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Did you plant the sweet peas?

The World's Almanac has the arrival of Spring scheduled for 4:49 P.M. on March 20. Joy, Oh joy . . . only two more days.

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Erroneous information, probably with a political slant in its inception, was spread in regards to who would pay the soldiers' bonus. One statement that went the rounds, was that the veteran himself would pay most of it. A columnist has compiled figures refuting this statement. By taking an average income of \$2,552.38, the extra tax of one-fourth of one percent, will amount to only \$3.88 a year. If the average bonus is \$300, the veteran with the above income would pay only \$298.76 in 77 years toward his payment.

While the heavy snows and sub-zero weather brought death to nearly 500,000 cattle and sheep on the western plains, the Agricultural Department reports a quirk from the weather. The deep snow protected grasshoppers' eggs and the prediction is made that west from Michigan to California, and south from Canada to Texas, the summer will bring the worst grasshopper plague of a decade. In 1938, grasshoppers damaged crops to the extent of nearly two hundred million dollars. So far Washington hasn't viewed with alarm what the boll weevil might do this summer.

The memoirs of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President, will appear in a well known monthly magazine, beginning next June. The 125,000 words of "This Is My Story," will cover a quarter century of the country's most interesting history and will reveal intimate details of family life in the White House. Much has already been written about Franklin D. Roosevelt.

City Attorney Anderson has

veled and the famous men of his day, along with highlights of the war period, but without doubt Mrs. Roosevelt will be able to give the reading public something new and decidedly different in the historic years covered in her memoirs.

The Indiana state highway commission has a serious problem facing it, in regards to road and bridge repairs this year. A survey shows that of 3,640 miles of hard surfaced roads, 1,392 are so badly chopped up that they need immediate replacement. The condition of U. S. highway 224, east of Decatur, would fall in this category. In addition there are 229 bridges labeled as unsafe and 1079 listed as substandard. Governor Schricker is conferring with the highway commissioners, about the state's problem, hopeful that income will permit restoration of the highways and bridges. The legislature defeated the proposal to increase the gas one cent a gallon, and in the months ahead Hoosier motorists will no doubt realize that it was a "pound foolish" policy to follow.

4-H Home:

The city government will investigate the possibility of using the northeast 20 acres in Hanna-Nuttman park, as a site for a permanent home for the 4-H Clubs in the county.

The suggestion that this tract of land be used for this purpose is very commendable. The field lies east of the park proper and is accessible, either from the park driveways or the Archbold road, the latter an extension of Washington street.

City Power lines are already there and within normal distance of extension to the grounds. Water mains lie within an equally short distance to the field, and may easily be extended to the site. It has been delegated to continue his review of the deed from the Hanna-Nuttman heirs to ascertain if any restrictions are stipulated in the document as to limitation or future use of the park site.

To our way of thinking, buildings for the 4-H clubs would not only enhance the site, but increase the facilities of the place. More people would enjoy Hanna-Nuttman park if the 4-H Clubs were housed there.

If donor stipulations do not prevent the offering of the 20 acres for this worthy purpose, we believe the city government should proceed with its intention of offering the place to the youth organizations to locate there.

We further believe that funds could be raised for the construction of the necessary, or initial buildings and that the project could be expanded through the years, much to benefit of everybody.

Condition That Baby May Have

By Herman N. Bundesen M. D.

The canal carrying tears from the eye to the nose is open at birth in about two-thirds of the infants born. In most of the other infants, this canal opens up spontaneously by the end of the first month of life. If it does not open by the end of the third month or if the tissues become wasted before the formation of tears starts, which is ordinarily before the end of the first month of life, dead tissue cells and tears will collect in this duct. Then infection of this material in the duct will occur and, unless proper treatment is carried out, a chronic or long-continued infection may result.

The mistake is sometimes made by parents of trying to treat the condition with massage and putting antiseptics into the eye.

It would appear that the proper treatment, according to Dr. James V. Cassidy, of South Bend, Indiana, is for the doctor or eye specialist to put a narrow dull-pointed instrument into the duct to open it. As this is carefully done when the child is about three months old if there is no infection and sooner if infection is present, there is no danger in the treatment.

In order to make a diagnosis of the infection and blocking of this duct and tear sac, the sac can be washed out by the doctor with a salt solution. If the solution does not go through into the nose, the doctor knows that the duct is blocked.

These tear sac and tear duct infections cause redness or inflammation of the eye, and swelling.

When the duct is opened, the child must be kept from moving by means of restraint, and a local anesthetic or pain-relieving substance is put into the eye. As soon as the duct is opened, the tear sac is washed out. For a few days after the duct has been opened, the mother is given a solution of penicillin to be employed in the eye. This helps to overcome the infection present, and usually, within less than two weeks, all symptoms of the disturbance have cleared up. If the infection in the tear sac continues it is necessary to repeat the treatment. In only about one out of ten of the patients treated in this way was there failure to clear up the condition.

Of course, infection of the tear sac should be treated by an eye specialist.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

T. W. K.: What causes heart palpitation?

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