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Horses Run Wrong Way

Marshfield, Mass. (U.P.)—A false start, horses that ran the wrong way and a jockey who refused to ride enlivened a horse race here.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that Monday, November 1, 1937 will be the last day to pay your Fall installment of taxes. The county treasurer's office will be open from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. during the tax paying season. All taxes not paid by that time will become delinquent and an 8% penalty will be added. Those who have bought or sold property and wish to have a division of taxes are asked to come in at once. Call on the Auditor for errors and any reductions. The Treasurer can make no corrections.

The Treasurer will not be responsible for the penalty of delinquent taxes resulting from the omission of tax-payers to state definitely on what property they desire to pay, in whose name it may be found, in what township or corporation it is situated.

Persons owing delinquent taxes should pay them at once, the law is such that there is no option left for the Treasurer but enforce the collection of delinquent taxes.

The annual sale of delinquent lands and lots will take place on the second Monday in April, 1938 at 10 A. M.

County orders will not be paid to anyone owing delinquent taxes. All persons are warned against them. No receipts or checks will be held after expiration of time, as the new depository law requires the Treasurer to make daily deposits.

Particular attention: If you pay taxes in more than one township mention the fact to the Treasurer, also see that your receipt call for all your real estate and personal property.

In making inquiries of the Treasurer regarding taxes to insure reply do not fail to include return postage.

JEFF LIECHTY
 Treasurer Adams County, Indiana
 Oct. 9 to Nov. 1

PUBLIC AUCTION

On account of ill health, I will sell at Public Auction at my farm, located 1/4 mile East of Peterson, the following property, on

SATURDAY, October 16, 1937

Commencing at 12:30 P. M.

HORSES—1 Bay horse, weight 1,000 lbs., a good worker.

COWS—Red cow 6 yrs. old should be fresh on day of sale, a good big cow and easy milker and gentle. Red cow, 6 yrs. old giving a good full milk.

CHICKENS—1 dozen head of good chickens.

HAY—Alfalfa hay one ton; baled straw, one ton.

MACHINERY

Fair mower; grain drill; beet drill; breaking plow; shovel plows, both single and double; walking corn cultivator; spike tooth harrow; spring tooth harrow; a good one horse corn cutter.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pump jack; hog trough; small watering tank; large iron kettle; good copper kettle; spray pump; DeLaval cream separator; glass churn; large milk strainer; three stands of bees; five gallon crock, gallon crocks; hay knife; post auger; bed and springs; walnut stand, and other articles not mentioned.

MRS. SIMON SMITH, Owner

H. H. High, Auctioneer.
 Milton Girod, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to quit farming I will sell at Public Auction, at my farm 2 1/2 miles South of Monroeville, Ind., on the Liberty Road, on

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20, 1937

Commencing at 10:00 A. M.

5-HEAD OF HORSES—5

Match Team of Bay Horses, 6 & 7 years old, wt. 1600 each, both in foal; 1 Roan Belgian Mare 11 yrs. old, wt. 1700, in foal; 1 Sorrel Mare Colt, light mane and tail; 1 Grey Horse 14 yrs. old, wt. 1500.

24-HEAD OF CATTLE—24

7 Cows giving good flow of milk; 1 Cow fresh Nov. 1; 3 Heifers bred; 1 Guernsey Bull 1 1/2 yrs. old; 12 White Faced Steers wt. 650 each. 12-HEAD OF SHEEP—12 Shropshire Breeding Ewes.

66-HEAD OF HOGS—66

Four Triled Sows; 1 Sow with 9 pigs, 4 weeks old; 2 good Chester White Male Hogs, 1 yr. old; 10 Gilts wt. 180 lbs. each; 18 Feeders, wt. 125 to 180 lbs. each; 22 pigs, wt. from 40 to 80 lbs. each.

FEED—Corn on Stalk in field.

—IMPLEMENTS—

McCormick Binder 7 ft. cut; Weber Wagon 3 1/2 in. with Grain Bed, like new; Ohio Manure Spreader; Oliver Riding Breaking Plow; Shunk Walking Breaking Plow; 14-16 Disc; 20 Tooth Spring Harrow, like new; 60 Tooth Spike Harrow; Corn Planter; Land Roller; Riding Corn Cultivator; 2 sets of Breaching Harness, one like new; Leather Fly Nets; Lawn Mower; 3 Horse Iron Double Trees, like new; Grindstone; Clover Seed Buncher; Potatoes.

TERMS—CASH.

D. J. BARKLEY, Owner

Roy S. Johnson—Auctioneer.
 Citizens State Bank—Clerk.

Lunch served by Ladies Aid.

Harry Ray and family.

Mrs. Harry Daniels of Conover, O., is spending a few days with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lobsinger.

Mrs. Otto Lambert and daughter, Betty, spent the week-end with her mother, Lydia McBarnes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Custer, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Custer and sons called on the Ralph Fuller family at Leipsic, Ohio, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James F. Halberstadt and son J. Franklin and Mrs. Lydia McBarnes called Sunday on Mrs. Virgil Neuenchwander who is ill at her home in Decatur.

Misses Vivian, Maxine and Betty Noll, Lowell and Max Noll of Pleasant Mills, Frank Garard, Jr., Miss Jerry Ott, Miss Genevieve Noll and Claude Hemling of Fort Wayne attended the Birthday anniversary party for Winston Rawley at Berne. Games were enjoyed later. Mrs. Rawley served ice cream, cake, sandwiches and apples.

Dale Harper, a prominent citizen of Pleasant Mills, has been saving coupon for a new meerschaum pipe. The pipe arrived Monday and Dale is delighted with his new treasure.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Everett entertained at Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Harve Everett and sons' Marcus and Robert of Terre Haute, Mrs. E. H. Felger and son Victor, Mrs. Margaret Merrill and Miss Pearl Merrill of Fort Wayne.

The Epworth League boys and girls met at the home of Wilson Gulick for the October league party. The evening was spent in a social good time and many games were enjoyed. Later in the evening refreshments of ice-box fruit salad with whipped cream, cookies and

cocoa were served to Betty and Glen Clark, Betty and Maxine Noll, Wayne, Vivian and Neva Riley, Wanda and Harold Bailey, Gerald and Geraldine Haggard, Geraldine and George Ray, Wilford Morrison, Lowell and Vivian Noll, Easter and James Barr, James Smith, Russell Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ehrsam, Rev. Alva Barr, and Wilson Gulick.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mann and daughter Wanda Madeline, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of his father, George Mann of near Fort Recovery, Ohio, then in the afternoon motored to Union City to visit with the Ralph Horine family.

Trade in a Good Town - Decatur

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FORM NO. 100

Notice is hereby given that the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board of Adams County, Indiana, will at 9:00 A. M. on the 23rd day of October 1937 at the County Commissioner's Room in Auditor's Office, Court House in the City of Decatur, in said County, begin investigation of the applications of the following named persons requesting license to sell alcoholic beverages at the locations herein after set out, of the Alcoholic Beverage Permits of the classes hereinafter designated and will, at said time and place, receive information concerning the fitness of said applicants, and the propriety of issuing the Permits applied for to such applicants at the premises named:

Albert Aeschliman, 32107, (Colonial Restaurant), 121 S. Second St., Decatur—Liquor, Beer, Wine Retailer.
 August A. Heilmann, 32332, (People's Restaurant), 121 S. Second St., Decatur—Beer Retailer.

Said investigation will be open to the public, and public participation is invited. The Alcoholic Beverage Commission of Indiana, By: John F. Noonan, Secretary.

Hugh A. Barnhart, Excise Administrator Oct. 7-14

Crow Hunters Organize

Camden, Mo. (U.P.)—Local sportsmen have organized a Crow Hunters Club into two teams. The group shooting the fewest birds literally will eat crow at a dinner in December.

Policeman Cans Fruit

Idaho Falls, Ida. (U.P.)—If John Bartlett, 275-pound Idaho Falls policeman, ever loses his job, he might teach home economics. The hefty policeman cans hundreds of quarts of fruits, vegetables and meats every season.

NOTICE OF THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The undersigned, Executor of the estate of Jacob Schafer, deceased, hereby gives notice that by virtue of an order of the Adams Circuit Court she will at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday, October 25th, 1937 at the law office of Fruchte and Litterer, in the Morrison Building at number 114 South Second Street, Decatur, Indiana, and from day to day thereafter until sold, offer for sale at private sale, free from liens except taxes for the year 1937 payable in the year 1938, the following described real estate situated in the County of Adams, State of Indiana, to-wit:

The west part of Lots numbered four hundred thirty-eight (438) and four hundred thirty-nine (439) in Nuttman's Northwest Addition to the town (now city) of Decatur, Adams County, Indiana.

Said sale will be made subject to the approval of said Court for not less than the full appraised value of said real estate and upon the following terms and conditions, to-wit: at least one third of the purchase money cash in hand, the balance in two equal installments, payable in nine months and eighteen months, evidenced by notes of the purchaser bearing six percent interest from date, waiving relief, providing for attorneys fees and secured by mortgage on the estate sold, the purchaser to have the privilege, however of paying all cash on day of sale if so desired.

Irene D. Schafer, executrix
 Fruchte and Litterer, attorneys
 Sept. 23-30 Oct. 7-14

"THE SILVER ROOD MYSTERY!"

by Lewis Allen Browne

CHAPTER XXXVII

I had a couple days of rest, and appreciated it. Phil was in New York over night. When he came back he had a copy of the birth record. A girl, Nola, was born to Mrs. Nola Lutzmann on November 10, 1911, at the address of Mrs. Felder.

I was rather ashamed of myself for having neglected to look this up before. I took the information over to Judge Wentworth.

"We all often overlook the simpler things that frequently prove to be important," was his comment. Sergeant Harper got his reports that Mr. and Mrs. Fellows seemed to be obeying orders. Aside from marketing and going out for dinner at some local restaurant, they seldom left the place. The For Sale sign had been removed.

Howard Griswold was still outwardly calm, but Mary and I both could see that he was under great mental stress. The time was nearing when he would have to go out to Illinois for his new position. He wasn't sure that he would be allowed to do this. I took it up with Harper. I felt that Foxcroft would refuse stubbornly.

"Let's wait until we see what we learn from this Professor Lardeau," Harper suggested. I tried to cheer Griswold by telling him I was fairly sure he would not be held here.

Wednesday morning Foxcroft had a wire from his cousin, Mr. Colton. He was on his way to Greatport with Professor Lardeau. They would be out shortly after noon. I don't know how Foxcroft and Harper felt about it. I was more excited than I had been at any time since I was asked to help on the case.

Right after Foxcroft telephoned this information, Mary telephoned for me to come up. I went up through the stile along the path between my father-in-law's house and her home. She was sitting on the veranda and Davison was standing near by.

"You didn't take the silver rood, did you?" she asked. "No. Is it gone?"

"Yes, Davison noticed that it was missing, not ten minutes ago."

We went into the library. I examined the book where it had hung for so many years. The filament of wire was on the hook. I had carefully wound it around the rood when I hung it back, just as Harper had originally fixed it, in order to learn if anyone handled it.

"Had any visitors, Mary?" I asked. "None."

"You didn't show anyone in here, while Miss Montith was away, did you, Davison?"

"No sir. The rood was there yesterday afternoon. I am quite sure about that. I never go in the room but what I glance at it."

"Naturally."

"I don't want it there any longer than necessary," Mary cried. "It makes me shudder."

"Someone took it, then," I said,

"between yesterday afternoon and this forenoon."

"Yes sir."

"How about the servants?"

"They know nothing about it, at least they say so, sir. I see no reason to doubt them."

"And there has been no one here, other than Miss Montith, Mrs. Stapleton and the servants?"

"Certainly not since yesterday afternoon," Mary assured me.

"Mason was up last night, sir," Davison said.

"Up where? In here?"

"Oh no, sir, he came up around ten o'clock last night, he didn't even come in. I went out and sat with him a half hour in the service yard. Then I walked down as far as the stile with him. He came around the back way, naturally, sir."

"What do you think? I suppose you visit back and forth?"

"Occasionally, sir."

"I will see what I can learn. Meanwhile, you question the servants again, will you, Mary?"

Mary promised. I had to hurry back and get to Greatport. I was beginning to get greatly disturbed about the taking of that silver rood. For some reason, that I couldn't fathom, it struck me as having great significance.

It was at two o'clock when Mr. Colton arrived at Foxcroft's office with Professor Henri Lardeau. The professor was smiling and calm, shook hands with us as Colton introduced him, and sat down quite at ease.

"I can vouch for all that Professor Lardeau will tell you, gentlemen," Colton said, "but he wants to tell it his way."

"Well, first of all, Professor," Sergeant Harper said, "give us your reason for stealing that painting."

"I did not steal it," Lardeau replied.

"What! Sergeant Harper fairly bellowed, his eyes wide with astonishment. "You didn't steal the painting? You were there. The painting—"

"Please, gentlemen!" Professor Lardeau held up his hand.

I shook my head at Harper.

"If you will let me tell it. It is a strange story. Mr. Colton has verified all of it. I have papers. Let us go about it quietly and then, if you wish, you may do what they call a third degree, is it not?"

Harper nodded. "Go to it," he said.

"I took the painting, I did not steal it. One cannot steal one's own property."

Foxcroft scowled.

"So it was your painting, eh?" Harper asked. One could see that he didn't believe it.

"It was mine, in a way. It belonged to my father, now dead. I inherited all that he left. Yes, it was my painting. And yet, gentlemen, it really belonged to the Swiss National Museum in Zurich."

"We seem to be getting somewhat involved, Professor," I said, to fill the silence as Lardeau looked about

at us to see how we took his statement.

"We should have a stenographer," Foxcroft said, arising.

"Not necessary," Colton told him. "I have a complete typed statement for you, with other official papers."

"All right," Foxcroft turned to Lardeau. "I suppose someone told you that Mr. Gerard Montith had stolen this painting from your father?"

"No. Oh, no, no. All by one splendid accident I found out that Mr. Montith had it and I know now that he had every reason to believe it was his."

"It was only a copy," Foxcroft declared.

"Ha! No copy, gentlemen, I assure you. Ask Mr. Colton, long my good friend."

"I told you that Professor Lardeau wouldn't look twice at any copy," Colton reminded us.

"That painting, gentlemen," the professor assured us, "is a Van Dyck, a genuine, not a copy. It is the head of Prince Charles of England when he was a little lad, the prince who later became King Charles the second. It was done about 1635 when Van Dyck was aged thirty-six. He did a great many portraits of royalty, especially of royal children. It is of great value, very great value."

"Did you bring it back?" Sergeant Harper asked.

"Ha! Never. Why should I? It is now hanging in the Swiss National Museum where it should have been hanging twenty-five years ago."

"Let's clear this up—we aren't interested in the painting; we want to know who killed Gerard Montith," Harper declared.

The professor became grave, instantly.

"No one wants to know more than I. When I read of it the shock nearly killed me. I was never so mortally frightened. I took ship to South America and then home, under another name. I did not kill Mr. Montith. I did go into his library. I called again to make him another offer, then to tell him that it was not rightly his painting and that the Swiss Government would sue him for it if he refused. He was sleeping. There, through the open door to the library, hung the painting that had belonged to my father. Why, I ask myself, waste time to haggle, to fight it in the courts? Why not take what is mine and depart? Let Mr. Montith sue if he wished, but the painting would be where it belonged."

"And Montith woke up and tried to stop you and you had to kill him!"

The professor turned to Harper and said, with no show of alarm or fear, "That would be the natural thing to think, but it is not so."

"Will you let him tell it?" Colton urged.

"All right," Harper sat back, sulkily.

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LOST—Bill fold, Saturday night, Kuklehan's cheese factory and Holthausen drug store. Reward. Box 217 care this office. 240-41x