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**25 Years Ago...**  
From the Files of The Journal

SEPT. 25, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Ring Lardner and sons are in the Abbot cottage at Lake Wawasee. He is engaged in writing for a well known picture concern.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thornburg and son Ralph, Jr., and the Misses Ruth Patterson and Lucy Welty drove to Marion Sunday. They had an accident, owing to the slippery pavement, which did some damage to the wheels of the automobile, and Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg remained in Marion until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bushong called at the Crist Darr home on Sunday afternoon.

Millard Hire, who has been on a transport that has been making trips to France, arrived home yesterday.

C. V. Smith, who has been visiting his son Ross and daughters, Mrs. Allen Ott and Mrs. W. T. Bowld for the past month, left on Tuesday for his home in Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Wm. Wyland's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Pense, of Ft. Smith, Ark., and a brother, Clyde Pence, of Camp Shelby, Ill., spent a few days at the Wyland home here.

Dr. O. C. Stoelting underwent an appendectomy at the Elkhart general hospital this past week.



He has returned home and is improving rapidly.

Mrs. A. A. Pfingst and sons returned home from Kendalville on Sunday, where they spent the past week with relatives and also attended the fair.

**Local Interest in South Bend Baby Paradox**

Death Brings Life to Infant of Three Weeks Ago.

(From South Bend Tribune)

Through a strange paradox, death has given life to 3-weeks-old John Richard Auer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Auer, of R. 6, South Bend. (Mr. Auer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Auer, of Syracuse.)

Such was the disclosure South Bend medical authorities made following the Caesarian birth of the baby Sept. 2 in Epworth hospital. They declared he undoubtedly would have failed to survive had not the knowledge gained at the stillbirth of another baby to the Auers a year ago been put to practical application.

John Richard, who was ushered into the world a month ahead of time, is steadily gaining in strength in his home because science in the past four years has been learning more and more about an important factor in human blood.

Medical authorities now assert that to save a certain number of unborn and newborn babies and to prevent transfusion accidents, this factor must be generally recognized and understood.

John Richard was almost certainly doomed to die without that understanding, because his father's blood contains a substance known as the Rhesus, or Rh, positive factor, while his mother's blood lacks that factor and is known as Rh negative. That is why the other baby did not survive birth a year ago. Its blood had been destroyed by the reaction between the different blood

factors of the father and mother.

Before the stillbirth of the former baby, Mr. and Mrs. Auer were unaware that he (Mr. Auer) was one of the 85 percent of all humans in whom, medical science says, the Rh factor is positive, she one of the 15 per cent minority in which the factor is negative. The Rh positive factor, in itself a harmless substance, is a dominant mendelian characteristic that is always transmitted to the baby.

The cause of the stillbirth of the baby a year ago was determined in a post mortem examination. The findings led the attending physician in the case to ask Mrs. Auer to notify him immediately if she ever again became pregnant.

As the unborn Auer baby developed, it in turn passed the Rh positive factor through the placenta and into the maternal circulation of Mrs. Auer, who became immunized against it.

The antibodies formed in the immunization process returned through the placenta to produce dissolution of the red corpuscles in the blood of the unborn baby and to cause a disease with a long name, erythroblastemia, which means an abnormally increased number of nucleated blood cells in the circulation.

When Mrs. Auer became pregnant with John Richard, she informed her doctor at once as she had been instructed and steps were started to give the baby-to-be a chance for life. Periodic tests taken of Mrs. Auer's blood disclosed that she was not immediately forming anti-Rh agglutinins to any great extent. That meant that if the baby could be delivered before the antibodies had an opportunity to start destroying its blood, it would have a good chance to live.

Accordingly, Mrs. Auer's physician waited until the end of the eighth month of the pregnancy and then delivered John Richard through the Caesarian section. It is only in the last month of pregnancy that the destructive antibodies really start to do their most harmful work.

That is why tiny John Richard is alive today. Tests after birth showed that his blood had been affected only slightly by the harmful antibodies.

South Bend medical laboratory researchers admitted that doctors have no way of telling whether the blood of an newborn baby is being destroyed if they have not had the information beforehand concerning the blood factors of the parents. "That is one of the reasons why post mortems sometimes are so very important," one of them said.

The South Bend doctor said, too, that testing of fathers and mothers to determine whether they have the Rh factor cannot be done on a large scale at present because of the difficulty in obtaining the serum needed to make the tests. "That's something we shall have to look forward to in the future," he added.

The Maid from Northern Ireland—another in the captivating "Global Glamour" series of paintings by the well-known artist, Henry Clive, depicting typical beauties on all our war fronts. In full color on the front page of The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Sunday Chicago Herald-American.

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**W. C. T. U. CONVENTION HELD  
AT MILFORD**

The Kosciusko county W.C.T.U. held its annual district convention on Sept. 12th in the Methodist church at Milford, with the county president, Mrs. J. H. Whiteman of Winona Lake, presiding. Miss Margaret Wertz, of Winona Lake, led the devotions, and a prayer service followed.

General officers were reelected as follows: president, Mrs. J. H. Whiteman, Winona Lake; vice-president, Mrs. Harry Willard, of Warsaw; treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Bauer, Syracuse; recording secretary, Mrs. Floyd Schuder, Milford, and corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. O. Oyler, Syracuse.

New branch secretaries are Mrs. J. H. Whiteman, Y.T.C., and Mrs. Geo. Weybright, Syracuse, L.T.L.

Reports of directors showed growth in all departments. New members gained past year total 44. Total number of regular members is 295, and there are 41 honorary members.

Approximately \$187 was spent for articles to fill 33 kits—material for 11 afghans, 6 stub socks, jigsaw puzzles and other items for soldiers and sailors. There were 756 letters sent to soldiers and sailors, 1920 pages of religious literature, and 34 Testaments given away. There were 70 personal letters written, and 650 individuals signed petitions relative to legislation and sent to congressmen. There were 26 letters of protest or commendation sent to newspapers. There were 12 Temperance posters exhibited. The county contributed to the \$6,500 Jamaican project and "Safety School on Wheels" project.

The forenoon session closed with noonday prayer by Mrs. Charles Weybright, Syracuse.

The afternoon session opened with a song. Devotions were by Mrs. J. D. Richer, Warsaw.

A vocal solo was given by Mrs. Johnson, of Milford.

Mrs. George Weybright gave the afternoon address on the subject, "Growing." A memorial service conducted by Mrs. L. O. Oyler closed the convention.

Another disillusioned bureaucrat declared that if all the people who were in favor of "letting Uncle Sam" do it could see the swamp in which planners put millions of dollars' worth of housing, they would change their tune. All in all, the day-long rain proved quite a few points against the New Deal.

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