

Conservation— OUTDOOR LIFE TEACHES CHILD TO BE NORMAL

Contrast Drawn Between
Girl Who Took Life and
Happy Youngsters.

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The opportunity for pedagogical interpretation of the vagaries of humanity comes frequently to one who spends a large part of his time outdoors and it is with difficulty that I, personally, subdue a recurring desire to elaborate with smug complacency on the amazing difference between people who are outdoor minded and those who are not, especially in their views on this life.

"Nude Girl Plunges from Lake Boat to End Night of Fun with Tragedy." Returning from the annual convention of the Izaak Walton League of Indiana this blazing headline arrested my attention at the breakfast table.

"This is my last day on earth, this is a hell of a world, who cares?" This statement from a 24-year-old girl invited to entertain a select group of business executives from Chicago on a moonlight yacht ride, and then she leaped overboard to oblivion.

Burroughs Would Live Again

Dr. Preston Bradley one of the nation's leading outdoorsmen, described the eightieth anniversary dinner to John Burroughs. Pressed for a statement to the hundreds gathered from over the earth to honor him, the rugged old man, clad in his habitual costume of rough wool, slowly arose to his feet and with all the impressive grandeur of some natural phenomenon simply remarked: "I have lived on this earth eighty years. Had I my wish, I would live these eighty years again." What a strange contrast to, "This is a hell of a world! Who cares?"

Over in Logansport, where the sportsmen of Indiana have their Walton meeting this week I saw 7,500 men, women, and children gathered to honor the memory of Izaak Walton, the creator of the fishermen's code of honor.

There was their state president, Duntun, a prominent attorney from Ft. Wayne, clad in brown dungarees, tented under the trees on the Ikes' game preserve. He was preaching his sermon of the outdoors from the fly of his tent and not from the transept of a church.

His audience, consisting mostly of children, was listening to a tale of a fisherman and, when the sermon was over, not one of them committed suicide.

Children Enjoy Sport

Bob Engells, business man from Gary, and about a dozen of his marshall, sat cross-legged at the door of his tent, adjoining Duntun's. His 11-year-old son sat beside him, busily engaged in the mysteries of a take-apart reel he intended using in the casting tournament.

I have seen children not much older who had been taught the best method of popping a cork out of a pop bottle. Down on the trap shooting platform, another lad imbued by his dad with a love for the sky, manfully shouldered a heavy 12-gauge shotgun and ran up a score of eighteen broken clay birds out of twenty-five shots.

No one can tell me, not even in my most credulous moments that any one of these children will leap out into the hereafter shouting, "This is a hell of a world." Such an event is left apparently for those children of parents who follow more closely the pursuit of unnatural and exotic entertainment.

Raised in an atmosphere where pursuit of fun constitutes a terminal point in the child's life, the child is more natural than that they are surfeited with life at 24 and there is nothing left for them?

No Scouts in Court

From the records of the juvenile court in the city of Chicago we read that no boy wearing the uniform of a Boy Scout ever has appeared before this court. From the larger record of major crimes in this country, we read that not one man who has loved a dog, smoked a pipe and fished or hunted afield or astream as the natural outlet for his desire for pleasure ever has been convicted of a major crime.

The kind of fun that ends in a sordid tragedy among the children of this country is becoming all too prevalent. The news files of the present year disclose five similar events to the one captioned on today's page. Wasted lives, no beauty or consequence, living only for today and its artificial stimulus; and the cure? So simple and obvious and so inexpensive that even we with our depression upon us can indulge.

Join your children with the nearest outdoor group. Boy or Girl Scout, nature study club, Walton league, or by whatever name it assumes; join with them and with them spend part of your time in the open, if it is only to study the heap in your own back yard.

Character Is Built

There are more lessons of character building material in the lowliest creature of nature than in the dizziest night club out on hilarity lane.

And thus I end my sermon. I could not resist preaching it and, I assure you, I will not often indulge in like effort. I could not pass the opportunity after seeing that happy group of kids in Logansport, there with their dads and mothers, as happy as God intended they should be.

In another place, a lone, come girl, all the artificial luxuries that money can call out, old at 24, leaping over the stern rail of a boat into the moonlit path on the water, down into depths and out of existence.

Soldier of Fortune to Pastor Is Story of Hospital Chaplain

The Rev. Robert F. Laycock, City Minister, Has Led Varied Life.

Soldier of fortune, actor, world traveler, amateur boxer—then a realization of his childhood ambition to become a minister. These mark the evolution of the Rev. Robert F. Laycock, 1155 West Thirtieth street, as chaplain of the Methodist hospital.

"I suppose I was destined for the ministry when I was only 11," Mr. Laycock said today, in discussing his career. "It was at that time that I first felt the desire to preach. But there was a great deal of worldly ambition in me, too; I wanted to see all of the queer places that I had read about."

When a young man, Mr. Laycock joined the American forces in Cuba, during the Spanish-American war. Before joining he took part in amateur boxing bouts, winning several titles. He was a victim of both malaria fever (which he recalls the soldiers termed "breakbone fever") and yellow fever, during his enlistment in Cuba.

Served in Islands

Following his recovery from these illnesses, he re-enlisted and served in the Philippines.

"I saw a village near our encampment which had been attacked by brigands, who butchered almost the entire population," he says. "I was named as one of the firing squad to execute two of the leaders of the brigands, and was only spared this gruesome duty when President McKinley commuted their death sentences to life imprisonment."

Several of the soldiers in his company had been murdered while on sentry duty by natives who crept upon them and despoiled them with the long, dangerous knives they carried.

"I was put on sentry duty on the right of way near our encampment," Mr. Laycock recalls.

Just Coconut Falling

"Suddenly I heard a swishing noise and thought it was the knife of a native who had crept upon me. Instead, it was a coconut dropping from a tree under which I was seated. It was several days before I lost my feeling of horror and saw the humor of the occurrence."

After returning to the United States, Mr. Laycock went on tour with a specialty act, which was enacted in practically all of the larger European cities, and played for three consecutive months in the London Hippodrome.

"The act was a drill extravaganza, for which special scenery effects were built, and in which we did special firing features, with electrical effects," he said.

Saved by Hotel Man

"Not realizing what the situation was, I attempted to intervene, and was only saved from possible death by the hotel manager, who warned me against taking part in any Apache disturbance."

Services in City Churches Sunday

The regular fall meeting of the Indianapolis Presbytery will be held Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 18 and 19, at Clayton, Ind.

The Rev. Thomas J. Simpson of Indianapolis has been appointed moderator for the session, the Rev. Victor Raphael, clerk and treasurer, and the Rev. Alexander E. Sharp of Columbus is the permanent clerk.

The opening devotionary service will be conducted by the Rev. Simpson, 2:30 p. m. Monday. Other events of interest on the Monday program are the report of the committee on foreign missions, the address by the Rev. Frank W. Bible of Chicago and the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Tuesday's program includes the report of the committee on field activities, the overtures from the general assembly and the examination of candidate William T. Thom of Westminster church for licensure and ordination.

METHODISTS TO MEET HERE TUESDAY

Sunday will be known as "I Was There Sunday" at the Grace M. E. church. "I Was There Cards" will be signed by all attending Sunday school and church, registering the attendance for the day.

Special souvenir bulletins will replace the regular church bulletins, in which there will be very important and interesting notes on the forward movement program.

The evening service will be unique in that the hands of the clock will be turned back a generation or two. An old-fashioned service like our fathers and mothers attended will be held.

Men will sit on one side of the church and the women on the other. No electric lights will be used, the church being lighted with oil lamps and lanterns.

All hymns will be lined by the minister and the accompaniment will be played on a reed organ.

All hymns used will be old hymns. Many other quaint customs of former generations will make the service one to be long remembered.

The forward movement program, which began last Sunday, has for its objectives the revitalizing of the



The theatrical company of which Mr. Laycock was a member played in a command performance for the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, at an open air carnival near Berlin.

At this time, each member of the troupe was presented with a medal by the Kaiser, on which appeared the likeness of the crown prince. Mr. Laycock still has the medal.

"It was during this engagement that I received my first wounds," he says. "I passed through engagements in Cuba and the Philippines without a scratch, but received a serious shot in the hand, when bullets which a German sharpshooter, who had joined our troupe, fired in the hard path around me in a spirit of fun."

"The bullets struck the hard earth, and ricocheted around me, one of them striking me a glancing blow on the hip, and the other going through my hand."

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CHORUS RISES TO ROAR FOR CHEAPER BEER

Ten-Ounce Stein Can Be
Sold for Nickel at Profit
Wholesalers Say.

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brewery and cite the state excise department's report, which shows that after state and government taxes were paid, from April 7 to Sept. 1, the Indiana Breweries, Indianapolis, sold 11,791 barrels of beer for a gross profit of \$111,525, without figuring cost of overhead, manufacture, salaries, or \$8,000 in license fees.

But the roundup continues, for the brewery says the high cost of beer can be attributed to an increase of 400 to 500 per cent in the price of hops, cost of equipment, interest on investment and the need of more employees to operate under NRA.

License, Tax Costly

Every barrel of beer that leaves the Indiana breweries costs \$6.72 in licenses, and state and federal taxes. Nine dollars of every barrel that sells for \$16 is left to the brewer for payment of manufacture, overhead, utilities, insurance, and interest on investment.

The retailer says this local beer should be sold to him for \$4 less a barrel, giving the brewer but \$5 a barrel as a working margin.

The brewer says that the cost of equipping a brewery, high taxes, and the high price of ingredients, must be met.

Both brewer and retailer will cite next year's state and federal taxes that must be paid and the high overhead cost in the lean winter months.

Importer Is Target

Some are satisfied with their profit margin on imported brews, but dissatisfied with the payments of \$2 a barrel to an importer who never sees the beer, in many cases, when he secures from the out-state brewery for the wholesaler.

The wholesalers blame the retailers in some instances for not giving the public all the beer it has coming.

"Ten-ounce steins for 5 cents would be a possibility even now. And there's no question that fourteen-ounce steins and even sixteen-ounce steins for a dime can be sold at a profit—and a fair profit," charges one wholesaler.

"Spot" is the one word that shouts whether a retailer is making money on his beer. It is the opinion of many wholesalers and retailers that the city is surfeited with beer parlors and that in time the owners with the best "spots" will survive, while the little fellow who hardly can make his license cost will turn to another commodity or another business.

Better Ones to Survive

And as the best "spots" survive, so it is forecast that the better beers will hold their collar longer for the public.

"The fellow who is serving five or six different brands of beer instead of two or three, is like a sailor trying to plug three leaks on a sinking ship with but one plug," says one retailer.

Narrowing down of competition in retailers of beers, and wholesalers will be done by the red or black side of the cash books, it is said.

"Cut out the importer," is the chorus of retailer and wholesaler, "and we'll have cheaper beer."

"The price of beer must be scaled down by the brewer, a little by the wholesaler and a lot by the retailer if Indianapolis is to get a true 12-ounce stein of beer or even a 10-ounce mug for 5 cents," says one brewer agent.

Next: How high is the beer collar, how deep the mug? Are beer drinkers getting what they pay for?

At Riverside

Another "two-cent day" is announced for Sunday at Riverside amusement park, the bargain rate to prevail on all the rides and other fun and thrill concessions from noon until midnight.

The popularity of these cut-rate days was attested last Sunday, when the immense throng of fun-seekers packed the resort all afternoon and evening and set the season record for crowds at the park.

All the rides will be operated to full capacity Sunday, with three trains on the thriller and two on the flash and the other concessions likewise will be ready to care for another big crowd.

At the concessions will be in operation, including the mill chutes, motor boats, fun castle, aerial swing, whip, canals of Venice, pretzel, dogdog, motor speedway, Tipstown, merry-go-round, flash and thriller. There will be afternoon and evening skating sessions in the big Riverside roller rink, and the skeeball alleys will operate at the two-cent rate, it is announced.

Beer Bibblers to Front!

All's Ready as Schooner Scuttlers Prepare for
Championship Drinking Bouts at South
Side Turnverein.

ONE "burp" and you're out! And so, tonight, ladies and gentlemen, you will see the survival of the fittest.

You'll see, if you're one of the fortunate ones to attend the South Side Turnverein, Madison avenue and Prospect street, 3.2 when it is really in flower.

Corkscrew mustaches and double-chinned anatomies will meet in a beer drinking contest under the auspices of the South Side Turners to find out whose face always has been on the barroom floor.

The judges will be Elmer E. Taffinger, artist on canvas and sawdust; Herbert Spencer, assistant city attorney, and George T. Parry, business man.

Fifty entries for the right to scuttle the schooners are listed.

RULES of the contest foamed up by the judges revolve around the one major regulation, "One burp and you're out."

Each individual's "kegery" will be pumped for a head-start so that all contestants may begin even-Stephen. Two doctors and a nurse will await the "pass-out." A coffin will stand by for service de luxe. Ambulance service will depend on whether the drivers are entries.

All bibblers must imbibe seated at a typical bar table. The can will be pulled in quart-sized. Ten sixteen-gallon kegs of beer of six different brands will be tapped for the contest.

Taffinger, as Chief Bung-Starter, and Spencer, Head Tapsman, say stories about the traveling man and the country maid and the old wheeze about the newlyweds are barred during the contest.

Sweet Adeline and "Father! Dear Father! Come Home With Me Now," and the "Clock in the Steeple Strikes Twelve" may be gurgled in any key except that when the contestant can say only "boo" he must quit Chauncey O'cotting.

COLLARS must not be blown off. They've got to take their beer as they find it.

Entries attempting to get away with the bar's sawdust in pants-cuffs, trying to pull the old bar trick of eating all the free lunch of sauerkraut and spare-ribs, will be rolled out the swinging door.

A nurse will be on hand for crying jag. If her shoulder is not successful, several stalwart men of Mike Morrissey, police chief, will wrap the contestant around a couple of lamp posts before taking him away in the Black Maria.

And to the "champ" goes one huge stein, engraved and embossed, and a fitting token of how deep is his gullet and how wide his fender-like mustache.

Grant to Be Starred

Philip Wylie's story, "The Pink Chemise," which will serve as a Cary Grant starring vehicle under the title of "Come on Marines," will be directed by Eric Kenton. Alexander Hall and George Sommes have been assigned the direction of Baby LeRoy's next feature, "Miss Fane's Baby Is Stolen," while Norma McLeod will direct the next Charlie Ruggles-Mary Boland comedy entitled "The Yodelers."

Supplementing the feature, a select program of short reels will be shown.

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"HORSE FEATHERS"
Sunday—Double Feature
"ELMER THE GREAT"
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"SAILOR'S LUCK"
MECCA Noble at Mass.
Double Feature
Neil Hamilton
"MIDNIGHT WARNING"
"MYSTERIOUS RIDER"
Sunday—Double Feature
Charlie Ruggles
"MELODY CRUISE"
Miriam Hopkins
"TROUBLE IN PARADISE"
GARRICK Ill. at 30th.
Double Feature
Loretta Young
"THEY CALL IT SIN"
Sunday—Double Feature
Phil Harris
"MELODY CRUISE"
Ruth Chatterton
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EAST SIDE
IRVING 3507 E. Wash.
Double Feature
Douglas Fairbanks
"SUPERNATURAL"
John Barrymore
"THE MAN FROM MONTEREY"
Sunday
Lee Tracy, Star Cast
"THE NUISANCE"
HAMILTON 2116 E. 10th.
Double Feature
Miriam Hopkins
"BEST OF ENEMIES"
Buck Jones
"GREATNESS"
Sunday—Double Feature
Ann Harding
"DOUBLE HARESS"
Phillips Holmes
"THE BIG BRAIN"
PARAMOUNT N. Jersey & E. Wash.
Double Feature
Edith Quill
"STRICTLY PERSONAL"
Fredric March
"A MAN'S LAND"
Sunday—Double Feature
"FIGHTING PRESIDENT"
Burns & Allen
"INTERNATIONAL HOUSE"
FOUNTAIN SQUARE N. at
Fountain Square
Double Feature
John Barrymore
"IT'S GREAT TO BE ALIVE"
Rev. Bell
"THE FUGITIVE"
Sunday—Double Feature
"THE WARRIOR'S HUSBAND"
Lionel Atwill
"THE SPHINX"
SANDERS Prospect & Shelby
Double Feature
Chester Morris
"TOMORROW AT SEVEN"
"HAUNTED GOLD"
Sunday—Double Feature
Lee Tracy
"THE NUISANCE"
"THE EAGLE AND THE HAWK"
Vir. at Fountain Sq.
Ray Francis
"STORM AT DAYBREAK"
Sunday
Lionel Barrymore, Miriam Hopkins
"The Strangers Return"
WEST SIDE
TRIVOLI Dearborn at 10th.
Double Feature
Mary Brian
Leo Carrillo
"MOONLIGHT and PRETZELS"
Lionel Barrymore
Miriam Hopkins
"STRANGERS RETURN"
EMERSON 4630 E. Tenth
Double Feature
Charlie Ruggles
"TERROR ABOARD"
Tom Mix
"RUSTLERS ROUNDUP"
Sunday
John Harlow, Clark Gable
"HOLD YOUR MAN"

BELOMONT W. Wash. at Bk.
Double Feature
Chester Morris
"TOMORROW AT SEVEN"
"THE MAN FROM MONTEREY"
Sunday—Double Feature
"WHOOPEE"
Richard Barthelmess
"HEROES FOR SALE"
DAISY 2510 W. Mich.
Double Feature
Bert Williams
Neil Hamilton
"TERROR ABOARD"
"SON OF THE BORDER"
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Bing Crosby, Burns & Allen
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