

## Sara Cuse Says . . .

By Ardis Larson.

"PEOPLE!" what's more interesting than people? . . . Nothing, and nothin' nicer'n people, and Sara has doubts that any other place than Syracuse has more interesting or nicer people . . . The late Edna Geyer's companionship years back, is remembered, on news trips around the lakes . . . She always dressed for the weather and season, was perfectly comfortable for Sara's stops, and truly never minded the "just a minutes," which always took longer . . . one memorable trip ended mid-afternoon at her Syracuse Lake home for tea before a glowing fireside . . . Jesse and Wade Zerbe, whose kindness personally and to others we have known . . . a statement of news some 3 years ago, from Mrs. So Miller, "My daughter etc.," and when asked, "you mean your daughter-in-law?", found she meant Jean Miller, but just naturally deemed her as her daughter, a nice thought, we say! . . . Mrs. Adah Miller, whom we have observed in large or small groups, always finds the one, if any, who seems alone or sad, and "brightens their corner." The Vern Brinkmans, who had hosted a couple whose attempt at wedding anniversary trip had failed, due to car trouble, but were "warmed" by Brinkman hospitality . . . Mrs. John (Anna) Sudlow, helped us through a few bad moments at a large group meeting . . . and John even, stood ready as "taxi" if needed, when a reporter was "stranded" after a South Shore Hotel convention . . . Ann Hite who was "tops" at easing a giant hurt, some 2 years ago . . . June Anglemeyer, a never-fail friend . . . several students of Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, who practically lifted a Crosey out of a bad "stick in the mud" . . . Blanche Bates who has "mothered" many a person, ill or broke, or even just bent a little, and there's a recollection of a hospital bed, or wheelchair, she engineered for a sick person a year or so ago, we never did get her to tell for whom it was . . . Bart Cox who "saved" us from getting Sara's column muddled up once when we were in a deep peeve over a public remark heard, that hurt several people, Mr. Cox said, as near as he can be remembered, "You have never been unkind to Sara's column", so we hung our head, and erased the words . . . Mrs. David Culley, Wawasee, who murmured over our asthmatic climb up her steep hill from the lower level mailboxes for a desired interview about 4 years ago, and served up a real cozy hot chocolate . . . Mrs. John Alway, and the late Mr. Alway, whose garden tasties often found their way to our table . . . Mrs. Truman Warren, Wawasee, who has extended many pleasures and

kindnesses—and altho we could go on and on, with many such, we'll stop with a honey that pushed the old ego away up to the skies, Mrs. Sam Houser, Wawasee, asked one summer about 4 years ago, "Do you ever write local news besides your lake news?", and upon hearing the answer, oh yes, sometimes, she said, "Well, I thought you wrote—and named the item, truly it sounded like you", and added, "it had..we won't finish that sentence, but how we loved it! and we'd like to sneak in one about our boss-man, who was extra-special last Friday, and so were many others."

Sara has discovered "Lee Land" at Highland View Gardens, Wawasee, well it's been discovered before, but we nearly got stuck there some time back, when "snooping", before the road was ready for use, sitting there brooding as to whether we'd get out okay without having to appraise, the spouse, seemed to help, for a former suggestion, well an order of "his'n" came to mind, "rock it gently back and forth, and then Stay Out of places not open to the public" and got out...but say that's a beautiful spot, large high ground, a channel, wooded area, overlooking Bay Shore Beach, and across Wawasee Lake to Morrison Island. Remembered several years ago, seeing a fire there from across the lake at the Ceesswell apartments, near Galloways Point...also remembered Mrs. Maurice Lung, (who with her husband, operated the Bait Store there, near the State Fish Hatchery, and who owned the fire threatened property.) said later that day, "the Syracuse Fire Department had responded so quickly and the fire was soon under control...remember mostly how she said, in effect, "the ground would not suffer much, but it was hard on the many, many birds and wild life, which abounded there, a nice thought...we finally noticed a sign, so "Lee Land" is evidently being developed by the Maurice Lungs, and Dr. Robert Riddle.

## Club Notes . . .

The Syracuse Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star honored the Past Matrons and Patrons at the regular meeting Wednesday, December 8. Worthy Matron Helen Hilbert had arranged a very lovely program in keeping with the honored guests. Mrs. Fred Clark with her very beautiful voice contributed several songs.

Mrs. Hazel Veltman was received by affiliation into the Chapter. After the business meeting the guests of honor were escorted into the most beautifully decorated dining room which gave the impression of Christmas in Winter Wonderland. Mrs. Fosbrink and Mrs. Rhode were responsible for this attractive setting. The honored guests found a gift at their tables from the Worthy Matron.

The Chapter room was beautifully decorated for Christmas with a Christmas Tree in the west. The back drops in the east were adorned with ornaments and the Bethlehem scene. Delicious refreshments of cake, ice cream and coffee were served by Mrs. Maud Valdroff, Mrs. Naomi Hurdle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rarig and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harris. The next meeting will be January 12, 1955.

The Shelter Wood African Violet Club held a dinner meeting at Howard's on Tuesday evening, December 7. Christmas favors presented to the members and guests by the club's president, Mrs. Floyd Gingerich, marked each place. After the dinner a short business meeting was held and a donation to the Salvation Army was made. Mrs. Oscar Benson was in charge of the program. African Violets were given to the winners of the contests. Later Mrs. Benson showed a few colored slides depicting the Christmas Story. Mrs.

Robert Wilkerson read the script. Mrs. Vernon Beckman was welcomed as a new member, and Mrs. Delos Martin was a guest.

Friday evening, December 10, the beautifully decorated dining room at the Masonic Hall was the setting for the Eastern Star officers party. Worthy Matron Helen Hilbert and Worthy Patron O. C. Stoelting served a most delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

The officers were presented a lovely gift from W. M. Helen and W. P. O. C. Stoelting. Gifts were also exchanged. Everyone surely enjoyed the lovely party. Thanks again Helen and Doc.

## B. P. W.

Howard's was the site of the Christmas party dinner meeting Tuesday night, of the Business and Professional Women's Club. The hostesses, Mrs. Orval Snobarger, Mrs. Louise Connolly, Mrs. Ralph Leacock, and Mrs. Don Hatfield, had arranged tables with

Christmas decor. There were choir boy figures, red candles and white candles in ceramic and also plantillas, and candy canes, and red multi-flora berries from the Leacock farm, ceramic reindeer, a lovely blue and gold Madonna.

Howard's had wall decoration of a Large Santa and pack, and large poinsettias, and candi canes, and wished a happy holiday season to the 40 guests with Howard's individual salt and pepper shakers. Fried chicken was enjoyed. The door prize was won by Mrs. Leonard Nichols.

Mrs. Charlotte McSweeney is the new Riley Hospital chairman. Mrs. Orval Snobarger, Infirmary chairman told of visits and gifts to the Infirmary, and mentioned a visit with Arnold Beckman there, who is enjoying his stay and plays the piano most any time which is pleasing to him and others in the household.

Guests were Mrs. Fred Hoopingarner, Mrs. Bill Irwin, Miss Mary Ann Stieglitz, Miss Barbara Bowser, Miss Jane

Nusbaum, Mrs. Ed Kleinknight, and Mrs. Gladys Smith. Mrs. Leacock spoke briefly of the Christmas lovelies in decor.

## Woman's Christian Temperance Union

On Monday the annual WCTU Work Shop was held in the home of Mrs. Albert Troup, enjoying a school bag lunch at noon hour. During the business session conducted by the president, Mrs. J. C. Bailey, two memberships were turned in by Mrs. Emerald Jones and Mrs. H. B. DeBra. A gift of \$15.00 was made to help purchase air mattresses for the stat Soldiers Hospital.

Reports were given and plans of work by directors of Child Welfare, Flower Mission and Relief, Soldiers and Sailors, Publicity, Spiritual Life, Temperance Education in Church Schools, and of all officers.

The devotions for morning session were in charge of Mrs. S. A. Bauer using the theme of Faith and Trust while Mrs. James Druckamiller gave the afternoon

devotions centering around the Path of Peace. Salutes to the American, Christian and Temperance flags were led by president.

A report from State Convention was given by County president, Miss Margaret B. Wertz of Winona. She also urged meeting the Standard of Excellence.

Mrs. J. W. Dickson, Winona assisted by Miss Luella Cross also of Winona gave an interesting Visual Education example of "In home of the twins" on flannel graph.

**Oakwood Home Economics**  
The Oakwood Home Economics Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Banning, December 7th.

Mrs. Karl Weingart poured tea and refreshments were served buffet style. Mrs. Roy Miller served as co-hostess. The lesson of "Linen, China and Table Settings" was given by Mrs. Miller during luncheon time. Refreshments and decorations were in keeping of the Christmas Season. The thought of the month was

read by the president, Mrs. Weingart, afterwards the group all sang, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day". Mrs. Edna Thomas chose for devotion reading the timely article by Oral Roberts, "Eight Ways You Can Put Christ Back into Christmas".

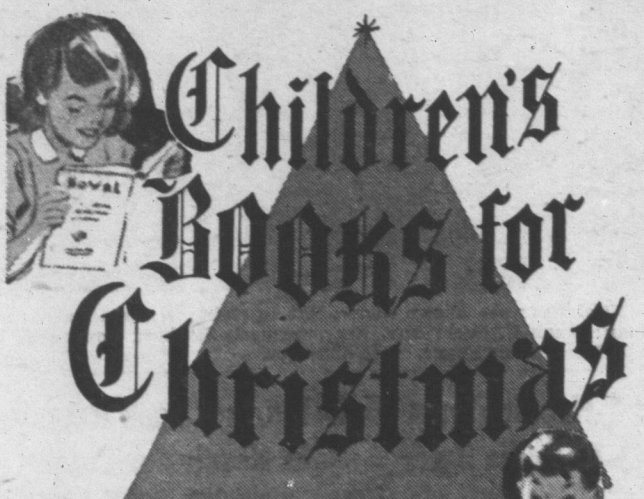
Eighteen Members answered to roll call by telling of a Christmas gift they would like. There were two visitors, Mrs. Dale Miller and Mrs. Charles Moor and two children.

Topic of the Safety Remarks given by Mrs. Esther Osborn were, "Home Fires from Miscellaneous Causes". A beautiful and interesting lesson was given by Mrs. Roy Miller on "Gift Wrapping".

The following appointments were made for the coming year: "Health and Safety Talks", Mrs. Sam Houser; "Garden Leader", Mrs. William Geiger; "Song Leader", Mrs. Kenneth Foulke; and "Reporter", Mrs. John Runyan.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Thornburg, January 4th.

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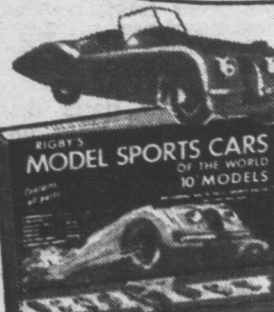
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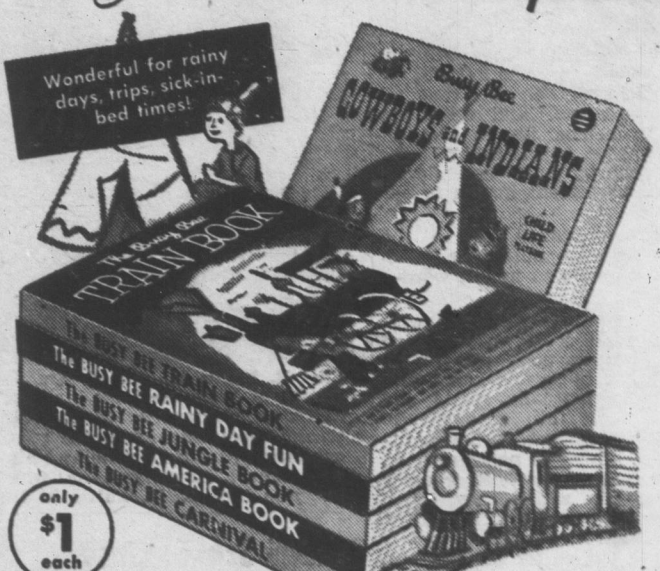
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