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News Items of 12 Years Ago

Nov. 15, 1929

Geo. Overman was painfully injured when a railroad tie fell on his foot.

Misses Anna Edens and Merle Brewer were home from Greencastle, Ind., over the weekend.

Rev. C. M. Temple and Harry Richard attended the Methodist Laymen's banquet at Hoopston.

Mrs. Minnie Boyd underwent an operation for appendicitis at Lakeview hospital, Danville.

Walter Johnson and son of Ypsilanti, Mich., spent a few days here with relatives.

Kerna Block and Miss Mae Rowen were married, with Rev. C. M. Temple performing the ceremony.

Rev. E. Busekros and family moved into the newly acquired St. John's property on the north side.

20 Years Ago

Nov. 18, 1921

J. E. Johnson and family of Champaign visited relatives here.

Mrs. Mary Jacobsen entertained a number of young folks at a party.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Teel returned from a two months' trip through the east.

Harley Bostwick of the U. S. navy arrived from Boston on a two weeks furlough.

Reuben Lloyd and family arrived from Davidson, Sask., Can. They were called here by the death of a relative at Newman.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.
10:15 A. M.—Divine Worship.
Sermon: "God's Promises Bear Investigation."

You can get to heaven without money, without education, without friends, without health, and without good looks, — but you cannot get there without Christ.

It is the business of the visible church to lead men into right relationship with God through faith in the saving Christ. Come, ere the day of grace pass and it is too late.

St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church

Robert B. Frey, Pastor

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School, Edward Nohren, Superintendent.
10:30 A. M.—Divine worship.
Thanksgiving Sunday.

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.

In an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide, George Griesbach of Shawane, Wis., swallowed his stickpin, cuff buttons, some safety pins, and other material.

Sidell Theatre to Be Reopened Nov. 14th

(Sidell Journal)

The American Theatre in Sidell will be reopened on Friday, Nov. 14th, it was stated this week by Logan Hedrick, manager, who last week assumed control of the local cinema headquarters.

During the fall and winter, shows will be held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Hedrick announced.

The opening attraction on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15 will be "Her First Beau" starring Jane Withers and Jackie Cooper. This is Withers' latest picture and critics label it one of her best. On Sunday and Monday will be "In Old Cheyenne," starring Loretta Young.

Mr. Hedrick also stated that the projectors and equipment of the theatre will be put in tip-top shape for the opening of the show. The theatre interior, too, will undergo some improvement during the next ten days.

Mr. Hedrick was in Chicago Monday booking pictures for the Sidell show house. He also operates the Homer theatre, which he opened after establishing the American here four years ago.

Y. W. O. Class Meets With Rev. J. F. Turners at Elliott

The Y. W. O. class of the U. B. Church met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Turner in Elliott last Tuesday evening.

Rev. Turner had charge of the devotions, Armistice Day being observed throughout the program.

Mrs. Howard Clem conducted the business meeting, at which time a soup supper was planned to be held in the church basement, Saturday night, Nov. 22.

Special numbers were given by Miss Mary Mumaw, and a quartet composed of Mrs. Lillie Bowman, Mrs. Fred Messman, Oscar Witt and Rev. Turner.

Visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Zantow, Mrs. Lillie Baker, Mrs. Fred Messman, Misses Lena Todd, Lila Mae Witt, Maxine Henson, Wanda Rayl, Mary and Shirley Mumaw, Dorothy Turner, Max Henson, Billy Eckerty, Ralph Clem.

Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, salad, cookies, coffee, and mints.

Members present were Rev. and Mrs. Dale Mumaw, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Witt, Mr. and Mrs. John Nohren, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bergfield, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clem, Mrs. Lillie Bowman.

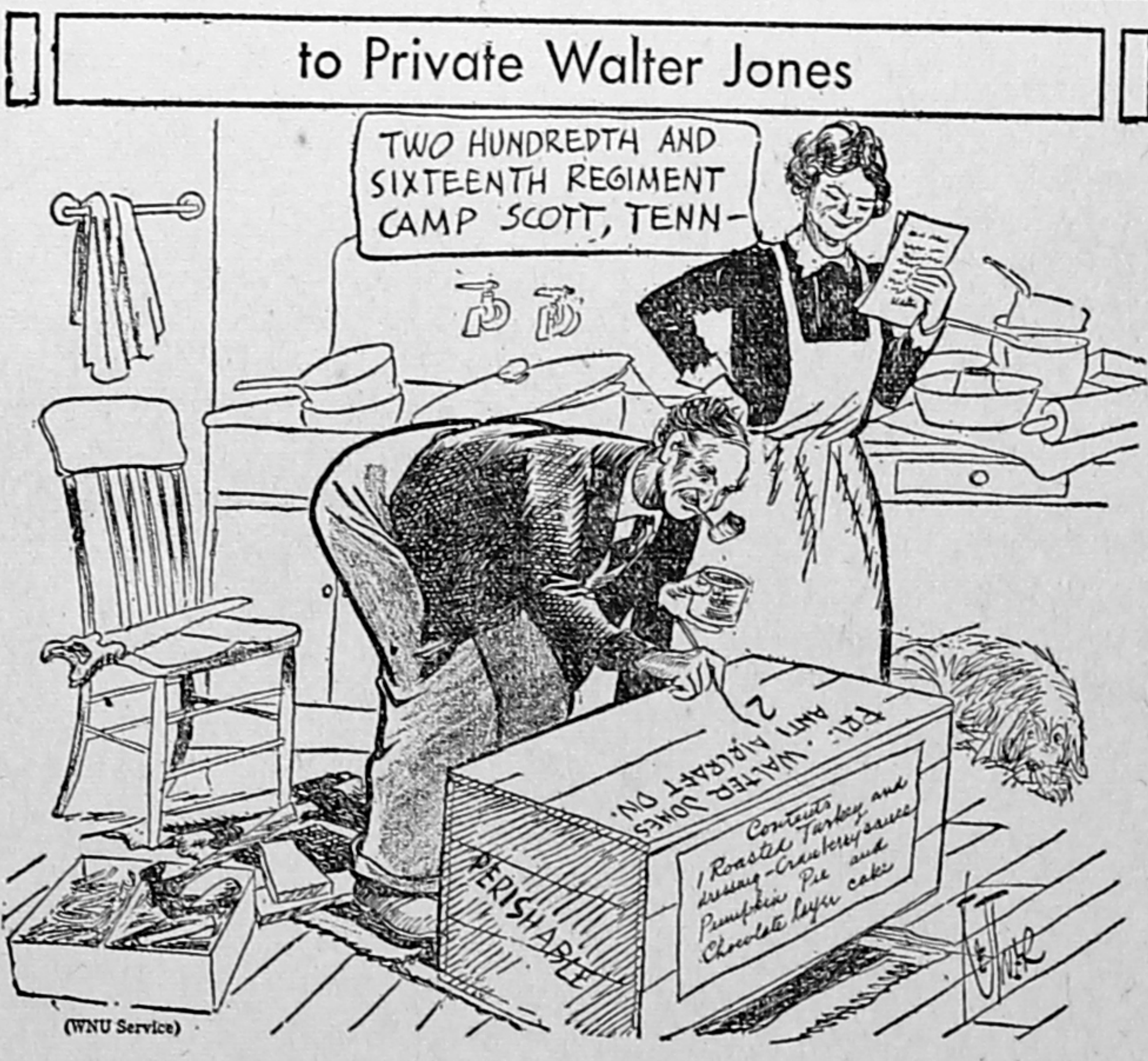
Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lillie Bowman, with a gift exchange as a feature.

Ronald Cable and family of Chicago spent Sunday in the A. A. Cable home.

Guests in the Walter Logan home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Logan, Miss Ruth Logan and Frank Logan of Sidney.

Mrs. Lydia Brown and Mrs. Bessie Loomis visited Mrs. Chas. King and children in Urbana, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. Arch Walker visited her mother, Mrs. Emma Massey, at St. Elizabeth hospital, Danville, Wednesday. Mrs. Massey isn't so well.



Men Between 17 and 50 Wanted In U. S. Navy

At the suggestion of Secretary of Navy Knox, J. F. Darnall, editor of The Broadlands News, has been made Navy Editor, to help the Navy in giving ambitious local young men information about the opportunities the "Two-Ocean" Navy offers them for technical training and advancement as they serve their country in its emergency.

According to an announcement made public in Washington, a limited number of additional men between the ages of 17 and 50 will be given a chance, by enlistment in the Navy or Naval Reserve, to get to the top, with big pay, in jobs which by their aptitude and as a result of examination they show themselves fitted, from among nearly 50 different trades and vocations. These include such callings as aviation machinist, dental technician, radio technician, diesel engineer, photographer, electrician, welder, storekeeper, and baker. Enlisted men may also qualify for commissions as officers.

Beginning this week, the Navy plans for a limited time to accept new qualified men for training. These men will be sent to one of four Naval Training Stations and may have a chance to go to a Navy Trade School even before assignment to the fleet. During this period they will be given regular Navy pay and the Navy's free schooling is valued at hundreds of dollars.

"Never in the history of the United States has there been greater opportunity for loyal young Americans to serve their country and build their futures than right now," said Secretary Knox.

In outlining the many advantages offered by enlistment in the United States Navy, J. F.

Darnall, Navy Editor of The Broadlands News says, "It is possible for a bright young man to increase his pay seven times during his first enlistment and he can earn as much as \$126 a month. This monthly figure is actually worth much more when it is remembered that the man has few living expenses and is provided with the finest of medical and dental care.

"You have all your food and lodging, and also your original outfit of clothing provided by Uncle Sam free," J. F. Darnall continues. "In addition there are free sports and entertainment—even to the latest Hollywood pictures. On top of this you get free travel and adventure in colorful places—a thing few civilians can afford.

"When you consider the size of this country and the fact that the Navy will select only 15,000 applicants a month from many times that number throughout the United States, the quotation, 'Many are called but few are chosen,' will apply to local young men interested.

"Navy men are a 'hand-picked' lot. Candidates must be men of more than average intelligence and ambition, of fine moral character and must have the written recommendation of at least two local townspeople."

As Navy Editor, J. F. Darnall has just received from Washington a supply of free illustrated booklets for all men interested and, in addition, will welcome inquiries from young men who wish to look into the new and greater opportunities the Navy now offers for training for future civilian careers as they serve their country now in its emergency.

Mrs. Eva Walker Is Hostess at Bridge

Mrs. Eva Walker entertained a number of friends at bridge last Friday afternoon.

Two tables were in play with Mrs. Ida Messman, Mrs. Gladys McClelland and Mrs. Lola Wulff winning prizes.

Refreshments of tomato cocktail, tuna fish salad, potato chips, hot rolls and butter, bur pickles, sunshine wafers, and coffee were served.

Those present were Mesdames Leona Bergfield, Ida Messman, Mary Struck, Minnie Anderson, Effie Thayer, Lola Wulff, Mary Dicks, Gladys McClelland, Eva Walker.

Soup, Hamburger, Pie

The Y. W. O. Class of the U. B. Sunday School will serve soup, hamburgers and pie, in the church basement, on Saturday evening, November 22. Serving will begin at five o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook entertained at dinner, Sunday, Mrs. Ida Eckerty and son, Virgil, Harold Eckerty and family, Newman; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Baracks and son, Villa Grove.

George Lewis and daughter, Maxine, of Dana, Ind.; Mrs. Fred Naylor and daughters of Montezuma, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover and Fred Boyd of Salem, were guests in the John Bahlow home on Tuesday.

Broadlands Chapter O.E.S. Elects New Officers

At the regular meeting of Broadlands Chapter, O. E. S., last Saturday evening, officers were elected as follows: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Jessie Archer; Worthy Patron, Oscar Witt; Associate Matron, Mrs. Lillie Bowman; Associate Patron, Clark Henson; Conductress, Mrs. Gladys McClelland; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Neva Frick; Secretary, Mrs. Zermah Witt; Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Henson.

Flag Raising Held at School Near Longview

With Arthur Fleener, master of ceremonies, the Walter Jones Post, V. F. W., Villa Grove, conducted a Flag Raising at the South Raymond school, near Longview, Sunday Nov. 9.

Singing of "America" was followed with invocation, by Rev. Wright of Villa Grove. A quartet, composed of Joe and Montelle Thompson, Harold Baird and Rev. Wright, sang "Just Before the Battle, Mother," and "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground."

Second Lieut. Facler and his V. F. W.; Lieut. Brown and his squad from Illinois Militia, Urbana; and Senior Commander, V. F. W., Dr. Steele of Decatur, were introduced, and Dr. Steele gave a short talk.

"The Colors" were presented and accepted by Richard Davis for the school board. As the flag was raised the Villa Grove band played "The Star Spangled Banner," while the men in uniform stood at attention.

Readings and songs were given by pupils of South Raymond, and the Williams school. A poem "Flag of the Free," was given by John Seltzer, and a solo, "America, My Country," by Mrs. Lloyd Warnes of Tuscola. This was followed by an address by Rev. W. Earl Ballew, Broadlands, who saw service in the World war, as a Y. M. C. A. worker in France.

Prizes for drawings of "Old Glory" were awarded to Rita Kleiss, Junior Harper, and Joan Kleiss.

Outside, at the flag pole, a salute was fired by the militia, and the flag was run up, as "To The Colors" was played by James Hagerman.

The P. O. Rayls Entertain at Bridge

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Rayl were hosts to members of the Monday Night Bridge Club, with four tables in play. Those receiving Thanksgiving prizes were Ray McClelland, Mrs. George Cook, Mrs. John Nohren, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bergfield. John Paul Rayl was a guest.

Refreshments consisted of grapes, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee.

Members present were Messrs. and Mesdames John Nohren, George Cook, Ray McClelland, Edward Nohren, Oscar Witt, Roy Bergfield, P. O. Rayl; and Mrs. Lillie Bowman.

Lodge Meets Next Monday

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

Roy Davis, W. M.
Carl B. Dicks, Sec.

The News is \$1.50 per year.

Entertain Husbands at Bridge - Dinner

Members of the What's Trumps Bridge Club entertained their husbands at a bridge party and turkey dinner, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eckerty last Friday evening.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Charles A. Smith, Bud Poggendorf, Edward Maxwell, Oscar Limp, Norman Seider, Harold Smith, Carl Zenke, George Cook, Kerna Block, Melvin Rowen, Earl Eckerty; Messrs. Clark Henson, Kenneth Dicks.

Lutheran Ladies Aid Gives Silver Tea In Struck Home

A Silver Tea was given by the Ladies Aid of the Immanuel Lutheran Church at the home of Mrs. Herman Struck, on Wednesday afternoon. There were about 70 guests present.

Serving took place by candle light. Coffee and tea was poured from silver urns by Mrs. Lena Seider and Mrs. Josephine Kerkhoff. Sandwiches and cookies were served on silver trays.

The beautiful centerpiece for the table was made up of candles and bronze chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Anna Struck furnished music for the afternoon on her electric organ, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Maude Anderson Hostess to W. C. T. U.

The Broadlands Unit of the W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Maude Anderson, Tuesday, for an all day meeting and a potluck dinner.

Mrs. Anderson led the devotions, with prayer and scripture reading by Rev. W. Earl Ballew. "America" was sung, and the "Pledge to the Flag" was given by the Unit. Mrs. Ruth Henson, president, gave a report on the state convention, which she attended. Programs for the year were arranged by the committee in charge. Plans were made for members to send two dozen cookies to each of the twelve boys from Broadlands now in service. Vocal and musical selections were rendered by the Misses Maxine Henson, Lois DeWitt and Jane Anderson.

The remainder of the day was spent in sewing for the Red Cross.

Members present were Mesdames Eva Walker, Leanna Miller, Anna Laverick, Grace Pugh, Eva Brewer, Tillie Schumacher, Ruth Henson, Anna Seeds, Mary Dicks, Gladys McClelland, Lydia Brown, Faustine Smith, Maude Anderson. Mrs. Thelma Clem and Rev. W. Earl Ballew were guests.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Grace Pugh.

Market Report

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

No. 2 soy beans	\$1.47
No. 2 hard wheat	1.03
No. 4 white corn	.68
No. 4 yellow corn	.60
No. 2 oats	.42

Leon (Butch) Struck, who has been a patient at Mercy hospital, Urbana, the past ten days, is reported doing as well as could be expected.

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Birth of the Red Cross

This month the annual roll call of the Red Cross is taking place, and the public is again reminded of the untiring zeal and effectiveness of this indispensable organization in the service of stricken humanity.

In contemplating the devotion of this world-wide agency of mercy, it is not amiss to give a thought to that kindly soul who was its founder, Henri Dunant, a Franco-Swiss business man, born in Geneva in 1828.

Witnessing the sufferings of the wounded after the battle of Solferino, Italy, in 1859, he organized a volunteer nursing service for their relief. For three years thereafter he lectured and wrote of the horrors he had witnessed, traveling about Europe and making his plea for an organization to meet such emergencies. Officials of influence were interested and an international conference was called at Geneva in 1863, with 36 delegates present, representing 14 nations and six charitable organizations. Thus the Red Cross was born.

Henri Dunant lived to the age of 82, by which time he had seen the great organization of which he was the father spread to every civilized nation. Perhaps no man who ever lived contributed more to the cause of humanity than he, and millions yet unborn will be beneficiaries of the noble movement of which his great, sympathetic heart was the inspiration.

The Gifted Child

We hear a good deal about the necessity for special attention to dull children, and every aid which may be given these unfortunates ought to be given. But a lot of bright ones need some thought and practical assistance, too.

Education of the masses to a certain common level is to be desired, but unless the boy who shows exceptional talent can be given special opportunities to develop his latent powers, not only he, but the world at large, is the loser.

Thousands of mediocre boys go through college with little benefit to themselves or to society, while other thousands who have great gifts are denied the privilege, through lack of means.

That any boy with exceptional talent for creative work, scientific research or leadership should lack the opportunity to make the most of that talent is a tragedy. Upon such boys and their proper training depends the progress of the world. The same is true of especially talented girls.

When our civilization is a little farther advanced, means will be provided that our brightest minds shall have every opportunity for their highest development. Such means should be provided now.

Ancient Farming

Some glimpses of ancient agricultural methods are given by a writer in the Progressive Farmer, who points out that after the settlement of the Israelites in Canaan, the farms were assigned to families in perpetuity, so could not be sold. They could be leased, however, for a period not exceeding 50 years. From

this fact it is reasonable to suppose that the owners were careful to preserve the fertility of their land, and there is some evidence of fertilization practices. From very early times it was the custom to allow each piece of land to lie idle every seventh year.

Crude wooden plows were used to break the surface of the ground, but did not turn it over, so after plowing, the large clods which had been loosened were broken with other primitive implements. Sometimes the seed was sown before the ground was plowed. Barley and wheat were the principal field crops, and were planted during the winter.

During their wanderings the Hebrews accumulated a large number of domestic animals, including oxen and donkeys. It is not believed that they possessed horses before about 1100 B. C. Cattle, sheep and goats were then, as now, important possessions of the farm population.

Potatoes as Food

Except in Ireland, the general use of the potato covers a period of less than 150 years. In Ireland the potato became a staple article of diet about a century earlier, and from this fact arises the name Irish potato, although its origin appears to have been in Peru, where the natives have eaten it from time immemorial.

From Peru the potato was first carried to Spain by early Spanish explorers of the New World, and thence into Italy, but it was merely looked upon as a curiosity, and as such was seen in the botanical gardens of Europe for two centuries or more before its adoption for food purposes became general.

Sir Walter Raleigh is said to have been the first to cultivate the potato in Ireland, about 1592. At first it was used for feeding hogs, but little by little experiments were made to demonstrate that it was not harmful to human beings, so that it very gradually came into use for food, particularly during periods of famine.

It was not until about 1750 that the potato gained a permanent foothold in England and on the continent of Europe, and it was cultivated but little in America before that time.

The spread of potato culture was greatly accelerated by the scarcity of food following the Napoleonic wars in the early

part of the nineteenth century, since which time its use has steadily increased.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. When did Lincoln first dispute with Douglas the validity of Douglas' reconciliation of the Dred Scott Decision and popular sovereignty?

A. In late June of 1857 at Springfield.

Q. What occasioned Lincoln's speech?

A. Douglas had spoken at Springfield two weeks earlier.

Q. When did Douglas break with President Buchanan?

A. When Douglas refused to consider the submission of an ingeniously ambiguous question concerning the Constitution of Kansas to the Congress.

Q. What form did Douglas' rebellion against the president take?

A. He moved that 15,000 extra copies of the president's message be printed for the use of the Senate and announced his intention to attack that part of it relating to Kansas.

Q. What was Douglas' attitude toward the Lecompton Constitution of Kansas?

A. He opposed it as a fraud.

Q. What particularly did he oppose it?

A. That it placed the right of property in a slave higher than Constitutions and that through fraudulent voting it negated the rights of the people.

Q. What signal pronouncement closed Douglas' speech against the Lecompton constitution?

A. "Official position has no charm for me when deprived of that freedom of thought and action which becomes a gentleman and a Senator."

Q. What was the vote in the Senate on the Lecompton constitution?

A. 33 for and 25 against.

Q. How did the administration seek to war on Douglas following this?

A. Patronage was used unsparingly against him.

Q. What did he gain by his anti-Lecompton stand?

A. The enthusiastic applause of the Northwest.

Spain has more sunshine than any other country in Europe.

Cold Cures Fail

From time immemorial, mankind has sought a cure for that most prevalent of all diseases, the common cold, and the remedies that have been tried are legion. Many times it has been thought that a real specific remedy had been found, but hopes were blasted under scientific tests.

The reason so many alleged remedies have been recommended and used often with apparent success, is that a cold gets well of itself unless aggravated by exposure or some complication. But the search for a cure goes on, and results of a long series

of tests at the Stillman Infirmary of Harvard University have just been made public.

Altogether nearly 1,700 students were treated over a period of nearly three years, every supposed remedy that could be thought of, being included among those employed. While a story of the tests would be long, the conclusion reached was short.

It was the same conclusion that has been reached by every wise physician since the days of Hippocrates, the father of medicine, namely, that the one and only effective treatment for a cold is complete rest in bed.

Menthol and other applications

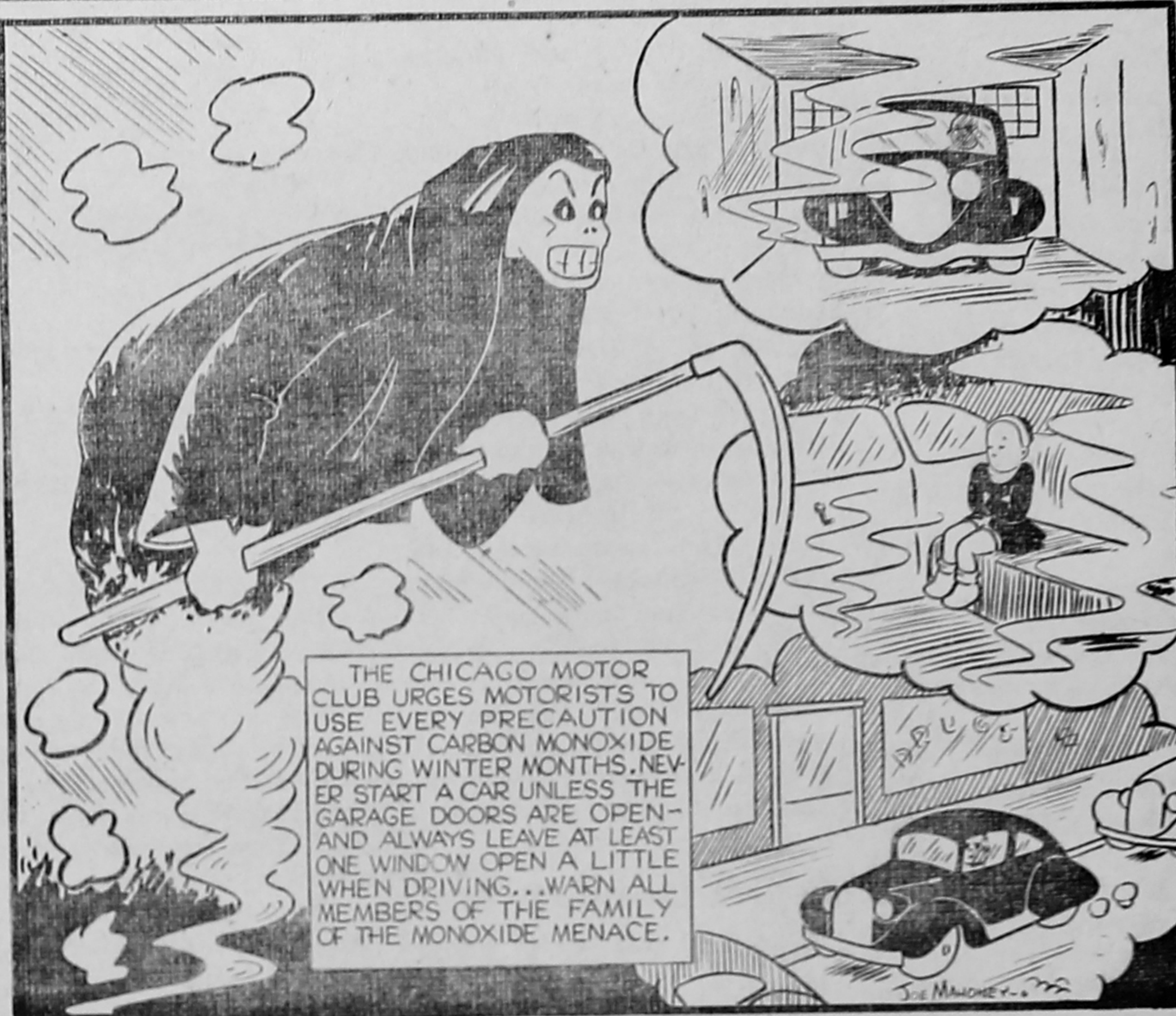
may soothe the irritated nasal membranes, and aspirin may relieve the headache, but the real disease has to get well of itself. Going to bed assists nature in reducing the severity of the attack and hastening recovery.

Florence Duck and Paul Drake were recently married at Taylorville.

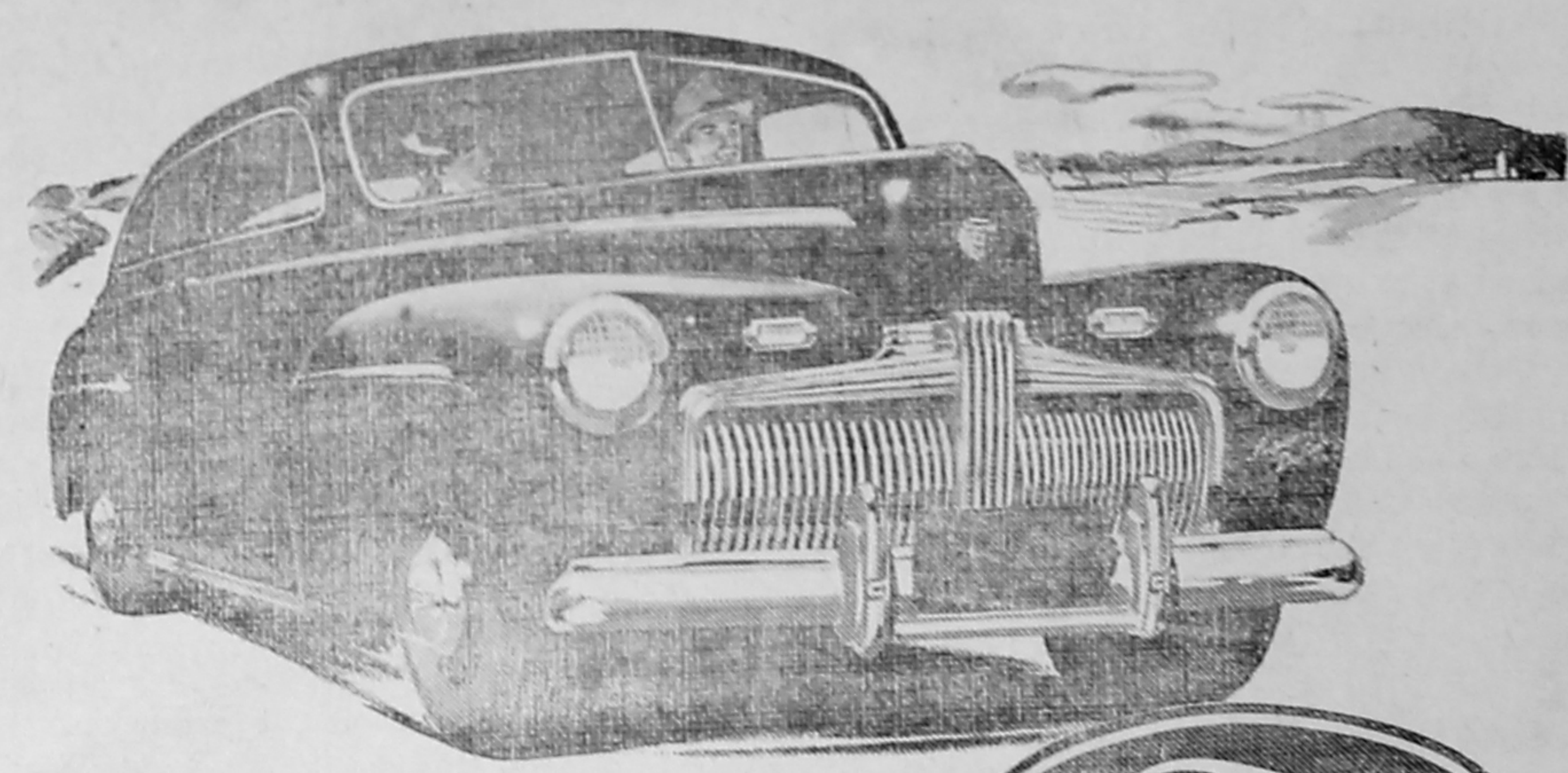
Mickey Rooney recently celebrated his 21st birthday. His real name is Joe Yule, Jr.

Quakers were once hanged in Boston for their religious teachings.

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STRAIGHT FROM NEW YORK



PEPLUMS ARE POPULAR
The new "interrupted silhouette" this year is achieved with peplums, tiers and tunics. This New York creation features a perky, pleated peplum that fastens on like a little apron over this featherweight wool dress of rascal red. Slanted pockets are hidden beneath the peplum to complement the high pockets on the bodice. The look is soft and feminine, typical of this season's fashion trend.

Letter From Los Angeles

By JOHN E. DE ROSI
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MY DEAR Lona—

The sight again of this crazy scribble will probably startle you. Even little things were forever sources of infinite surprise and delight to you. Surely it will mean something—something more than the mere commonplace, my darling—to realize that it is indeed I that have at last come back to you . . .

And yet, dear, it is no easy task for me to swallow the bitter pill of my pride and come to you in such humble fashion. If there were another manner of approach, less foreign to my nature, more flattering to my pride, I assure you I would have found it. Heaven only knows, Lona, the million black nights I have spent in futile search!

Simply, Lona—I love you.

My dear, with even a continent between us, I can vision the tears welling in your wondrous eyes. I can feel, too, the sweet, sympathetic determination to come to me at once, believing that I am still no one but myself, but caring only that I have come to you. How easily swayed by sweetness you can be, I know; I have always known. Many times I have taken advantage of you thus. But now you must not think that I am merely trying to touch your heart, your feelings. Heaven again only knows the many times I have refrained from doing so in the past year! I swore to myself that I would come to you only when I could command your respect as well as your love; and I have fought myself these weary long months to accomplish this. And I have succeeded. I am no longer the weak, irresponsible boy you once knew; I have lost my arrogance and conceit.

My dear, can you remember a year ago? Can you remember the night we parted? We had been somewhere and you had discovered my trifling intimacy with Laurette. We quarreled all the way home.

"It's no use, Nickie," you said, "we might as well finish everything. There never really could be anything between us, anyway. I love you very dearly, Nickie. I shall always love you, but I can never respect you. You're all that I despise in a man. You're unstable and indifferent, cynical, egotistical, irresponsible. And all when you could be so different. That's what I love in you, I suppose, what you could be. Or perhaps it's only what I think you could be. It doesn't matter. I only know I mean it this time. I shan't come back again, Nickie. Good-by."

Outside, in the car, I sat for hours, thinking, the delicious sensations of sadness and futility dripping delightfully over my mind and heart. I was the misunderstood martyr and oh, Lord! how I relished it. I literally bathed myself in sorrowful contemplation, rubbing the bitter irritant of my woes almost gleefully into my spiritual sores, until, finally, so pregnant was I with my own sadistic illusions, I decided to go away. I would become a vagabond, a derelict on the face of life's follies.

Fortunately, however, (or perhaps unfortunately) before I could embark upon my course of degradation and decay I received a very lucrative offer to arrange music for motion picture musicals. It would be necessary to go to Hollywood. This, Lona, as you can readily see, was a splendid opportunity for me to retain my ease and comfort while still, in a certain sense, appeasing my primary impulse of vagabondage. I accepted.

Hollywood, however, was not for me. I lost myself satisfactorily for a time, to be sure, but came gradually to realize but one thing—how right you had been about me. I began to think solidly for the first time in my life. I began to understand, too, your distaste for the insincere type of music I had been wont to compose. And, finally, I came to realize what you had meant by love and respect.

It was then that I threw over my job, left Hollywood, took a little place by the sea at Carmel and really began to work. Oh, Lord, Lona, how I worked! Night and day; day and night. I sweated music. Real music—out of the depths of my soul! A thousand times I faltered, fell. But always, thinking of you, fought inexorably on.

And now—
Well, now, Lona, there is little to say except that my Sea Suite: A Symphony In Sorrow, is to be presented the fifth of next month at Carnegie hall.

I shall be waiting for you at the far left side of the lobby.

Nickie.
Slowly she folded the letter and handed it to her husband. She watched his face as he read. He was a big young man with pleasant eyes and mouth. Watching her husband, she thought of Nickie. She thought of his hard, cynical mouth, his sullen dark eyes. She remembered, too, in an instant, innumerable petty evasions, deceptions, unreliaibilities. Even this letter—what more was it than a dramatic exhibition of ego?

Her husband looked up, myriad queries rampant in his troubled eyes.

She took the letter from her husband's lax fingers, and, smiling, tore the thin white sheets into countless small pieces.

Red Cross, OCD Look to Volunteers For Civil Defense

Washington, D. C.—To the question, "What can I do for America?" the Red Cross is providing an answer for hundreds of thousands of men and women who want to do their part on the civilian defense front.

For women, the Red Cross is providing an 80-hour training course to recruit a corps of 100,000 Nurse's Aides. It is the Red Cross' newest project, undertaken at the request of the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense to relieve the current pressure on nursing facilities.

With thousands of nurses being taken into military service with our armed forces, civilian nursing has suffered a direct blow, the Red Cross points out. Moreover, the defense program has created additional health problems which has heightened the need for civilian nursing.

Red Cross Nurse's Aides will serve as assistants to registered nurses, performing scores of important duties which will enable nurses to care for more cases. The Red Cross stresses that Nurse's Aides will not take the place of the registered nurse, but will serve in an auxiliary capacity.

On the more dramatic side of civilian defense, the Red Cross is gearing its far-flung disaster fighting machine to handle mass feeding, housing and clothing of evacuees under wartime conditions. In cooperation with the Office of Civilian Defense, chapters

are strengthening disaster relief committees to cope with man-made disaster much on the same scale as relief operations following natural catastrophe. Organization along these lines include preparedness measures for fires, explosions and epidemics which may be expected to result from accelerated industrial activity incident to national defense or sabotage.

Strictly as a precautionary measure, the Red Cross is devising means of confronting emergency relief in the event of sporadic air or sea attacks, considered conceivable hazards in some coastal and boundary areas.

The need for First Aid in civilian defense has not been neglected by the Red Cross. Last year nearly 600,000 were trained in emergency treatment of the injured. This year the figure is expected to go much higher with special emphasis being placed on the formation of detachments which would serve as units in factories, office buildings, schools and other places where persons are concentrated.

Red Cross courses in Home Nursing and in Nutrition also are being expanded as a feature of the civilian defense program. It was pointed out. Mounting health hazards and the shortage of civilian nurses may at any time obligate the housewife—or even the man of the house—to assist in caring for the sick. Likewise, the Red Cross is placing greater emphasis on Nutrition courses designed to teach householders the art of purchasing and preparing well-balanced meals within the range of the family pocketbook.

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