

Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 5.—If Marjorie Mobley of Boxville, Ky., is still among the living, she may be interested in reading the following item. Today I walked into the office of the Evansville Press and held it to my old friend, the Mail Forwarding Department.

But the Mail Forwarding Department was in a state of vast confusion and embarrassment. For it had just a few minutes previously upon looking outside its knowledge how long, found an envelope addressed to this column.

So the Mail Forwarding Department handed the envelope to me and then fled in chagrin. The envelope, Miss Mobley, bore the Christmas card that you sent me more than nine months ago—the date on the postmark was Dec. 22, 1939.

So thanks for your good intentions, Miss Mobley, and here's wishing you a Merry Christmas for 1940, just to get it started in plenty of time. And please don't feel too hard at the Mail Forwarding Department. I don't, myself, for in truth the Mail Forwarding Department of the Evansville Press is such a cute number that I've just about asked her out to lunch right now. She may be dumb about sending on letters, but letters aren't everything in life, I always say.

Saves His Reputation

I know another very nice girl who at the moment is working as a chambermaid in a country hotel. She is a girl who tries to learn things and better herself.

She told me the other day that she has been making it a practice of late to learn two new words a day. She not only learns them, but she continues somehow during the day to use them.

I asked her what two words she had learned that day, and she said "eligible" and "potential." And then she asked me what "portentous" means.

Now I really do know what "portentous" means, but for the life of me I couldn't think how to define it. So, in order not to defile my reputation for infallibility in this girl's eyes, I just told her there

wasn't any such word, never had been any such word and probably never would be any such word.

The Lamplight Inn here has a new form of bingo that is sort of fascinating. They hand out cards to the guests, and on each card is printed the names of 25 songs, in five rows across. The songs are in different order on each card.

Then the girl at the organ plays a few bars of one of the songs. If you recognize it, you push down the tab in that space. Then she goes on to another one. The first person that fills a row across the card yells "Bingo!" and gets a free drink.

I had "Sweet Adeline," "Shine on Harvest Moon," "Goodnight Sweetheart" and "Old Spinning Wheel," and needed only "The Isle of Capri" in order to yell "Bingo!"

But somebody "bingoed" ahead of me, which probably was just as well, since I wouldn't know "The Isle of Capri" if I heard it.

A Delightful Meal

Those who read this column regularly know how little regard I have for the ancient and honored customs of eating.

Food to me is just the same as air to a tire—we take it so we'll run better. But the other day we had a meal that sort of threw me off my base. It was in a place called the Wonderland Inn, out in the country just a little west of the hilly little town of St. Meinrad.

It was luncheon, and we had soup and fried chicken and potatoes and two kinds of fresh tomatoes and fine string beans and corn-pickle relish and cinnamon-baked apples and home-made bread and dessert (which we were too full to eat).

It came right off the stove, and every little thing was immaculate and thoughtful, and the whole meal cost—50 cents!

This is a German community. There is an old-worldly monastery on the hill overlooking the town. The Wonderland Inn, on its road signs, advertises "German Cooking."

And we thought to ourselves—this is one of the few absolutely honest meals we've had in a coon's age, but we suppose pretty soon some people will refuse to stop there because it's "German" cooking. It's a queer world; indeed it is.

G. O. P. FACING TOUGH FIGHT IN SIXTH DISTRICT

Recent Polls Indicate Fifth Is Leaning Toward Republicans.

(This is the fifth of a series of articles on the present political trends in each of the State's 12 Congressional districts.)

By NOBLE REED

One of the toughest fights the Republicans now face to maintain their majority in Congress in the Nov. 5 election, is in the Sixth Congressional District—Comprising 10 counties north and west of Indianapolis.

They put Rep. Noble J. Johnson, Terre Haute lawyer, in Congress two years ago with a bare 1700 majority out of 150,000 votes cast in a contest against Virginia E. Jenckes.

Democrats claim they lost the district then because Mrs. Jenckes was the center of a factional upset in that area and that this year the party is solidly behind Lenhardt Bauer, Terre Haute attorney, who is making one of the most aggressive campaigns of any candidate in the State.

The Sixth District for many years was a Democratic stronghold.

Fifth Leans to G. O. P.

In the Fifth District—including nine counties north and east of Indianapolis—recent polls show that, although the area formerly was heavily Democratic, it is leaning Republican again this year.

All through the first seven years of the Thirties, the Fifth went Democratic consistently, but a large mass of independent voters swung the other way two years ago and elected Rep. Forest Harness, Kokomo, Republican, by a 12,000-majority.

Neutral analysts have found, however, that Rep. Harness will hold his advantage in the district only so long as the Willkie strength maintains its present status.

Auctioneer Is Foo

Running against Rep. Harness is George W. Wolf, Peru auctioneer, who is a prominent member of the State Legislature. Democrats are sure Mr. Wolf will make a strong campaign but are not counting very strongly upon a victory in the Fifth this year.

Mr. Harness is a high tariff Republican and has led many attacks against the New Deal in the last two years.

Mr. Wolf was the only Democrat elected to the lower house of the Legislature from the Fifth District in 1938, and Democrats are predicting he will make a better showing than Glenn Griswold, former Democratic Congressman, did two years ago.

Bauer Needs New Deal Votes

Surveying the voting trends in the Sixth District, analysts contend that Rep. Johnson has lost many votes through his record in Congress, they claim that he has not made an outstanding record in the House and that many voters in the district have turned to Mr. Bauer, especially in the heavily populated areas.

The election results in the Sixth also are hingeing upon the Presidential contest.

It will take New Deal votes to elect Mr. Bauer and if President Roosevelt slips very far below his 1936 strength in that area, Mr. Bauer is expected to slip with him.

MILK PRICE PLAN DISCUSSION SET

The State Milk Control Board Tuesday will discuss the proposal to substitute a flexible price system for the present system of fixed prices to dairymen for milk in the Indianapolis area.

The proposal, made recently by a University of Illinois professor at a public hearing here, would base the price which the dairymen get for their milk upon the Chicago butter market.

The Chicago butter market goes up and down with world economic conditions, he said, and basing local milk prices on the butter market would create a price system more fair than the present for both the producer and distributor. It is said that the price system change would not affect the consumer.

Opponents of the plan say that it would put local dairymen on a gambling basis, with their incomes going up and down with the butter market.

BUSES TO REPLACE FT. WAYNE TRACTION

The substitution of busses for traction service in the Indianapolis-Ft. Wayne and Munroe-New Castle lines is anticipated by the Public Service Commission today.

The change will be made about the first of next year, Indiana Railroad officials said. The abandonment of the two traction lines, authorized several months ago, will leave traction service only between Indianapolis and Seymour.

Next week, from the 6th to the 12th of October, will be National Businesswomen's week. They have taken as their theme: "Businesswomen in a democracy." During the current club year they are building their program around the idea of "making democracy work."

I feel so strongly that this is a very important program and one in which all women should co-operate in forwarding. Businesswomen are accustomed to organization. They know the value of planning a program and carrying it out systematically. They know how to obtain publicity and what kind of publicity will help to spread interest in democracy. The businesswomen in this country could really organize many of the unorganized women and carry out a program of working in and for a democracy.

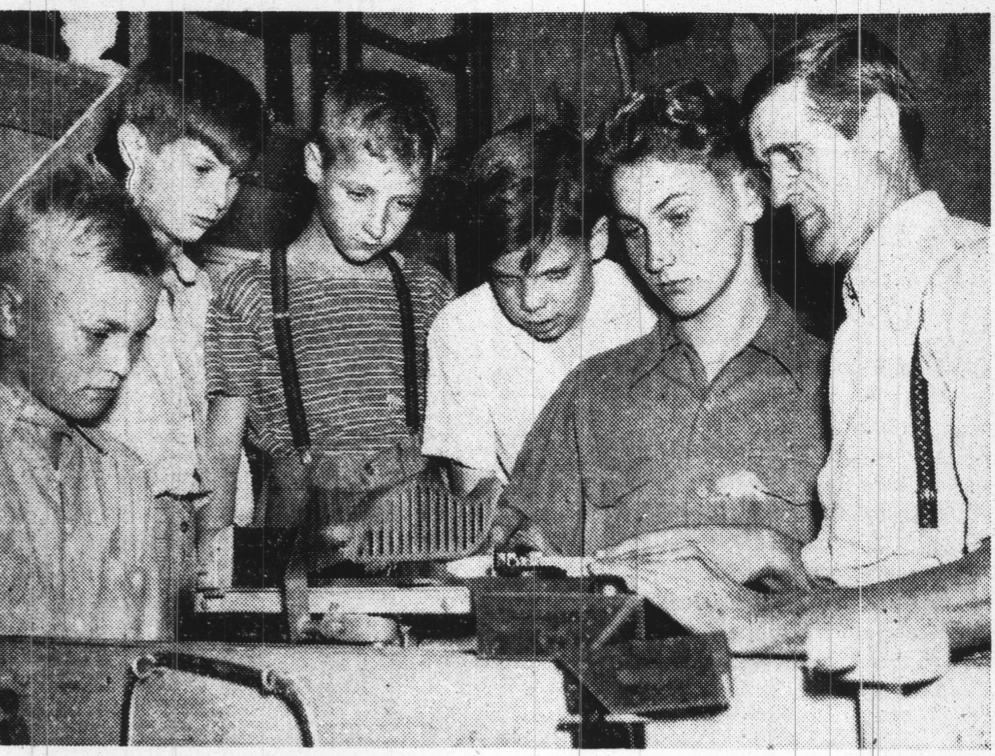
They would first have to make sure that every woman knew what democracy meant to her and saw in terms of the way she lives her daily life. That takes into account how she treats her friends and the people who work for her in her home or in other capacities where her life touches theirs and, above all, what she does to co-operate with her Government to preserve democracy, not for herself alone, but for all the people in the country. If businesswomen make their program a clarion call for the women of the nation, this year will be well spent.

MINER ON PROGRAM

Howard D. Miner will speak to the Indiana Astronomical Society at the Tropographical Terrace at 2 p. m. Sunday. Society members will meet at the 72d St. Observatory Tuesday night to observe meteors.

Walter L. Chailloux of the Amer-

Boyish Enthusiasm Pays Dividends



Members of the English Avenue Boys' Club . . . The gang has moved inside.

Most boys call their friends "the gang"—only adults refer to "the club."

The two Indianapolis Boys' Clubs have capitalized on boys' interest in their friends. They've taken over the street-corner gang and moved it into a place where boys' enthusiasm can help instead of hinder.

The first Boys' Club was founded 42 years ago on S. Meridian St., according to Harry G. Gorman, president director. Community leaders started the Lauter Boys' Club in 1915 at 1309 W. Market St. The English Avenue Boys' Club was organized in 1925 at 1400 English Ave.

From small neighborhood groups and a half mile northwest of Noblesville, running in three periods throughout the summer, the camp offered outdoor recreation to 229 boys, only 151 of whom paid anything.

Both clubs have a club room, game room, library, gymnasium and wood-working room. More than 150 boys have learned to make useful articles—and keep busy.

The Boys' Clubs offer a planned program with emphasis on four points of development: physical, mental, moral and educational.

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The Boys' Clubs exist on a few small endowments and the money raised for it by the Community Fund, Mr. Gorman said that more money was needed to provide adequately trained personnel.

The organization is one of 37 agencies supported in whole or in part by the Community Fund. Monday, a drive for \$688,500 for the fund starts in Indianapolis.

School News—

SHOWERS HELP HOWE LIBRARY

Many of Its 37,000 Books Donated by Women's Groups, Pupils.

By EARL HOFF

Howe High School is 37,994 books ahead of where it was on opening day, in September, 1938.

That was when Principal Charles M. Sharp invited open house visitors to "step into our library and see our book"—a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

Now the walls of what once was a cafeteria are lined with books, most of them put there by pupils, their parents and friends.

Cafeteria Is Moved

The cafeteria was moved into the new addition opened this year and the library was carried over from a class room used until that time.

In March, 1939, the Parent-Teacher Association decided that the solitary dictionary looked lone some and sponsored a "book shower." The idea clicked with residents of the East Side and they brought more than 3000 volumes to the high school. A large number of them were appropriate for school use.

There's a revolution going on in Europe—a negative one—and the outcome will mean either a reversal to feudalism or a continuance of our way of life. America is for the status quo of democratic principles.

That is the American case.

These are the tenets by which we live. These are the props that we refuse to have pulled out from under us.

JACKSON WARNS OF SABOTAGE ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (U. P.)—Attorney General Robert H. Jackson warned today that foreign agents are attempting to sabotage American institutions as well as factories and military defenses.

But most of the other countries in the Old World weren't as clever. Feudalism was still the order, so those who were being oppressed turned to the west. They crossed the ocean by sail and by steam and they came to America—where opportunity and the right to work existed, and were recognized. And America grew—founded on a belief in freedom.

Now Americans are, without doubt, the most generous and idealistic people in the world. We hear of an earthquake, a famine, a flood somewhere, and immediately we jump to the rescue. It isn't because we're so darn

CHOIR AT HOSPITAL

St. Roch's Choir, directed by George B. Rolfsen, will sing at the Catholic Vesper service at 4 p. m. Sunday at the U. S. Veterans Hospital. Miss Roseann Davy is accompanist.

For the Best Drivers



Inspecting the trophies to be presented tonight to the champion truck drivers . . . (left to right) Ryan Hall, Jimmy Scherr and Fay Langton, all in charge of the convention.

Homer L. Chailloux of the Michigan Transportation Co., of Indianapolis is the defending state champion. The finals will be held today.

The two two-foot high trophies will be presented winning truck drivers by Muriel Meadows, Salem, Ind., association president. The prizes were donated by the Michigan Mutual Liability Co.

Glen R. Hillis, Republican nominee for Governor of Indiana, was to address the 350 persons attending the convention at a luncheon. Lieut. Gov. Henry F. Schricker, Democratic nominee for the post, spoke to the group yesterday. Contests have featured the convention, which will end tonight.

Included are straight truck driving and a rodeo which consisted of parking and maneuvering huge tractor-trailer units.

DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS

Legislative aims and teacher cooperation with the national defense program were discussed yesterday at a meeting of the Indiana State Teachers Association resolutions committee at the Hotel Linden.

The resolutions will be presented at the 87th annual convention of the association, to be held here Oct. 24 and 25.

SOCIETY A YEAR OLD

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Lighthouse Church in Indianapolis will observe its first anniversary at 7 p. m. tomorrow. There will be a musical program and a sermon by the pastor, Max Owens, who established the church two years ago.

REGISTRATION OFFICE READY FOR LAST RUSH

Courthouse Open Tomorrow With Added Facilities For Voters.

After the close of voters' registrations at midnight Monday, election clerks will face the task of checking the files against spurious names and addresses, a bugaboo that plagues both parties every election year.

Two years ago charges were hurled back and forth among party leaders that some registrations had been listed from vacant houses or business buildings where no one lived.

Charles R. Ettinger, County Clerk, said every effort will be made to rid the files of any illegal registrations.

Clerks estimated today that at least 6000 more voters will register before the Monday night deadline and arrangements have been made to set up tables in the Court House corridor to handle the crowds. The registration office will be open tomorrow from 8 a. m. to midnight Monday.

William P. Flanary, chief registration clerk, said that new registrations this year included about 3500 persons who moved here from other Indiana counties. Many of them have come from Allen, Madison, Vanderburgh and Vigo counties, apparently taking jobs in industrial plants linked with national defense production.

Since the branch registration offices closed last Wednesday night, clerks reported that an average of 1500 to 2000 voters jammed through the Court House office daily.

Deadline for Filing State Tickets Is Today

Today was the last day for political parties to file states of candidates for inclusion on the Nov. 5 election ballot.

Socialist Party officials said they would file a ticket during the day, but Communist Party officials gave indication of their intentions. The Clerk's office is to remain open until midnight for the filing of the states.

Five parties already have filed their tickets, Democrat, Republican, Prohibition, Socialist Labor and Greenback. The Greenback Party's state was not accompanied by petitions, and the attorney general has been asked to rule on whether the ticket can be placed on the ballot.

Although the Communist Party has not filed a slate, petitions bearing approximately 5000 names have been submitted to the Board of Election Commissioners by the American Legion and various units of the American Legion asking that the party's candidates be barred from placing on the ticket. Indiana Lions Clubs have also asked that the party be barred in a resolution sent to Governor Townsend.

The Election Board is to meet at the governor's office at 2 p. m. Monday to decide which parties shall go on the ballot. D. A. R. officials have asked that the meeting be an open one, if the Communist Party files a ticket. They indicated they would file more petitions of protest at that time.