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Decoration Day was one of those rare, perfect days when Nature is at its best. There were many reunions of old friends who were here for the commencement exercises of the schools and for the holiday. The foliage, freshened by the many May showers, was brilliant in green and the more vivid colors. Floral tributes were on every hand. A day of beauty and quiet festivities at home, more flamboyant on the highways and in the more crowded centers.

Contributors' Corner

"What a world we've popped into," said Ez Pash, as he scanned the front page of his daily paper, noting all the awful things occurring, far and near, such as floods, tornadoes, strikes, jewel robberies, murders, taxhiking and to top it all off, cool weather in May along with heavy downpours of rain. Truly, it seems that "the son of man hath not where to lay his head." "But any kind of weather is better than none," continued Ez and soliloquised that perhaps J. Whitcomb Riley was right after all with his pleasantry on weather:

"Whatever the weather may be—says he
Whatever the weather may be,
It's the songs ye sing
And the smiles ye wear,
That's makin' the sunshine everywhere."

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Lige Peters allows that he gets confused every time he reads of the goings-on in the community called No. 10 in Ver. Co. since No. 10 Downing St. is so frequently in the news and with everything so Europeanized in this country, don't know if he's readin' foreign or domestic items.

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R. Pettis thinks, "If living conditions don't stop improving in this country, we're going to run out of humble beginning for our great men!"

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See where the pickle packers picked a Queen (Martha Collins, L. A., Cal.) in Chicago at the kick-off of the first national Pickle Week and while the queen didn't pick a peck of pickled peppers, ala Peter Piper, for her court, her retinue contained courtiers of curious cognomens, such as—Mr. and Mrs. Dill L. Pickle, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dill, Louis Hamberger, Henry Frankfurter and Mr. and Mrs. John Mustard. O. Cucumber, Catlin, sent regrets.

—Ez Pash.

From one of our younger set: "I don't like dancing at a night club. It is simply lifting one's eyebrows in time to the music."

As Others See Us

We asked a newer resident, who has been here several months, what kind of an impression the community has made on him. His reply: "Fine, friendly folks. Good neighbors. Fine business people, but too many of the local citizens are running out of town to do their shopping. Why don't they all buy at home when they can get the same thing for less money?"

Since Sidell had another young tornado in the storm a week ago Monday afternoon, during which several houses were damaged and tree limbs were scattered over the streets, folks here have been saying: "We'll get it here, too, some of these times. We've been lucky."

Our Clean Story Club—A big movie producer in California some time ago bought a ranch and put up palatial stables, barns and chicken houses. "And do the hens lay eggs?" asked a friend. "Well, they do," admitted the movie monarch. "But, of course, in my position, they don't have to."

Why editors leave town: From a Utah paper—Salesman Wanted: Must be able to put up a $500 blond . . . From the County Bard (N. J.)—She states that she has been writing ever since she was old enough to hold a pen, mostly poetry, with some snort stories . . . From a Virginia paper—Bachelor desires cook, just plain fool, nothing fancy.

. . . Briefs .

Mr. and Mrs. William Moreiko of Chicago spent the weekend at the home of his sister, Mrs. Anna Stockanes and children, Cook St.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Cassidy and family of Peru, Ill., spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. George Slanna, and sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Marraige, E. Main St.

Robert Gillison of Cleveland, O., spent Saturday with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gillison, West St., while enroute to Indianapolis.

Puppy Day sales in Danville, Saturday, totaled about $2,400.

Bids To Be Received For Sale Of Library Building On N. State

Plans For New Structure To Be Ready Soon

Bids will be received June 15 by the Westville Public Library Board for the purchase of the present library building on N. State St. The board has decided to sell the building to the highest bidder, preparatory to the construction of the proposed new library building on the site.

Plans and specifications for the new building are expected to be available soon.

Further details as to the terms of sale and removal of the present building may be obtained from Miss Helen Redulis at the Redulis Insurance Agency, south of the library building.

The library board held an election of officers last Thursday evening. Fred Sneyd was elected chairman of the board, Joseph Ottino, secretary, and Lucian J. Courtney, treasurer. Other members of the board are Miss Redulis, Frank Libert Jr. and Paul A. Somers.

Joseph Sereno, Well Known Builder, Is Taken By Death

Joseph Sereno, 52, one of the best known building contractors in this area, died at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 27, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, where he had been a patient since April 24. The family home was at 502 S. State St., Westville.

Mr. Sereno had made a trip to Italy last fall, returning in February, where he had visited his parents, two sisters and four brothers who live there.

Mr. Sereno had designed and built many attractive residences in this vicinity. He had specialized in the design and construction of homes, many of these residences being in Westville.

He was born in Genoa, Italy, in 1897 and came to the United States after World War I. He was an active member of the Westville Post of the American Legion, the Westville Lions Club and Societa del Mondo.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday in St. Mary's Church, the Rev. J. L. Seisel officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, Danville, the Urbas Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Graveside rites were conducted by the Westville American Legion Post and the Italian Societa del Mondo.

Business Meeting Of Cub Scouts Committee, Parents Is Called

A business meeting for the Cub Scout committee, Den Mothers and parents of Cub Scout Pack 49 will be held at the City Hall on Tuesday evening, June 7, at 7 o'clock. Parents of each Scout and anyone interested are asked to attend. The Pack is in need of more men on the committee, and Den Mothers for Central and McMillan Schools. Bob Culp, field Scout executive, will be a special guest at the meeting. Ed Miller, Scoutmaster, Westville, will preside.

Bus To Be Chartered For Odd Fellows Barbecue

At a recent meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge, plans were made to attend the central area barbecue to be held in Springfield on July 9. A special bus will be chartered for those wishing to attend.

Gene Libert Is Winner Of Bausch & Lomb Award

Announcement is made by Principal Paul W. Thomas of Westville High School that Gene Albert Libert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Libert, Westville Rt. 1, has been selected for the Bausch & Lomb honorary science award. He was a member of the 1949 graduating class.

Winners of this award are eligible to compete for five $2,000 scholarships at the University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y. The rating of the student in science is the chief recommendation for the award, although records in other subjects are considered, as well as qualities of leadership and extra-curricular activities. In addition to his record as a student, Gene has received awards in football, basketball and track. He recently competed in the broad jump in the state track finals at Champaign.

PICNIC HELD AT PARIS

The annual all-school picnic of Westville High School was held last Saturday at Twin Lakes, Paris.

Burr Saunders, Georgetown grocer and accessory dealer, is seriously ill in Lake View Hospital with pernicious anemia; he has had four blood transfusions, donated by Georgetown business men.

Grand Circuit races start at Fairmount Park, Collinsville, Ill., Friday and Saturday nights.

Decoration Day Tributes Are Paid In Ceremonies Here

Honor was paid to those in Westville who gave their lives in the nation's wars in memorial services on Decoration Day, Monday.

Martin Vutrick Post 51 of the American Legion, Ore Vacketta commander, joined by the Girl Scouts, marched to the World War II Memorial in City Park, Monday morning, and paid tribute there. A large wreath was placed at the Honor Roll. They then went to the various cemeteries where graves were decorated with flags and the salute to the dead was given by the firing squad and buglers.

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Memorial Day services were held in the Lithuanian National cemetery, east of Westville, Monday. Low mass was at 9:30 a.m. and at 10 a.m. A requiem high mass was in charge of the Rt. Rev. Z. K. Vipartas, D.D.

Following the high mass, a procession made its way around the cemetery during the singing of the Litany. Sermons were both in the Lithuanian and English languages.

45 Graduated By 3 Grade Schools

District 154 Program Thursday Evening

Graduating exercises of the Westville Community Consolidated School District 154 were held at the Westville Township High School, Thursday, June 2, at 7 p.m. The program was as follows:

Processional, Graduation March, Miss Carmen Peake; invocation, Rev. C. H. Dierlamm; song, "Come Thou Almighty King," class; song, "Cottage Small," Edison sextet; song, "I'm Called Little Buttercup," class; vocal solo, "Far Away Places," Betty Noerenberg; song, "In Old Madrid," class; American Legion awards, Ore Vacketta, Westville Post commander; accordion solo, prelude, Jane Kyger; address, J. Russell Mingee, guidance counselor, Danville Schools; presentation of diplomas, Chris Shaw, presiden, Board of Education; song, "America, the Beautiful," class; recessional, march, Miss Peake.

The 1949 graduates of Central School are: Emma Lou Ghibaudy, Nora Jean Gondry, Jane Hill, Ruby Charlene Love, Judith Ann Meadows.

Edison School graduates: Barbara Elaine Cowles, Dean Cravens, Joseph Charles Delfosse Jr., Peter Joseph Dompe, Shirley Emery, August Finet Jr., Donald Wayne Good, Marcius Haussy.

McMillan School graduates: Richard Bates, Dorothy Louise Bayliff, Naomi Butler, Charlene Alice Caccia, Charlotte Marie Cope, George Duensing, Jimmie Elliott, Barbara Ann Galaskis, Patricia Gallatin, Loretta Hamblin, Jane Kyger, Betty Lou Noerenberg, Charles Glen Phillips, Marie Joan Seianas, Carol Joan Shelato, Margaret Kinney, Zealie Lourdeau, Kenneth P. Rudd, Leo Steve Serd Jr., Catherine Elizabeth Takacs, Alfred Florent Vecellio, Robert Vecellio, Elinor Elaine Lutchka, Nora Manfroid, Charles Oscar McDaniel, James Miller, John Duane Morefield, Richard Lee Orlea, Eva Bernice Plumart, John Roberts, Richard Henry Wakeland, Joe David Wise.

Girl Is Injured When Bicycle Hits Parked Car

Joyce Quartier, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quartier, Walnut St., suffered a lacerated forehead and abrasions last week when she struck a parked car at the bottom of a hill while she was riding a bicycle. She was treated at Lake View Hospital.

WESTVILLE TAVERN ROBBERY IS UNSOLVED

No definite information has been obtained as to the identity of the young man who robbed the Modesto Tavern, owned by Modesto Ruffino, late Tuesday night, May 24. The bandit a short time previously had entered the tavern and purchased a beer. On his return he brandished a revolver and made way with $45. A Danville couple was in the tavern at the time.

Marital status and number of children have definite bearing on amount of subsistence payable to veterans studying under GI Bill of Rights, it is announced by Illinois Veterans Commission.

Illinois peach crop 43 percent higher than year ago, according to Illinois Fruit Growers' Exchange.

Champaign County Fair, Urbana, July 24-29.

Thermometers were in the 90's Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Only one month remains before legislature's traditional adjournment date.

New store front placed on Steiger Fur Co. building at 20 W. Main St., Danville.

Serves At Pearl Harbor

Samuel Fadale, chief boatswain's mate, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fadale of 123 North State St., Westville, recently greeted his wife, Georgia, when she arrived at Pearl Harbor aboard the Naval transport USS General Randall. Mrs. Fadale is the daughter of Mrs. Lillie Middleton of Covington, Ind., Rt. 2. Seaman Fadale is currently serving with Naval Supply, Pearl Harbor, T. H.—Official U. S. Navy Photograph.

Dance - Bazaar Set For July 3

Elaborate plans are being made for a dance and bazaar to be held Sunday afternoon and evening, July 3, at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Hall in Westville.

The bazaar will include a fish pond, country store and all the entertainment features that accompany a bazaar. Light refreshments will also be served.

Good music over the church sound system will accompany the dancers in the evening.

Westville Briefs

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Razaitis, W. Main St., were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rudas of Chicago.

A recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Attan, S. State St., was her brother, Lewis A. Reid of Eugene, Ind.

T/Sgt. Howard O. Knox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Attan, is visiting his brother, M/Sgt. James A. Knox, in Cheyenne, Wyo. They recently spent several days touring Yellowstone Park.

Mrs. Edna Schecter spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Angie Jones, who has been ill at her home in Ridgefarm.

Mrs. Clara Schecter has returned after spending the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. Grace Goodwine, at Lake Worth, Fla.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Mary Chicas, Bowman Ave., were her daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Razaitis and daughters of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rasmussen and sons, Bloomington, Ill.

Lt. and Mrs. Gordon Smith of Louisville, Ky., have concluded a week's visit with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Vacketta, S. State St. Mrs. Smith is the former Mayme Vacketta.

Mrs. Mary Dudley, . State St., entertained members of the Auction Bridge Club at her home recently when prizes were won by Mrs. Dudley, first, and Mrs. Nina Battani, second. Mrs. Helen Symanski was a guest player. Refreshments were served by the hostess following the games. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Vi Orlea.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rakausky, daughters Rita and Patricia, and Mrs. Mary McGurk attended the wedding of a nephew in Chicago during the weekend.

Mayor and Mrs. Charles Byron and daughter, Betty, spent the holidays n southern Illinois and Kentucky.

Walter Pintar of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Memphis, Tenn., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murel Goldsberry, South St. Visiting with him from the Naval Training Center in Memphis was Joe Pintar, no relation.

Mr. and Mrs. Murel Goldsberry and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bernotas, visiting here from Hammond, Ind., spent Decoration Day with a former Westville resident, Mrs. Katie Witkus, at Dowegiac, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Stout are remodeling the entire front of the hardware store they recently purchased in Ridgefarm.

Mrs. Ruby Stepnick of Chicago is visiting relatives and friends in Westville.

Frank Paulis of Chicago spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Carp and family, W. Main St.

Ernest Libert of Chicago was a recent visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Libert.

Weekend visitors in Westville were Mr. and Mrs. Max Darkin and daughters of Elmhurst, Ill.

Coming Events

Date, Place

A meeting of VFW Auxiliary will be held at Redmen Hall at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, June 9. Following the meeting a benefit bunco and euchre party will be held, beginning at 8 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

Dance and bazaar at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Sunday afternoon and evening, July 3; tickets now available; prizes to be awarded.

Business meeting for Cub Scout committee and parents, City Hall, Tuesday evening, June 7.

Vermilion County Salon 8 and 40 meets 7 p.m., Thursday, June 2, at Snook's Cafe.

Georgetown chapter O.E.S. Past Matrons and Past Patrons Night and initiation Wednesday evening, June 8, Georgetown Masonic Hall.

Annual pilgrimage to Normal Ill., home for orphans of soldiers and sailors, Sunday, June 12; all members of American Legion and Auxiliary and families invited; bring well filled baskets for basket dinner at noon.

Legion Auxiliary Donates Memorial Books To Library

Chairman Barbara Vacketta has announced that the Westville American Legion Auxiliary unit recently donated a number of books to the Westville Public Library in memory of Westville boys who gave their lives while serving their country in World War II. The list follows:

In memory of John Revello, the book, "Red Pony," by John Steinbeck.

In memory of Anthony Ringus, "Autobiography of Science," by Forrest Ray Moulton and Justus J. Schifferes.

In memory of Jack Youhas, "When I was a Girl in Holland," by Cornelia De Groot.

Funeral Monday For C. Hathaway, Resident Of Rt. 6

Funeral services for Charles B. Hathaway, 75, Rt. 6, who died Friday evening, May 27, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, where he had been a patient for a week, were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Union Corner Church. Rev. M. Tallman, Covington, Ind., officiated. Burial was in Niccum cemetery, the Urbas Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hathaway was born Dec. 13, 1874, in Vermilion county, the son of Isaac and Sina Elizabeth Oliver Hathaway.

He is survived by the following children: Ida M. Harris and William, Clinton, Ind.; Sina and Wayne, Danville Rt. 6; Raymond of Tilton; Frank of Alton; Hazel, Covington; Dorothy, Westville; and Harris, Danville. He also leaves one grandson. His wife preceded him in death in 1922.

Eastern Star To Observe Past Matrons', Patrons' Night

The Georgetown chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will observe Past Matrons' and Past Patrons' Night on Wednesday, June 8, with Mrs. Martin Cebulski as guest of honor.

There will also be an initiation of three candidates. All members are urged to be present.

Brotherhood Raises Funds For New Floors In Church

Friends and members of the First Congregational Church of Westville will be interested to know that Men's Brotherhood of the church will soon complete their drive for funds for new floors in the church.

Aaron Dudley and Felix Mensavage were named co-chairmen of the committee in charge of plans for completing the fund. A benefit movie will be held at the State Theater on July 5 and 6, and a lawn social is planned for the latter part of July.

WESTERN HORSE SHOW STARTS

The Tri-county Saddle Club of Cayuga, Indiana, will hold its annual All-Western Horse how, Sunday, June 12, at the Cayuga City Park. The show will start in the morning with a grand parade of the children, followed by the pony classes. The afternoon show will start at 1 p.m., with an active program for everyone who enjoys seeing a horse perform. There will be barrel races, stock horse class, parade class, sack race, running race and many other classes. There will be food stands on the grounds and a pony and saddle will be awarded at the close of the afternoon show.

SAPPHIRE RING LOST—Saturday, May 14, on street in Georgetown. White gold with blue sapphire stone, valued as a keepsake. Reward. Please return to Mrs. Harry Dinsmore at Terrell & Dinsmore Store. M19gnp

Junior High School For Westville Is Board Announcement

Will Be Located In Central Building

The grade school Board of Education has announced that School District 154 of Westville Community Consolidated Schools will have a junior high school at the Central School building next fall.

Pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of Edison and McMillan Schools will be transported to the junior high school, which will include pupils of Central. Pupils of grades 1 through 6 at Central will be transported to Edison School. Complete details of transportation will be announced with the opening of schools next fall. Teachers will have only one grade in each building, eliminating doubling of several grades in some rooms, which will enable the teachers to give more time to each grade.

The board announced the appointment of George Younkman as musical director for the district.

Miss Nicolino To Represent Westville At Girls' State

Margarita Nicolino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nicolino, Pennsylvania Ave., will leave Sunday, June 21, for MacMurray College campus, Jacksonville, where she will attend the ninth annual session of Illini Girls State, June 21 to 29, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

President Mary Dudley and Lottie Hayman, chairman of Illini Girls State, Martin Vutrick Post 51, stated that Miss Nicolino was selected because of her outstanding qualifications based on character, leadership and scholastic rating.

Illini Girls State is held each year, primarily to provide citizenship training for Illinois girls who have just finished their junior year. The number of Girl Staters has been increased this year, 432 junior students having been chosen to attend. The girls will set up a miniature state government patterned after the State of Illinois, where they will form political parties, hold conventions, campaign for office and carry out all of the executive legislation and judicial functions of the state. They will also attend classes in personal hygiene, vocational public speaking and parliamentary procedure, first aid and swimming. They also will publish their own daily newspaper.

Delores Delanois will attend Girls State as representative of the Vermilion County Council. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Delanois.

Congregational Church Notes

Rev. C. R. Dierlamm, Minister

What is common sense? It is the normal conclusion that the world expects from the average person. Some folks have more common sense than others. It is because they give more time to its exercise.

Any person can exercise the faculty of giving sensible answers. The lowest degree of common sense borders on impulsive actions. We have plenty of people of that kind. Since a great many people wish to act decently, it is a pleasure to notice the well adapted thoughts that express themselves in their daily speech. To be a real Christian, one must order his thoughts to the highest plane. His privilege is to exercise uncommon common sense. Great wisdom is always waiting just around the corner for him. The crown of kingly wisdom is his continual possession. Real religion is the exercise of our best thinking. It is that expressed in the beauty of love and devotion of child to mother, and mother to child.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

A marriage license was issued Saturday, May 28, to Edward Jackowski, 26, and Opal V. Ryan, 24, of Danville. Mr. Jackowski is associated in business with his brother, Frank, at the Midwest Engraving Co.

A marriage license was issued to John F. Hoskins, 22, of Indianola and Miss Barbara Cohoon, 20, Georgetown, Saturday, May 28.

Illinois Commerce Commission has authorized the Illinois Power Co. to construct 2.04 miles of high tension transmission line near Belleville.

Red Mask Players present closing play of the season, "Three's a Family," Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Palace Theater.

Illinois Commerce Commission has suspended and set for hearing July 7 at Springfield the petition of Western Union Telegraph Co. to increase rates to and from 29 Illinois communities and to discontinue direct telegraph service in 50 other communities. Chrisman and Georgetown are among the 50 communities where service is proposed to be discontinued.

Circuit Court jury trials for the May term start Monday.

HOMER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

...EDITORIALS...

Gas Tax For Cook County

We could take those efforts being made in the state legislature to raise the gasoline tax again if we knew the proceeds would be used for better roads throughout Illinois. But since it appears that it is another Cook county plan to get more money for the roads and boulevards in Cook county and Chicago, we lose our enthusiasm entirely.

We, in downstate Illinois, are forever being subjected to more taxes of various sorts because the Cook county delegation in the legislature wants more money. The bills now before the House to license all businesses is another one of those bright ideas of the Cook county and Chicago legislators to get more for Chicagoland, which is always broke, or nearly so.

Let the Chicago motorists pay the extra tax for gasoline for the so-called privilege of living in the Windy City, but if we are to get little or no benefits, let the legislature leave our gasoline tax as it is.

Why not encourage Chicago and Cook county, with their graft and machine politics, to secede from the state and give Illinois back to the citizens of Illinois.

June Is Dairy Month

June is Dairy Month from coast to coast. It highlights dairy foods for which homemakers spend more than 15 percent of their food budgets. In turn, they get nearly 30 percent of the food consumed annually in this country.

The physical well-being of every person, old and young, leans heavily on milk and its many products. Take fresh milk and cream, for example, about 60 million quarts are distributed through stores and doorsteps daily across the nation. Today milk consumption alone is 14 percent higher than before World War II. Dairy foods used in each home represent an industry that employs full time at least a million and a half persons and gives a livelihood to about 10 million people. In addition, the industry contributes $10 billion to national trade and commerce.

Milk, called the perfect food, is an important item in the lives of all. It is unfortunate that our farmers and dairymen do not get a more equitable share of the profits of its production and distribution.

Maintaining Living Standards

Are we living better than we did before the war? Despite the protests over the high costs of living, many views are that in 1949, the standard of living for most working persons is holding up, and even is superior to that of a number of years ago.

In 1929, prices were much lower than at present but a total of 19 hours and 12 minutes of labor were required to pay for a week's food bill for the average worker's family, according to estimates by Look magazine. Today, despite inflation and high prices for most essentials, the average worker needs to work only 13 hours and 40 minutes to earn a similar food supply. Other items in common use which can be bought more cheaply now in terms of labor are coal, gasoline, nylon hosiery and many others. This seems to be proof that in 20 years, since 1929, there has been a marked improvement in the living standards of the masses of Americans.

Despite statements to the contrary, there is actually greater production by labor. Standards of living also have been aided by new techniques in engineering and manufacturing, with better equipment an machinery. And that also is true of agricultural production in a mechanized era.

This, however, does not tell all the story. There has been great efficiency in the distribution of goods. The average citizen can't buy the goods at farms and factories—he buys them in stores. Our stores here are important links in bringing our living standards up and holding them there. No country has a retail machinery comparable to ours. Our system of distribution of goods and their financing has never been equaled. Between those who produce our essentials and those who distribute them efficiently to all classes, we have an abundance in America and are able not only to maintain but even to improve our standard of living during a troubled period.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge one for yourself.—Froude

None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.—Goethe

Work is not man's punshment. It is his reward and his strength and his pleasure.—George Sand

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Repeal The High Tax Laws

Should the 100 percent assessment laws be repealed

Judging from the complaints hereabouts over the results of those laws as applied to the 1948 taxes now due, that thought is uppermost in the minds of most of our taxpayers. There will be more and more of those complaints in the next year.

The executive board of the Illinois Association of Supervisors and County Commissioners recently adopted a resolution calling for the repeal of the 100 percent assessment laws, following similar action by a number of county boards throughout the state.

Under the 100 percent assessment laws, the state Department of Revenue is charged with the responsibility of comparing the prices at which real estate has been sold with the assessed valuations placed on that real estate by the local assessors, to find out at what percentage of full value real estate has been locally assessed on the average in the county. After determining that percentage, the Department of Revenue then certifies to the county clerk a multiplier which the county clerk must apply to all property, real and personal, to raise it to so-called 100 percent value. For example, if the state Department of Revenue finds that real property has been assessed in a county at an average of 25 percent of full value, then a multiplier of 4 is certified to the county clerk.

But real estate and personal property do not fluctuate in value at the same rate. Application of the same multiplier to personal property assessments that is determined from and applied to real estate assessments result in great inequity.

The supervisors and county commissioners also have based their objections on the fact that the Board of Review in each county has adjourned before the Department of Revenue certifies the multiplier for that county. Therefore, although the taxpayer has the right to protest his local assessed value before the Board of Review does not know at that time what the "100 percent" value will be. He may be satisfied with his local assessment and make no protest, but then he may be very dissatisfied with his "100 percent" value and have no opportunity to protest that.

There is also likely to be taxation beyond the needs of certain taxing bodies from the 100 percent laws. In fact, a great burden already has been placed on many taxpayers as a result.

Therefore, the Illinois Association of Supervisors and County Commissioners and a number of individual county boards, other groups and individuals are on record as urging the repeal of the 100 percent assessment laws, that local taxing authority be returned to the locally elected officials who are responsible and responsive to the taxpayers and electorates of their respective districts.

From the State Capital

(Special)

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Stevenson has signed a bill passed by the General Assembly to provide Illinois license plates free to disabled veterans who are furnished automobiles by the federal government because of their disability.

Farm fire losses in Illinois during April totaled $262,667, according to State Fire Marshal Pat Kelly. The chief cause of damage was fires resulting from electricity.

Every possible precaution against fire hazards for the 48,000 persons in Illinois' 23 welfare institutions is being provided under a rigid fire prevention and remodeling program, according to Fred K. Hoehler, state director of public welfare.

Express rates will soon go up in Illinois, following authorization given by the Illinois Commerce Commission to the Railway Express Agency to make its rates in this state conform to interstate rates recently approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The increases vary according to the class of service, length of haul and size of package.

The Illinois commercial hatchery output of 23,589,000 chicks during April was 9 percent less than a year ago, and the smallest April hatch since 1942, according to state and federal departments of agriculture. A short supply of hatching eggs caused the reduced production.

Heavy hatching in January, February, and March more than made up for the April slump, so that the production of chicks for the first four months of 1949 is well above that for the similar period last year.

The state Department of Conservation will ship some 70,000 ringneck pheasants and 40,000 bob-white quail to various sportsmen's clubs during June and July for propagation purposes. Five thousand pheasants and 3,600 quail were distributed in May. About 4,000 pheasant eggs now are being gathered and set in incubators daily, and quail eggs are being set at the rate of 10,000 each week.

The Des Plaines Wildlife area is being used again this season by the conservation department. A new open pen rearing system for pheasants is being tried out here, allowing the birds to run half-wild. During the hunting season the Des Plaines area is used as a public shooting ground.

At Fort Chartres State Park, in Randolph county, the gallant French endeavor to found a New World empire is lifted out of the vanished past and brought freshly to mind. Restored and permanently preserved, here stands what was once called "the most commodious and best built fort in North America."

It was built of stone, with walls 18 feet high, two feet thick, and enclosing four acres. An arched gateway, where two bronze cannon commanded the approach, was 15 feet in height.

The old powder magazine and the foundations of all the original structures are still here. The state has rebuilt the combined guardhouse and chapel and the government house, now used as a museum and custodian's quarters. The impressive gateway has been restored by the National Society of Daughters of the American Colonists, with the help of the state.

The park consists of 19 acres, and has picnic tables under sheltering trees along the grassy parkway outside the fort entrance.

Fort Chartres, the most notable memorial to the French reign in the Illinois country, stands at the end of Illinois Highway 155, near Prairie du Rocher, about 40 miles south of East St. Louis.

We cannot afford to be half-way in anything. The whole-hearted man is the one who succeeds in this world.—Mary E. Mizer

"Friends"—Thru the Ages: A faithful friend is a strong defense; and he that hath found such an one hath found a treasure.

—Ecclesiasticus.

The Human Race

Farm Briefs

The fertility of the soil is the capital stock of the farmer.

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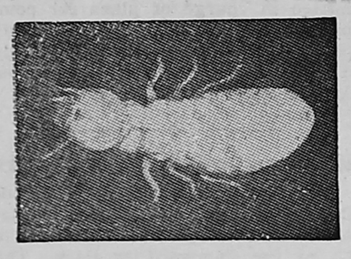

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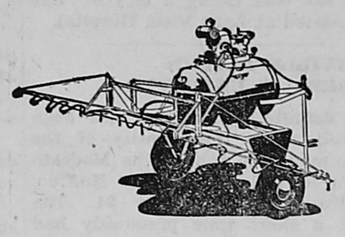

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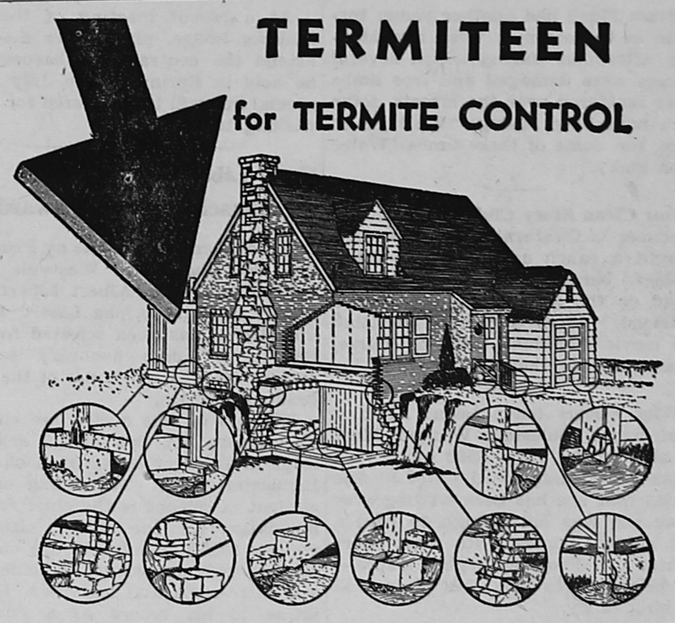

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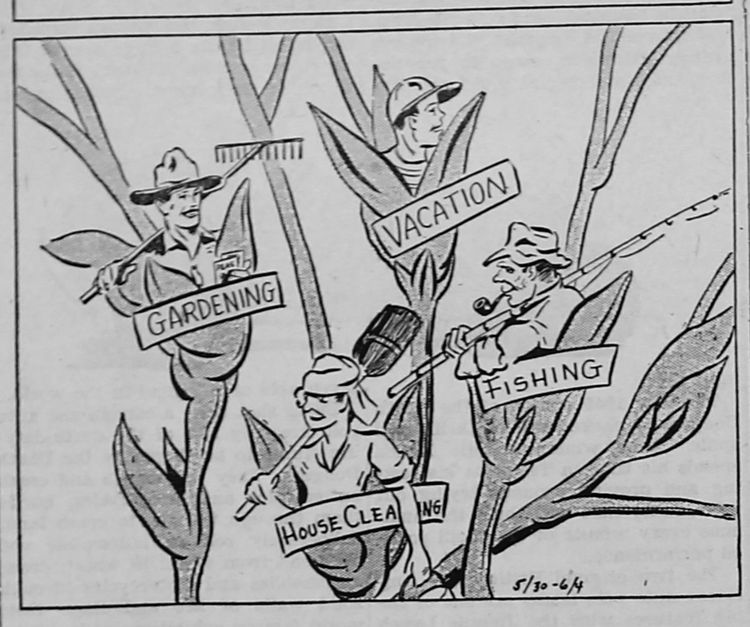

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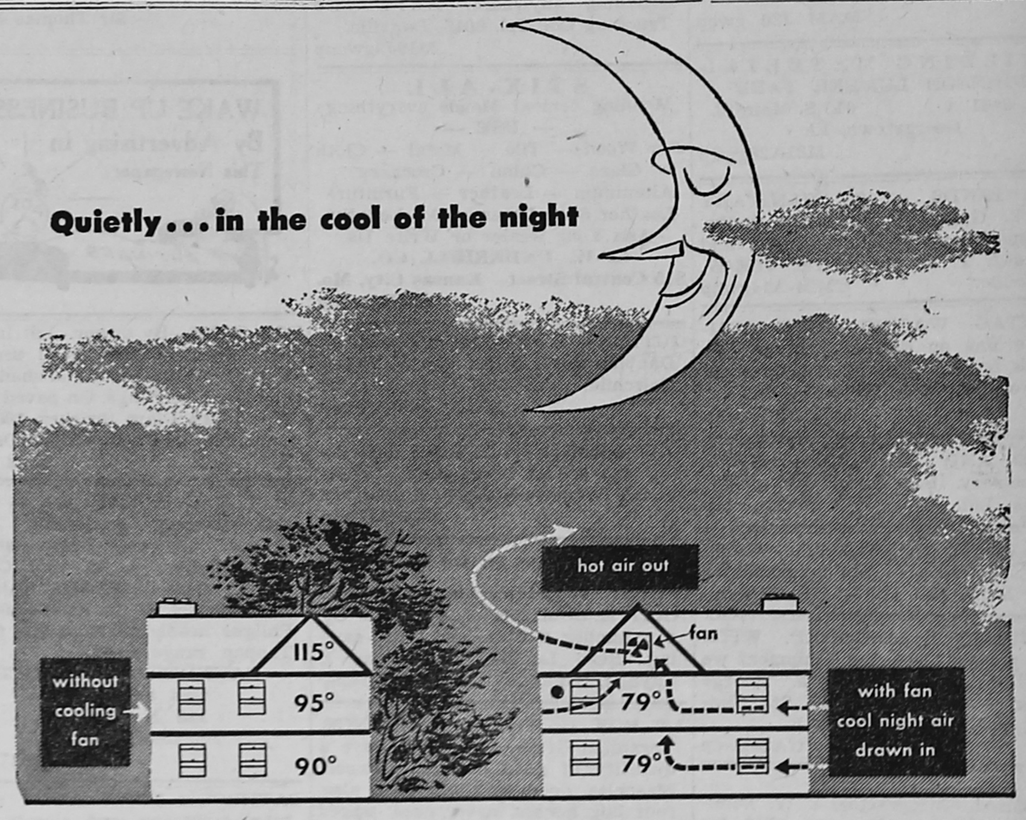

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Last weekend was a big one for our kids. We loaded the three of them into our prewar horseless carriage and went to visit their uncle and grandparents. They live on the farm up in Boone county. The kids had a swell time, but what I saw there made me feel a little like Rip Van Winkle.

According to the story, Rip lived about 200 years ago in a mountainous part of what is now New York state. He was a lazy but agreeable and obliging young Dutchman. He had a sharp-tongued wife, two kids, a dog, a gun and a farm. But Rip was no farmer. He preferred to entertain the village children or to roam the woods with his dog and gun. Up in the mountains one day he came upon some strangers playing nine-pins. Rip sampled some of their fluid refreshment and woke up on a mountainside 20 years later.

When Rip first went back to the village, his friends were gone and no one recognized him. When the villagers asked him his name, Rip said, "God knows — everything's changed, and I'm changed . . ." And so it had. While Rip slept, his gun had rusted, his beard had turned white, his dog had aged and his house had decayed. And he found that he had become a widower, a grandfather, and a free citizen of a new country, the United Sates of America.

It was just about 20 years ago that I hung up my overalls and straw hat, put on my Sunday clothes, and started off for Urbana and the University of Illinois College of Agriculture. At that time, most farmers used heavy, steel-wheeled tractors for plowing and disking, but most other field work was done with horses. Small grain was cut with a binder, shocked by hand, and threshed with a grain separator. Corn husking was six to eight weeks of drudging hand and back labor.

Cows were milked by hand. We kept milk for drinking by putting it in a syrup bucket and hanging it in the well. When there wasn't enough wind to turn the mill, we pumped water by hand. We warmed water on the kitchen range and bathed in a galvanized wash tub. Most families had a crank-operated phonograph, and a few had a new, noisy contrivance called a radio.

The farm has changed a lot in 20 years. The work horses and slow, heavy tractors are gone—replaced by efficient, high-speed power plants on balloon tires. The horse stalls have been remodeled for dairy cows. Each cow has a private drinking cup that's always full. Electricity now pumps the water, lights the barn, fans and milks the cows, and keeps them entertained wih square dance music and the latest world news.

The kitchen has changed, too. The old, dirty black cob burner is gone. In its place stands a shiny white porcelain electric range with bright chromium trim. The old pitcher pump is gone, too—replaced by a sink with hot and cold water available from a swinging faucet. On either side are modern built-in cabinets. By the window there are new chromium and red plastic table and chairs—a breakfast set they call it.

The milk is no longer kept in the well. It's in the big new electric refrigerator at one end of the kitchen. The milk is pasteurized and homogenized. It comes to the farm in paper bottles which were filled at the big city dairy 100 miles away.

In the basement there's a furnace and an electric hot water heater. There's also a big box for preserving fresh steaks, sweet corn and strawberries at 30 degrees below freezing. But our biggest surprise came in the living room. The old bird cage with its canary was gone. In its place stood a new television set. In the afternoon we watched a big league baseball game in Chicago. In the evening we saw boxing matches in New York.

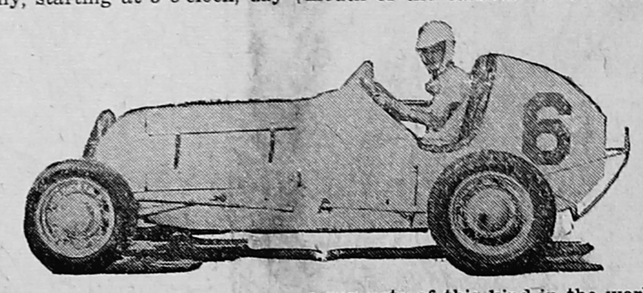
What next? In 1929 few of us would have believed that such progress could be made n 20 years. Now who can foretell what the next 20 will bring? We'll have better machinery and learn more efficient ways of producing crops and livestock. We'll have further improvements in the farm home. But what about our economic and political freedom?

Van Winkle went to sleep a subject of the King of England and woke up a free citizen of the U. S. A. But how about us? Are we gaining or losing in the perpetual fight for freedom?

If we can prevent a disastrous drop in farm income, we've made real progress. On the other hand, our people are being grouped more and more into self-seeking, conflicting sections. Relatively small labor groups may stop our great industrial processes or prevent the marketing of farm products. We've built a huge federal government that requires more in taxes than the value of the products of all our farms. What will our situation be 20 years from now? Whatever it is, we'll get there not in one big jump, but step by step. That's why we should watch those steps.

Death Dodgers To Give Auto Thrills

Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers, the "world's greatest" auto thrill show, will show at the Danville Fairgrounds Sunday afternoon, June 5; for one show only, starting at 3 o'clock, daylight time.



The new 1949 edition of the Death Dodgers is packed full of thrills and spills. Each winter Jimmie Lynch spends his time in Texas on his testing and proving grounds trying out new stunts that will thrill the audience every minute of the thrill packed performance.

The two original British and American auto polo teams are one of the big features with the Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers 1949 show. These two teams played to more than a quarter million people on the west coast last season, including races in the Hollywood Bowl.

Harry Pollak, the "human torpedo," will be shot from a huge cannon into a net more than 150 feet from the mouth of the cannon. This is one of seven acts of this kind in the world.

Being shot from a cannon and auto polo are only two of the death-defying stunts to be staged by the Death Dodgers. They will smash and crash automobiles and motorcycles, hurtle them through the air, to crash land; deliberately roll an automobile end over end from wheel to wheel; crash automobiles and motorcycles through solid walls of fire and stage their world famous exhibitions of hell-driving in brand new 1949 automobiles.

The gates of the Danville Fairgrounds will open at 12:30 p.m. for two hours of thrills.

To ruminate upon evils, to make critical notes upon injuries, and be too acute in their apprehension, is to add unto our own tortures, to feather the arrows of our enemies, and to resolve to sleep no more.
—Sir Thomas Browne

It is an undoubted truth, that the less one has to do, the less time one finds to do it in. —Lord Chesterfield.

We always have time enough, if we will but use it aright.—Goethe.

Goodness consists not in the outward things we do, but in the inward thing we are.—Chapin

There are no hopeless situations; there are only men who have grown hopeless about them.

Every man must educate himself; his books and teachers are but helps; the work is his.—Daniel Webster

A great amount of time is consumed in talking nothing, doing nothing, and indecision as to what one should do.

We take care of our health; we lay up money, we make our roof tight, and our clothing sufficient; but who provides wisely that he shall not be wanting in the best property of all—friends?
—Emerson.

The secret of conversational success is to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

There is a wide difference between speaking to deceive, and being silent to be impenetrable.—Voltaire

Fill your time with positive service and good. Do not drift. Have definite things on hand to do.

Work is not man's punshment. It is his reward and his strength and his pleasure.—George Sand

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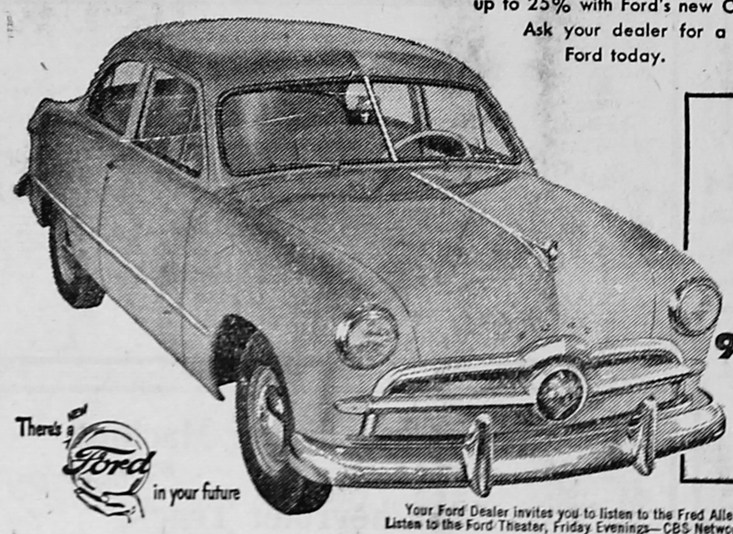

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