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A book taken from the Minneapolis library fifty years ago has been returned. That's a reminder to return the one you borrowed nearly that long ago to "read over the weekend."

A Hicknell woman turned the tables on her four sons who refused to work and laid around her house and eat her food. The mother went to court and the judge found the lazy men guilty of trespass. They were given suspended jail and penal farm sentences in lieu of getting jobs and making their own way.

Prisoners in a Philadelphia house of correction, rebelled against eating the usual creamed-chicken menu, but a riot was averted. Prisoners have no right to dictate to authorities what shall be served them, but we can't understand why hard-boiled men should be served creamed chicken, which if not properly prepared might be reason for revolt.

One of the spring projects this year should be the rebuilding of our worn out sidewalks. There are many stretches of broken-down walks in the city and even in the shopping district, chunks of cement have been uprooted. There is liability attached to dangerous sidewalks. Last year the city of Chicago paid out \$500,000 to persons who fell on faulty sidewalks, and won damage suits. Let's rebuild our sidewalks.

The Decatur street fair will be held on the dates originally fixed by the board. July 24-29. While the Allen County fair will be held during the same week, it is not believed the event will conflict with the local exposition. This summer's fair will be the last to be held on the city's streets, for it is planned to "stage" future shows in Hanna-Nuttman park. Street fairs draw crowds and in most cases are looked upon as a week of entertainment for visitors.

An evidence that the United States is still a vigorously growing country may be seen in figures

compiled by Prof. Joseph S. Davis of Leland Stanford University. He predicts a population increase of at least 50,000,000 in the next fifty years. This predicted growth would be "compatible with improving levels of education and living," according to the professor. He also points to the increase of the proportion of persons in the higher income group. Undoubtedly our fruitful country can feed a million more people a year, and our industrial system can clothe them and provide them with bathtubs, houses and cars. America need not stop growing for it has the world's greatest stock of natural resources.

Air Merchant Fleet:

There is an idea in Washington for the formation of a fleet of cargo airplanes for private airline operations, with the aid of government subsidies, the planes to incorporate design features which would make them useful as military craft in the event of war. This would create, in short, an air merchant fleet on a footing comparable to that of the subsidized merchant marine of the seas.

The idea is still in an embryonic stage, and several factors are holding it up. Some are political, but a chief stumbling block is the question of whether suitable designs can be worked out for planes which would be practically useful for both civil and military purposes.

When a new idea of governmental activity is put forth, it is not easy to predict whether it would bring a saving or an additional cost. But there should be the possibility of saving in this idea. Substantial government funds must be spent for cargo-carrying military aircraft; if part of this could go into subsidies for commercial craft, the operating and maintenance costs of the military fleet might be reduced and some productive use could be made of the subsidy money. As long as huge defense expenditures are necessary it seems sensible to get what usefulness is possible from these military investments.

Lenten Meditation

(Rev. George E. Weaver, Nuttman Ave. U. B. Church)

"The Sacredness of Life"

I John 5:11—And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Yes, this is the record, that God has given us eternal life, but we must prove ourselves worthy by our regard for this present life in which we live. The life that you and I have is a sacred trust, committed unto us by the Almighty God and Creator. Many of us have the philosophy that we can do as we please with this life. This is true in as much that we do have freedom of choice in this life, but we are responsible for the choices that we make. Our manner of life is effected by our surrounding environment. Did you ever think of what the result would be if every man lived just as he pleased without regarding the welfare of others. I'm sure that we can visualize the dire results of such a world. We not only have a duty to our fellowmen but we have a supreme obligation to God to properly live this life. This life of ours is a mystery. Man with all his keen sense of science has not been able to fathom this mystery nor has he been able to duplicate it. Should we not thank God for life by living a wholesome and holy life through the gift of his Son.

"Just one life."
 "I will soon be past,
 Only what's done for Christ
 Will last."

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

March 31—President Hoover signs bill providing \$230,000,000 for new federal buildings.

Congress plans adjournment for first of June.

Glen Beavers buys one-third interest in the Beavers-Fryback furniture store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roop return from a visit at Bardonia, Ohio.

Low Trisler of Huntington visited here today on his way to Portland to get his car, which was stranded there during the blizzard.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gehrig leave on a month's tour to Lincoln, Neb., and other points west.

Arthur Winkle of Fort Wayne to head the movement in the Fort Wayne area. Rev. Gillander now awaits from Commander Craig's headquarters a return of some of the reasons for practicing churchmanship that the local pastor advanced in discussion with the Brazil Legion post. Rev. Gillander pointed out to Commander Craig in 1948 that Americanism can best be appreciated, and Communism defeated, through the religious understanding of the worth of the human soul; and that the church is the usual agency by which spiritual values are understood and enhanced.

Switzerland Man To Visit Decatur

New York, March 31.—Ernest Ritzberger, of Switzerland, en route to join Noah Steury of Decatur, Ind., was among the 1,661 passengers who arrived here on board the Cunard White Star liner Queen Elizabeth which docked at Pier 90 in the North River after a five day voyage from Southampton and Cherbourg.

The big liner was scheduled to arrive the day before but was obliged to spend the night at anchor at the harbor entrance because of a heavy fog in which shortly before dawn the Grace liner Santa Monica rammed and damaged the Ambrose Lightship.

Gillander To Head Co-To-Church Move

National commander of the American Legion, George Craig of Brazil is spearheading a long-term go-to-church movement sponsored by the American Legion. The Rev. A. C. E. Gillander has been asked by fourth district commander

Dinah Neuhauser Is Taken By Death

Funeral Services On Monday Morning

Mrs. Dinah Neuhauser, 64, widow of Peter Neuhauser, died at 7:10 o'clock this morning at her home, five miles northwest of Berne. She had been bedfast for two months.

Born in Monroe township June 30, 1885, she was a daughter of Abraham and Miriam Moser-Neuenschwander.

She was a member of the Evangelical Mennonite church west of Berne.

Surviving are three brothers, Samuel Neuenschwander of Dalton, O., Jacob of Apple Creek, O., and Amos of near Berne; and four sisters, Mrs. Amos Steiner and Mrs. J. R. Steiner, both of Dalton, O.; Mrs. Lydia Steiner of Smithville, O.; and Mrs. Simon Nussbaum of Orville, O. Three sisters and four brothers preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday at the Evangelical Mennonite church, the Rev. N. J. Schmucker officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will be removed from the Yager mortuary to the residence at 5 p. m. Saturday.

Pickpocket Robs Police Sergeant

Philadelphia, March 31.—(UP)—A light-fingered pickpocket robbed police Sgt. Anthony J. Ford of his wallet containing \$57 and his badge as they sat on a subway station bench waiting for a train last night.

Local Topics

Mrs. Pauline Anderson had as her dinner guests Thursday: Mrs. Bernice Turner, Gideon, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sooke, Honolulu; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jackson, New Haven, and Mrs. Robert Garard, Decatur.

Sam Wagner, S. K. C. of the U. S. navy, is visiting here with relatives. He is stationed at the naval reserve training center at Terre Haute and has 12 years of navy service.

Mrs. E. S. Christen, who has spent the winter in Chicago and Park Ridge with her son, Ferd, and daughter, Naomi, will return to her home north of Decatur on Saturday.

The condition of Mrs. Jesse Swartz, who has been confined to her home on North Second street for the past six weeks, suffering from embolism, is reported the same.

Donald Leroy Yaney, fireman, USN, of route 2, Geneva, joined other personnel on duty aboard the heavy cruiser USS Newport News at Nice, France, when they recently greeted Admiral Forrest P. Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edwards and son, Steve, were in Chicago Thursday where Mr. Edwards attended to business. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Earl Crider, who had been visiting for several days with the Orin Crider family.

Guy Morris of the Housing Engineering company of Bluffton is a patient in St. Joseph hospital at Fort Wayne, where he will undergo a major operation.

C. K. Whitted, a senior at Valparaiso, will spend the weekend here.

Appointment of Administrator
 Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Albert E. Studier late of Adams County, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.
 Henry B. Heller Administrator
 March 29, 1949
 Henry B. Heller Attorney
 7-21, 31 & 1-1

HOLY WEEK

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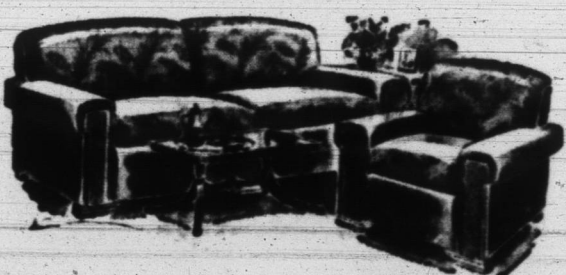
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