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News Items of 12 and 20 Years Ago

Nov. 8, 1934

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Hardy were Champaign visitors.

J. W. Gallion leased his Cafe to Fred Eckerty of near Hume.

Elsworth (Nick) Nichols and family spent the weekend with relatives at Oakwood.

Mrs. Virgil Reed and son, Jerry, returned to Champaign after a visit with relatives here.

John Nohren and family, Ed Nohren and family visited Harry Nohren, at Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Cook entertained the members of the Teachers' Reading Circle.

20 Years Ago

Nov. 5, 1926

Estle Barnes and family of Tuscola visited relatives here.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Thode, Jr., was quite seriously ill.

Mrs. Margaret Russell went to Mattoon to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hobbs and daughter of Indianapolis visited relatives here.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert White.

Miss Beulah Gore, Miss Mildred Mohr and Mrs. Howard Clem left to attend the State Sunday School Convention at Lincoln.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

9:30—Sunday School.
10:15—Divine Worship.
Sermon: "Teach Them Diligently."

Luther's Birthday Service, 7:30 p. m.

Topic: "Luther, Man of Liberty."

Daniel Webster said to the American people: "The Reformation of Martin Luther introduced the principle of civil liberty into the wilderness of North America."

St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church

Carl E. Hartwig, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:40. Raymond Kilian, Superintendent.
Divine Service at 10:45.

U. B. Church Notes

W. M. Robinson, Pastor

Sunday School—10:00. Mrs. Oscar Witt, Supt.

Divine Worship—11:00.

LONGVIEW

Sunday School—10:00. Charles Dyar, Supt.

Worship Service—7:30.

Thursday, 7:45—Prayer service.

Methodist Church Notes

W. H. Loyd, Pastor

Church School—10:00. Harold Smith, Supt.

LONGVIEW

Church School—10:00. Miss Clara Warnes, Supt.

Worship Service—11:00.

We want your news items.

Mrs. Oma Edens, 86, Succumbs at Allerton

Allerton—Mrs. Oma Edens, 86, a native of Clay City, died suddenly at 4:10 p. m., Friday at the home of her son, Lester Edens, north of here. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 9 a. m. Monday at her son's home, and Monday afternoon at Clay City. Burial was at Clay City, with the Dicks funeral home of Broadlands in charge.

Mrs. Edens, the former Oma Holman, was born Sept. 1, 1860, in a log cabin near Clay City, a daughter of John and Sarah Holman. On Dec. 4, 1884, she was married to T. H. Edens. She had lived with her son here since her husband's death in 1935.

Surviving are four children, Lester, Allerton; Perlle, Toluca; Mrs. Nellie Simmons, Cairo; and Mrs. Bertha Travis, of Detroit, Mich.

Happy Birthday To You!

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

- Nov. 2—Larry David
- Nov. 2—Mrs. James David
- Nov. 2—James Coddington
- Nov. 2—Joan Jones
- Nov. 3—Jeanette Barker
- Nov. 3—Robert Thode
- Nov. 3—Mrs. Woodrow Woolverton
- Nov. 4—Paul Luedke
- Nov. 4—Edwin Miller
- Nov. 4—Oliver Boyd
- Nov. 4—Leone Bergfield
- Nov. 4—Mrs. Roy Bergfield
- Nov. 4—Roland Wayne Mohr
- Nov. 6—Chas. Brewer
- Nov. 7—Roy Hurst
- Nov. 8—Mrs. Hobart Harris
- Nov. 8—Ronald Smith
- Nov. 9—Mrs. Ernest Jones
- Nov. 9—Mrs. Lettie Eckerty
- Nov. 9—Mrs. Walter Nonman
- Nov. 10—Mildred Messman
- Nov. 10—Ora Miller
- Nov. 10—Ralph Bosch
- Nov. 11—Walter Brandt
- Nov. 11—Forrest A. Dicks
- Nov. 13—Oscar Gallion
- Nov. 13—George Messman
- Nov. 13—Dale David
- Nov. 13—Stewart Limp
- Nov. 14—Mrs. Chas. W. Smith
- Nov. 15—Mrs. Walter Kresin
- Nov. 16—Mrs. Ora Miller
- Nov. 17—Bobby Kresin
- Nov. 17—Mrs. Melvin Place
- Nov. 18—Glorene Messman
- Nov. 18—Rev. P. E. Kerkhoff
- Nov. 20—Will Smith
- Nov. 21—Mrs. Eugene Hanner
- Nov. 21—Amy Sue Taylor
- Nov. 22—Mrs. Thos. Bergfield
- Nov. 23—Ilene Dohme
- Nov. 23—Mrs. Joe Vedder
- Nov. 23—Marie Benschneider
- Nov. 24—Mrs. Lyle Cummings
- Nov. 24—Mrs. Floyd Block
- Nov. 25—Montelle Maxwell
- Nov. 25—Mrs. Lee Stutz
- Nov. 25—Bert Smith
- Nov. 26—Mrs. Chloe James
- Nov. 27—Mrs. Ira Laverick
- Nov. 29—Harry Archer
- Nov. 29—Mrs. Alice Golle
- Nov. 29—Mrs. Rosetta Williams

For Sale—Large size Florence heating stove, \$10. Manford Pearson, Broadlands.

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Armistice Day Next Monday, Nov. 11

In proclaiming Monday, Nov. 11, as Armistice Day, Governor Dwight H. Green declared that the anniversary of the ending of hostilities in the first World war has come to be an occasion for honoring the gallantry of fighting Americans in all our Republic's wars. "The according of such recognition is patriotic and highly appropriate," the Governor's proclamation said.

Y. and O. Class Has A Hallowe'en Party

The Y. and O. class of the U. B. Church held a Hallowe'en party in the church basement on Thursday night of last week.

A wiener roast was enjoyed and games furnished entertainment for the evening.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clint Lookingbill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hendon, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Comer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crain and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stutz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eckerty and family, Miss Nellie Smith, Rev. Robinson. Mrs. Nola Donley was a guest.

The regular class meeting will be held next Tuesday night at the Wm. Crain home.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation for the assistance and sympathy shown us by our neighbors and friends during our recent bereavement, through the death of our dear mother, the late Mrs. Ella M. Warters.

The Family.

Boy Scout News

F. A. DICKS, SCOUT MASTER

The Boy Scouts will gather up paper on Saturday, November 16. Please have bundles ready for them.

To Observe Education Week, Nov. 10 to 16

Observance of Lutheran Education Week, which will be held in conjunction with American Education Week, November 10-16, is being planned by the local church together with sister churches throughout the nation.

The purpose of Lutheran Education is described by Rev. P. E. Kerkhoff, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, as "an annual rededication of the tasks of Christian education which congregations face year in, year out. The early church was an educating church. It had to be in order to survive."

"Martin Luther, spearhead of the Protestant Reformation simply reasserted the need for Christian education. He held that everyone should know how to read his Bible, and be able to judge the doctrine proclaimed from the pulpit. Thus, Luther and his followers were driven by a necessary logic to support education for all people."

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States has 1097 parochial schools, with new schools being opened every year. Besides these the church maintains 14 colleges and seminaries and a Lutheran University.

Included in special plans for the observance of Lutheran Education week will be a series of four dramatic presentations over Radio Station KFUO, St. Louis, which will feature Christian education in action. Broadcast time for the programs is to be 2 p. m. on Fridays of Nov. 8, 15 and 22.

One Mohr Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mohr are parents of a son, born Monday, Nov. 4 at Mercy hospital. The young man weighed 8 pounds and three ounces and has been named Roland Wayne. He has two brothers, Rodney and Ronald to play with.



"Keep from Between Parked Cars" is the vital safety lesson being dramatized to school children this month in 38,000 classrooms throughout Indiana and Illinois in posters being distributed by the Chicago Motor Club. The illustrations originated in the ranks of school children themselves, the posters being reproductions of prize-winning drawings that they submitted in a nationwide contest. Instruction sheets accompanying the poster aid teachers to adapt the safety lessons effectively to the needs of pupils of all ages in diversified localities.

Fairland School Has A Hallowe'en Party

The Fairland school had a Hallowe'en party Wednesday night of last week which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Games and contests were the entertainment after a grand march of those who came masked.

Winners for the best masked were: Most original (mother with baby), Marilyn Turner; colored person over 14, Johnnie Payton; colored person under 14, Betty Smith; old fashioned, Bonnie Payton; comical, Peggy Arwine; boy dressed as girl, Larry Turner; girl dressed as boy, Dorothy Payton.

Some of the prizes which were very unique and appropriate for the occasion were made by one of the patrons. They were oranges and grapefruit made into witches. Pumpkin pie, donuts, coffee and cocoa were served.

Those present were Mrs. Hubert Turner and children, Mrs. Oscar Wacker and children, Mrs. Josie Riddle and children, Mrs. Evan Smith and children, Mrs. Cecile Griffith and children, Mrs. Nathima Payton and children, Mrs. Dora Green and son, Mr. and Mrs. Kraft and daughter, Mrs. Clara Lewis, Edly Lewis, Jim, Peggy and Dianne Arwine, Mrs. Edith Barrick and the teacher Mrs. Lillie Bowman.

Mrs. W. M. Robinson Hostess To U. B. Aid

The U. B. Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Robinson at the parsonage in Longview on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Belle Smith led the devotions. Mrs. Juanita Eckerty conducted the business meeting.

Refreshments consisted of ice cream and cake.

Those present were Mesdames Anna Gerike, Elizabeth Elston, Dophia Warner, Belle Smith, Ruth Henson, Erma Wood, Jennie Nohren, Jessie Bergfield, Juanita Eckerty, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Robinson.

Valparaiso Guild Meets With Mrs. Irene Wiese

The newly organized Broadlands chapter of the Valparaiso Guild met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Irene Wiese.

Mrs. Edna Struck, president, was in charge of the business meeting. The group adopted the constitution presented by the secretary. A new member, Mrs. Leota Poggenorf, was welcomed into the Guild.

Rev. Kerkhoff gave an interesting talk on Valpo University, stressing the importance of the institution to the Lutheran church.

The meeting was adjourned and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be in January at the home of Mrs. Elsie Cress.

NOTICE

We will close at 10 a. m. on Monday, November 11—Armistice Day. Roy Hurst.

For Sale—A few purebred Poland China male hogs. O. P. Witt, Broadlands, Ill.

For Sale—Cook stove; good for use in wash house. Inquire at The News office if interested.

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A Republican Landslide Occurred On Tuesday

Last Tuesday's election was a Republican landslide throughout the nation. The Republicans will control both the House and the Senate.

All the Republican candidates on the county ticket were elected by large majorities.

Voters of Ayers township cast 228 ballots. The Republicans cast 142 straight tickets, and the Democrats cast 31 straight tickets.

The veterans' bonus was overwhelmingly approved. The local vote was 166 for and 41 against the proposition.

The gateway amendment was defeated. The vote here was 87 for and 15 against the proposition.

32 Pupils on "A" Honor Roll

Thirty-two pupils of the Broadlands Community Consolidated school have their names on the honor roll for the first quarter. They are as follows:

Second Grade

Teddy Thode
Bobby Rothermel
Lynden Frick
Brenda Nonman
Joyce Morris

Third Grade

Harriet Archer
Dan Block
Monica Bosch
Earl Miller

Fourth Grade

Jo Marilyn Craig
Thomas Tuttle
Sandra Woolverton

Fifth Grade

Boyd Dalzell
Sue Comer
Darryl Eckerty
Donald Schwenk
Keith Thode

Sixth Grade

Ruth Ann Umbarger
Jean Hedrick
Dennis Luedke
Neva Jean Keilbach
Lois Morris

Seventh Grade

William Houchens
Richard Seider
Barbara Monroe
Billy Thode
Marvin Struck

Eighth Grade

Patricia Kerkhoff
Doris McCormick
Carmen Smith
Gerald Cummings
Margaret Hartwig

Roll of Honor

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

Arthur Miller, Armstrong
Jack Moore, Aberdeen, Md.
Adolph Bretz, Villa Grove
Carlos Brewer, Danville
Edgar Moser, Chrisman
Wm. E. Green, Longview
Vedder Bros., St. Petersburg, Fla.

Bud Comer
Carl Newkirk
Roy McCormick
Art Struck
Mrs. Paul Miller
Merle Crane

Market Report

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

No. 2 yellow beans, new...\$3.10
No. 2 hard wheat, new...1.95
No. 2 white corn, new...1.30
No. 2 yellow corn, new...1.20
No. 2 oats...80

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Entered as second-class matter April 18, 1919 at the postoffice at Broadlands, Illinois under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Sixty Million Have Jobs

More persons are now engaged in gainful employment in the United States than ever before in peace-time, the total being approximately 60,340,000. This includes self-employed persons, such as merchants and others who operate their own business, as well as professional men.

This is one-third larger than the number employed in 1939, before the preparedness program got under way, which was 45,253,100.

It would seem that with more people employed at higher wages than ever before, the economic condition of the country should be quite satisfactory, but such is not the case. There is much unrest because of the housing situation, the high cost of living, the scarcity of needed goods and materials in many lines, and many other problems for which no solution is in sight.

Various groups and their leaders are blaming one another for the unsettled state of affairs, and the endless arguments being indulged in are getting us nowhere.

The political campaign has been adding to the confusion, and now that the election is over we may possibly be able to get a better idea of what to expect, but this is by no means certain. The battle between management and labor will still be with us, and may even become more violent—to the detriment of both, as well as to the public.

Full employment has so far failed to bring about the economic blessings that might have been expected. If 60 million jobs cannot insure a reasonable degree of domestic tranquility and well-being, it is difficult to imagine what could achieve that happy result.

We Must Keep Strong

In articles written for the Scripps-Howard newspapers recently, Secretary of War Patterson and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal plead for adequate preparedness to maintain the security of the United States. Both declare that in the present state of world affairs we must keep strong.

Mr. Patterson said in part: "Weakness is the short, straight road to war. Maintenance of a respectable military power, on the other hand, will give pause to any power overseas. It will furnish strong support to the United Nations in the maintenance of world peace."

"Any program which tends to prevent war can be justified on that ground alone. Just as it is better to be vaccinated than to catch smallpox, it is better to be ready for trouble and to let the world know we are ready than to risk another Pearl Harbor. It requires little imagination to realize that in another war a nation making a surprise attack would strike us here at home and not at some outlying base."

"The United States is vulnerable to attack today—right here at home. The weapons already have been developed to make it possible. Our security is so precious we must do whatever is necessary to protect it."

"The final decision—whether America will have a modern, adequate defense system—rests with the people of the United States. After every war it is only natural that the people and their Congress should seek escape. After World War I, it was tragically true that we made reductions on our armed forces—in the name of a short-sighted economy—which made it impossible for them to perform their missions."

"Today the world is still in ferment, we cannot afford the

risk of such a policy. We must remain strong."

Secretary Forrestal followed the same general idea in his article, but expressed the view that the present authorized strength of the Navy—500,000 enlisted men and 52,000 officers, with 100,000 men and 8,200 officers in the Marine Corps—is sufficient to meet the needs of the Navy today.

Oomph Girl Rebels

Ann Sheridan, red-headed, Texas-born screen actress, designated as the "oomph girl" of the screen a few years ago, is in rebellion against the fashion arbiters who have decreed that women's skirts must be longer.

She accuses the style-makers of being up to their old trick of changing fashions so that women will be obliged to buy new wardrobes to replace out-moded clothes that really look better than the new. A few observations made by Miss Sheridan on the subject are quoted:

"What about scarce fabrics? What's the sense of making bigger yardage demands when the nation is trying to recover from shortages? Who wants a lot of excess cloth spiraling around her legs, anyway?"

After asking those pertinent questions, she adds: "To conceal decorative legs with long skirts is like concealing a statue with a tent."

So far as she is concerned Ann says her skirts are going to stay right where they are—16 inches from the floor. And she calls upon all women to join in her revolt against the long drapes. A fine idea which deserves to succeed.

Sidelights

The class in physics was proceeding according to schedule when the teacher asked the question: "What happens when a body is immersed in water?" In the pause that followed a coded was heard to whisper: "The telephone rings."

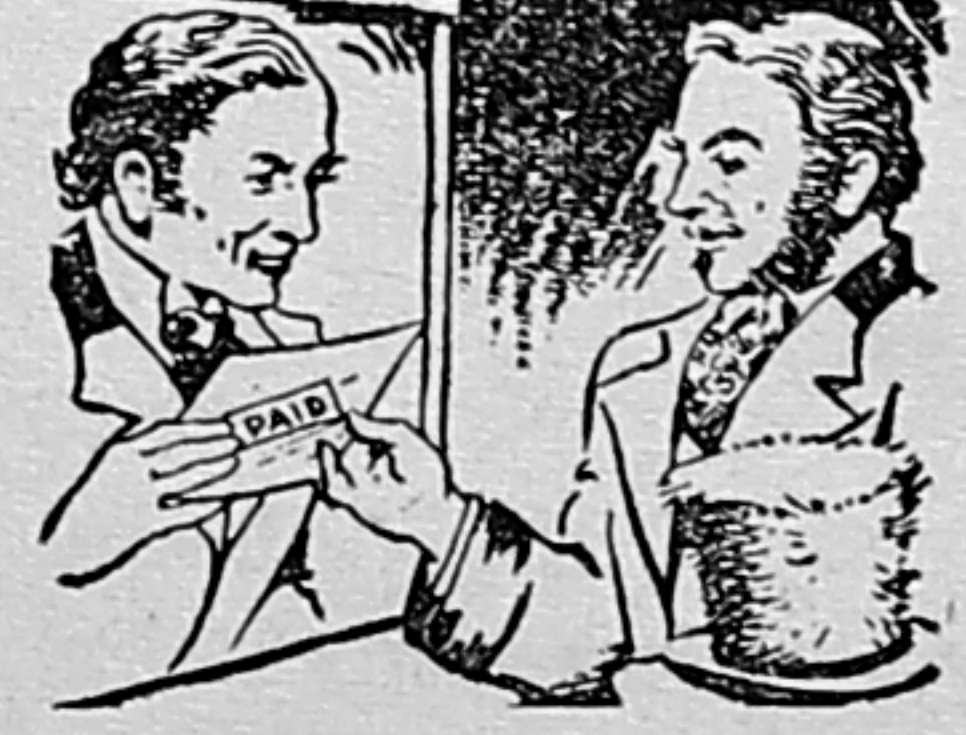
A San Jose, Calif., bottler got sore about the AFL-CIO jurisdictional dispute tying up his business. So he made a placard and went out and picketed the pickets picketing his plant. The sign read: "I'm the victim—another poor sucker caught in the middle."

We are told of two GI's who arrived in town on pass and decided to make the most of it. After making a couple of stops for liquor, they decided to take a street car ride. Boarding the car, one of them offered fares to the nearest uniform. "Sorry, Bud, I can't take it," said the man "I'm a naval officer." "Let's get outta here," gasped the startled GI. "We've got on a ship."

Most of us do not like to take on another's worries. Usually our own load is heavy enough to keep us busy trying to find the way out and so it was with a certain mother who received a note from her young son's school teacher: "Your son is one of the brightest boys in school, but also one of the worst behaved. What shall I do with him?" The teacher received a prompt reply: "Do whatever you think best. I'm having my own troubles with his father."

New hose should be washed soon as possible after each wearing before they are worn, and as ing to avoid perspiration damage.

Paid IN FULL



Henry Clay at one time in his life owed \$10,000 to a bank in Kentucky. A number of friends, knowing that this debt weighed heavily on his mind, secretly raised the money and quietly paid off the debt.

When Mr. Clay later came to the bank to discuss his financial status, the cashier startled him by saying: "Mr. Clay, you don't owe this bank a cent!" "Why, how am I to understand you?" "Well," replied the cashier, "a number of your friends have paid off your debt for you—your account has been paid in full!"

Tears rushed into Mr. Clay's eyes and, unable to speak, he walked away. His heart was overwhelmed by the joy of a great deliverance—deliverance from a debt beyond his ability to pay.

What a striking illustration of the central fact of the Christian faith! "And you, being dead in your sins," says Paul, "hath He quickened . . . having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting . . . that was against us . . . nailing it to His cross." Colossians 2:14.

That handwriting was the debt of unforgiven sin which stood against us in the court of heaven. But that handwriting, says the Bible, is now gone, destroyed, "blotted out." Christ, by His substitutionary death in the place of sinners, has paid the full penalty, suffered the full punishment, and rendered complete satisfaction for every sin of every sinner.

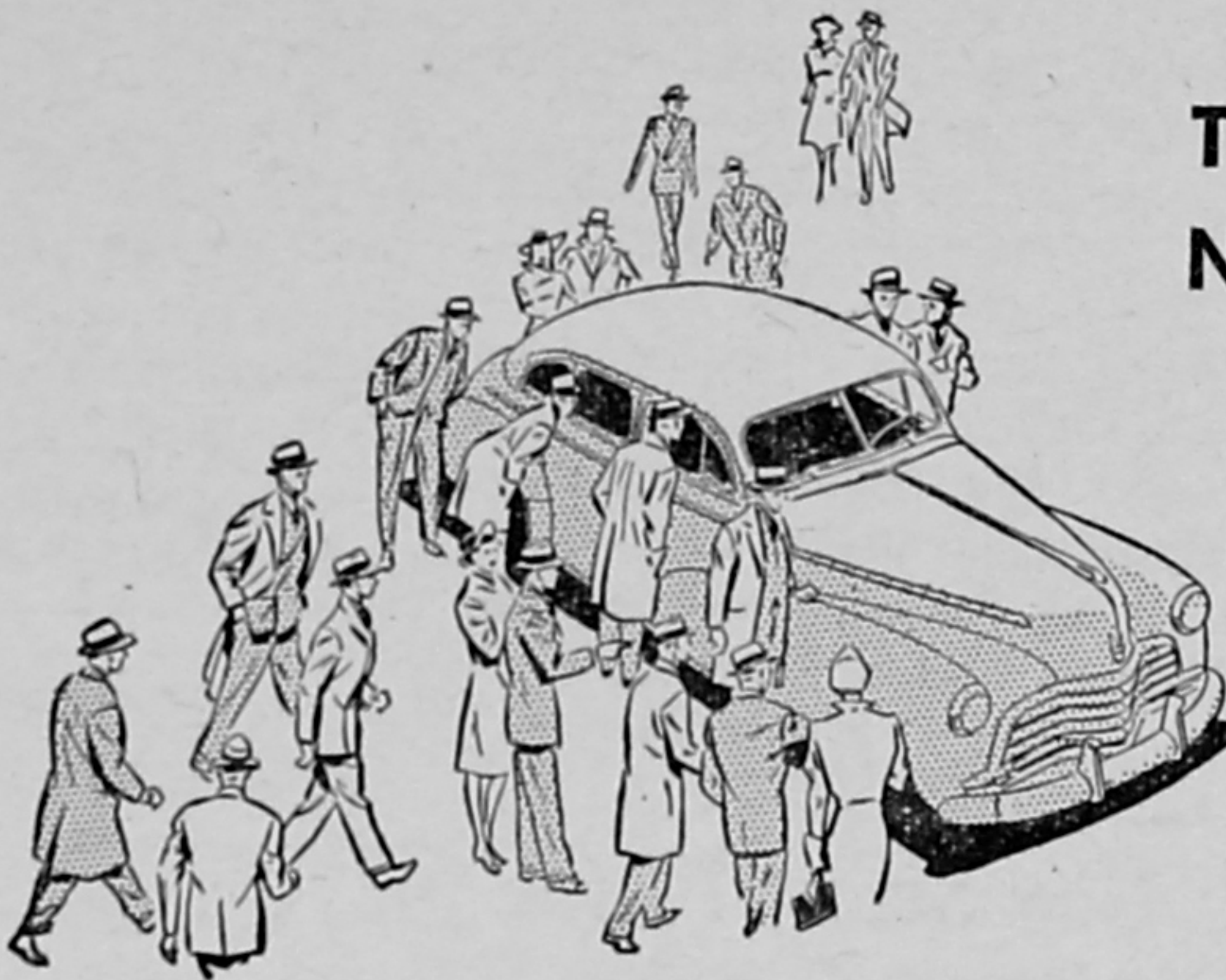
"Paid in full!" That is the essence of the Gospel. "Paid in full! Completely forgiven through the blood of Christ!" That is the divine receipt of heaven which the Christian Church has been commissioned by her Master to proclaim.

Have you rejected that divine receipt? To reject it is to assume the debt. Have you accepted the divine receipt by sincere and trusting faith? Then your debt is gone—paid in full by the blood of Christ—and heaven is forever yours!

The opportunity of hearing the Christian Doctrines explained may not be open to you again. We urge you to come! Come before the day of grace pass and it is too late.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor.



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The performing flea and an elephant crossed a jungle bridge together.

Oh, boy, whispered the flea in the elephant's ear, "we certainly make that bridge shake!"

I've got a freak over on my farm, reported Farmer Brown. It's a two-legged calf.

Don't need to tell me that, snapped Farmer Jones. He came over to call on my daughter last night.

Peter was playing at Jimmy Brown's house. When it was time to go home it started to rain. Mrs. Brown offered to lend him Jimmy's raincoat and galoshes.

Don't take so much trouble, Mrs. Brown, said Peter, politely.

I'm sure your mother would do as much for Jimmy, she replied. My mother would do more, said Peter. She'd ask Jimmy to stay to supper.

After the shipwreck a sailor was washed up on a lonely tropical island.

Thinking himself the sole survivor, and full of dread that this might be the abode of cannibals, he went exploring. Presently he saw smoke ascending from a clump of shrubs. Just as he was preparing to bolt, he heard a voice say:

"Why the—did you play that—card?"

Thank Heaven—they're Christians! he exclaimed, joyfully.

Household Hints

Extra juices from cooked vegetables should be saved in the refrigerator for making soups.

To make omelets fluffy, beat the egg yolks and whites separately. If you like a flat omelet, beat all ingredients together.

To preserve the crispness of lettuce, place it in a damp cotton bag before putting it into the refrigerator.

The best time to wash blankets is on a clear, mild day. Extreme temperatures tend to damage woolen blankets and they should not be washed on hot, cold or windy days.

Cheap cuts of meat have the same food value as expensive cuts from the same animal. When the cheap cuts are carefully prepared and tenderized, they are entirely satisfactory.

Your coffee maker, no matter what type you use should be washed with hot suds after each meal and rinsed thoroughly. This treatment will avoid a stale flavor in coffee.

To remove a black coating from the outside of a frying pan, sprinkle on borax and scrub with steel wool moistened with water. Wash in suds and rinse thoroughly.

Patches that press on may be used for mending weak spots in the feet of hose. Mend before the weak spot wears through to make certain the patch does not show.

Getting the family up 15 minutes earlier in the morning may seem to be a difficult task, but it will pay dividends by avoiding breakfast-time rush and confusion which often result in petty annoyances that start the day off wrong.

Killing Frost

By ELSIE WILLIAMS

McClure Syndicate.
WNU Features.

OLLIE BURNSIDES walked up to his neighbor's when the moon rose. Wanted to find out a thing or two. Jennings Milton was a cattleman and had ought to know about land laws. That winnie field now— if he could just hang on to it for another six months—or was it a year?

Jen was on the porch, smoking his pipe. "Evenin'," he said to Ollie. "Come on in."

Ain't no need for Jen to always be so short with me, Ollie thought. "No, I'll jus' sit here on the edge o' the porch. Tol' Myrt I wouldn't stay but jus' a minute. . . . Pretty night, ain't it?"

"Yeah."

Ollie's Adam's apple bobbed up and down before the next words would come out. "Come t' see—know anythin' 'bout law, Jen?"

"Enough t' git by. More'n you can say, I reckon."

"You're the man I want t' see, then," Ollie said. "Ain't there a law, Jen, what says does a man farm a piece o' land seven years it's his'n—man what farms it?"

"That's right, Jen." Ollie drew one knee up against his chest and gripped it with both hands. "Hadn't it ought t' be mine by law in six months? Or is it a winnie bit more'n that? Not long's a year, is it?"

Jen laughed. His white teeth gleamed in the moonlight. "You've lost out in your squattin' on the other man's land, Ollie. I done leased all that Abner Langford section for



"Ain't there a law. . ."

pasture. Means you gotta take down the fence from around your dag-nabbed winnie field!"

Ollie Burnside's jaw dropped. "But—but, looky here, man—I ain't dug my 'taters. An' I ain't cut my cane off'n that winnie field yit!"

Jen sat back in his rocker comfortably. "Well, I'd be within my rights, I reckon, t' order you t' take down the fence now. Jus' t' show you I got a heart I say leave it on—till you can git your stuff off."

Ollie hedged for time. "Cane ain't sweetened enough yit, Jen. An', man, them 'taters ain't noways ready t' be dug!"

Jen said, "Tol' you I had a heart, didn't I? Well, reckon you can leave them 'taters on till frost kills the vines."

Ollie rose from the porch. "Be bad news t' Myrt. She's sot her heart on that winnie field. Grubbed 'meeter roots in there, Myrt did."

Ollie owned ten acres of swampland along the creek bank. Water come up every summer and flooded his place. Then when the land was in shape to farm again the creek would drain it dry as a match stick. A man couldn't raise a crop o' stick-tights on it, let alone cane or 'taters.

Pleasant fall weather lasted into December. Jen came to see Ollie. "Ain't dug them 'taters yit?" he asked.

"No, sho' ain't. You said dig 'em when frost killed the vines. Ain't done that yit."

Jen jerked his horse's head up from nibbling the grass. "I know it—dagnab it! Mighty onusual weather. Cuttin' your cane, I see."

"That's right. Had jus' enough cold weather t' make good syrup."

"An' no killin' frost!" said Jen Milton bitterly. "Them 'taters had ought t' be dug anyway."

"Man o' your word, ain't you?" Ollie asked. "Leastways that's the name you got around here."

Frost came a few weeks later, but only a few tender leaves were nipped. Then warm weather held until all danger of another freeze was past.

Again Jen went to see Ollie. Ollie grinned at him. "Ain't no use you buckin' an' a-rearin' like that, Jen. Won't be frost now until sometime in the fall. That winnie field is mine. I got squatter's claim t' it. Went t' see ol' Judge James—"

"That scoundrel!" Jen broke in angrily.

"Well, he sent me up onct, Judge James did, but I thank him for puttin' me wise t' some state laws. O'l Abner Langford slipped up on some o' the taxes on the winnie-field piece years ago. I got them tax certificates now. The judge says was I kicked off last fall— Funny thing 'bout law—and weather—eh, Jen?"

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Maybe you saw that poll on who has the easiest life—men or women? Of course, the men voted that the women did, and the women vice versa.

It would be the same in our town—take any family. Thad Phibbs envies his Missus spending the day at home, with no hot office to attend to. And Sue envies Thad his luncheons with the boys; and his evening glass of beer with friends (while she cleans up the dishes in the kitchen).

Of course, none of it goes very

deep. Thad knows way deep down that the Missus has plenty of work running a house; and Sue knows Thad's friendly glass of beer is well-deserved relaxation after a long hard day's work.

From where I sit, most husbands and wives may grumble now and then—but they know in their hearts it's a case of live and let live, give and take, that comes out pretty even in the end.

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