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WRITE TO HOME FOLKS

THIS is written for all the lads in this city and throughout Indiana who are just striking out in the world for themselves. You will get a lot of hard bumps in the next few years. They will seem harder to you than they really are. The reason? Your parents up to now have been taking these bumps for you—sheltering you against them. This happens in all generations, and later you will do the same for your children.

As time rolls on you will become calloused to these hard knocks. Like going barefoot—at first it hurts the tender feet, but you soon get used to it.

Don't become discouraged. Many of the greatest heartaches come in those tender years when we strike out in the world for ourselves.

Young men—and Indianapolis is pretty well populated with fellows who have left their birthplaces—have a tendency to drift away from the folks at home. This is always regretted later in life, when it is too late to make amends, when we begin to realize the heartaches and privations endured by our loving parents to get us started on the right road and to give us a better chance than they had.

If you go to another town **WRITE FREQUENTLY**. Father and mother generally can steer you properly when you're in doubt. They may seem old-fashioned. Possibly that's because they have the old-fashioned quality, horse sense.

RATS IN HOME OF JUSTICE

RATS again are overrunning the Courthouse, nibbling at the shoes of judges and gnawing bindings from records. Officials are making an effort to eliminate the pests, but it is an almost hopeless job.

The Marion County Courthouse is a building of which the community has not much reason to be proud. It was built back in the seventies when so-called Victorian architecture was the style. It is Victorian to the greatest possible degree. There probably is not another place in the county where so many rats can hide in the same amount of territory.

All of which leads to the old question of why Marion County cannot have a new and modern Courthouse. Of course, as most persons know, the present building is not paid for. The original bonds still are unredeemed. But this should not be a drawback.

The ground on which the building stands has grown in value many times. There is no particular reason why a courthouse should have such a spacious, and frequently unsightly lawn.

Why would it not be possible to sell half the Courthouse grounds and use the proceeds to erect a new building? The amount thus received probably would be sufficient, or nearly sufficient, to pay for a new building on the other half.

The county would not be much farther in debt than it is now, and the rats and countless other inconveniences would be eliminated.

SAFETY FIRST IN WATER

THE annual toll of summer drownings is being taken again in Indianapolis. Boys have met death in uncharted pools and older persons have been drown because they did not take necessary precautions.

The situation is one that must be dealt with by individuals. Police have instructions to keep persons out of waters not designated as guarded swimming pools, but it obviously is impossible for them to apprehend all those who disobey orders.

In the case of children it is a great problem. Parents should impress upon youngsters the seriousness of swimming or even wading in unprotected places.

Let's apply "safety first" to water sports and prevent another long list of deaths by drowning.

Questions

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Answers

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What were the names of the stars discovered by the astrologer, Miss Laurel Miller?

According to newspaper reports, she claims to have discovered stars named Fasmus and Estar.

What is the largest fraternal organization in the world?

The Masonic.

What is the early history of the White Sulphur Springs, West Va.?

They were visited first by General Andrew Lewis in 1751, when this section was first opened up. The property on which the spring is located was originally patented to Nathan Carpenter. After the Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774, the Indian power was broken and settlements began.

A reader of this column asks for suggestions for vacation parties. Any other reader interested may obtain a bulletin on the subject by writing to our Washington Bureau, enclosing a 2-cent postage stamp.

Where did the name Leora originate and what does it mean? Greek origin, meaning light.

How many combinations of five cards are possible in the fifty-two cards of a standard deck? 2,598,650.

What is the scientific explanation of the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites?

The following is given by one writer: "Since the Hebrews were hemmed in by the border fortress, there was no alternative but to ford the sea at a shallow spot. It would appear that the combination of a strong east wind and an ebb tide, producing a complete drying-up of the

water, was not an uncommon phenomenon. In the opportune happening of this phenomenon Moses would see the favoring hand of his God, and he led the people across during the night."

During the World War how many Americans were killed in each of the three divisions which suffered most?

Battle deaths, 2nd. Division, 4,419, 1st. Division, 4,203; 3rd. Division, 3,102. The wounded, in the order named, were 20,657, 19,141 and 15,052.

Is the skunk an asset or a liability to the country?

An asset; its pelt brings to trappers in this country \$3,000,000 annually, the output a year being about 2,000,000 skins.

Where and by whom was the first carpet in the United States made?

By William Sprague, 130 years ago, in Kensington, Pa., which is now part of Philadelphia. The locality is now a great carpet-weaving center.

Which is the largest coal mine in the world?

What eventually promises to be the greatest is being developed at Three Forks, W. Va., Logan County. The line along which the openings are being made is three miles long and virtually girdles one of the largest mountains in Logan County. The complete project will be capable of an output of 8,000 tons daily.

Why should clothes be stored in the dark?

Because of all the causes clothes wearing out—exposure to sunlight, air, rain, mechanical strain and bacterial action—the first is the most harmful.

What gives the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb its importance?

The fact that it is the first tomb of a Pharaoh which has been found unviolated, and in it the deceased resting with all his surroundings as he was buried by the priests in 1350 B. C.

What is Baby Peggy Montgomerry's address?

Care of Century Comedies, 1600 Broadway, New York City.

Heroism Called for in Peace as in War

By HERBERT QUICK

It is not in war only that life calls for heroism. The courage which faces the sacrifice of happiness at the demands of duty; the rejection of tempting rewards when their acceptance calls for treason to honor—these are the things which we usually think of when the heroism of peace is mentioned. But some times the same sort of courage must be exercised as that aroused in the strife of battle.

The other day in New York the motorman of a street car was at the top of a hill when the power failed.

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his car began coasting back down the hill. The motorman jumped off, and a man, who was a passenger, followed him. Three girls and a woman remained on the car, which at a terrific speed ran back down the hill, tore out the front of a brick tenement, and stopped in the ruins of the building it wrecked.

A young girl was killed, four other persons seriously injured and the homes of sixteen families were wrecked.

The courts have held the motorman for homicide. He deserted the car of him.

which he was in charge. He says that he applied the brakes before jumping. If he tried to apply the brakes, and jumped because they did not seem to work, if by staying by his car he had a chance to stop it and prevent the accident, the tragic results of the affair were clearly caused by his lack of courage. And yet, one can imagine how he felt when the power went off, and he was helpless. The car ceased to be a car. It becomes a projectile. He was no longer in control of it. It was a destroying agency in control of him.

There's a problem for you.

A weak man, a man without the soldier's instinct for combat, might, after a perfunctory and panic-like pass or two at the brakes, or without thinking of the brakes at all, forget everything but his own preservation, and leap to the ground and to safety. He may have thought of his family. He may have thought of nothing at all. He was in a tight place. Whether or not he was in such a place as justified him in letting that loosened monster go hurtling down to kill and destroy, will be for the jury to say.

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NEGROES BY THOUSANDS GO NORTH

Ban on Immigration Makes Demand for Southern Laborers.

By JOHN CARSON.

Times Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—"Thirty thousand negroes have left South Carolina since last November," said Senator Dial of South Carolina. "The other Sunday thirty-five negroes left my little town."

"Four thousand farms in our State will not be cultivated this year. Four farms in my immediate neighborhood are not being cultivated."

Dial says the movement is a result of the ban on immigration, the demand of northern industries for labor and the after-war development within the negro race.

"I'm an optimist, but the South's got to change," he continued. "I've always wondered why we were so poor. We may find out now through being forced to change."

Produce Less Cotton

Dial said it meant the South would produce less cotton, would grow sufficient foodstuffs to "live off of" and then depend on cotton as a surplus; would grow more hogs, cattle, fruits, potatoes, corn, rye, barley; and that more.

"Just now we've got more cotton industries in the South than there are in Massachusetts. They're worried up in Massachusetts about it, but I don't see what they're going to do. They've got to change, too."

Dial then points out that high freight rates would help the Southern farmer in competing with California, Oregon and Washington, and even with the Middle Western farmers, in supplying foodstuffs to the great industrial centers in the East.

Will Not Come Back

"The negro will not come back this time, because in the change in the South, there will be no place for him to come back to."

I. O. Schaub, Southern director for the States Relation Service of the Department of Agriculture, insists also it means a changed South.

"More machinery, change in crop production, complete change in the character of horses and mules," said Schaub. "Some sections of the South have already learned the advantage in producing milk instead of cotton," he said as an example.

POINDEXTER HOMESICK

By Times Special

SPokane, June 20.—Former Senator Poindexter, who was appointed ambassador to Peru when his term of office can run out March 4, last, is coming home for the summer, and semi-official announcement has been made that he intends to run for governor of Washington.

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