

STARTLING PROGRESS MARKS FIRST SIX MONTHS OF U. S. LIFE UNDER RECOVERY ACT

7 to 80 Per Cent of Nation's Industry Is Now
Operating Under Permanent Codes;

Minimum Wages Guaranteed.

LABOR BARS CHILDREN UNDER 16

\$3,300,000,000 Allocated to Public Works
Projects Giving Employment to Jobless
and Bettering Living Conditions.

BY HERBERT LITTLE
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—NIRA is six months old today.

The Recovery Act with its double-barrelled program for business and public works was signed by President Roosevelt June 16, and through two great divisions of an expanded government which devotes much attention nowadays to the welfare of its people and its industries, revolutionary changes have been effected in half a year.

If Rip Van Winkle had taken only six months for his famous snooze, he would have been just as perplexed on awakening today as he was after his twenty-year slumber in the Catskills.

Here are some of the things, exceedingly strange to the eye of June 16, which he would note:

Signs of business recovery, reported by the government and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, all under the emblem of countless blue eagles, dynamic tailless birds flaunting thunderbolts in every store and factory window.

Organization of from 70 to 80 per cent of all industry under permanent codes, pledged by law to allow their employees to bargain collectively and bound equally against cut-throat competition through less-than-cost sellings.

Minimum wages and maximum hours guaranteed to 20,000,000 industrial workers through permanent codes and Blue Eagle agreements, with labor by children under sixteen barred from all industries by mutual consent.

Manufacturers asking, and getting sanction to reduce their hours of operation and shut down their machines by agreement to avoid glutting the markets.

Establishment of a supreme court of labor, the National Labor Board, to which workers can and do come with facts and charges about a few surviving rugged individualists among employers.

Rip Van Winkle might in amazement turn his gaze from NIRA to the other NIRA twin, PWA, just to make sure his eyes saw the truth. And, looking away from General Hugh Johnson's lair on the fourth floor of the Commerce Building, he would turn to the interior department and find:

A quiet group of young economists, lawyers and oil men riding herd on the country's most riproaring branch of the old industry, under check-reins so tight that oil is selling for around \$1 a barrel.

Allocation of the huge sum of \$3,300,000,000—a whole year's budget for Uncle Sam a little while ago—to a series of public works and relief projects designed not only to give work to the jobless but at the same time to raise standards of living for citizens of the United States through better housing, to improve water supplies, to help cities build municipal water and power plants, and to improve the federal government's myriad of services.

Award of a fund that placed 4,000,000 unemployed on pay rolls instead of doles during the short space of four weeks.

If these things startled Rip into complete wakefulness, he might look more closely and find other things in the picture, both in Washington and in other cities.

He might find some chiseling (a new word on Rip by the way); he might find a few people whose immediate fortunes had been impaired by the operations of NIRA—sellers of "hot" oil produced in violation of production limits, and sweatshop operators for instance; but in general he would find a people hopefully looking to the future.

And Rip, if he were interviewed, might say:

"If I lived the 500 years of the phoenix, I don't believe I would find anything more interesting."

ROBINSON TO OFFER 'ECONOMY' REPEALER

Senator Calls Present Law "Cruel and Indefensible."

Plans for introducing a bill to repeal the economy act at the session of congress in January were announced by Senator Arthur H. Robinson last night in an address before the Irvington post, American Legion.

"Sentiment in Indiana favors justice and fair dealing to disabled service men," he said, criticizing the economy act as "cruel and indefensible."

The senator said he had received pledges of support in his effort "to rectify the mistakes committed by a cowardly congress in passing this so-called economy act."

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PRIVATE LIFE OF THE WYNEKOOPS

Catherine Charges Police Stupidity for Mother's Arrest

BY DR. CATHERINE WYNEKOOP
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ON the morning of Aug. 31, 1929, four carloads of family and friends started for the quiet town of Sycamore, near Chicago. For in the chapel of St. Alban's school there, which both my brothers had attended, Rheta Gardner was to become Mrs. Earle Wynekoop.

When we reached the school, I helped her change into the filmy white dress which she had brought from Indianapolis for the occasion, then arranged the folds of the white tulle bridal veil which we had bought in Chicago that morning.

Clad in bright orange silk, I walked ahead of her down the narrow aisle of the school chapel to the altar rail, where the Rev. Charles L. Street, headmaster, waited with Earle. Ahead of me walked Walker's little boy, Walker Jr., carrying the ring.

Back in Chicago later that day, we—the newweds, Rheta's parents, and our family—gathered at the Midwest Athletic Club for a bride dinner, with the traditional bride's cake of many layers and toasts of the bride and bridegroom.

Next day, Earle and Rheta started for our country place in Michigan for their honeymoon.

During the two and one-half months that followed, we did not see the honeymooners. But seldom a day passed that a letter or postcard, with a Frankfort postmark, did not arrive at the "gloomy old mansion," telling how happy they were.

These letters and cards, curiously enough, seemed to give mother the first cheer she had had since dad's death. She missed him terribly, and Earle and Rheta's happiness seemed to give back part of what death had taken from her.

THEIR gay letters, she told Mary and me, carried her back to her honeymoon days.

We all enjoyed the good cheer that mother brought to our roomer, Miss Edith Hennessey, a great friend of mother's, who had been a member of our household, almost a member of the family, for about ten years. She was a teacher in John Marshall high school.

Early in November, Earle wrote that he and Rheta soon would be seeing us. So mother decided that as a welcome home surprise she would fit up as a special suite for them the two rooms on the second floor which she had always had—the two best rooms in the house.

Vividly do I recall the scene that took place in our Monroe street house the evening before Earle and Rheta were expected home after their honeymoon at Frankfort. Mother had put her heart as well as her purse into refurbishing the two special rooms for the newweds. And the results were lovely.

Especially did Mary and I approve of the bedroom, with its inlaid mahogany bureau for Earle, and its dressing table for Rheta.

"Remember, girls!" mother warned Mary and me, as we admired the handsome furnishings, "these are Earle's and Rheta's rooms, where they can be alone when they want to be alone. We never must bother them here."

Although she also told us that it would be wisdom never to visit these rooms without an invitation, they didn't become any Chinese wall, separating Earle and his bride from the rest of the family. On the contrary, they were all over the house with the rest of us.

Mary and Rheta became great pals. Both adorned pretty clothes and parties, and when Mary and Rheta and Earle always were in the party.

Naturally, I never got as close to my new sister-in-law. By the time she entered our family, I was a sophomore at Rush Medical college. Home, to me, then, simply was "that place where I slept and ate." Nevertheless, I joined mother and Mary in giving some parties for Rheta, to introduce her to our friends.

A true artist was Rheta. As soon as she had adjusted herself to her new life, she started studying violin again. Her lessons, incidentally, were a present from mother.

THE following spring, she and Earle returned to Frankfort. This time Mary went with them. Mother, however, stayed behind to see me through my last quarter at Rush. And when, that August (1930), I won my degree, she bundled me off on a boat trip to Canada.

Back in Chicago, after my trip to Canada, I took a three-months' internship in anesthesia at the Presbyterian hospital. Then it was time to take the Cook county examination.

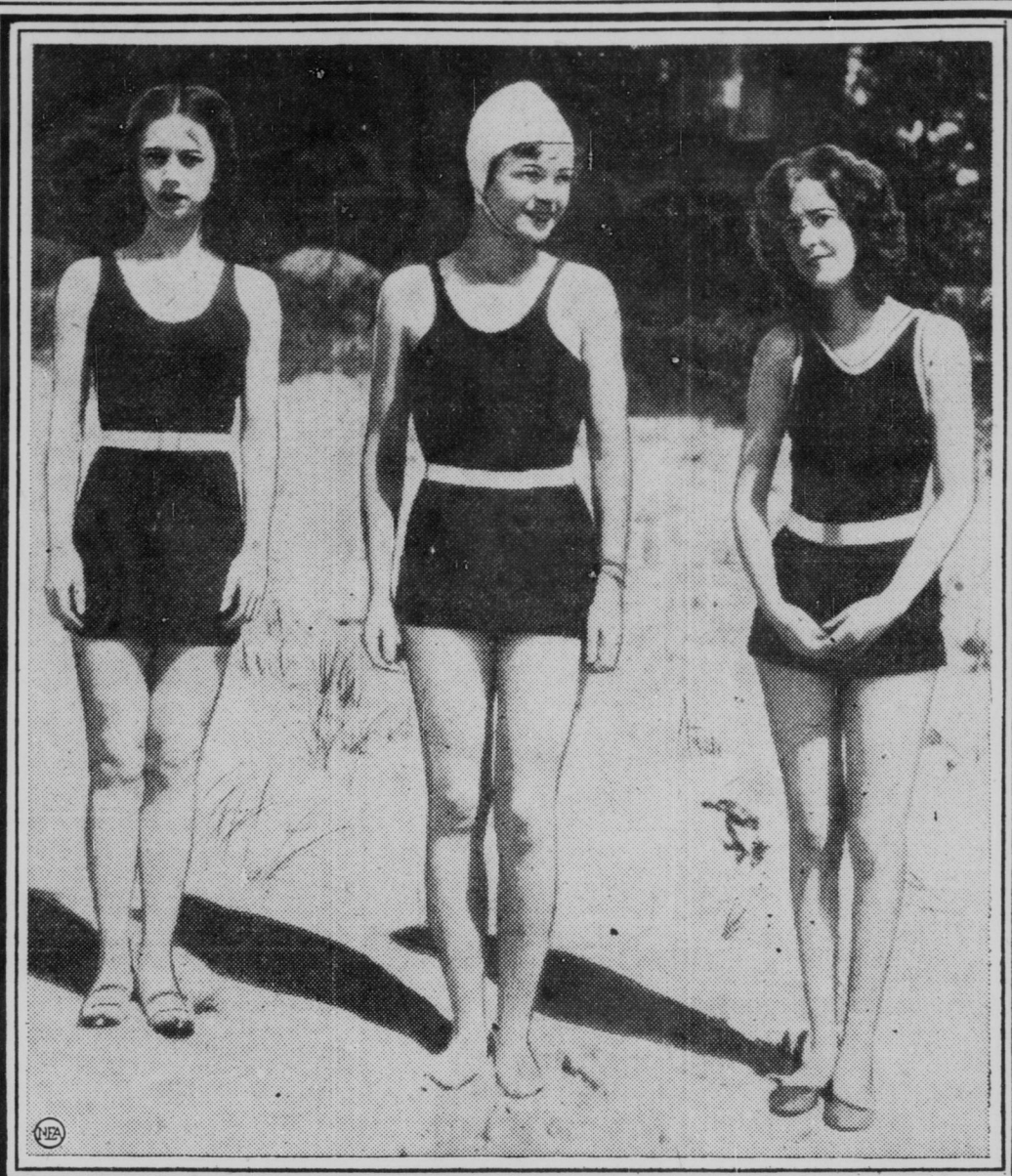
Mary had been sent home from the University of Michigan (where she had transferred from Drake at the beginning of her sophomore year) as a "T. B." suspect. Having no special interests of her own, she suddenly developed a tremendous interest in my career.

Despite her cheery encourage-

ment, with wild things and making our state a better land to live in would be solved. So far, however, the venturesome few who dash outdoors in the summer time have been content to den up like groundhogs through the winter and so far as I know nothing can be done about it.

We will have need in most of our midwestern states at a date not far distant, of some Rooseveltian prototypes to occupy the Governors' chairs. You may be sure that nothing short of a popular demand guided into proper channels by the right executive will bring about a change in conservational matters.

So far, the most of us have been supine observers of conditions that annually have become more deplorable.



Three pals together were Mary Louise, Catherine and Rheta Wynekoop, left to right in the picture above after a dip during their summer outing at Frankfort, Mich.

ment, I lost my nerve, but finally I took the exam. And three months later, when the results were posted, I couldn't believe my eyes when I found my name listed in the first group of thirty-five.

That July I began my coveted internship of Cook County hospital. The family spent that summer as usual, at Frankfort, nothing new. Earle and Rheta flew there. When time to close our summer house arrived, a girl from Detroit, whose parents also had a place on Crystal Lake, invited Mary to stay over and visit her. Mary accepted.

But hardly had she unpacked her trunk, than her hostess became ill and both girls started home.

The day after Mary reached Chicago, word came from Detroit that her friend had died of infantile paralysis. And the day after that Mary, herself, went to bed with the same dread disease.

Mother, busier than ever by this time, gave up everything to take care of Mary. Whether it was her expert care, or my sister's own great desire to recover, I don't know, but a couple of months later, Mary was able to come downstairs. She still was very frail and, of course, she still was troubled by her bed fever.

It was in the fall that Mary was ill that Earle learned to fly. His idea was to learn that aviation business from the ground up, for he was eager to get into the research department of one of the large airplane companies.

THROUGHOUT his boyhood, he had shown a decided knack for things mechanical. He could do anything to dynamo and engines and things like that.

Had he not been a physician's son, I imagine that, when college came, he would have gone to an engineering school instead of to a medical college.

Meanwhile, the Century of Progress had gotten under way, and Earle, along with some other aviators, had found employment on the sky ride. Exactly what he was supposed to do, I never knew. One day he took tickets, the next he repaired the rocket cars.

Despite what I have read in the newspapers these last few weeks, I wasn't aware of any chafe between him and Rheta. As far as I knew, he was going home every night.

And I know she always was dashing down to the exposition grounds to keep dates with him. The only change I noted was in her. Following Mary's death, she became what I can describe only as health conscious.

Then the Century of Progress neared its end, and from mother I learned that Earle and Stanley Young, a boy Earle knew at Northwestern university, were going west. Their plan, mother said, was to take colored pictures of the Grand canyon.

vestigation of Rheta's death would follow a set routine and place the members of the household under suspicion first.

She was so sincerely anxious to help clear up the mystery that she refused to follow her attorney's advice to "say nothing further," after four or five interviews, during which she patiently had answered questions and volunteered information.

THE attorney, knowing police methods, was afraid that she would make statements in her fatigued condition that would be misconstrued.

In an interval between her grillings, mother was allowed to take a sponge bath—in the presence of a male police officer! She was subjected to hours of hounding and misrepresentation.

Topmost in her mind through all this torture was the idea that she must get home to prepare Rheta's clothes for the funeral.

It was after a promise that if she just would make a statement, she would be permitted to go, that mother made her so-called "confession," all of which admittedly was suggested to her.

Even after the inquest of Friday, Nov. 24, poor mother, in her fatigued state, thought she was free to go to Rheta—in her last hour in Chicago.

Instead, she was held for the murder of the one she loved dearly.

My precious mother now is behind bars—the innocent victim of circumstance and misrepresentation.

The most noble of women is being crucified upon the altar of police stupidity.

THE END

FREE JOB BUREAU FOR
VETERANS IS OPENED

East Side Legion Post Helps Thirty Men to Get Work.

Free employment bureau for veterans has been established by East Indianapolis Post 13, American Legion, in post headquarters, Sherman drive and Michigan street. About thirty men have been aided in obtaining employment thus far.

The committee in charge includes Schuyler C. Mower, John B. Collins, Grover W. Cross, Sam J. O'Connell, Glenn Bertels, Joseph P. Smith, George Peever, Harry B. Perkins, Dr. D. C. Percival, Charles A. Cassidy and James E. Mendenhall.

CITY STUDENT HONORED

Richard Thompson One of 15 at I. U. to Get Key.

Richard Thompson, Indianapolis, is among fifteen Indiana university students to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa in recognition of high scholastic standing. Initiation will be held in the Union building Monday night. Professor Hugh E. Willis, Indiana law school, will speak on "Capitalism," the Constitution and the Supreme Court.

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WON'T BUDGE; FORCES TRAIN TO DEAD STOP

Finally Persuaded to Get
Off Track; 'Will Do It
Again,' He Says.

The boy stood on the railroad tracks; The train was coming fast. The boy stepped off the railroad track and let the train go past.

THE story contained in the old ditty was re-enacted yesterday for the crew of a fast Pennsylvania passenger train by a shabbily dressed middle-aged man who, however, differing from the boy in the ditty, refused to get off the track.

Residents in the vicinity of the Pennsylvania tracks at Denny street were startled today when they heard the engineer on the train holding down the whistle.

Looking toward the tracks, they were startled to see the man standing resolutely in the center of the track.

The engineer threw on the train's emergency brakes, tumbling passengers about, and succeeded in stopping a few feet from the man.

Members of the crew approached him and ordered him off the tracks. He ignored them. Then they tried cajolery, with equal lack of success.

"I am going to stand here," the man said. "Drive on."

After ten minutes of alternate pleading and arguing, the crew succeeded in inducing the man to "step off the track and let the train go by."

"But I'll get in front of another one," was his parting rejoinder.

CITY ACCOUNTANTS TO
HEAR PAUL J. STOKES

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