

Lean Years at an End—

Courage to Face Facts Wins Fortune for Farm Woman

Legacy Goes to Girl Born Out of Wedlock

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ROCHESTER, Ind., Oct. 12—Miss Jennie Curtis never tried to hide the fact her daughter, Betty Louis Evans, was born out of wedlock 25 years ago.

Those first years weren't easy, but time erased the fact in the minds of many.

The illegitimate birth would have continued to be forgotten except that Betty and her mother, now Mrs. Jennie Clay, are not afraid to face reality.

Their future security depended upon those harsh facts when Miss Evans successfully broke the will of the late Charles Evans in the Pulaski Circuit Court at Winamac.

The jurors sat stony-eyed through four days of testimony. Then they deliberated and decided. In their minds the evidence proved conclusively Miss Evans was the daughter of Mr. Evans and Mrs. Clay.

As the only surviving child, the court ruled she is entitled to two-thirds of his estate valued at near half a million dollars.

"We're terribly grateful to my lawyers and the jury. It was upsetting to be the center of such a mix-up, but mother and I felt there was nothing else we could do," Miss Evans said.

The estate includes some 700 acres of fertile farm land, ex-



Miss Betty Evans

clusive bond holdings, real estate interests, and cash.

"We probably will stay right here. There's nothing wrong with farm life," Miss Evans said.

"That is what we know and that is what we will do. It will make things easier, but we have no

Motorist Killed As Train Wrecks Car in Driving Rain

New Yorker, Woman Companion Escape Death When Auto Burns After Collision

A grade crossing accident claimed the life of a motorist, and a Brooklyn, N. Y., man and his woman companion escaped possible death by fire, after their car broke into flames following a two-car crash, police said today.

Victim of the automobile-train crash was identified by deputy sheriffs as Walter Herring, 49, Clermont, an employee of the National Malleable and Steel Castings Co.

He was killed last night when his car collided with a moving New York Central passenger train at Tansel Rd. and Big Four Railroad.

Witnesses told investigators the accident occurred during a driving rain. The wrecked car, with Mr. Herring's body hanging half in and half out, was dragged down the tracks 20 feet before the body was thrown clear of the wreckage.

The train engineer, Price Beasley, estimated the speed of his train at about 40 miles an hour.

Fire Destroys Car

A car driven by Stanley Larsen, 23, Brooklyn, N. Y., was destroyed by fire after being struck from the rear by another car at LaSalle and Michigan St., early this morning.

Mr. Larsen told police he was halted in a line of traffic waiting for the light to change, when a car driven by Richard F. Whitaker, 26, of 626 N. New Jersey St., crashed into the rear of his car. Immediately after the crash, Mr. Larsen's machine burst into flames, police said.

Miss Pauline Nicholls, 28, of

Dowling to Head Rotary Club

Hamerstadt Named Vice President

Edward S. Dowling, 6067 Garver Rd., today was elected president of the Rotary Club of Indianapolis for the 1949-50 club year.

Mr. Dowling, former president of Dilling & Co., candy firm, succeeds Harry S. Hanna. Mr. Dowling is now in Europe and recently spent a week in Moscow.

Other new club officers are William D. Hamerstadt, first vice president; Thomas G. Sinclair, second vice president; Fred S. Boone, secretary; J. Floyd King, treasurer; and W. Daniel Kibler, sergeant-at-arms.

Officers were elected today at a noon meeting of the club's board of directors. They will be installed Oct. 25 in the Claypool Hotel.

Samuel R. Stevens

Services for Samuel R. Stevens, 617 Lockerbie St., who died Monday in General Hospital, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Knightbridge Church near Bloomington. Burial will be in the Knightbridge Cemetery. He was 46.

Mr. Stevens was a checker the last seven years in the Hancock Trucking Co. Born in Indianapolis, he lived in Indianapolis several years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Pearl Stevens, two step-children, a brother, John E. Stevens, Indianapolis, and three sisters, Mrs. James Sexton, Indianapolis; Mrs. Dowell Kendall and Mrs. Marie Alexander, both of Indianapolis.

Mr. John Matthews

Services for Mr. Eunice Grace Matthews, active member of the Twenty-Fifth Street Baptist Church who died Monday in her home, 2852 N. Capitol Ave., after an illness of two weeks, will be held at 1 p. m. tomorrow in the church. The Rev. J. B. Carter, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Crown Cemetery.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Matthews had lived in Indianapolis for more than 25 years. She was 48.

Surviving are her husband, John M. Matthews; her mother, Mrs. Winnie Jackson, Chicago; a brother, Benjamin Baugh, and a sister, Mrs. Willis Shores, Chicago.

John Kasper Carr

Services for John Kasper Carr, who died yesterday in his home, 2007 N. Capitol Ave., will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow in the Krieger Funeral Home. Burial will be in Clayton. He was 70.

Born in Madison, Mr. Carr lived in Indianapolis 38 years. He retired from the bakery business in 1936.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Wilma Carr; a brother, Dr. J. B. Carr, and a sister, Mrs. R. D. Giddens, all of Indianapolis.

U. S. Statement

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (UPI)—Government expenses and receipts for the current fiscal year through Oct. 10 compared with last year:

Expenditures \$1,932,007,743 This Year
Receipts 9,816,682,727 Last Year
Surplus 4,884,675,984 9,775,509,353
Cash balance 4,293,071,160 4,824,600,321
Total 20,000,000,000 20,000,000,000
Gold reserve 24,804,258,143 23,938,705,615

New President



Edward S. Dowling

George Washington High Appoints Associate Editor

James Moore, new editor-in-chief of the Surveyor, student newspaper at George Washington High School, will have Pat McCammon as his associate editor and business manager.

Other staff appointments were:

Bill Porte, president; Marj. Lannan, page 12 editor; Sue Blane, three editor; Harry Warren, sports editor; and editor of the school paper, Kenny Ayers and Dave Curtis, reporters.

Remaining staff will include Judy May, Shoni Domi, Charlene Bradshaw, Elizabeth Hill, Gloria Shires, Anna Teller, George Teller, Shirley Shaffer, Wilhelma and Jackie Williamson.

Kenny Ayers also was installed as president of the George Washington High Student Association in a recent ceremony in the auditorium.

Other new officers include:

Paul Harding, vice president; Eddie Krenzel, treasurer; Abraham Aronoff, and Claude Leib, sergeant-at-arms.

The Colonial Chorus of George Washington High, under the direction of Edward Emery, has announced the names of 24 members for 1949. Included were:

Don Adams, Phyllis Boone, Martha Don, Max Durell, Carol Flieg, Martin Hirsch, Shirley Hirsch, Ruth Hirsch, Phyllis Korn, Wilma Linder, Bill Linnville, William Kern, Wilma Linder, Lila Littrell, Don Maners, Charles Meier, Shirley Meier, Ruth Meier, Gene Robinson, Phyllis Shackford, Shirley Sprague, Shirley Tindall, Lois Tindall, Jody Webb, Russell White and Ruthie Williams.

Class officers at Franklin Township High have been elected and installed as follows:

Senior: Don Shimer, president; Ralph Nicely, vice president; Norma Robertson, treasurer; Carol Pease, student council.

Junior: Max Bridges, president; Linda Bechtel, vice president; Dick Patterson, student council.

Sophomore: Betty Hurley, president; Harold Meyer, vice president; Ruth Biddle, treasurer; Shirley Sheppard, student council.

Robert J. Shultz, director of the Shortridge Band, has announced the election of Richard Brown as 1949 band captain.

Harold Brooker was named drum major and second lieutenant, and Howard Ashley was elected first lieutenant. According to Dick Lugar, president of the Shortridge Key Club, seven new committees have been formed for

the semester.

The thefts occurred during the noon hour. The man, driving a large dark car, parked in an alley, entered Thrashers, Adler-Gaffney and the Val-U Dress Shop through rear doors.

The loot included 22 dozen women's blouses, 30 fall coats and a fur coat valued at nearly \$300.

Second of the six lectures be-

IU Dental Alumni Group Elects Officers



New officers of the Dental Alumni Association of Indiana University are (left to right) Dr. Paul Asher, Gary, vice president; Dr. Charles Wylie, Bloomington, president, and Dr. Harry J. Healey, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer.

fore the class will be given Tuesday by Rabbi William P. Greenfield, of Beth-El Zedeck Temple. He will speak on Judaism.

Other speakers scheduled are the Rev. Arthur Kress, of the North Side Seventh Day Adventist Church, on Oct. 20; W. D. A. Pease, a member of the Committee on Christian Science Publications, on Oct. 24, and Ernest E. Owens, representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Oct. 31.

The final talk, on Nov. 3, will be given by Mrs. R. A. Doan, a former missionary in Japan. Mrs. Doan will speak on Shintoism.

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