

## Lean Years at an End—

## Courage to Face Facts Wins Fortune for Farm Woman

Legacy Goes to Girl Born Out of Wedlock

By VICTOR PETERSON

ROCHESTER, Ind., Oct. 12.—Miss Jennie Curtis never tried to hide the fact her daughter, Betty Lou 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

tensive bond holdings, real estate interests, and cash.

"We probably will stay right here. There is 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 plans."

## 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, of 1000 N. Main St., 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, 36, 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 &amp; 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 Lockerie 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 Hancock Trucking Co. Born in Bloomington, he lived in Indianapolis several years.

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

Mrs. John Matthews

Services for Mrs. 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 35 years. He retired from the bakery business in 1936.

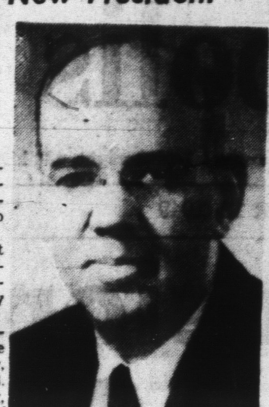
Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Wilma Carr; a brother, Dr. J. B. Carr, and a sister, Mrs. R. D. Giddens, all of Indianapolis.

U. S. Statement

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

	This Year	Last Year
Expenditures	\$1,110,000,000	\$1,044,000,000
Receipts	\$1,018,000,000	\$958,000,000
Surplus	\$92,000,000	\$86,000,000
Deficit	\$1,018,000,000	\$958,000,000
Cash balance	\$2,277,775,400	\$1,882,400,431
Public debt	\$26,478,126,126	\$25,950,748,466
Gold reserve	\$24,804,288,143	\$23,938,700,613

## New President



Edward S. Dowling

## Examination Dec. 8 For Probation Officers

The State Probation Commission will hold an examination to qualify persons to serve as probation officers in all courts of the state Dec. 8 in Room 317 of the Statehouse.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Margaret A. Affis, director of the Indiana State Probation Department. She said that anyone interested in taking the examination must procure an application blank by writing the Probation Department at the Statehouse.

Two Die in Well

FT. WILLIAM, Ont., Oct. 12 (UPI)—A father and son were suffocated yesterday at the bottom of a 65-foot well they were digging. Joseph C. Major Jr., was overcome first by carbon monoxide gas in the excavation. His father descended to aid him and also was asphyxiated. A third man was overcome while attempting to recover the bodies, but was revived.

## 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 Porter, page one editor; Mary Jane Lamm, page two editor; Sue Blank, page three editor; Harry Warren, sports editor; Roland Schroeder, Richard Clark, Kenny Ayers and Dave Curtis, sports reporters.

Reporting staff will include Judy Meyer, Don Dom, Charles Bradshaw, Bill Smith, Gloria Shires, Agnes Tolson, Gregory Wares, Shirley Wilhelms 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 Kernodle, secretary; Jim Abraham, treasurer; and Clyde Lee, assistant at large.

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 Curtis, Rex Durrell, Carole Fong, Marilyn Hansen, Robert Hightower, Sylvia Humphries, William Kern, Wilma Lindsey, Bill Linville, Lisa Little, Don Manners, Charles McAllister, Wayne Orndorff, Betty Poland, Gene Robinson, Phyllis Shackelford, Beverly Spradley, Jack Stillabower, Cals Turtur, Joan Webb, Russell White and Jackie Williamson.

The Shortridge High School Senate recently swore in 27 new members and appointed committee chairmen at the first meeting of the semester.

The chairman and committees included Ed Heinke (senator Hovey) orientation; Ken Zittel, revision and calendar; Burns Whitaker and Joe Comiskey, membership and publicity; Charles Allen, pin and John Boone, investigation.

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 Luger, president of the Shortridge Key Club, seven new committees have been formed for 1950.

## 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.

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 Kless, of the North Side Seventh Day Adventist Church, on Oct. 20; W. D. A. Peaslee, 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.

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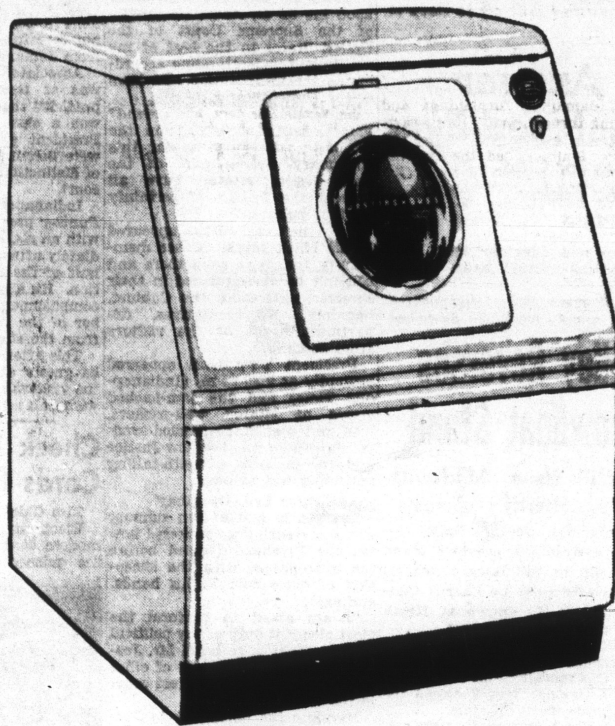
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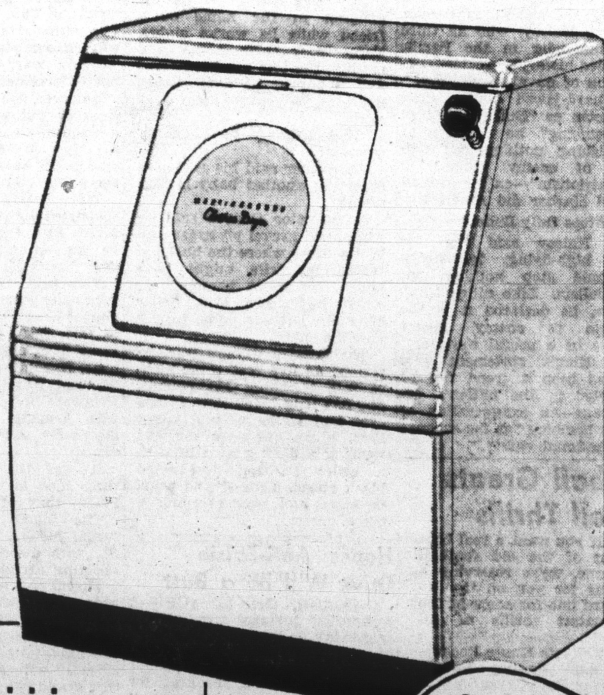
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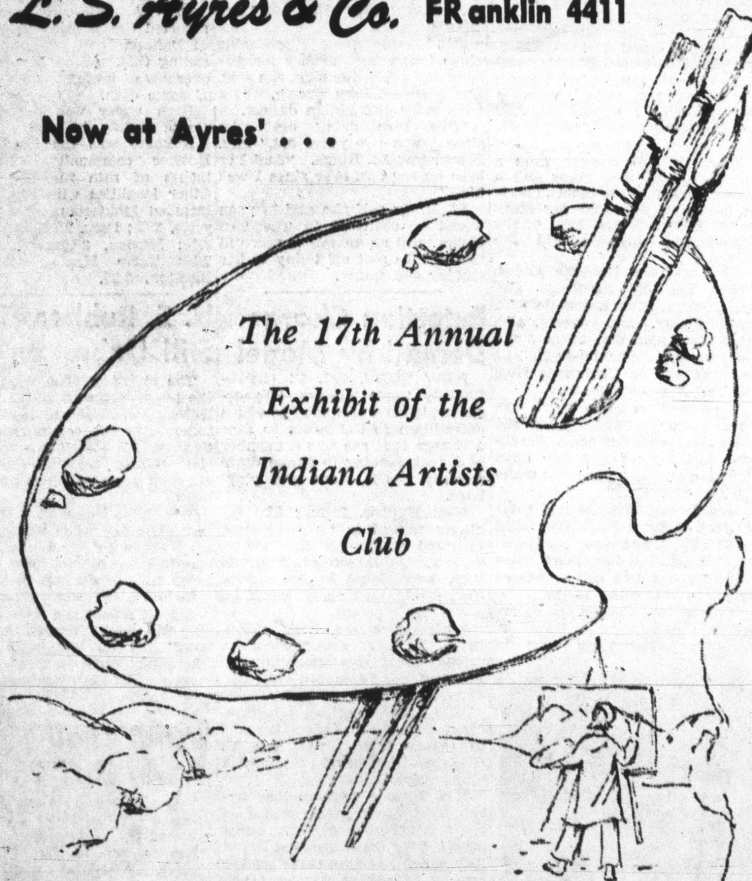
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