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Make this year the greatest one in your life.

If you date it other than 1948, you're just a year late.

The first 1948 Baby, besides being a joy to the parents, brought many gifts to the nursery.

Probably the main trouble with Communists seems to be that they don't get around and see how other people live.

Other matters will be discussed and solved, but one thing is certain, 1948 will be known as a presidential election year.

Either Truman, Taft, Dewey, Martin or someone not yet named, will look back to 1948 as their most eventful year.

Henry Wallace seems to have discovered early in his career the advantage of being able to annoy people and get a lot of fun out of it, instead of the opposite procedure.

Almost one hundred years ago, in 1850, Decatur had a population of 231 persons. For eleven months last year, there were 541 births at the hospital and in the city. Most of our troubles are little ones.

Patrons of the local telephone company, which includes the exchanges at Berne, Monroe and Bryant, start the New Year with newly printed directories. The 4509 listings are indicative of the growth of this utility and the service which it renders. Among the names, those of Habegger and Sprunger lead all others. There are 50 of the former and 73 of the latter in the directory, the majority of whom reside in Berne.

Will there be two 10-club major league baseball leagues? The cry of California's two big cities for major league recognition has produced this suggestion. The idea is that the American League would take in Los Angeles and Oakland, and the National would have San Francisco and Hollywood. The major leagues have not always been eight-club affairs. The National League had 12 teams until 1900.

Treating Painful Shingles

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

HERPES zoster, commonly known as shingles, has been recognized since ancient times, but it was not until the 19th century that medical men discovered that it was in some way linked with the nervous system.

This is not strange since the chief and most characteristic symptom of shingles is a painful skin rash. We know today, however, that the disease first affects the nerves. As they become irritated, the skin rash results and its peculiar patterns follow the course of the affected nerves.

Shingles comes on suddenly, usually with mild fever, a general feeling of sickness, and, possibly, headache. Symptoms affecting the skin may come on at the same time or may be delayed for a day or two.

These symptoms may consist of a burning or tingling in the skin. Often there is pain, which may be deep and boring. The skin becomes red and tender in the affected area, and soon afterwards small blisters develop at the site of the redness and tenderness. As the skin rash develops the pain and tingling are often lessened. The rash, in most cases, develops on one side of the body. It may occur over the nose, eye, forehead, and scalp, or over the chest, abdomen or along one arm or leg.

The blisters contain clear fluid. Some of them may run together to form larger blisters. If they are not opened, they usually disappear and

when it dropped to eight and thereby gave the new American League a chance to take over the four discarded cities. The hitch is how to prevail upon the Pacific Coast League to give up its largest cities. That would take a lot of money.

City Commission:

The last official act of Mayor Stults and the retiring city council was to recommend the appointment of members to a City Plan Commission, for which councilmanic legislation, as provided by law was previously adopted.

In addition to the officials specified in the 1947 Acts of the General Assembly, to be ex-officio members of the Commission, the council elected one of its number, Alfred K. Beavers. Mayor John Doan and City Engineer Ralph Roop, are members by virtue of office.

Mayor Stults named, C. W. Kent, real estate dealer; K. E. Hirschy, employee of the Central Soya Company; Dick Heller, newspaper man and Harold Mumma, lumber dealer, as citizen members, and their appointments are expected to be approved by the new council next Tuesday.

The Planning Commission will act as an advisory civic body, its findings and recommendations being submitted to the council for approval, rejection or modification. The members serve without pay.

As stated in the law, a Plan Commission may be created, "in order to promote the orderly development of its governmental units and its environs."

Zoning and comprehensive surveys pertaining to building within the city, the designating of certain areas within the corporate limits as "business" and "residential," and recommendations for carrying out a master plan of general utility and benefit, are among the functions of the Commission.

The Act, covering 30 pages, in synopsis, states, "It is the object of this legislation to encourage local units of government to improve the present health, safety, convenience, and welfare of their citizens and to plan for the future development of their communities to the end that highway systems be carefully planned, that new community centers grow only with adequate highway, utility, health, educational, and recreational facilities; that the needs of agriculture, industry and business be recognized in future growth; that residential areas provide healthy surroundings for family life."

Our growing and zestful city needs such an adjunct to city government. Mayor Stults is to be congratulated for furthering the legislation and Mayor Doan commended for his cooperation in support of the City Plan Commission.

form a dry crust. After a week or ten days, the crust falls off, leaving a shallow scar.

Often, because of rubbing of the clothing or scratching, the blisters break open and infection occurs. If this happens, a severe inflammation of the skin may develop.

Herpes zoster occurs most often in middle-aged and elderly persons. It is thought that the condition is caused by a virus and there seems to be some relationship between the virus producing herpes zoster and that producing chicken-pox.

One attack of shingles usually produces permanent immunity so that a person does not get it again.

In treating shingles, the patient should, as a rule, be put to bed for a week or longer if there is much pain, or if the blisters become infected. The skin should be dusted daily with talc powder or covered with a thick layer of cotton to protect the blisters from rubbing. After the crusts have formed, ammoniated mercury may be applied. If the blisters have become infected, penicillin ointment may be used. If severe skin inflammation occurs as a result of the infection, penicillin may be given by injection into a muscle.

It is found that sometimes injections of pituitin, an extract from the pituitary gland, which is located at the base of the brain, are helpful when given once or twice daily during the first few days of the disorder. In order to control the pain, relieving drugs selected by the physician may also be used.



Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

Basting

Use the spool of colored silk left over from dressmaking for basting. It is much easier to remove than cotton basting, will not leave any marks in the material, and if it is some bright or contrasting color, the basting is much easier to distinguish.

A Paint Cleanser

When cleaning painted surfaces, mix common whitening in warm water to the consistency of paste. Rub briskly with a piece of flannel and then wash in cold water.

Mirrors

Do not place mirrors where the sun shines directly on them. It will make the surface cloudy and spot it.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. If a girl has a definite engagement with a man and he does not call for her, what should she do?

A. Wait a reasonable length of time, even an hour, then leave a message with someone, saying that you have gone out. When this man does call or phone to explain, if he does, use your best judgment as to whether he should be forgiven or not.

Q. If someone tells a story, is it polite to say, "That wasn't the way I heard it?"

A. No.

Q. Is it important that a maid's room be both comfortable and attractive?

A. Yes.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

Jan. 2 — Adams county spent \$116,929 for road maintenance the



FRENCH ARTISTS and beauty experts have selected Miss Simone Vieux as "Miss France of 1947" in the country's national beauty contest at Palais de Chaillot in Paris. (International)

last year. Below zero weather ushers in the New Year. Much damage to telephone lines caused by the blizzard. Decatur's total fire loss for 1947 was less than \$1,100.

Walter Meyers of Indianapolis announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

J. O. Sellemeyer of Los Angeles visits here a day enroute to Pittsburgh on Business.

B. F. Breiner elected president of the board of county commissioners.

'Cooks' Corner

By MARY R. SMITH

AN APPLE A DAY

Apples are another food on the plentiful list. There are many uses for them — whether they are cooked or raw.

Secret Honeyymoon

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SYNOPSIS

Cathy Layne, Army nurse, was disappointed when Bill Kendall, with whom she had been in love since childhood, failed to meet her when she arrived home on leave after long service in the Pacific. Undismayed, when Cathy lived, disclosed that Edith Kendall, Bill's wealthy, arrogant aunt, had sent him on a short business trip, and had undoubtedly failed to give him the telegram Cathy had sent announcing the time of her arrival. Bill's mother had been disinherited when she married against her father's wishes and, following her death, Edith, who had inherited the entire Kendall fortune, had adopted Bill. Jealous and possessive, she resented anyone who might take him from her. Maggie's deductions were correct, for when Bill arrived later that evening, Cathy learns he did not get her wire. Undismayed, she chooses her own path. Cathy sensed Bill's hesitancy over making any immediate plans for their future which might incur the displeasure of his aunt. The following day Mrs. Kendall telephoned to ask Cathy to tea. Suspecting the reason for the invitation, Cathy was not too surprised when Mrs. Kendall coldly announced she considered her most unsuitable for Bill and would immediately disinherit him if they married.

CHAPTER SIX

CATHY breathed hard, and counted under her breath. If she flew out at this—this obscene old woman, if she emptied the pockets of her mind of the stored dislike of years, it would only make things harder for Bill. There was no hope that she and Mrs. Kendall could ever be anything but sworn enemies; but at least, Cathy told herself rather wildly, there was no use furnishing the woman with more ammunition to use against Bill.

When she was quite sure that her knees would support her, Cathy rose to her feet and stood looking down at the malice-twisted face of the older woman. The small, cold blue eyes; the thinned-lipped mouth that was twisted now in a sneer.

"There's really no point in my sitting here and allowing you to insult me, Mrs. Kendall," said Cathy when she could trust her voice. "We are the two women who mean most to Bill. He is genuinely fond of you and deeply grateful to you; for that reason, I would honestly like to be fond of you too. But that's something you don't want."

"Why should I want your liking? You are less than nothing to me," flashed Mrs. Kendall spitefully.

"And you are the same to me—save that I love Bill and I know it would please him if we could be friends. And I'd do anything I could to please Bill," said Cathy evenly. "But since that's impossible, in this instance, I see no

reason why this unpleasant scene should be prolonged."

She walked toward the door, and Mrs. Kendall did not speak. Cathy opened the door and let herself out. For a moment she stood on the steps, her shoulders hunched, breathing deep gulps of the scented spring air. She felt as though she had come out of some noisome jungle; the big, handsome, chill drawing room had been so impregnated with Mrs. Kendall's hostility that Cathy felt as though she had been defiled by it.

She went down the walk, her heart heavy with the thought that Bill must decide between the two women who meant most to him. He couldn't have both, and knowing his love for her, Cathy had no doubt of his decision. She would choose her own path, and her precious money could do whatever they liked. But the decision would be painful for him, and she was bitterly sorry that it had to be made.

As she came down the drive to the road, she saw Maggie waiting for her. Maggie gave her a keen look, and her grim mouth thinned a little.

"Get in," she said brusquely. "I wonder what happened to all the hand grenades the boys didn't get a chance to use in the Pacific. I know a swell spot where one could do a lot of good."

Cathy laughed shakily. "Oh, it wasn't so bad," she said huskily. "Only—well, Bill's going to get hurt."

"I suppose so—though I can't lose much sleep over Bill," said Maggie grimly. "What worries me is you."

Cathy touched her arm with a caressing hand.

"Don't you worry about me, darling—I'm tough," she said with determined lightness.

"Oh, sure—just about as tough as a day-old kitten," snorted Maggie, and sent the Betsy-Bug along at a rate that astonished car had not achieved since the long-ago days of its youth.

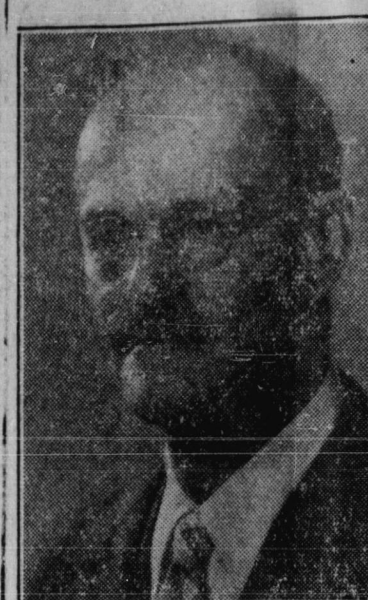
Cathy was in the porch swing when Bill's convertible stopped at the curb and he came up the walk. She and Maggie had had supper and Maggie had gone next door to take half a freshly baked apple pie to a neighbor who was convalescing from the birth of a fifth child.

Cathy braced herself a little as Bill came up the steps and bent to scoop her into his arms and hold her close.

"Lord, if you knew what it meant to me to have you in my arms like this," he said huskily, his cheek hard against her own. "Just to know when I leave the office that you're within reach, and not three thousand miles away."

There was a sort of suppressed excitement in his voice, and Cathy

County Posts



John C. Augsburger
Elected president of the board of county commissioners.



Phil Sauer
Former city street commissioner, named county road superintendent by the county commissioners.

Put a layer of bread crumbs in the bottom of a greased baking sheet and then cover with a layer of apples. Mix the sugar with nutmeg, cinnamon, and salt. Sprinkle apples with a part of the sugar mixture and dot with small bits of butter or margarine. Repeat this process until all of the ingredients have been used. Top with a layer of crumbs. Pour water over mixture

and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F) for 45 to 50 minutes. Serve with cream or lemon sauce. And don't forget — apples are good to eat in their natural form — and good for you!

Minnesota, California, and Iowa combine to produce one-fourth of the nation's honey.

The nation's 1947 honey crop was about two percent below that of last year and 10 percent behind the all-time mark set in 1945.

MASONIC
Installation of officers Friday, Jan. 2 at 7:30 p. m.
George W. Hamma, W. M.
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FOR YOUR SECURITY INVEST IN U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

Public Auction

2—FARMS & PERSONAL PROPERTY
116½ Acre Farm and 80 Acre Farm

Due to other business interests, I will sell my farms at Public Auction and my son will sell his personal property, on

Wednesday, January 14, 1948

Commencing at 10:00 A. M.

LOCATION—2 miles East and 4½ miles South of Monroeville, Ind.; 1 mile West and 2½ miles South of Dixon, Ohio; 6 miles East of Decatur, Ind. on Road 224 and then 4½ miles North.

116½ ACRE FARM
Farms will sell at 12:30 P. M.

SOIL—Walnut & Sugar tree loam. All under cultivation except 5 acres permanent pasture. HOUSE—Extra good, square type two story, 8 room house, large basement, new roof, large closet. Extra well built, in best of repair. GOOD BARN—36x58 with shed 15x36 attached. Implement, Hog Barn 30x40 with overhead granary; POULTRY HOUSE 18x30; BROODER HOUSE 12x16; Feed Shed; Drove Well, Cistern. Good Fences. Well Tiled. Good drainage outlet. Electricity.

80 ACRE FARM
Situating directly across road from above farm. Soil level. High producing, well tiled, good outlet. All under cultivation. Good 6 room house, large basement. Good Barn 34x48, hip roof. Poultry House 20x40; Summer Kitchen 12x18. Drove well, Cistern. Electricity.

Farms will sell at 12:30 P. M.

TERMS & POSSESSION: 20% cash. Balance cash on delivery of deed and abstract. Possession on or before March 1, 1948. Inspection invited anytime.

Walter Clem,

OWNER

LIVESTOCK—FEED—TRACTORS—IMPLEMENTS
CATTLE: 4 Holstein cows, 2, 3 & 4 yrs. old. Will freshen in March; 2 Holstein Heifers.
HOGS: 7 fall pigs about 65 lbs.
POULTRY: 25 White Rock Pullets.
GRAIN & HAY: 200 bu. corn; 50 bu. oats; 4 bu. little red clover seed; 13 bu. Timothy seed; 7 bu. Big English clover seed; 350 bales alfalfa & timothy mixed hay. Wire tied, 3 ton loose hay.

TRACTORS & IMPLEMENTS

Model "WC" 1947 Allis-Chalmers tractor, lights, starter, power take off & cultivators; J. Deere Model "A" Tractor or rubber and cultivators; J. Deere 14" tractor plows; J. Deere 12" tractor plows; J. Deere tractor disc; Oliver tractor disc; McCormick-Deering power mower, new last spring; J. Deere fertilizer corn planter; Thomas 12 hole grain drill; Clipper Fan Mill; Gram-Bradley 9" new hammer mill and drive belt; Manure spreader with tractor hitch; Hay Loader; 2 spike tooth harrows; Rubber tire wagon and 16 ft. rack; Winter hog fountain; Brooder stove; Oil burner tank heater; Small tools.

COMBINE: McCormick-Deering 8 ft. 1941 combine, motor attached, in good condition.

TRUCK & AUTO: 1940 Ford truck with new motor, good tires, stock rack and grain bed; 1936 Terraplane sedan, running order.

TERMS—CASH. Not responsible for accidents.

Walter Clem & Dale Clem

OWNERS
Roy S. Johnson—Auctioneer
Ned C. Johnson—Auctioneer
Melvin Liechty—Auctioneer
Bryce Daniels—Clerk.

Lunch will be served.
Jan. 2 12

Public Auction

Due to ill health, I, R. W. Lowther, have rented my fields and will sell my personal property; and Osie May Lowther, executrix of the Will of Mary B. Kariger, deceased, will sell the personal property of the estate of Mary B. Kariger, 1 mile west of junction of U. S. 30 and 33 on U. S. 30, then ¾ mile south or at northwest corner of California & Kramer Roads, or 5 miles northwest of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1948

at 10:30 A. M.

18 — HEAD CATTLE — 18

T. B. & Bangs Tested

Roan, 3 yr. old Durham cow, due Feb. 10; Peg, Holstein & Hereford cow, 4, due Mar. 12; Mable, Holstein & Guernsey cow, 4, due Jan. 19; Susie, Holstein & Guernsey cow, 4, due Feb. 10; Star, Holstein & Guernsey cow, 4, due Mar. 12; Virginia Holstein & Guernsey cow, 4, due Feb. 14; Dolly, Holstein & Guernsey cow, 4, due Jan. 30; Lucy, Holstein & Guernsey cow, 4, due Jan. 26; Jennie, Holstein & Guernsey cow, 10, due Mar. 30; Toots, Holstein & Hereford cow, 5, due Feb. 22; Holstein Bull, 20 mo. eligible to register, out of a cow that milked 89 lbs.; 7 yearling white face calves.

MILK: Clean Easy Tractor Milk in A-1 condition.

HORSES: Matched Team Sorrel Geldings, 8 yr. old, sound, good workers, weight 8800. Bay Gelding, smooth mouth.

34 — HEAD HOGS — 34

4 White Sows, due Mar. 15 (double immuned) raised 33 pigs; 30 Head good feeders, wt. 100 lbs.

POULTRY: 100 Laying Hens.

HAY: 10 ton good mixed hay; 6 ton good Timothy hay.

TRUCK—Chevrolet 1944, 1½-ton truck with stake body and good tires.

TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENTS

Minneapolis-Moline Model "KT" tractor on new rubber, in first class condition; Minn-Moline 2 bottom 14 in. High Beam heavy tractor; Breaking plow; Minn-Moline Tractor Disc; McDeering Side Delivery Drill; Minn-Moline Double Cultivator; 10 hole Superior Fertilizer Grain Drill; John Deere Hay Loader; Good New Idea 4-roll corn shredder; Dump Rake; 3 Section Spring Tooth; 3 section Spike Tooth; McD. Slings; Steel Wheel Wagon & Rack; Turnbull Wagon & Set L&S Bunks; Dump Boards; Walking Plow; Gorm Sled; Silvertone Wind Charger; 2 "A" shag Hog Houses; Moline Wagon & Grain Bed; Cultivator; 1 Row Cultivator; Two Seated Marker Wagon; Box type Harness; Good double set Breaching Harness; Collars; Roll Top Desk articles and small tools.

TERMS—CASH. Not responsible in case of accident.

R. W. LOWTHER, Owner
OSIE MAY LOWTHER, Executrix

Roy & Ned Johnson—Auctioneers
Melvin Liechty—Auct. & Sale Equipment
Bryce Daniels—Clerk
Hugh B. Olds, Room 225 Gettle Bldg., Fort Wayne, Ind.
Lunch by Fort Wayne West Minister Presbyterian Church