

Sylvester Marma Ends Own Life With Pistol

Sylvester Marma, 21, who resided with his sister, Mrs. Dora Foreman, of North Washington avenue, ended his own life, last Saturday morning, at 1 o'clock, when he shot himself near the heart. The tragedy occurred at a point on the Grinnell road northeast of Kankakee, where he had driven, accompanied by Miss Maxine Hoskins, 16, of Kankakee, after visiting the Walnut Grove tavern.

Mr. Marma was a married man, but he and his wife had been separated for several months. He was also the father of a two year old daughter. Despondency over his marital troubles and his love for Miss Hoskins has been given as the cause of his rash act.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Hickey funeral home, followed by interment in St. Rose cemetery.

Besides the widow and daughter, who have been residing in Aurora, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Marma of Essex, and the following brothers and sisters: John, Joseph, Stella, Eva and Alvera of Essex; Mrs. Roy Butler, Mrs. Floyd McClintock, of Kankakee and Mrs. Dora Foreman of Bradley.

BRADLEY SENIORS PARTY SUCCESSFUL

The senior class of the high school held a public card and bunco party Thursday evening in the gymnasium. Five hundred, bridge and bunco were played. Mrs. Theodore Christensen received first prize for 500 for the women and Clarence Stoltz scored high for the men. Bunco, Miss Norma Walters made high score for women and Tony Toluiszis for men.

Bridge high honors for women went to Miss Mayme Dressler while Everett Hayes scored high for men. Door prizes went to Mrs. Mary Raymond, Mrs. T. R. McCoy, Arlene LaGesse, Frances Klonosky, Hal McClary, Delbert McCammon and Ronald Prairie.

DEATH RELIEVES SUFFERING

Mrs. Minnie Fahey, widow of John Fahey died Sunday morning at her home on South Prairie avenue after an illness of several months. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the First Methodist church with the Rev. George McCrea officiating. She leaves two daughters—Mrs. Napoleon Beland of Chicago, and Mrs. William Knox of this city and a sister, Mrs. Eva Meyer of Fairmont, Minn.

Mrs. Fahey was one of Bradley's oldest residents and was well known by all. Interment was made in Palatine, Illinois.

MRS. WM. MCCOY ENTERTAINS CLUB

Mrs. William McCoy entertained the Thursday Card club with 500 as the diversion. Mrs. Pat Hayes scored high; Mrs. George Beckhelm second, and Mrs. P. H. Lambert third. Mrs. N. Martin of St. Anne was a guest. Refreshments were served.

U. B. MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Women's Missionary society of the United Brethren church met Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Chas. Delong. Mrs. V. oroles, Mrs. Theodore Book and Mrs. Roy Bumpus were hostesses with Mrs. Virgil Kinneman as leader. The regular business meeting was held and a social hour followed. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held December 8 in the church basement with Mrs. Bessie Wilson, Mrs. James Inglehart, Mrs. Frank Erickson and Mrs. Elmo Cotton as hostesses with Mrs. Earl Austin as leader.

BETTER LIGHTING

Representatives of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois have been making a house to house canvass this week in Bradley. The purpose of the canvass is to supply enough light bulbs for all outlets and sockets in order to assure better lighting facilities in the homes. This service has been welcomed by all since the bulbs are free of charge. Only 40 and 60 watt bulbs were included in the offer.

ANNOUNCE WINNERS NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

The prize winning poster in the recent National Book Week poster contest were selected from a group of 58 works of art by the judges this week. The contest winners in the first four grades of St. Joseph school were Gene Johnson first prize, a fourth grade student; second prize Albert Grill, a second grade student and third prize to Edward Menard, a fourth grade student.

In the second division, fourth to eighth grades inclusive prizes were awarded to students of the public school. They are first, Robert Brummit, an eighth grade student; second, Glenna Hiatt of the sixth grade; and third, Jean Devaud, a fifth grade pupil.

All the posters are on exhibit at the local library and it is worth your time to drop in and inspect the art ability of your school children.

This contest was held in connection with the W. P. A. Library Extension service with the local library acting as sponsors. Judges were Mrs. Frances McCue, Mrs. Adelaide McAndrews, and Mrs. Nettie Salsider.

The sixth winning poster will be sent to Decatur, Illinois, to compete with the best posters selected in the other 34 branches of the Library Extension Service in Illinois.

Y. D. GIRLS MEET LAST THURSDAY

The Y. D. Girls Club of the high school under the sponsorship of Miss Carol Brock met last evening Thursday at the home of Miss Isla Mae Umphrey and enjoyed a Thanksgiving party. During the short business session the Misses Iolyn Wertz, Connie Mulligan, and Shirley Heinze demonstrated the art of "Correct Introductions." This is part of their study in the field of "Etiquette."

After the business meeting a program of social entertainment was presented by Miss Frances Burkhalter and assistants Misses Isla Mae Umphrey, Adeline Wasetis, Wanda Dominick, and Juanita Lucas. Refreshments were served and decorations were in keeping with the Thanksgiving season.

Members of the Senior Class of the local high school have been sponsoring the sale of Christmas cards the past few weeks. Sales have been so numerous that it was necessary to send a new order to the company.

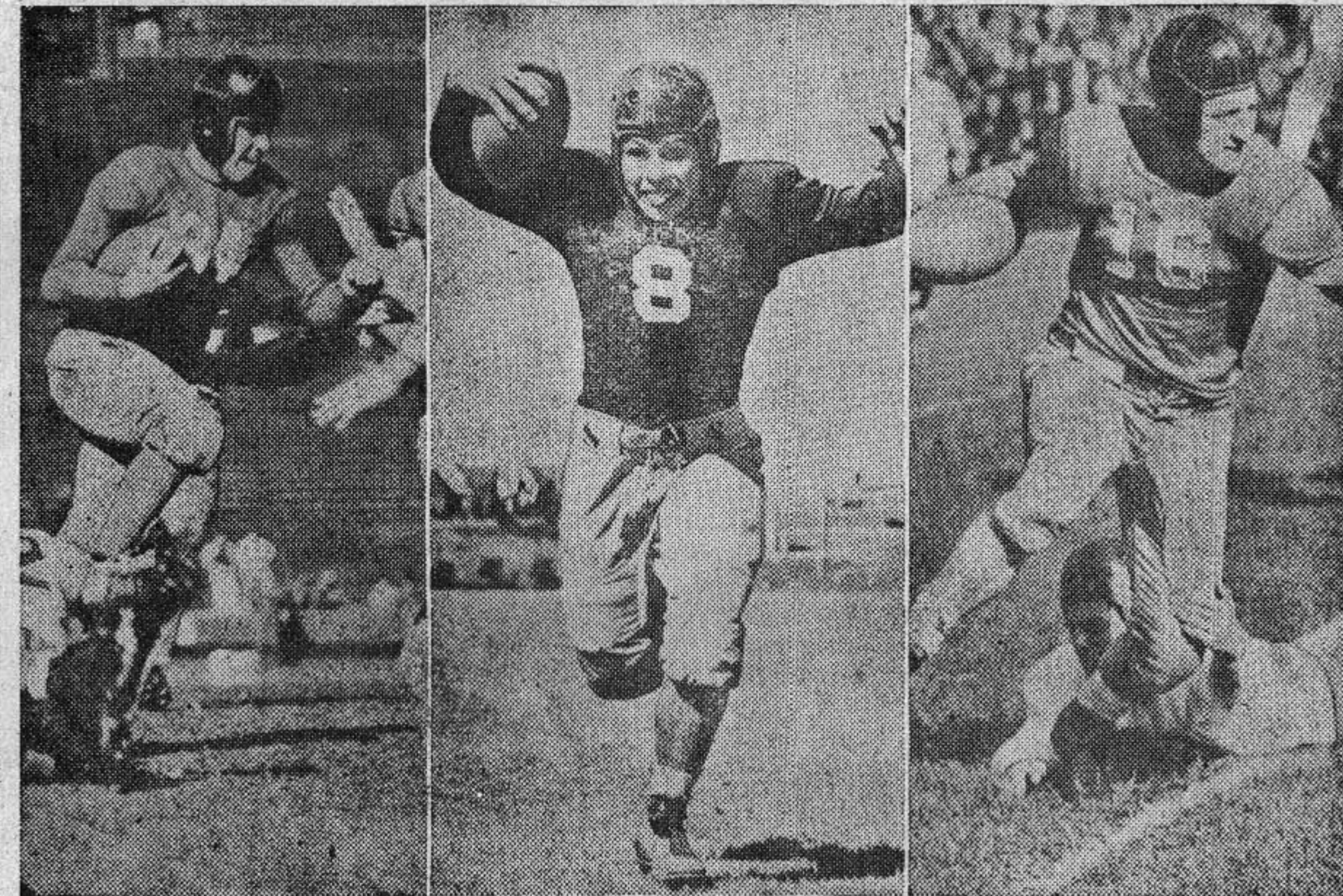
COMMANDER RAY SANOR WILL ATTEND LEGION BANQUET

Commander Ray Sanor of the local American Legion Post will be present at the annual Legion Banquet in Bloomington tomorrow. The annual affair is tendered to the commander of those posts having one hundred percent membership.

RECOVERS CAR

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heil and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kassman and daughter Mary motored to Chicago to bring back the latter's car which was stolen from his garage and was found by the Chicago police.

Big Stars in Weekend Gridiron Tussles



Football teams from coast to coast go into action Saturday, November 19, to climax the current season. Pete Fay, left, Stanford halfback, who will see action against California at Berkeley; Davey O'Brien, center, whom his team mates hail as a second Sammy Baugh, who is expected to be a mainstay in Texas Christian's game with Rice institute at Houston; Kabeale (right) of Ohio State, whose team will meet Michigan in a Big Ten game at Columbus.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RAILROADS?

Test your knowledge of facts about railroads by answering the following questions. After you have answered the questions, turn to page 3 and check your answers. Score 10 points for each question answered correctly. Perfect score 100.

1. The railroads of the United States constitute (a) 10 per cent, (b) 30 per cent, (c) 50 per cent of the railway mileage of the world.
2. The rail distance between Chicago, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., is (a) longer, (b) shorter than the rail distance between Memphis, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky.
3. If all the locomotives and cars on the railroads of the United States were coupled together, they would make a train (a) 2,900, (b) 9,500, (c) 17,000 miles long.
4. The average freight rate on American railroads is (a) less than 1 cent, (b) approximately 1 1/2 cents, (c) more than 2 cents per ton per mile.
5. "Hoghead" is railroad slang for (a) stock train, (b) blunder, (c) locomotive engineer.
6. It takes approximately (a) 100 million, (b) 700 million, (c) 600 billion gallons of water annually to quench the thirst of the Iron Horse and for other purposes in connection with the operation of American railroads.
7. The school taxes that are paid by the railroads of the United States pay for the education of (a) 500,000, (b) 900,000, (c) 1,300,000 school children.
8. The fastest long-distance freight train in the world is operated overnight approximately (a) 300, (b) 500, (c) 800 miles.
9. There are approximately (a) 6,000, (b) 11,000, (c) 16,000 air-conditioned passenger cars on the railroads of the United States.
10. If all the tunnels on the railroads of the United States were placed end to end, they would extend a distance of (a) 175, (b) 320, (c) 610 miles.

Answers on page 4.

STORIES OF TUAN JIM IN SARAWAK

Stories of Tuan Jim in Sarawak, the land of treacherous headhunters and deadly jungles ruled by a white rajah, and of several great missionary men and women of the past and present, provide the basis for the second series of HERALDS OF DESTINY broadcasts which the Million Unit Fellowship Movement of the Methodist Episcopal church is presenting weekly over radio station WCBS in Springfield, Illinois.

Because the impending union of three great branches of Methodism—of direct concern to 8 million people—culminates in April, 1939, the forthcoming issue of the HERALDS OF DESTINY series of radio transcriptions has an especial public interest this year.

Denominations which will soon be merged into the United Meth-

odist church include the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal, South and the Methodist Protestant branches.

The radio programs will be heard every week at 1:00 p. m. on Sundays beginning November 13.

This series of dramatized episodes from Methodist missionary history, prepared by the Million Unit Fellowship Movement under the title HERALDS OF DESTINY, is designed to illustrate the adventure and achievement of those who build civilization on desolate frontiers from darkest Africa to the shadowed slums of America's own cities.

"Drums of Death" is the title of the program in which a missionary doctor risks certain death at the hands of African natives by attempting to save the life of the son of a jungle chief. A valiant doctor and his hospital staff who at this writing still brave the dangers of this series of dramatizations.

NATIONAL YOUTH ADM. INVESTMENT IN YOUTH: BIG RETURNS

Chicago, Nov. 11.—Expenditure of federal funds on youth training, estimated at \$635,000 has been turned into anticipated annual income of \$2,500,000 for 3,308 young people of Illinois through the direct results to date of the current National Youth Administration Job Hunt.

As the two-months drive ended its sixth week, State NYA Director William J. Campbell announced that jobs had been found for 3,308 of that organizations "work students" in Illinois. The Job Hunt goal is 4,000 jobs.

In terms of expenditure, the report explained, a year's training for 3,308 young men and girls costs \$635,138, or \$16 per month for each "work student." The jobs obtained will pay an average of \$15 per week which would bring to the youths a total annual income of \$2,580,240. The report pointed out that not more than one year is required to equip youths with sufficient work experience to enter private employment.

"If we can continue this rate of return on the investment," said Director Campbell, "we will feel highly gratified at the final results. The Job Hunt has been a decided success throughout the state. All concerned entered into it wholeheartedly and I want to thank the newspapers, radio stations, employers and youths themselves for the spirit and interest they have shown in the undertaking."

Of the 3,308 jobs obtained to date, downstate counties placed 2,244 young men and girls in private industry while in Chicago 964 youths were similarly placed. The Job Hunt has nearly three weeks more to run, closing on November 30.

The new Martin 166 bomber accommodates a crew of four or five men, and has a top speed of approximately 230 miles an hour at 8000 feet.

BOBBY BREEN AND CHARLES RUGGLES AT DARB SATURDAY

The Darb theater has an outstanding attraction for its patrons over the week end. On Saturday Bobby Breen and Charles Ruggles appears in "Breaking the Ice" with Charles Starrett in "West of Cheyenne." On Sunday and Monday we bring to the screen the well-known stage play "You Can't Take It With You" starring Jean Arthur, James Stewart, Edward Arnold, Lionel Barrymore. This picture approaches in every respect the perfection that was to be expected when considering the ideally selected cast of stars and supporting players; a story incorporating the finest in wholesome comedy, romance, pathos, homely philosophy and the other elements which combine to make superlative entertainment, and the masterful direction of Frank Capra, the screen version of the popular George S. Kaufman-Moss Hart Play is sure of a niche high among the most popular features of this season or any other season. From top to bottom the cast is so thoroughly splendid, that it is unfair to single out any few for special accolades. Don't miss this attraction at the Darb on Sunday and Monday. Continuous show Sunday from 1:30 p. m.

Following are the bookings for the week:

Friday.
Fun Night—70 Surprises 70—on screen "Prison Farm" with Glenda Farrell and Barton MacLane; "Grid Rules" Pete Smith Specialty; "Sweet Shoe" Musical Reel.

Saturday.
Double Feature—Feature No. 1 Bobby Breen and Charles Ruggles in "Breaking the Ice"; Feature No. 2—Charles Starrett in "West of Cheyenne."

Sunday - Monday.
Continuous Sunday from 1:30 p. m. "You Can't Take It With You" with Jean Arthur, James Stewart, Edward Arnold and Lionel Barrymore; Color Cartoon; Latest News Events.

Tuesday.
Turkey Night! Get your Thanksgiving Dinner Free. "Fugitive for a Night" with Frank Albertson; Caroon; Another adventure of the Lone Ranger.

Wednesday Only.
Lady Fair Lace Free to the Ladies. "Little Women" with Katharine Hepburn; "Fisticuffs" Pete Smith Specialty; Latest News Events.

Thursday - Friday.
Continuous Thanksgiving Day from 1:30 p. m. "Boys Town" with Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney; "Fall Fashion Forecast" novelty in color.

The skating lake of Kenya Colony, Africa, is located exactly on the equator, at an altitude of 15,000 feet.

According to estimates, each person in the United States eats an average of 58 oranges, five grapefruit and 16 lemons annually.

Mrs. Edward Mulligan Meets Tragic Death

This community was greatly shocked on Thursday of last week when it was learned that Mrs. Eloise Mulligan, wife of Assistant Postmaster Edward Mulligan, had met a tragic death in an automobile accident.

The accident, which was also fatal to Robert Frank, and injured two others, Ike Friedman and Victor Fitting, occurred about 3:30 p. m., Thursday, November 10, on Route 49, about two miles north of Bradley.

Mrs. Mulligan, driving her own machine, with Ike Friedman, of Kankakee, as a passenger, was headed north. The car carrying Mr. Frank and Victor Fitting, of Kankakee was traveling south. The Frank car passed a car driven by Wilbert Hasbargen, of Manteno who was also traveling south, just as Mrs. Mulligan was attempting to pass another car, also headed north, when the two cars sideswiped with terrific force. The Hasbargen car was slightly involved but neither he nor his companion, George Hack, were injured. The other two cars were practically demolished.

Mrs. Mulligan died at St. Mary hospital about two hours after the accident, and Mr. Frank died at the hospital several hours later. Both sustained a fractured skull. The other two persons, Mr. Friedman and Mr. Fitting, while painfully injured, will recover. Mr. Frank and Mr. Fitting were employed by the T. and R. Supply company of Kankakee, but the former's home was in Chicago.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mulligan were conducted Monday morning from St. Joseph's church which was capacity filled with friends who gathered to give visible proof of their esteem for the deceased and of their sympathy for those bereaved. Interment occurred in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Mulligan was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and Ladies Sodality. She leaves her husband, Edward, their son Glenn, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lambert, besides innumerable friends.

Mrs. Mulligan was a life long resident of Bradley.

FAMILY SEASON TICKETS INAUGURATED

Due to increased demand this year, Superintendent Fred Hill has inaugurated the sale of family season tickets for the coming basketball season.

Each ticket contains ten admissions which can be used all at one time or separate games. Any number of persons can gain admittance on the one ticket therefore eliminating the old style of season ticket in which only one person can be admitted to the game designated on the face. This new type of ticket is transferable and is greatly liked by ardent Boiler-maker fans.

TAVERN MEN OF STATE MEET IN KANKAKEE

Delegates from 45 locals of the retail Liquor Dealers' Protective association of Illinois attended the state board meeting in Eagles' hall in Kankakee Wednesday afternoon. There were two delegates from each of the 45 locals, in addition to the state officers.

The meeting began at 2 o'clock and was followed by refreshments and a smoker. John Rechner was in charge of arrangements and is also a member of the state executive committee. Rechner extended the invitation to hold the board meeting in Kankakee at the recent state convention in Rock Island.

State officials who attended the meeting were: H. C. Springston, Chicago, president; George Brodbeck, Peoria, first vice president; Frank Mann, West Chicago, second vice president; John Pahr, Chicago third vice president; Frank Weber, Chicago, treasurer; Mike Klobutcher, Joliet, sergeant-at-arms; Joseph Hoss, Morton Grove, state representative. Members of the executive committee are: Fred Wutock, Chicago; Richard Navin, Chicago; Gust Chapman, Niles Center; Matthew Slama, Chicago, John Rechner, Kankakee; Alton A. Wenzel, Danville; William Vogel, Forest Park.

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BRADLEY OPENS BASKETBALL SEASON DEC. 2

The Bradley High School Boiler-makers will open their season December 2, on the local hardwood with Peotone as its foe. This is the opening game of one of the toughest schedules Bradley has ever undertaken.

A group of thirty-five boys answered the call to the hardwood last Monday by Coach "Pete" Laffey and Earl Jones, his assistant. Among the athletes were 15 lettermen who are veterans of one or more seasons of battle. The lettermen are Stanley Leszczewicz, Tony Toluiszis, Bob Martin, LaVerne Hahs, Harvey Hackley, Joe Dominick, Leonard Martin, Leon Slovicoski, John Casino, Mark Marlaire, William Ponickvar, Elmer Jannssen, Fred Beach, and Leonard Mulligan.

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A feature of the program will be a tour to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Childrens' School in Normal. This annual pilgrimage when Legionnaires gather and visit with the children. It is expected that more than 2000 Legionnaires will attend the Conference.

BIG TOP Will Alta, the elephant, go through with her act? 'Silk' Fowler, hungry for revenge, hopes not.



MEANWHILE, "SPEED" HAD LEFT THE HOSPITAL WAGON AND PICKED UP THE BUCKET WHICH BRAGG HAD OFFERED ALTA



By ED WHEELAN

UNDER THE 'BIG TOP', 'SILK' FOWLER NERVOUSLY WATCHED ALTA FROM THE FAR END OF THE ARENA



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STRUGGLE TO SAVE BIRDS MUST GO ON, SAYS JOURNALIST

Skeptical, hardheaded businessmen today are beginning to realize that bird protection pays—not only in terms of education and recreation, but also in the coin of the realm, declares William Vogt in the current Rotarian Magazine. Where hunters once went with guns, tourists now go with cameras and field glasses to sanctuaries where the egret, wood ibis, roseate spoonbill, and other birds are being saved from extinction.

The sanctuary movement, begun in 1900 and taken up in 1902 by the National Association of Audubon Societies, has faced bitter opposition, according to the writer, who is editor of "Bird-Lore." Just as Theodore Roosevelt was condemned for his efforts to reduce the kill of birds, so also have organized conservationists been denounced as persons who would destroy a great industry and throw thousands of men out of work. Wardens of sanctuaries have been attacked, even murdered! Yet bird lovers have persisted in their work, which shows results today.

"But the increase in the number of birds is not the sole result," Vogt points out. "An almost universal charity for wild life is another. Hundreds of thousands of people, even children, regularly feed birds. Even hawks and owls, once killed indiscriminately, are now protected in most states both by law and by sentiment.

"This has resulted in a better America," he urges. "Songbirds that were formerly killed now rear their families to help man control the insects. In the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary it has never been necessary to use an ounce of insecticide."

The struggle is not yet over, he says, for the public must realize that a bird in the bush is worth two in the hand. Destruction of swamps, forests, and prairies still is obliterating habitats without which wild life cannot survive and, hence, cannot help to restore a natural balance favorable to man.

No one need wait to establish a great sanctuary like those in Florida, Louisiana, or other states, Vogt concludes, for "anyone who will use a little ingenuity can create his own sanctuary in suburb, garden, or farm. The same formula may be used that has been so successful in Audubon sanctuaries: protection plus cover plus food plus water equals birds. Its success has been proved, time and again, for the last 38 years."

N. Y. A'S JOB HUNT REACHES 2,621 MARK

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Gaining the momentum of nearly five weeks' efforts, the National Youth Administration's Job Hunt reached an employment mark of 2,621 in Illinois this week, according to a report from the office of William J. Campbell, state NYA director.

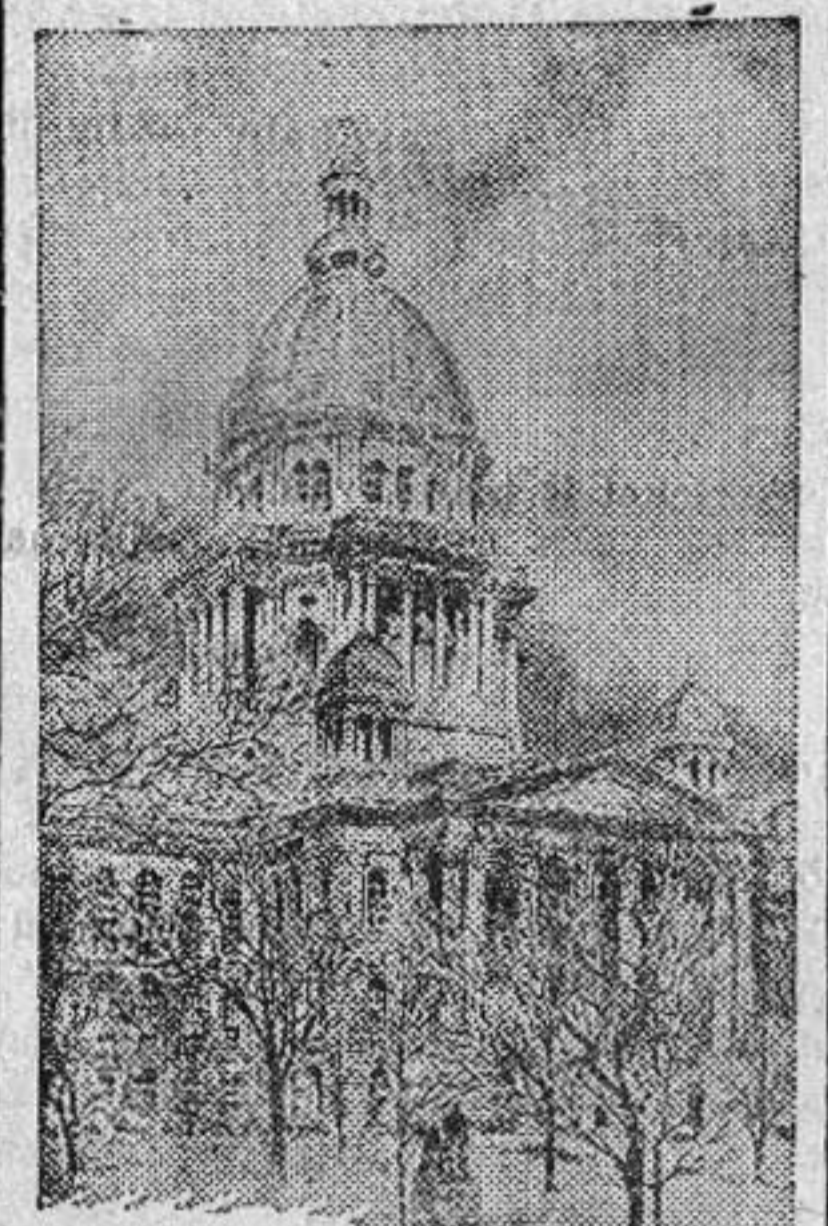
In downstate counties, the drive efforts were successful in finding places in private industry for 1,795 NYA "work students," the report revealed. In Chicago, 826 young men and girls obtained permanent private work since the drive started on October 1. The goal of the drive, which will continue through November 30, is 4,000 jobs for NYA-trained youths in the state.

Featuring the statewide Job Hunt during the past two weeks have been scores of unique mass meetings in towns and cities of the state, attended by youths, employers and placement directors, and intended to coordinate efforts in the employment drive. A series

of Youth Institutes were arranged in Springfield, Decatur, Rockford, East St. Louis, Herrin, Peoria, DuQuoin and other towns.

State NYA Director Campbell credits the widespread publicity in newspaper and in radio announcements for playing an important part in the success of the employment drive to date. In addition to personal contacts made by NYA officials, individual efforts of youths themselves, accounted for many of the jobs found. In conducting the Job Hunt, youths were encouraged to apply personally for work and in the case of previous private employment to see their former employers.

Cooperating with the National Youth Administration in the employment drive, in addition to thousands of employers, civic bodies, newspaper and radio stations, are Martin Durkin, director of the Illinois State Department of Labor, and Dr. A. H. R. Atwood, head of the Illinois State Employment Service.



STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Unusually mild autumn weather and low water in the Illinois River have been making poor duck shooting during the opening weeks of the migratory bird season. Illinois sportsmen, pleased with the longer open season and more liberal regulations adopted this year, are hoping for heavier flights of birds from the North. Almost a full month of the season remains, in which conditions should change for the better.

Almost one-fourth of all the U. S. farm reserves of old corn are in Illinois. The State and Federal Departments of Agriculture estimate that 24 per cent of the old corn is in this State. The only state having a larger stock of old corn on farms is Iowa, with 30 per cent. These reserves are considerably higher this year than usual. Corn husking is now well along in practically all sections of Illinois.

The State of Illinois saved \$69,260 in the last fiscal year by following strictly Governor Henry Horner's "pay as you go" policy. This amount was saved by paying cash hand taking the discount on bills to the code departments, and to various boards and commission.

Reports reaching the State Department of Conservation from all parts of Illinois indicate a good supply of upland game this fall. Conditions of weather and field the past summer have favored the natural increase of game. November 10 will mark the opening of the shooting season on upland game. It will be lawful to take cock pheasants for six days, Nov. 10 to 15 inclusive; quail for thirty days,

Nov. 10 to Dec. 9 and rabbits from Nov. 10 through Dec. 31. The squirrel season will close Nov. 30.

Abulletin listing more than 50 uses for the limestones and dolomite rocks of Illinois, just released by the State Department of Registration and Education, is described as one of the most valuable publications ever issued regarding development of the State's stone deposits. The products of Illinois quarries are now being used in the making or preparation of rock wool, sugar, sap, paper, glass, dyes, explosives and other well known commercial substances. Experts foresee the possibility of even wider use for those raw materials.

Since March, 1936, employment for 37,998 youthful workers has been secured by the Junior Counseling unit of the Illinois State Employment Services. These Illinois placements represent almost one-third of all the jobs found for youth by Junior Counseling Services in 101 cities of the United States. Thirteen offices in Illinois are now giving special attention to securing employment for young people.

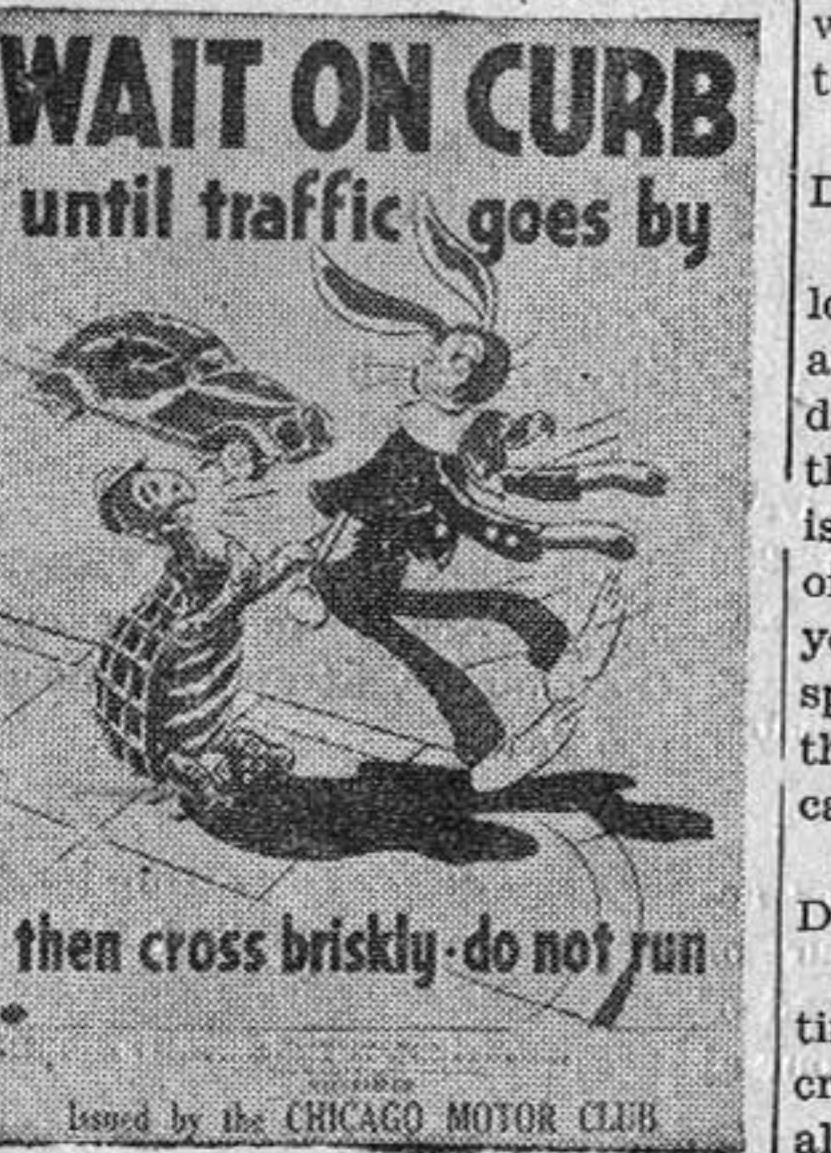
Completion of a nine foot channel in the Mississippi River between Alton, Ill. and St. Paul, Minn. would open a potential annual market for 5,000,000 tons of Illinois coal, according to economists of the State Geological Survey. Lower freight rates, based on this river outlet, would enable Illinois coal to supply the market in an area of the upper Mississippi Valley now served by coal sent up the Great Lakes from Pennsylvania, West Virginia and eastern Kentucky. This change, once effected, would create steady employment for Illinois mines and miners.

The Fox River was pointed to as being the best example of stream cleanup in the United States, at the two-day health meet of five northern Illinois counties held at Aurora Nov. 3 and 4. Thirty-five years ago, typhoid caused many deaths each year in cities along the Fox. Modern methods of sewage treatment, introduced by joint action of State institutions and industrial concerns, have wrought a transformation in the stream.

LOOKING EASTWARD TO MISSOURI

A section of Illinois where the Mississippi River flows northwest an observer may look east across the "Father of Waters" to the Missouri shore is a topographical oddity to be found in the southwestern tip of the State.

Around the southern part of the peninsula-like arm stretching in a southeasterly direction for about 14 miles, the Mississippi makes a great horseshoe bend. Here research workers of the Federal Writers' Project, W. P. A., have noted, it takes a northwest course for a distance of nearly ten miles. Along this stretch of river, a similar arm from Missouri extends north for about ten miles into the hollow formed by Alexander County, on the one side, and Pulaski County on the other. An observer standing on the tip of Alexander County and looking east across the river would be gazing at a part of Missouri.



CLEAN QUARTERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO WINTER EGG PROFIT

Urbana, Ill., Nov. 10.—(Special)—If Illinois poultrymen are to realize maximum profits from winter egg production, they can not afford to neglect those practices which make for cleanliness and sanitation in and around the poultry house, it is pointed out by H. H. Alp, poultry extension specialist, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois.

For one thing, cleaning the dropping boards under roosts daily or even twice weekly will prove to be a distinct advantage in providing healthy and sanitary conditions in the poultry house, he explained.

During recent months Alp has received numerous inquiries for descriptive material on the construction of dropping pits in poultry houses. He explains that the dropping pit is nothing more than the old idea of having roosting poles along the back wall of the house with the added feature of some wire to prevent the birds from getting back under the roosts.

"Although it is true that the pits will not look as if they need cleaning as much as dropping boards, every time poultry manure is removed from the house one source of possible moisture and disease has been removed," Alp said.

"Chief argument for the pit idea is that birds will be troubled less with odors and gases from the droppings. However, even the pits must be cleaned once in a while.

"Dropping boards can be screened as effectively as pits, and if they are cleaned every other day, dropping boards provide almost ideal sanitary conditions and certainly much better than many Illinois flocks enjoy."

HANDLED FREIGHT THIRTY-TWO YEARS

William Ward has been the Illinois Central agent at Indianapolis, Ind., ever since the railroad began operating into that city thirty-two years ago. He recently celebrated his seventieth birthday, and on October 31, he will retire from active service. He started working for the Illinois Central fifty-two years ago as a telegraph operator and took to his home town of Normal, Ill. He was in other businesses for four years in the 1890's leaving his service record of more than forty-eight years.

Succeeding Mr. Ward as agent at Indianapolis will be E. J. Scmoll, agent at Mattoon, Ill. Mr. Scmoll is a native of Indianapolis and began working for the Illinois Central there twenty-five years ago. He started as a clerk in the freight office of which he will be placed in charge November 1.

Mr. Scmoll will be succeeded a agent at Mattoon by D. F. Kindelberger, chief clerk Mr. Kindelberger is a 21-year veteran of Illinois Central service.

WANT TO BE A HUNDRED

Some insects are born and live but one day? Some animals, such as dogs, live from ten to twenty years and horses, from twenty to thirty years. It is said that an elephant may live to be 300 years old in its native wilds and a whale in the sea can survive a thousand years. Longevity seems to be associated with sheer bulk. But, who wants to be an elephant and live to be three hundred!

DO YOU KNOW—

We are destined, however, for longer life individually and on the average than our forefathers? Today insurance actuaries tell us that the average life expectancy is 68 years, an increase of 21 years of expectancy over a period of 160 years. It appears then that in spite of economic depression, war, threats of war and other earthly catastrophes, life IS sweet.

DO YOU KNOW—

Living through a full century of time is a bit unusual for human creatures, yet ninety years is an almost common experience in Illi-

Grange Meets



L. J. Tabor of Columbus, Ohio, master of the National Grange, presided when the organization opened its seventy-second annual convention at Portland, Ohio, Nov. 17. The Grange, oldest and largest farm organization in the nation, advocates liberal farm credit and soil conservation. The convention will be climaxed Friday when the "seventh degree" is conferred on 5,000 candidates in traditional ceremonies.

With this outlook, it would behoove some folks to learn how to live.

Longevity depends upon certain basic and accessory factors? One who has an ancestry of long-lived

Royal Visitor



Seldom seen outside his native land since the death of his wife, Queen Astrid, King Leopold of the Belgians will make a one-day state visit to The Hague, Netherlands, Monday, November 21, where he will be entertained by Queen Wilhelmina.

parents and grandparents seem to inherit that same tendency. Where constitutional and nervous diseases are rare and the environment good, the chances for long life are excellent.

DO YOU KNOW—

Women in our population according to statistics, live on an average must consider heredity, environment, attention to personal hygiene, including medical care, exercise, rest, and reduction of health hazards such as occupational diseases and accidents. Persons about four years longer than men? Both sexes have their hazards, but probably men face greater ones in their work. Wives of strenuous mental workers, more especially those who carry heavy responsibility seem to outlive their husbands. There are six widows of ex-presidents of our country still alive.

"Wake up and Live!" The above statements have been approved by the Educational Committee of the Illinois State Medical Society.

Beavers have been known to build dams containing 300 tons of earth, sticks, and stones.

TRAINING RECREATION LEADERS: GLENWOOD

Camp Glenwood, one-half mile south of Batavia, Illinois, a unique experimental training ground for leaders of recreational centers throughout the State, enrolled 700 persons during the first 18 weeks of its existence. Thomas Rickman, Jr., State Director of the W. P. A. Recreation Program, has made plans to continue the school as long as weather conditions permit. No academic requirements are necessary for entrance, but students must have had some experience in recreational work. The charge for the period of one week, five dollars, includes board and room beginning with lunch on Monday and extending through breakfast on Saturday. Test papers show that leaders have been aided in understanding better the significance of leisure, and the technique of operating successful programs through lecture, demonstrations, exhibits, discussions, committees, practice leading, printed material, and field trips. Courses vary with the seasons.

FLAMING FALL FOLIAGE

Autumn colored foliage of more than 4500 species of trees, shrubs and vines delights thousands of visitors to roads and hiking trails of the Morton Arboretum, DuPage county. Since its establishment in 1921, the arboretum, named for J. Sterling Morton, pioneer in the reforestation movement, Secretary of Agriculture under Cleveland, and founder of Arbor Day, has attracted many visitors in the Spring and Fall, say research workers of the Federal Writers' Project, W. P. A. Designed as an experimental station for scientific research in horticulture and agriculture, the arboretum now extends over nearly 750 acres of ground and contains nearly every variety of woody plant able to survive the Illinois climate. A reference library and museum are housed in the administrative building.

According to estimates, each person in the United States eats an average of 58 oranges, five grapefruit and 16 lemons annually.

There are no icebergs in the northern Pacific ocean.

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State and National News of Interest

FROM WASHINGTON

The Federal Trade Commission has charged 13 pencil manufacturers with price-fixing. These companies, all members of the lead Pencil Association, Inc., produce 90 per cent of the Nations supply.

According to an announcement by the Republican National Committee, 219 Republicans who are members of Congress or candidates for Congressional seats have pledged themselves to seek an investigation "of political activities by all Federal relief agencies."

An agreement between the U. S. Housing Authority and the Alley Dwelling Authority has been reached and preparations for work on the low-cost housing projects will probably soon get under way.

While no statements have been made as to the agreement, it is understood that concessions were made by both the USHA and ADA.

Once more Chairman Frank R. McNinch, of the Federal Communications Commission has his ax at a member of the personnel of the FCC. He was successful in his effort to oust Hampson Gary, as chief counsel in mid-October, but in the present case of Davis G. Arnold, chief examiner and a civil service employe of 17 year's standing, it is doubtful that he can must the needed support on the commission for the ouster.

In the event of failure, McNinch is expected to change his tactics and reorganize the examining so as to abolish Arnold's position.

On the eve of elections, the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee condemned the use of the WPA in Pennsylvania by Democratic workers.

One case was reported where Republicans are said to have used private employment rolls to help their ticket.

Following recommendations of the President's fact finding board that railroads abandon the proposed wage cut, the heads of the roads were called to a meeting in Chicago for the purpose of reaching a agreement on either acceptance or rejection of cancellation of the 15 per cent rail pay cut.

The brotherhoods have voted a strike if the wage cut is put in effect. The President has conferred with John J. Palley, president of the Association of American Railroads and George M. Harrison, chairman of the Railway Labor Executive Association, separately, and promised to give his full support to a legislative Association, separately, and promised to give his full support to legislative program beneficial to the roads when rail labor, and management agree on essential provisions.

The Sunday night broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting System, of the Orson Welles version of H. G. Wells' "The War of the Worlds" created quite a disturbing atmosphere wherever heard, but nowhere more disturbing than in the offices of the Fed. Communications Commission.

The only comment given out by chairman Frank R. McNinch, of the FCC was the formal statement that the program was "to say the least, regrettable."

The Columbia Broadcasting System has been requested to send a transcription of the program to the commission and the matter will be immediately taken up.

The Securities and Exchange Commission together with the New York Stock Exchange initiated steps which have a far-reaching effect on the protection of funds entrusted to brokers by the public.

The regulations are a result of the investigation of the financial failure of Richard Whitney, who was convicted of misappropriation of securities belonging to customers.

The goal set by the commission, according to William O. Douglas, chairman, is for the creation of a special bank for the purpose of holding funds and securities now held by brokers and in which to concentrate the lending involved in margin trading. This goal will be sought by legislation, if it is not attained sooner by voluntary action.

Indications point to the Wagner labor act a some of the issues likely to stir up plenty of heat in the coming session of Congress.

With representatives of "little business", and the A. F. of L. calling for a revision of the act

curtailing the powers of the board, and the members of the board just as insistent that the act needs no revision, much pressure will be brought on members of Congress of the issue.

Recommendations for plans to interest private capital in the financing of low rent dwellings, have been made by Gerard B. Lambert, special adviser to the Federal Housing Administration.

Lambert's plan differs somewhat from the arrangements favored by President Roosevelt. His plan to provide some tax exemption incentive was frowned on by the President who favored a pool of small investors to finance construction on a 3 1/2 per cent basis.

ILLINOIS BERVITIES

When Gov. Henry Horner issued his proclamation banning all outdoor fire sin the state to prevent forest and prairie fires, a state house wag made it pay in laugh dividends.

Pretending to be a hamburger maker, he called various and sundry officials, complaining that such a ban on picnic fires would ruin his business.

From the state house came speedily a statement that picnic fires were not banned if picknickers would get consent of land owners to build them.

Collection of sales tax on examinations and other services rendered by optical firms by the state finance department is under a court ban issued by Sangamon county circuit court.

The injunction was issued on request of 15 Chicago and downstate optical firms.

By a statewide referendum vote, members of the Progressive Miners Union have endorsed the proposal to move the state union headquarters from Gillespie to Springfield.

University of Illinois officials announce that the institution's total enrollment for Champaign-Urbana and Chicago branches is 14,142, an increase of 2.31 per cent over totals last year.

The Central Illinois Public Service Company has declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the \$6 and 6 per cent preferred stocks of the company, payable December 15 to stockholders of record on Nov. 19.

The state of Illinois in 1939—for the fifth consecutive year—will levy no state property tax.

This impost did in 1939 when the 3 per cent sale tax became effective.

The last state property tax rate was 50 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Due to old age pensions, relief and other new costs of state government the state property tax rate would soar to far in excess of the 50 cents rate if the sales tax should be abolished, finance officials say.

The Illinois Commerce Commission by orders passed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1938, effected annual estimated savings of \$5,622,001 for public utility service consumers, Commission Chairman James M. Slatter, announces.

Increased gas rates allowed by Chicago courts in Chicago and from which appeal is now pending in the Illinois supreme court have no been deducted from that total.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL AHEAD FOR SEPTEMBER

The Illinois Central System came out \$640,332 to the good on its September operations and reduced its deficit for the first nine months of the year to \$1,497,544.

September receipts consisted of \$7,948,596 from freight, \$796,373 from passengers, \$641,719 from mail, express, switching and other services, and \$213,689 from rents and miscellaneous sources for a total of \$9,600,377, which compares with \$10,002,176 for September last year.

September expenses were \$3,366,616 for operation of trains and stations, \$1,611,730 for maintenance of equipment, \$890,150 for track maintenance, \$804,915 for taxes, \$362,361 for rents, \$1,378,802 for interest on debt and rent of leased lines, and \$545,471 for other expenses, making a total of \$8,980,045. This compares with \$8,869,386 for September, 1937.

The cat is belived to be the oldest pet of mankind.

Sunflowers are descendants of the rose.

TUBERCULOSIS MORE DANGEROUS THAN WAR

War has been said to be the scourge of mankind, but tuberculosis is far more dangerous, says the Illinois Tuberculosis Association pointing out that 244,357 Americans have been killed in all our wars since 1776, while, since the close of the World War alone, 1,800,000 persons have died of tuberculosis in the United States.

These deaths of over one and one half million people in our country are entirely unnecessary, says W. P. Shahan, executive secretary of the Illinois Tuberculosis Association. "Nearly every case of tuberculosis could be cured if discovered early enough. Tuberculosis is a contagious, preventable, and curable disease. Early diagnosis by means of the tuberculin test followed by X-ray examination of positive reactors, together with isolation of the active cases of the disease found, would wipe out tuberculosis in the next decade. We know enough now to absolutely eradicate this disease in our country."

"While the death rate from tuberculosis is declining, it is still the leading cause of death in the productive ages, 15 to 45. The hope of control of this killer of young men and women is through utilization of the methods we now have at our command. If every person between the ages of 12 and 25 had an annual X-ray examination, it is said that most tuberculosis would be discovered before it became a real danger to the individual and to the community.

"With the approach of Armistice Day, we are thankful for peace, but there is still one war in which there can be no cessation of hostilities. The Illinois Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated county organizations are engaged in a year-around campaign against tuberculosis, using Christmas Seal funds as a means of financing the educational and case finding programs."

DANGEROUS AUTO SEASON AHEAD

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 1—With the state and nation showing a marked decline in the number of motor vehicle accidents for the first ten months of the current year over the same period of 1937, Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes today urged motorists, pedestrians, safety organizations and the public press to continue their efforts without relaxation during the dangerous season ahead.

The latest release of the National Safety Council indicates that already this year, 5,280 lives have been saved. The figure was based on the number of automobile deaths compared with a similar period last year.

"Fall and early winter have in the past proved most disastrous to highway safety," Secretary Hughes said in his bulletin. To relax vigilance at this late hour may mean a repetition of last year's frightful toll of dead and injured.

"The individual motorist can serve the cause of safety in no better way than constant attention to his driving.

"Some authorities assert that upward of 90 percent of all accidents are attributed directly to the human element in the form of inattention, fatigue or carelessness.

Secretary Hughes reminded motorists that colder weather has a direct bearing on the operation of motor vehicles. A thorough adjustment of your car at this season may prevent an accident," he said.

"A car in good repair with an alert driver at the wheel leaves but little chance for mishap."

Man at one time, could move his ears in any direction. Underneath the skin are seven muscles which were used for this purpose. The muscles, however, are useless now.

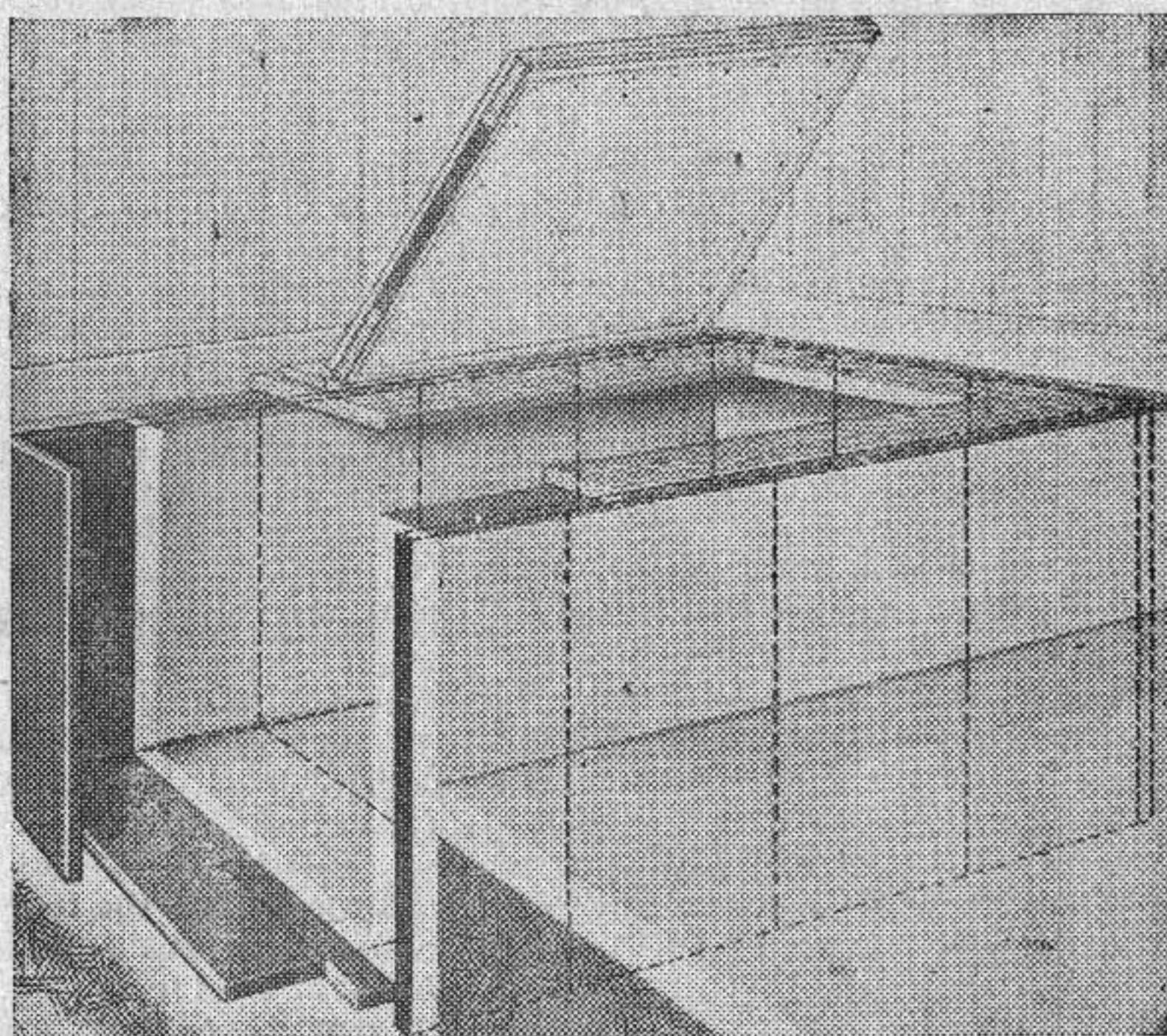
MORE NOISE, MORE STUDY

When pioneer school children in Illinois sat quietly at their rough hewn desks, schoolmasters shouted "Study harder!" According to accounts of early Monroe County schools noted by research workers of the Federal Writers' Project, W. P. A., the resulting din of many small voices repeating words in their lessons was "terrific," but it sounded as if pupils applying themselves to their work with more vigor. Spellings lessons were said to be the greatest noise makers.

There are approximately 70,000 different items on the list of purchases that are made by American railroads.

Some 300,000 lost articles are picked up on London buses annually, and only about one-third of them are reclaimed by their owners.

DAIRYMAN CAN MAKE OWN COOLING TANK



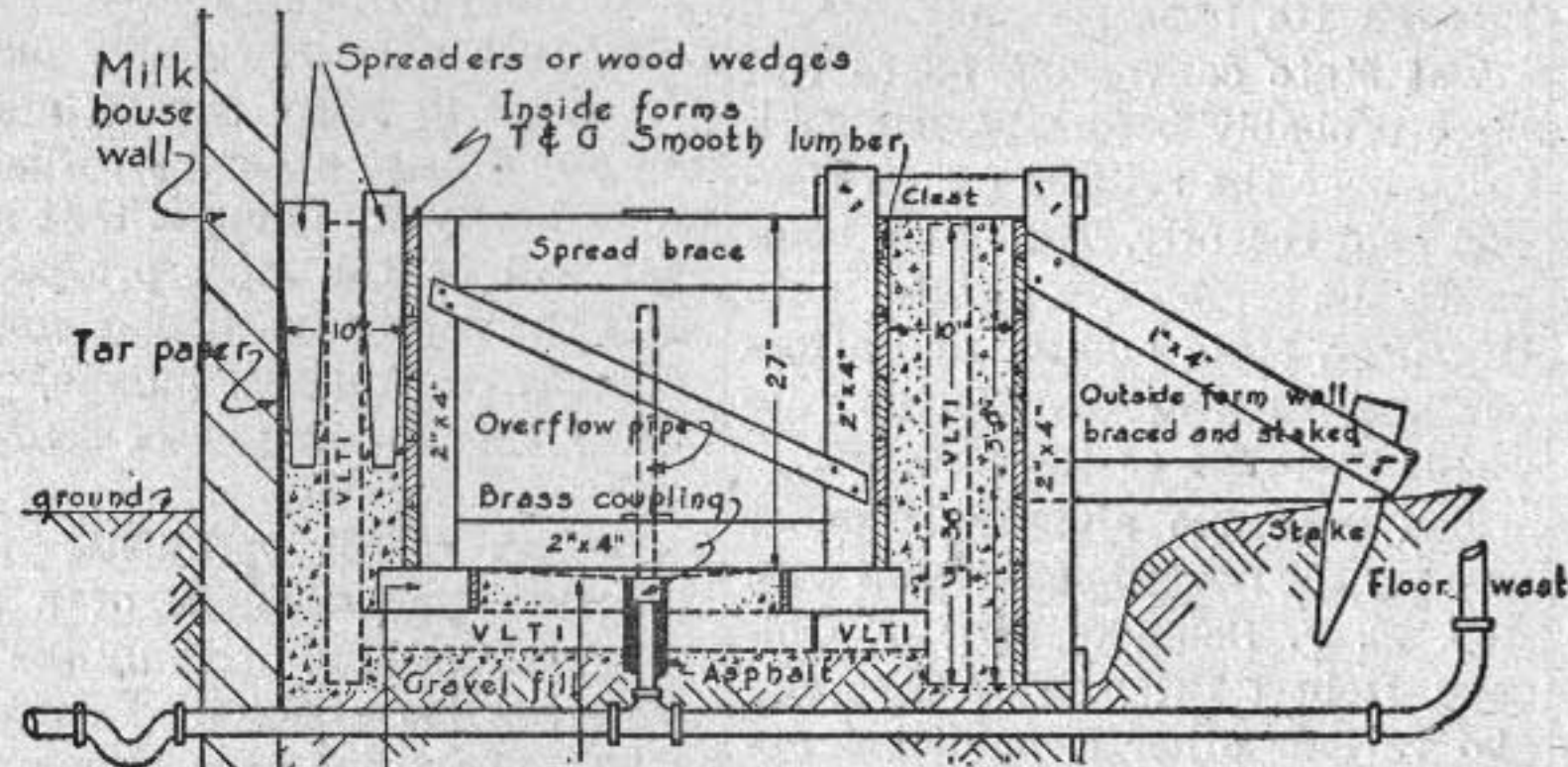
Milk can be quickly cooled, and kept cool, in homemade insulated cooling tanks like the one pictured above. Farmers can easily and economically construct their own cooling tanks with farm tools and ordinary experience.

Insulated on bottom, all sides and cover, the cooling tanks are adaptable to water flow, ice cooling and electric refrigeration.

With this type of cooling tank correct temperatures are secured

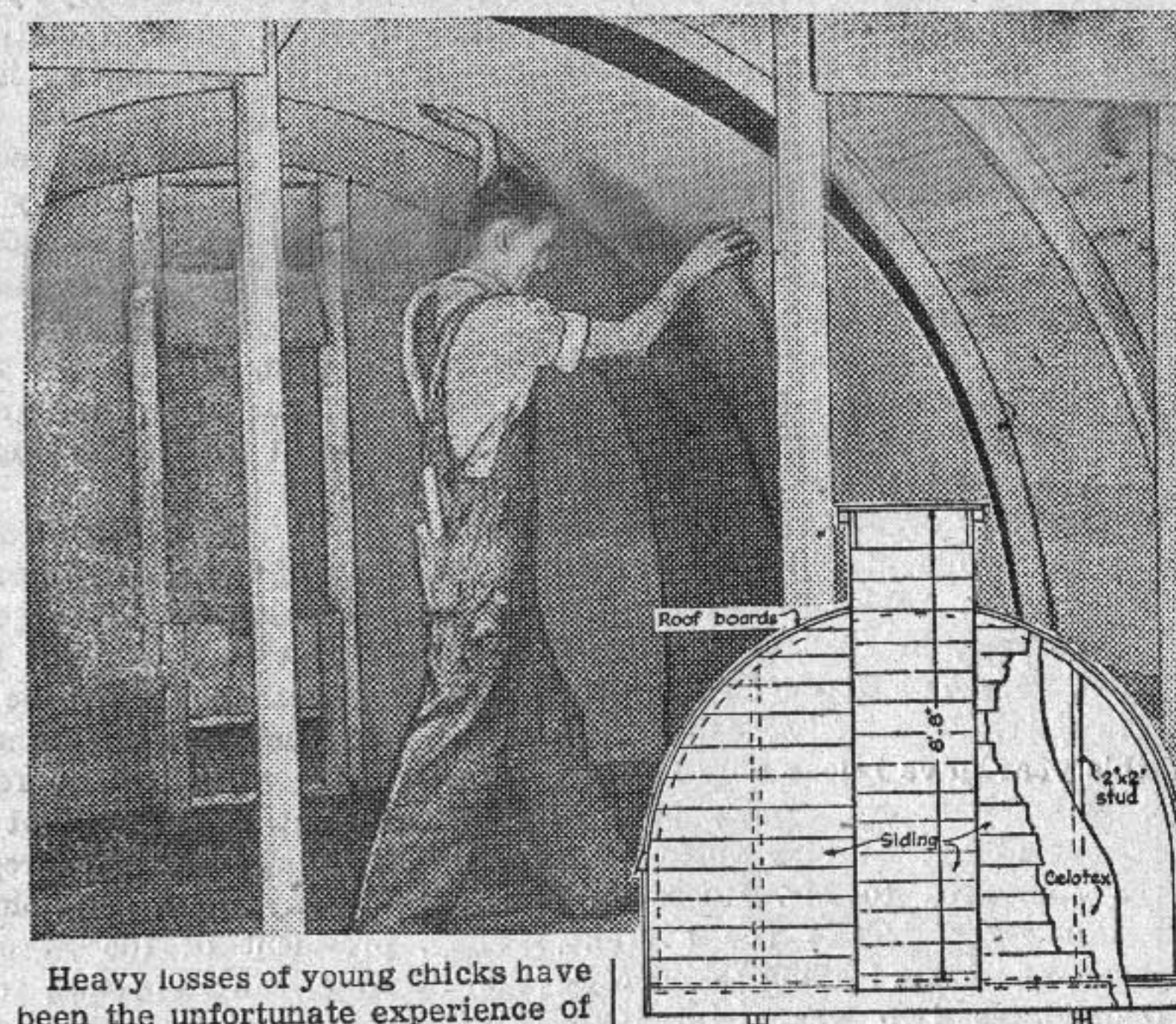
with any method of refrigeration and in winter the insulation also provides protection against freezing. The satisfactory control of temperature made possible with this cooler enables farmers to meet important requirements of milk ordinances with a small investment.

The type of insulation used in the construction of the tank illustrated can be obtained from lumber dealers everywhere.



*Note: V.L.T.I. means vaporproofed low temperature insulation.

CHICK LOSSES LOWERED IN INSULATED HOUSES



Heavy losses of young chicks have been the unfortunate experience of many poultrymen who started with good chicks, a clean brooder house, a stove in good working order, correctly balanced feed and an adequate supply of fresh clean water. Sudden weather changes are known to cause such losses as baby chicks are sensitive to cold and drafts.

In agricultural experiment stations brooder houses are commonly supplied not only with artificial heat but also with insulation to retain the heat and maintain temperatures at a steady level.

As shown in the illustration, a new brooder house is being insulated with cane fibre board to pro-

tect young chicks. A sudden sharp fall in the outdoor temperature at night will not affect chicks in this house because the heat will not leak away as rapidly as it will in an uninsulated house. Fuel is conserved, thereby reducing the cost of brooding chicks in such an insulated house.

Brooder houses can be kept dry and free from drafts only by correct ventilation. Insulating a brooder house is a long step toward getting proper ventilation, which depends on even temperature and the elimination of drafts.

Just Another Day in New York



NEW YORK—It is a dull day when New York does not have some sort of a parade. Pictured above is scene at 23rd Street and Broadway during Motorcade and Preview of the New York World's Fair 1939. In the background is the tower of the Empire State Building. All floats in this parade were on wheels. The procession ended in the Fair grounds where half a million people were assembled.

Two Sisters Have Joint Record of 92 Years of Service at Switchboard



The only two sister operators in Connecticut, and probably in the entire country, to have 45 years of service at the switchboard are the Misses Grace (left) and Gertrude Worthington, of the Wilton central office. Miss Gertrude, who is a supervisor, recently observed her 45th anniversary in the business; Miss Grace, who is chief operator, passed that milestone two years ago.

Miss Gertrude Worthington, supervisor in the Wilton, Conn., telephone central office, recently received congratulations on rounding out 45 years of continuous service at the switchboard. And the first to congratulate her was her sister, Miss Grace Worthington, who is chief operator there and who observed a similar anniversary two and one-half years ago.

The record of the Worthington sisters is unequalled in Connecticut, and perhaps in the entire country. Only three other women employed by the Southern New England Telephone Company, the Bell System affiliate serving Connecticut, have received the emerald-set emblem signifying 45 years of service, and none of these was an operator.

A little matter of style in hair dressing almost turned Miss Grace Worthington from her intended career as a telephone operator. When she applied for a position in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1891, Manager Betts at first hesitated.

"She isn't old enough," he told his chief operator. "Why, she's still wearing her hair down her back." A girl was needed, though, and this one had all the qualifications, including a willingness to coil her hair on top of her head, so she got the job.

Two years later, Miss Gertrude

Worthington applied for a position and on August 21, 1893, went to work in the Bridgeport telephone office, which, incidentally, a few years before had been the first in the world to change from boy operators to women.

After several years in Bridgeport, the Worthington sisters were transferred to the Westport, Conn., exchange, which they left in 1927 to go to Wilton. There they live and work in a pleasant white house which serves as both residence and telephone office. "Going to work" is accomplished merely by stepping from the parlor to the large corner room which houses the modern telephone switchboard serving this small Connecticut community. It is estimated that each of the sisters has answered more than ten million calls with the familiar "Number please?"—or the now outmoded "Hello" of the '90's. These twenty million calls have covered every human experience and every event of local history—births, deaths, catastrophes, tragedy and comedy, outstanding events and humdrum routine.

To Chief Operator Grace Worthington and to Supervisor Gertrude Worthington the glowing lamps on their switchboard have meant a summons, a response, a connection—a small job well done—twenty million times.

Pioneer Emblem Bears Patent Number

Nearly 40,000 telephone men and women, both active and retired, enrolled in more than 50 Chapters from coast to coast, form the Telephone Pioneers of America, linked in the common interest of having devoted 21 years or more of their lives to the telephone service.

Like other organizations, the Telephone Pioneers have an emblem, or symbol, which is of particular interest and significance. Triangular in shape, it bears around its three sides the name of the organization. In the enclosed triangular space appear the dates 1875 and 1911, the design of a bell, and on the bell the figure 174465.

This was the number assigned by the United States Patent Office to Alexander Graham Bell's patent on the fundamental principle of the electric speaking telephone. Al-

phone Pioneers should select its number as typifying the early days of telephone history, in which most of the charter members of the organization had played leading parts.

The bell upon which the figure 174465 is inscribed is a copy of that which for many years has been used on the signs and advertising of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and other Bell System companies. This symbol originally bore the words "Long Distance Service" and somewhat later, "Local and Long Distance Service." As now used, it is inscribed "Bell System."

The shape of the bell remains practically unchanged from that which was originally designed in December, 1888. The "Blue Bell" will therefore celebrate its fiftieth birthday during the present year.

The dates, "1875" and "1911," which appear at the left and right of the bell, are respectively commemorative of the experiment of June 2, 1875, when Bell verified his theory of the electrical transmission of speech, and of the organization of the Telephone Pioneers of America, on November 2, 1911.

The original Bell Telephone patent is preserved in the American Telephone Historical Library, New York, as is the drawing of the first "Blue Bell" symbol.

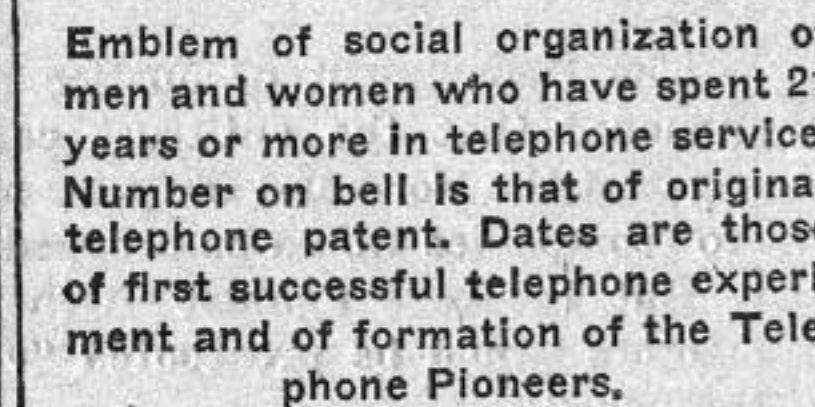
Facts About the Telephone

Bell System companies operate more than 6,900 central offices.

The wall type of telephone was introduced in Meriden, Conn., in 1878.

Telephone service has been inaugurated between Puerto Rico and the Republic of Haiti.

In two years there has been a total of 5,200 ship-to-shore telephone calls between passengers on the super-liner Queen Mary and people on land. The average is about seven calls a day.



Emblem of social organization of men and women who have spent 21 years or more in telephone service. Number on bell is that of original telephone patent. Dates are those of first successful telephone experiment and of formation of the Telephone Pioneers.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard LaMontagne spent Sunday in Chicago.

Mr. Joseph Slovickoski returned home Saturday from Dwight, where he had been a patient in the hospital for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene St. Pierre, Charles Crosby and Miss Gladys Conley of Kankakee spent the week end at Chatsworth where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fritz and Mrs. Bert Peterson and son Dale and daughter Ardele of Herscher spent Sunday afternoon in Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gauthier have returned from Oklahoma City where they visited their son A. D. Gauthier.

Miss Carol Brock spent the week end at Downer's Grove the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold LeMaster and William Shreffler have returned home after spending the past week in Michigan on a fishing trip.

Great Britain imports more commodities from Russia than does any other country in the world.

The Pacific ocean's area is equal to the land area of the earth.

One child in every million births becomes a midget, according to statistics.

Betting on a horse races is now legal in 22 states.

State and National News of Interest

FROM WASHINGTON

The Which convenes in January will present a far different branch of the Government from that which adjourned the past summer.

No longer is the House of Representatives top-heavy with a Democratic majority; no longer will the Administration be able to muster a majority with little or no effort.

The importance of the vote of each member will be recognized with this large growth of the minority party.

The election results show much opposition to the policies of the New Deal even though the personal popularity of President Roosevelt remains high.

Those members of both the House and the Senate which beat the President's "purge" came through victorious while those loyal New Dealers up for re-election fell by the wayside.

The Republicans expect, through a coalition with conservatives to be able to block the New Dealers, especially on crucial tests during the coming session.

Over the protests of a minority of his colleagues, Chairman Frank R. McNinch of the Federal Communications Commission again took up the matter of removing certain members of the personnel from office.

Latest to be added to the list of names to be ousted is Melvin H. Dahlberg, an examiner.

McNinch announced that he would soon leave the FCC and return to the Federal Power Commission in compliance with President Roosevelt's wishes.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, over the dissent of one member of the Commission, Commissioner Charles D. Mahaffie, wrote labor-protective provisions into railroad merger and lease decisions.

Mahaffie contended that the ICC was without jurisdiction "over the compensation and expenses of railroad employees," however, this contention was disregarded by the majority.

Action instituted by the American Federation of Labor to force the NLRB to certify an employee election in Copperville, Tenn., was dismissed by Justice Luring in District Court here.

The election was won by the AFofL but the CIO and affiliates protested to the NLRB that it was unfair. The board agreed and ordered the election repeated.

Then the AFofL took the case to court.

Justice Luring held that the Wagner Act provided an adequate remedy, an appeal to the NLRB and that the courts have not any right to interfere with NLRB proceedings until that board enters a final order.

Estimates of this year's cotton crop have been reduced by 75,000 bales by the Federal Crop Reporting Board but Agriculture Department officials say the supply for the current season will be more than twice the amount consumed last year.

On the first formal opinion day of the Supreme Court's 1938-39 term, Associate Justice Hugo L. Black rebuked the high tribunal for rinvading the rights of State Legislatures and thus involving the State in expensive and long litigation.

The dissent involved a challenge of a Florida law requiring that all containers of citrus products from that State be embossed with the designation.

The Department of Justice announced that the antitrust cases against the Ford and Chrysler motor companies would be dropped. But the case against General Motors would be prosecuted "vigorously."

FROM SPRINGFIELD

There will be plenty of bidding for seats on the Republican racing sully in '40.

This became evident a results of the election brought grins of satisfaction to faces of Republican leaders in Illinois.

Having gearried the downstate and having slashed the Democratic vote in Cook County for statewide offices, besides having gained in balloting various counties of the state, Republicans already are forecasting that they will sweep the state in 1940.

As a result of Tuesday's ballot-

ing there will be only one change in the state's official family. State Treasurer John C. Martin, a quiet unassuming man, is to go to Congress. The Treasurership will be filled by Louie E. Lewis, Christopher Democrat, elected Tuesday and former speaker of the house of representatives.

Word is goin around that Gov. Horner will back Mayor Kelley of Chicago for re-election next spring. Due to the fact that both Cook County and downstate Democratic organizations lagged behind their vote a two years back, they are expected to remain close together throughout the next two years in the interest of party success in the '40 election.

Unless Gov. Horner is elected to the Federal bench, he is looked upon as likely to seek a third term.

Upon incomplete returns, control of the house seems to have passed into the hands of the Republicans while the Democrats have retained their grip on the senate. As a result, a do-little session is expected next year as the Republican vote in the house can block Democrat bills from the senate and the Democratic senate can defeat Republican bills which scoot through the house.

The state canvassing board will meet probably before November 1 to go over the returns of the election held recently. The board comprises the secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor and attorney general who canvass the vote in the presence of the governor.

The scramble already is under way for the house speakership with Rep. E. J. Schnakenberg of Chicago, Robert Branson of Centralia and various other Republicans expected to be in the running.

Sen. George Maypole may have opposition for re-election as president protom of the senate while Sen. Earl B. Searcy of Springfield is expected to be renamed minority leader without opposition.

And—if you like figures—here are some on the election which furnish food for considerable thought.

Lucas, in round numbers, lost downstate Illinois by 94,000 votes. Cook county, however, gave him a 203,000 lead.

Unless you compare those totals to the 1936 vote it paints a drab picture for the Horner organization downstate, for in that area the Horner organization supported Lucas while in Chicago he had Kelly-Nash backing.

However, in 1936 Cook County gave President Roosevelt a 551,958 plurality. The Kelly-Nash group this year gave Lucas only 203,000.

But, you may argue, perhaps Lucas ability to lure votes can't be compared to Mr. Roosevelt's.

All right. Take the average, then, of the six leading Democratic candidates two years ago—Gov. Horner, Secretary of State Hughes Lt. Gov. Stelle, Sen. J. Hamilton Lewis, State Auditor and President Roosevelt. That average plurality fo reach candidate in '36 was 557,000.

Split up that was an average plurality for each candidate of 436,000 in Cook County and 121,000 downstate.

Figure further and you'll find the tin Cook County this year Democrats polled 223,000 less votes than they did in '36 for the average candidate. Meantime, downstate skidded by 215,000 votes and as a result Lucas failed to carry it.

Hence, while perhaps Gov. Horner's downstate organization didn't do so well on Tuesday, it did better by 16,000 votes than did the Kelly-Nash organization in Cook County.

There seems to be only one answer—Chicago Democrats need the downstate wing and vice versa if victory is to be won in 1940.

ILLINOIS BERVITIES

Registration of securities dealers and brokers in Illinois during October, Secretary of State E. J. Hughes reports, was: Shillinglaw, Crowder & Co., 120 S. LaSalle St., and John G. Zelezny, Not Inc., 3854-56 West 26th Street, both of Chicago.

The 1939 Illinois State Fair will be held August 12 to 20, inclusive a 9 day run, Gen. Mgr. E. E. Irwin announces. The fact that the exposition is a fair for the entire state and not only one for agriculturists will be stressed, Irwin said.

The state finance department has announced allotment of \$777,549 in to Illinois counties as their share of the October motor fuel

tax collections.

Approximately one of every fifteen persons in Illinois was receiving relief in September on the basis of the 1930 population, the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission reports. The total number on relief,—502,941—represents decline of 2.1 per cent from August and an increase of 10.0 per cent over Sept., 1937. At the close of September, 247,111 Illinois workers were employed on WPA projects or 5,456 more than at the end of August. The entire amount spent for relief in September was \$5,177,023.96. Cost of administration was 9.5 per cent of that total.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

"Nineteen-thirty-nine will be the best year for business and industry in a decade." That sentence accurately sums up the views of numerous economic forecasters today. In their opinion, the recovery movement, which was staggering and uncertain when it began seven or eight months ago, will continue to gain both in strength and velocity.

The forecasters, of course, have been wrong before, and grievously so. But it is a fact that at present opinion is amazingly unanimous as to the pleasant prospects ahead for the immediate future. You can find many an authority who is dubious over the long-term outlook—who, for instance, believe that government's greatly-stimulated pump-priming activities are going to cause the country plenty of trouble in years shortly ahead. But you'll have a hard job finding an authority who doubts that next year will be the most prosperous since the depression began. As the conservative Annalist puts it, "Recovery shows no signs of slackening."

Biggest recent optimistic news was the announcement of a tremendous spending drive by the nation's electric utilities. Representatives of 14 major systems met with the President in Washington, and, as an AP dispatch phrases it, "Amid a display of friendliness which left the capital guessing. . . announced a far-reaching program to strengthen national defense and stimulate industry by expanding private power facilities."

Details involve spending at least \$2,000,000,000 in the next two years (a sum double the recent rate of capital expenditure by the industry) and buying sufficient equipment to add 1,330,000 horsepower to existing capacity. And this, it is said, is only the first stage—if plans go through as scheduled, still greater expansion will follow.

On the red side of the ledger, in the view of business generally, is the President's Emergency Board's report to the effect that railroad wages should not be reduced, and that railway management withdraw its request for a 15 per cent cut. The President has met with George Harrison, representing railway labor, and John J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, for a conference concerning what to do in the future. The railroads are unquestionably in the worst position of any major industry. But there is a possibility that even this may have its brighter side—the Administration is considered friendly to the lines, and informed observers say that legislation to help the industry in one way or another will lead next Congress' calendar.

Excellent augury is the automobile industry's rapid emergence from the economic doghouse. The severe shutdown in production that took place last spring and summer was a strong depression factor. By the same token, the

unlooked-for improvement in production and demand now—which has caused some makers to change their plans and embark on more elaborate ventures than they thought wise even a few months ago—is a strong recovery factor. Important by-product in this field has been a substantial amount of high-wage reemployment.

In brief, the barometers give the commentator every reason for being bullish today. There may be minor setbacks—especially in security values, where considerable profit-taking at intervals is to be expected. But it seems certain that next year will be as good as any year since 1930—and in all probability better.

This government doesn't like the dictator nations. And the dictator nations don't like us. That is the logical deduction from the President's recent anti-fascist speech, coupled with the State Department's blunt warning to Japan to respect American rights in China under the traditional "open door" theory. Newspapers in Rome and Berlin and Tokyo promptly branded us as war-makers, and denounced our great rearmament program.

This government is gravely concerned with recent developments. Japan, at the beginning of her Asiatic adventure, solemnly pledged maintenance of the open door policy. Apparently she had her fingers crossed. For that policy has been widely violated in fact—and so far as theory goes, a recent Nipponese announcement said, in effect, that Japan intends to dominate China, and that other interested powers can like it or lump it.

Still more important, possibly, from the long-term standpoint, is something on which this column has commented before—the nazi-fascist ambition to extend its in-

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RAILROADS?

The following are the correct answers to the questions given in the railroad quiz on page 1:

1. 30 per cent. There are approximately 800,000 miles of railroad in the world, of which approximately 250,000 miles are in the United States.
2. Shorter. The distance via Illinois Central between Chicago and St. Louis is 294 miles. The distance via Illinois Central between Memphis and Louisville is 394 miles.
3. 17,000 miles. There are approximately 45,000 locomotives, 41,000 passenger cars and 1,800,000 freight cars on the railroads of the United States.
4. Less than 1 cent. The average revenue per ton mile of American railroads for 1937 was 935-1000ths of 1 cent.
5. Locomotive engineer. In railroad slang a locomotive is a "hog" and its engineer is a "hog-head."
6. 600 billion gallons. Passenger locomotive use from 70 to 120 gallons and freight locomotives from 150 to 350 gallons of water per mile.
7. 1,300,000 school children. The total direct tax bill of the railroads of the United States in 1937 was roundly \$325,000,000.
8. 500 miles. The fastest long-distance freight train in the world is the Illinois Central MS-1, which makes an overnight run from Chicago to Memphis, 527 miles.
9. 11,000 cars. The exact number of air-conditioned passenger cars on the railroads of the United States July 1 was 10,803.
10. 320 miles. This is the aggregate distance of the 1539 tunnels on the railroads of the United States.

fluence in South America. It is reported that this government plans to establish a large radio station in the Canal Zone, from which to broadcast pro-American programs in an attempt to counteract the continuous pro-nazi programs that are broadcast from powerful short wave stations in Germany. A major strengthening of Canal Zone defenses will in all probability be started soon. If ever we are attacked, military experts are com-

ing to believe it will be from South America—where it would be a relatively simple matter for an ambitious foreign power to establish air, army and naval bases.

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