

## Weather A Week Ahead

As Forecast By PROF. SELBY MAXWELL, Noted Meteorologist



## TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL - INDIANA

September 4 to 10.

The S. E. section will be warm. The remaining areas of the state will be moderately warm. The W. section will be wet. The S. E. portion will be normal. The remaining areas will be moderately wet.

## WHEN THE MOON LIFTS THE AIR

A drama of the air will take place on the Atlantic seaboard from the 16th to the 23rd of September. You will see the moon, by means of its power to attract or pull the earth's water and air envelope, attempt to lift a "satellite" off the earth. This "satellite" will be in the form of a hurricane that will come up from the tropics, following the Gulf Stream. It may cause a strong storm along the Atlantic seaboard.

A hurricane storm is essentially a vast projectile. If our moon had a stronger pull of gravity, or if the earth's gravity pull were weaker, it is possible that the moon might actually pull the hurricane off the earth. As the moon's gravity pulls, the hurricane tugs hard to leave the ground. We call it "lowered air pressure," and we will see its effects in a huge cloud mass overhead pouring down great deluges of rain, and in a sea wave below, rising in a low hill of water under the hurricane's whirl. If the moon were stronger this hill of water and the clouds overhead might actually fly away from the earth to become a moon of water. But the sea wave rises only a few feet, because the earth's gravity pull is far stronger than the gravity pull of the moon. Hence we never see such a phenomenon.

This hurricane is going to come in two parts. On the 4th or 5th of September a small whirl will begin in the western part of the Atlantic Ocean, and by September 7th and 8th it should pass between Bermuda and Cape Hatteras, and go on to Nova Scotia. As this little whirl fades, a much larger one forms in the Atlantic Ocean near Africa. This second whirl of air moves across the ocean, following the trade winds, and by about September 15th we may see it north of Puerto Rico. On the 16th and 17th it passes by way of the Bahamas Islands. By September 18th it may cross Florida. It turns back to the northeast on September 19th and thereafter moves rapidly, until by September 22nd it passes near the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Watch for this storm folks. While you won't know it you will be witnessing an interesting attempt of the moon to lift a tide of air off the earth.

The maps show total effect of Hot, Cold, Wet, and Dry Air to be expected next week.

## DAILY FORECAST



## QUESTIONS

Q. Recently I saw that the sky from the northeast to the northwest lit a vivid red from the horizon to high up into the sky. The rays of light shone into the sky as though the sun were rising. This lasted for about twenty minutes. I wonder if you could tell me what caused this? Mrs. E. A. W.

A. You saw red streamers of the Northern Lights, or Aurora Borealis. Usually the Northern Lights are green, but on rare occasions they glow with a strange red light. This means another sunspot cycle is coming.

Q. Is Mars a dying planet, that is, has it passed most of the stages of development of the earth? J. K. A. There is no evidence that Mars is "dying." Its soil is deeply colored with what is probably red oxide of iron, and there is much dust there. But without any large moon to raise storms or lift mountains, it is not surprising that Mars is a smooth ball—level by earthly standards. Other causes than age might explain Mars' lack of hills and valleys.

Q. What happens to the difference in space when a telescope brings an object ten miles away to within five miles? J. J.

A. The space is still there. The telescope only magnifies the appearance of the angles. It does not actually change perspective. Detectives can instantly tell a picture made with a telephoto lens from a close-up camera shot, even though objects in the two are the same size. The angles of perspective of the two are not alike. You cannot take a compromising photo through a telescope and palm it off as a genuine close-up.

## Do Comets Reveal the Origin of Life?

There are faint eerie objects in the sky called comets. Occasional-

ly a comet grows bright enough to be visible to the naked eye and once or twice in a life-time there is a comet big enough to strike folks with terror. Comet glow with

a greenish light, and this green light is strange to say, is nearly identical with the light of burning stove gas. Prof. Selby Maxwell has written a very interesting account a-

bout comets in relation to your life. Send for it. This account will be sent to you FREE, with the compliments of this newspaper. Just address Prof. Selby Maxwell,

## "REDHEADS ARE LUCKY"

BY VERA BROWN

## SYNOPSIS

A romance of the big league baseball world seems blooming when Handsome Larry Regan, spectacular young pitcher, decides to marry a magnetic mahogany-haired "Mike" Shannon, hard-working magazine counter girl at the Eureka Hotel. She is the main support of her family and by no means sure that she wants to marry such a wild oats sower as "Handsome." But she is trying to reform that most promising of southpaws (left hand pitchers) and so invites him to her humble home where he meets "the folks." Mike refuses to become engaged because of family obligations, but Handsome insists on giving her a diamond solitaire when they go out to get some ice cream for little Jimmie, Mike's invalid brother.

## CHAPTER X

Mike left Handsome with Jimmie while she went into the kitchen. It was when she came back that the

warmed her his sharp eyes saw her ring.

"Gee!" he said pointing. Mike turned crimson. Handsome laughed delightedly. "You see? I warned you."

Mike came over with Jimmie's ice cream.

"Darling, will you keep a secret? You're the only one who's going to know for a little while."

The boy's eyes were round. "I knew he was your fellow! You can't fool me, Mike!"

"But you promise?"

"I promise."

Later Handsome was so kind with Mike's father, that her heart was completely won. He seemed to ignore the shabby room, was quite at home, insisted on wiping the ice cream plates for her mother.

When Mary and Jack came in, they sat at Handsome's feet to worship. Jimmie insisted that they all crowd into his room so he could hear everything. Mike kept the stone of her ring turned around in the palm of her hand and nobody noticed it.

But Jimmie's dancing eyes showed he was thrilled at being in on the secret.

Afterward, Mike came to recognize that night as the happiest in her life.

When Handsome had gone, and Mike and her sister were in their little bedroom, Mary insisted on talking it all over. And it seemed hours to Mike before Mary fell asleep. When she could hear the younger girl's regular breathing, Mike got out of her bed and tucked her lovely ring under the pile of handkerchiefs in her dresser drawer.

Back in bed again, sleep was a long time coming. Now that she was alone in the dark, she was desperately afraid of what she had done.

"I can never hold him." She could not suppress that sad thought.

Although Handsome was two years older than she, he seemed younger to her. Mike had been working since she was 15. The last two years had been a blur. She had taught her a lot about life, and little of that was reassuring. Not that Mike had an inferiority complex. She didn't. She knew quite well she was a pretty girl, and intelligent.

But she also knew there were thousands of pretty girls in New York, girls with lovely clothes, plain girls who were glamorous because they spent their whole life trying to look—and be—alluring. They were amusing and entertaining.

"I never look quite right. There's never time for enough manicures and such." And never money enough, either. But Handsome believed in her. That was her greatest asset.

"I'll never fail him." She promised that from the bottom of her heart.

Next morning when Mike opened her eyes the sunshine streamed in

her narrow window and her fears of the night before seemed absurd. Mary was gone. Mike jumped out of bed and ran to the dresser. She took out her ring and looked at it.

"I can't believe it is mine." She kissed it, put it away carefully again. But she could not leave its beauty hidden like that. She had to look at it once more before she dashed for her shower. She'd be late. She flew into her clothes.

At the corner, Mike bought a paper. She settled back to read the sports pages when she finally got onto the train. She was completely and utterly happy.

This morning there was no mention of Handsome. Everybody seemed to have dropped discussion of his fight with Harper.

When she finally came on duty at the magazine counter, Roy Burke looked at the clock.

"Good girl. Two minutes ahead of time," he said. "You look in the pink. Am I glad of this split shift. I'm seeing the baseball game this afternoon."

Mike smiled at him. Roy was a very devoted admirer and one of Handsome's fans.

"Handsome was just here. He'll be back," Roy added.

Mike did not answer.

"And I used to think he hung around here to talk baseball with me," he added.

Ten minutes later, Handsome came hurrying over to her. "How's the skipper? You look swell. Why didn't you wear your ring?"

"Remember your promise?"

"I remember. I'm on my way to the stadium. Be sure and wait for me tonight. We've got to celebrate... Oh, I mean with ginger ale," as he saw a shadow suddenly darken her eyes.

"Keep your fingers crossed, for me today. Ray says Dusty's arm's gone bad. I hope it's plenty—but Mike stopped him with a cutting 'Larry!'"

"Well, I've got to get a break some time. My good luck is his bad luck! Besides, now I'm practically a family man, I've got to begin going places." He leaned across the counter. "Pretend I kissed you. See you at six." And he was gone.

Hours later, Mike was keeping an eye on the clock, and as it crept toward game time, she was nervous. If only Handsome could come through, get a start on the right road, she felt sure he could succeed.

About two o'clock, old Mr. Jenkins came over to her counter. "When I feel low, I like to come and talk to you, Mike," he said beaming.

"You're nice to say that, Mr. Jenkins, but all I do is tell you my troubles. I don't realize that until after you're gone."

"That's what friends are for," he responded. He did not add that the girl's fine spirit was a tonic to him.

Conversation today veered to an old subject with them. For a long time, Mr. Jenkins had been trying to persuade Mike to take a business course. He felt sure Mike would make a good secretary. She had intelligence, she would work.

"I suppose now there's no chance of your taking that business course," he said.

"I'm afraid not, the way things are at home."

"How's Jimmie coming?"

"Just about the same. I haven't told mother yet. She still believes he's going to get well. I've got a little money in the bank, but I don't dare spend it."

"My offer still stands. I'll lend you the money any time you want to go to school. I know I can get you a job afterward."

Mike's eyes were dark as she answered: "You've always been so kind, Mr. Jenkins. But I'm afraid now that's got to wait."

She did not explain how her life had changed. She'd hoped, if Jimmie improved, to do what Mr. Jenkins

suggested. But now things were different. By winter she'd be married to Handsome. But she could not explain that today, although she'd have liked to confide in Mr. Jenkins.

Into the midst of their conversation, Mr. Downey burst with "Get your hat on Mike, quick!" He was puffing in his excitement. "Wish you called me from the Stadium. Handsome's pitching today against Detroit. He wants you out there."

"But how can I leave here?"

"That's all right. I'll manage. I caught Roy before he got off for the game. He's wild, but it can't be helped. Wish will take care of him. Hurry up. You haven't much time. Wish will be waiting for you at the press gate."

Mike stood silent for a moment: "Must I go alone?" She was in a sudden panic. She'd only been to the big stadium once in her life. What knowledge she had of baseball was gleaned from sand lot games in which Jack played, and from the newspapers.

"You take her, Mr. Jenkins," Downey suggested. "Wish wants me to come, but we've got a meeting here this afternoon with the trust company receiver, I can't leave."

"I'll do it. Come on, Mike. Step lively."

Mike ran toward the cloak room. "Take the subway, it's quicker," Downey ordered. "You've got time enough if you go right away. I'll go and phone Wish."

He disappeared toward his office on the run. In the dressing room Mike fumbled with her old hat. It would not go on right, and she gave up in despair.

"Suppose Handsome lost today? What would it do to him? She wished desperately she'd worn her best frock."

"Decent black!" she said aloud as she looked at herself impatiently in the mirror. Then she came back to Mr. Jenkins.

"I'm ready, let's go."

They made a dash for the Eighth Avenue line down the block. By good luck, they caught the incoming express which was already packed. She was glad the roar of the subway made conversation difficult. As the train slowed at intervening stations, Mike could hear voices raised in the somewhat cryptic jargon of baseball. Jenkins reached over and patted her hand.

"He's going to be swell. Don't worry. The kid's all right."

"Of course," Mike answered, but her lips trembled. It was stifling in the train. When they came to change to the local for the stadium, Jenkins grabbed Mike and made a flying wedge of his big frame as they forced their way through the crowds on the platform. Her scant five feet one left her smothered in the mob. But Jenkins got them into that local train somehow. They were squeezed into a corner.

Mike's hat was over one ear. She felt thoroughly miserable. At the stadium stop, the crowd swept the man and the girl along on a rising tide. Everybody broke into a run.

"It's almost game time. We've got to go around on the other side," Jenkins shouted into her ear. The line-up at the press gate appalled them, but Wish saw them before they saw Wish.

"Get them through," Wish ordered the gate man, and in a moment, Mike and Jenkins were on the concrete ramp inside the park. Mike managed to introduce Jenkins to Wish. There wasn't any time for conversation, for Wish hurried them along into the grandstand. He did not bother with an usher, but piloted them straight to a box adjoining the New York dugout.

Mike did not know they were sitting in Ace Barnes' box, nor that the stunning girl sitting in front of them with sables over her arm was Mrs. Barnes.

(To be continued)

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By Chic Young

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

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Thursday, September 7, 1939, at seven o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing five directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

Charles D. Ehinger, Sec.

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Mrs. Florena Osterman and Family.

Adams County Memorial Hospital

Admitted: Mrs. Ray Duff, Geneva, route 2.

Dismissed: Elizabeth Ann Elzy, 116 West Monroe street; Ella Roehm, Willshire; Annie Louagie, Dixon, Ohio; Willis Founner, 229 North Ninth street; Mrs. Charles A. Holt, Hoagland.

Test Your Knowledge

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

1. Of which country is Lima the capital?

2. What was the popular nickname of President Zachary Taylor, during the Mexican War?

3. Is a spouse male or female?

4. Name the river that forms the boundary between the Argentine Republic and Patagonia.

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Sunday, September 10  
Roebuck annual reunion, Sun Park.

Sunday, September 17  
Adams County Conservation Chase, SunSet Park.

Bowman annual reunion, Sun Park.

Sunday, September 24  
Herschey Annual Reunion, Sun Park.

Willshire K. of P. Lodge Picnic, SunSet Park.

Motor Fad in South Africa

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The bids must be accompanied by bond and affidavit as required by law. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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