

Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

THE PRESIDENT of Indiana University threw a couple of steaks as thick as your wrist onto the outdoor grill, and called out, "How do you like yours?"

If you could have seen Herman B. Wells at that moment, you would have seen him engaged in one of his three greatest loves, which are cooking, eating and teaching.

Herman Wells and I were at I. U. together 18 years ago. Since then he has gone up through successive stages of administration and teaching to the highest attainable point at his alma mater. As for me, I've just gone down and down until I have to look in the dictionary to spell "c-a-t."

Despite these differences our paths crossed again the other night at Nashville, Ind., and they indeed. The president invited dinner, and since there were just two of us, we sat all evening rehearsing old times and conjecturing on new ones.

Herman Wells isn't the youngest man ever appointed to the presidency of a large university, but he is very young for such a job. And he handles it as a young man should, with hardly a cobweb in his brain. I am not being upstart in calling him "Hermie," because everybody else does, even the students. And he is not being over-familiar in calling me "Ernie," because everybody does that too, when they don't just call me "Hey."

A Meal at Hermie's

Hermie is a bachelor. He keeps a large home in Bloomington. But in the summer he lives over in Nashville, in his beloved Brown County, 18 miles away. He drives back and forth every day.

Hermie for many years has shared his home with a close friend named Sam Gabriel, a Bloomington clothier. The other day Sam up and got married on him. But Hermie is a fixture, and the newweds are not rid of him, and there is no indication that they want to be.

The summer home in Nashville is a lovely big cabin on the hill, well screened by trees, with a yard and an open terrace upon which we had our dinner.

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 even Hermie was proud of me.

Rosie washed the dishes and bade us goodby, 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 Arbuteus." The one that had my picture in it was 1923, 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 enshroud 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.

Inside Indianapolis (And "Our Town")

WE'VE JUST HEARD ABOUT the newest thing in streamlining—the streamlined stamp collection. There's a lot of stories about stamp collectors, how they mob postoffices to get at the Postal Department's fancy new creations, etc. But Edward L. Mertz, an East Side pharmacist, goes 'em one better. He won't bother with that sort of stuff. He concentrates on postmarks and meter cancellations.

He has between 400,000 and 500,000 postmarks, about 12,000 meter cancellations and 4000 slogan meter cancellations.

Mr. Mertz says that about a third of all the postal business last year was handled through meters; that Omaha, for instance, put through fully half its 1939 mail that way.

From his home at 111 N. Keating, Mr. Mertz has worked up quite a correspondence with collectors like himself. He says there are some people who collect only small-town cancellations and such and that he knows one woman in Chicago who has a collection of 22,000 scenic postal cards. What's more, he discloses, there are even some folk who collect only hotel covers.

Envelopes, not blankets.

Scotch-German-English Hoosier

J. U. KEGEL, one of your well-known local building department engineers, has a good many laughs on himself because of his manner of speaking. It seems that Mr. Kegel was born in Germany and came over in his youth. He retained a trace of his accent when he went to South America as a civil engineer.

"For five years," he laughs, "I worked constantly with Scots and Englishmen. I came back to Indianapolis with a German accent, a Scotch brogue

and a lot of English words. I suppose I'm past reforming now."

FT. HARRISON IS RIGHT up to the mark on preparedness. . . . The soldiers have started football practice out there. . . . The National Furniture people, remodeling their building, discovered that there was a couple of tons of straw between the roof and the third floor ceiling. . . . Puzzling over it, they finally grasped the significance. . . . It was once a hotel and the straw was turn-of-the-century insulation. . . . Don Silver, the boss-man of the State Police, has his troubles, too. . . . Son James, a Purdue engineering student, took a job at Allison's, told Don that he'd go in to work in August, and now young James has decided that he doesn't want to go back to school at all, that he is going to stay at Allison's and for the family to go on and take their vacation and leave him in peace. . . . A manufacturer of those Wilkie and Roosevelt automobile tags whispered to us that he had a phone call the other day from a New York betting commissioner, wanting to know in what ratio the tags were selling. . . . When they first came out, Wilkie out-sold F. D. R. five to one. . . . Now it's running at a five-to-three clip.

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Washington

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Watch out for this one, you who believe in the necessity of free speech, in the privilege of not to be heard, who believe that public discussion is the facility through which we test the wisdom of what we are doing.

The charge was made in the Senate that the constitution bill just passed gives the Government power to seize newspapers and radio stations for propaganda use. This point was made by Senator Downey of California, in objection to the Overton-Russell amendment later adopted, giving the Government power to "seize any existing manufacturing plant or facility" for national defense.

Senator Downey said: "If I read this correctly, if the Secretary of the 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 we should face if we were forced into a war against Hitler."

Senator Chandler 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.

The President, Maj. Hooker and I had a quiet dinner. I think that Archbishop Spellman's visit, driving around the place, must have had a very soothing effect on my husband because he went to bed at 9:30 and his light, which often burns until late, was out by 10:15.

This morning I finally discovered how many people are coming to stay with us this week-end. Since there is no housekeeper here, I have been busy having lists made for bedrooms, making out menus for meals and letting all the different people know what their various duties will be during the next few days.

Doing things up here is never quite as simple as doing them in the White House, because Mrs. Nesbit does all the detail work which here we have to do for ourselves. However, no matter how busy we are, I always have plenty of people to help me.

even if some other country does it. We should tell the people either in or out of emergencies, the truth and not mislead them."

Senator Schwelbensch of Washington joined in. "We in this country inherit as our treasure not merely physical things; the greatest treasure we inherit is the right to think, to speak, to print, to be free. The reason we object so much to dictatorial forms of government throughout the world is that they have undertaken to destroy that concept. What assurance have we that the transfer of these authorities and the surrender of these liberties would be temporary if we follow out the suggestion that the press should be throttled and used for propaganda purposes?"

Language Should Be Clarified

Senator Lee's comeback: "I prefaced that statement by the proposition, 'If we were in war.' In time of war we impose a censorship on people; and I do not see that that would be any different than the proposal that the press be used for propaganda, if we are fighting a dictator who uses the press for propaganda."

On that basis we should do everything Hitler is doing, not only in war time, but in peace time preparations. If Senator Lee is logical he should favor concentration camps in peace time. That's one favor 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.

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

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 then 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.

The newspapers this morning report severe bombing in both London and Berlin. What this means to civilians in all countries seems increasingly appalling, particularly where children are concerned. There is no way of shielding children from the sins of their elders, but more and more I feel that we older people have created a curious world in which youngsters have to suffer for something they do not even understand.

We heard from our Norwegian guests this morning. They are rested and are motoring to stay with us for a little while. A sad change for the Princess Martha. Last year she was here with her husband and, even though clouds hung over Europe, Norway seemed entirely secure in her neutrality. That is a thing of the past and she is back here with her children as a refugee without her husband.

Her brave words on landing yesterday should give us all a cue to our own manner of meeting any hardships which may come. She said she was sure that Hitler's rule could never be permanent. Anyone who believes that our own philosophy is right, will echo her words.

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.

They are the coolest public spots in Indiana during the summer-time, with a temperature that stays around 50 degrees.

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 the time 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.

THE other main drawing card is a re-created pioneer village, the only one of its kind in this part of the country.

Here you can brush up on your Indiana history. For the village, from which the park draws its name, has been rebuilt to look just as it did in pioneer days.

The village is grouped around a water-powered saw and grist mill. An overshot water wheel and wooden gears turn the ponderous stones between which corn is ground and the same water furnishes motive power for the saw mill.

The mill looks just as it did 100 years ago, and the same huge grinding stones that were used then are in place.

Exact replicas too are the apothecary shop, the post office and general store and the residence of several families who lived in the old village.

In each of the old houses is the furniture that was used by the Hoosiers of Andrew Jackson's "back-woods" who "don't give a hang" for such things.

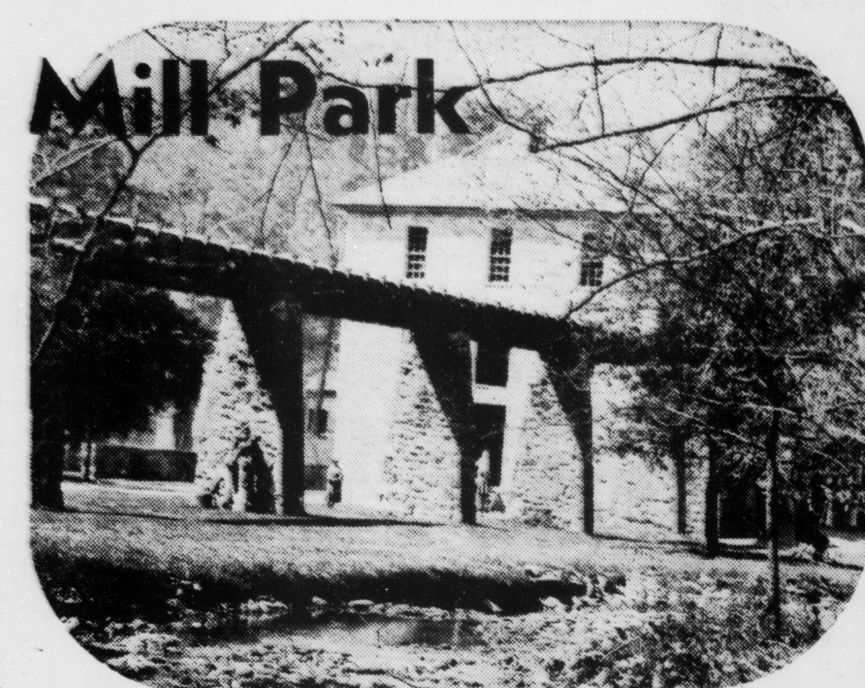
An amply-stocked lake is available for fishing and there are miles of hiking trails and several tennis courts.

The only drawback for the pleasure at the park this summer is the lack of a swimming pool.

An elaborate new one is being built, but it probably won't be ready for use until next year.

The 76-room Spring Mill Inn, built last year, is completely modern and fireproof. It is open the year around.

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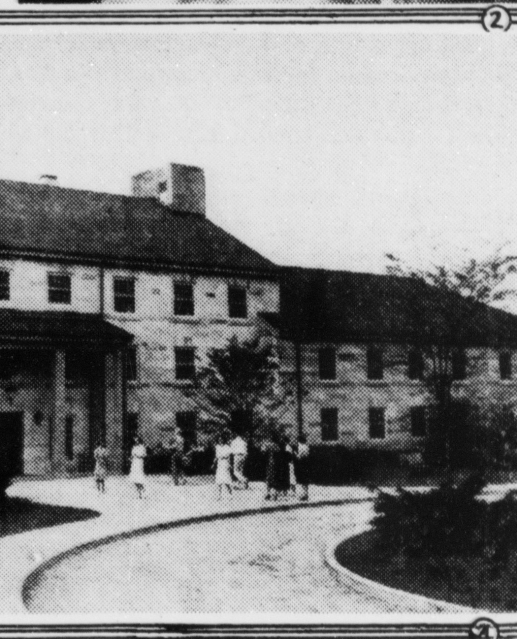
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HOOSIER GOINGS ON

SQUIRMING

Brazil Garageman Is Going to Post Debtors Names—A Heifer 'Goes to Court'

By LEO DAUGHTERY

DEBTORS TO PONT'S AUTO WRECKING SHOP at Brazil are squirming.

Mr. Pont is tired of trying other ways to collect old bills, so he's issued a warning. He's going to post a list of his debtors and the amount they owe him in front of his shop. When debts are paid, names will be scratched off the list.

A MUNCIE MAN is looking for a fellow townsman who caused him an argument and considerable automobile damage in Petoskey, Mich. While driving along the main street of Petoskey, someone shouted at him, "Hey Muncie!" When he turned to look around his car bumped into the rear of another and it took several minutes to unhook the bumpers. The friend had disappeared.

Hereafter, Anderson police are going to make more specific inquiries before making runs. Ordered by radio to an Eighth St. home the other night, two husky policemen were asked by the residents to exterminate a large bat which had taken roost in the eaves and was disturbing their sleep. The police obliged, but never again.

A HEIFER CALF went to court (by proxy) down in Greene County and a justice of the peace and a six-man jury couldn't decide his case.

When a 21-year-old farmer tried to sell the calf, half Shorthorn and half Holstein, his mother claimed ownership, stopped the sale and had her son jailed on a surety of the peace charge.

Freud, the son, still thought that calf was his and he still wanted to sell it. He filed bovine habeas corpus proceedings in Richland Township to get her back, the first such proceeding in Greene County history.