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It may be old, but Main street looked good to us today.

This newspaper says Hello to the staff and students of the Report Auction School.

This is the month when taxpayers wonder if governmental budgets will be surprising or shocking.

The tip may be unnecessary, but there is only one month more of the vacation season. Have fun, young fellow!

The Louisville Times, asks, "Why doesn't some clever fellow invent an electric blanket that works in reverse for hot nights?"

Vacations, they say, and a columnist writes: "A vacation consists of 2 weeks which are 2 short, after which you are 2 tired 2 return 2 work but 2 broke not 2."

After carrying all that freight line traffic during fair week, Marshall street has a few "depressions" that will have to be brought up to level.

The street fair and 4-H Club shows were tops in community effort and cooperation. Features missed however, were marching bands and parades.

Forty years ago, local fans used to drive a horse and buggy to a ball game in Bluffton or Fort Wayne, making it an all-day excursion. Today's fans (not the same ones) fly to Cleveland and Detroit for a night game and return home in a few hours. It's great to live in America.

Berne will stage a three-day Fall Festival from Oct. 7 to 9, which will include a Home Economics show in the community building, a live stock show and other features. Committees of the Chamber of Commerce have been named to arrange the program, which no doubt will attract many visitors from over the county.

### Curing Child of Thumb-Sucking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.  
THUMB-SUCKING is certainly not a habit to be encouraged, but neither is it so serious as to merit the heroic measures some parents use to prevent it.

The teeth of a child who sucks his thumb may grow in crooked, but otherwise thumb-sucking does not seem to be a harmful practice. Furthermore, once the pressure on the teeth from the thumb-sucking no longer exists, they readily go back to normal position.

Contrary to popular belief, thumb-sucking neither deforms the roof of the mouth, nor produces infections of the mouth or digestive upsets. Hence, if the habit cannot be broken by gentle means, doctors today believe it is better to let it go on until the child outgrows it than to shake his faith in himself by nagging and shaming him.

Thumb-sucking usually starts during the early months of life, particularly during the teething period. It often occurs just before the child falls asleep. If it persists after the baby is a year old, it is likely to continue until the youngster is between two and five years of age, and it is not unusual for it to persist into adult life.

Frequently while the baby is sucking his thumb, he is pulling at his ear, patting his head, or sucking on his blanket. These things may persist after the thumb-sucking has stopped. Occasionally, the baby may suck his fingers other than the thumb.

Now and then, when thumb-sucking is prevented by restraint, the child may develop the habit of tongue-sucking. This habit usually disappears during the second year of life.

In treating thumb-sucking, me-

Detroit has a man who follows his scruples scrupulously. He won a new automobile in a raffle and refused to accept the car because his church forbids "gambling". The auto was sold and the proceeds were turned over to a labor union's benevolent fund. That's having a strict conscience.

Along with the increased cost of meat, the price of milk has been boosted one cent a quart, the second raise within a few months. Placing a meal on the table these days for a family of children represents a financial undertaking, as well as a culinary art.

A few stretches of sidewalk in the up-town district are cracked. Last week's extra heavy traffic might have broken the concrete, which now necessitates repairs. Why not undertake a city-wide sidewalk repair program and get the work done before another winter rolls around.

### Local Income

In the rush of fair news, probably you didn't notice the item dealing with income and retail sales in this county in 1947, as compiled by Sales Management. Figures were also tabulated by the same publication for Wells county and in comparison, Adams county residents had a larger average income and retail sales here were almost 60 percent above those in our neighboring county.

For the 5,700 Adams county families, after federal and state taxes were deducted, the total income was \$17,730,000, or an average of \$3,111 per family. The latter figure exceeds the national average and compares with \$16,772,000 for the 5,800 families in Wells county, and an average of \$2,892.

In retail sales, the magazine listed the local total at \$15,373,000 compared to \$9,364,000 in Wells county last year.

Both counties are ranked among "better than average" when scaled on the national basis.

Another encouraging factor shown by the publication is that local residents saved approximately 14 percent of their total income for the lush year of 1947.

We hope this general prosperity continues through the years. There may be better places in the world than in this section of the country, but we don't know of any.

The man who put the sparkle into champagne was Dom Perignon, a Benedictine, according to Jean Heidsieck, head of the champagne firm, who says Frenchmen still salute the good monk's statue in the city of Reims.

mechanical restraining devices to keep the baby from getting his finger into his mouth are not advised. Furthermore, putting bitter-tasting substances on the thumb is not a good thing to do. These things only seem to make the child more resistant to overcoming the habit and, as I said earlier, shaming or nagging is also to be avoided. During infancy, the habit needs no treatment.

It has been suggested by some that giving the child a pacifier will get rid of the thumb-sucking habit. Then later on, toward the end of the second year, the pacifier can be taken away. However, many do not believe this is a good idea.

If the thumb-sucking continues after the first year of life, the underlying cause may be due to such things as over-fatigue, boredom, or nervousness. Seeing to it that the child gets plenty of rest and ample opportunity to play will bring good results.

In older children, the promise of a reward and appeals to the child's vanity or will-power may be of help. Sometimes, having the child wear a glove as a reminder about overcoming the habit will be useful.

In any event, parents should not be greatly concerned about the thumb-sucking habit.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
N. R.: Will you please tell me something about sciatia, its treatment and cure?

Answer: The treatment of sciatia consists in the removal of the cause which frequently may be found in a focus of infection in the teeth, tonsils, nasal sinuses, or somewhere else in the body. Sometimes the cause is a disturbance of the spine; an X-ray would determine this.



### Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

#### Damp Cellar

Chronic dampness in the cellar can be counteracted by placing large chunks of unslacked lime around the corners. Use only if the cellar is damp, not actually wet, and replace with fresh pieces when the old chunks don't seem to be absorbing any more moisture.

#### Washable Wall Paper

Wall paper can be made washable by applying a thin, even coat of clear shellac. Once the shellac is on, most stains and splatters can be wiped off readily with a damp cloth.

#### Peach Stains

A peach stain will oftentimes disappear if it is rubbed with glycerine a few days before washing.

To do God's will is man's supreme responsibility.

### 20 YEARS AGO TODAY

Aug. 2 — The state tax board orders an increase of 10 percent valuations in Decatur, Monroe and Geneva and 30 percent in Berne and 4 percent in all townships of Adams county, boosting valuations \$1,174,860.

Hammond authorities take Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheatley, bank bandit suspects being held here to Lake county to stand trial for automobile thefts.

Senator Jim Watson will attend old home week here September 11. S. E. Shamp is trying to secure a new Nickle Plate station here. Sheriff Hollingsworth is lone some. The jail is vacant, first time in months.

Dr. H. O. Jones is elected president of the Berne school board.

## Three Loves are Mine

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### CHAPTER SIXTEEN

WHEN Anne had finished reading Alec's letter aloud, she looked and, to his surprise, John saw tears standing in her eyes.

"Anne! What is it?" She shook her head, a hand at her throat. "I don't know—exactly. I suppose it's the waiting."

She stared straight at him, her chin quivering. Here it was again. That passionate churning up of longing and impatience and dread and need that she simply had to endure until it passed. It came and she couldn't help it. It swept her and she was powerless. Ever since she had been here, it had happened.

He was saying, "Yes. That's probably it."

"I'm—terribly sorry," she went on, a trifle breathlessly. "It's the waiting—and—and the day, too, maybe. It's an awful day, isn't it?" On a day like this I think of Alec on the ocean, the waves mountain high, and I'm—I'm frightened."

"But he's safe, Anne. I'm sure he's safe now that the war is over."

"Oh, I suppose I'm sure, too, really, but—" She paused, seeking words. "It's the waiting," she said again. "It builds up a tension in me. I suppose at the bottom of it is fear."

"Fear?" "Yes." Her fingers on her cup were trembling. She looked at them and her voice came low and troubled. "Because, John, nothing is settled till he gets here."

"No, nothing is settled," he repeated. She reached out her hand suddenly again and caught his resting on the table and clung to it.

"I want to tell you something," she said. "I came here—not certain. I came here not understanding what love really was, I mean. I never trusted it. I never let it take hold of me. I was too afraid. But now—" She stopped. "Now I ache with it," she went on, taking her hand away. "I ache all over. I want him. I want him to come home quickly. I want it so much!"

Her last words rang like a cry through the room, shocking her by their intensity, startling him more. For a moment he was silent, then, pushing back his chair, he stood up.

"Yes," he said, looking down at her, a flame of astonishment leaping to his eyes. "Yes, he ought to come. I hope he does come. Soon." And he went out and left her.

Beginning with the lanterns on the gate posts out by the road, Stone House was ablaze. All the way up the driveway where garlands had been strung from tree to tree lights twinkled. Two small evergreens on either side of the front portico were gay with multi-colored bulbs. The enormous wreath hung in the center of the old Dutch door was a glimmering circle of frosted white, white at

every window downstairs tall red candles burned a steady welcome.

Inside all was glow and color and movement. In the hall below the stairs a six-piece band played intoxicating rhythms with a subdued verve so that the sound of music made always a pleasant background against which no one had to shout. In the living room the furniture had been pushed back and a cleared space left for dancing. The enclosed porch, where the spangled Christmas tree stood, invited the more serious minded, while in the dining room the great bowl of fluffy eggnog, presided over by a grizzled, beaming Nick, was a definite magnet.

Helen had organized well. The servants all had their duties. Thomas opened the front door to the arriving guests. At the top of the stairs Annabel directed the ladies to Helen's room where old Auntie hovered, and the men to Alec's. Later, when everyone had arrived, Auntie was to leave Annabel in charge while she herself went up to mount guard over Judy, asleep in Anne's room, lest she waken and be alarmed by her unfamiliar environment. She could snooze up there in an easy chair when she grew weary and though she did not quite like having caterers take over her kingdom in the kitchen she had to admit it was "a heap sight easier on old bones."

Everything was going as Helen had planned it. Even the crystal clear night was perfect. And practically all who had been invited had come. It was a motley assembly. Helen's boss was there, the impeccable Arthur Hopkinson with the lean ascetic face and the perfect manners, and his friendly dowdy wife; Frank Tennant, of course, debonair as ever; that Russian writer Mitya Randovitch, and her actor husband; the humorist, Earl Eversley, and his latest heart interest, as well as the group of assorted writers and artists Helen usually lunched with; also Anne's friend, Donald Ogden, whose tall, graying figure and cynical, scarred face had caught Helen's interest at once; and, finally, whole families from the neighboring countryside: the Peters, the Wilkins, the Fitches. Helen had not counted on them. It was John who had insisted on inviting them. At first she had demurred. You couldn't mix crowds like that, she had said, but John had quietly insisted, so, with a shrug, she had submitted to the inevitable and accepted it as a challenge to her powers. She was fitting about now in her sheath of black, her jet earrings swinging, her stilted slippers clicking, shifting and shuffling people by suggestion or introduction until they all seemed at ease.

The Peters boys and the Wilkins girls were dancing. Young Harold Fitch, who cherished hopes of a stage career, had attached himself to Mitya's husband but it was Mitya who was talking to him. She had arrived in a black suit and white sweater (for an evening affair, of all things!) and she was

wearing her hair in a new way, banded low over her great dark eyes and curled under on her shoulders. She never gave her talented but modest husband half a chance, Helen thought, and made a mental note to rescue him herself later.

She looked further. Julia had taken Mrs. Hopkinson under her wing and was seated with her, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Fitch near the living room fireplace. Henry was playing chess with Cass Wilkins in a corner. John and Mr. Hopkinson were out on the veranda where they seemed to be the center of a small but earnest discussion group. Gram's vigor had already drawn two or three men to her side, war correspondents bored with the usual social palaver and responsive to her colorful, forthright, homesy speech. Helen's other friends had either drifted onto the dance floor or wandered toward the punch bowl. But no need to worry about them. They always made themselves at home anywhere.

(To Be Continued)

### Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. In what form should an acceptance to a wedding invitation be written?

A. Write it in the third person, following the wording of the invitation, repeating in it your acceptance, the place, date, and hour.

A. Small pickles are eaten with the fingers or cut into pieces and eaten with the fork.

A. Small pickles are eaten with the fingers. The very large ones, however, may be cut and eaten with the fork.

Q. What would be the correct way for a girl to introduce her sister to an older woman acquaintance?

A. She should say, "Mrs. Smith, this is my sister, Mary."

### Court News

#### Divorce Suit Filed

Marie H. Lambert has sued Thomas E. Lambert for divorce on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Married since 1937, the couple has six children.

#### Partition Asked

Harry E. Young has filed a petition for partition of real estate against Ruth E. Baier, with whom he is owner in fee simple of a lot in Homewood.

#### Marriage Licenses

Raymond D. Sauer and Mildred Beer.

Dwight J. Neuenchwander and Beverly Ann Sprunger.

Murry Florence and La Donna Fike, both of Coleman, Mich.

Howard D. Zuercher, Berne, and Geraldine A. Johnson, Geneva.

Alvin Feichter, Craigville, and Bernice Frauhiger, Decatur.

Arthur H. Bertsch, Decatur, and Betty Longenberger, Craigville.

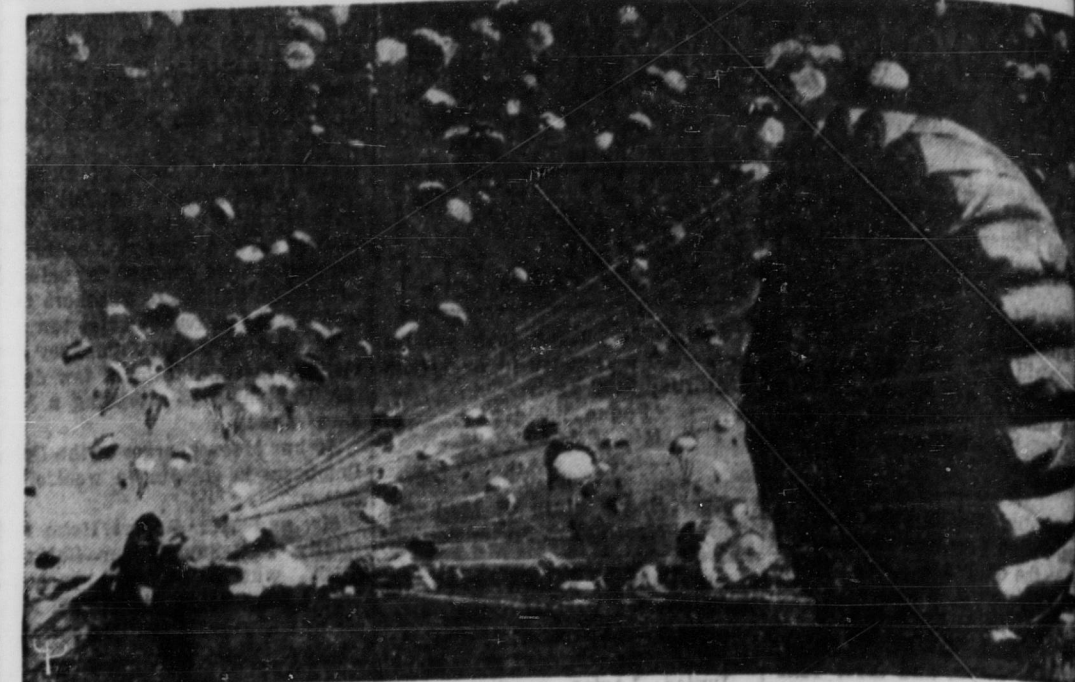
Hubert E. Crick and Leona Koeneman, both of Decatur.

Charles Whitman and Wilma Merriman, both of Decatur.

Howard Elzey and Maxine Pugh, both of Decatur.

Merle D. Mayer, Berne, and Pauline Meyer, Vera Cruz.

Robert Kenworthy and K. Ruth Kiefer, both of Decatur.



**BIGGER THAN EVER** is the description of Russia's mass parachute jump marking Aviation day and witnessed by Premier Stalin and high Soviet officials at Tushino airdrome near Moscow. The Russians perfected the technique in prewar days. But foreign newsmen were most interested in the planes put on display by the Soviet and viewed for the first time. (International Radiophoto)

### Currency Reform

### Boon To Germany

### Gen. Clay Reports New Food Supplies

Berlin, Aug. — (UP) — Gen. Lucius O. Clay reported today that currency reform in western Germany, inaugurated June 20, has boosted ration levels and industry to new postwar highs.

Clay's July report to Washington, the most optimistic he has yet made, indicated that the introduction of a stabilized currency brought out huge stores from farm hoards.

The new supplies of food, he indicated, had an electrifying effect on industry. Production and labor efficiency improved and absenteeism declined during the month.

Deliveries of meat, always the shortest item in western Germany, trebled in the first week after currency reform, Clay's report said.

The normal consumers daily ration in the combined Anglo-American zones rose to 1,990 calories in July compared to an average of 1,450 during the past year.

The August ration has been set at 1,755 calories daily, just short of the 1,800 calorie target set by the British and Americans for this fall.

Socialist leaders reported meanwhile that only 17,000 of the 2,400,000 residents of western Berlin have registered to obtain food rations in the Soviet sector.

Socialist party members concluded two days of meetings by adopting a resolution refusing "to cooperate" in any way with the Communist party or approve any "Communist proposals" so long as the Berlin blockade continues.

Five thousand Berlin women also met Sunday to defy the Russians and express support of the western powers. The meeting paid tribute to "western pilots who are supporting Berlin's fight for freedom and democracy."

### National Guardsmen

### At Camp Atterbury

### Initial Postwar Guard Encampment

Franklin, Ind., Aug. 2 — (UP) — Camp Atterbury, basic training and discharge center for thousands of Hoosier and other midwestern soldiers, today swarmed with some 5,000 men and officers, participants in the first postwar Indiana National Guard encampment.

The 15-day encampment was the first taste of army garrison life for the majority of the men. Many were in the age brackets between 17 and 19 years old and only recently joined guard units.

Maj. Gen. Ben H. Watt, Noblesville, commander of the 38th Infantry Division, said individual and small unit training would be stressed during the two weeks.

He said the mission of the encampment was "to provide the necessary basic training periods, an efficient M-Day force in accordance with the existing policies and doctrines of the National Guard and of the Army."

Units present were the three infantry regiments and the four artillery battalions which make up the main fighting strength of the division.

Watt said in addition to basic,

military fundamentals, several specialized schools would be conducted, including one in supply, communications, and automotive maintenance.

### Wins Ice Guessing Contest For Fair

Among the many guessing contests held in connection with the street fair, John Lengerich, route

2, guessed the weight of a cake at the Wilson Insulating Co. The cake weighed 55 pounds, 10 ounces. Mr. Lengerich will receive a free attic insulation job. Other winners included Evelyn G. route 5; Harold Rich, Monroe; Mrs. Ruth DeBolt, Decatur. Christ is the local representative.

Do not worry about people knowing you, but strive so you may be worth knowing.

## The WINNER

ERNEST KRUGH

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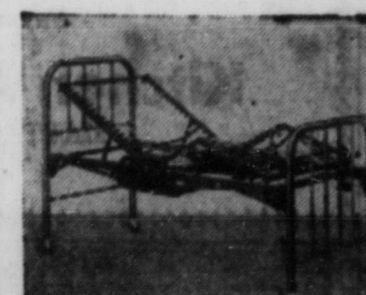
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### V. F. W. Sponsors Hospital Beds For Adams County

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Adams County, Limberlost Post No. 6236, is sponsoring a plan to secure hospital beds, much-needed devices for treatment of patients in their own homes.



In order that the county may be quickly and conveniently served, these hospital beds and wheel chairs will be so located as to serve all residents quickly and conveniently, and will be for the free use of Adams County residents. Cost of transportation will be the only charge made for them. This hospital equipment will be described to you and the plans explained by representatives working under models of hospital beds which will the sponsorship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Adams County free of charge under the each bringing a letter of current community service project introduction.

This is being launched as a County project and is not a request for donations, as donations cannot be accepted.

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