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Hermie keeps a cook named Rosie the year round. She is from Brown County, and she cooks a mighty fine meal or Hermie wouldn't have her, and she, too, addresses the president of Indiana University by the exalted title of "Hermie," and she personally invites the guests to come back again, if she likes them.

It was with considerable trepidation that I accepted Hermie's invitation to dinner, for I know well of his affection for food, and his ability to consume it. Many a time have I gorged my inadequate stomach into the miseries to avoid offending a host.

My fears grew when I saw the couple of half-cows that Hermie threw onto the grill, and I got practically hysterical when Rosie started piling some eight different kinds of vegetables and other accessories onto my side of the table.

## He Does Himself Proud

But let it be said once and for all that I heaped no disgrace upon my alma mater. That evening I ate more, and truly with greater ease and more relish, than I've ever eaten in my life before. Actually I got away with full well more than half of it. I believe that's the record.

Rosie washed the dishes and bade us goodbye, and we sat and talked the evening through. We discussed mutual friends of our school days, and told each other of our near-tragic fraternity experiences when we first came into the big world of school from our respective farms and small villages.

Hermie did an exceedingly nice thing for me. The annual year book put out by Indiana University is called "The Arbutus." The one that had my picture in it was '92, and although I had left school by then I bought one anyway.

And then, some 10 years ago, it disappeared. I don't know to this day what became of it. But as the years passed and the mists of old age began to shroud me, I saw more and more what a pleasure it would be to have that book.

And what do you think Hermie did? He dug into the stock room at Indiana University, found one of the few un-owned copies in existence, and brought it to me as a gift. So once again I can actually prove that I did have at least a little education.

And since I've used up most of this column on President Wells in telling about myself, we'll have to wait until tomorrow and see if we can't work him in somehow.

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## Meet You For Lunch?

ONE OF THE MOST regular Saturday luncheon dates in town is the four-way session of Russell L. Wilson, Carl Wilde, Howard Young and Paul G. Davis, four of our best-known counselors-at-law. . . . Their luncheons have been going on for more years than they care to remember. . . . Three of them—Wilde, Wilson and Davis—were in I. U. together. . . . You know all the gags about "banker's hours" . . . Well, they may have to be revised if President James S. Rosen of the American National is any criterion. . . . He was seen coming out of work at 6:30 the other night by some friends on their way to a show.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 (U. P.)—Pan-American Airways will inaugurate Sunday its new South American flights over a "sub-strato-sphere" airway that will cut more than 1000 miles and two days from present schedules to Rio de Janeiro, the company announced today.

The new four-engine "Strato-clippers" that will make the three-

off-a-week trips from Miami to Rio, connecting them for Buenos Aires, are designed to "fly over the weather" and, according to schedule, will make the Miami-Rio run in 28 hours of daylight flying, clipping two days from the present East Coast route between the United States and the important capital of South America.

The new route, called the "auto-

airway," was chosen after a survey conducted in 1934 by the airways and the Brazilian Government of the unknown territory of Western Brazil. The route lies from Miami to San Juan, thence to Port of Spain and Belem at the mouth of the Amazon River. The cut-off begins at Belem and follows a new route across the interior of Brazil on a direct line south to Rio de Janeiro.

Fast express schedules from Rio south will complete the run to Buenos Aires in less than 36 hours of daylight flying time spread over three and a half days.

At the same time, other Strato-

clippers will begin a non-stop service between New York and Miami to the Panama Canal Zone, where they will connect with Pan-American Grace Airways schedules to South American West Coast points.

The American people can give up a good many things in the interest of national defense but if they give up the right to discuss their own affairs they have surrendered completely to the thing they are supposed to be arming against. That would not be national defense. It would be national surrender.

Twenty-four hours later Senator Russell explained to the press that he did not think his amendment would include commanding the press but only of manufacturing. Then why not make the amendment say so? Make it clear that the "facilities" subject to commanding do not include the press, radio, or motion pictures.

On this basis we should do everything Hitler is doing now in war time, but in peace time preparations. If Senator Lee is logical he should favor concentration camps in peace time. That's one war Hitler made Germany strong. Or better still, why not hire Hitler? Surely he could establish his own methods here better than any of us could.

Senator Downey said: "If I read this correctly, if the Secretary of War or the Secretary of Navy should say, 'this newspaper is a facility that I require to spread news or propaganda,' or 'this radio is necessary for public purposes,' that decision would be final and the newspaper or radio would pass out of the hands of the proprietor."

He was not challenged. On the contrary, Senator Lee of Oklahoma went into a plea that in war-time everything should be drafted.

Propaganda as Weapon

"Is it not a fact," asked Senator Lee, "that Hitler is the first military genius in the history of the world to use the propaganda machine?" He has used it so effectively that his wars have been won before his legions struck. That is why it is necessary for the Government to have propaganda in case of an acute national crisis such as would face if we were forced into a war against Hitler.

Senator Downey of Kentucky took issue. "I do not believe," he said, "the Government ought to take over newspapers or anything else or to use any situation to try to mislead the people of the United States

## My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

HYDE PARK, Thursday—We returned from New York City yesterday in the rain and it seemed very cool and chilly. But, when I walked into my sitting room with a fire burning brightly on the hearth, the world took on a brighter aspect.

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and on down to the junction with Road 50 west of Brownstown.

There you turn west on Road 50 and go to Bedford where you turn south on Road 37 and go into Mitchell. This route is about 125 miles.

"You certainly get your money's worth when you go to Spring Mill State Park," one visitor wrote the State Conservation Department recently.

"You get Indiana history and nature lore mixed in with a lot of good old week-end fun."

## Spring

## Mill Park

By Earl Richert

SOME hot day when you're wishing for a breath of winter, you might try the Donaldson and Twin Caves at Spring Mill State Park.

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You can walk into the Donaldson Cave, find yourself a seat on the ledge and sit there until you wish you'd worn a coat or brought a blanket.

Or you can take a boat ride into the Twin Caves for a half mile and by then you're through be glad it's hot outside.

These caves, the only large ones in any of the state parks, are one of the two chief features of the 1200-acre Spring Mill State Park in Lawrence County, three miles east of Mitchell, Ind.

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And then there's the old spring mill as restored.

Entrance to Donaldson cave.

Old grinding stone still in use.

The new 76-room inn.

