

WHEATLEY Y.W.  
18 YEARS OLD

Birthday Party Scheduled  
At Branch Tomorrow;  
Author to Speak.

Eighteen candles will be lighted on a birthday cake tomorrow evening as the Phyllis Wheatley Branch, Y. W. C. A. marks its founding in 1922 at a dinner-meeting in the Center's Jordan Hall.

Approximately 300 reservations have been made for the affair at which Edwin R. Embree, Chicago, president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, will speak.

Mr. Embree, who is an author and formerly a vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, will speak on "Progress of the American Negro."

Growth to Be Told

The growth of the Phyllis Wheatley Center will be described in the annual report of Miss Mae B. Belcher, executive secretary, who came here as field secretary for the National Association in 1923.

Mrs. Boyd I. Miller, president of the Central Y. W. C. A., will extend greetings for the board of directors, and Mrs. Oliver Martin, chairman, will represent the branch board of management.

Robert L. Brokenburr will introduce Mr. Embree.

Table for Pioneers

Presiding at a special "pioneer" table will be Mrs. Fred Hoke, who was president of the Central Y. W. C. A. when plans were made for the Phyllis Wheatley Branch.

Others who were active with Mrs. Hoke at that time were Mrs. Brandt C. Downey, Mrs. Samuel Ashby, Mrs. William C. Smith and Miss Blanche McCoy.

The Rosenwald Fund contributed \$25,000 to the branch building campaign in 1927.

More than 2000 girls between the ages of 10 and 18 are served by the organization which now has 15 departments.

Local Man's Ancestor Twice Famed



Hilte Bobbe... "Witch of Harlem."



Herman Bobbe... proud.

PONDER WHAT TO DO  
WITH 2 DESERTERS

LA PORTE, Ind., Jan. 16 (U. P.).—Two youths who told police they were Army deserters from Ft. Sheridan, Ill., were held in County Jail today while authorities pondered what to do with them.

After a chase and capture by State Trooper Frank Wallace, the youths told police at Dunes Park barracks that they had committed 18 to 20 holdups in Chicago taverns and drug stores since early December.

They also admitted, according to officers, theft of automobiles in Chicago and Ohio, and eight to 10 holdups in Wooster, Steubenville, East Liverpool and other Ohio cities.

'Witch of Harlem' Posed for  
Hals, Was Burned at Stake

By HARRY MORRISON

Herman E. Bobbe, an Indianapolis bookbinder, is a direct descendant of Hilte Bobbe the "Witch of Harlem," and is proud of it.

Furthermore, says Mr. Bobbe, the "witch" part is not at all scandalous, for it merely meant that she was a woman, could read and owned a book.

The Witch of Harlem was twice famed: She was painted twice by Franz Hals and she was burned at the stake by the Spaniards.

All this happened about 1650 and makes Mr. Bobbe of Indianapolis her grandson about 15 times removed.

Our Mr. Bobbe is a native of Holland and now lives at 741 N. Chester St. With his wife and young son, who knows all about the witch, and likes her, too.

"The most important thing about Hilte Bobbe was not that she was an outspoken woman for her time," said Mr. Bobbe, "but that she had a book."

"It is also interesting to note that the Bobbes are still working around books. We are proud of our ancestor. It is nice to think that Franz Hals picked her out to paint."

Owl on Shoulder

The Hilte Bobbe legend, which has been substantiated as closely as possible by various members of the family, was a familiar one around the old home in Holland.

"We talked about it a great deal," said Mr. Bobbe, "and naturally we youngsters took kindly to the idea. Many times we would go to the museum at Amsterdam to see a copy of the picture."

As painted by Hals, the "Witch" is not nearly as terrifying after a time as she is at first. She's a robust woman and one commentator said she had evidently just finished selling the painter an ale-house story when he painted her.

Evidently impressed by her two-fold powers of wisdom and tipping, Hals put an owl, symbol of wisdom on her left shoulder, and a gigantic beer mug within easy reach of her right hand.

In Business 25 Years

She is described as a "roaring old Minerva" and "wise woman and folly." Whatever she was, Mr. Bobbe likes her.

He also likes to speculate on whether his mother's and father's ancestors ever met during that time. A student of genealogy, he has traced his mother's family to a Spanish officer, who during the middle 17th Century were death on women who owned books and could read, like Hilte.

Now Mr. Bobbe, who has been in business in Indianapolis for 25 years and served overseas during the war, is vice president of the National Library Bindery Co. of Indiana. His firm does everything from special white leather jobs to rebinding old newspapers.

"We don't think about the witch much anymore, until people like you come around," he says.

Claims Christ 50  
When Crucified

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Announcing that Jesus was nearly 50 years old at the time of crucifixion, not 33 as the world has generally supposed, Dr. Albert T. Olmstead of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago has found evidence in the Babylonian calendar which, if accepted, may drastically revise old traditions concerning the age of Christ.

Study of the Babylonian calendar also substantiates the exact date of the crucifixion as April 7, 30 A. D., Dr. Olmstead declares, reporting his chronological researches in the current issue of Current Religious Thought, published at Oberlin College.

For many years, 33 A. D. was generally accepted as the time of Christ's death. In recent years, Christ's birth has been moved back to at least 4 B. C. in our calendar and the crucifixion to 30 A. D. by many Biblical authorities.

"The beginning of Jesus' ministry was in the second half of 28 A. D., not 26 A. D., as has been generally held," Dr. Olmstead said. "The birth of Jesus was much earlier than generally thought, probably between 20 B. C. and 15 B. C., thus making Him nearly 50 years old at the time of the crucifixion."

after a cold  
then what

DOCTORS stress remaining in bed until the body temperature is normal. Sound advice.

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PLAN DEFENSE  
FIELD OFFICES

22 to Be Established Soon;  
Production Management  
To Get 'Big Stick.'

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Establishment of the first full-time field offices of the National Defense Commission, in 22 cities throughout the country, will be announced within 10 days.

The first move, it was learned today, will be setting up of three-man offices of Sidney Hillman's Labor Division to handle the "training-within-industry" program.

An inspection force, backed by the full powers given to the new office of production management by President Roosevelt, is under consideration. Such a policing force would be in position to "wield a big stick," it was said, in expediting defense orders.

The 22 cities have been chosen and district representatives for 14 of them named. The Defense Commission is expected to announce the new set-up when the others are selected.

FEARS OPERATION, KILLS SELF

DELPHI, Ind., Jan. 16 (U. P.).—Floyd Yerkes, 50, of near Deer Creek, killed himself with a shotgun yesterday after writing a note saying he preferred death to undergoing an operation, authorities said.

Obey Doctor, if You're One  
Of 77,144 Now Ill With Flu

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (U. P.).—Throughout the country 77,144 persons were ill with influenza on Jan. 4. But the Public Health Service describes the outbreak as "comparatively mild" and says the situation is not comparable to that which existed during the World War.

But if you've been exposed to the germ, just follow these instructions of the Public Health Service to prevent the possibility of pneumonia—an offshoot of influenza:

1. At the first sign of a cold, especially if you have a fever, go to bed and follow the doctor's orders.

2. Cover all coughs and sneezes with a handkerchief or paper tissue.
3. Do not encourage visitors.

Cures?—The service says to "consult your doctor and do not indulge in self-diagnosis or self-treatment." These instructions were issued as the best steps to take in avoiding the germ.

1. Avoid needless contact with others, especially persons who are coughing, sneezing or sniveling.
2. Avoid exposure to inclement weather but take advantage of as much air and sunshine as you can.

3. Be sure that your home is well ventilated at all times but avoid drafts.
4. Eat a well balanced diet; drink plenty of water.

5. Guard against fatigue; get plenty of rest and sleep.
6. Wear clothing suitable to the weather.

The 77,144 cases, the latest cumulative total compiled Jan. 4, the service said, compared with 9500 cases reported on the same date last year and a 25,000 average for the 1934-1938 period.

Texas has been hard hit in the current outbreak and Eastern states are only beginning to feel the attack, it was said. On Jan. 4, Texas reported 32,938 cases of which 600 contracted pneumonia. Kentucky reported 9601 cases, Virginia 1752, and an undetermined number were reported in Pennsylvania.

Schools have been closed in two South Carolina towns to prevent spread of the disease. An east Tennessee county reported 2000 children ill. An estimated 45,000 persons

were reported stricken in Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga., had more than 100 cases.

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Personal  
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