



News Items of 12 and 20 Years Ago

May 28, 1933

Miss Florence Schumacher was visiting friends in Danville.

Clarence Kilian and Henry Karlou were Danville visitors.

Mrs. M. B. Kesterson and son, Leal, of Waveland, Ind., visited friends here.

Miss Merle Brewer closed an eight months term of school at Alexander with a basket dinner.

20 Years Ago

May 8, 1925

Miss Laura Rothermel closed a successful term of school at Launsdale.

Misses Leathie Anderson and Pearl Clester visited Miss Florence Kesterson at Danville.

Mrs. Irene Berry and son of Champaign visited her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Swick.

Miss Myrtle Johnson returned to Pesotum after a few days visit with Miss Leone Brewer.

Miss Beulah Gore closed a successful term of school at Alexander and had been employed for another term.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

Sunday School—9:30.

Morning Worship—10:15.

Sermon: "Seek Ye The Lord."

The Ascension Day service will be in the evening at 8:00 p. m. (May 10th.)

A service of Thanksgiving will be held in the evening of V-E day, 8:00 p. m., provided the official announcement is made by President Truman before 6:00 p. m. In case the announcement comes after 6:00 p. m., the service will be in the evening of the following day.

St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church

Carl E. Hartwig, Pastor

Sunday, "Rogate," May 6th.

Sunday School at 9:40, Carl

Zeuke, Superintendent.

Divine Service at 10:45.

Sermon: "Three facts about prayer."

Thought for the week

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire and must follow the lines of the Lord's Prayer. There nothing is left out. But asking God to do a thing always means putting ourselves at his disposal to get the thing done. And again asking God for the pouring out of his spirit involves our readiness to have our hearts occupied, cleansed from sin and evil that would hinder his coming. In other words we must give ourselves to him and be ready to obey.

U. B. Church Notes

Dale Mumaw, Pastor.

Sunday School—10:00.

Evening Service—7:30.

The church has a great responsibility in shaping the future of America. It can meet this responsibility only in proportion to its strength. Its strength lies in the united character of its individual members. Are you adding to or subtracting from the strength of your church.

Jones-Burns Wedding Vows Are Announced

Allerton—Mrs. Mae Jones has announced the marriage of her son Corporal John E. Jones to Miss Dorothy Burns, daughter of Vaughn Allen, Spencerville, Ind. The marriage took place at 3 p. m., April 15, in the Lutheran church at Spencerville, with the Rev. Frank Stevenson reading the ceremony. The couple was attended by the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Mae Jones of Allerton, and the bride's father, Vaughn Burns of Spencerville.

Later in the evening a reception and shower was given for the couple in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kimer. The bride wore a two piece blue crepe suit with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

After a few days the couple arrived in Allerton for a visit.

Corporal Jones has been home on a furlough after 37 months in the South Pacific and will join his division for more overseas duty.

Mrs. Minnie Anderson Entertains G. T. Club

Mrs. Minnie Anderson was hostess to the G. T. Club, Thursday afternoon of last week.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Frieda Limp, during which the annual election of officers was held, resulting as follows: President, Mrs. Frieda Limp; vice-president, Mrs. Hilda Seider; secretary, Mrs. Lorraine Mohr; treasurer, Mrs. Juanita Eckerty.

Following the meeting, the afternoon was spent in playing "500," with Mrs. Olive Rayl receiving the prize for high score.

Incidentally, the day of this meeting, April 26, was the 25th anniversary of the organization of the G. T. Club, and five of the charter members were present, Mesdames Ida Messman, Leona Bergfield, Jennie Nohren, Jessie Bergfield and Zermah Witt.

The hostess served chicken salad, ritz crackers, radishes, olives, angel cake with heavenly hash topping, and coffee.

Members present were Mesdames Juanita Eckerty, Louise Zenke, Hilda Seider, Ida Messman, Jessie Bergfield, Freda Maxwell, Betty Dicks, Neva Frick, Olive Rayl, Bertha Cook, Leona Bergfield, Rosa Smith, Irene Wiese, Delia Nohren, Jennie Nohren, Irene Witt, Ruth Henson, Gladys McClelland, Lorraine Mohr, Zermah Witt, Frieda Limp, Edith Woolverton and Minnie Anderson.

Mrs. Freda Maxwell will be the May hostess.

Thank You

I wish to thank the friends who remembered me with the beautiful cards and flowers during my stay in the hospital. They did much to cheer and encourage me during my convalescence.

Mrs. Anna Neal.

Methodist Church Notes

Sunday School—10:00 a. m.

The fourth quarterly conference meeting for the Broadlands and Longview churches will be conducted in the local church at 8 p. m. Monday, May 7, with District Superintendent Clarence C. Nordling presiding.

We want your news items.

Longview Senior Class Will Present "Almost Summer," This Friday Eve

That Sparkling Comedy, "Almost Summer," Will Be Presented By the Senior Class of Longview High School, In the Longview Gym, This Friday Evening, at Eight O'clock.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Paul Jones, who goes on a cram session... Harvey Myers
Mrs. Jones, his mother... Charlotte Partenheimer
Mr. Jones, his father... Howard Mohr
Junior, the kid brother... Gerald Apgar
Mary, his sister... Patricia Boyd
Jack, Mary's boy friend... Theodore Ringo
Jane, Paul's girl friend... Anna May Beatty
Mr. Smudgely, the principal... Morris Davis
Anna, the maid... Elvira Biesterfeld
Lilah Johnson, in somebody's past... Margarite Twigg

SYNOPSIS OF ACTS

The action of the entire play takes place in the living-room of the Jones' home. The time is the present. Almost summer.

Act I—Evening. Just after dinner.

Act II—The evening of the next day.

Act III—The following afternoon.

Happy Birthday To You!

The News wishes to extend "Happy Birthday" greetings to the following, whose birthday anniversaries occur on the dates given:

- May 1—Loren Comer
- May 1—Maxine Henson
- May 4—Mrs. Lydia Brown
- May 5—Hugo DeWitt
- May 6—Sandra Woolverton
- May 6—Bill Seider
- May 7—Mrs. Chas. A. Smith
- May 8—Joyce Ann Coddington
- May 8—Mrs. Edwin Miller
- May 9—Mrs. Andrew Bosch
- May 10—Dennis David
- May 12—George Tuttle
- May 12—Sara Sue Dicks
- May 12—Mrs. Carl Benschneider
- May 18—Mrs. Ray Thode
- May 18—Roxie Wilson
- May 18—Mrs. Olive Benefiel
- May 21—Merrill Anderson
- May 24—Mrs. Cletus Wax
- May 25—Chas. A. Smith
- May 26—Dewey Rayl
- May 26—Philip Limp
- May 28—Lloyd Cable
- May 28—Dr. D. K. Farmer
- May 28—David Thode
- May 29—Mrs. Fred J. Mohr
- May 30—Mrs. Henry K. Mohr
- May 31—Darrell Griffith

About The Boys In The Service

Pvt. 1-c Donald Stutz leaves this Friday for Camp Crowder after a two weeks furlough spent with his family here.

Major David Freeman, who has been located in France for almost a year is now located in Belgium.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Partenheimer recently received a letter from their son, Cpl. Gene Partenheimer, who is now located near Okinawa.

Second Class Petty Officer Chester L. High of Los Angeles, Cal., visited in the home of his sister, Mrs. Orval McCormick and family, last weekend. He left for Los Angeles, Sunday. He spent 26 months in the South Pacific and expects to go overseas again soon.

Royal Guards Meet at Howard Mohr Home

The Royal Guards class of St. John's Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mohr on Tuesday night, May 1. The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Henry Mohr. Rev. C. Hartwig led the devotional part, reading the 27th Psalm and closing with a prayer for the church at large. Then the regular business was taken care of.

The following eighteen members responded to the roll call: Mrs. Emil Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nohren, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mohr, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilian, Mrs. Clarence Kilian, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Mohr, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frick, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Partenheimer, Rev. and Mrs. C. Hartwig, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mohr.

It was decided that the organization pay for the subscription to 12 copies of the musical magazine "The Volunteer Choir" to be used in the musical program of the church. The meeting was officially closed with the members saying the Lord's Prayer.

A social hour of entertainment was enjoyed by all present, and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess, consisting of meat sandwiches, salad, potato chips, cookies and coffee.

Mrs. Olive Rayl Is Hostess To Ladies Aid

Mrs. Olive Rayl was hostess to the Ladies' Aid society of the U. B. Church on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Leona Bergfield opened the meeting. The scripture heading was "The Call to Praise." Mrs. Belle Smith was in charge of the business meeting. Members responded to roll call by naming their favorite flower.

Guests were Mrs. Mary Mumaw, Mrs. Margaret Rayl and Miss Wanda Rayl.

Refreshments consisted of banana layer cake, peaches, meat-salad sandwiches and coffee.

Mrs. Ruth Mumaw will be hostess at the June meeting.

Members present were Mesdames Jessie Archer, Olive Benefiel, Jessie Bergfield, Leona Bergfield, Elizabeth Elston, Ruth Henson, Ella Maxwell, Jennie Nohren, Belle Smith, Zermah Witt, Erma Wood, Rev. and Mrs. Mumaw, Olive Rayl.

Rites Held Saturday for Mrs. O. H. Luth

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Frieda Luth, wife of O. H. Luth, Murdock farmer, were conducted at 1 p. m. Saturday at the family home, and at 2 p. m. at the local Immanuel Lutheran church, with the Rev. P. E. Kerkhoff, pastor of the church, officiating. Miss Evelyn Seider and Mrs. Ernest Mohr sang, with Eugene Luth accompanying at the pipe organ. Interment was in the church cemetery, with Dicks Bros. in charge.

Casket bearers were Messrs. Howard, Harold, Vernon and Alvin Luth, Erhardt Benschneider and Ralph Schweineke.

Frieda Matilda Frenz, daughter of Fredrick and Augusta Frenz, was born June 3, 1895 at Broadlands, Ill., and departed this life April 25, 1945, at Tuscola, Ill. She had attained the age of 49 years, 10 months, and 22 days. She was baptized June 23, 1895, and was instructed in the chief parts of Christian Doctrine by Pastor Carl Boevers and was confirmed April 4, 1909.

On Jan. 4, 1914 she was married to O. H. Luth, in the home of her parents. Except for the years 1914 to 1918 which Mrs. Luth and her husband spent in Iowa, she lived her entire life as a member of this congregation.

The following relatives remain to mourn her untimely departure: her husband, Oswald H. Luth; three daughters, Olga, Mason City, Ia., Mrs. Ella Kruse, Tuscola, and Dorothy at home; three sons, Albert, of Newman, Ralph, in the service overseas, Donald, at home; her mother, Mrs. Augusta Frenz; five brothers, five sisters, and three grandchildren.

Among the relatives from a distance attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Frenz, Mrs. Herbert Zerble, Mrs. Bill Hanson, Miss Olga Luth and Mrs. Augusta Frenz, of Mason City, Ia.; Edd Frenz of New Orleans, La.; Arthur Messman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt, of Browns.

Rites For John Denny Dyar Held Wednesday

Funeral services for John Denny (Doc) Dyar, 72, of Longview, who died Sunday, April 29, 1945, at Burnham City hospital, Champaign, were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday, in the Longview Christian church. Burial was in Fairfield cemetery, Dicks Bros. of Broadlands being in charge.

Mr. Dyar had been in the hospital 15 days before his death. He was born January 25, 1873, in Owen county, Ind., and married Rosella Hanley, September 27, 1898, at Tuscola. Three children preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, who is seriously ill in Burnham City hospital; a daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Lamb, Wellington, O.; Clarence Dyar, a nephew, whom he raised; Milton Dyar, a relative living at the Dyar home; a brother, Earl, and a sister, Mrs. Edith Burgett, both of Carson City, Nev., and a sister, Mrs. Alice Hanley, Longview. Eight brothers also preceded him in death.

Lodge Meets Next Monday

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

A. A. Zantow, W. M.
Carl B. Dicks, Sec.

Lieut. Wayne Nohren "Going Places" With Gen. George Patton

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nohren have received a letter from their son, Lieut. Wayne Nohren, dated Apr. 18, in which he said in part: "I suppose you know from the newspapers at home that our division has been the furthest into Germany for quite awhile. We sure have been 'Pushing for Patton.' Been following the 4th and 6th armored divisions. I certainly wish I could tell you all the happenings of the past two weeks. I'll have to wait until it's officially released by the news service. We've been constantly on the move and haven't had a chance to receive our own mail."

Lieut. Nohren's company has been awarded the combat infantryman's badge "for superior performance of duty and exemplary behavior in actual combat with the enemy."

According to the news reports Lieut. Nohren's division is now at Chemnitz, Germany.

Mrs. Iva Oye Hostess At Dessert Bridge

Mrs. Iva Oye of Longview entertained a number of guests at a dessert bridge, recently, at the Villa Grove Golf Club, honoring Mrs. Mary Nohren who will soon leave for California.

Eight tables of bridge were at play and prizes were awarded as follows: Marian Churchill, first; Mary Smith, second; Helen Mohr, traveling; Marie Madigan, low.

Mrs. Oye served fruit cocktail, individual cakes, coffee and orange drink.

Those present besides the honored guest, were Ursa Warnes, Jennie Nohren, Marian Churchill, Delia Nohren, Jo Sullivan, Phyllis Fitzgerald, Helen Mohr, Maxine Keefe, Virginia Keefe, Vivian Dalzell, Viola Jarman, Fannie Churchill, Daisy Daniels, Lillian Smith, Gladys Churchill, Madge Carleton, Eva Block, Anna Mohr, Helma Hart, Lois Beaty, Marie Madigan, Mabel Seider, Mary Smith, Hazel Davis, Mary Partenheimer, Lena Biesterfeld, Esther Rothermel, Emma Seider, Evelyn Seider, Eva Parks, Margaret Wegeng and Emma Carleton.

Roll of Honor

The following is a list of those who have renewed their subscriptions and new subscribers for this paper for April:

Chaplain James S. Ferris, % Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Cal.
Harry E. Nohren, % Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Cal.
Orron Hardyman, Newman
Harold Jones, Allerton
Mrs. Clint Lookingbill, Ridge-farm
Albert Nonman, Villa Grove
Art Frick, Sidney
Mrs. Belle Smith
Mrs. Harry E. Nohren
Wm. Crain
Mrs. Margaretha Kracht
L. E. Skinner

Market Report

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

No. 2 yellow beans \$2.10
No. 2 hard wheat 1.58
No. 2 white corn 1.15
No. 2 yellow corn 1.07
No. 2 oats65

**IMPROVED
UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson**

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
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Lesson for May 6

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**THE HEBREW MONARCHY
AT ITS HEIGHT**

LESSON TEXT—1 Kings 9:1-7, 26; 10:26-28; 11:4, 11.
GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.—Psalm 33:12.

Keeping up with the neighbors is not always a desirable thing, but both men and nations do it. When the last judge, Samuel, had become old, Israel began to demand a king like the nations round about them. Although the rejection of His direct rule over them through His chosen men was a sad development, God permitted them to choose a king. Saul, their first king, was evidently selected for his appearance and his physical superiority. He began well, in dependence upon God, but came to a tragic end because of sin.

David, who followed Saul, had his failings, but was essentially a man after God's own heart. He wanted to build a temple for God, but because he was a man of war, God decreed that his son, Solomon, who succeeded him, was to build it.

With the reign of Solomon, and especially with the building of the temple, the monarchy in Israel reached its highest development—only, to go down to disaster.

Our lesson opens after the remarkably fine prayer with which Solomon dedicated the temple.

I. Dedication Accepted (9:1-3).
God was pleased with Solomon's intelligent and spiritual prayer and the act of dedication, and He hallowed the house of the Lord by putting His name on it and assuring them of His continual presence.

It is a delightful thing that God is willing to accept at the hands of a man the dedication of either himself or his possessions for God's glory. The Lord is Maker of heaven and earth and surely has no need of what we have. And yet He does have need of it, and is ready to use it as we present it to Him.

Our act of dedication results in His act of acceptance and consecration of our talents, our time, our money, or our goods for His glorious service.

But God expects His people to continue in devotion to Him if they are to have His continued presence and blessing.

II. Consecration Expected (9:4-7).
The throne of David was to remain in the lineage of Solomon as long as he and the people of Israel walked uprightly before God. He expects obedience to His commandments, and apart from it He cannot give His blessing.

Note the faithfulness of God. No man would ever have introduced such a note of solemn portent and of warning into an occasion which seemed all gladness and light. Prosperity was at its height. The king was in favor with both God and man. Into that picture of success and grandeur God paints with bold strokes a great and striking "IF."

It is presumption to think that we can coast along on past attainments or former piety. If we are to be used and blessed of God tomorrow and the day after, we must look to our consecration to Him and our obedience to His will.

III. Possessions Glorified (9:26; 10:26-28).
We read in 10:23 that "King Solomon exceeded all kings of the earth in riches and wisdom." He had reached the pinnacle. The Chinese have a proverb, "The man who stands on the pinnacle has nowhere to step but off."

It need not have been a snare for Solomon to be rich if he had maintained his simple faith in God, but the temptations brought in by heathen wives whom he foolishly married, coupled with the deceitfulness of riches (Matt. 13:22), soon led him into the downward path.

The almost unbelievable riches of Solomon could have been used for the glory of God, but instead they were an end in themselves.

When money takes the ruling hand in a man's life, he loses out spiritually. His life becomes an empty farce; his soul can be satisfied with only more and more gold.

Solomon was soon led into the folly of turning to the worship of heathen gods. Little wonder that we find:

IV. Judgment Decried (11:4, 11).
It would seem that a man who knows the Lord should grow in grace and become even more intimate with God as he grows old. One might expect that the passing of years should mellow and sweeten life. But sad to say, it is often not the case.

"When Solomon was old," he went after false gods. How tragic! Little wonder that one of the saintliest men this writer ever knew prayed constantly as he went on into his eighties, "Lord, keep me from ever becoming a wicked old man." Other old men and women (yes, and all of us) could well pray the same prayer.

So it became necessary for God to wrest the kingdom out of the hands of the great Solomon, and Israel goes on to its history of a people divided, of disobedience to God, and of ultimate judgment. Of that we shall see more in the weeks just ahead.

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Sidelights

We were amused with the reply of a prospective juror in the Common Pleas Court in Oklahoma City a few days ago when asked by one of the attorneys, who was to take part in the case, whether he had ever sat on a liquor case. Indignantly he replied: "Sir, I am a deacon of the Baptist Church. I have never touched a drop of liquor, let alone sit on a case of it." The juror was excused.

Richard Roth, totally deaf resident of Seattle, has invented an alarm clock. There is a motor connected with the clock, which is also connected to the bed springs. When the time is reached at which he desires to be aroused, the contraption is set off which shakes the springs vigorously—and as an additional precaution, turns on his bedside lamp. If it would only turn on the percolator, all would be well.

The element of surprise is of unestimable value in war but possibly the most surprised person on Iwo Jima was a young doctor who was working in a first aid station behind hurriedly constructed fortifications close to an advanced position. While performing emergency service, he carelessly stood up and was struck in the shoulder by mortar shell fragments. Thoroughly surprised for the moment, all he could say was: "I'll be damned" then crumpled to the ground.

With the death of Ernie Pyle, the G. I. was struck another stunning blow. Best beloved of all war correspondents, the wiry little writer knew and loved the plain American soldier, talked his language, lived his life—and wrote from first hand knowledge of the hell of the war as seen from the fox holes and front lines. The name of Ernie Pyle will become legendary among the men who are fighting this war and when historians write of this great conflict they will, of a necessity, turn to Pyle's writings to get the viewpoint of the common soldier. It was he, who brought due attention to the exploits of the "doughboy" and the combat infantryman's badge was created as the result of his writings, it is said. In many sections the combat infantryman's badge is known as the Ernie Pyle award and now, with his passing, it would be fitting that this badge be so officially named.

"Don't underestimate your opponent," is an age-old warning in war and sports and a group of Marines on Luzon will vouch for its truth. A softball game was scheduled the other day between a team of Marines and a team of Soldiers down in Central Luzon. The Marines arrived at the playing field first and started warming up. A group of Filipino girls stood on the sidelines watching. Several of the players took it upon themselves to explain the game to the girls, who listened attentively. Finally one Marine, in an effort to add pleasure to the occasion, suggested that the girls organize a team and take the field against the Marine outfit until the Army's representatives arrived. The girls trotted out on the field and took up positions while a dimin-

utive lass took the pitcher's mound, toed the slab and baffled the Leathernecks for seven innings as her teammates played flawless ball behind her. The game ended in a scoreless deadlock, while the Army team—which had arrived in the meantime—cheered the girls from the sidelines. It turned out that the Marines had taken on the provincial softball champions.



Russia

Since the beginning of 1945 I saw a mid-Victorian rig, a horse and buggy, pass an automobile on a graded road. It was not a race. The car was not running. The motorist was out changing a tire. The driver of the rig sat up straight and pressed his horse for a bit of extra speed going by, which was funny. The car owner made the change and drove into town far ahead of the buggy.

Between 1928 and 1938 the United States, the world's outstanding industrial nation of all time, had an industrial depression. Meanwhile the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was moving forward; not rapidly but at an increasing rate. In those years it was being transformed from an agricultural to an industrial nation, a stage through which America had passed, half a century before.

A Wind-Broken Nag
Russia was driving a horse named "Central Planning." The rig made an interesting dash for improvement; not very fast however, nor very spectacular. Claims made for the animal's speed were funny; certainly not all true. Living conditions in Russia were not as high as those in America in the pit of our depression; never have been before nor since. It was a splurge, better than Russia had before, but far below American achievement.

There is nothing new about Central Planning. It's as old as horse-drawn equipment. Kings, tyrants and dictators have always used the idea. Some have done better with it than others, depending on the ruler. Russia's recent rulers have been anything but stupid. Their military leadership has the world agog. Russia has made a marvelous fight, using American equipment extensively.

For National Safety
You would think that Russia, living next door to an armed desperado for 25 years could have adequately prepared for war. No; Central Planning couldn't do it. It took a raid on Pearl Harbor to wake America from a sweet dream of peace, but America went into action with Private Enterprise and, in four years, armed the United Nations for victory. This demonstrates which system is better for national safety.

But war is never America's main objective. We are a peace-loving people and want to work and prosper and live well. Some say that America, in view of Russia's achievements, ought to junk Free Enterprise and adopt Central Planning. Knowing that Russia's achievements have never compared to our own, the suggestion is preposterous. Let's examine the figures of an expert for a moment:

Development Compared
Leopold Schwarzhild, in his recent book called "Primer of the Coming World," shows some index figures to make a fair comparison of industrial gains in similar periods—Russia, while at her best in 1928-38, and America in a similar period. Here are three for a sample:

	U.S.S.R.	U.S.A.
Coal Mining	599	1,332
Railroad Building	38	918
Automobiles	129	2,066

The Russian government is an autocracy. One political party controls everything, including newspapers and radio, but not more than 2% of the people belong to it. . . the upper class. Kick up a rumpus about it if you want to go to the salt mines and serve your country for insufficient board and clothes. The system overcomes unemployment, but wages are only one-sixth of wages in America and the standard of living only one-sixth as high. I am in favor of keeping Private Enterprise here.

Time Tables

C. & E. I.
Northbound12:48 a. m.
Southbound.....1:19 p. m.
Star Mail Route
Southbound.....6:45 a. m.
Northbound.....4:25 a. m.

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**War Bond Dollars Are
DOUBLE DUTY
DOLLARS**

Bet on the APO
By MARION TAYLOR
McClure Syndicate—WNU Features.

I DON'T know by what stroke of fortune three boys who grew up together in the same little town of Prairie Junction, Iowa, should land in the same flying outfit in the Pacific, but here we are. And one of us has become an ace with more knocked-out enemy planes to his credit than any other Yank in this theater. That's Roger Barnes. But Tom Norris still has the handsomest face and the most devilish eyes and the most broken hearts along his trail of all men on our island. That is, he did until Roger's fame and daring made headlines in most of the American newspapers.

Roge is a big fellow, awkward and shy as a newborn colt. That's why he never even had a girl back in the old home town, I guess. Although I know plenty who would have been glad enough to step out with him, if he'd given them a chance. Especially Polly Meacham. And Roger was plenty fond of Polly, too. But the only time he ever scraped up enough nerve to ask her for a date, she already had one with Tom Norris. And he was too darn bashful ever to ask her again.

For weeks Tom had been bragging about getting the most letters from dames of all the guys in our gang. On the other hand, Roge probably got the least mail of all of us. But after all those high-powered



"Dearest Roger," it said.

write-ups about Roge and his bravery, and his Gary Cooperish face appeared in all the newspapers and magazines, things sure changed.

Of course the fellows in our tent weren't slow to let Tom know that there was one guy in the outfit getting more mail from dames than he was. Tom bet Roge two hundred dollars that, given a month's time, he could still be top man so far as such missives were concerned. Roge took him up, stipulating that everything must be on the up and up or the wager would be off.

I offered to help Roge with his answers, and didn't spare the roses, I described the moonlight and the wide sweep of sand and said how lonely I was, and how I wished they were here beside me, and we signed Roge's name. And the results were good.

But the strangest thing was that letters started pouring in by the bucketful for Tom, too. He let us examine them, and they all seemed to be the McCoy.

The worst of it was that there was a letter to him from Polly Meacham. Beside those she sent poor old Roge, it sizzled and scorched.

Things went on like this for a while, with Tom gradually nosing Roge out.

I dropped a personal note to Polly, telling her about the bet and how Roge really loved her and asking her please to do a little sleuthing about Tom at her end.

Two days before the month ended, Roge sat on his bunk reading a long letter from Polly with smiles chasing themselves all over his face. And, after he had finished, he handed it to me with a wide, bashful grin.

"Dearest Roger," it said. "Yes, I'm going to begin my letter that way because I've been in love with you almost forever, and I think you care a little about me."

"But I have another important thing to take up with you first. The bet you made with Tom Norris."

"About a month ago a letter came from Tom, asking me to marry him. Naturally I was flabbergasted. But men are pretty scarce here, and your notes were pretty stiff and formal, so I won't too definite in my refusal. I—well, I thought I'd stall a bit."

"One afternoon at the Red Cross Lucy Beamis came in, her face shining like a Christmas candle. 'Girls,' she shouted, 'I'm engaged to Tom Norris and I want you to be the first to know it.'"

"Like heck you are," glared Gertie Simons. 'He just proposed to me via air mail, and I accepted him.'"

"There were ten girls in that one group Tom had proposed to by A.P.O."

"So, Roge, you really win. You can tell the boys that Tom violated the terms of the agreement by asking more than fifty girls to marry him just to beat the bet on the A.P.O. . . ."

**Bonds
Over America**



POLK HOUSES

Columbia, Tenn., prizes its two Polk homes. It goes all-out in War Bond selling so that nothing may mar them. Samuel Polk's house, a two-story brick building with spacious rooms and French windows opening on to quaint balconies, was built in 1816. Next door is an almost duplicate home which Mr. Polk built for his daughter. The residence of James K. Polk, son, eleventh President of the United States, is a short distance away. The house where he entertained Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren during the campaign of 1844, when he was elected, is also of two stories and was erected in 1820. Relics of the budding years of this Nation that must endure, these homes inspire the purchase of War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

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Supervisor's Annual Report

State of Illinois, County of Champaign—ss.
Town of Ayers
Office of Town Supervisor
The following is a statement by F. A. Messman, Supervisor of the town of Ayers, in the County and State aforesaid, of the amount of public funds received by him during the fiscal year just closed, ending on the 27th day of March, A. D. 1945, showing the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of said fiscal year; the amount of said fiscal year; the amount of public funds received, and from what sources received; the amount of public funds expended, and for what purposes expended, during said fiscal year ending as aforesaid.

The said F. A. Messman, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that the following statement by him subscribed, is a correct statement of the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the said fiscal year above stated, the amount of public funds received, and the sources from which received, and the amount expended, and for what purposes expended, as set forth in said statement.

F. A. Messman,
Supervisor.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of March, A. D. 1945.

B. H. THODE, sr.,
Justice of the Peace.

Funds Received and From What Sources Received

1944—	
Mar. 28—Balance carried forward	\$10,873.49
June 30—W. G. Goodman, County Collector, 2,500.00	
July 5—Faye L. Porterfield, old town property	300.00
Sept. 6—Harry Archer, Yarger house	150.00
1945—	
Apr. 13—County Treasurer, W. G. Goodman, back tax	137.69
March 6—back tax	21.75
Jan. 8—Bergfield Bros., Yarger property	7.00
Jan. 8—C. E. States, Yarger property	47.90
1944—	
Sept. 26—Cash	70.00
Total	\$14,107.83
Less Expenditures	\$2,436.80
Bal. Mar. 27, 1945	\$11,671.03

Funds Expended and For What Purposes Expended

1944—	
Mar. 28—Harold Anderson, clerk	\$37.75
Mar. 28—O. P. Witt, meeting with clerk	35.00
Mar. 28—B. H. Thode, J. P., auditing	1.50
Mar. 28—F. A. Messman, auditing	1.50
Apr. 4—O. P. Witt, commissioner services	64.35
Apr. 14—The Broadlands News, publishing notices	13.50
Apr. 20—The Broadlands News, publishing reports	37.60
Apr. 28—O. P. Witt, commissioner services	\$65.00
Apr. 26—collector of internal revenue, withholding tax	1.17
May 26—O. P. Witt, commissioner services	63.70
June 30—O. P. Witt, commissioner fees	64.35
July 8—Dr. D. K. Farmer, medical services	10.50
July 11—Gail Fisher, Yarger Estate	450.00
July 13—The Broadlands News, publishing notices	17.00
July 20—R. M. Astell, assessor	250.00
July 31—Collector of internal revenue, withholding tax	1.17
July 29—O. P. Witt, commissioner services	64.35

Aug. 18—Dr. D. K. Farmer, medical services	12.50
Sept. 2—O. P. Witt, commissioner services	64.35
Sept. 5—Harold Anderson, clerk fees	40.50
Sept. 5—F. A. Messman, auditing	1.50
Sept. 5—B. H. Thode, J. P., auditing	1.50
Sept. 5—O. P. Witt, meeting with clerk	35.00
Sept. 30—O. P. Witt, commissioner fees	64.35
Oct. 31—Collector of internal revenue, withholding tax	1.17
Oct. 27—O. P. Witt, commissioner services	64.35
Dec. 1—O. P. Witt, commissioner services	64.35
Dec. 8—Bergfield Bros., relief orders	168.00
Dec. 12—Howard Comer, relief coal	5.70
Dec. 29—O. P. Witt, commissioner services	64.35
Feb. 6—Dr. D. K. Farmer, medical services	16.50
Feb. 9—Grover Peterson, hauling relief coal	11.74
Feb. 9—Grover Peterson, hauling coal	2.00
1945—	
Feb. 3—O. P. Witt, commissioner services	64.35
Mar. 3—O. P. Witt, commissioner services	64.35
Mar. 20—Champaign Co. hospital	411.50
Mar. 24—Bergfield Bros., relief orders	69.00
Mar. 26—The Broadlands News, publishing report	31.30
Total	\$2,436.80
Bal. Mar. 27, 1945	\$11,671.03

This is to certify that we have this 27th day of March, 1945, audited the above account and find same to be correct.

F. A. Messman,
Supervisor.
B. H. Thode,
Justice of the Peace.

Statement of Funds For Publication

State of Illinois, County of Champaign—ss.
Town of Ayers
Office of Treasurer of Road and Bridge Funds

The following is a statement by F. A. Messman, Treasurer of the Road and Bridge Funds of the Town of Ayers in the County of Champaign and state aforesaid, of the amount of Road and Bridge funds received and expended by him during the fiscal year just closed, ending on the 27th day of March, A. D. 1945 showing the amount of funds on hand at the commencement of said fiscal year, the amount of funds received and from what sources received, the amount of funds expended and for what purposes expended, during said fiscal year ending as aforesaid.

The said F. A. Messman, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that the following statement by him subscribed, is a correct statement of the amount of Road and Bridge Funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated, the amount of funds received, and the source from which received, and the amount expended, and for what purposes expended, as set forth in said statement.

F. A. Messman,
Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of March, A. D. 1945.

B. H. THODE, sr.,
Justice of the Peace.

Funds Received and From What Sources Received

1944—	
March 28—Balance carried forward	\$2,647.70
June 30—W. G. Goodman, County Treasurer	1,000.00
Oct. 30—County Collector, W. G. Goodman,	

Collector of taxes	1,267.16
Oct. 30—Withheld for tax by Drainage Treasurer	36.79
April 13—County Collector W. G. Goodman, back tax	51.52
April 13—John Barnes, for lot	110.00
April 13—Hugo DeWitt, Village Treasurer	6.44
1945—	
Jan. 1—Village of Broadlands	13.62
March 6—W. G. Goodman, County Treasurer, back tax	8.44
Total receipts	\$5,141.67
Expenditures	\$1,579.82
Balance, Mar. 27, 1945	\$3,561.85

Funds Expended and For What Purposes Expended

1944—	
April 4—Russell M. Astell, truck insurance	\$42.80
April 4—F. A. Messman, Treasurer Commissioner fund	19.53
April 4—C. D. McCormick, labor	14.00
April 4—D. A. Smith, Casualty insurance	79.00
April 28—Ralph Clem, labor	38.50
April 28—Roy McCormick, labor	7.00
April 28—Boyd's Standard Service Station, gas	10.26
April 28—Illico Independent Oil Co., gas	12.39
May 26—D. A. Smith, insurance	12.74
May 26—Material Service Corporation, rock	22.45
May 26—Brewer's Garage, repairs	1.82
May 26—C. D. McCormick, labor	9.00
May 26—Ralph Clem, labor	6.75
June 30—Boyd's Standard Service Station	18.72
June 30—C. D. McCormick, labor	27.50
June 30—Ralph Clem, labor	9.35
June 30—Bert Seeds, labor	13.50
July 29—Harry Archer, labor	6.00
July 29—Ralph Clem, labor	8.75
July 29—Bert Seeds, labor	8.75
July 29—Boyd's Standard Service Station, gas	5.91
Sept. 2—C. D. McCormick, labor	32.45
Sept. 2—Ralph Clem, labor	32.45
Sept. 2—Walter Neal, team and labor	44.75
Sept. 2—Oscar P. Witt, truck sticker	5.00
Sept. 2—Material Service Corporation, rock	29.88
Sept. 2—Boyd's Standard Service Station, gas	15.77
Sept. 30—Boyd's Standard Service Station, gas	7.89
Sept. 30—Wm. Patton, labor	10.00
Sept. 30—Ralph Clem, labor	10.00
Oct. 27—Boyd's Standard Station, oil and gas	17.71
Oct. 27—C. D. McCormick, labor	15.00
Oct. 27—John Kunkel, labor	15.00
Nov. 27—C. T. Henson Lumber and Coal Co., tile	34.35
Dec. 1—C. D. McCormick, labor	8.00
Dec. 1—Ralph Clem, labor	8.00
Dec. 1—Boyd's Standard Service Station, gas	10.84
Dec. 1—Illico Independent Oil Co., gas and oil	14.04
Dec. 1—C. T. Henson Lumber and Coal Co., hardware	1.53
Dec. 29—D. P. Brewer, repairs	12.42

Dec. 29—Boyd's Standard Service Station, gas	5.24
Dec. 29—C. D. McCormick, labor	5.00
Dec. 29—Ralph Clem, labor	5.00
1945—	
Feb. 3—O. P. Witt, truck license and telephone call	6.60
Feb. 3—Ralph Clem, labor	15.00
Feb. 3—C. D. McCormick, labor	6.00
Feb. 3—William Crain, labor	3.60
Feb. 3—Edgar Morrow, treasurer of drainage tax	175.00
Feb. 3—Boyd's Standard Service Station, gas	8.97
March 3—Marlatt Road Supplies, snow plow	514.80
March 3—C. D. McCormick, labor	4.00
March 3—Ralph Clem, labor	25.40
March 3—Robert McClelland, labor	10.00
March 3—Material Supply Corporation, rock	29.74
March 3—Harold Anderson, truck insurance	28.88
Oct. 30, 1944—W. G. Goodman, drainage tax withheld	36.79
Total expenditures	\$1,579.82

We, the undersigned, have this day audited the above account and have found same to be correct.

F. A. Messman,
Supervisor.
B. H. Thode, J. P.
Harold O. Anderson,
Town Clerk.

Bonnet-Mitten Gift Saves for War Bonds



Economy is important in your Christmas gifts this year, for every penny saved can be turned into more War Bonds. Your gifts will be as welcome as ever, if you make them yourself with an eye to originality, usefulness and charm. For the teen-ager, nothing is more heart-warming, nor hand-and-head-warming, than a gay bonnet and mitten set. Make them from wool remnants—for added saving—and sprinkle with felt flower appliques. Patterns for these accessories are available at local stores.

WAR BONDS In Action



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At the Bell

By ROY V. PRICE

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"YEAH, he's a promising young fighter," Jim Gray declared, propping himself on his left elbow on the rub-down table. "It was a good fight until I caught up with 'im in the seventh and planted this right on his chin."

"And what a right!" a reporter said. "Twenty-one straight knockouts!" exclaimed another reporter. "That brings your total up to a hundred forty-four, doesn't it?"

"No, this one makes a hundred forty-five knockouts in three hundred five fights," Jim said. Pop Foster, Jim's manager, roared into the dressing room and shoved his way through the group around Jim. "Sorry, Jim, I forgot this," Pop said, holding out a wrinkled telegram. "It came just before we left the hotel. Hope it's nothing serious."

Jim ripped open the envelope. He jumped up and darted across the room to his clothes, shouting, "My little boy's sick with pneumonia! I gotta get medicine to 'im quick. Get a plane, Pop. Hurry! Hurry!"

Because a snowstorm surrounded the mountain range for which Jim was headed, no one wanted to fly him. Finally, he located an old friend who took him to a small town nestling in the foothills. On landing, Jim found that all modes



The path might open and he'd be in time.

of travel had been temporarily canceled. He started to walk to his log cabin far back in the mountains.

Determinedly Jim plodded on. Once, as he peered through the blinding snow, he thought he saw his home. Then he glanced at the bell in his left hand. He had bought it more than a week before and put it in his coat pocket so he wouldn't forget it. All Fall his little boy had been asking for one. Its tinkle was scarcely audible.

Jim looked the way a top-flight fighter ought to look. He was tall, well-built, his face slightly scarred, and his blue eyes were quick and intelligent.

At first he had felt his 4-F classification as a brand of shame, then he decided to do the next best thing—back up the fighting men by buying bonds—and more bonds. And he could do a better job of that in the ring than if he worked in a factory.

The snow swirled so thickly that it looked like a solid sheet. He bent over, but ached so that he fell, face down. The snow was soft, and the feel of it was soothing to his body.

He staggered up, but after only a dozen steps was down again. The bell caught on a bush as he fell, the strap remaining about his wrist. If only he could get over that next rise! The path might open and he'd be in time.

His hands clawed at the snow. Finally the pain seemed to leave his head, and his arms and legs were no longer heavy. His body was numb now. Over that next ridge, and his boy would have the remedy he badly needed. He had to make it!

He would relax just a minute and sleep in the snow that was so light and soft and warm. The cold no longer cut to his marrow. The flakes were like air in June. His head sank slowly until his nose was beneath the white blanket. Somehow he had to make a supreme effort to be on his way.

From far away he heard a bell. He had to get up. It was the last round coming up and he had the fight almost won. He had to get out there for this last round. . . he had to get out there . . . for . . . this last . . . round . . . Drowsily, painfully, he struggled to his feet; the bell had summoned him. He must be in there fighting. . .

"Thank heaven I went outside when I did," he heard Martha say. She was beside him and he was in his easy chair. Then she told him that the boy would be all right; how she had left the house for a moment and saw him stumbling along in the blizzard.

"What I can't understand," she said, "is how you managed to hold on to that little bell. It was clenched in your hand when I reached you. . . it rang as I picked you up."

"Yeah . . . it rang . . . it rang before you got to me. If it hadn't 'a' rung I'd never 'a' got on my feet."

Letters To The Editor

Philippine Islands, April 18, 1945.

Dear Joe: How is everything back in the old home town. I suppose there have been a lot of changes made in the old town but I sure will be glad to get back there, and I'm not the only one. There are a lot of the boys that will be glad to walk down main street again.

I guess you know by now that things have been going along fairly fast since I got into the Pacific. We were in the invasion of Luzon and also the one on the Japanese Island of Okinawa. The push at Luzon was fairly easy although we got one nip plane. Okinawa was altogether a different story. The nips were more plentiful, and they were able to send planes from the homeland. In one day we took tanks behind the enemy lines. There were 187 enemy planes shot down and then that night the big sea battle took place within our sight, in which the nips lost their largest battle wagon. They also lost several other ships. We were a little too close for a fellow to feel very safe.

Up until now we were having a very hard time getting our mail. Today I got a Christmas card from Walter and Lois that was dated Oct. 10, 1944, a little late getting here, but finally made it. We haven't been in any one place long enough for our mail to catch up with us. Once in awhile they send a little to a place where they think maybe we are going.

I received your Christmas card awhile back. Thanks a lot. It sure makes a fellow feel better to know someone besides his own folks think of him.

Your friend,
Fritz Thode.

Gov. Green Proclaims May 13 Mother's Day

Governor Dwight H. Green has proclaimed Sunday, May 13 as Mother's Day throughout Illinois.

"Every day is in a sense mother's day," the Governor's proclamation said. "For constantly the love and devotion of American mothers nurture the boys and girls on whom the future of our republic depends. Steadfastly the affection and prayers of American mothers sustain the courage of the young men and women of our fighting forces."

"Once a year, in special tribute, we set aside a day in honor of American motherhood. Mother's Day is a day for tender remembrance, a time for giving expression to the filial love and devotion our mothers so richly deserve."

Rifle and Pistol Club To Train Pre-inductees

The Longview Rifle and Pistol Club would like very much to help train pre-inductees in the use of small arms. The first class, just finished, has made grades on examination and scores on the range of which the club is very proud. A new class is starting Tuesday evening. For further information see Lester Hood, Sam Kincaid, Tom Tuttle or D. D. Mumaw.

CIPS Declares Preferred Dividend

Springfield, Ill., May 1.—At a meeting held today, the board of directors of Central Illinois Public Service company declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 on each share of preferred stock of the Company, payable on June 15, 1945, to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 19, 1945.

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Local and Personal

Miss Mildred Jones was a Danville visitor, Monday.

Mrs. Bus Baldwin and son Johnny spent Saturday with relatives in Danville.

Supervisor F. A. Messman publishes his annual report in this issue of The News.

For Sale—A large iron settee, price \$5. If interested inquire at The News office.

Mrs. Lillie Bowman of Decatur was a weekend guest of relatives here.

Rev. P. E. Kerkhoff was in Decatur, Wednesday, attending the annual conference of the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Dicks Bros. ambulance was called to Lakeview hospital, Sunday to take Wm. Craig to his home at Indianola.

Mrs. Anna Neal returned home last Friday from Mercy hospital, where she had undergone a major operation.

Mrs. Emma Massey of Danville arrived Monday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Arch Walker.

Philip Partenheimer left for his home at Huntingburg, Ind., Sunday after a two weeks visit with his son, Karl Partenheimer and family.

Miss Juanita Barker will leave this Friday for her home at Hammond, Ind., after a two months visit with her sister, Mrs. Raymond Comer and children.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Gore attended a birthday dinner in the Clyde Gore home in Newman, Sunday. The dinner was given in honor of Joyce Gore, it being her 10th birthday anniversary.

Pvt. 1-c Paul Barker, Camp Crowder, Mo., spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his sister, Mrs. Raymond Comer and children. He was enroute to Washington, D. C., where he will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. David Rodger, sr., of Akron, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. David Rodger, jr., from Utah spent a few days last week in the Karl Partenheimer home. Mrs. David Rodger, jr., remained for a visit with her parents and expects to stay here while her husband is in the service. He left for Utah on Friday and expects to be sent overseas soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laverick entertained at dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Mrs. Morris Johnson and children, Champaign; Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson and daughter Miss Marjorie, of Danville. The dinner was given in honor of Barbara Lou and Marjorie Johnson, who were celebrating their birthday anniversaries.

WAR BONDS In Action



Hero's Reward. Lt. Gen. L. K. Truscott, Jr., 5th Army, Italy, pins DSC on Cpl. H. A. Carmichael for killing 10, wounding 25 and taking 10 Nazi prisoners. War Bonds supplied him with munitions. U. S. Treasury Department

Longview News

(Thelma D. Kraft, Reporter)

The Junior-Senior banquet was held Saturday night at the Hotel Wolford in Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sperlin of Danville visited his mother, Mrs. Jane Sperlin, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. DeWitt of Newman spent Sunday with Mrs. P. E. Mavity.

Mrs. Glen Carleton and son of Providence, Ky., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalzell and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Williams at Danville.

Seaman First Class Carl Ringo has been transferred from Fort Jackson, Fla., to Lambeth Field, Mo.

Sergeant Maurice Keefe writes his father that he is back in action after spending a short furlough in England.

Miss Betty Anderson spent the weekend with relatives at Brookfield, Mo., and attended the Founders banquet at Kirksville College.

Several from here attended the eighth grade commencement exercises at Murdock Tuesday night. Dorothy Eckert, Patricia Warnes and Neil Mathews were among the graduates.

James Ronald Hagerman of Dayton, Ohio, spent a few days with his father, E. C. Hagerman. James has employment in a gar-

age with Farrell Cook as manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Green and son, Mrs. Levi Driver, Mr. and Mrs. John Mathews, Misses Mary and Carrie Sturm attended the school basket dinner and program at Fairland, Sunday.

Commencement of the grade school was held Wednesday night at the high school with A. H. Lauchaer, principal of Thornburn junior high school, Urbana, as speaker.

Pharmacist's Mate James V. Flood spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Flood. He is being transferred from Sheepshead Bay, N. Y. to Long Beach, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Michael of Kentland, Ind., spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith. Mrs. Lavina Michael who has spent the winter in the Smith home returned to her home at Brook, Ind.

Mrs. W. E. Green, Mrs. Levi Driver, Mrs. Clarence Kraft and daughter attended a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Mary Louise Thode Thompson of Urbana, held Saturday afternoon in the home of her mother, Mrs. Barney Thode, Jr., at Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Senter entertained the following guests on Sunday in honor of their son, Staff Sgt. George Senter: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Myers, Wm. Koons and family, Mrs. Lewis Myers and son, Mrs. Wm. Koons and son of Champaign; Kenneth Wilson and daughter, Hubert McQueen and sons of Oakland.

Keep on Growing in '45!



Photo Courtesy Ferry-Morse Seed Co.

The war is not yet won on the food front! There is real need that men and women and children all over the country again take up the rake and hoe to help produce the nation's vegetable supply. Uncle Sam is asking for 20,000,000 better gardens this coming season.

How to improve on last year's results? Careful preparation of the soil comes first. Every time a garden plot is properly spaded or plowed to the right depth, and the top soil raked fine and loose, the general condition is made more favorable for plant growth. A too-stiff soil can be made more workable by the addition of sand or peat moss. A complete fertilizer in the proper quantity, no matter what the kind of soil, will replace in your garden the plant food used by last year's crops.

You can plan a better balanced garden than ever before. If the family is tired of "beans, beans, beans!" cut down the number of rows; plant more of some vegetable they can't get enough of. If, last year, all the radishes were ready for the table at the same time so that many of them grew old and pithy before they could be eaten, try sowing a short row at a time, with a week between plantings. Do the same with beets and carrots, greens and sweet corn. By a little preliminary planning, you can become a master hand at progressive gardening.

If you planted an unsatisfactory variety of a certain vegetable, look for one better suited to your garden conditions. Ask your seed dealer to suggest varieties best for home gardens in your locality.

Plan to cultivate more often than last year, not only to keep down weeds but to conserve soil moisture, especially in hot dry weather. It's a smart idea to have insect spray or dust on hand early in the season to smash the pests before they take over and destroy precious plants. Be sure to thin all seedlings so that they have plenty of room to grow; root crops are especially important. If artificial watering is needed during a dry spell, soak the soil for at least a foot down about once a week instead of sprinkling every day.

A Victory Garden is only as good as its vegetables when used in their prime. Gather them for the table, for canning, for quick freezing, or for storing when they have reached the stage of proper size, greatest tenderness, and most delicious flavor.

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Classified Ads.

Wanted to buy—good butcher cattle. L. S. Griffith, phone 75F2, Villa Grove. J22

Wanted—Someone to take care of and mow the Evangelical cemetery during the summer. See Edward Nohren, Pres.

The household goods of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Merchant will be sold at her former residence in Longview, on Saturday, May 12. Sale will begin at one o'clock p. m. Terms: cash. Loyde Cole, Auctioneer.

Eighty-seven persons lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents on Illinois highways during the month of March. This is a decrease of 15 per cent as compared with March, 1944.

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