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The Book Nook



Rudyard Kipling

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By Walter D. Hickman.

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After great difficulty, Mme. Ponnafidine found the committee, surrounded by Bolshevik spies, of which they were unsuspecting. The commission was very loyal in keeping to their agreement not to interfere with any internal politics, and I soon realized I could not advise with them as to all of us getting out of the country in an illegal way.

Word has just come from England of the death of Eric Brett Young, author of "The Murder at Fleet" and "Dancing Beggar" (Lippincott).

Charles Darwin set sail in the "Beagle" on Dec. 27, 100 years ago. His letters and journals, written during the five years of that epoch-making trip around the world, have been edited by Amabel Williams-Ellis in "The Voyage of the Beagle," a book for children, published by J. B. Lippincott Company.

PETITE NELL LENTZ, 300 Board of Trade building, is the winner of the book review this week, reviewing "J. Jerry, Take Thee, Joan."

The winning review is as follows: "J. Jerry, Take Thee, Joan." With these words, muttered with a minor-laden tongue, did Jerry Corbett, erstwhile newspaper columnist, take the dramatic cause of a woman, and, for a short, momentary release, through matrimony.

The winner will have choice of one of several good books.

In January of the new year, the J. B. Lippincott Company will publish three mystery and adventure stories. "Unsolved," by Bruce Graeme, "The White Arrow," by Anthony Wynne and "Nothing Ventured," by Patricia Wentworth. Non-fiction titles will be "The Barber's Clock" by E. V. Lucas and the new edition to "The Hour Library" by E. Sallens, M. A. Paris.

FARM BUREAU DIRECTORS TO MAP COURSE

Leaders of State Organization Will Formulate 1932 Program Next Week.

TAX RELIEF DOMINANT Special Legislative Session Favored for Enactment of New Plan.

Adoption of a working program of activities in organized agriculture for Indiana will receive attention of the board of directors of the Indiana Farm Bureau at its first quarterly meeting to be held Monday and Tuesday at the bureau offices. The board will also approve 1932 budgets of expenditure for various departments.

The program to be outlined will center about tax and other legislative problems, co-operative marketing and purchasing, insurance and social activities for local farm communities.

The main project of the year will be directed toward revision of the tax system wherein all citizens of the state would contribute to government expenses, according to the ability of each to pay. Sponsorship of a special session of the legislature is included in this program.

In reviewing the work of the bureau during 1931, James R. Moore, editor of the Hoosier Farmer and director of information, said, "The Indiana Farm Bureau has made progress in all its departments during the past year, and has increased its membership 2,500 over 1930. The interest being manifested now in a campaign for 1932 members indicates a further increase during the coming year."

Co-operative marketing of livestock, grain, wool, poultry and dairy products is increasing steadily, farmers becoming more interested in farmer controlled institutions. It seems to require time like these for farmers to realize that they must be organized to protect both their social and financial interests."

Members of the board to attend the meeting are: W. H. Settle, president, Indianapolis; Lewis Taylor, first vice-president, Newburg; Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, second vice-president, Otterbein; L. L. Needer, secretary-treasurer, Indianapolis; C. R. Benjamin, Crown Point; W. H. Robbins, Columbia City; Arthur E. Arnold, Bensenville; James B. Cummins, Portland; Oscar W. Lamm, Oxford; Everett Hunt, Richmond; Addison Drake, Fairbanks; James K. Mason, Milton; J. H. Gwatney, Poseyville; and Howard Atcheson, Scottsboro.

Department executives are M. Cliff Townsend, organization; Lewis Taylor, tax and legislation; H. R. Nevins, insurance; B. B. Benner, secretary-treasurer of wheat pool; J. H. Hull, general manager of purchasing; T. J. Ferris, president, Indiana Wool Growers' Association; Lee R. Higgin, livestock marketing; Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, social and educational, and C. S. Masterson, co-operative marketing.

Hatchery Work Deferred

ROCHESTER, Ind., Jan. 1.—Construction of a \$100,000 federal hatchery on the shore of Lake Manitou, near here, will be started in the spring, according to advice received from Will R. Wood, representative in congress. Some material has already been shipped, but construction was delayed to give the department of justice time to complete examination of title to some of the land constituting the site.

Marion Mayor Ousts Two

MARION, Ind., Jan. 1.—William Herkless and Roy White have been ousted as members of the police board of Marion by Mayor Jack Edwards, who charged they refused to co-operate with him. Both are Democrats.

Former Resident Kills Self

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 1.—Financial trouble is believed to have caused the suicide of Robert C. Taylor, 67, who walked in front of a train at Albion, Mich. He was former superintendent of shops here for the Union Traction Company, now the Indiana railroad.

Kokomo Woman Dies

KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 1.—Miss Elma H. Snyder, 31, is dead after a long period of ill health. She leaves her mother, Mrs. Rosella Snyder; a sister, Mrs. Arnold, Peru, and four brothers, Floyd and Emil, Kokomo; Lawrence, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Lowell, Ft. Wayne.

Girl Mother Dies

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Long, 19, wife of Marshall Long, Washington township, is dead. She leaves a daughter, born Sunday.

Aged Man Killed

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 1.—The automobile of a hit-and-run driver inflicted fatal injuries on Millard Arnold, 71. He was found dying in a street.

Accused



Ira Barton

PORTLAND, Ind., Jan. 1.—Bond of \$50,000 has been set in Jay Circuit court here in the case of Ira Barton, Blackford county sheriff, accused of having been a conspirator in robbery of a bank at Dunkirk.

DOG PREVENTS LOSS OF MONEY

Takes Care of Pocket Book Owner Misplaced.

PETERSBURG, Ind., Jan. 1.—A small terrier owned by Mite Weitzel, a fur buyer, is the watchdog of his master's treasury.

While buying fur from a trapper, Weitzel took money from the pocket book and made payment, then absented himself. The dog, however, did not follow him, but stayed by the pocket book, and when the owner returned, he found the money safe.

Endurance

WARSAW, Ind., Jan. 1.—A sow, owned by Oscar Rebmam, survived five months hibernation in a straw stack.

Last summer while Rebmam was threshing the stack, weighing 500 pounds, was buried beneath the straw. Since it was believed the animal smothered, no effort was made to rescue it.

While Rebmam was loading straw, he heard a faint grating. In the center of the stack it could walk, Rebmam said, but had lost 350 pounds.

FLAMES RAGE DURING DELAY

Slow Train Halts Kokomo Firemen at Crossing.

KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 1.—Due to delay caused when a slow moving freight train blocked a crossing, firemen were unable to reach the burning home of Omar DeWeese, until most of the roof had been destroyed.

The train was not the only cause of delay, however. The person who turned in the alarm became confused and telephoned the police instead of the fire department, and it was necessary to relay the message.

Damage Case Shifted

FRANKLIN, Ind., Jan. 1.—On a change of venue from Marion county, a suit has been filed in Johnson circuit court here in behalf of Lester V. Rogers, administrator of the estate of Marion O. Rogers, seeking \$10,000 damages from the Indiana railroad. Marion O. Rogers was killed Dec. 29, 1928, when struck by an interurban car while walking on tracks near Stop 8 in Marion county.

Young Woman Dies

NEW PALESTINE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Funeral services were held today for Miss Leola L. Lawrence, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence, who died at the family home near here following an illness which started several years ago when she was kicked by a horse.

Church to Celebrate

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—The Christian church will observe the forty-first anniversary of the Rev. Charles M. Fillmore's service as a minister Sunday. He is now a resident of Indianapolis.

\$75,000 Suit Settled

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 1.—A compromise ended a suit in which George Gardner, 40, sought \$75,000 damages from Nickel Plate railroad as a result of injuries. Terms of the compromise were not announced.

Juvenile Charges Filed

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Jan. 1.—Three young men and a 14-year-old girl will be arraigned in juvenile court next week as the aftermath of alleged liquor parties in which they are said to have participated.

BANK ROBBERY PROOF BEFORE GRAND JURORS

Prosecutor at Hartford City Offers Evidence Against Former Sheriff.

CASE DECLARED STRONG Alleged Bandits Aid State on Charge They Were 'Double-Crossed.'

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Jan. 1.—Evidence offered by three bandits that Ira Barton, former sheriff of Blackford county, was implicated in four recent Indiana bank robberies has been submitted to a grand jury here.

Prosecutor James Emshwiler, who placed the evidence before the jury, is confident a conviction can be obtained. The other alleged bandits, Lorenz Capelli, Albert Frabotta, and Frank Valentino, were captured after robbery of a Dunkirk bank last week, and testified against Barton because, they said, they had been "double-crossed."

Barton, whose bond has been set at \$20,000, expected to provide it and be released today. He is charged with conspiracy in Blackford county, for which bond was set at \$5,000. In Jay county he is charged with bank robbery, where bond was set at \$15,000.

Emshwiler is quoted as saying that he had nearly completed preparation of evidence against Barton and Mrs. Hazel Green, Muncie divorcee, who, according to authorities, assisted in direction of the bandit gang's operations.

It is believed that the grand jury will act speedily on the charges against Barton, but it has not been decided whether he will be tried on an indictment, if one is returned, or on an affidavit filed by Emshwiler.

Mrs. Green also will be brought here for trial. She has not yet provided bond.

PASTOR COLLECTS DATA

Shelbyville Minister Will Discuss Greatest 1931 Event.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Dr. A. E. Cowley, pastor of the First Baptist church, to obtain data for a sermon he will deliver Sunday night on "The Greatest Event of 1931." He is seeking views of several widely known residents on happenings of 1931 which he declares is perhaps "the most tragic year in American history."

He has suggested the Manchurian situation, unemployment, college football and motion pictures as subjects for comment.

Mule Balks Police

LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Jan. 1.—Two policemen failed in their efforts to tow a mule behind their automobile in an effort to return it to its owner, George Andrews, after the animal had wandered over lawns of several homes. The mule refused to go near the car. Finally the animal, during a break in its stubborn attitude, was led away by a bride.

Church Worker Dies

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 1.—Funeral services will be held Saturday for Mrs. Harriet Badet, 78, wife of Frederick H. Badet, president of a manufacturing company, a leader in church and club work. She died after an illness of a few weeks.

Prosecutor Arrests Two

PORTLAND, Ind., Jan. 1.—A. C. Ford, Jay county prosecutor, whose usual contact with alleged law violators are in court rooms, assumed the role of a police officer and arrested Eli Foy and Gustav Spear. He said he found them engaged in a fierce fight. The men are said to have quarreled over board for a child of Spear's which is being cared for by Foy, who said he had not been paid.

THEY TELL ME

BY BEN STERN.

The New Year finds the Republicans starting with a set of new generals and a faction of the Democratic party making a fervent resolution to displace them.

The Democrats will have to wait until the reorganization next May and their prospects for success do not look brightly at this early date. Essentially, 1931 has been a Democratic year, as was 1930.

It was the ascendancy of the star of Paul V. McNutt, dean of the Indiana university law school and former national commander of the American Legion.

It saw a stinging rebuke administered to the insurgents who attempted to contest the election of Thomas D. Taggart as national committee chairman to succeed the late Charles A. Greathouse and it also witnessed the strengthening of the hold of R. Earl Peters, Democratic state chairman, upon his party.

PUP DARES 1932 BELLES 'Ugly Duckling' Tale Comes True Again



Charles S. Rauh and why he's lost to Leap Year misses.

NEPHEW QUIZZED IN AUNT'S SLAYING

Federal Control of Liquor Cases Placed in Issue

Jeffersonville Man Held After Brutal Crime in Kentucky.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Arthur Lyons, 33, is being questioned by authorities at Louisville in connection with the brutal slaying of his 67-year-old aunt, Mrs. Flora Sparks, who was found beaten to death in her squalid home near Fern Creek, Ky. She had been found in a chair and her head covered with a sack. Some blunt instrument was used in beating her head to a pulp.

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When authorities pointed out to the prisoner that his automobile was spotted with yellow clay mud, he said he received it in a fall while carrying a bucket of coal. Mrs. Mahony said he fell while carrying groceries into her home. Her daughter, Miss Romilda Mahony, is Lyons' fiancée.

Another angle receiving attention involves brother police dogs owned by Lyons and the dead woman. He is said to have admitted he was able to pacify her dog, although to neighbors it was known as of vicious disposition. After the slaying, the animal stole away, and is completely cowed, authorities declare. Lyons is a beneficiary in Mrs. Sparks' will.

Attorney Killed

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 1.—Death came almost instantly to Bernard A. Keltner, 31, South Bend attorney, when his automobile collided with one driven by Victor Heide, 18, Niles, Mich., on a road north of here. Mrs. Keltner was severely bruised and Orville Kelly, 19, Delphi, a hitch-hiker who was in Heide's car, suffered loss of an eye. The dead man was a deputy of Arthur Gilliam when the latter was Indiana attorney-general.

Money for Poor Stolen

MARION, Ind., Jan. 1.—A bandit who this week robbed a theater of \$345 is the same man who a short time previously took \$100 raised by the Salvation Army as a poor relief fund. This is the information James Steel, taxi driver, who was forced to aid the robber in escaping in both cases, has given authorities. Both times the bandit ordered Steel to take him to Peru.

Chase's Son Wed

KENTLAND, Ind., Jan. 1.—Miss Marjorie Dittman, daughter of J. P. Dittman, Freeport (Ill.) theater owner, became the bride here of Hal Chase, former Purdue university football player and son of L. O. Chase, secretary to Governor Harry G. Leslie.

Station Agent Dies

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Claude C. Brandlett, 56, clerk at the Limestone station of the Pennsylvania railroad, fell dead of apoplexy at his work. The body was removed to his home in Brazil.

Church Session Today

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 1.—Twenty-eight churches of the Brethren denomination in southern Indiana are represented at a conference here today. The principal speaker was the Rev. H. L. Hartsough, North Manchester.

What the cards seem to hold for 1932 will be discussed in Saturday's column.

THE love of one city bachelor on this leap year Friday is locked tight against the wiles of maidens who take the new year too seriously, and the key has been thrown away.

"She adores me. I can't be out of her sight for a half hour without having her leap in my lap as if I'd been gone a year," declares Charles S. Rauh, president of the Belt railroad and stock yards company, and one of the city's eligible leap year bachelors, as he closes the door to all chances of a femme for 1932.

Rauh and his "sweetheart" were having a petting party on a divan in his office at the stock yards as he talked.

For she's always with him as he works and one side glance from a bit of femininity and Rauh's "gal" rolls her eyes and tosses jealous daggers.

RAUH's girl is Pee-Wee, alias Rowdy Gal, a six-and-one-half-pound toy Boston bulldog. She's one of the smallest bulldogs registered with the American Kennel Club.

Pee-Wee is an economical sweetheart, as sweethearts go. When Rauh's "gal" dines, a dime will foot the bill. One-quarter of a pound of food suffices her a day.

Three fingers of milk and a handful of corn flakes is her breakfast. Her evening meal consists of a dog food goulash.

"You should hear her eat celery," related Rauh as he told of the German band noises she makes in mastication.

"And as for carrots and other vegetables, she loves them," he added.

RAUH's Rowdy Gal won him two years ago when she was given the haughty-haughty by her brothers and sisters of the litter.

"She was so small they ignored her, imposed upon her, and treated her roughly. I've had kennels full of dogs in the past, but this little one is the first that ever won me like this," explained Rauh as he snuggled her in his lap.

"She's won blue ribbons at various dog shows and some day I'm going to put her up against the best of them in Madison Square Garden and then watch her. Look at her perfect stockings, her collar, her coat!"

And so, ladies of the Leap Year, you might as well cut another bachelor off your list. You couldn't buy this "gal" off if you were the countess of Monte Cristo.

Could they, Pee-Wee? "Woof! woof!"

BOY CONFESSES IN THEFT WAVE

Prisoner, 16, Worked With Three Others.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Confession that he committed thefts in three counties has been made here to Montgomery county authorities by Charles Newby, 16, Ladoga, they announce. He is in custody with his brother Chester, 18; an uncle, Mitchell Newby, 48, and Chester Langford, 26.

The boy says he and the other prisoners robbed stores in Ladoga, Wingate, Fortwell Mills, Racoon, Brick Chapel and Parkersburg, stole livestock from several farms. At one farm a calf was taken and butchered.

\$5,000 DAMAGES ASKED

Woman Sues Fortville Man After Auto Collision.

Mrs. Esther A. Darnel of Kansas City, Mo., has filed suit in federal court here, asking \$5,000 damages for injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Fortville, Ind., early this year.

She charges John P. Kelly, Fortville, with reckless driving and claims permanent injuries resulting from a collision in which her car and that of Kelly figured.

Reed to Be Postmaster

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 1.—James E. Reed, Bartholomew county highway superintendent, is expected to resign his position within a few days, as he is expected to be appointed postmaster here. Reed is Republican county chairman. He has been agreed upon by Senators James E. Watson and Arthur R. Robinson for the postal position. County commissioners are considering applicants for the highway office.

Office Moving Opposed

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 1.—The Chamber of Commerce is seeking to prevent removal from Muncie to Tipton of offices of the Sandusky-Newcastle division of the Nickel Plate railroad. About fifteen men are employed in the office. Officials of various business concerns here have sent telegrams of protest to M. L. Ross, Cleveland, O., president of the railroad.

Suicide Attempt Fails

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Utility company employees revived Mrs. Agnes Watkins, 22, mother of two children, after she attempted suicide by inhaling gas. She had written a note indicating that a family quarrel caused her act.

Aged Woman Dies

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Miss Elizabeth Cunningham, 81, is dead at her home in northwestern Hamilton county. She leaves a son, a daughter, and a son-in-law. She was a member of the Methodist church and a member of the Hamilton county board of health. He inspected twenty-five dairies, finding all in good condition.

MAIN OFFICE NOW LOCATED AT COLUMBUS

Noblitt-Sparks Move From Indianapolis as Step in Efficiency.

STORE CHAIN PLANNED New Concern Will Operate in Kokomo, Marion and Other State Cities.

BY CHARLES C. STONE State Editor, The Times

Among developments in Indiana business and industry during the week ended today was completion of transferring the main office of Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc., from Indianapolis to Columbus. Sixty per cent of the company's products come from the plant in the latter city. Factories also are located at Seymour and Greenwood and the office change to Columbus will centralize operations.

Under the name of the Kokomo Department Stores, Inc., James Costello, Anderson, and Alfred and Walter Mishkoff will operate stores in Kokomo, Anderson, Ft. Wayne, Marion and Elkhart. Articles of incorporation were filed this week.

Paul Patterson of the firm of Reveal & Patterson, Lebanon, has sold his interest in a grain elevator to J. M. Beydler, Rossville, and the firm is now Reveal & Beydler.

The South Bend Chamber of Commerce announces that during 1931 industries which it induced to locate in the city have spent \$2,150,000 in payment of wages. A 44 per cent gain in sales during 1931 was announced by the Studebaker-Pierce Arrow Truck Corporation.

Coal Mine Opened

A force of fifty men was given employment when the Vermilion coal mine at Clinton resumed operations.

Officials of the Universal-Atlas Cement Company expect to increase employment in the Buffington plant after Feb. 1. A new unit has been added to the plant at a cost of \$1,750,000.

The Fry Equipment Corporation, subsidiary of the Wayne company, has been moved from Rochester (Pa.) to Ft. Wayne, and operations will be started Monday with a force of sixty men.

Apartment has been given by the city council for expenditures of \$30,000 in improving the Michigan city water system.

A factory for manufacture of twist and smoking tobacco has been established in Mt. Vernon by J. A. Berry.

WOOL BODY TO MEET

State Growers Will Discuss Marketing Saturday.

Future of co-operative marketing of wool will be discussed by the Indiana Wool Growers' Association Saturday at its board meeting in the offices of the Indiana Farm Bureau. C. B. Denman, livestock member of the Federal Farm Board in Washington, will meet with the group.

The association, which is affiliated with the National Wool Marketing Corporation of Boston, established by the federal board, marketed co-operatively during the past two years 1,200,000 pounds of wool.

T. J. Ferris, Pleasant Lake, president, and L. L. Needer, secretary-treasurer, Indianapolis, will be in charge of the meeting.

Bigamist Sentenced

CONNSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—John Little, freed of bank robbery charges when victims of a Miami-town (O.) holdup failed to identify him, pleaded guilty to a bigamy charge here and was sentenced to a two to five-year term in the Indiana reformatory. Little, it was learned was married in May, 1930, without obtaining a divorce from Mrs. Betty Shouse Little, whom he married in Kentucky in 1928.

Former Bankers Indicted

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Bond of \$5,000 each has been provided by Henry R. Walker, an attorney, who was president of the recently closed Lincoln bank, and by Edward Griener, who was vice-president, pending trial on charges of embezzlement and conspiracy to commit a felony. It is charged the accused accepted deposits at a time when they knew the bank to be insolvent.

Muncie Native, 91, Dies

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Sarah E. Maddy, 91, believed the oldest native born resident of Muncie. She had spent all her life here. She was a charter member of Grace Episcopal church and a member of its first confirmation class.

Child's Skull Fractured

WABASH, Ind., Jan. 1.—Harold Bollinger, 5, is in a hospital here with his skull fractured in two places as a result of falling ten feet to the concrete floor of a barn at his home near North Manchester, after sliding through a straw chute. He is expected to recover.

Milk Quality Improved

KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 1.—Improvement in Kokomo's milk supply is reported by O. T. Law, inspector for the dairy division of the state board of health. He inspected twenty-five dairies, finding all in good condition.

Bank Receiver Named

BLUFFTON, Ind., Jan. 1.—Frank Meyers, Bluffton, has been appointed receiver of the Farmers State bank of Poneto by Judge John F. Decker of Wells circuit court.