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News Items of 12 Years Ago

Feb. 22, 1929

Miss Leone Brewer of Georgetown spent Sunday with home folks.

R. H. Hardyman was given a dinner on his 74th birthday anniversary.

Roy Harvey of Indianapolis spent the weekend at the home of his parents here.

Neighbors and friends gave Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Freeman a basket dinner on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Henry Kilian, Jr., who had undergone an operation at Lakeview hospital, Danville, was able to return home.

20 Years Ago

Feb. 25, 1921

Miss Esther Loomis visited relatives at Villa Grove.

Artie Bowman arrived from Lansing, Mich., for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Lillous Harris accepted a position as night operator at the local telephone exchange.

Miss Grace Astell returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. L. T. King at Cerro Gordo.

Mrs. Fred Newkirk caught the pig given away by the Gays Stock Company, which was playing at the local opera house.

Mrs. Elmer Sy was pleasantly surprised when a number of friends gathered at her home to help celebrate her 19th birthday anniversary.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.

10:00 A. M.—Divine Worship.

Sermon: "The Christ of the Cross."

This is the Sunday before Lent. Our text, 1 Corinthians 1, 18-24, gives a fine introduction to the season, striking the keynote for the whole season.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday we shall have the usual Lenten Service at 7:00 P. M. Wednesdays. You are welcome. We preach, not only Christ; but the Christ of the Cross.

Methodist Church Notes

W. Earl Ballew, Pastor

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

To you who have children, do not "send" them to Sunday School; do better than that both to yourself and to them: "bring" them to Sunday School.

The Church Service next Sunday is in the evening at 7:30.

This Sunday is "Go To Church Sunday," all over the United States, all over Illinois, and all over Champaign County. Every member and every friend of every church is urged to go to the church of his membership or his preference, and be glad of the chance to do it. If one believes in the church and what it stands for, is it not fair and right and very necessary that he stand by it. Come to church next Sunday night.

People's Party Names Candidates

Members of the People's party held a caucus at the town hall last Tuesday night and nominated candidates for the village election which will be held Tuesday, April 15, as follows:

For Mayor—Arthur Struck.

For Village Clerk—Merton Eddy.

For Aldermen—R. M. Astell, Chas. Crain and Alfred Thode.

Mayor P. O. Rayl and Village Clerk H. L. Krenzien did not choose to run again.

We haven't learned whether the Citizens' party will nominate a ticket.

Y. W. O. Class Meets at John Nohren Home

The Y. W. O. class of the U. B. Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nohren on Wednesday night of last week.

Mrs. John Nohren and Rev. Turner had charge of the devotions, and Mrs. Howard Clem conducted the business meeting.

Readings on Lincoln were given by Mrs. Lillie Bowman and Mrs. Clark Henson. Oscar Witt read an article on Washington.

Refreshments consisted of ice cream with heart centers, cup cakes and coffee. Candy hearts were favors.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames John Nohren, Oscar Witt, Thos. Bergfield, Clark Henson, Howard Clem, Rev. and Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Lillie Bowman.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Turner.

Paul Madigan, 914 West Daniel street, was sworn in Monday as deputy U. S. collector of internal revenue and began his duties immediately, assigned to the Champaign office. Madigan, a former deputy county clerk, had been employed as an auditor for the state highway department, but he resigned that position Saturday.—News-Gazette.

U. B. Church Notes

J. FRANK TURNER, PASTOR

Champaign County "Go To Church Sunday" February 23. Let's all go.

Sunday School, 10 o'clock. A class for you.

Divine Worship, 11. Sermon topic, "Two Weapons and How to Use Them."

Another snowfall visited this locality last Sunday since which time we have had some real winter weather, the mercury having taken a toboggan slide down to zero last Wednesday morning.

Still Growing

(WNU Service)

Horse's Neck Wrecks Car Near Tuscola

W. A. Gillaspie, proprietor of the Hotel Douglas Barber Shop in Tuscola, was painfully injured and his car was damaged extensively when he ran into a horse on his way home from work on Saturday night. The accident occurred on route 36 east of Tuscola, between the county farm and the Homer Jones residence.

Only the horse's head struck the car but the impact shattered the glass in the windshield and caused the driver to lose control. The horse was killed instantly.

Gillaspie was able to extricate himself from his wrecked car and go for help. Meanwhile, another car hit the dead horse and was wrecked. The occupants, Edwin Berry and Marion Ernst of Villa Grove, were not seriously injured but were taken to Jarman hospital for treatment of cuts, abrasions and minor injuries.

All victims were able to leave the hospital after treatment but Gillaspie has been unable to work this week.—Tuscola Review.

"Fire's Out" Not Good News To Early Settlers

In the days before matches had become common, early settlers in Illinois carefully guarded the fire in their homes, for rekindling it usually presented much more of a problem than merely striking a light.

A pioneer who let his fire die out usually would "borrow fire" from his neighbor and hurry homeward with shovel or tongs full of live coals, the Illinois Writers' Project, W. P. A. points out. If his neighbor lived far away, or if the weather was bad, he might rekindle his fire with a flintlock rifle. After pouring a quantity of powder into the pan of the flintlock beside which a piece of cotton had been placed, he ignited the powder with a spark from the flint. This in turn ignited the cotton, and was quickly placed in a nest of prepared tinder on the hearth.

Police Issuing Tickets For Motorists Without '41 Plates

State highway police are now issuing tickets for Illinois motorists seen driving without 1941 plates. A period of five days will be allowed after a ticket has been issued. When that is up, a motorist who has not applied for his plates will be summoned into court. T. P. Sullivan, chief of the highway police, says no additional time will be granted.

Is your subscription paid?

Mrs. Rosa Smith Hostess to WSCS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. Rosa Smith, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 13, with Mrs. Ruby Holt as assistant hostess.

Mrs. Holt had charge of the devotions, her subject being Forgiveness and Gratitude. Mrs. Mary Dicks had charge of the business meeting, during which time a food sale was planned for Saturday, March 1st. Mrs. Dicks read an interesting missionary topic, entitled "Southern Mountaineers."

Roll call response was "Quotations from Lincoln."

Refreshments consisted of tuna fish salad, crackers, olives, Martha Washington pie, coffee and valentine hearts.

Guests were Mrs. Gladys Zantow, Mrs. Eva Walker, Rev. W. Earl Ballew.

Members present were Mesdames Maude Anderson, Minnie Anderson, Leathie Boyd, Eva Brewer, Merle Block, Helen Eckerty, Mary Dicks, Lettie Eckerty, Mary Fitzgerald, Anna Laverick, Emma Jackson, Leanna Miller, Gladys McClelland, Ida Messman, Frances Smith, Harriett Smith, Gladys Walker, Ruby Holt, Rosa Smith; and Miss Mildred Neal.

Five New Oil Fields Discovered In Illinois

Five new oil fields were found in downstate Illinois in January: the Bone Gap field in Edwards county; the Benton in Franklin county; the Dahlgren in Hamilton county; the Patoko east field in Marion county and the New Harmony south field in White county.

The State Geological Survey reports that oil drilling was going on in 46 Illinois counties last month. Seventy-eight new producing wells were completed in White county, 26 in Hamilton county and 18 in Fayette county during the month.

Attend Music Festival

Among those attending the Champaign County Music Festival at Champaign, Wednesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Ray McClelland, Mrs. Leanna Miller, Mrs. Arch Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Witt, Mrs. Olive Benefiel, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Henson, Mr. and Mrs. George Cook, Mrs. Kenneth Dicks, Mrs. Adolph Anderson, Mrs. Lillie Bowman.

With some 40 legislatures in session, the output of new laws will sorely tax our supply of disrespect.

20th Annual Meeting of A. & R. Shipping Assn.

The 20th annual meeting and banquet of the Ayers & Raymond Township Shipping Association was held at the local U. B. Church, on last Wednesday night, with 100 in attendance.

Following the delicious dinner served by the Ladies Aid society of the U. B. Church, the business session of the shipping association was held, with the president, Henry Kilian, Jr., in charge, who explained why the association was organized. Henry K. Mohr, secretary and treasurer read the minutes of the previous meeting. Charles Warnes read the names of those who had been nominated for officers and all were elected by acclimation.

Henry Troutman of Decatur, sales manager of the Livestock Marketing Association, was the principal speaker of the evening. Charles Dickey, bookkeeper of the Champaign County Livestock Marketing Association also spoke.

Following the business session a musical program was given as follows:

Group singing led by Jess Ward, with Mrs. Bud Struck presiding at the piano.

Vocal solo, Little Yellow Dog—Donald Thode.

Cornet solo—Byron Struck.

Vocal solo, Beautiful Dreamer—Oliver Boyd.

Vocal solo, God Bless America—Bobby Ward.

Closing song, America—Audience.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

Henry Kilian, jr.—President.

John Seltzer—Vice President.

Henry K. Mohr—Sec.-Treas.

Directors—John Nohren, John Bahlow, Ray Thode, William E. Green.

Missionary Society Meets Home Mrs. Ira Laverick

The Fairfield Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Ira Laverick on Wednesday, Feb. 19, with nine members present.

The devotional was given by the hostess, the topic being, "Forgiveness."

A paper written on "Negroes in America," by Mrs. Fuller Freeman, was read by Mrs. Russell Young.

Miss Effie Thayer read an article on "Africa."

Election of officers was held following which refreshments were served.

Loran M. Comer Volunteers For Army

Tolono, Feb. 18. — Loren M. (Cull) Comer, Broadlands, has volunteered for induction into the army, Mrs. Harriett Franks, chief clerk of Champaign County Selective Service board No. 2, here, announced Tuesday.

Notice of Republican Caucus

Members of the Republican party will hold a caucus at the town hall, at 3 p. m., Saturday, Feb. 22, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of:

Assessor,
Town Clerk,
Justice of the Peace,
Constable.

C. T. Henson,
Precinct Committeeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver (Peewee) Eddy have gone to housekeeping in rooms at the home of Faye Comer.

G. T. Club Entertains Husbands and Friends

Members of the Get Together Club entertained their husbands and a number of friends in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dicks on Friday night of last week.

A covered dish luncheon was served cafeteria style at seven o'clock, after which Mrs. Ruby Holt and Mrs. Minnie Anderson took charge of the entertainment. Ten tables of "500" were in play.

Those enjoying the festivities of the evening were Messrs. and Mesdames Fred Messman, Roy Bergfield, Forrest Dicks, Oliver Anderson, Robert Luedke, Carl Zenke, Ben Rayl, George Cook, Charles Smith, Norman Seider, Kenneth Dicks, Clark Henson, Harold Smith, John Nohren, Oscar Witt, Bud Struck, Earl Eckerty, Honce Mohr, Ray Holt; Mrs. Lillie Bowman.

Norma Jean McCormick Receives DAR Award

Norma Jean McCormick was chosen as the good citizen of Longview High School to compete in a state wide contest for a trip sponsored by the DAR to Washington, D. C.

Three girls, Rosemary Gorman, Margaret Mohr and Norma Jean McCormick were elected by the Senior class, and one of these, Norma Jean, was chosen by the faculty for dependability, leadership, service and patriotism showed during her high school course.

Austin Skinner Weds Miss Jennie Long of Newman

Austin Skinner of Broadlands, and Miss Jennie Long of Newman, were married at the courthouse in Tuscola last Saturday morning.

The happy young couple will start housekeeping next week in the Vedder Bros. tenant house three miles northwest of Broadlands. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Skinner of south of Broadlands.

Mrs. Eva Walker Entertains at Bridge

Mrs. Eva Walker entertained a number of friends at a bridges party last Tuesday night.

Those present were Mesdames Nelle McPherren, Ida Messman, Marie Krenzien, Mary Dicks, Bertha Cook, Lola Wulff and Miss Effie Thayer.

Refreshments of cherry pie, peanuts, mints and coffee were served.

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many expressions of spmpathy and acts of kindness during the illness and death of her whom we loved so dearly.

Elmer F. Messman,
J. J. Rothermel,
and Families.

Market Report

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

No. 2 hard wheat	72c
No. 3 white corn	58c
No. 3 yellow corn	54c
No. 3 oats	32c
No. 2 beans	83c

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"All Out" In Defense

In these days when news columns tell of the stoppage of national defense production due to disputes between capital and labor, it is encouraging to encounter an entirely different kind of story involving seventeen union executives and the head of a nation wide manufacturing concern supplying materials for our armed forces.

In this story we find both C. I. O. and A. F. of L. units coming together with management to sign a formal pledge devoting "the resources and facilities of the Reynolds Metals Company twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to supply strong aluminum alloys, vital to the defense program."

Reynolds Metals is the biggest independent aluminum enterprise in the country. With its subsidiaries, it employs more than 7,000 persons, most of them skilled metal workers, and in the entire history of the company it has not had a strike. An obvious spontaniety marks the signing of the pledge by union officials and Richard S. Reynolds, the president, who subscribed for the management.

To the fulfillment "of defending and preserving for posterity the right to live in the freedom of democracy," the document reads, "every employee and executive of this company, individually and collectively pledges his energy and unfaltering loyalty. As Americans we cannot do less; as human beings we cannot do more."

America needs more union officials with the sincerity of those who signed the Reynolds pledge —and more executives like Richard S. Reynolds who take the initiative in fostering employer-labor - government cooperation in times of national defense preparation.

Novel Liquor Cure

After experiments with liquor addicts over a period of four years, Drs. Voegtlin and Lemere of Seattle report in the periodical, Western Medicine, a new method for curing the drink habit. Their technique embraces a combination of drugs and psychology.

The patient is placed before a table on which are bottles of whisky, which he is told will make him sick. He is then given an injection of a drug which will cause severe nausea, and at the right moment is given a drink of liquor. He becomes acutely sick, but is urged to take several more drinks. This treatment is repeated daily for about a week, after which the patient is liable to nausea every time he sees, smells or tastes liquor.

Of 538 persons given the treatment, 97 per cent remained total abstainers for more than six months, and about two-thirds were still "on the wagon" after nearly four years.

Some curious facts were noted in the course of the experiments, one being that women were harder to cure permanently than men, and another was that better results were obtained with older men. Persons under 28 years of age were not benefited by the treatment, according to the doctors.

One patient was so greatly affected that after taking the course he was unable to even look at the picture of a whisky bottle in an advertisement without becoming nauseated.

The success of the treatment depends on making the patient imagine that it is the whisky that makes him sick, although he knows better.

What's New

A sound technician at one of the Hollywood studios has built a miniature player in a watch case that will play minute records.

A burning glass nearly 10 feet in diameter has been constructed to test the possibility of harnessing solar heat for industrial purposes.

A nine-lens photographic machine which can photograph two square miles of the earth's surface at one exposure from an altitude of 30,000 feet has been perfected.

A metallic compound has been discovered which, when applied to glass, renders it unbreakable, and attempts are being made to use it in the construction of radio vacuum tubes.

A generator has been developed that produces electrical impulses with durations as short as one-millionth of a second. This can be used effectively to stimulate certain nerves without inducing muscular fatigue.

The chronoscope, a new time-measuring machine devised especially for ballistics work, splits the seconds 1,000 ways, and will measure from one to 200 milliseconds with less than one per cent error.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. When was the present Constitution of Illinois adopted?

A. In convention at Springfield May 13, 1870.

Q. When was the present Illinois constitution ratified by the people?

A. July 2, 1870.

Q. When was the present Illinois Constitution put in force?

A. August 8, 1870.

Q. How many articles are there in the Illinois Constitution?

A. Fourteen.

Q. Of what does Article I of the Illinois Constitution Consist?

A. The boundaries of the State.

Q. What are the boundaries of Illinois?

A. . . . "Beginning at the mouth of the Wabash River, thence up the same, and with the line of Indiana to the northwest corner of said state; thence east with the line of the same state, to the middle of Lake Michigan; thence north along the middle of said lake to north latitude forty-two degrees and thirty minutes, thence west to the middle of the Mississippi River, and thence down along the middle of that river to its confluence with the Ohio River, and thence up the latter river along its northwestern shore to the place of beginning.

Q. Of what does Article II of the Illinois Constitution consist?

A. Article II is the Bill of Rights.

Q. How many paragraphic sections are there in the Illinois Bill of Rights?

A. 20.

Q. What are the first ten paragraphs of Article II of the Illinois Constitution?

A. 1. Inherent and inalienable rights. 2. Due process of law. 3. Liberty of Conscience guaranteed. 4. Freedom of Speech-libel. 5. Right of trial by a jury. 6. Unreasonable searches and seizures. 7. Writ of habeas corpus. 8. Grand jury. 9. Rights of persons accused of crime. 10. Self incrimination—acquittal.

Q. What are second ten paragraphs of Article II?

A. 11. Penalties are no corruption of blood of forfeiture of estate. 12. Imprisonment for debt. 13. Compensation for property taken. 14. Ex post facto laws—contracts — irrevocable grants. 15. Military subordinate to civil power. 16. Quartering of soldiers. 17. The right of assembly and petition. 18. Election to be free and equal. 19. Protection of the laws. 20. Fundamental principles.

Interesting Notes

Eleven thousand blood transfusions are given annually in New York City alone.

The propellers of American war planes are being painted a dull black to prevent flashing.

Columbia Shouppe of St. Petersburg, Fla., registered for the draft, and number 1492 was given him.

Mrs. Elizabeth Racker of San Francisco named her 21st baby after Queen Charlotte Hospital, where it was born.

Through 58 years, Mrs. August Lutz, 76, of Stevens Point, Wis., has treasured her wedding cake by keeping it under a glass, untouched.

Mrs. Doris Zeisel of Cleveland, O., filed suit for divorce against her husband on the grounds that he went to sleep when they had guests.

Mrs. Harold Moon of Albuquerque, N. M., returning from a trip, found that grasshoppers had taken over her home. They had hatched in the earth that she had brought in with potted plants last fall.

Ed Sittel and O. O. Benfer of Shawnee, Okla., sold their garage business but couldn't find the keys to present to the new owner. Then they realized they hadn't locked the garage in the 21 years they had operated it.

Editor John Redmond of Burlington, Kan., stooped over to pick up a piece of paper and felt a sharp pain in his right side. Doctors found he had a broken rib, suffered when a pencil in his pocket jabbed into his side.

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.

Some men who have no other traits of stability will stick to a phony story and expect to get away with it.

We read that race horses feel the cold more than other animals. Well, a lot of suckers still put their shirts on them.

Bread and cakes furnished to travelers on transport planes require extra shortening, as they dry out at higher altitudes.

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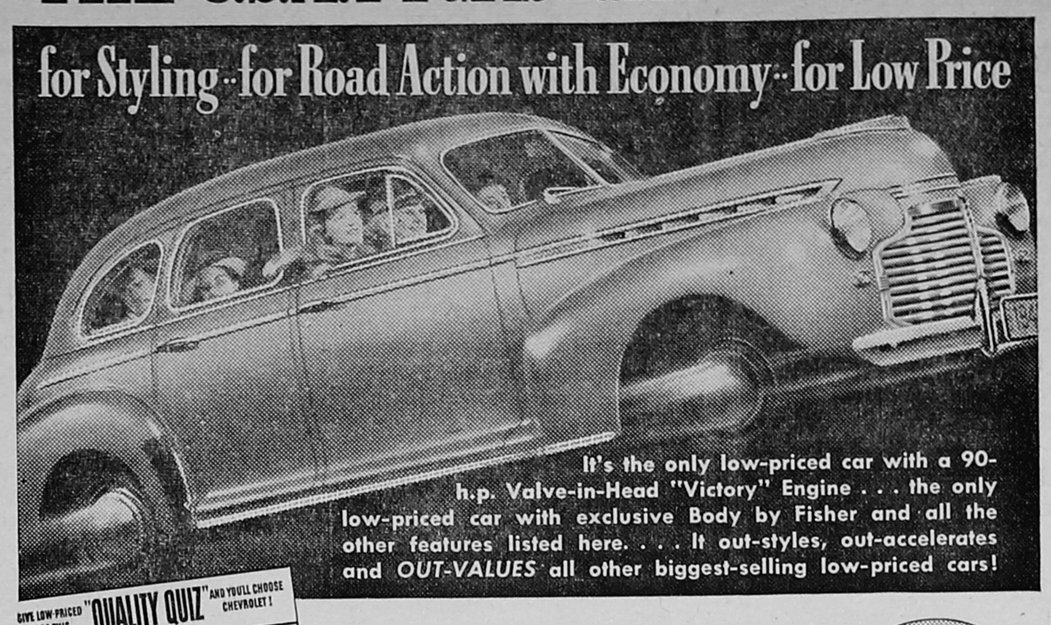

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"Watch the car in front of you," warns a safety bulletin. It is also advisable to have a care for the car just behind the car in front of you.

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Say It With Song

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD

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HAROLD KING was a bashful young man, so bashful that he had never looked at a girl twice until he met Kitty Smith and with her he had never gone beyond looking except as the exigencies of the occasion demanded now and then a few remarks. Yet, deep in his heart, he yearned to ask her to marry him, after which, if she said "yes" he felt his tongue would be loosed and he could pour forth fluently the stored-up eloquence of years.

It was while Harold loitered in the basement of a huge department store whither he had come on an errand for his employer who thus shopped by proxy for his wife that he was seized with an inspiration which brought him results unexpected.

Long racks of colorful popular sheet music highly lithographed and headlined with passionate titles first caught his eye. Then he became aware that a short, bob-haired young lady was sitting at a piano producing weird pounding noises. Yet it wasn't the playing that held Harold's attention. It was the star-

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tling possibility presented by the array of titles on the sheets of music. Why, a person could run the whole gamut of human emotions in their captions. One could say anything with them from telling one's sweetheart "Oh, why did I ever meet you?" to querying one's wife, "You married me once, would you do it again?"

Harold leaned both elbows on the counter and began thoughtfully with the left-hand corner of the upper row. When the young lady came over to wait upon him he was ready.

"I'll take that one—and that one—" he pointed, "—and that one and that—"

When the package was rolled up Harold took out an unused envelope and penciled a few lines upon it as follows: "Dear Kitty, please run through the names of these songs and deduce from them my sentiments toward you. I will call for my answer tonight. Harold."

And all day he smiled pleasantly to himself as he visualized Kitty receiving his note and acting upon the instructions. What girl but would realize the depth of a man's devotion when presented in such unequivocal terms as "I love you for ten million reasons," "I'll die if you ever say no," "To you, my own ideal," "Sweetheart, I'm wild over you," "When will you marry your own one?" That last was the gem of the lot and the one from which he expected the best of replies that evening.

Earlier than was his wont Harold reached 16 Elm avenue and rang the bell. There was considerable delay and when the door finally opened it revealed not a blushing Kitty but a cold-eyed mother who thrust out a paper roll. "My daughter returns these and says that her answer is 'Not if she can help it.' Good night."

Dazed, Harold took the package, turned down the steps, and strode home. What had happened? Why had his clever plan failed? Arrived in his room, he sank down at the table and buried his head in his arms.

Undoing the package he removed the music. Then he gasped. This wasn't the selection he had made. That stupid—or diabolical—salesgirl had delivered the wrong bunch of lyrics! No wonder Kitty—well, of all things! Harold, running them through, was all but overcome.

"I got along before I met you"—"You've wrecked my happiness forever"—"I'm in love with a girl but it isn't you"—"Will you think of me when you are wed to another?"

It took Harold less than two minutes to reach the telephone booth in the corner drug store, get hold of a reluctant Kitty at the other end, and despatch over the wire such a flood of explanation, supplication and adoration as one would not have believed possible of the taciturn Harold.

"Such a terrible mistake, my darling! I do love you—I adore you absolutely. You're the sweetest, dearest—I say, you little angel—let me come up and tell you all about it!"

And presently up Elm avenue all but fox-trotted the youth, whistling blithely as he went, "There's only one girl in the world for me!"

Temperature of the Earth

Borings into the earth's crust have revealed the fact that temperature increases with depth. A recent statement of the geosophysical laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington is that in the core of the earth the temperature rises to 5,432 degrees Fahrenheit. The core of the earth is composed of metallic iron with an alloy of nickel, and is so solid that the pressure there is 47,000,000 pounds to the square inch. The enormous pressure in a large measure accounts for the high temperature.

Tom Grows Bold

By JANE OSBORN

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"SAY, I wouldn't wonder but you could do some business with those Miss Grays," announced Mr. Tittle, regarding Tom Kenyon with critical approval. "Want to get 'em interested in buying some lots out Biddletown way as an investment. They've got plenty of money, but they'd never see me, and I sent young Smithers out to see them and he couldn't get by the front door. Awful snobs, they are. But I shouldn't wonder but they'd see you."

Tom Kenyon had worked in one of the banks there in Bradhurst for eight years and now at thirty he had arranged to work for Mr. Tittle, the leading realtor in the town, taking with him his savings to give himself the dignified title of "partner."

"I'd rather not call on the Miss Grays," Tom told Mr. Tittle. "I have met them, for one thing, and it would be taking an advantage of a social introduction." But Mr. Tittle would take no excuses and at three that afternoon Tom was making his unwilling way to the fine old mansion where Miss Nora Gray and her niece Vera lived.

The elder Miss Gray greeted him with polite cordiality and Miss Vera smiled very prettily and was well bred enough not to seem to be at all surprised to see him there.

They had asked him to be seated and now Miss Vera was pouring his tea for him, asking him whether he took one or two lumps and whether he would have cream or lemon.

SHORT SHORT STORY

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They talked—the three of them—of the weather and the climate, and all the time Tom was wondering how he was going to lead the conversation to the subject of Biddletown lots.

"The country is charming now," said Miss Gray, and Tom said, "I was out Biddletown way the other day. The views are charming there—" He had intended to take a leap from this point in the direction of the lots he had to sell. If he could only manage to find a transition to some part of his regular sales speech it would then be easy going.

"It's quite a pity they have been spoiling the section with those cheap building lots," said Miss Nora.

Tom felt that this was not the psychological moment to lead on to his sales talk.

When he bowed his way out a little while later Miss Nora asked him to come again and Miss Vera clasped her hands and said, "Please do. We have so few congenial callers."

Tom reported defeat and Mr. Tittle said, "Try again." So Tom did go again, and again missed the chance to talk about Biddletown lots. Then the ladies asked him to dine with them, and then it seemed to Tom that it would be a breach of hospitality to speak of real estate.

All Bradhurst soon began to talk. Mr. Tittle told Tom that his wife's friends had heard that he had asked Vera Gray to marry him.

Tom was dining for the sixth time that month with the Gray ladies. He felt that some sort of apology was due and yet he would not tell them what had led him to make his first calls. He didn't know just how he was going to say it, but he bravely began.

"There is something I must tell you."

Whereupon Aunt Nora Gray rose from her seat in the living room and started to leave the room. "I'd better leave you two to talk things over alone," she smiled.

Fairly dumb with confusion Tom looked at Vera and Vera sat there blushing and looking as confused as he felt.

"Do you know what I am going to say?" he asked and Vera stammered prettily that she guessed. And then Tom became suddenly bold and went and stood beside the charming girl who pressed her blushing cheeks to the sleeve of his coat. And that was about all there was to it. When Aunt Nora returned to the room he and Vera seemed to be engaged and then indeed the gossips in Bradhurst did have something to talk about. But neither Miss Gray nor her niece—now Mrs. Tom Kenyon—ever bought any lots in Biddletown.

Colored Rain

The colored rain which falls over Europe has a pinkish tinge, as though it actually were diluted blood. When allowed to stand in a container it deposits a reddish mud. Every year or two there is such a blood rain in Italy. Occasionally it happens in southern France and in the Balkans. The cause is reddish dust from the Sahara, as the German biologist, Christian Ehrenberg, first proved in 1847. Storms lift the reddish desert dust and blow it northward across the Mediterranean to be washed down by European rains.

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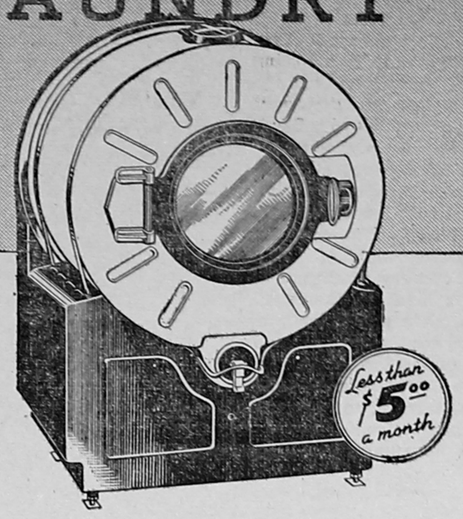

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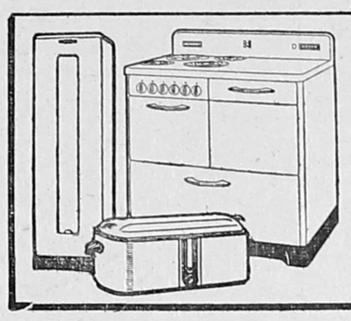

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Detective Charles Little of Kansas City, Kan., when he was 15 heard that eating onions insured longevity. He started eating three a day, and now at the age of 65, estimates he has consumed 54,750.

Another paradox is that the biggest bores are often persons of small caliber.

It takes a clever radio comedian to polish up old jokes to make them sound like new.

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Hoover Presents New Plans to Save Hungry in Europe

Asks British and Germans to Try Soup Kitchens in Belgium as Military Test

Chicago—(Special) New plans to save the inhabitants of the occupied democracies in Europe from starvation were presented by former President Hoover at a mass meeting, held in the Opera House Auditorium here last Sunday night.

In expressing his appreciation to the two thousand public bodies who have supported this movement to aid these unfortunates, and the sixty thousand who have written letters of approval, Mr. Hoover explained the purpose of the Committee was to expose to the world the facts of the food situation and to raise a voice in behalf of those tens of millions of innocent men, women, and children, now suffering from want of nourishment.

Speaking as Honorary Chairman of the Committee on Food for the Small Democracies, he made public the proposals submitted to the British and German governments a few weeks ago, to establish Soup Kitchens in Belgium as an initial experiment to test out whether these people can be saved without military advantage to either side.

There is nothing new in this war "March of Hunger," Mr. Hoover told his audience. The consequences of great wars are always famine and pestilence. The World War of twenty-five years ago brought hunger to three hundred million people. In the present conflict it is coming faster and with more violence. Today nearly three hundred million people are on rations more drastic, except in Germany and Great Britain, than at the end of the third year in the last war. In this creeping famine the most immediate danger and greatest suffering is among the seventy million people in the democracies which have been overrun by the German armies.

Two weeks ago the Committee's American experts in Belgium reported that within a month the city and town population consisting of over eight million people would be without food unless supplies were brought in somewhere, somehow. Reports from Holland, Norway, Central Poland and free France, indicate an extreme food shortage, and Finland and Spain present a serious problem.

NEW PROPOSALS

In presenting the new proposals, Mr. Hoover said, "You are aware that this Committee has made proposals to the belligerent governments that completely organized food control should be set up for the peoples on the lines of the last war. Those proposals would have given time to organize prevention. They are the ultimate necessity. But a distracted world is slow to believe, and we were reluctantly compelled to conclude that it must be confronted with ghastly reality before action could be hoped for. That ghastly reality has arrived in Belgium. Furthermore, while I do not agree to the grounds for the rejection of our previous proposals, yet if these people are to be saved, we must seek to meet those objections by proving our case in action.

"Therefore a few weeks ago, we laid before the British and German Governments the following suggestions:

"First: That we make an initial experiment in Belgium to test out whether these people can be saved without military advantage to either side.

"Second: That this test comprise feeding only through soup kitchens, where the people come to get their food and thus there can be no question of feeding Germans.

"Third: That at the beginning we provide for one million adults and two million children; the adults to receive half a pound of bread and an allowance of soup, the children to receive special food in addition, including preserved milk. This would require about 50,000 tons a month, of which about one-half would be breadstuffs and one-half meats, fats, and food for children.

"Fourth: That the German Governments agree there is to be no requisition of native food.

"Fifth: Both Governments to give Relief ships immunity from attack.

"Sixth: The whole to be under the supervision and checks of some neutral body.

"It is my belief that the Germans should cooperate to secure some breadstuffs from continental sources. But for meats, fats, and food for children there are no sources of supply on the Continent. That must come from overseas,—and that requires cooperation from the British to pass the blockade.

"If we can make this experiment work in Belgium then such a plan can be extended to the other democracies. It is primarily devoted to saving the unemployed destitute and the children.

"These Governments have this plan under consideration.

Mr. Hoover was of the opinion that the relief of these countries would not prejudice the British and would be of no gain to the Germans.

The countries benefited are not seeking charity, and would defray all expenses. The amount exported from America would simply use our surplus food.

"To those who say it cannot be done," said Mr. Hoover, "the reply is simple—at least let us try it and if we fail that ends our effort. To those who say, the Germans, even if they made such agreements, would yet violate them there is also a complete answer. If such a thing should occur, then we have failed and we quit."

Orange and Blue Echoes

L. V. H. S.—Long View, Illinois.

Betty Boyd and Eugene Ward have returned to school.

Last Friday night Hume defeated the Hornets 41 to 36. Longview's second team defeated Hume's second team 27 to 10.

Tuesday the Hornets defeated Newman 34 to 23.

The student body and faculty were entertained at a "kid" party Saturday night by the Sophomore class. Games were played and refreshments of popcorn balls, apples and candy were served in red and white baskets.

Ralph Anderson, Longview's freshman forward, fell while running to town and injured his left arm. He will be unable to play for at least three weeks.

The students attending the Champaign County Music Festival and are in the band are Maurice Keefe, Jacquie Matthews, Ferne Davis, Inez Schweineke, Rosemary Gorman, Margaret Mohr, Wanda Nohren, George Akers, Charles Martinie, Kenneth Charleton, Mary Wilson, Horace Fansler, Mildred Leerkamp; those in the chorus are Jacquie Matthews, Mildred Leerkamp, Rosemary Gorman and Wanda Nohren.

No Traffic Jam Along Highways To Learning

In 1871, Illinois had twelve colleges and universities with a total enrollment of 2850 students. In a report of the United States Commissioner of Education for that year, it was also pointed out that "Several colleges are omitted as it is impossible to distinguish their several departments."

A list of educational institutions carried by one of the newspapers in the state, and noted by the Illinois Writers' Project, W. P. A., showed that Monmouth had 341 students; Northwestern University, 307; Chicago, 277; Blackburn, 274; Knox, 266; McKendree, 261; Northwestern College, 259; Lincoln University, 206; Illinois Wesleyan, 200; Westfield, 169; Lombard, 155; Eureka, 135.

Long View News

Paul Hopkins left Thursday morning from Champaign to join the army as a volunteer.

"Womanless Wedding" will be presented Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Proceeds go to Raymond Twp. Red Cross.

Sam Kincanon who is employed by the Johnson construction Company of Champaign is on a trip to Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hagerman attended the county R. L. C. A. and auxiliary meeting in the municipal building at Rantoul Saturday evening.

The Longview high school faculty and student body were entertained at a "kid" party Saturday evening. Sophomores were hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwartz are parents of a nine pound son born Monday, Feb. 17, at their home near Longview. They have one other son.

Buddy Seeds celebrated his birthday anniversary Sunday evening with a dinner in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Paine. Guests were the O. K. Bollingers, Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Bollinger, Hume; Miss Ada Paine.

Local and Personal

Miss Beulah Gore of Indianapolis was home over the weekend.

Miss Anna Clem visited relatives at Clay City over the weekend.

Virgil Reed and family of Champaign visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Lillian Milam of Hume has accepted a position at the Eckerty Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maxwell left last week for the state of Kansas for a visit with relatives.

Dave Freeman of Peoria visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Freeman over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zenke returned Saturday after a few weeks sojourn at Hot Springs, Ark.

Mrs. D. P. Brewer, attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hughes, Newman, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Karr and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Turner and Mrs. Vohn Snow of Champaign visited Mrs. Lucy Sullivan Saturday evening.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Young were Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Freeman, Dave Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Harden and son, Kent.

Among those attending the Champaign County Stockmen's banquet at Tilden Hall, Champaign, on Thursday night were Messrs. and Mesdames George Dohme, Carl Zenke, Norman Seider, Henry Kilian, Jr., Wallace Warnes.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Brewer entertained at six o'clock dinner Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cooper and daughters of Tuscola; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Block and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brewer.

An all day quilting party was held at the home of Mrs. Minnie Limp on Wednesday. Those present were Mesdames Freda Limp, Nellie Kilian, Tillie Schumacher, Harriett Smith, Alice Schumacher, Frances Smith, Jennie Nohren, Miss Edna Schumacher.

There will be a double-header basketball game at Longview, on Wednesday night, Feb. 26, when the Longview Grads play Roney's White Spots of Urbana, and the Longview Seconds play the Piggly Wiggly team of Champaign. Games start at 7:30. Admission 10c and 20c.

Early School Held In Remodeled Barn

Before Illinois established its great system of public instruction with school buildings for every section of the state, educational classes were sometimes held in quarters donated by private owners.

In Effingham county, according to the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, one historian points out that the first school of record was held in a remodeled barn and maintained by private subscription. A twelve - year old boy is said to have been a teacher. Later the classes moved to a room rented in a private home, and after that they were held for a time in the attic of a judge's residence.

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