940 calendar into the trash can and was shocked to learn that she had pinned \$110 in savings on its back. He found

the calendar and money in the city trash heap after a search of several hours.

Wilhelm Muhlenbroich, now serving a life sentence for kidnaping 3-year-old Marc de Tristram in California last September,

made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide in San Quentin prison by slashing his wrists with a razor blade. When revived after he had become unconscious from loss of blood, he said: "I'm sorry I'm still alive."

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**Orchids**

BY ALICE NORRIS LEWIS  
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LITTLE Mrs. Philip Ainslee was hurrying to market, and as she tripped along she was mentally preparing an elaborate dinner for the evening. For, in little Mrs. Ainslee's opinion, a very wonderful thing had happened. Her husband had so far progressed on the road to success with his violin, that he was, that day, returning from his first concert trip. Mrs. Philip felt that the occasion demanded more than passing notice.

A familiar figure greeted her eye as she left the store. It was her husband with his violin case under his arm and a brand new traveling bag in his hand.

"You're home much sooner than I expected," she said, gaily, "How did it happen?"

He did not reply and she could see that his face was sullen. Something had gone wrong.

They walked on in silence, for Mrs. Philip had long since learned that silence alone was necessary on such occasions. Once inside their apartment, he sank into a chair, and spoke, peevishly.

"I am dog tired. Get me a cup of tea. Then I'm going to bed. I've been keeping extremely late hours this week."

She went into the kitchen and a moment later he followed her.

"I tell you what, Joy," he burst out, finally, "it takes money to travel with the bunch I've been following this week."

**SHORT SHORT STORY**

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"I suppose it does, if you try to keep the pace," she agreed.

"You've got to keep the pace, or quit," he told her. "I had to come home while I had carfare."

"Yes?" Joy's voice was strained. "Come to the point, Phil. How much did you spend?"

He pulled from his pocket two \$20 bank notes and threw them on the table. "There it is," he said, "Every dollar—"

"All?" she echoed, faintly, "All? Oh, Phil—"

The door-knob rattled and a moment later baby Philip came smiling in on them, fresh and rosy from his nap.

"My daddy home from N' York," he cried. "My daddy home from N' York. What did you bring Philip, daddy? A doggie?"

At that moment Joy caught a glimpse of her husband's face. And she knew. He had brought the baby nothing.

Twenty dollars, he had brought home, where there should have been ten times that! She had meant to do so much with it. Instead, it had been squandered on heaven alone knew what! And Philip understood that there were bills, bills, bills! But even so, she would have forgiven him, had he not forgotten little Philip.

"Here!" her husband's voice broke in upon her misery. "Here, I brought you these."

He put a bunch of orchids on the table. Orchids! And now she saw red. Orchids at—how much each? She picked them up and without a word, flung them into the waste basket.

Philip stormed out and shut the door.

She loved orchids, and he knew it. He had reckoned that they would soften her wrath against him for his extravagance. Let them wither in the basket where they lay! They should not plead for him.

It was no use. She loved orchids and she could not leave them dying there. Even if she did not forgive Phil, she would put them in a vase.

The moment she touched them she began to cry. In the old days of their courtship Philip often bought them for her. It had thrilled her then, that same extravagance over which she now raged. Was there, after all, so much difference in it? She had married Phil, knowing his failings. And now she was making herself miserable about it. As for his forgetting little Phil—wasn't that preferable to a collier pup? A thousand times more so!

She tried to thrust the orchids from her, and again she couldn't.

"Joy Ainslee," she said, "you're an idiot—and a mighty poor sport. You knew Phil was extravagant! You knew all about him. And you married him! You are complaining of hard judgment and you were master of your own fortune."

She rose and put the orchids in the vase. Then she opened the door and went into the kitchen. She began to make tea, carefully.

Her husband came out and stood awkwardly in the middle of the floor.

"I've contracted for a month's engagement in Chicago," he said. "There'll be a good bit of money in it—"

"Isn't that wonderful?" She smiled on him. "Tea is ready," she added, and touched her lips lightly to his as he drew his chair up to the table.

**Do You Know Illinois?**

By Edward J. Hughes  
Secretary of State

Q. How many Indians attended the peace conference at Portage des Sioux, Missouri, in 1815 following the Treaty of Ghent?  
A. About 2,000.

Q. What tribes were represented?  
A. Shawnee, Delaware, Osage, Sioux, Omaha, Iowa, Potawatomie, Piankashaw, and Kaskaskia.

Q. How were the treaties presented by the commissioners labelled?  
A. Each was entitled "A treaty of peace and friendship."

Q. How long was it before all tribes subscribed to the treaties?  
A. Three years. In the summer of 1818 all tribes had been negotiated with successfully.

Q. How many tribes had fought on the side of Great Britain in the War of 1812?  
A. 34.

Q. What tribe of Indians remained undisposed of after the Black Hawk War of 1832?  
A. The Potawatomie.

Q. Where were their lands?  
A. In northeastern Illinois.

Q. When was a treaty negotiated with the Potawatomie?  
A. October 20, 1832.

Q. What were the terms of the treaty?  
A. The Potawatomie ceded to the United States the land in eastern Illinois bounded by the Indiana line, including the southeast corner of Cook County, the greater part of Iroquois County, and parts of Ford and Vermilion counties.

Q. What hunting privileges were given the Potawatomie in this treaty?  
A. The Indians were to be allowed to hunt and fish on the Wabash and Sangamon rivers in the ceded land as long as it belonged to the United States.

**National Duty Required  
Early Lawyer Sign "T. C."**

A Shawneetown resident of 1859 looked hungrily towards Missouri and moved there, but a year after the Civil War he returned to the Illinois town and again took up the practice of law.

To announce his return he decided to have his card inserted in the newspaper. The editor glanced at it, and according to the Illinois Writers' Project, W. P. A., noted the letters T. C. had been written after the name. He inquired as to the meaning and received a prompt reply: "Till conscripted."

**Chester the Pup**  
By GEORGE O'HALLORAN



PUTTY-PUSS went to the barber-shop this afternoon and he took me along. The boss wasn't there; only Sedlitz the assistant. That guy's nuttier than walnut candy and ought to be wearing a strait jacket for a vest. He's so wacky that when he shaves himself he puts lather on the mirror instead of his face. I curled up under the sink while Sedlitz took a few practice strokes with the clippers on his own head. His head looks like a mohair footstool with busted springs. The barber had a stuffed owl standing in a corner and while he was busy cutting the Old Boy's hair I kicked the stuffing out of the owl. When Sedlitz saw his owl sprinkled all over the place he got hotter than a bowl of chili. He shoved the shaving brush in the Old Boy's mouth and chased me home.  
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**What's New**

Harvard University has a machine with which air may be squeezed to the density of water.

A Johns Hopkins professor has discovered a new explosive so sensitive that it can be set off by a fly lighting on it.

A delicate meter which will measure the electric voltage of a nervous shock has been developed by Chicago scientists.

Copper phosphate has been found successful in destroying certain fungi that cause plant disease, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Rays of ultraviolet light break down complex acids found in bacteria as well as in human bodies, according to University of Cincinnati doctors.

**"Bushels of Coal" Lured  
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During the days when Illinois cities vied each other in offering advantages to manufacturing concerns seeking sites for operations, the lure of cheap fuel became a major factor.

In 1870, a newspaper writer in Peoria declared that the city had a constant supply of the cheapest coal of any town in the United States. He pointed out, says the Illinois Writers' Project, W. P. A., that thousands of bushels were in storage. The enterprising people, he said, were not unmindful of this great asset. As a result the community was becoming a live manufacturing town. He predicted that it would grow in wealth and population.

**STRANGE  
SUPERSTITIONS**

By Edwin Finch



AMONG THE TIBETANS A FASHIONABLE BURIAL CUSTOM IS TO HAVE THE UNDERTAKER CUT UP THE BODY AND EXPOSE IT TO BEASTS AND BIRDS OF PREY, WHEN THE FLESH HAS BEEN DEVOURD, THE BONES ARE CAST INTO THE RIVER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW THAT ARE KEPT BY THE FAMILY AS MEMENTOS.

A BOX OFFICE SUPERSTITION HOLDS THAT IF THE FIRST PURCHASER OF TICKETS FOR A NEW PRODUCTION IS AN OLD PERSON THE PLAY WILL HAVE A LONG RUN. A TORN BANK NOTE MEANS A CHANGE OF POSITION FOR THE TICKET SELLER.  
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**Interesting Notes**

Angel Stevens, a Los Angeles stenographer, learned to fly solo in one day without any previous airplane training.

Accused of tearing down a church and selling the lumber, Levi Daugherty, Negro, was arrested in Edwardsville, Ill.

Ordered to "stick 'em up," W. L. Martin of Pasadena put up his only arm and the bandits let him go without robbing him.

Four policemen searching for liquor in the home of William Jacobs in Toledo were forced to flee when attacked by a pet bear.

R. J. Harris is the "pied piper" of Houston, Tex. He has undertaken to rid the city market of rats for \$40 a month.

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Gladys Shipman of Pasadena, Calif., runs a dude ranch for dogs. They have daily workouts and scientific diets prepared in a special kitchen.

So well did Edward Pfister, a Milwaukee policeman, hum hymns as he walked his beat, that he was offered a position as baritone soloist with a church choir.

Mrs. Jean Mullin of Falls City, Nebraska, reported the theft of her car to police. The machine was found with two flat tires, a dead battery, and no water in the radiator.

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**Service**

By **BEULAH ROSE**  
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**NELLIE BIRD** sat busily knitting in the solitude of her plain but immaculate kitchen, forgetful that dusk was beginning to encompass the little dwelling and that it was her custom to have the lights on an hour earlier than this.

**SHORT SHORT STORY**

The click of the needles continued, but the eyes, beneath their frame of snow white hair gazing steadily ahead, were not absorbed in the knitting.

She got up with a start from her rocker when it finally dawned on her that the house was dark, and the fire must have died down in the stove. Marie, the boy's mother, would soon be home, and tea was not even prepared.

The suddenness with which she stood up sent to the floor a bottle of red ink that had been standing in a precarious position on the mantelpiece. She heard the bottle break, and hastened to switch on the light to ascertain the damage.

What she saw nearly froze her blood. The bottle lay, decapitated, and little streams of the crimson fluid were flowing in all directions over her kitchen floor.

Nellie Bird was by nature a frugal person, but this time it was not her loss that made her fall back into her chair dazed, transfixed with the horror of what she beheld.

Incidents, even of a relatively unimportant character, often conjure up scenes with which one is closely associated. These scenes may have been actual experiences, witnessed or lived through; or they may be only memories, but felt inwardly to be a thousand times more potent than if actually seen.

The latter was the case of Nellie Bird. She was the kind of mother whose love for her only son had been so great as to have reached almost the point of selfishness. He had been her only one. There had been no other—not even a daughter.

Then the war had come. The glorious, inspiring music, the trumpets and bugles. The call of his country! He had been thrilled. Her fear and unrest. What a period of torture she had gone through in those days when she feared that he might go—and would not be able to endure it without him.

The day. The awful day on which he had come to her—her son? No, a different man. A strange, handsome man in khaki. Straight as a lance. So tall that she felt tiny near his greatness.

"Mother, I'm going to do my share."

How she wished that she might be a man—his father—to say to him in firm, unwavering accents:

"Well said, my son! I am proud that you are ready to serve your country."

"You will take care of Marie and Junior?" He had asked this of her. "There is enough money in my account, so do not worry. I shall be back very soon, I hope, and then we will all be together again."

She had said nothing. Just looked. But her heart had cried, and when he had gone, her eyes had cried.

That was why, when the bottle of red ink fell to the floor, and the brilliant liquid spread out in all directions, her thoughts went back to scenes which she had never witnessed but through which she had lived a thousand times.

The gory battlefields stained with the lifeblood of those who had been taken away from loved ones at home. Her boy—lying in a pool of bright blood—the blood which she had given him!

"Oh, my own dear boy!"

A voice—like her boy's—answered her.

"I can't sleep, granny. I heard a noise."

She looked up. There, in his little bare feet, stood the son of the man who had gone away years ago to give his all for his country.

The child came to her and nestled at her feet.

"I had a dream, granny."

"What was it, child?"

"I dreamed there was a big war, and I was a strong man, and daddy and I both went to the front to help our country."

The aged figure moved to lift him into her arms.

The stiff old bones felt suddenly rejuvenated.

What was this thing called service? The will to fight for someone—for righteousness and liberty!

She had found her answer. It was the same will that imbued a mother with the dauntless power to struggle and conquer all for her boy.

The same will that made her crush to her breast this little boy who might some day leave her as another had done, to serve some worthy cause.

**Hard-Headed**

The Arawak Indians, who inhabited the island of Jamaica when it was discovered by Columbus in 1494, had skulls so hard that they broke or bent the blades of Spanish swords wielded against them by the conquering Dons. These aborigines had a habit of compressing the foreheads of their infants so that the back part of their heads had an unnatural elevation and surprising toughness.

**Friend of the Insured**

By **A. L. RESWELL**  
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**AVIS BUTLER** walked up to Miss Berry on the Business Girls club veranda, her nose well in the air. "Lo, dear lady," she said carelessly. She was the only person in the entire club who didn't find Miss Berry "disgustingly boresome."

Miss Berry smiled amiably. "Hello, dear, you look warm. Did you work hard?"

"Nope, life's too short."

Avis sauntered on. She knew that every girl in the club criticized her unkindly for befriending the neglected Miss Berry, whom they looked upon as an intruder occupying a young girl's space.

"I'd go coocoo if I had to eat at the same table with Old Lady Berry," said Meg Forrest, one of the self-asserted elite. "Does she still talk about murders, Avis?"

"On the contrary, girls, I think Miss Berry is very pleasing and interesting," replied Avis, descending the stairs in response to the dinner bell.

"Miss Berry's Beau Brummel," someone laughed at the next table.

Avis knew that such unkind, catty remarks were intended for her benefit alone, as Miss Berry was quite deaf. Turning her head slightly, she said: "Miss Berry, I have some delicious fudge in my room; won't you come in a little later in the evening and sample some?"

**SHORT SHORT STORY**

Complete in This Issue

"Yes, I love candy. So kind of you to think of me." Miss Berry beamed happily. "You're a rare jewel—yes, indeed!"

Instantly "jewel" was pounced upon.

"Ha-ha, a jewel! We ought to call in an expert to examine our jewel." Avis recognized Meg's voice but ignored it.

"Missing from the Romanoff collection," jeered Sophie Wallace.

"Let's take up a collection and buy a proper setting," suggested one of the Hays twins.

"What's all the boisterous laughing about?" queried Miss Berry, somewhat annoyed. "There must be some reason for it. Don't you think so?"

"Yes, there must be," Avis replied ruefully. "Usually it's just a bit of thoughtless diversion. I'll carry the water up for you."

Next morning Avis was as fresh and jubilant as ever.

"Lo, everybody! What have we for breakfast?" Avis greeted them all. "Oh, where's my dear lady?"

"I guess she's sick," answered Sophie, her mouth full of oatmeal. "I saw the matron go into her room early this morning."

During the next two weeks Avis ministered to the rapidly-failing Miss Berry, with the solicitude and diligence of a faithful friend. The duties were too burdensome for the matron, and the doctor advised a journey to the hospital.

"Has Miss Berry got to go to the hospital?" inquired Sophie, munching an apple. "Gosh, that's awful!"

"Yes, doctor advised her to go immediately," said Avis mournfully. "I wish the hospital wasn't quite so far away."

"Say, it's none of my business, but why are you so nuts about Miss Berry?"

"Why, Sophie, I couldn't but reciprocate, she was so kind to me when I first came here—I was desperately lonesome."

"The ambulance is here!" someone shouted downstairs.

That afternoon Miss Berry was taken to a distant city to rest next to her only sister, and Avis was left alone with the careless and carefree number of girls to mourn her friend, who criticized one minute and sympathized the next.

"Avis, for goodness sake, why don't you come in and have a good old time with us?" invited Meg. "Your brooding and mooning for that old Miss Berry won't get you anywhere."

"A young gentleman to see you, Avis," called the matron.

"Which of you is Miss Avis Butler?" asked a very nice-appearing young man.

"I've got a surprise for you," the stranger said, pulling out some papers from his pocket. "I'm Miss Berry's nephew and lawyer, Paul Newhall," he added. "My aunt left you a small legacy, an insurance policy of two thousand dollars, naming you as the death beneficiary. 'Avis Butler, friend of the insured,'" he read. "Tomorrow you take this policy and meet me at the office and everything will be o. k."

Avis was overcome, and with tears in her eyes bade the young lawyer goodnight.

"Believe me, next time I'll hang around old ladies," cried Sophie. "Just look what we missed by being mean and catty."

"And I know one thing, and that is that Avis won't be with us very much longer—not unless I can't read men's eyes," teased Meg. "Girls, did you see Mr. Newhall giving her the once-over?"

But, Avis only smiled.

**Long View News**

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hopkins are the new managers of the Longview Restaurant.

Mrs. Reed Hales and Hoyne spent Thursday at the Jahr home in Mahomet.

Mrs. Eva Parks and Mrs. Elizabeth Merchant spent Wednesday at the James Parks home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dyar of Urbana, and Mrs. Eva Parks were visitors in the Robert Warnes home, Sunday.

The Holzinger family have vacated Mrs. Jennie Race's property, moving to the tenant house of Mrs. Ralph Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Parks and Marilyn Jane, were dinner guests in the Woodrow Woolverton home near Broadlands, Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Hanley went to visit her son, Cletus, at Bement, Saturday.

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urday. From there she will go to Gibson City to visit in the Rev. Kenneth Hanley home.

Mrs. John Mathews was hostess to the L. S. L. club Thursday of this week, the meeting having been postponed on account of the County Tournament.

The Oscar Krite Meyer family moved to the Logan Akers farm, Sunday. Helen will remain in the Lester Hood home until after the county finals.

Mrs. Lizzie Consoer who has been caring for Mrs. Robert Warnes has returned to her

home at Villa Grove. Mrs. Warnes is able to do her work now.

George Bergfield returned on Wednesday from Sidney where

he had spent two weeks in the Guy McElwee home. He reports that Mrs. McElwee has re-entered the hospital because of the streptococcus infection on her face having broken out again.

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