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An Unhappy Genius

Through the medium of radio, the works of the great musical composers may now be heard by everyone, and among these the lofty compositions of Ludwig van Beethoven are becoming familiar to an ever widening audience. As one biographer has written, "in music Beethoven is a name before the greatness of which all other names, however great, seem to dwindle."

But in spite of his towering genius and transcendent achievement, the composer's life was a tragic and unhappy one during most of his 56 years.

Beethoven was born in Bonn, Prussia, in 1770, of a very poor family, his father being a court musician with a predilection for strong drink, while his mother was a woman of little education, the daughter of a cook. But Beethoven managed to secure sound musical instruction, becoming a skilful performer on the piano and organ at an early age, but while he early attempted composition, it was not until about the age of 25 that he began to produce the magnificent works which have brought him undying fame.

Beethoven never married and his existence was a secluded one for the most part, marred by poverty and frequent quarrels with his servants, and the ingratitude of a nephew for whom he had made many sacrifices. But the great tragedy of his life was his deafness, which began about his 28th year and finally became total. Some of his sublimest compositions were written after he was too deaf to hear a note of their wondrous beauty.

The fact that he continued to create immortal masterpieces under such circumstances sets Beethoven apart as being at once the most majestic and the most pathetic figure in the history of music.

The Average Woman

Some facts and fancies about the average woman were recently compiled by a writer in Your Life magazine, but we do not undertake to vouch for which of his statistics, if any, are accurate. Anyway, he asserts that the average woman:

Is five feet, four inches tall, and weighs 128 pounds until she begins to get careless about her figure.

Marries at the age of 24, and lives five years longer than her husband.

Quarrels with her husband at least twice a month.

Threatens eight times to go home to her mother, but never does.

Spends three years and eight months talking on the telephone. Attends 3,027 movies, many of them double features, and listens to 18 radio serials a week.

Spends a year and a half in beauty parlors, and four years washing dishes.

Is positive that her children are better than the brats next door.

Devotes the best seven years of her life to trying to make her husband over, but without success.

Occasionally wishes she had married someone else.

And makes a darned good wife at that.

Sidelights

Bright colored lures do not attract fish, according to Dr. T. H. Shastid, noted ophthalmologist and authority on the vision of animals. The reason the colored tackle is of no advantage is that fish are color blind.

Dr. Raymond Ditmars, eminent zoologist, recommends garter snakes as pets, declaring that they are friendly, harmless, and long-lived. They are also of practical value because they kill mice.

As someone has said, most of the things we worry about never happen. We have just read of a sailor who roamed the seas for many years, always haunted by the fear of being drowned. He finally met his death by falling off a camel in the Sahara desert and breaking his neck.

Inaccurate bookkeeping has caused plenty of trouble, but in a case reported from Missouri it served to prolong a man's life. The execution of a convicted murderer was delayed until his books could be straightened out so as to make out a correct income tax return.

Sixteen Indians employed in the making of a western movie in Hollywood engaged in a heated argument which seemed to threaten a resort to the warpath. Actor Richard Dix made bold to investigate and found the redskins were arguing over how a certain bridge hand should be played.

What's New

A Cuban chemist has produced toilet soaps into which fruit juices and other vegetable ingredients are introduced.

Some persons are found to be color-blind in only one eye. While the right eye may see red as red, the left sees it as black.

Turning a knob on a new rear vision mirror for automobiles shifts a second reflecting surface into position to eliminate glare from following headlights.

Dr. George W. Carver, famed Negro scientist of Tuskegee Institute, has developed a powerful astringent from persimmons for treatment of pyorrhea.

Newly developed eye-glasses serve as aids to hard-of-hearing people sensitive about wearing a headpiece. Lenses act as a microphone, and tiny batteries are hidden in the frame.

A modern device employed by highway engineers consists of a transportable battering ram breaking up brick or concrete pavement with a 2,500 pound hammer striking 80 blows per minute.

One Cent Reward Posted For "Bound Out" Youth

Early Illinois history is believed to have produced a unique reward notice involving no princely sum but only a lowly red copper piece.

An advertisement in a Springfield newspaper of 1831 announced that a local blacksmith offered one cent "and no charges paid" for an apprentice who had disappeared. He was described as being 19 years of age. "All persons are also forbid employing said boy on penalty of the law," the notice concluded.

For a number of years during the early period of the state's development, minors could be bound out or indentured to tradesmen and farmers to learn their life's work.

There are about 2,000 miles of highway in the 27 national parks.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. How is the office of Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Treasurer, or Attorney General filled in case of vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise?

A. Appointment by the Governor.

Q. How long shall such an appointee hold office?

A. Until his successor shall be elected and qualified in such manner as provided by law.

Q. Who are required to make report of all money received or disbursed by them from all sources and for services performed?

A. Officers of the executive department and all public institutions of the state.

Q. How often are such reports required by the Constitution?

A. Semi-annually.

Q. On what charge may an officer making false report be tried?

A. Perjury.

Q. At what other time are officers required to report to the Governor?

A. At least ten days preceding each regular session of the General Assembly.

Q. Are the judges of the Supreme Court required to report to the Governor preceding each regular session?

A. They are required to report on defects of the Constitution and laws.

Q. To whom does the Governor transmit reports received from officers and judges?

A. To the General Assembly.

Q. What reports may the Governor require at any time?

A. The Governor may require information, in writing, under oath, from the officers of the executive department, and all officers and managers of State institutions.

Q. Who is the keeper of the Great Seal of the State of Illinois?

A. The Secretary of state.

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.

As a special courtesy of the postoffice, love letters in Venezuela may be mailed at half rate, if bright red envelopes are used by the senders.

Chester the Pup
By GEORGE O'HALLORAN



LEAKY-SKULL has heard of some new kind of stuff that's guaranteed to grow hair. For all the junk he's bought to grow hair on that knot he calls his head he should have more hair than Samson, but the fuzz on a peach is thicker than the hair on Leaky-skull's head. He's bought hair restorer in tubes, bottles, jars and cans. It never grew any hair but some of the tonic made what little hair he's got do tricks. That fuzz of his has turned red, yellow and black, and one time it came out a light lavender. This new remedy wasn't much good either. It made a lot of foam and blistered all the skin off his ears. He spilled a little in the wash bowl and the rubber stopper curled up like a piece of burnt bacon. He was going to throw the stuff away but Charlene says she can use it to wash the walls.

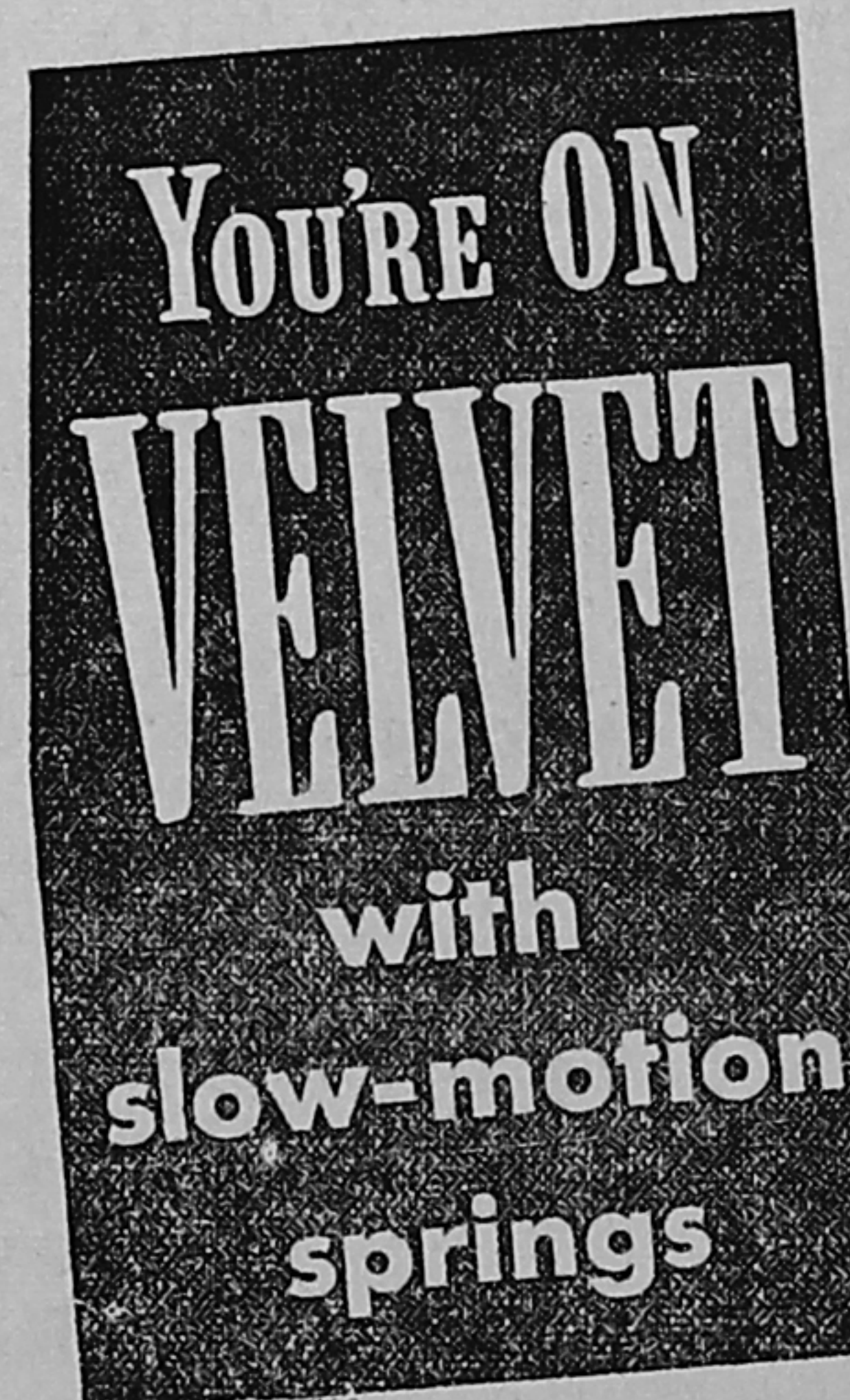
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Pioneer Housewife Gave Word; Cabin Came to Table

Probably the most remarkable table ever used in Illinois was found in a cabin in the southern part of the state during the early 1800s.

According to the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, the wife of an early settler discovered an unusually large tree stump near the site which had been selected for their cabin. She induced her husband to build the house around it, and then used the stump as the dining table for the family.

Mrs. Lydia Gydeson of Mt. Holly, N. J., recently celebrated her 101st birthday anniversary by getting a permanent wave at a beauty parlor.



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U. of I. Fees Increased to \$40 Semester

To share the cost of strengthened educational programs and increased facilities, and because of a steady shift in enrollment towards the scientific and professional branches, student fees in the University of Illinois have been increased by the board of trustees.

The changes become effective with the 1941 Summer session, when Illinois residents will pay \$25 and out-of-state students \$50. Teachers' scholarships for the summer session have been discontinued.

For the two winter semesters, Illinois residents attending the colleges and schools at Urbana-Champaign will pay \$40 a semester except in the College of Law, where the fee is \$55. Students from outside the state will pay \$80 a semester, except in the College of Law, where they will pay \$110, and the Graduate school, where the fee will be \$70. The increase is \$5 a semester for students residing in Illinois at the summer session and each winter semester. For out-of-state residents the increase is \$20 for the summer, \$35 per semester in Law, \$7.50 per semester in the Graduate school, and \$17.50 more per semester in other units at Urbana-Champaign.

At the University of Illinois Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy in Chicago, fees for Illinois residents were already higher than at Urbana-Champaign and remain at \$100 a year in Pharmacy and \$150 a year in Dentistry and Medicine. The Graduate school fee was raised to \$40 a semester in accordance with the raise in the Graduate school at Urbana-Champaign.

Likewise the Graduate fee for non-residents at Chicago was increased to \$70 per semester. The non-resident fee in other units at Chicago was increased last year to \$200 a year in Pharmacy and \$300 a year in Medicine and Dentistry.

Hemorrhage-Stopping Vitamin Is Injected By U. of I. Doctors

New possibilities in the use of vitamin K to prevent fatal bleeding have been opened by research in the University of Illinois College of Medicine and the Cook County hospital. Doctors there have proved the possibility of injecting a water-soluble compound with vitamin K activity directly into the blood stream of patients.

This vitamin is necessary for the clotting of blood to stop bleeding. Lack of sufficient clotting ability in the blood often leads to fatal hemorrhages. Giving of the vitamin regenerates this ability. The new technique is of special value in treatment of newborn infants who are suffering from hemorrhages.

Until now, administration of vitamin K always has been by mouth. This sometimes is impossible because of nausea and vomiting, or ineffective because the vitamin is not properly absorbed through the intestine.

Injection of the vitamin directly into the blood stream brings a quick response, the doctors found. Also, the injection eliminates the need for use of bile salts, which must be given along with the vitamin when it is taken by mouth.

Electric Gun Shoots Atoms in U. of I. Lab.

An electric gun shooting a thousand million million atomic bullets a second is being used by University of Illinois scientists to learn how the nucleus or core of atoms is put together. The technical name for the gun is linear accelerator.

Deuterons, the atomic bullets, come from it at a speed of 3,000 miles a second. They are used to bombard heavy water, whose atoms are smashed by the bullets. This releases the atom's internal energy, causing particles of the nucleus to fly off.

Every one hundred million bullets releases 27 particles. Eight grams of radium, worth \$160,000, would be needed to produce a similar number of particles.

Accurate knowledge of the speed of neutrons will help reveal secrets of the atom's core. From it the scientists can learn about the arrangement of the atom, and about the tremendous energy stored in it.

Courts Should Find Cause Of Bad Motoring Habits

If traffic courts are really to curb motoring offenses, they must get at the reason for them instead of simply slapping down fines, in the opinion of Prof. George T. Stafford, in charge of safety education training at the University of Illinois.

"The show-off and the bully, the driver with an inferiority complex and the man unable to handle his temper all are accident causers when they get behind the wheel of an automobile. Penalties don't cure them. The cause of their behavior must be found and corrected," said Mr. Stafford. He suggests eventual application to traffic courts of the same criminology of understanding which led to establishment of juvenile courts.

Law in Longhand Posted For Pioneers to Read

When law came to the vast Northwest Territory in 1788, the law makers faced a difficult task. Since there were no printing presses in all the territory when Gov. St. Clair and the territorial judges met to draw up the legal code, copies of it had to be written out in longhand and carried through the wilderness and posted on trees at the mouths of streams, as well as in other places where passersby might see them.

Thus couriers traveling across the country that was later to become the state of Illinois, probably posted copies of the code on many trees along the Ohio, Mississippi, Illinois rivers and other streams, according to a historical account noted by the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

In view of the difficulty involved in promulgating this first code of laws, it is not surprising to note that the destruction of a copy brought heavy punishment. Such offenders were sometimes locked in stocks for three hours, and fined the cost of rewriting and posting the copy, and if the culprit was unable to pay the fine he was jailed.

Pioneer Merchant Omitted Price of Spelling Lessons

An Illinois pioneer merchant of 1834 listed on his books a "fir" hat costing \$4.75, but board and room for five whole weeks cost only \$4.

Some of his other entries, as noted by the Illinois Writers' Project, are of interest to both economics and students of spelling. In addition to the fur hat, he listed, "2 ounces of sowing thread, 12 1/2 cents; 1 yard riben, 6 1/2 cents; 1 lb nales, 12 1/2 cents; 1/2 oz. campfire, 12 1/2 cents."

When a Benton, Mich., farmer's furnace exploded, his cat's fur caught fire and the animal ran into the haymow. The house and barn burned down and the farmer was painfully burned, but the cat was only slightly scorched.

Interesting Notes

Park Watts has a farm, 42 acres of which are in Indiana, 43 in Ohio, and 62 in Michigan.

Mrs. E. Townsend of Crisfield, Md., found a dollar bill in an oyster.

Mrs. Rose Caden of Chicago charged that her husband was so stingy, he hid her shoes to keep her from wearing them out.

Mrs. Belinda Clark, 73, of

Hunter's Range, N. Y., walked 17 miles to a beauty shop for a permanent wave.

Although he has only one arm, George W. Kent rescued three children from a burning house at Yakima, Wash.

Mrs. William Schaar of Pittsburgh filed suit for divorce because her husband "was bashful, had no temper and wouldn't fight with her."

With a gallon of milk which

he was taking home, William Drier of Anaconda, Mont., extinguished a fire that broke out in the rear of his automobile.

A movie theater owner in Durango, Colo., boosted his attendance by giving each male patron a free kiss from his favorite usherette.

Trooper Archie Campbell of Montreal, who is fighting somewhere in England, asked for a pair of socks. He was given a pair that had an identifying tag showing that his wife had knitted them.

VETERAN AND CHAMPION WILL FORM TOUGH TEAM IN BIG RACE



INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — A young champion and an old campaigner will be a team calculated to parlay experience and courage towards a one-two victory in the annual 500-mile race here on May 30.

Rex Mays, national automobile racing champion at 28 years, and Ralph Hepburn, veteran driver at 45, will form the Bowes Seal Fast team, financed by Robert Bowes with equipment engineered by Louis Meyer, three-winner, and W. C. "Bud" Winfield.

Mays, of course, will have the Lou Meyer car in which he finished second last year and which has been greatly improved, but Hepburn,

former motorcycle racer, will be behind a brand-new motor which was made from the patterns of the Meyer motor but set up in a V-8 fashion rather than the straight-8 alignment which is followed in the Mays car. The Hepburn car, which will sit on the track in a tried-and-true chassis but with untried power, may prove to be the "dark-horse" motor in the 29th running of the Decoration Day Classic for the some \$100,000 in gold at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Hepburn finished but two seconds behind Shaw when he won his first victory in 1937 and is long overdue for the checkered flag.

SHAW AND MAYS HAVE 'UNFINISHED BUSINESS' TO SETTLE IN INDIANAPOLIS '500' MAY 30



INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — "Unfinished business" is on the books as an extra bonus for the fans when Wilbur Shaw and Rex Mays meet again in the 500-mile race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 30.

Shaw, three-time winner of the great speed meet, ran off with first place last year but a lot of fans weren't satisfied that Shaw was the best in the field. Some believed that Mays, the California go-devil, would have beaten out Shaw had not a drizzle slowed the race down for 125 miles and prevented a last-stage battle between the two. The duel is expected to be finished this year.

No driver in the game has a heavier foot than Mays. He is one of the best pilots. But he drives

hard, sparing his motor nothing and himself less. No one goes into the turns with greater abandon and no one shows more daring on the straightaways. Last year, just as in previous years, he was just about the hottest thing on the track in qualifying rounds. He won the pole position for the start and he was confident that his car had the stuff to step away from the field.

He took the lead early in the race and even when Shaw snatched it away he felt confident that when it came to a two-man battle in the final stages he would be the victor. And then, with Shaw leading by two laps, it began to rain. Out came the yellow flag telling the drivers not to better their positions. That went on for 125 miles, with Mays fuming impatiently. And that was how the

race ended. Mays never did get a chance to battle it out with Shaw. Shaw won the race for the third time, joining Lou Meyer as the only three-time winner in history. Mays was second, the first time in six tries he ever completed the race, although he has been the fastest qualifier three of those six times. Mays feels that circumstance cheated him of victory and he intends to go all out for the winner's pot of gold this time.

While Mays has his plans, Shaw, the Dapper Dan of the track, a true champ, has before him the golden opportunity of becoming the first four-time winner in the history of the Indianapolis "500." Needless to say, both men will be out there gunning for all they're worth to realize their respective ambitions.

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