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A lot of ctizens in this part of the country get awfully tired, along about this time of the year, of winter's extra-duty chores. Some get tired of of carrying in coal, some get tired of carrying out ashes (or both), others get tired of shoveling snow, and still others just get tired (period). Florida and California papers please copy.

Newspaper headlines that are hard to take:

"Winter Tightens Icy Grip on Midwest."

"Gasoline Supplies May Be Rationed by Spring."

"Sub-zero Temperatures to Continue."

"Heavy Death Toll in Fire."

"Youths Confess to 'Thrill' Robery."

"Another Cold Wave on Way."

"Fuel Oil Supplies at Low Point."

"Coal Prices Expected to Advance."

"Heavy Blizzard Swooping Down from Canada."

"Late Spring Is Predicted."

"Ice, Snow, Sleet Batter Dixie."

"All Tax Reduction Bills to Be Vetoed."

"Heavy Masses of Cold Air Moving Down from Hudson Bay."

Your correspondent has found in rubbing elbows with the local citizenry in congenial encounter that many of our residents have expressed themselves in recent weeks as holding fears of growing old. Even some of the quite young have dropped hints along those lines. Or it may be we have happened merely to run across more persons, youth and adult, who have been thinking along those lines. Perhaps it has been the weather. It is a firm bit of philosophy on the part of your correspondent that growing old should not worry anyone. Any person, even with the experience of many winters (and summers) on his or her shoulders, who has the keenness of many interests and enthusiasms and is willing to keep alert is still a youngster, regardless of a few years that may have accumulated. In our humble opinion, Andre Maurois, the French novelist, hit the nail on the head when he said, "Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy man has no time to form."

Strays Among Thoughts — There seems to be some reason these days for crying over spilled milk . . . Why do we worry so much about what may be going on with other planets when we can't get things straightened out on this one? . . . In depression days we were told that prosperity was just around the corner; now that we have prosperity, we're being told that we're on the long road back from victory . . . Believe it or Not Ripley tells about a man who has shaved himself for more than 50 years with a meat cleaver. That's nothing. For several years that's the way they've been shaving the ham for the ham sandwiches.

—B. T.

The plumber and furnace men become the men of the hour when your heating plant goes slightly haywire on a sub-zero night.

Heard the first thing every morning by the early risers: "What does your thermometer say it is?" . . . Cheer up! The well known weather man sayys it will be warmer Saturday, and then we'll have another cold wave again over the weekend.

Our Clean Story Club — The ruler of a Zulu tribe heard about our foreign policy — giving financial aid to other countries. He sent one of his diplomats here, and after the latter had explained his mission he was asked if his country had any communists. The diplomat said "No," and was then told that under the Marshall Plan he must have Communists.

The diplomat returned home and explained the situation to his ruler-chief. The chief then sent for the minister from France and asked the latter if he could spare some Communists from France. The minister from France indignantly replied, "Most certainly not. We get $10,000 a head from the United States now for every Communist we have."

Why editors leave town: From the Quentin (O.) Citizen-News—Wanted: Lady secretary, one who can take shorthand and tope. Permanent position . . . From and Iowa paper—The WSCS will meet Tuesday for an all-day meeting at the church. A coveted dish dinner will be served at the noon hour . . . From the La Grange (Ga.) Clarion—E. J. Smith has returned from a business trip to New York and will take up his cuties at the office.

Quality Grill Opens

The Quality Grill, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Andy Symanski, opened for business at 109 N. State St. last week.

Fourth Cold Wave Of Winter Brings Sub-Zero Weather

Livestock Affected; Fuel Oil Supplies Gone

Zero and sub-zero weather has predominated here for more than a week in the fourth major cold wave of the season. Continuous cold weather has existed here since Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, when a miniature blizzard, whipped up by a northwest gale, struck this area with-the abrupt ness of a tropical shower of rain shortly after dusk. Since then, night temperatures have been near or below zero.

The coldest night of the winter season occurred Tuesday night of this week when thermometers dropped to 6 and 8 below. Despite a number of brief snowstorms, there has been no snow or any drifts of any consequence. Such snow as has fallen barely covered the ground.

Fuel oil reserves for January have virtually disappeared in this area. A few consumers have re-converted again to coal heating, but most oil users have some supplies in their storage tanks. Dealers and bulk plants report that they have oil supplies allocated to them for February, but are entirely unable to make promises of delivery or to say how much will actually be available to the trade.

Coal deliveries are being made in fairly prompt order. All of the smaller mines in this area are working full time. Lawrence Loitz and associates of Grant Park, Ill., are well along with their strip mine operations east of Georgetown, turning out tonnages of No. 7 vein coal daily.

Farmers report considerable suffering on the part of livestock. Open and unsodded ground is reported frozen to a depth of 9 to 10 inches. It is not believed that winter wheat or forage crops are being damaged, despite the light covering of snow.

Residents recall that a year ago this territory was enjoying comparatively mild weather in January and that on Feb. 2, a sudden change took place, with the result that zero and near-zero prevailed throughout the month of February.

Funeral Jan. 22 For J. Mackiewicz

Funeral services were held Thursday morning, Jan. 22, at St. Mary's Church for Joseph Mackiewicz, 72, of Hegeler. The Rev. J. L. Seisel officiated and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, Danville.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Antoinette Mackiewicz; four daughters, Cecelia, Theresa and Lody of Hegeler, and Mrs. Lucille Kolodiez of Quincy; and a son, Theodore of Hegeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Henry are the parents of a daughter born in Lake View Hospital Thursady, aJn. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson are the parents of a daughter born in St. Elizabeth Hospital Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Congregational Church Notes

Rev. C. R. Dierlamm, Minister

Freedom of speech is an American heritage. The press has made tremendous progress in this country, because Americanism believes in the open mind. Free discussion on important topics have attracted many a radio listener to have a greater understanding.

The Christian pulpit has always encountered watch dogs in the audience who take it upon themselves to violate the right of free speech by trying to harness the pulpit to the principle of "Safety First" in speech. This church can not remain true to its heritage unless the truth is preached on the wide scope of free discussion. The closed mind is a curse on many people. The open mind, receiving the truth spoken in love and respect for other people's ideas is our aim. When you hear your preacher speak, a large percentage of what he says is true.

The largest room in the world is the open mind.

Hobby Night by PTA

Central School PTA will meet on Wednesday evening, Feb. 11. Following the business session and a program by pupils, refreshments will be served. Mrs. Mary Love is hospitality chairman. Committee in charge of refreshments is Mrs. William Hible, Mrs. Al Galan, Mrs. Andrew Smith and Mrs. Ann Serepinas. Mrs. Maxine Ballard, president, has announced that the March meeting will be Hobby Night.

Georgetown Legion Post conducts March of Dimes drive.

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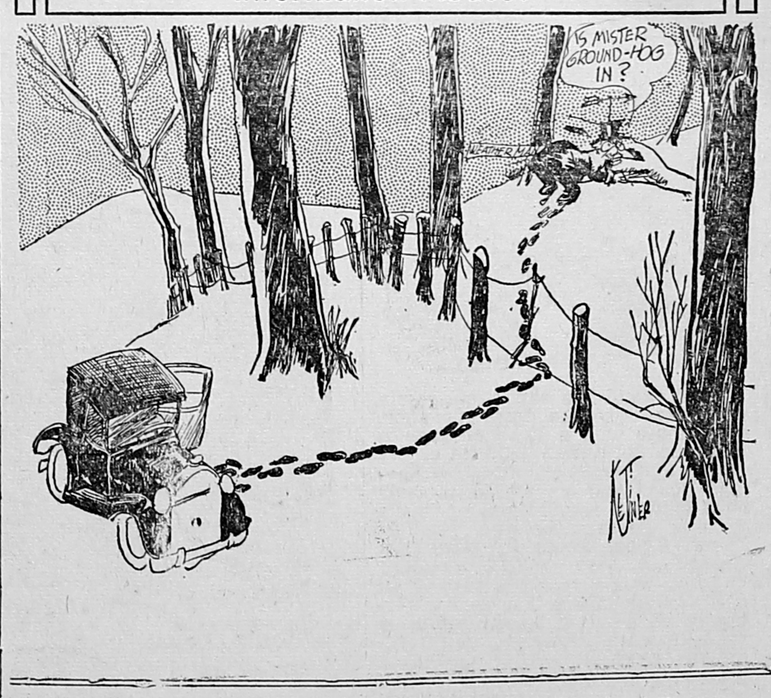

Former Miner Is Found Dead in Box Car Home

William Charnecki, 70, a Bunsenville coal miner for many years in Westville, who for about five years had made his home in a box car at the rear of the Mike Stankis home east of town, was found dead in his home at about noon Thursday by Mrs. Stankis.

Mr. Charnecki apparently had died from natural causes. Coroner John D. Cole conducted an investigation. As far as could be learned, Mr. Charnecki had no living relatives.

The body was removed to the Brookshier Funeral Home for funeral arrangements.

Hitch Hikers Steal Cars Near Here

Two automobiles were stolen by hitch hikers this week, one in Westville and the other south of Catlin.

Shortly after midnight Wednesday, Orville Winn Jr., 210 B St., Tilton, reported to Danville police that he had picked up a hitch hiker at the Memorial bridge earlier in the evening, a young man of about 17. As the car approached 14th St. and Georgetown Rd., the hitch hiker drew a revolver and told Winn to keep driving south, he told police. Near the Westville High School, according to the report, the hitch hiker ordered Winn to leave the car after taking the latter's wrist watch. The hitch hiker drove south with the car.

The car was a gray 1942 Pontiac sedan.

Two hitch hikers robbed "Bud" Jones of Fairmount of his car and $7 in cash early Monday morning south of Catlin. Jones had picked up the two men in Westville when they had asked him for a ride to Catlin. The auto, a 1940 Ford coupe, has not been found.

Firemen Answer Sunday Morning Call at Residence

The Westville Fire Department was called out Sunday morning to extinguish a fire at the home of Epol Sungail, Walnut St.

High School Athletes Plan To Enroll at Illinois College

Three of Westville High School's athletes plan to enroll at Illinois Colege, Jacksonville, next semester. They are Robert Libert, Barney Vilk and John Mayerik. Al Miller, former Westville athletic coach, is coach at Illinois College.

. . . Engagements . . .

Mrs. Jennie Dupoux, Illinois Ave., announces the engagement and approachnig marriage of her daughter, Mary, to Louis LeGrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Delhaye, Maple St. The wedding will take place in June.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE HELD

O. G. Howerton, principal at Edison School, was the guest of honor at a birthday surprise party held at his home Friday evening, Jan. 23. Twenty-two pupils of the seventh and eighth grades gathered in honor of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Howerton of Danville, son and daughter-in-law of the guest of honor, were also present. The evening was spent with music and contests, followed by refreshments.

IS HOSPITAL PATIENT

J. Frank Haworth, president of the First National Bank, Westville, has been in Lake View Hospital for several days for medical examination.

Ed Firebaugh addressed a meeting on "Universal Military Training" in Georgetown Legion Hall Tuesday evening; considerable opposition to universal training was manifested in discussion by members of audience.

Westville Briefs

Miss Betty Quartier, student at Westivlle High School, is convalescing at her home following a recent illness.

Harriet Hays, daughter of Mrs. Bernice Hays, N. State St., is ill at her home.

Mrs. William Preloznik of Detroit was a recent visitor at the home of her father, James Boyd, S. State St. She is the former Bertha Boyd.

Mrs. L. C. Ensminger of Detroit, the former Mildred Boyd, has returned to her home following a recent visit with her mother, Mrs. Lena Boyd, N. State St.

Judy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith, Victor St., is home from St. Elizabeth Hospital where she was a recent patient.

George Tutkis visited one day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Burke, S. Main St. while en route from Chicago to his home in Herrin.

Mrs. Clara Rigdon was called from Rockford last week due to the death of her stepfather, John Haun at Georgetown.

Mrs. Nell Brooks, S. State St., is convalescing at her home following a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Slayton have moved to Danville from their home on Rt. 1.

The following Westville women attended a concert presented by Jack Lowe and Arthur Whittemore, duo-piano team at the Danville High School auditorium Tuesday evening, Jan. 20: Mrs. Elizabeth Norvilaitis, Mrs. Helen Hitzeroth, Mrs. Bernice Hays, Mrs. Pat Miller, Mrs. Julia Bednar and the Misses Jessie and Phyllis Carp.

Mrs. Bernice Hays, N. State St., entertained members of her Sewing Club at her home Friday evening, Jan. 23, with the following present: Mrs. Lois Burdzeus, Mrs. Alberta Urbas, Mrs. Helen Thirion and Miss Evelyn Etchison. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Urbas.

Mrs. Joe Attan received word last week of the death of her cousin, Mrs. Elizabeth May Yount at Paris. Mrs. Yount was the former Elizabeth May Richardson of Georgetown.

Don Batrich, student at Butler University, Indianapolis, was a weekend visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. Bernice Batrich, Jefferson St.

Mrs. Louis Palusko and daughter, Nancy, Dolack St., have returned from a visit in Milwaukee, Wis., with Mrs. Palusko's sister, Mrs. Agathe Rogahn.

Mrs. George Szilagyi, N. State St., entertained members of Tri-County Bridge Club at her home Tuesday evening, Jan. 20. Prizes in contract were won by Mrs. Donald Buskirk, first and Mrs. L. C. Alison, second. Mrs. Henry Szilagyi and Mrs. John Urbas were guest players. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Buskirk, South Danville.

Pete Sole of Centralia visited relatives and friends here over the weekend.

Frank Ellsworth is improving at his home on N. State St.

Mike Janowski recently returned to his home from St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Bazaar for Marrow Children Planned by Am-Vets' Auxiliary

Mrs. Mildred Goldsberry, chairman of the donation scommittee, announces that a bazaar to raise money for the Marrow children, orphaned by the fire which destroyed their home on Jan. 17, will be sponsored by the Am-Vets, Auxiliary Danville Post. The bazaar will be held Friday evening, Feb. 6, at 18½ E. Harrison St., the Am-Vets Club. Bingo and music will be the main attractions of the evening. Products of needlework and baked goods are asked for as donations, according to Mrs. Goldsberry, the former may be taken to the club or given to her at her home at 318 South St. at any time; the latter to be delivered the day yof the bazaar. The club recently donated $25 to the Marrow Fund, and proceeds of the bazaar will be given to the fund being raised in Danville. The public is invited to attend.

Coming Events

Date, Place

The Westville American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a benefit movie at the State Theater on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Feb. 24 and 25. Proceeds are to be used to help furnish the new Legion Home.

Meeting of Vermilion County Am-Vets Post 146 to meet at 8 p. m. Jan. 30 in club rooms, 1506 N. Main St., Georgetown.

Urbana High School basketball team plays Westville Tigers here Tuesday evening, Feb. 3.

Westville Host To Semi-Finals, Championship Games

Westville and Georgetown High Schools both were eliminated in the preliminaries for the remainder of the performances of the semi-finals and championship contests in the Vermilion County Basketball tournament.

Westville was no longer a contender after Wednesday night's game with Indianola, when the latter squad eased the Tigers form the running. Allerton won from Catlin, and then the playing was to shift to Westville Friday night for the semi-finals, when Indianola and Allerton were to meet. The championship game at Westville Saturday night, when the winners of hte semi-finals at Westville and Hoopeeston were to fight it out, was expected to draw a good crowd despite the cold weather.

The Indianola Indians won from Westville by a score of 47-40. The teams were tied three times in the first quarter with the Tigers in a 5-2 lead before the quarter's end. The Indians pressed forward hard in the second period and swept ahead 24-18 by halftime. The score narrowed in the third period, with Dowiatt leading in points. The Tigers scored steadily on free throws. As the game went into the last quarter, Indianola was on the long side of a 33-31 score.

Leonard Green and P. J. Dowiatt each led in the scoring, both with a total of 11 points.

Allerton stopped a late Catlin rally 31-29.

Failing to display the type of ball that they were expected to play, Georgetown was eliminated from the county basketball tournament by Allerton in their first game at Oakwood High Monday night.

Bad passes, fouls and careless ball handling dominated in the Buffalo five's playing instead of the usual better class of ball playing.

Senior Girl Named DAR 'Good Citizen'

Sally Hart, senior student at Westville High School, was recently named winner of the annual Good Citizenship contest sponsored by the Governor Bradford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Danville. One girl from the senior class of every high school in the United States is picked for dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Her name will be put in with the names of other winners for the drawing which will name the Illinois delegate, who will receive a trip to Washington, D. C., as guest of the National Society of the D. A. R.

Westville Woman Is Honored On 80th Birthday Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Yoho, Georgetown, celebrated at a dinner at their home recently in honor of the 80th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Albert Moore, Westville, and the 82nd birthday anniversary of William Smith of Danville.

Other guessts were Albert Brown, Westville and Mrs. Arthur Bratton, Danville.

Chicago Couple, Former Reesidents, Buy Home Here

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ross and daughter of Chicago have moved to Westville where they have purchased a home on Soutth St. They are former Westville residents. Mrs. Ross is the daughter of Boleslaw Stefaniak of Hegeler, and Mr. Ross is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Razaitis.

ATTENDS DEALERS' MEETING

Ore Vacketta, S. State St., attended a Ford dealers' meeting which was held in Chicago last Tuesday.

The WSCS of the Methodist Church, Georgetown, will sponsor a rummage sale to be held in the Richie building, formerly Blayney's Drug Store, in Georgetown Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30 and 31. Mrs. Joe Attan is chairman of the committee in charge.

Symphonic Choir, directed by Prof. Otis Gruber, gave a concert Sunday afternoon for war veterans at Veterans Administration Hospital, Danville.

Few Contests Are Appearing for County Primary

Rivalry Is Shown for Precinct Committeemen

The closing date Monday for filing candidates' petitions for the April 13 primary shows considerable competition throughout the county for the precinct committeemen's posts, although in this and surrounding townships there will be few contests.

Among those to file for committeemen on the Republican ticket are:

Georgetown township—Precinct 2, John F. Haworth Jr.; Pct. 5, Olin V. Hensley; Pct. 6, Joseph Ottino; Pct. 7, Jess Moyer; Pct. 8, Joe Franklin.

Love township—Pct. 1, Russell Rook.

McKendree township — Pct. 1, Charles Blakeney; Pct. 2, Louis LeCount.

Catlin township—Pct. 1, Ben E. Louck.

Elwood township—Pct. 1, Doyne O. King.

The Democratic county ticket, as filed on the closing date, is as follows:

Clerk of the Curcuit Court—Noble Taylor, Potomac.

Probate Clerk — Doyle Paxton, Georgetown.

Recorder of Deeds—Harry Geades, Danville.

State's Attorney—Henry S. Wise, Danville.

Coroner—E. T. (Ted) Carter, Danville.

County auditor — Forrest Storm, Danville, formerly of Catlin.

The Republican candidates as filed are:

Clerk of the Circuit Court—Albert D. Alkire.

Probate clerk—James F. Terry, Danville.

Recorder of deeds—Wilbur Seimer, Muncie.

State's attorney—W. T. Henderson, Danville.

Coroner—John D. Cole, Danville.

Auditor—C. F. Barton, Danville.

The only new candidate is Terry.

Candidates for Congress

There are three Democratic candidates for Congress from the new 23rd District. They ae:

Samuel M. McKendree, Danville; Wayne R. Cook, Danville; and C. E. (Mayor) Spang, Georgetown.

Edward H. Jenison, Paris, the present congressman, is the unopposed Republican candidate for the district.

Filing in Springfield Monday as a candidate for the Democratic nomiation for state senator in the 22nd District was Calvin A. Gordon, Danville.

William E. Wayland, Danville, is the Republican candidate. He is unopposed in the primary. Besides the county and precinct committee candidates, filed with the county clerk, are two candidates on each ticket for senatorial committeemen in the 22nd District. The Republican candidates are Grace Bookwalter and John F. Spivey, Danville. The Democratic candidates are Ray Wait and K. Jane Storm, both of Danville.

There are two candidates on each ticket for state representative from the 22nd District. The Republicans are M. R. Walker and John P. Meyer, both of Danville. Walker is the present representative.

The Democratic candidates are W. O. Edwards, Danville, now serving, and Lawrence G. Beebe of Redmon.

The final date for withtdrawal of petitions is Saturday, Jan. 31.

New Officers Are Announced For Italian Citizens Club

Officers of the Italian Speaking Citizens Club who have been re-elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Frank Ottino; vice-president, Florent Cruppenik; recording secretary, Joseph Ottino; treasurer, James Balsamello; trustees, Don Cimo, Frank Libert and Raymond Coletti; doorkeeper, Mr. Cruppenik.

At the last meeting in Stefani Hall, Frank Myers was inducted into the club as a new member. Several of the county candidates for the April 13 primary gave talks.

Junior FFA of High School Elects; See Implement Film

At a recent meeting of the junior FFA at Westville High School, the following officers were elected:President, Lawrence Hamick; vice-president, Tom Neal; secretary, Virgil Langley; treasurer, Roy Borgwald; and reporter, Charles Isaacson. Ag students attended a movie about John Deere farm machinery recently at Danville theater.

Corn Theft by 'Meanest Thief' Reported; Maybe He'll Repent

One of the meanest types of thieves has been discovered. Mrs. Herschel Hughes had been working for several days, in all kinds of weather, picking up corn at the George Sprouls farm. She put the corn in piles and when she went to get it to sell, some one had stolen it. She was trying to earn money to apply to the cost of an operation on her three-year-old son.

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REEL - CASSANI

Miss Ann Cassani, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Cassani, and George Reel of Peoria, former Westville resident, were married at St. Mary's Church Saturday morning, Jan. 17, in a single ring ceremony, the Rev. J. L. Seisel officiating.

Attendants were Miss Margaret Toth, maid of honor, Michael Haluska, best man, Miss Louise Losa of Joliet, bridesmaid, and Edward Cassani of Chicago, usher. Mrs. Elizabeth Norvilaitis and Ore Vacketta were soloists, accompanied by the organist, Mrs. Esther Karushis.

The bride wore a gown of ivory satin with a sweetheart neckline and long sleeves and a fingertip veil. She carried a white camellia on her prayer book. The maid of honor wore a gown of American Beauty crepe, with a peplum of starched lace and carried peach-colored flowers. The bridesmaid wore a gown of royal blue crepe, with a starched lace peplum and carried pink flowers.

A wedding breakfast was served at Widman's Cafe following the ceremony.

The bride has been employed at the Platt Insurance Agency, Danville, for the past several years. The bridegroom is employed by the Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Peoria, where the young couple will make their home.

Rex Cohoon Improving After Eye Injury in Coal Mine

Rex Cohoon, who suffered an eye injury at Snow Hill mine near Terre Haute, Ind., on Dec. 27, is improving. While he was picking the rock to make the passageway safer, a fragment of rock imbedded itself in his left eye.

He has undergone three operations. Dr. V. L. Murphy removed the rock and Dr. A. T. Baldwin, eye specialist of Danville has performed two other operations.

Prospects of further shortages of meat supplies this year are reported.

Dates for 1948 Illinois State Fair are set at Aug. 13-22.

Couple Surprised by Friends On 30th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Boen were the victims of a pleasant surprise Sunday when relatives and friends gathered to help them celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. They received a number of gifts, a lovely bouquet and greetings. The centerpiece of the table was a three-tier cake, with miniature bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Boen were married Jan. 23, 1918. Mrs. Boen formerly was Miss Mae Sanders. They are the parents of three children, Mrs. Helen Thornton of Perrysville, Ind.; Russell, and Miss Jennie Lou Boen of Georgetown. There are two grandchildren, Bobby and Donna Thornton.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanders of Westville, Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chandler and daughter, Mrs. George Bromley and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bush and family, George Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Orville White of Danville, Henry Vacketta of Westville, Mrs. Alice Bowen, Miss Patsy Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mariage, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Crippin and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Roach and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Thornton and family of Perrysville, Billy Joe Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kleimer of Danville, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Boen.

Five Republicans and two Democrats have filed petitions for county offices in Edgar county, subject to April 1v primary.

A new drug known as pentaquine now is being distributed free to veterans suffering from relapsing malaria, it is announced by O. K. Shaffer, Illinois Veterans Commission Service officer in Vermilion county.

Young Republican organization of Illinois to make its 16th annual pilgrimage to tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield morning of Feb. 12; Congressman-at-Large W. G. Stratton to speak; state officials to address banquet to be held in Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 1 p. m., following pilgrimage.

Five new members, one re-instatement and one transfer member from Paris accepted at Monday night's meeting of Vermilion County Voiture 539, 40 & 8, at Hotel Plaza; Ross Macklin, Georgetown, chef de gare, presided.

FFA of Georgetown High School is offering a seed testing service to local farmers.

Coach "Ike" Burch of Georgetown High School has received a handsome trophy to be awarded each year as a basketball trophy each season for the best performance in making free throws; award is sponsored by Lettermen's Club.

FOR SALE — ONE PRINCESS Allen cream and green enamel cook stove with 30-gal. water heater (galvanized), $25.00. One large size circulating heating stove. All good condition. Mrs. Miller Hawkins. Telephone 2866, Catlin, Ill.
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Uncle Sam Says

What would you say if you saw a groundhog emerge from his hole this month with a stock of Savings Bonds in his paws? Millions of my nieces and nephews, who own Savings Bonds and are adding to their bond holdings regularly through the Payroll Savings or the Bond-A-Month Plans, would say that Mr. Groundhog has at last acquired common sense as a prophet of an early spring. There is no better harbinger of a bright, happy future is there than the growing, safe, profit-making financial reserve of United States Savings Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

Am-Vets Improve New Club Rooms

At a meeting of the Vermilion County Am-Vets Post No. 146 last Friday evening at 1506 N. Main St., Georgetown, plans were discussed for a "stag party" to be held in the near future.

Improvements are being made almost daily to the organization's club rooms on N. Main St. The dance floor was sanded and refinished last week, and other improvements have been completed.

The members voted to send a check for $25 to the Marrow fund.

The next regular meeting will be held Friday evening, Jan. 30, beginning at 8 o'clock p. m.

New Driver's License To Depend on Your Birthdate

(Special)

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. — Secretary of State Edward J. Barrett informs Illinois motorists, whose present drivers' license cards carry an expiration date of May 1, 1948, that those cards are good until the holder's first birthday after May 1, this year.

Here's how the law works, Secretary Barrett said: If your birthday falls in the months from May through December, your current license expires on your birthday this year — 1948. If your birthday occurs in the months of January, February, March or April, then your current license card is good until your birthday in 1949.

And, "please don't send in your application until 30 days before your card expires," Secretary Barrett requested.

Originally when the Illinois Drivers' License law was passed, he explained, all drivers' licenses expired simultaneously every third year on May 1. The amendment passed by the 64th General Assembly staggers the expiration dates according to the applicants' birthdays.

Human foresight often leaves its proudest possessor only a choice of evils. —C. C. Colton

A man who gives his children habits of industry provides for them better than by giving them a fortune. —Whately

Application is the price to be paid for mental acquisition. To have the harvest we must sow the seed. —Gamaliel Bailey

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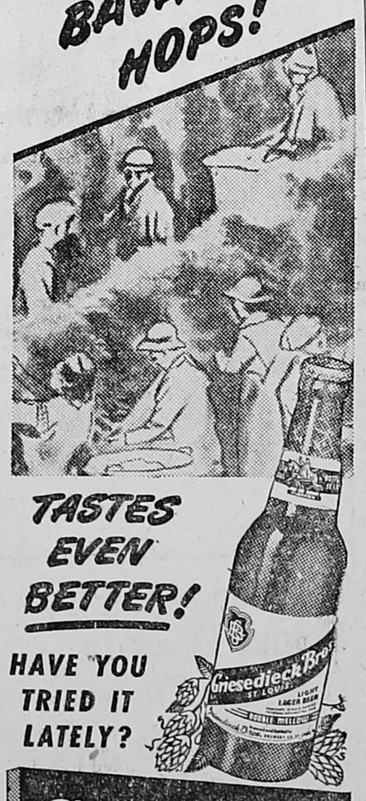

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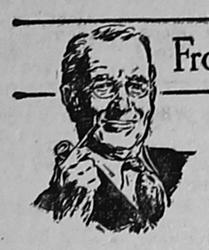

From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Are You "Hobby Happy?"

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Wasn't long before they were working side by side on Ed's bench, sharing a common interest. Instead of keeping them apart, Ed's hobby brought them more together.

From where I sit, a husband's hobby can often be a wife's as well. In fact, I've got the missus interested in tying trout flies—and, along with that mellow glass of beer, it makes the evenings go by mighty pleasantly.

Joe Marsh

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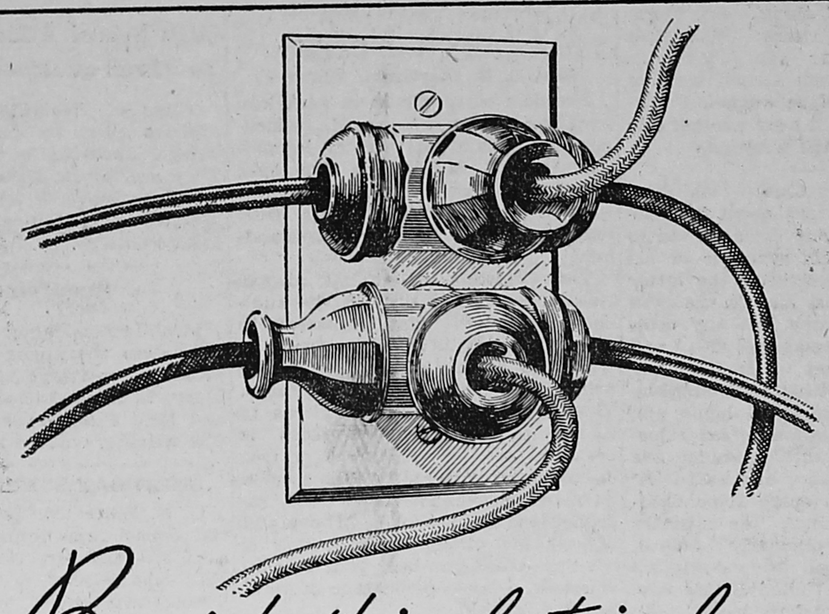

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Washington Experts Take a Peek in Farmer's Wardrobe

(Special)

WASHINGTON—Specialists of the Department of Agriculture, whose interests seem to include almost everything, have taken a squint recently at the wardrobe of Mr. Average Farmer.

The survey was made in Illinois as a starter. It was found that at 1943 prices farmers spent on an average of $82 a year on their clothes, which included overalls, denim jackets, work shirts, heavy shoes and 16 pairs of cotton work gloves. Their dress clothing lasted much longer than their work clothing, of course. Their suits averaged five years, according to the Department of Agriculture experts, and coats and topcoats nine years.

Mr. Average Farmer's wife also was interviewed by the Department and it was found that she was spending in 1943 about $97 on wash dresses, aprons, work shoes, a winter and spring hat and a "best" dress for winter and one for spring, besides underwear and night clothes. Figures available for the wardrobe costs of the farm family's work-a-day city cousins showed that they paid almost twice as much for their apparel in 1947 as they did during the five-year period 1935-39 to keep their wardrobes abreast of their needs. And in 1947 they spent about 50 per cent more for clothes than in 1943.

Housewives looking for a bargain in the grocery store should reach down deep into the frozen food lockers, it was said. There they will find frozen peas at moderate prices. Storage holdings of peas are at record levels, due to the large pack and the heavy carry-over from 1946. Prices in some areas have declined.

The Agriculture Department also found that as an average citizen you ate 85 pounds of sugar in 1945, 73 pounds in 1947, and when sugar rationing was abandoned you consumed considerably more, a total of 96 pounds. This year it is expected that 100 pounds per individual will be consumed.

The agriculture department also points out that another item to fit your purse-capacity is honey. Prices are 25 to 30 per cent below those of six months ago. The production workers in the beehives have been busy as ever but demand has declined somewhat due to the larger supplies of sugar and syrups.

FARM FACTS WORTH KNOWING

Q. How much water do laying hens need?

A. Laying hens should have about a quart of water for each pound of feed consumed. This is about six to seven gallons per 100 birds per day. Since the eggs a hen lays contain about 65 per cent water, it is important that sufficient water be given to laying hens. During the winter months be sure the water given your birds is not icy, as they will not drink sufficient quantities of icy water to keep production at a high level.

Q. What is the best way to remove horns from two-year old heifers?

A. Actually it is better to dehorn dairy cattle when they are very young. At the Ralston Purina research farm a dehorning paste is applied to the horn buttons when calves are just a few days old. The action of the paste kills the horn, leaving the head smooth, and the while operation is done with a minimum of pain to the animal.

With mature animals, the only successful way to dehorn is to have a qualified person cut the horns off with a set of dehorning shears. This will cause bleeding, and a heavy vaseline type of salve should be applied immediately after the horns are removed. We suggest that a qualified vererinarian be called in to do this dehorning.

Q. Is it more profitable to market hogs at 225 pounds than at 300 or more pounds?

A. Yes, high grain prices are forcing pork producers to sell at lighter weights than usual. Iowa State College has released figures showing that for a farmer to "break even" on hogs under the present conditions a 200 lb. hog would have to sell at $21.75 per hundred, a 300 lb hog at $22.90 per hundred, and a 400 lb. hog at $24.20 per hundred. Moreover, in hogs weighing less than 225 lbs. there is little waste in excessively fat cuts, the meat cures out evenly, and a more palatable product is obtained.

Send your questions about livestock or poultry problems to FARM FACTS, 835 South Eighth Street, St. Louis 2, Missouri. Questions will be answered without charge, either by mail or in this column as a service of this newspaper.

Illinois' Historian

DR. PAUL M. ANGLE

Did you know that Illinois was the scene of the World's first automobile race? The contest was held on a road between Chicago and Waukegan in 1893.

Did you know that the first coal discovered in the United States was found in Illinois? Father Hennepin, French missionary and explorer, discovered the black gold along the Illinois River in 1679.

Or, did you know that the first ferris wheel was used at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, in 1893?

These facts are part of the colorful history of Illinois told in the 1947 World Book Encyclopedia by Dr Paul M Angle, Director of the Chicago Historical Society.

The publishers of the World Book some time ago discarded the idea that an encyclopedia must be tedious and dull to read because it deals with facts. Dr Angle's accurate, clear and readable article on Illinois has been hailed by educators as an excellent source of information for both young and old.

The author was born in Mansfield, Ohio, where he attended the public schools. Besides maintaining a healthy scholastic average, Paul Angle captained the football team, and also played football at Oberlin College and Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Paul Angle entered the business world at the age of ten, as a part-time clerk in his father's grocery store. During the summer vacations of his college years he worked as an iceman, and after graduation, as a life insurance salesman and textbook salesman.

In 1922, he obtained an A.B. degree from Miami University, in 1924 he obtained an A.M. degree from the University of Illinois, and in 1941 was awarded a Litt. D. from Augustana College. In 1944 he was awarded the degree of LL.D. from Knox College, and in 1947, the degree of D.H.L. from Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois.

In 1925, Dr. Angle joined the Lincoln Centennial Association (now the Abraham Lincoln Association) in Springfield, Illinois, which he served as executive secretary until 1932, when he became librarian of the Illinois State Historical Library. Since July 1, 1945, he has served as Director of the Chicago Historical Society.

Dr. Angle is the author of many books, including *Lincoln 1854 to 1861*, *Here I Have Lived—A History of Lincoln's Springfield*, *Handbook of Illinois History* (with Richard L. Beyer), *Mary Lincoln, Wife and Widow* (with Carl Sandburg), *A Shelf of Lincoln Books*, and *The Lincoln Reader* (A Book-of-the-Month Club selection).

Farm Building Course to Be Given

(Special)

URBANA — Enrollment is under way for the Rural Builders' Short Course at the University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Urbana, Feb. 2-6. The course is open to carpenters, contractors and service men who do rural building. Prof. D. G. Carter, in charge, urges interested builders to attend the course.

"The rural builder is a most important individual when it comes to farm improvements," Prof. Carter stated. "He is called upon to help locate new buildings, advise on construction materials and fit standard plans to the farmer's situation."

The short course is arranged to deal with the problems of planning better farm buildings and to get up to date on new ideas about construction methods and selection of materials.

Youths to Be Shown How to Get Started In Farm Business

URBANA — Illinois young people interested in a career in farming or homemaking will have an opportunity to learn more about these important activities during the University of Illinois College of Agriculture's 47th Annual Farm and Home Week program to be held in Urbana Feb. 9 to 13.

"Getting Started in Farming and Homemaking" is a big subject to cover in a half-day program, but the Departments of Agricultural Economics and Home Economics are planning a program that will answer many of the questions facing young people

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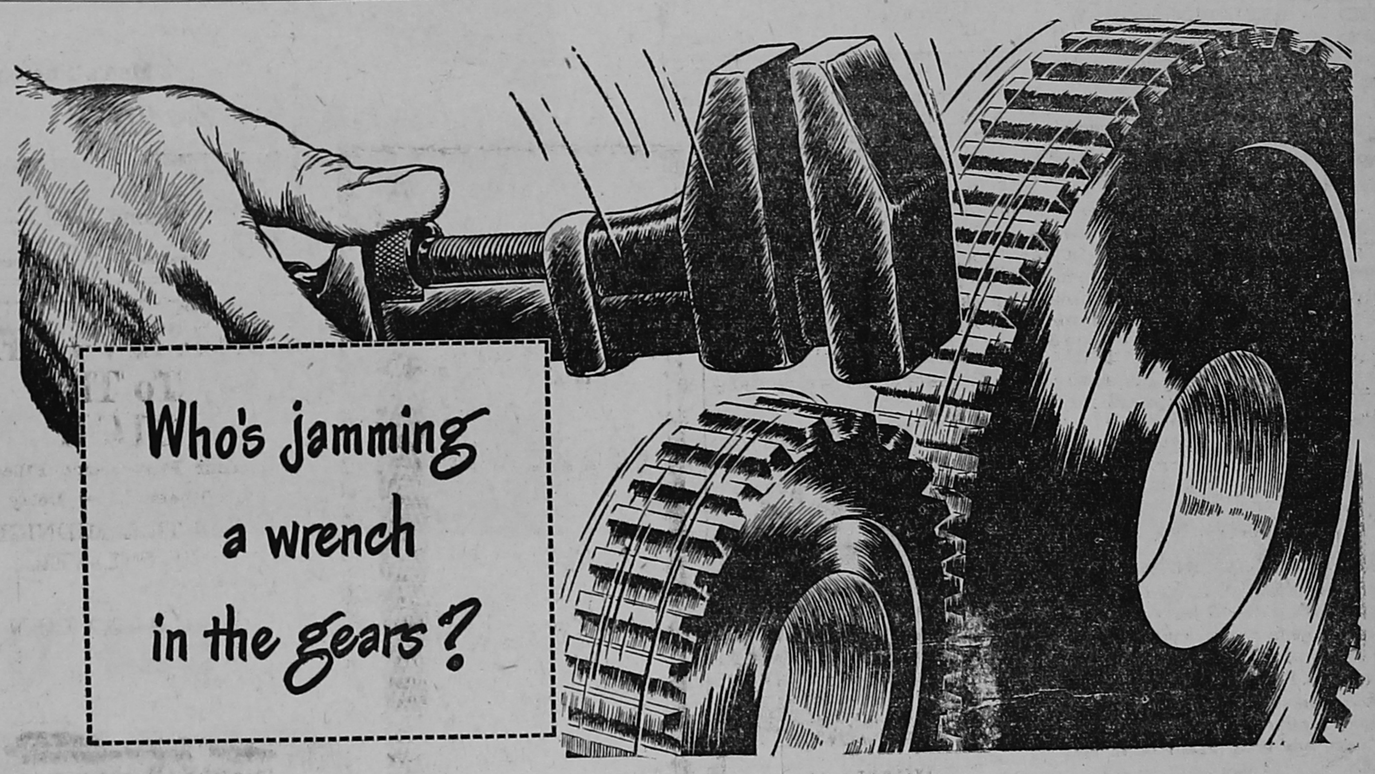

3 Unions Block Labor Peace—Refuse Wage Boost Already Accepted by 19 Other Railroad Unions!

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Switchmen's Union of North America, representing 125,000 railroad employes, have refused to accept the offer of the Railroads of a wage increase of 15½ cents an hour.

This is the same increase awarded 1,000,000 non-operating employes by an arbitration board in September, 1947.

This is the same increase accepted by 175,000 conductors, trainmen and switchmen by agreement on November 14, 1947.

Agreements have been made with 1,175,000 employes, represented by nineteen unions. But these three unions, representing only 125,000 men, are trying to get more. They are demanding also many new working rules not embraced in the settlement with the conductors and trainmen.

Incidentally, the Switchmen's Union of North America represents only about 7% of all railroad switchmen, the other 93% being represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and covered by the settlement with that union.

Strike Threat

The leaders of these three unions spread a strike ballot while negotiations were still in progress. This is not a secret vote but is taken by union leaders and votes are signed by the employes in the presence of union representatives.

When direct negotiations failed, the leaders of these three unions refused to join the railroads in asking the National Mediation Board to attempt to settle the dispute, but the Board took jurisdiction at the request of the carriers and has been earnestly attempting since November 24, 1947, to bring about a settlement. The Board on January 15, 1948, announced its inability to reach a mediation settlement. The leaders of the unions rejected the request of the Mediation Board to arbitrate. The railroads accepted.

What Now?

The Unions having refused to arbitrate, the Railway Labor Act provides for the appointment of a fact-finding board by the President.

The railroads feel it is due shippers, passengers, employes, stockholders, and the general public to know that throughout these negotiations and in mediation, they have not only exerted every effort to reach a fair and reasonable settlement, but they have also met every requirement of the Railway Labor Act respecting the negotiation, mediation, and arbitration of labor disputes.

It seems unthinkable that these three unions, representing less than 10 per cent of railroad employes, and those among the highest paid, can successfully maintain the threat of a paralyzing strike against the interest of the entire country—and against 90 per cent of their fellow employes.

The threat of a strike cannot justify granting more favorable conditions to 125,000 employes than have already been put in effect for 1,175,000, nor will it alter the opposition of the railroads to unwarranted wage increases or to changes in working rules which are not justified.

A glance at the box shows what employes represented by the Engineers and Firemen make. They are among the highest paid in the ranks of labor in the United States, if not the highest.

Compare these wages with what you make!

Here is a comparison of average annual earnings of engineers and firemen for 1939 (prewar) and 1947. Also shown is what 1947 earnings would have been if the 15½ cents per hour increase, offered by the railroads and rejected by the union leaders, had been in effect throughout the entire year 1947.

Type of Employe	1939 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings with 15½ Cents per Hour Added
ENGINEERS			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	$3,966	$6,126	$6,757
Road Passenger	3,632	5,399	6,025
Road Freight (Through)	3,147	4,684	5,169
Yard	2,749	4,081	4,539
FIREMEN			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	2,738	4,683	5,268
Road Passenger	2,732	4,544	5,165
Road Freight (Through)	2,069	3,460	3,891
Yard	1,962	3,136	3,553

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This is the second in a series of columns on the story behind your tax bill. Clip these columns until you have the complete story. A third article will follow.

Since the passage of the 100 per cent assessment laws in 1945, the lack of uniformity between counties has been substantially eliminated.

The Illinois State Department of Revenue makes a study in each county, comparing the prices at which individual properties have been sold with the values at which those individual properties have been assessed, and arrives at a county-wide average or ratio. For example, if a property has sold for $10,000 and was assessed at $2,500, then the ratio of assessed value to 100 per cent value on this property is 25 per cent. If the State Department of Revenue found this to be true on the average, then it would certify to the county clerk that the assessment ratio for the county was 25 per cent and would direct the county clerk to multiply the assessed value of every piece of real and personal property by four to raise the average assessment in the county to 100 per cent of full, fair cash value. (This simplified example gives the basic story, although the actual process by which the multiplier for your county is determined is more complicated. Details will be sent to anyone interested on request).

Average Ratio Compiled

If three different properties in a county actually sold for $10,000 each, and were assessed by different assessors at $3,500, $2,500 and $1,500, the average would still be $2,500, the multiplier would still be 4 and the 100 per cent valuations on these three properties would be $14,000, $10,000, and $6000, respectively.

The tax burden would be different on each of these properties, although the properties were identical in value in fact. However, this lack of uniformity in valuation, and the resulting inequalities of tax burden, resulted from the process of local assessment and the failure of the Board of Review to equalize valuations. Since the multiplier applied to each property was the same, raising values to so-called 100 per cent did not change the already existing inequality in any way.

Inequalities Shown

Despite the fact that the multiplier is determined by the State Department of Revenue by comparing prices at which real estate was sold with locally assessed valuations placed on that real estate, the assessed value of your personal property is multiplied by that same multiplier also.

If your personal property as of April 1 is locally assessed at a greater percentage of full value than real estate is locally assessed, then you will pay more tax than you should on your personal property.

For example, assume you own a farm worth $10,000 and the value of your personal property — farm machinery, corn in the crib, etc. — on April 1 was also $10,000. Assume the farm was assessed at $2,500 and the personal property at $5,000, that the State Department of Revenue found the ratio of assessed value to prices paid for real estate in your county was 25 per cent on the average and therefore directed your county clerk to multiply all assessed values by four.

The valuations on which you would pay taxes, unless you had your personal property assessment corrected by the Board of Review, would then be $10,000 for your farm and $20,000 for your personal property. You would be paying taxes on $20,000 worth of personal property that in fact was only worth $10,000.

Taxpayer May Protest

The State Department of Revenue has no power to change any individual assessments within a county. The remedy of the individual taxpayer is to determine from the published assessment lists whether his property has been assessed on a fair basis compared to other similar properties in the same area and, if not, to try to get the assessment corrected by the Board of Review. If the Board of Review refuses to correct the assessment, then the taxpayer has final recourse to the courts through payment of taxes under protest.

The multiplier that has been certified by the Department of Revenue to the county clerk of Vermilion county to be applied this year to your assessed value to raise that value to 100 per cent is 3.8462.

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