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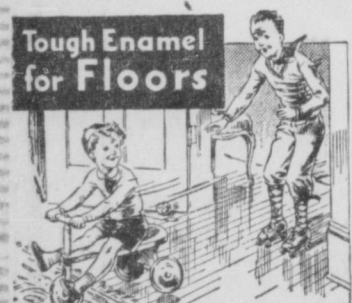
Again our heads are bowed in sorrow and our hearts are heavy with sadness. The sudden death of Judge Dore B. Erwin has depressed thousands of friends and admirers here and over the state, for few men have been held in higher esteem. Upright, able, helpful, interested in his profession and conscientious in his duties, he walked the pathway of life in such manner as to draw the admiration and good will of all with whom he came in contact.

While it was known he was ill, not even his nearest and dearest relatives and friends believed until within a few hours of his death that his condition was serious and news of his passing could scarcely be believed.

Judge Erwin was a native of this county, starting his life as a farmer boy in Union township. He was studious and ambitious, taught school as a young man, studying law in the meantime. Admitted to the bar he built an excellent practice because of his earnestness and his unusual ability both as an adviser and a trial lawyer. As judge of the Adams circuit court he was careful and always fair, weighing the evidence without prejudice and applying the law so wisely that he had already attracted the attention of attorneys over the state. His death will be mourned by many because a great jurist has gone and because his opinions were highly valued.

As Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, he, the state of Indiana, Judge Erwin proved capable and added to his friendships. His talks during the year he served were excellent and he was always welcome at a meeting of the fraternity. His record was one worth while.

As neighbor and friend, as teacher, attorney, judge, Dore Erwin made good. He was devoted to his



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home and was happiest there. His work on earth is ended but his memory will live to assist those who wish to follow his example of exemplary conduct.

The communists, some 2,000 in number, appeared before the state house at Indianapolis yesterday and a representative addressed the law makers, demanding \$25,000,000 and some other fringes hard to get in these days when the demand is for less expenditures and lower taxes. While the situation is serious and deplorable, such visits cannot possibly be of any benefit and if the requests were granted would probably only make things worse.

The county council has turned down the request for a further appropriation to continue the Wabash river dredge case and it looks as though the hearing cannot be resumed in September. Well, we have got along without that improvement a good while and can probably go right on enjoying life until such time as there are more funds available.

The legislature is getting down to brass tacks and it looks very much as though they may accomplish something worth while. Both house and senate are grinding the bills through, defeating those that seem useless and advancing those which appear to have merit. Those who have watched the proceedings have concluded they are in earnest.

Just when most of us had figured that we could pay our electric bills in cash and save the two cents per check, along comes the government with a tax on the juice and to make it worse the commission has ruled that the municipal plants can't absorb it. There just ain't no justice.

This was a special day in Decatur, with bargains in many stores and shops and a big supply of wholesome entertainment. It will continue through this evening and if you have missed it, don't overlook this last chance. You will like it all. And the biggest shows are in the stores.

The request that dogs be kept away from Legion Memorial park should be complied with. Its no place for them. They destroy the shrubs and they chase the squirrels away. Keep the dogs at home and save the park for the children.

Up to date the legislature has cost the state about \$25,000 but if they save us millions that's a small overhead and there are some indications that will result. Hold your breath and keep pulling.

Mr. Hoover will be notified either August 8th or 15th that he has been nominated for president. Well the date isn't important for about every one else has heard it any way.

Whoever is piling on the coal these days must think he is taking advantage of the bargain in prices on that commodity. Better save a little of it for next winter.

They say Curtis is an Indian and Garner a cowboy. Now what an interesting show those two boys ought to put on in their little rodeo for the vice-president's chair.

Household Scrapbook

—By—

ROBERTA LEE

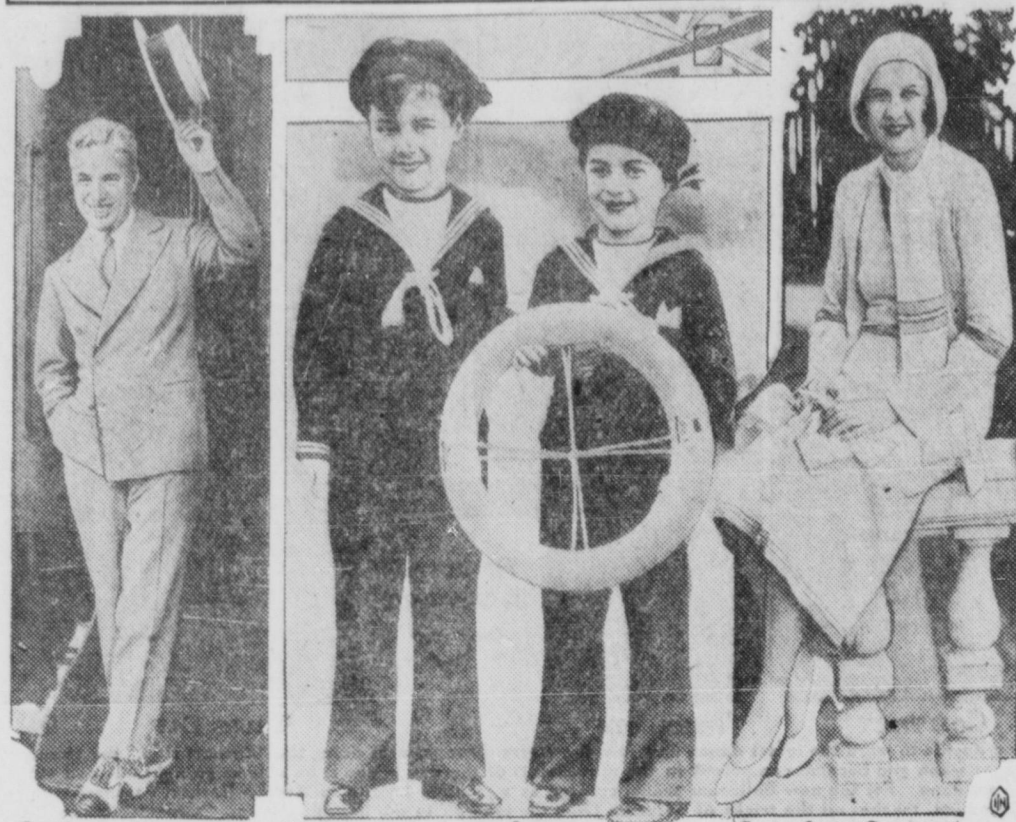
Laundering Chamois Gloves
When rinsing chamois gloves, use clean water, but just as soapy as the water in which they were washed. It will keep them nice and soft. After washing, slip off the hands, squeeze in a towel, blow out the fingers, and hang in an airy spot to dry.

Recipe File
When pasting a recipe in the scrapbook paste the picture if one is available, on the opposite page in this way one will not forget the suggestion given for garnishing.

Ash Stain
To make an ash stain, mix 1 quart of boiled linseed oil, 1 quart of turpentine, 1 pint of whiting, and 1 level tablespoonful of raw sien-

Will Young Chaplins Outshine Famous Dad?

Signed for Movies, Two Children of Screen's Ace Clown Will Make Camera Debut With Mother. Charlie Said to Be Displeased.



CHARLIE CHAPLIN CHARLES JR. and SYDNEY CHAPLIN LITA GREY CHAPLIN

Recently signed on a two-year contract to make five pictures, the children of Charlie Chaplin and Lita Grey Chaplin, his former wife, will shortly make their debut before the cameras and klieg lights of Hollywood, taking their first step in the career that brought their father world renown. The boys, Charles, Jr., and Sydney, are still too young to have any definite ambitions as to the type of roles they would like to play, but their mother says that they will not make any attempt to mimic the style of comedy of which their dad is the great exponent. Chaplin himself is said to be displeased at his children's attempt to attain a place in the Hollywood firmament and it is believed in some quarters that he may endeavor to place some legal obstacle in the way. However, it is felt that such action on Chaplin's part would be fought tooth and nail by the children's mother, his former wife, who asserts that Charlie has never shown the slightest interest in his children's welfare since a court placed them in her custody and assessed him \$850,000 for their upkeep.

New York.—It has long been a controversial subject as to whether genius, like lightning, ever strikes twice in the same place, that is in the same family. With the exercise of a little patience, we are likely to have the matter settled in the very near future when the children of Charlie Chaplin, the world's most famous screen clown, make their debut before the movie camera.

The boys, Charles, Jr., 7, and Sydney Earle, 6, recently returned from Europe to start work on a two-year contract calling for five pictures, in which they will play with their mother, Lita Grey Chaplin, former wife of the comedian, who has been appearing on vaudeville stages for several years.

It is said that Papa Charlie is not any too well pleased at the idea of his progeny following in his splayed footsteps and it has been hinted in some quarters that the funny man may attempt to place a legal obstacle in the way of his children's film career. This sudden interest in his children would be rather inconsistent with Charlie's previous attitude towards them. For according to their mother, the comedian has not paid the slightest attention to the boys since the court placed them in her custody and assessed Charlie \$850,000 for their upkeep.

However, the funny man will no doubt, be relieved to learn that the young Chaplins will make no attempt to mimic their famous dad on the screen. According to their mother, the boys will choose their own

path on the rugged climb to fame in Hollywood. And she hopes they'll make the grade without trick lip spinach or baggy pants.

The two potential stars who hope to win a place in the Hollywood firmament are not greatly impressed with the laurels won by their famous sire, both being unanimous in declaring their preference for Punch and Judy shows, which they say, are much funnier.

Though the boys know they are destined for a movie career, they are still too young to have any definite ambitions in that direction. In fact, they are still trying to decide whether a policeman or a fireman has the better time. However, their mother is sure that they will take to acting like a duck takes to water, especially Sydney, who incidentally, is Tommy to his mother.

Sidney is a natural-born comedian and delights in strutting his stuff on every possible occasion, so it is to him we must look if we expect to see the Great Charlie outshone by one of his own children. Charles, Jr., is a quiet child, remarkably studious for his years, whose chief amusement is reading. It would be strange indeed if he were to succeed where his famous father has always failed. That is, in attaining success in serious, dramatic roles.

It is well known that Chaplin's greatest ambition was to break away from the clowning that made him famous and to play in drama and tragedy. It was said at one time that he had his heart set on play-

ing Hamlet, but such proposals were always greeted with a big laugh as one vainly tried to imagine the bowler-hatted, voluminous-trousered comedian in the tragic role of the melancholic Prince of Denmark.

Hollywood is now speculating as to what Chaplin's course of action will be, if any, in regard to his children's entrance to the field that brought him world renown. It is believed that any attempt on his part to have his progeny barred from the land or klieg lights will be fought tooth and nail by his former wife. And that she will use Charlie's alleged disinterestedness in their welfare since the divorce as a telling court argument.

This difference on Chaplin's part is difficult to understand, especially when we remember that "The Kid," a picture that portrayed the comedian as a child-lover par-excellence.

Will Dowling purchases interest in Fred Schaub hardware store.

Three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Helmerick is run over by hay wagon escaping with a broken leg.

Louis Stump of Monroe is able to sit up after a siege of typhoid fever which lasted nine weeks.

A light snow is reported to have fallen near Grand Rapids.

Dr. Parrish of Monroe buys \$4 acre Grimm farm.

Library is six years old today.

D. V. Steele is in LaPorte visiting his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burns are spending the day in Fort Wayne.

Harvey Smith is spending two weeks in Oden with the A. R. Bell family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schafer of Dallas, Texas, are visiting relatives.

Editor Daily Democrat,

Dear Sir:—

After reading your editorial on the B. E. F. in Washington, D. C. as to too much publicity, I don't think they have had half enough. According to an interview I had with one of the veterans last week the boys are eating good in Washington. But the newspapers don't tell the good things about the B. E. F. The soldiers in the homes are sending money to keep them going. As for national organizations, the delegates, except Indiana's, were more dry than hungry and they defied the Posts that sent them to Detroit to vote for the "Bonus." I can safely say that 99 2/3 of all ex-service men want the Bonus.

Yours truly,
FRANK YOUNG.

COURT HOUSE

The report of appraisers in the L. C. Waring estate was filed today. It is in several sections and several sets of appraisers were necessary. For the local property, Leigh Bowen and James L. Kocher served, fixing the value of household goods at \$1,427.50 and factory items at \$617.80. A total of \$140,565.69 was included but no estimate of present value was made. C. W. Cain, M. McClanahan and L. M. Garner appraised the personal property at Columbus, Miss and returned a total value of \$236.75. The appraisers for the cottage at White Fish Lake, Michigan, fixed the value of the building at \$4,000 and contents at \$328. They were John Hass and Glen Kitz. Value of the local real estate and at Columbus, Miss., and Rochester, Ind., was not included in the report. Cal E. Peterson is administrator of the estate and the papers were filed by J. C. Sutton, attorney.

Attorney Nathan Nelson filed a new suit for Virginia Losh and Lester E. Downing vs David W. Miller and Bert P. Burnham, suit on account.

county. C. J. Lutz as attorney for plaintiff filed a new suit, A. J. Moser Co. vs. A. C. Smith, foreclosure of lien, demand \$150.

The civil case of Paul Stewart vs. Frigid Transport Co., foreclosure of mechanics lien, was dismissed, the costs having been paid and the matter adjusted.

Freeman Fluke has been released from custody having filed bond for \$500, approved by Sheriff Burl Johnson, in each of the two cases against him for issuing fraudulent checks. A. D. Suttles signed the new bonds.

Marriage License
Edward H. Coffin, Germantown, Wis., former to Gertrude Elizabeth Pohl Wauwatosa, Wis.

Real Estate Transfers
Cordelia I. Townsend, land in St. Marys township to First J. S. L. B. for \$1.00.

University Officer to Retire
Berkeley, Cal.—(U.P.)—Oldest University of California administrative officer in point of years of service, is Joseph William Flinn. On June 30 he will retire with 45 years as university printer and superintendent of the printing office, behind him.

Answers To Test Questions

Below are the Answers to Test Questions Printed on Page Two.

- 1.—Neptune.
- 2.—They are island possessions of the United States.
- 3.—Philology.
- 4.—Eli Whitney.
- 5.—"Forty-niners."
- 6.—The Mormon Church.
- 7.—Hiram Johnson of California.
- 8.—Legendary tell of fables.
- 9.—William N. Deak.
- 10.—France.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Frick of Haven are the parents of a baby born Saturday, July 16, their home. The baby has named Robert Dean, and is the child in the family. Mrs. Frick fore her marriage was Miss Parish of this city.

BARGAINS—Bargaining in Room, Dining Room, Stairs, Stables and Rugs, Stuckey and Monroe, our Phone number

"MURDER of the NIGHT CLUB LADY"

THE NEW THATCHER COLT DETECTIVE MYSTERY

BY ANTHONY ABBOT

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SYNOPSIS

Lola Carewe, "The Night Club Lady", and her guest, Christine Quires, are mysteriously murdered in the former's apartment. Scorpions were the instruments of death. The police suspect Guy Everett, the last person to see Christine alive. Lola had blackmailed Everett. He, however, claims that Christine discovered a plot to kill Lola and feared for her own life because of her knowledge. Police Commissioner Thatcher Colt learns that a young Paris bank clerk, named Basil Boucher, loved Lola. After robbing a bank to buy her a ruby, Basil disappeared. His parents sold medical laboratory specimens, Mrs. Carewe, Lola's mother, became hysterical at the mention of Basil, calling her daughter a beast and saying Lola never loved him. Edgar Quires, Christine's brother, left his Rochester home for New York following the receipt of a telegram the day of the murders. Christine was to have inherited wealth shortly. Suspicion also points to Dr. Hugh Baldwin when it is disclosed that he purchased scorpions. He had stated heart failure caused the deaths. Colt, calling to question Baldwin, finds him dead—on a scorpion bite! Mrs. Baldwin reveals that she knew her husband was involved with Lola. In Baldwin's desk the Commissioner finds a statement in which the doctor explains he accidentally poisoned Gaylord Gifford, Lola's husband. Lola's knowledge of this placed Baldwin in her power. She forced him to supply narcotics which she used to victimize her friends and later blackmailed them. Then she ordered him to obtain a scorpion to commit a murder. Baldwin learned that Vincent Rowland, the lawyer, was behind Lola's blackmailing and realized his knowledge of their activities marked the doctor for death.

"I told her that I had the scorpions in two boxes in my overcoat," Baldwin's letter read.

done criminal things too long. There was no moral strength left for me to draw upon."

Here there was an interruption in this extraordinary manuscript. A smaller sheet of paper was laid between the leaves. On the top, I read: "I have just been called to Lola's apartment—this New Year's Eve—while I was writing this."

And at the bottom of the page I read: "Everything has happened—now I am back here—there can be only one end—"

Then the regular pages flowed on in the strong black script: "Whom did she mean to kill besides myself? Often I debated that question. But she had so many ironies in the fire, it might easily be someone I did not even know. I felt comforted by this reflection. But I was like a man walking in a nightmare. Then, only a day or so before New Year's, Lola telephoned me in a rage. Someone had stolen the boxes I had given her.

"The scorpions were gone! "She blamed me. She accused me of having stolen them back. I had a key to the apartment which she had given me, for often she wanted me to come in and see her without ringing the bell and thus calling attention to my call. She thought I was weakening. She made me promise to get her more scorpions.

"To calm her, I promised that I would obtain two more scorpions. But I explained that it would again take weeks. The specimens had to be sent for. I would have to see my supply man, Ricardo Villafranca.

"However, I kept delaying, but finally did. I imagine my surprise—my terror—when I received a call to come to Lola's apartment just a few hours ago. But my consternation was increased tenfold when I entered the room and saw the victim was Lola Carewe herself.

"I was in a panic. There she lay. I looked at her arms. She herself had been bitten by the scorpion. The mark was plainly there. In self-defense I said she had had heart trouble and then in self-defense I performed the trick which she had taught me. I put the needle into the bite, and thus obliterated all trace.

"But who killed her? Who killed Christine Quires—by the same deadly scorpion bite? I do not know. But I am going to get one more scorpion. After what I have done tonight—and the knowledge that Lola's papers will surely expose me—I do not care to live. Disregard all I said at the beginning

of this letter—I truly die by my own hand."

Here, abruptly, the writing ended. There was no signature. Hugh Baldwin lay dead at Lola's feet. Had he actually taken his own life in horror and remorse? It seemed little doubt of that, the accusations—veiled and veiled—which he had left behind—what?

The letter was not the end of the mystery. It was the beginning of a larger and more baffling problem. Thoughtfully and deliberately Thatcher Colt filled his pipe and lighted it.

"It is a melancholy problem," Tony," he began, "that Doctor win could have saved three lives his own included, had he had manhood to come down to O Street and tell me the facts. I have protected that man from everything, disgrace in his profession included."

"Looks like this blows up Doctor's jewel-ring idea," I remarked. Colt nodded.

"But Dougherty was on the edge of something real—something important," Colt replied. "It happens to be blackmail, instead of something somewhere. More power, say I. I have had the Birmingham Securities Corporation tied up this morning. It was a shop affair, and the officers all shipped to South America."

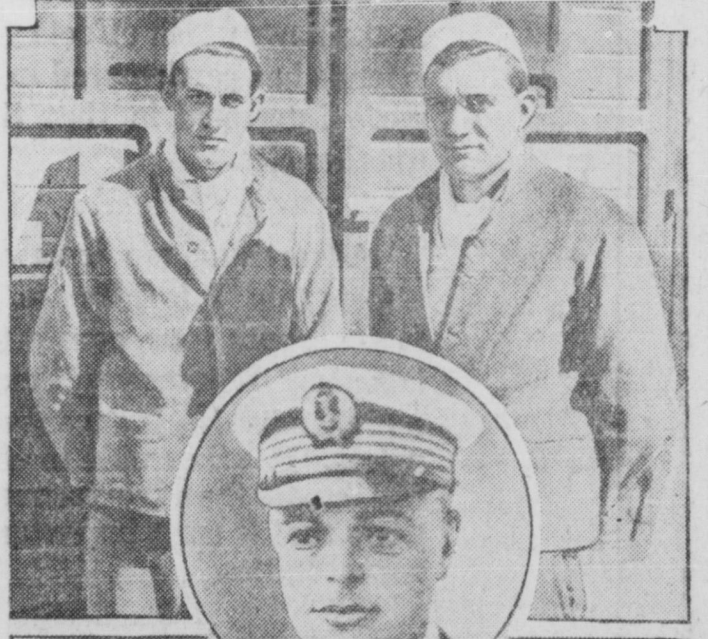
Here the Commissioner paused to relight his pipe. "That letter of Baldwin's really very upsetting, about Lola," he resumed, as he sat across the floor. "It reveals a terrifying suspicion—for Baldwin seems to have no real proof as to that Vincent Rowland is a murderer. Suppose he is? Is he a murderer because he is? Or is he a murderer because he is the one he had cause to be the other?" I argued.

"And some semblance of opportunity—that is to say, he was the premises last night. Right? Rowland was frightened, he was the man to take hold, do action. That has always been method in his court-room handling of spectacular affairs, always. Over, he might figure that he was over three people stood in his And yet—"

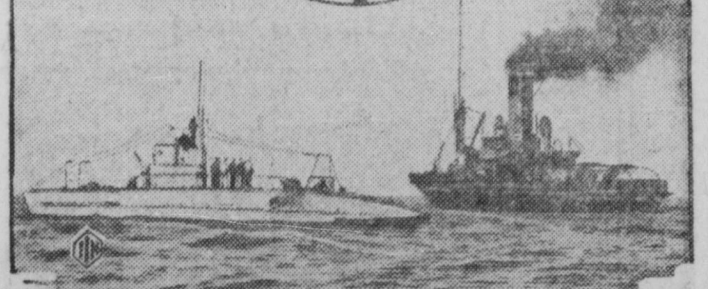
He stopped short, leaving sentence uncompleted, while knelt by the body and stared moodily.

(To Be Continued)
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Over Grave of Submarine Dead



A French Navy cutter and the submarine "Ariane" are shown above the spot in the English Channel off Cherbourg, where the French submarine "Prometheus" recently went to the bottom, carrying 63 of her crew to death. At top are two survivors of the "Prometheus" crew with Captain Cipriest du Mesnil, commander of the ill-fated craft (inset). These men were on deck when the submarine took the fatal plunge and were picked up by a French fishing boat.



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