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The city of Marion will have one of the highest tax rates of any municipality in the state, \$6.33 on each \$100 of taxables. When rates go above \$4, then home ownership becomes expensive.

Special features of the Street Fair and Agriculture Show will be the tractor-pulling contest and the automobile show. The former has replaced the old horse-pulling contest and is widely popular with farmers and those who operate the modern agriculture plant.

Berne's Fall Festival is in progress and it is a fine community event. Staged with the usual Berne enthusiasm, the program is highlighted with music and concerts by high school bands and special emphasis on the youth of the community. They will make you feel welcome, if you drop in.

Decatur's Bob McComb is one of the best airplane pilots in the country. He has participated in the Miami Air Show and as a stunt flier in the International Air Derby at Cleveland. The other day he landed at the airport west of the city in a 1910 "jalopy," and then flew on to Columbus. His friends wish him luck and fame, to which he is entitled.

Mayor Al Feeney failed to put over his idea to have 12 additional stories built on top of the proposed three-story building on Monument Circle in Indianapolis, which he suggested should become a hotel. Indianapolis needs more hotels, the Mayor explained. The modern stream-lined building replaces the historic English hotel and the site is one of the most valuable in the capital city.

The two Supreme Court Justices who died recently, left very little of worldly goods. Probate of their estates reveal that Justices Murphy and Rutledge had no real estate or bank accounts beyond the merest amount to help defray moderate funeral expenses. Presumably their \$20,000 salaries, before tax deductions, just covered ordinary living expenses in Washington and they were unable to accumulate

financial reserves. While wealth itself does not alter the status of good Americans, these men did live up to the tradition that they were public servants in the service of their country.

The Polio Emergency Fund now totals about \$1,600, an increase over the last report, but still \$5,000 short of the advance made by the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis to the County Chapter. While no goal has been set in the current drive, it does appear reasonable that this county should contribute sufficiently to care for its own people. That is what we all believe in and now is the time to show it with a few generous donations to the polio fund.

Tito seems to be edging closer to the West. His latest piece of tactics is an attack on the Soviet Cominform as distinguished from the rank and file of Russians. Americans recall Woodrow Wilson's distinction, in World War I, between the Kaiser's government and the mass of German citizens, which opened a wedge between the rulers and the people. If Tito could manage to get a hearing in Russia, through radio messages or some other device, he might inconvenience the Kremlin considerably. Public opinion cannot be disregarded even by the most hardened autocracy.

The man on the ground, reading about airplane flights faster than the speed of sound and about the possibility of flying a thousand miles an hour, usually figures there must be a catch somewhere. There is. The only kind of engine developed so far capable of driving a plane at those fantastic speeds burns fuel faster than it can be loaded on the plane. Now scientists say that research results suggest how it may be possible to build an engine that will work at a thousand-mile clip for as long as an hour. This seems to be the proper point to remark that now we're getting somewhere, and at a thousand miles an hour we certainly will be.

Henry M. Blackmer, the Colorado oil tycoon of the ill-fated Tea Pot Dome days, must have had a bushel of thoughts as he returned to the United States after a 25-year self-imposed exile in France. Rather than testify in the government's case against Sinclair and Albert Fall, the latter a member of President Harding's cabinet, Blackmer sailed for Europe and the French courts refused to return him to this country. Several of the charges against the oil magnate have been settled. At 80, he probably felt he wanted to return to his native land to spend his remaining days. We believe every American feels the same way.

Children's Diseases More Serious Than Realized

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.
MEASLES, whooping cough, and other contagious diseases of childhood are more treacherous than the average parent realizes. Besides the obvious damage they do at the time of the acute attack, they may also leave behind them hidden changes in the brain, which show up only months or years later in the form of emotional disturbances and mental defects.
Measles may cause actual inflammation of the brain or encephalitis. Fortunately, this occurs in only about one out of 200 cases. During such an attack of encephalitis there may be double vision, difficulty in swallowing, inability to empty the bladder, and mental disturbances.
These cases of encephalitis are fatal in about one out of ten instances, and leave permanent damage to the nervous system in about two-thirds of the others.
It is thought that whooping cough may be a factor in many cases of mental backwardness. Changes in the brain are probably produced by poisons formed by the whooping cough germs. Many such children may have attacks of convulsions that are followed by temporary or permanent paralysis. Rheumatic fever is another disease which may leave a residue of nervous system disturbances, including grave mental disorders.

During recovery there may be untidiness, indifference, and general depression.
Scarlet fever, also, may cause nervous disturbances in about one case out of 500, and about half of the patients with these nervous conditions may develop permanent damage, such as paralysis.
Smallpox, chickenpox, and German measles also may affect the nervous system and produce encephalitis or brain inflammation. However, encephalitis following German measles is rare and in such cases permanent damage does not usually occur. When encephalitis occurs following chickenpox it also is usually mild and complete recovery occurs.
Because of these dangers of damage to the nervous system from these catching diseases every effort should of course be made to keep children from developing such an infection and, should it occur, the child should be put under the care of a physician at once.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A. B.: What is the cause of liping? Can it be corrected?
Answer: Liping, sometimes, is due to a deformity of the mouth, the tongue, or the teeth. In other cases, it is due only to habit. It is advisable to consult a dentist. Speech training may then be employed to overcome this difficulty.

CHANGING WORLD



Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Should a woman refer to her husband as "Mr. Jones" when talking with an acquaintance?

A. It would be better to say "my husband," even when talking with a stranger. "Mr. Jones" can be reserved for the servants and employees.

Q. How much tip should be given to a check girl in a night club?

A. Twenty-five cents is the usual minimum.

Q. What is the correct way to acknowledge an invitation to a christening?

A. Either by letter or telephone.

Don't let the polio crisis become a polio disaster. Send a contribution today to POLIO, care of your local Post Office.

Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

Sour Milk
When washing bottles that have contained sour milk, use some baking soda in the bottle. Pour hot water over the soda and shake well. Then rinse in cold water, and the bottle will fairly shine.

Silverware
Flat silver can be quickly cleaned, and without any harm done to it, by covering with sour milk and boiling for three minutes. This is a very effective method.

Pantry Shelves
Washing the pantry shelves with a hot solution of alum water occasionally will drive away all roaches and insects.

Religion never comes unasked, and no virtue stays unurged.

THE VALLEY OF
VANISHING RIDERS
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CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR
SETON ALESSANDRO, riding down out of Forlorn Valley after being defied by Clark Rayburn, was as angry as he ever permitted himself to be, and coupled with his anger was a growing anxiety. A man given to scheming, he'd seen his schemes go wrong too many times of late, and a faint webwork of worry was beginning to trace itself beneath his velvet eyes. That old feeling that the walls he'd reared were beginning to totter had taken hold of him again, and he forced himself to a cold appraisal of the facts and a desperate determination to face them.

Ah, but it had been a good thing he'd fashioned here in the Tumblerocks. With the gold of Grass-hopper Gulch to back him, he'd bought a firm position in Tumblerock town, and he'd grown richer when he'd found the need of Forlorn Valley for an outside man and filled that need. With Clark Rayburn installed in the valley, things had gone smoothly for many years; the Forlorners accepted Rayburn as a leader, and if some quibbled about the exorbitant cost of Alessandro's operation, there was always Rayburn to remind them that they had no choice but to string along. For Clark Rayburn was the man who'd sold himself to Seton Alessandro on the turn of a crooked card, and Rayburn belonged to Alessandro, body and soul.

All these years Rayburn had kept a gambler's bargain, but of late Rayburn had been dissatisfied, anxious to leave the valley where he'd buried himself alive to serve Seton Alessandro. That dissatisfaction had stemmed from Hope Brennan's arrival in the Tumblerock country, Alessandro knew. He'd told Rayburn of the girl's presence, and that had been the first mistake. Yet so far Rayburn had rigorously held to his bargain.

Then Justin St. John, that trouble-shooter of the governor's, had come riding. Alessandro knew far more about the fate of St. John than he'd intimated to Tate Strunk, and, in any case, St. John was dead and would never deliver a blanket pardon to the Forlorners—a pardon that would mean no more profit for Seton Alessandro. St. John was a gone goner, and Alessandro had hoped to turn the man's death to his own advantage by pinning a murder upon Clark Rayburn. Yet had that been so wise? It would work if it scared Rayburn into staying inside Forlorn. But sometimes Clark Rayburn was unpredictable, and there was no knowing how he might react to what he sensed was a frame-up to keep him within Alessandro's grasp.

And now there was Chip Halliday and Signa Sam McAllister to think about—the precious pair who'd penetrated into Forlorn Valley to finish the job where

Justin St. John had failed. More than that, McAllister probably knew the story behind that crooked ace of spades, and if McAllister inadvertently told Clark Rayburn about it, Alessandro's claim on the Forlorn leader would be forever gone. True, he might still see Rayburn dangling from a gallows for the death of St. John, and there'd be a certain satisfaction in that. But the other Forlorners would be free, the valley thrown open to an influx of newcomers.

Unless... And now Alessandro smiled for the first time today. Unless circumstances shaped themselves so that the Forlorners chose to protect Clark Rayburn, thus plunging themselves deeper into outlawry and exhausting the patience of the governor.

Here was a thought with which to toy, and Alessandro dwelt upon it, shaping and re-shaping it with an artisan's skill, and in this manner he came riding to where a half-dozen of his crew waited in the north end of Bear Creek Basin. A bearded, hardcase lot, they were hunkered around a spread saddle blanket playing poker, but they came to a stand as he rode up. Singling out one, a hook-nosed man with a prominent display of yellowish teeth, Alessandro said, "I've been meaning to tell you, Plute; you're foreman now in Colorado Jack's place. Did you get him and the girl back to the ranch without any trouble?"

Plute spat to one side, and nodded. "I left a couple of the boys to keep an eye on 'em. What next?"

"I'm riding to the ranch," Alessandro announced. "You fellows hang around here for a while. If anybody tries to leave the valley, send word to me by sun talk."

"Sure," said Plute, and Alessandro rode on.

Coming down across the miles at an easy pace, he approached his ranch from the rear, and it was late afternoon before he made out the high outline of the big barn among the trees that almost concealed the place. Turning his horse over to one of his crew who lolled near the corral, Alessandro headed toward the ranch-house, but a whim made him pause before a high, fenced enclosure that abutted the back of the house. Within this enclosure he kept his hunting hounds, and he climbed to a runway that jutted from one side of the fence and peered over the pickets at the half-dozen black, big-bodied creatures that padded restlessly below. There's been a time when hunting had filled Alessandro's days, and from this ranch he'd traveled to far and savage shores to pursue his hobby. Between such trips he'd combed the Tumblerocks with this brutish pack. Watching the hounds now, he promised himself that he'd find more time for them when he'd taken care of the troubles which now beset him.

The ranch-house was a huge,

20 YEARS AGO
TODAY

Sept. 23 — John Coolidge, son of former president Calvin Coolidge, and Miss Florence Trumble are married at Plainville, Conn.

Gene Brubaker, of Elkhart, aged 4, seriously injured when struck by an automobile near Berne.

Robert Shraluka elected president of the senior class of the Decatur high school.

Miller Huggins, the man who built the New York Yankees into the world's greatest ball club, is reported near death from erysipelas.

J. Fred Fruchte and the Rev. A. R. Fiedlerjohann go to Huntington to attend the mid-west synod of Reformed churches as delegates from the Decatur church.

Dick Archbold goes to Dallas, Texas, to accept a position as city salesman for Nash automobiles.

Movie Director Sam
Wood Dies Wednesday

Hollywood, Sept. 23. —(UP)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for movie director Sam Wood, whose death yesterday fulfilled an old theatrical superstition that deaths run in threes.

He was the third film celebrity to die in five days. Character actor Frank Morgan died Sunday and rugged leading man Richard Dix died Tuesday.

Local Man Attends
Meeting Of Dealers

Ralph Habegger, of the Habegger Hardware Co., returned Thursday from Cincinnati where he had been a guest of the Avco Manufacturing Corp. at a meeting attended by 1500 dealers from Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio.

The meeting was a preview of new Crosley refrigerators and farm and home freezers which Habegger will have on display by October 15. "A complete line of the latest in television and radio receivers was also shown," he said.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

Bookie Joints At
Hammond Raided

Hammond, Ind., Sept. 23. —(UP)—Police chief Thomas J. Martinson today hoped Hammond horse betters would have a harder time finding a place to lay their bets.

Eight handbook agencies were raided simultaneously yesterday and 15 men were arrested for operating and possessing gambling equipment.

Court News

Petition Is Filed

Herman Krueckeberg, guardian of Martin Kirchner, filed petition in court to lease and operate real estate. Submitted and sustained.

Demurrer Submitted

Demurrer by plaintiff to plea in abatement submitted in the case of Otto Fogle vs Leah Swygart. Evidence heard, arguments of counsel heard and concluded. Plaintiff moved that court continue action against personal representative of the deceased defendant, Leah Swygart. Lafayette Swygart, administrator of the estate, is made defendant.

Cause Dismissed

In the case of Christine Michel vs Clarence Michel, G. Remy Bierly, attorney for the plaintiff, filed motion for the dismissal of the case. Cause dismissed, costs paid.

Cross Complaint Filed

Cross complaint for rescission, recovery of advances and damages filed in the case of Willis Dickinson vs Lewis Smith and Fred Christensen. Summons ordered issued to the sheriff of Adams county for cross defendant, William Graves, returnable October 10.

Marriage License

Charles Walter, route 4, Bluffton, and Justine Britte, route 2, Decatur.

Real Estate Transfers

Myron C. Knauff et ux to Howard E. Moser et ux, inlot 441 and part inlot 440 in Berne.

Philip L. Courtney et ux to Florence Osterman, inlots 11 and 12 in Decatur.

James M. Stasser et ux to Philip L. Courtney et ux, part inlot 21 in Monmouth.

Kenneth T. Hawkins et ux to Walter C. Schurz, inlot 514 in Berne.

Susie Reppert to Martin Reppert, 80 acres in Preble Twp.

Henry B. Heller Comm. to Ben Harkless et ux, 80 acres in Root Twp. \$10,560.

Robert Jaurigue et ux to Edwin L. May Sr. et ux, inlots 152 and 153 in Decatur.

Amos O. Stauffer et ux to Ferdinand Steiner et ux, 1/2 acre in Wabash Twp.

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The People's Voice

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Honorable Discharge

It behooves me to give you the facts concerning some statements which are being made by some slanderous tongues and which come to me beside from time to time. It is repeatedly stated that as a physically disabled veteran of the first world war that I received a dishonorable (yellow) discharge at the termination of my service from the United States army, which is an absolute falsification in its entirety.

Be it understood that I served my country honorably and well and experienced overseas service in time of war, and at the termination of my service from the United States army I received an honorable discharge and with a character rating of excellent.

William V. Debolt
Berne, Ind.; Rout two.

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Entered apprentice degree Friday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p. m. Lunch will be served.
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