

—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 statement to over the earth, 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?"

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 decapitated 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 Cocanutt 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 cocanutt 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 ministry always had interested him, and he found genuine enjoyment in his work at the mission. After four years' service, he was ordained as a minister.

Chaplain Laycock finds a great joy in his work at the Methodist hospital, where it is his duty to visit patients, and cheer them during their illness. He feels that his varied experiences both in the army and as an actor-traveler helped him in this work.

Worked at Mission

Returning to Indianapolis, Mr. Laycock became interested in the Wheeler City Rescue Mission and worked with the mission for four years.

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

"We showed in Copenhagen, Vienna and in the Folies Bergere in Paris. While we were there, I saw an Apache attack a woman of the streets, and beat her unmercifully.

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."

Children Enjoy Sport

Bob Engels, business man from Gary, and ardent exponent of the restoration of the Kankakee marshes, sat cross-legged at the door of his tent, adjoining Dunton's. His 11-year-old son sat beside him, busily engaged in the mysteries of a take-apart heel he intended 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 wine 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 contemplates a terminal point in erotic sensuality, via a highway of dizzy amusement, what is more natural than that they are swiftest 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 has ever 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 fowl 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 to day's page. Wasted lives, of 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 tatt 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 dizzies 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.

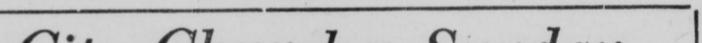
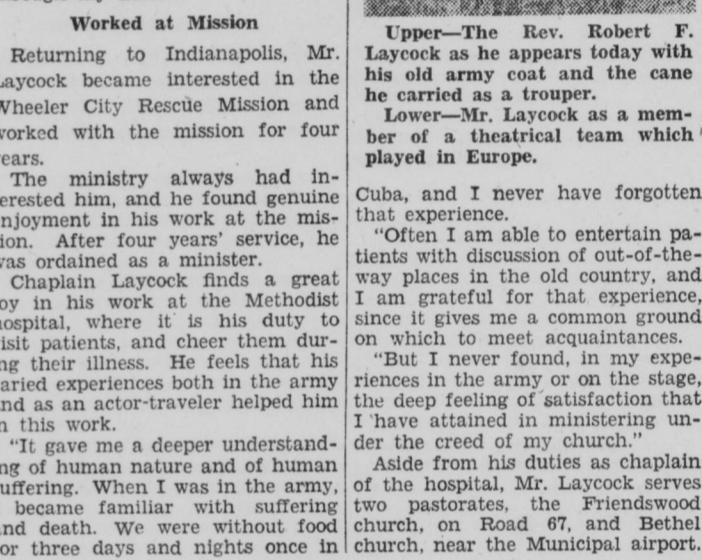
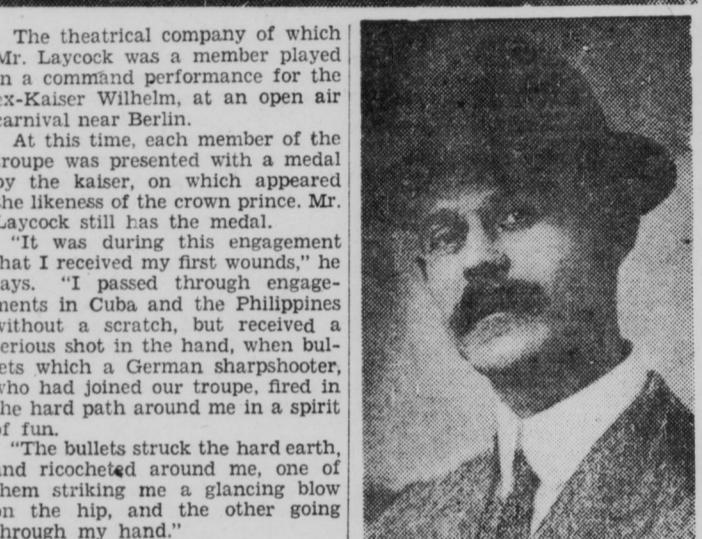
In another place, a lone girl, all the artificial luxuries that money can call out, all at 24, leaping over the stern rail of a boat into the moonlit path on the water, down into depths and out of existence.

AMUSEMENTS



Soldier of Fortune to Pastor Is Story of Hospital Chaplain

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



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 devotional service will be conducted by the Rev. Simpson at 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 program on field activities, the overtures from the general assembly and the examination of candidate William T. Thom of Westminister 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 red organ.

The popular Sunday evening services of Sutherland church will begin this year on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. with musicals, dramas, movies and open forums comprising the fall and winter's program.

IMPORTANT MEETING ANNOUNCED

The District Conference, Ad-journed Session, of the Indianapolis District of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the Roberts Park Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. W. C. Hartinger, district superintendent, will preside. At 10:00 a.m. the committee on local preachers, consisting of E. F. Schneider, E. E. Jones, L. H. Kendall, W. G. Morgan, L. C. Murr will conduct the examinations for local preachers, and the committee on admission on trial, consisting of C. M. Kroft, E. Arnold Clegg, Guy O. Carpenter will examine candidates desiring admission to the Annual Conference.

At 2 p.m. all members of the conference will meet to take action upon the recommendations of the committee.

The drama school sessions will be held on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon of each week, and course for beginners and advanced students will be offered.

This marks the fourth opening of the drama school of the greater Sutherland church school.

New courses which will be offered this year for the first time are play analysis, seminar in acting and New Testament manners and customs.

Other courses offered for advanced students are make-up, stage design, lighting, advanced voice and advanced acting.

Courses for those who have had no dramatic training are voice, fundamentals of expression, gestures and pantomime, stage technique and acting.

The authorities claim it a suicide. However, Keri has other clowns and starts in pursuit of the robbers and killers. He rounds up his men and brings them to justice.

Tarzan plays an important role in the picture. In addition to the feature a Babe Ruth sport reel, a comedy, a cartoon and news reel will be shown.

The music school will offer choir work for all ages over 6 years.

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STREETS OF PARIS

WITH THE RETURN OF

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ECSTATIC COMEDIAN

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MIDNITE SHOW SAT.

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 roundelay 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 N.R.A.

The retailer says that the cost of

equipping a brewery, high taxes,

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