

EDITORIALS

A PROUD FATHER

Appearing on this page under the headings of "Left Over From Last Week," and "Our Town" are two articles which more closely resemble columns. They are referred to as columns in that the writer is given free reign to write on his subject and as such oftentimes ends variety and diversification to a newspaper.

It is not unusual to find a publisher exerting his personal beliefs and opinions upon his readers to an extent which in our opinion makes for a one-sided and dull newspaper. For our money, we like a system of balance—a middle of the road attitude—if you wish. Occasions do arise when we slip in our objective and allow ourselves to be wafted away on a tangent.

Realizing this, we focus our Cyclopean eye on other sources of balancing wheels. For the most part, we have always been fortunate in uncovering youthful and promising writers, and the same applies to those who display their abilities along the mechanical side of a newspaper. We like to help them and they help us. Their ideas, and methods aid us in keeping our own thoughts in line.

Thus, our two columns appearing today are written by "newcomers" in journalism. Our friend Bill Spurgeon has penned the "Our Town," while the other writer prefers to remain anonymous for the present. Actually, it is a first attempt at writing, and in this sense we can understand the shyness and timidity. However, we think you will agree with us that "Left Over From Last Week" is new, different, refreshing, and embodies some possibilities.

We hope you will like these samplings, and we have our fingers crossed in hopes of getting these two writers to "give it another spin" in the near future. Now, we've let you in on the secret of how a column is born.

Left Over From Last Week...

OCTOBER... henpecked husbands dutifully hanging storm windows... small fry frolicking in piles of summer weary leaves... teen-agers heating long sticks from which project the aroma of a hot dog... middle-aged father attempting an end run with the kids in the vacant lot next door... gust of wind removes hat and dignity of the town's social leader... housewife digging up treasured but forlorn looking plants for winter hibernation... business men slanting the conversation in the direction of the frigid winter ahead... mighty trees in the height of their regal glory... small shrubs competing in various colors... Sunday motorists strolling leisurely along the highway, before the nice weather flees... OCTOBER.

October is like "opening night." The summer dress rehearsal was fine and there was lots of work to be done. Now the big moment in all its colorful array has arrived. After the last leaf has received praise for its autumn costume and the critics have written their glowing accounts, the curtain of snowflakes come down until another season—another performance.

October is also like a little child. Just one more trick before bedtime, and so we have Halloween.

However, to other people and in other times, this month of October meant more than a colorful prelude to winter. It is on October 12 that we commemorate the discovery of America by Columbus in the year 1492. Just 300 years and one day later the cornerstone of the "White House" in



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LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Hey, I thought you and I made a gentleman's agreement last year!"

Washington, D. C., was laid. Such remarkable progress has always been and shall continue to be our proud heritage.

John Adams, who was destined to become the second president of the United States, was born in October. Our other presidents born in this month were Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester A. Arthur, and Theodore Roosevelt.

As it must to all, death came to some of our great citizens in this tenth month of the year. Many of us can remember October 18, 1931 when death claimed Thomas A. Edison at the age of 84. One of America's great authors of western adventures, Zane Grey, died at the age of 84 on October 23, 1939. The 'Hopalong Cassidy' of yesterday, Tom Mix died on October 12, 1940.

On October 10, 1845, the Naval School was established at Fort Severn, Annapolis, Maryland. Five years later it was renamed the United States Naval Academy.

The great "Chicago Fire" making 98,500 homeless occurred October 8, 1871.

On October 17, 1933, Dr. Albert Einstein, refugee from Germany, arrived in the United States and settled in Princeton, New Jersey.

October 1, 1938, Nazi troops crossed the Czech border.

October 16, 1940 United States registered 17,000,000 for selective service.

October 13, 1953 Italy declared war on Germany.

Those were just a few of the many highlights of October in the past.

To others who are more poetically inclined; October furnished material for poems and stories. The pungent odor of the bonfire lingers after the twilight, and there is talk of wicker roasts and football games. The box office window is now open, the tickets are free, so let's enjoy the show! O suns and skies and clouds of June.

And flowers of June together
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather.
—Helen Hunt Jackson.
(1831-1885).

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Our Town

(By Bill Spurgeon)

In October — This is the first time we have ever written anything for public consumption in the month of October. So, instead of finding some particular person and place to pick on, we will try to talk about the month itself.

The atmosphere — Somehow, around the lake, the atmosphere seems to be much clearer and extremely lonesome during this particular month — perhaps it is the absence of so many of the lake residents that make it seem more lonely — at any rate, it certainly is so — Still, on a typical day, we see a good number of fishermen out — sometimes scattered all over the lake, and other times all clustered together — conversations that take place over the water can be heard clearly from a great distance (warning! don't gossip about your neighbors when out in the boat), and occasionally, a dog can be heard barking from the other side — But speedboats and sailboats are practically non-existent, and we think this too adds noticeably to the general peacefulness — the only thing we don't like about the month is the impending weather, but even this is not so hard to bear when we realize that it only lasts a few months.

Things seen — The grapeyard-like loneliness seemingly surrounding the miniature golf courses, drive-ins, and other summer entertainment spots — the gradual disappearance of piers from the lake — the lack of traffic on the more heavily traveled roads — the scores of drive-ways to houses without cars or other evident sign of life — school busses making their daily rounds — and the leaves, which seem to be falling earlier this year, possibly because of the extreme lack of moisture these past few months.

On the brighter side — we have new construction on all sides of us — the new water tower in the south part of town —

the new post office uptown — the boomtown of Wawasee Village, south of Syracuse, in which there is always building of some type going on — the signboards of hope and progress, which inevitably begin with the words, "On this site will be constructed..." but which often, apparently, only hint at the truth, because people will always procrastinate, or change their minds.

And things we hear about — We hear about a wider road to Goshen, State Road 313, between U. S. 6 and 33 — and hope it will become a reality before next summer — and we hear about the new grade school — which we understand will be under construction before the year is out. If hopes of local officials are justified — and we wonder, 'at the same time, to what use the old schoolhouse will be put when the new one is finished — and we hear about more lake residents making this community their year round home, and believe that this is a very favorable and pleasant trend.

So — that is about all a somewhat sentimental columnist has to say for this week — and hopes that next time, he can talk about some people, who are much more interesting than the things and events that they are always creating.

Gun-lore

(By MATTIE JONES.)

WATCH THAT MUZZLE YOUNG MAN!

Shooting accidents, no exception, are the result of violating safe gun handling rules.

If a boy is allowed to own or handle a gun, it is the responsibility of the boy and his parents to acquaint themselves with the proper handling of the weapon at all times.

The proper introduction to shooting sports for boys should be an instruction program instituted by the parent or by other qualified adults or organizations. A gun can be very dangerous when not handled properly. This applies to both teen-agers and adults.

To begin such instruction a primary study of fire arms and ammunition would prove very interesting to the student and would also be essential to safety. During the course of instruction the student should memorize and study the 'ten commandments' of gun safety.

One of the most important factors which should be brought to attention of the boy or adult who is interested in this popular sport, is respect for the laws which not only protect the hunter but also governs the conservation of wild life.

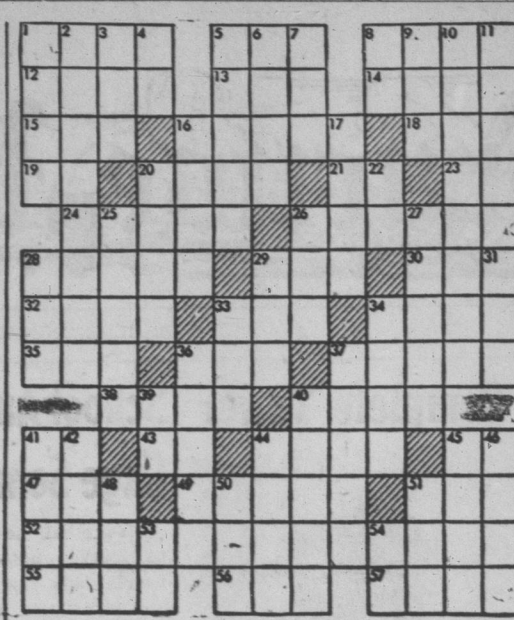
Since it is a boy's natural desire to own a gun, the correct instruction in the sport of hunting and shooting deserves far more attention than it gets.

In some parts of the country the teen-age 'gun and shooting' problem is receiving considerable organized attention in high schools, colleges, the Boy Scouts of America, National Rifle Assn., and other organized group.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL
1 Gumbo (var.)
8 It stands (mus.)
12 To praise
13 Guided
14 Arid
15 Tavern
16 Fable-maker
18 A macaw
19 To play on
20 Let it stand
21 Hawaiian hawk
23 Form of
24 Go away in haste
25 Australian
26 To play on unskillfully
28 Elevated
29 Allow
30 Equal
31 Chart
34 Excavation for one
35 Form of
36 Barbarous Asiatic
37 To rent
38 Good
40 Forked carrier (pl.)
41 Exclamation
42 Triumph
43 number
44 Repose
45 Child for father
47 Guido's high note
48 Bird
49 East Indian tree
51 Obstinate noncompliance
52 A plaster
53 Worm
54 Tardy

VERTICAL
1 Having a disagreeable odor
2 Small box for tea
3 Animal's trail
4 Paid notice
5 Rain and snow
6 Examination
7 Bustle
8 Exist
9 Wing
10 Moslems hostile to Christians
11 Hindu character
12 Kind of bomb
13 Transfix
14 Tart
15 Home of famous wizard
16 To crawl
17 High mountain
18 Pseudonym
19 To bring forth
20 Golf mound
21 Wet earth
22 Citizen of ancient Rome
23 Crude media
24 One defeated
25 Japanese measure



PUZZLE NO. 288

Answer to Puzzle No. 287

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ABA NOEL DINE
SOL LEVITICUS
PLINY ATOP
FO ONE OLLA
ASH ART OSTER
UP ODA GEEFE
RUMBA GURETA
ARAL SHAMOR
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The correct age when a boy should be permitted to handle a gun is a matter that deserves careful consideration by the parents. Just turning him loose with the words 'be careful' is a grave risk and a danger to his companions and others. To deny him the opportunity to participate in a clean and wholesome sport is just as wrong.

The book 'What Every Parent Should Know When A Boy Or Girl Wants A Gun' is free for the asking at the Wawasee Sportsman's Center. This book will be mailed to you on request if you prefer.

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