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Bluffton has as much basketball glory as Decatur. . . Chester Center won the sectional over there.

The alert, enthusiastic farm youth is signing up this week as a member of the 4-H clubs. It is a commendable identification for the boy or girl to be a member of this group.

Van Wert county is running a close second to Allen county in the number of traffic deaths since the first of the year. Four persons have been killed in the Ohio county and six in the Fort Wayne area during the past 60 days.

The American Legion and the American Red Cross have always been teammates in all these heart-warming undertakings. I call upon all of our 16,820 posts and 3,272,060 members to actively support the 1948 roll call of the Red Cross. . . Legion National Commander O'Neil.

Along with tax reduction, Congress should set up a system to collect taxes from the person who is not paying his full share. Persons on payrolls are paying to the last penny and there should be some way to collect from the individual who chisels on his net income.

Sentiment is crystallizing in this country against Russia and although the nation doesn't want war, the average individual is saying, "if we have to fight them (Russia) we better do it before they get ready." Another world war will destroy civilization, but with Russia enslaving people in the little countries, the spirit of America seems to arise against the wrongs. These are uneasy days and unless there is a change in the Soviet's attitude, sentiment is going to roll up against them, even if it means war.

Those Newburgh, N. Y. newspapermen who were thrown into jail because they wouldn't tell a grand jury where they obtained numbers of lottery tickets, which they reproduced in their newspapers, have

Nervous System Disorders

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.
THE great symphony of life in the human body is presided over by the nervous system, which acts just as the conductor of an orchestra does to draw all parts into one harmonious round of action, and to make each contribute its necessary part at the right moment.

By far the greater part of the body's functioning is under the control of the autonomic nervous system, which, by doctors, is divided into two parts, the sympathetic and the parasympathetic. Between them, these two systems regulate the beating of the heart, breathing, the action of the digestive organs, kidneys, arteries, and veins. Thus, it is easy to see that if anything goes wrong with either of these two systems, the resulting trouble is likely to be grave.

Recently, we have been given a new drug called neostigmine, which has a beneficial effect in many disorders where the parasympathetic system is at fault. The general effect of this drug seems to lie in the way it stimulates the parasympathetic nerves.

This action on the nervous system, in turn, may aid in overcoming weakness in the muscles of the bladder and gastro-intestinal trouble. It increases the secretion from glands, including the tear glands, the salivary glands, and sweat glands. It dilates or enlarges the tiny arteries, and this improves circulation in certain parts of the body. The preparation may be taken by mouth or may be given by the skin. Such treatment is particularly useful for distention of the

set another fine of the traditional "confidence trust" attributed to the press. The court held them in contempt. If someone gave them information in confidence, they had a perfect right not to tell the investigators, for after all it is their job to get the news. The case is attracting national attention and it is likely that the men will be released before the court has debate on the freedom of the press issue.

A tax expert of the State Board of Tax Commissioners estimates that there is at least \$500,000,000 worth of property not on the Indiana tax duplicate. There is no excuse for such an inefficient system. If assessors cover their territory, they can see if a house has gone up or a new building erected and inquiry can be made as to ownership. Further, the lot descriptions can be traced. We doubt if in small communities, much property is omitted from the tax records. In the larger areas, such inefficiency may prevail, but it seems that our state tax board could use its experts in running down the violators.

A Silly Rumor:

In Washington, our national capital, most any kind of a rumor is apt to spring up. Such was the case a few days ago when the director of the U. S. Mint, branded as "too silly for words," a rumor that a Communist agent placed Joseph Stalin's initials on the new Roosevelt dimes.

A United Press dispatch explains the story: Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, director of the U. S. Mint, today said a rumor that a communist agent placed Joseph Stalin's initials on the Roosevelt dimes is "too silly for words."

Also "utterly absurd," Mrs. Ross said, is a report that the Treasury will call in the Roosevelt dimes because of the minute initials "JS" that appear just below Mr. Roosevelt's head on the face of the coins.

The Treasury knows the initials are on the coin. It authorized them. They are the initials of John Sinnock, official sculptor of the Mint who designed the coin. He died two years ago, about the time the new dimes were put into circulation.

"Mr. Sinnock was a wonderful sculptor. He had a great reputation as a metal work specialist. His initials will always be there. Like any other artist, he signed his work."

Mrs. Ross conjectured that the rumors were started "facetiously" and passed along by "some feeble minded person."

jection into a muscle.

One condition in which the drug has been found especially useful is myasthenia gravis, in which there is a gradual development of weakness of the muscles of the body. The drug helps to overcome such symptoms as difficulty in swallowing, inability to chew, and weakness following body movements, all of which occur in myasthenia gravis.

The value of the drug in this condition may be increased by giving it together with ephedrine and other preparations. While the drug greatly improves the muscle action in this disorder, it does not seem to have any effect in other diseases affecting the movement of the muscles, such as multiple sclerosis and poliomyelitis.

Sometimes the abdomen is swollen or distended without there being any blocking of the opening through to the bowel. In such cases, relief may be obtained by the injection of neostigmine under the skin following operation. After an operation, the patient may be unable to empty the bladder. Neostigmine is also useful in overcoming this difficulty.

In certain prolonged diseases affecting the nervous system, coldness of the hands and feet and constipation are present. Often, these symptoms, too, may be relieved by the use of neostigmine.

There is a disorder known as Raynaud's disease in which there is spasm of the blood vessels in the hands, causing pain and blanching of the skin. Neostigmine is of benefit in this condition, also.



Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it ever permissible to leave the spoon in the cup while drinking coffee or tea?

A. No. As soon as the coffee or tea is stirred, the spoon should be placed in the saucer and remain there.

Q. May a woman who is wearing a coat and is dining in a public place, retain the coat instead of checking it?

A. Yes; she may slip the coat over the back of her chair, or place it on another chair at the table.

Q. What is an appropriate kind of flower for the boutonniere, to be worn by the ushers at a formal church wedding?

A. A single white flower.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

March 3 — The General Electric plant here will resume a five day schedule next week. It has been operating only four days.

Hartford defeats Decatur, 25 to 20, in surprise upset of the basketball tournament.

Kirkland wins the sectional, defeating Geneva in the finals, 30-19. Cal E. Peterson is reelected president of the Decatur Industrial Association.

David Fallon, 75, Geneva, dies at the Adams county memorial hospital.

David Campbell and W. A. Lower return from Hot Springs, Ark.

About 80 percent of the mohair in the United States is produced in Texas.



CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

CATHERINE moved restlessly, flexing numb fingers. She had pinned her hopes of frustration on Stephen Darrell and on the police. Both had failed her. Bitter draught, bitter as gall. From the first, Stephen had quite evidently regarded Nicky and her simply as excess baggage, to be borne for the sake of friendship, and because Hat was insistent. "Judge, whatever his name is, darling—Fountain? Judge Fountain won't mind. You can get around him."

Stephen's assent was curt, grudging. "I suppose so, if you've really made up your minds." He looked at Catherine. Her "We're going to be married anyhow, later on this week," backed up by Nicky's violent assertion that he didn't want her to be alone, had clinched the matter. So that was that and in a matter of hours now, she would be Nicky's wife and Hat would be Stephen's. She twisted in her corner, caught folds of the blanket lightly in her gloved hands, couldn't feel anything.

As for the police, Stephen's careful planning, done in advance, had disposed of them. He had had it all figured out. They were to separate and lose themselves separately in crowds. For her and for Hat, scarves had entered into it. "If that Inspector has detectives on our trail," Stephen said, "and I'm inclined to think he has, they'll be on the lookout for what they saw when they lost you." Consequently, Catherine had gathered her entire collection of kerchiefs. There were three for Hat and three for her. When she entered the lobby of the theatre, bought her ticket, and went on into the dim interior, one of a jam of fifty or sixty people waiting for seats, she had retreated to an unobtrusive niche where she hastily replaced her red scarf with a yellow-and-black-striped one.

Out of the theatre then, not too soon, by another exit, and down into the subway, still companioned by people, and a forest of umbrellas. She bought a newspaper and held it in front of her during the ride uptown. The car which Stephen had borrowed from another friend was parked on Newtown Road a block west and half a block south of the 231st Street station.

When she arrived, it was there, in front of the white house beyond the church, that she had been told to look out for, and the others were already in it. They had started off immediately and hadn't once been stopped.

Half a dozen times during her journey uptown the temptation to drop out and go quietly home had been almost irresistible. To have done so would have been to turn Nicky and Hat and Stephen Darrell over to the police; she would never have been able to withstand McKee's questioning. She couldn't quite bring herself to that. Anyhow, what difference did it make, tomorrow or Thursday was all one. Everything was gray and dreary—and that and stale and unprofitable.

bound was Clearwater, a small town in the middle of New York State that was the county seat. There was a courthouse there, and a church and a hotel of sorts. They had all had blood tests and could produce their reports later. In the morning they were to go to the town hall and get their licenses, after which Judge Fountain would sign the necessary waivers and marry them in his chambers.

Ordinarily the journey would have taken under three hours, the car was a good one, but with the roads in the condition in which they were, and with the necessity of keeping off main highways, their progress was slow.

They had talked back and forth at first, with the exception of Stephen Darrell, who gave his entire attention to the road, but after a while conversation ceased. Catherine said she was going to sleep and didn't. Nicky did. Hat slept too, curled up on the front seat, her head on Stephen's shoulder.

In the hills back of Tarrytown, the sleet gave place to snow. Time and time again they skidded natively and threatened to bog down, but Stephen kept the car going. There was never a straightaway for more than a few hundred feet. They went round cities and towns instead of through them. There were very few other cars abroad; the night was too bad. Mile after mile unrolled behind them and still they traveled on unmolested.

Tired and cross and filled with a profound depression whose depths she neither defined nor investigated, Catherine would have been glad to sleep and forget, if only for a short space. Once she closed her eyes, to open them and find Stephen Darrell's eyes fastened on hers in the rear-view mirror. Blood rushed into her cold cheeks, drained away; there was something formidable in his steady gaze.

It had the same fixed probing quality to it that there had been in him when he came to see her on the night before Mike died. The narrow hazel gleam between compressed lids, steady and immovable in a world where everything else moved, darkness, whirling flakes, trees, fences, had a hypnotic compulsion to it. What was Stephen Darrell saying? What did he want of her?

She was drawn irresistibly forward. In another second she would have spoken. The compulsion was withdrawn, and she sank back. A hairpin turned loomed, and Stephen looked away. He missed a bank by inches, gave the wheel a spin, and went round the bend safely. Hat stirred then, and spoke drowsily.

Catherine didn't look at Stephen Darrell again. She felt spent, drained, lay back gazing at the white-flecked windshield, at glimpses of the white road, a thin ribbon in surrounding blackness. More blackness, storm torn, more miles, more snow. There were weights on her eyelids. They fell. She was roused by Nicky's hand on her shoulder. "Catherine . . . Wake up, Catherine, we're almost there."

Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

A Bleaching Lotion
To make a bleaching lotion peel a few cucumbers and run them through the meat grinder. Bring the pulp slowly to the boiling point, and then strain through a cheesecloth bag. A little perfume may be added if desired.

Detachable Collars
When one has a separate white collar on a dress, the trouble of sewing it on after each laundering will be eliminated if snap fasteners are placed on the inside of the collar and at the neck edge.

Stains
To remove the stains of castor oil from washable fabrics, try dipping the goods in alcohol before laundering.

The People's Voice

This column for the use of our readers who wish to make suggestions for the general good or discuss questions of interest. Please sign your name to show authenticity. It will not be used if you prefer that it not be.

Sports vs Studies

Dear Sir: Now that the local high school basketball season is over, I think it is time to take stock of the situation. It is my opinion that basketball has become tremendously over-emphasized to the detriment of other phases of high school life.

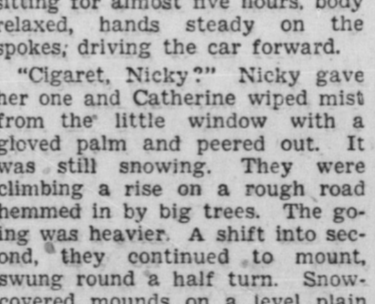
I daily come in contact with a group of teenagers. For the six months beginning in October and continuing through March they apparently have no other interest save basketball. They talk, breathe, eat, sleep and dream basketball. At no time do I hear them speak of their studies, their lessons or their grades. It would seem that the taxpayers (by the far the largest proportion of it goes to maintain our educational system) is being used to perpetuate a fine brick edifice around a basketball court. Believe me, I am no sour-puss or kill-joy. But when I hear the atrocious grammar used by our youngsters (this seems to be the region of the double-negative and the mangled past tense); see their illegible penmanship and crippled spelling; watch them tremble at the sight of simple arithmetic problems, I feel that we should re-emphasize the traditional three R's of our forefathers.

Could we not again encourage the inter-school spelling bees, stimulate more interest in oratorical contests, promote essay writing contests that will include more youngsters in helpful competition than the dozen or so who wear the Purple and Gold uniforms? If these kids learn no more than to speak and write good English, how to figure correctly, and the appreciation of the knowledge that is to be found in books (if they have acquired the ability and fondness for reading), they will go out in the world with a well-rounded educational foundation.

The number of students on the honor role represents a pitifully small proportion. Maybe here's a way to encourage better grades: the basketball players must maintain a certain average to stay on the team; why not make attendance at the games dependent also on making a certain average? If the kids are so nuts about basketball, make it a privilege to be earned in the classroom. It would tend to bring about a better balance between sports and studies, and would create a competition highly beneficial to all. Let's try it.

A Parent.

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Lenten Meditation

(Rev. F. H. Willard, Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church)

"LAYING UP TREASURES"

But He spoke a parable to them, saying, "The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops, and he began to think about it, saying, 'What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thy ease, eat, drink, be merry. But God said to him, 'Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; and the things thou hast provided, what shall they be?' So is he who lays up treasures for himself, and is not rich as regards God."

It is fitting that we labor to acquire and preserve all that is necessary for ourselves and those who depend on us. But when we permit our desires to surpass the measure of our wants, to trouble the peace of our hearts, to neglect our duties as Christians, we become the slaves of an inordinate love of the things of this world. We become like the man of the parable, who thought only of filling his barns and forgot the only thing he could carry with him into eternity: his soul. We may go on acquiring things but we will be poor until our soul is filled with a love of Him who died on the Cross for us.

It was to turn man's heart away from the perishable things to the eternal values of the soul that Our Lord visited this earth. His teaching from the beginning was not only a warning against covetousness, but also a plea for a greater trust in Providence. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes, and where thieves do not break through and steal. For where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also." He lived His Gospel. "The foxes have burrows, and the birds of the sky have nests; but the Son of Man has not a place where He may lay His head." At His death He had no wealth to leave. He gave up everything keeping only His Spirit. He said in farewell, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit."

A few hundred wild ponies still roam the Banks of North Carolina and are rounded up each year.

THANKS TO ALL!

I wish to thank the organizations and individuals who so kindly helped me following the loss of my home by fire.

I appreciate the donations given me by organizations, neighbors and individuals and shall never forget your kindness. Much of the loss was replaced by your donations.

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