

KIT CARSON --- Avenger!

by EVELYN WELLS

Test Your Knowledge
Can you answer seven of these ten questions? Turn to page Four for the answers.

1. What ancient people worshipped the god Osiris?
2. Which State has "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence" as its motto?
3. Name the capital of the island of Ceylon.
4. What is illiteracy?
5. Name the President of the Republic of Chile.
6. Which foreign city is known as the Eternal City.
7. What is the correct pronunciation of the word modiste?
8. Who composed the opera *Thais*?

Adams County Memorial Hospital

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Admitted—Lewis Conrad, route two, Decatur; Waymon Patrick, 1115 Monroe street; Mrs. Jacob Hiltz, route two Decatur; Susie Avalos, route five Decatur.

9. Where is the ancient city of Thebes?
10. With what sport is the name of Patty Berg associated?

CHAPTER I

The boy in the deep sunbaked doorway was small but strongly sinewed, with tawny hair that waved to his shoulders, a wide mouth that could be cruel as a trap and soft as a girl's, and eyes an incredibly honest blue. It was Kit's eyes that caught and held one, so that any man looking once would exclaim as Fremont the Pathfinder did later:

"Kit Carson and truth are one!"

At nineteen, the boy who would become the "Greatest of Western Scouts" was too manly to show wistfulness. But blood throbbed in his heart as he watched the forty buckskin-clad mountaineers preparing for a mysterious trail. They were lashing packs, testing saddles, etc., on the Plaza before the adobe house of Ewing Young in the gray flat-roofed pueblo of secret Fernandez de Taos in New Mexico.

Captain Ewing Young came toward the casa with a broad Mexican saddle slung over one brawny shoulder. He smiled, noticing the glance of the lad who for the winter past had been his cook.

"You'd like to go, Kit?"

He was startled by the answering look of the boy.

"I was reckoning on asking, Cap'n."

The captain of trappers chuckled. His glance traveled over the boyish figure in woolen shirt and buckskin trousers. His leathery face was kind.

"No need of bread and venison stews where we'll travel. Riding for Indian vengeance we'll want no cook."

The boy flushed angrily. Kit Carson was not a cook by choice. In the Spanish he had mastered in Taos, in the many Indian dialects he would learn, Kit would be fluent. Given to soft speech in three languages would be this lad with the glance of flaming blue. Now he struggled for words in his honest indignation.

"I warn't asking to cook. As trapper . . ."

"Silence!" snapped the older man. He glanced hastily over his buckskin-clad shoulder. No one had heard. The blanketed Indians drowsed in the Plaza, as terraced Taos under its sacred mountain drowsed in the sun. A few dreamy-eyed senoritas hurried homeward from the old adobe church and trading post of Don Antonio Robidoux, for it was nearing siesta hour. And coming closer Young said in a low voice:

"Why talk of trapping! You know fur is contraband to us Americans in the West, under Mexican law. We're going out for vengeance. Some of my men were chased back into Taos two weeks ago by hostile Apaches—it's them we're after, gun and knife 'gainst arrow and tomahawk. If an Injun molests a white man, his whole tribe must pay. You know that—it's western law."

"Aye, the law of the West," answered the boy tensely, "but Dan'l Boone said I'd the sharpest eyes on the Kentucky frontier, and I see beaver traps in the packs you'll carry tomorrow out of Taos!"

Young started. He questioned himself rapidly. What did he know of Kit Carson? The lad had drifted into Taos three years before, in the spring time of 1826, over the dangerous Santa Fé trail.

But there was little mystery to Kit. His Scotch-Irish family emigrated to America in the mid-1790's. His father, a noted Indian fighter, one of whose hands had been shot away by Indians, had served as a dispatch carrier in the Revolution.

Kit had been born in Madison County, Kentucky, at the extreme Indian frontier, on Christmas Eve, 1809. The first nine years of his life were spent in the perilous shadow of the Fort Hempstead stockade. As a child he had moulded bullets during Indian attacks. He had seen relatives and neighbors killed and scalped by savages. He had met that awesome, bearded patriarch of the frontier, Daniel Boone.

Apprenticed by his mother to a saddler, Kit ran away. One Missouri newspaper carried the notice: "Christopher Carson, a boy about

sixteen years old, small for his age, but thick-set, light hair, ran away from the subscriber . . . all persons are notified not to harbor, support, or subsist said boy under penalty of the law."

With a price on his head, Kit turned to the wide, vacant, savage West. He rode a mule beside the heavy Conestoga wagons, drawn by oxen, that drove four abreast for safety against Indians, over terrifying trails between St. Louis and Santa Fé, Taos and Chihuahua in Old Mexico.

But he would live to ride from the Rockies to Washington, D. C., by steam train! He would live, to have written of him, "Wherever railroads now run, and trails are followed, Kit Carson led the way."

stripling standing pleadingly before the trapper captain, hearing Young's questioning:

"I know you've seen Injun fighting, Kit. But what do you know of hunting?"

"All there is to know. I've hunted buffalo with the Sioux every year since I was twelve."

"But beaver . . ." said Young, craftily.

"I know of beaver, too. Habits and house building and dam making. I know how to lay all scent by stalking through water, and how to splice and set the traps above water line and bait with essence . . ."

"There!" interrupted the trapper captain. "What essence?"

Kit's wide mouth grew wider in a delightful grin. Beaver essence was

one Time—Minimum charge of 25c for 20 words or less. Over 20 words, 1/4c per word.

Two Times—Minimum charge of 40c for 20 words or less. Over 20 words 2c per word for the two times.

Three Times—Minimum charge of 50c for 20 words or less. Over 20 words 2 1/2c per word for the three times.

Cards of Thanks ----- 35c
Obituaries and verses ----- \$1.00
Open rate - display advertising 35c per column inch.

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MISCELLANEOUS

FARMERS' ATTENTION — Call 870-A at our expense for dead stock removal. The Stader Products Co. Frank Burger, agent.

13-tf

NOW HATCHING two batches of Baby Chick every week, all leading breeds; also Baby Ducklings. Reasonable prices. Model Hatchery, Monroe.

10-tf

TRY—Manhattan Lump Coal, \$6.25 cash, delivered. Koehler Lumber and Coal Co.

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NOTICE—Parlor suites recovered. We recover and repair anything. We buy and sell furniture. Decatur Upholsters, Phone 420. 145 S. Second Street.

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I DO QUILTING, \$3 and up. Also quilts for sale. Call 691. Mrs. Ira Bodie.

34-3t

NOTICE — My beautiful \$700.00 Player Piano and rolls for \$46.00 before moving. \$5.00 monthly to responsible party. Write me today, will tell you where my Player Piano may be seen in town. Mrs. John Riedel, Waterford, Wis. Route 1. 34-2t

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33-3t

FOR SALE—Hocking Valley Coal, \$6.25 ton, delivered. See V. D. McClure or Phone 6744. 30 6t

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FOR SALE—Suburban residence with two acres of land. Price \$1,500 if sold in ten days. Suttles Edwards Co.

33-3t

FOR SALE—Team of black mares, 9 and 16. Henry Lengerich, 4½ miles south on Road No. 27. Phone 868-A.

33-3t

FOR SALE — Sow, eight pigs. Three-year-old sorrel mare. Ernest Thieme, seven miles northeast Decatur.

33-3t

FOR SALE — Decatur Quality Chicks. Order now for March and April delivery. Early chicks make greater profits. Brooder houses and stoves. Decatur Hatchery, Telephone 497.

35-4t

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35-3t

FOR SALE—Firestone used tractor or tires; all sizes at bargain prices. Porter Tire Co., Phone 1289, 341 Winchester St.

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FOR SALE—Used Furniture—One kitchen cabinet, one breakfast set, one living room suite, one davenport, one lounge chair. All like new. Make us a cash offer. Sprague Furniture Co., Phone 199.

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FOR SALE—Office equipment—One Underwood typewriter, \$30; one Burroughs adding machine, \$30; one large safe, \$25; one flat top desk with six drawers, \$15. Merchandise in A-1 condition. Sprague Furniture Co., Phone 199.

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FOR SALE—Crosley Gas Stoves. Your old stove worth \$35 trade-in on Model K-820. Phone 7873. Uhrik Bros.

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FOR SALE—Bed room suite, dining room chairs and other articles. Inquire 316 Mercer Ave., Phone 159.

34-3t

FOR SALE—INVIGORATED CHICKS. For better size and better egg production next fall, ask us about our "AA" mating chicks. PINEDALE HATCHERY, Phone 432, Decatur.

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FOR SALE — PHILCO and Zenith radios. Your old radio worth \$15 trade-in on Model 85-359 Zenith Radio. Uhrik Bros.

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FOR SALE—House and lot. Cheap. Edward Evans, Harrison St.

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BURK ELEVATOR CO.

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Corrected February 10.
Prices to be paid tomorrow.

No. 1 Wheat, 60 lbs. or better \$6.72
No. 2 Wheat, etc. 45% 48.1%
Oats, 30 lbs. test 27-28 lbs. 27.3%
No. 2 Yellow Corn 45% 49.3%
New No. 4 Yellow Corn 27.3%
No. 2 Soy Beans 27.3% 26.5%

CENTRAL SOYA CO.
No. 2 Soy Beans

MARKET REPORT

DAILY REPORT OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN MARKET

Brady's Market for Decatur, Craigville, Hoagland and Willard. Closed at 12 Noon.

Corrected February 10.
No commission and no yardage.

Veals received every day.

100 to 120 lbs. 120 to 140 lbs. 140 to 160 lbs. 160 to 230 lbs. 230 to 250 lbs. 250 to 300 lbs. 300 to 350 lbs. 350 lbs. and up. Roughs . . . Stags . . . Veals . . . Spring lambs . . . Yearling buck lambs . . . Yearlings . . .

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Furnished by Metz Egg & Poultry Co. Decatur Phone 154.

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Prices for first class offerings.

Clean large white eggs 55 lbs. and over, per case.

Clean large brown eggs, dozen.

Heavy rock, lb. . . .

Heavy hens, 3-lb. . . .

Leghorn hens, 3-lb. and up. . . .

Leghorn Springers, lb. . . .

Heavy Stags, lb. . . .

Leghorn Stags, lb. . . .

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Good, clean, big Rags, suitable for cleaning machinery. Cannot use underwear, stockings, pants, coats, overalls, or any similar material. Will pay 4c lb. Decatur Daily Democrat.

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WANTED—Meat to cure and smoke. Gerber Meat Market.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16.—Livestock:

Cattle, 200; calves, 400;

Bonds: 2, 1920-21, \$200-220 lbs.

220-240 lbs., \$8: 160-180 lbs.

240-260 lbs., \$7.80: 260-280 lbs.

\$7.60: 280-300 lbs., \$7.40: 300-320 lbs., \$7.20: 325-350 lbs., \$7.

160 lbs., \$7.55: 120-140 lbs., \$7.

100-120 lbs., \$7.05.

Roughs, \$6.50; stags, \$5.35.

Calves, \$11; lambs, \$7.75.

INDIANAPOLIS LIVESTOCK

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16.—Livestock:

Cattle, 200; calves, 400;

steer cleanup trade; odd steers \$7.50-\$10; few lots heifers, \$8.85; cutter cows, \$4.25-\$4.50; yearlings weak to 50c lower, \$11.50.

Cattle, 275; steady; medium.

barely good steers and heifers, \$9.50; fleshy cows, \$5.85-\$6.25.

cutter and cutter cows, \$4.25-\$5.50.

lightweight bulls, \$5.50-\$6.25.

Calves, 250; dependable trade.

Chicago Livestock: hogs and sheep, strong; cattle steady.

Rubber: steady.

Silver bar in New York; unchanged at 42 1/2 cents a fine ounce.

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