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In two weeks the Lenten season will start — the season for spiritual meditation. Instead of that, however, we, in Illinois, have electtion issues, politics, straw votes, political arguments, sample ballots, speeches, discussions, controversy.

A number of citizens in this vicinity have reported seeing robins in the last few days. They are here now in fair numbers. It is surprising to many that a number of robins, cardinals and even some blue jays winter here. Some of those you see now are the winter residents, just getting out and scurrying for the late-winter food. A few, however, are arriving from the South. The robins normally complete their migration here about the second week of March, usually all of them arriving by March 15. Blue jays ordinarily begin arriving here the last few days of February and the first few days of March. Some have already arrived. In about two or three weeks you will hear the clear whistle of the meadow larks. They are nearly always here by St. Patrick's Day.

Lawrence Gaughran is not in the habit of attending cowboy movies very often, but he does know what's going on, so that when Gene Autry pulled up at one of his gasoline pumps several days ago in a high-powered car, with several of his professional staff with him, and also some of his equipment, Lawrence recognized the cowboy singer at once. Autry reported that he was on his way from Chicago to Indianapolis for a stage appearance. Just another one of the celebrities that occasionally are seen on the streets of Westville, mingling and rubbing elbows with our own local "big shots."

One of the pleasant events of the winter season was the recent Ladies Night banquet of the Westville Lions Club, served by the Mothers Club of St. Mary's Church in St. Hary's Hall. Girls of the parish assisted in the serving. President Ore Vacketta was a most successful and capable toastmaster. The main speaker, Rev. C. B. Motsett, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Danville, gave a fine patriotic address on "How Proud We Are to Be Americans." He related some of his experiences in foreign countries to show the advantages of the American way of life. He was the guest of Rev. J. L. Seisel of St. Mary's who gave the invocation. Introductions followed. About 70 were present, including club members from Danville and Georgetown. Group singing was led by L. J. Courtney. The feminine guests were presented with valentines and carnations. The team of Van Dyke and Boyd, the pantomine artists of Bismarck, gave fine entertainment. The committee included Joe Smith, J. Frank Haworth, Dennis Clingan, Cyril Urbas, Angelo Imbernino and Al Galan.

My Kinsfolk

Like before, I sed my fam'ly
Ain't so brainy as a lot,
My Uncle Mort's no genius,
A good deal he's forgot;
He couldn't claim to be
The smartest guy that ever growed
On any fam'ly tree.

Once when he was roamin'
Thru the wild & wooly west,
And hailed into court, acquirin'
A horse by some strange behest,
With folks back home inquirin'
"How come yuh didn't hang?"
'Twasn't Mort's face 'at got red,
He just allowed in nasal twang,
"The jury hung instead!"

—Ez Pash.

Maybe a dollar won't go as far these days, but it gets there a lot faster . . . "If you ever see an editor who pleases everybody, he will be neither sitting nor standing, and there will be a lot of flowers around him."

It is reported to us by W. C. that a burlesque theater in Los Angeles bills its star strip tease "artist" as "a divestment danseuse."

Our Clean Story Club — A business college advertised as follows: Short course in Accounting for women."

The next day a note reached the school's president. It read: "There is NO accounting for women."

Why editors leave town: From a Utah paper — Salesman Wanted: Must be able to put up a $500 blond . . . From the Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont — The operator of the log truck, who was charged with careless driving, crashed into Dr. A.'s rear end which was sticking out into the road.

Ottino Is Candidate For Supervisor on Independent Ticket

Petitions Are Out For Third Party

Petitions were circulated early this week by friends of Joseph Ottino, Westville, for his nomination as Georgetown township supervisor on the Independent ticket. Mr. Ottino, a Republican worker, is a candidate alone on the Independent ticket, as he is not asking his friends to round out a full slate of nominees for this ticket.

Mr. Ottino's petitions were being circulated in Georgetown, Westville, Belgium and in rural areas of the township. and, it is understood, will be filed shortly.

Democratic Ticket Listed

Julius (Junebug) Szilagyi of Westville heads the Democratic ticket for township supervisor. He was nominated at the Feb. 17 caucus of the party held in the Georgetown City Hall. He has been one of the most active of the young party workers.

Dick Holmes of Georgetown, who is completing a successful term as township clerk, was renominated for that position in the coming township election.

Nominated for township assessor was Mrs. Flossie Golcynski, widow of Joseph Golcynski, a precinct committeeman and a party worker for many years.

Nominations for justices of the peace were: M. J. Brookshier, Georgetown; and Pete Revello, Alexandria Guiliani and Charles Rimkus, Westville.

The precinct committeemen were given the authority of the caucus to fill any vacancies that may occur in the ticket.

Body of Pfc. Kotcher Being Returned From South Pacific

Included among 12 bodies of service men of this area which arrived this week in San Francisco, Calif., aboard the U. S. S. Army Transport Dalton Victory, was that of Pfc. Joseph Kotcher of the Air Force of Westville. He was the son of Mrs. Ann Kotcher.

It is expected the shipment here will not be for several weeks. The Chicago Quartermaster depot will have charge of the remains, and shipment here will be accompanied by an Air Force escort.

Temporary interment had been made in the South Pacific area. Pfc. Kotcher was killed in an air crash while with a bomber squadron in Australia on April 22, 1942.

He enlisted in the air force Aug. 23, 1940, enrolling at Chanute Field for a course in aviation mechanics. After graduation, he was sent to Langley Field, Va. When war was declared, he was transferred to Hickman Field, Hawaii, for patrol duty and later was sent to Australia.

He was born Nov. 7, 1919, in Westville, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kotcher. He attended the Westville elementary schools, and also attended Georgetown High School before entering the service.

Local Checker Players Are Asked to Be at State Tourney

Friends of Mrs. Elta Byrd planned a surprise birthday party for her Feb. 15 at Blayney's Drug Store. Among her gifts were a dozen red roses, two large birthday cakes and four bricks of ice cream. Anyone who was lucky enough to be there about 2 p. m. was liberally served with a large piece of cake and ice cream, and all wished her many more birthdays. One large cake carried 10 candles. Now, figure out her age!

Models Blood Bank Project On Westville Club's Plan

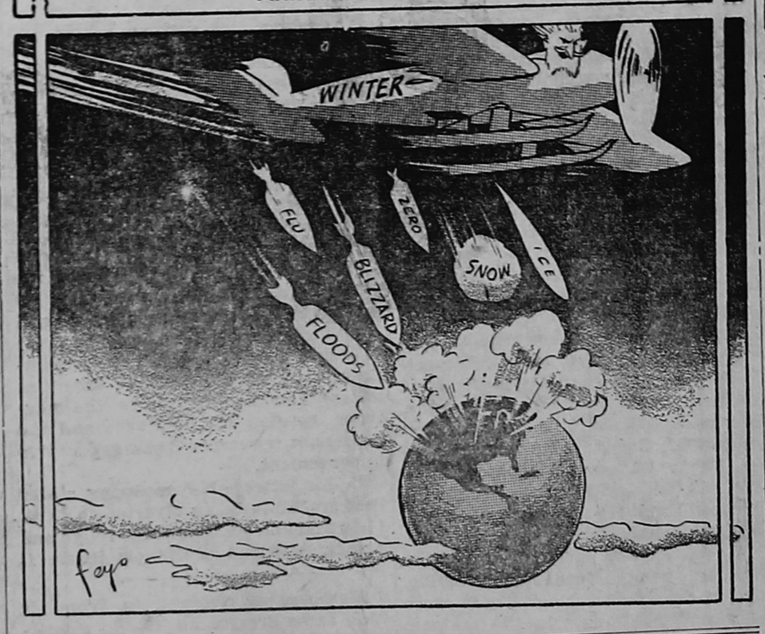
A total of 31 members of the Lions Club started a blood bank register Monday evening at the regular meeting in Snook's Cafe. President Carroll Crawford of the club had arranged for several members of the technical staff of the Elks Blood Bank of Danville to be present to type the blood of all members present for the club roster in the Blood Bank files.

Miss Lena Jacobson, technical director of the Elks Blood Bank, addressed the club. She was assisted in blood-typing the club members present by Miss Helen Hamm and Miss Norma Chamness of the Blood Bank staff. It is hoped to get the blood type of all members of the club, which now total nearly 90.

Joe Ottino of the Westville Lions Club gave the Georgetown club considerable information and assistance in its Blood Bank Project. The Westville club has been registered at the Blood Bank for about two years.

Augustana Choir of Rock Island to give concert in Danville High School auditorium Tuesday evening, April 5.

Annual Bombardment



Cafeteria Supper Sunday Evening

A cafeteria-style supper for the benefit of Ss. Peter and Paul Church will be given in the parish hall Sunday evening, Feb. 27, beginning at 6 p. m.

Working in conjunction to make the event one of the year's outstanding successes are three organizations, Ss. Peter and Paul Rosary Society, Moteru Sajunga Lodge and the Westville Citizens' Club. They are being aided by Westville business men.

Lithuanian-style home cooked foods will be featured at the supper which will be followed by an evening of dancing. The public is cordially invited to attend.

VFW Auxiliary Plans Second Party

A meeting of the VFW Auxiliary was held at Redmen Hall Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Chester Craft presiding. Plans were discussed for the next public bunco and euchre party, the second in a series of benefit parties sponsored by the auxiliary. Date of the party will be announced in the near future.

Benefit Dance Will Be Held for Public Library Fund

A benefit dance will be held at the former Legion Hall Sunday evening, Feb. 27, proceeds to be used for the Westville Library Fund for the proposed new library building.

It is hoped that sufficient funds will be raised through various projects to begin building early this spring. Music for the dance will be furnished by members of the Musicians' Local. The public is urged to attend.

Daughters of Isabella to Give $50 Award to Senior Girl

Daughters of Isabella have announced that each year they will give a $50 Isabella award to the outstanding girl in the Schlarman High School senior class. She will be judged by her own class for scholarship, character and personality.

John Lary, 64, Old Resident Here, Is Taken by Death

Funeral services for John Lary, 64, of 223 Jefferson St., Westville were held at St. Mary's Church Saturday, the Rev. J. L. Seisel officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, Monday, Feb. 21.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mary Stoyke in Czechoslovakia, Mrs. Julia Mazrum, Detroit, and Mrs. Christine Ringwalt, Dearborn, Mich.; and a brother, George Lary, Westville.

Mr. Lary had been a resident of Westville for many years. He came here in 1921 from Austria-Hungary, where he was born May 12, 1884. He was married in Europe to Ellen Pelyak, who preceded him in death.

Guiliana Is Named For Highway Work

David Guiliani of Westville has been named superintendent of highway maintenance, in charge of the State Highway Division truck, operating out of Westville. This is in the Danville district.

The appointment was made at Springfield. He was recommended to the State Highway Division and to Gov. Stevenson by the state Democratic patronage committee.

Glenn Patterson, alderman from the First Ward in Georgetown, was named highway maintenance chief from the Georgetown-Indianola area in District 5, under supervision of the Paris office of the State Highway Division.

Congregational Church Notes

Rev. C. R. Dierlamm, Minister

The more you know about all religions, and there are many kinds in the world, the broader minded you will become. Only those folks who think about one church, are liable to think that all other religions are on the wrong track. Newspapers in recent days have been very liberal in granting space for devotional and religious inspiration. Years ago, it was a very rare thing to find religious expression on the front page. The church of a united characted is the coming church. Read all you can about the good that other churches teach and you will be the kind of a person people will like to talk to. By all means read the Holy Bible, attend Sunday School and listen to sermons and love God with all your mind, and you will find peace and happiness.

. . . Showers . . .

A stork shower was held in honor of Mrs. Lea Erickson, W. Main St., last week with 20 guests present. The evening was spent in bunco, with prizes won by Miss Marguerite Champion, first; Mrs. Jay Hible, second; Miss Leona Payne, third; and Mrs. Marie Fauquenbergue, fourth. Refreshments were served following the game by hostesses Mrs. Nora Hible, State Line, Ind., and Mrs. Juliete Schonians, mother of the guest of honor.

Mrs. Erickson received many lovely gifts. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Charles Erickson, Mrs. Peggy Galyen and Mrs. Beulah Pataki, Georgetown, and Miss Payne, Danville.

Am-Vets Auxiliary Installs Officers

The Am-Vets Auxiliary Unit 146, Georgetown, held installation for new officers Wednesday night, Feb. 9, for the year 1949. Commander John A. Norris of the Am-Vets Post conducted the ceremonies.

The officers are: President, Florence Norris; vice-president, Helen Patterson; treasurer, Mary Holaday; secretary, Barbara Asquith; historian, Myrtle Jenkins; liaison officer, Beulah Holstine; sergeant-at-arms, Ruth Hoggatt; chaplain, Ruth Smith.

After the installation of officers, the Auxiliary girls went to Ridgefarm for a delicious fried chicken supper at the Star Lite Inn.

On Am-Vets Club night Friday, Feb. 11, the Auxiliary served hot dog sandwiches. The evening was spent in conducting a quiz show and euchre games.

District Speech Contest to Be Held In Georgetown

More than 100 students will compete in the State District speech contest to be held at Georgetown High School Saturday, Feb. 26. The individual events — verse reading, serious reading, oratorical declamation, extempore speaking, comedy reading and original oration — will be from 9 a. m. until noon. Starting at 1 p. m., seven one-act plays will be given.

The 15 schools from the surrounding territory competing are Armstrong, Bismarck, Catlin, East Lynn, Indianola, Georgetown, Henning, Hoopeston, Oakwood, Potomac, Rankin, Ridgefarm, Rossville, Sidell and Westville.

Annual meeting of Vermilion County Livestock Marketing Association at 6:30 Thursday evening, Lincoln Methodist Church, Danville.

Coming Events

Date, Place

Pocahontas Lodge will sponsor a benefit bunco and euchre party to be held at Redmen Hall Wednesday evening, March 2, the third in a series of parties. The public is invited to attend.

Am-Vets Club Night, Friday, Feb. 25; Am-Vets and guests; plenty of entertainment and prizes. Am-Vets club rooms, Georgetown.

Westville High School Alumni Association meets at 7:30 Friday evening, City Hall; plans to be made for annual Senior-Alumni banquet.

Lithuanian Citizens Club meets Sunday afternoon at City Hall.

Slovak Political Club to have membership and guest party at 7:30 Saturday evening, St. Procopius Hall; members and families and guests to be present; refreshments will be served; President Joseph Haluska will be in charge.

Cafeteria-style supper at Ss. Peter and Paul parish house Sunday evening, Feb. 27, beginning at 6 o'clock.

Benefit dance for Public Library building fund Sunday evening, Feb. 27, in former Legion Hall.

Purebred cattle sale, Shorthorns and Polled Shorthorns, 12:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 1, at Robert Almy farm, by Vermilion County Shorthorn Breeders Association.

District speech contest at Georgetown High School Saturday, Feb. 26; about 100 students will compete.

Westville Briefs . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nier have moved to a home they recently purchased on N. State St.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sanders moved this week from E. Clingan Lane Road to a home they recently purchased east of Georgetown. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chandler of Georgetown Rt. 1 have moved to the former Sanders residence.

Recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Attan, S. State St., were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Alexander of Cayuga, Ind., Mrs. Glen Rucker, Georgetown, and Mrs. O. Howerton, Westville.

Mrs. Barbara Vacketta, S. State St., entertained members of the Five Hundred Club last week, when prizes were won by Mrs. Anna Dugas, first and Mrs. Florence Haluska, second. Refreshments were served following the games. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Angelo Cimo.

Sgt. and Mrs. Gene Funk and family of Rantoul were weekend visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beresford, N. State St. Mr. Beresford returned to his home following a week's visit with Sgt. and Mrs. Funk.

Mrs. Dollie Snapp entertained the Social Circle Club at her home last week with 10 members present. Dinner was served at noon with a large bouquet of red rosebuds forming the centerpiece for the table. The meal was followed by a social afternoon.

Mrs. Dicie Hill was a Sunday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Snapp Sr.

Miss Anna Baleikas of Chicago is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Anna Baleikas, South St.

Mrs. George Carp is ill at her home on W. Main St.

Mrs. Hattie Bishop is improved at her home on Bridgett St.

Jim Underwood, Midway, was a Sunday caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hensley, Bridgett St.

Mrs. Arminda Gull of Lafayette, Ind., visited relatives and friends in Westville Sunday.

A benefit movie sponsored by Edison School Girl Scouts and Brownies was held at the State Theater Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Mrs. Mary Cruppenink, Scout leader, has announced that the Scouts will also sponsor a scrap paper drive in March.

Miss Helen Redulis was a weekend visitor in Chicago.

Mrs. Emma Possolt, West St., is on a three months' visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crew, Lewisburg, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Trucano are vacationing in Florida. Mrs. Marcel Derudder and August Lesko Jr. are in charge of the Trucano Hardware Store during their absence.

Andy Kaluza, S. State St., received treatment for a cut left index finger at St. Elizabeth Hospital last week received when he fell while delivering groceries. Dr. J. E. Urbas was in attendance.

Leo Burdzeus, Williams St., is improving at his home following a recent illnes..

Mrs. Arthur Richir of Chicago visited her daughter, Mrs. Florine Ottino, over the weekend.

Bob Vantrepotte of the U. S. Navy recently participated in the Atlantic search for the crew of a missing B-29, which was lost on a flight from South Arica to England. Seaman Vantrepotte is serving on the USS Gyatt, a destroyer.

ATTEND PERFORMANCE

Among those from Westville in attendance at the Ballet Variante, presented by Mia Slavenska and her company of 10 artists at the Danville High School Auditorium Wednesday evening were the Misses Jessie and Phyllis Carp, Mrs. Lois Carp and Mrs. Saul Lipton.

Deadline June 30 For Vets to File State Bonus Papers

Several Thousand Have Failed to Apply

Illinois veterans of World War II and next-of-kin of deceased World War II veterans who have failed to file for the state bonus are being warned that the deadline for filing for this benefit is June 30 of this year.

This warning is from the Illinois Veterans Commission, which points out that several thousand World War II veterans now residing in the state, and others residing outside of the state, have failed to file for the state bonus.

Those eligible to receive the state bonus must have been a resident of Illinois at the time of entry into service; must have served in active duty at any time between Sept. 16, 1940, and Sept. 3, 1945, and must have been honorably separated from the service. Payment is made at the rate of $10 for each month of domestic service and $15 for each month of foreign service. Next-of-kin of those killed in service are receiving a flat payment of $900.

Those eligible who have not filed are urged to do so immediately.

Service officers of the Illinois Veterans Commission will assist any eligible person to make application for the state bonus. The service office in Vermilion county is located at 517 Temple building in Danville.

Funeral Thursday For P. Frankiewicz; Resident 40 Years

Funeral services for Peter (Franklin) Frankiewicz, 82, who had been a resident of Westville for about 40 years, were at 10 a. m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in St. Procopius Church. The Rev. F. Jasiek officiated. Burial was in Ss. Peter and Paul cemetery, Urbas Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Frankiewicz died Saturday night, Feb. 19, in a Chicago hospital after an illness of about seven years.

He is survived by a son, Joe Franklin, night chief of police of Westville; three daughters, Mrs. Josephine Mako, Mrs. Hariett Kurrek and Mrs. Marie Mastele, all of Chicago; two brothers, George and Frank, Chicago; and nine grandchildren.

He was born May 16, 1886, in Poland, and came here in 1898. He had been a coal miner in this vicinity for many years.

Bee Line to Run Buses to Newman

Danville-Newman Route Is Announced

The Bee Line Transit Corp. of Danville announced plans this week to provide bus service between Newman and Danville on a trial basis, with stops at Catlin, Fairmount, Allerton and Sidell.

Beginning Wednesday, the Bee Line plans to operate a "Shoppers' Special" on the Newman-Danville route. There will be no service on Sunday, the buses operating only on Monday through Saturday.

The bus will leave Newman at 7:22 a. m. and arrive in Danville at 8:25 a. m. On the return trip, the bus will leave Danville at 5:20 p. m. and arrive in Newman at 6:35, as announced by Dominick Giacoma, president of the Bee Line.



Mrs. Josephine Rimshas has received word that her cousin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paule, Veedersburg, Ind., are the parents of a daughter born in a Danville hospital Monday, Feb. 21. This is their second child. The mother is a former Westville resident.

Westville Members Attend Former Phone Workers' Banquet

Attending the annual winter banquet for members of the Former Telephone Operators Association in the ballroom of the Elks Club, Danville, recently were Mesdames Gladys Hardy, Kate Sneyd, Jennie Brenna Famie Shaw, Lavella Wiesman a Lillie Flora. The banquet was keeping with the valentine seas and was highlighted with special tertainment by Johnny Lawrence his piano selections. Following business session, games were enjo The next social event will be annual picnic for members the Thursday in August.

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WOLFF - OMAHEN

Miss Mary Omahen, daughter of Mrs. Rose Omahen, Hegeler, became the bride of William Wolff, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wolff of Georgetown on Saturday at St. Mary's Church. The Rev. J. L. Seisel performed the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Esther Karushis, church organist, played bridal airs preceding the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Edward Omahen of Chicago. Attendants were Mrs. Frances Morris of Danville, sister of the bride, matron of honor; Joe Balskus, Georgetown, best man; and ushers, Earl Weathers, Georgetown, and Stanley Omahen.

The bride wore a white satin gown with Chantilly lace trim, its colonial neckline outlined with seed pearls, and the gown with a full skirt en train. Her veil, which was edged with lace, fell from a matching tiara. She carried a corsage of orchids arranged on a white prayer book. The matron of honor wore a sky blue gown and carried a bouquet of pink carnations, yellow jonquils and blue delphinium.

A wedding breakfast for the bridal party and immediate relatives was held at the Hotel Wolford. The couple left on a wedding trip. The bride is a graduate of Westville High School and Lake View Hospital School of Nursing. The bridegroom, a veteran of World War II, is employed at the Hyster Co., Danville.

The young couple will make their home in Georgetown.

New Boy Scout Troop Committee Is Organized

At a reorganization meeting for the Troop Committee of Boy Scout Troop 34, held Monday evening in the Westville Congregational Church, David Guiliani was named chairman. Other members of the committee are Juan Pedigo, public relations; Adhemar Finet, advancement chairman; Cyril Urbas, camping and activities; and Joe Foyer, finance chairman.

The meeting was called to order by Scoutmaster Robert Menestrina. Among the others present were James Rippon, Don Palmer, Frank Libert, Scout commissioner, Rev. C. R. Dierlamm, Leslie Clark, Mose Dudley and Kenneth Revello, patrol leader.

Brief talks were given by Rev. Dierlamm and Mrs. Libert.

Friends Remember Anniversary



The accompanying picture of Mr. and Mrs. John Jonikas was taken Sunday, Feb. 6, when they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a dinner and open house. There were 32 present at the family dinner served at noon and about 50 friends called during the afternoon and evening.

The couple received 142 silver dollars, a number of gifts in silver, flowers and more than 100 greeting cards.

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It is sometimes irksome to be contradicted; it is dangerous not to be.
—Bossuet

Scouters' District Meeting Held In Catlin Church

The Little Vermilion District scouters' roundtable held Tuesday evening, Feb. 15, was well attended. E. I. English, Fairmount, disttrict chairman, presided over the session.

The meeting was held in the Methodist Church basement. Attending were: William Fulton, Catlin, Troop 22, committee chairman; Dale Russell, Catlin, scoutmaster; Ed Cheuvront, Troop 26 scoutmaster, Fairmount; William B. McDaniel, Fairmount, senior adviser of Post 26; Bud Kennedy, Olivet, Troop 48 scoutmaster; Harley Mills, Olivet, district vice-chairman; C. E. Spang, Georgetown, institutional representative; Myron C. Walker, Olivet, institutional representative; Phil Burgoyne, Georgetown, district commissioner; Mort Goodwin, Troop 16 committeeman, Georgetown; Robert S. Levis, adviser of Post 22, Catlin; John Klayer, Catlin, Troop 22 committeeman; Glenn Gill, Catlin, neighborhood commissioner; English and Robert Culp, field scout executive.

A model camp fashioned by Wiley Wenger, senior scout of Danville, proved very interesting. There were 23 intentional errors in the makeup of the camp to be sought out by the scouters. A rope board claimed the attention of the groups in the remainder of the instruction period.

Chairman English led the discussions of institutional representatives and commissioners on district operations. Culp headed the discussions of scoutmasters and troop committeemen on camps, camporees and summer camps for the district units.

A scoutmaster training course was planned for late in April to be held at some location in the Little Vermilion district. Troop 22, Catlin, was host to the meeting.

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Spang Asks State Officials To Improve State Route 1

Mayor C. E. Spang of Georgetown has been sending letters to the committees on roads and bridges of the state legislature at Springfield,, to newspaper editors and publishers and to others asking that efforts be made to schedule State Route 1 for improvement this summer. He asks that letters also be written to the govtrnor, speaker of the House and the lieutenant governor asking for this improvement.

In his letters, Mayor Spang states that traffic is being diverted to U. S. 41 in Indiana because of the rough and narrow portions of Illinois Route 1.

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Members of Georgetown Woman's Club came dressed as '49's in attending the February meeting in commemorating the centennial of the Gold Rush at the home of Mrs. Raymon Houghton.

Advertisement



From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

How's Your Listening Time?

Buck Howell and I were in Baleville last week. Dropped in at Bob's diner where some friends were sitting around talking about whether to sell hogs now or wait.

Buck plunges right into the discussion. He's lecturing away when suddenly they all stand up and start stomping their feet like it was an Indian war dance.

I'm flabbergasted. But Buck only looked sheepish and explains, "Guess I was talking again, when I should-of been listening. When a person's *talking* time gets out of line with his *listening* time around here, the gang reminds him by standing up and stomping."

From where I sit, that's a good system. Everyone has a right to his opinions—but others have a right to theirs, too—whether it's deciding between to sell or not to sell, apple pie or cherry pie, or a glass of mellow beer or cider. Life's more interesting that way, and hang it if you don't sometimes learn something!

Joe Marsh

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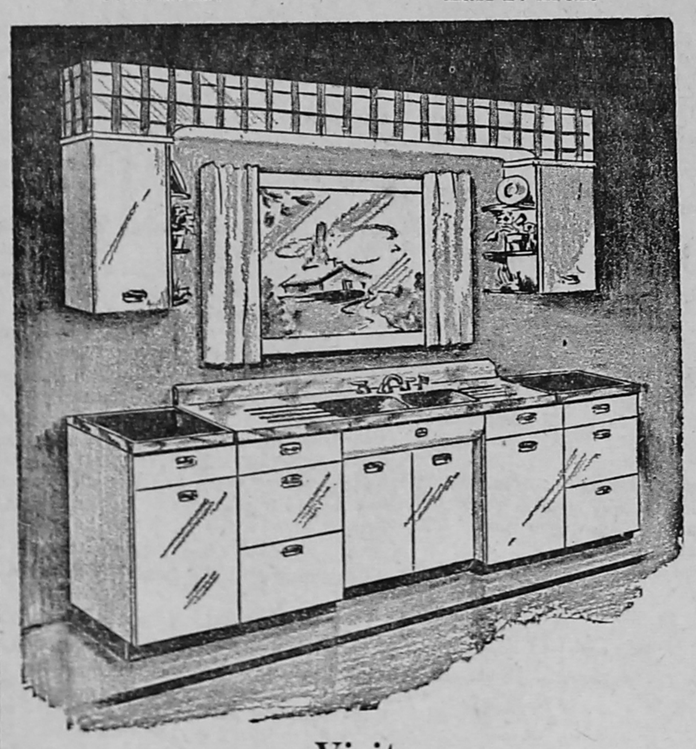
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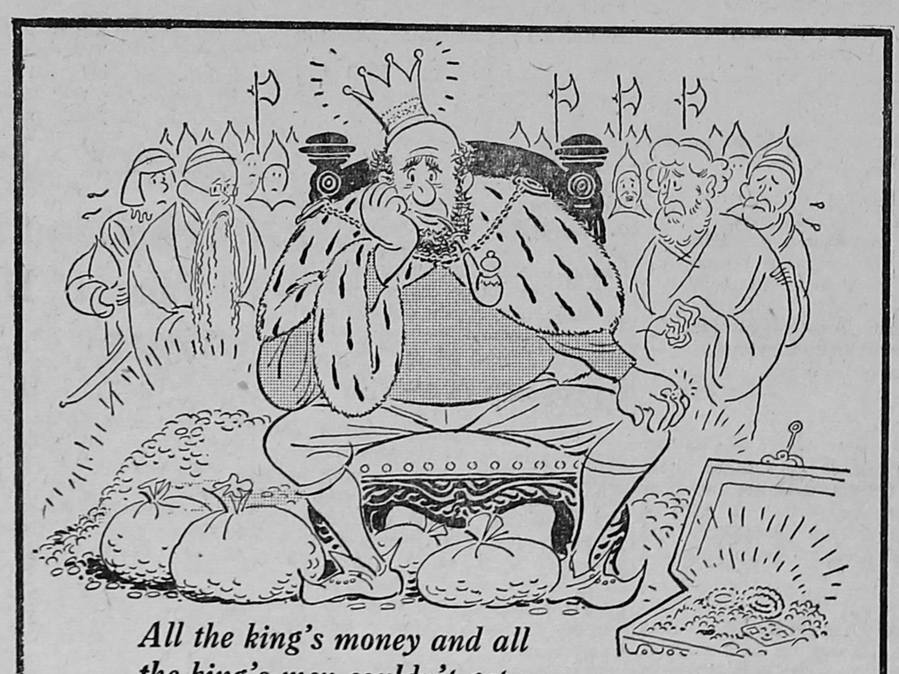
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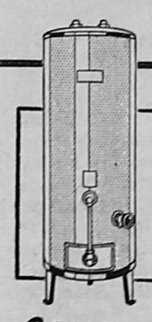


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The Georgetown Junior High School Lightweights defeated Rantoul in the Lightweight sectional basketball finals at Newman Friday night. Although the Georgetown Lightweights won by a 33-23 count, they were pushed all the way by the Rantoul five. Georgetown will meet Forrest, Ill., in the state finals at a site yet to be announced.

C. Warren Driskell, a former Georgetown resident, and son of Mrs. Lillie Ramsey of Georgetown, is a candidate for police magistrate in the city election in Mattoon Tuesday, March 1. Mr. Driskell has been employed in the city police department in Mattoon for several years.

Plans are shaping up rapidly for the Lions Club minstrel show to be given Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 6 and 7. The success and popular reception given last season's minstrel show prompted the organization of another performance for this year.

The proceeds will go to the fund for community recreation and youth activities. Raymon Houghton is chairman of the minstrel show committee.

At a meeting of the Lions Club Monday evening in Snook's Cafe, with President Carroll Crawford in charge some of the members of the cast were chosen. There will be six end men this year, with Leo Gerard as interlocutor. The end men will be: Vernon Murray, Allen (Red) Stephenson, Marion Robinson, Jack Hawkins, Robert Haworth and Harold Haun.

Two additional members were received into the club Monday night. They are Charles Gilkison and Rolly White, the latter having transferred his membership from the Ridgefarm Lions Club. A guest Monday night was Walter F. Malahowski, 319 Stone St., a salesman for General Mills, Inc.

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Illinois TAX FACTS

By George E. Mahin, Executive Secretary Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois

Under the present law the maximum payment to the needy aged, who are 65 or over, is $50 a month from state and federal funds where the need justifies this amount.

Bills have already been introduced in the Illinois General Assembly, with administration support, to take this maximum limit off old age assistance payments, and also to take off the maximum limit on payments for blind assistance. The amounts of such payments will be determined, if these bills pass, only by the needs of the individual cases.

The arguments presented in favor of these bills are as follows:

The amount of state aid to dependent children is determined by needs of the individual cases and there is no arbitrary ceiling fixed by law on the dollar amount of aid that can be provided for a dependent child. The Illinois Public Aid Commission makes an analysis of the cost of living in different areas of Illinois and determines the cost of providing shelter, coal, food, etc. Payments of aid to dependent children are then based on these cost of living studies.

Old Age assistance should be determined the same way. A fixed dollar amount in one area of Illinois will buy more than that amount in another area where living costs are higher. This is unfair to those living in areas of higher costs.

A fixed dollar amount that may have been adequate to meet the needs for shelter, coal, food and other essentials a few years ago is inadequate now. At best, such payments permitted only a bare minimum existence. Now such payments are inadequate.

One fourth of the states already have eliminated statutory limits on the dollar amount of old age assistance payments, and determine the amount of those payments by need only. Illinois should take this same action.

The arguments against these bills will be outlined in the next column.

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Reducing the Accident Rate

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This record indicates progress in safer mining practices, but, of course, safety measures must be continuous in their operation. Th United Mine Workers of America, which has led in the fight for safer mining conditions, sees much of its work bearing fruit. Many of the more progressive mine operators are carrying on intensive educational work for all employes. Improved machinery and mining techniques also contribute to the increased safety measures. A great volume of knowledge exists on the causes of explosions and fires, and it finds a reflection in proven safety rules.

Underground mining always involves special hazards. The constant efforts to minimize them are being rewarded. The miners and the operators are to be commended for their success in reducing the accident rate. There should be a determination to bring it down still farther.

Courtesy in Travel

Asked as to their opinion concerning which form of transportation has the most friendly and most courteous employes, 36 per cent of the persons questioned mentioned airlines in preference to railroads. This was in a survey conducted some months ago by the Association of American Railroads. Only 9 per cent commended the railroads in this regard, 16 per cent saw little or no difference, and 30 per cent expressed no choice.

The public realizes that the railroads are making vigorous efforts to remedy this situation. Many can recall that when railroad transportation led all other forms of transportation, courteous treatment of the ordinary passenger seemed virtually unknown. Curt, smart-aleck ticket-sellers and conductors took much of the joy out of railroad travel a generation ago. It was unusual on a trip of any consequence for a passenger to escape a dressing down, bawling out or sarcasm from some officious railroad employe.

This pattern no doubt had much to do with later preferences for other methods of transportation. A means of travel by private automobile, when courtesy along the way became the rule, rather than the exception, was refreshing to those who had smarted under the insolence encountered in railroad travel. Then came air travel, with special attention to the comfort and courteous treatment of passengers. Railroad passenger travel began to lose prestige to the airplane. Now the trend is the other way. Preference is being shown to railroad travel, with its excellent accomodations and more courteous employes. Insolence on some of the trans-continental bus lines continues, and the bus companies will pay for this in time.

It is gratifying to note that the railroads are making special efforts to remedy a situation that developed unfortunately when railroad transportation was the chief means of overland travel. The railroads still have much to do before they can become self-satisfied with their treatment of the traveling public. But the trend is in the right direction.

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Body of Donald Heidrick, 45, Danville mail carrier, found on Wabash river bottom, near Covington, Ind., Tuesday forenoon; he, with Anton Stine of Danville, had left Heidrick cabin on Wabash last Thursday afternoon to visit a friend when boat capsized; Stine was rescued after being in water three hours.

Frank Annunzio, newly appointed state director of labor in Gov. Stevenson's cabinet, addressed Vermilion County Labor League dinner at Grier-Lincoln Hotel Tuesday night.

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