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Local News . . .

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Pritchard and her mother, Mrs. A. H. Blanchard, all of Veedsburg, Indiana, were guests Friday and Saturday of Mrs. Eva Rarig.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Clyde Butt and family are spending Thanksgiving week end in Chicago and Dundee, Illinois, with relatives and friends.

Jody Shaw of Huntington was a guest last week of John Trook.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zollinger and children, Brenda and Bobbie, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert George. Mr. Zollinger, son of Mrs. George, is a student in the engineering school of Tri-State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walburn of R. R. 1, Cromwell, held a birthday supper Monday evening for their son, Tommy. Mrs. Leonore Hennessey, aunt of the boy, was among the several guests attending.

Miss Sandy DeGross was a Saturday caller of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Groff of Millersburg. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Junior Smith and family, also of Millersburg.

Terry McDonald was a Sunday guest of Donald McCulloch.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Neer were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Galen Neer on Sunday 24 November in honor of the senior Neers 26th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller will be hosts for a family dinner Thanksgiving Day including Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wills of Logansport, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ort of

NOTICE

Effective 1 January, 1958, the subscription price of the Journal will be: one year \$3.50; two years \$6.00; three years \$8.00. Single copies 10c.

Churbusco, Mrs. Ada Miller of Goshen and Mrs. Georgia Miller of Syracuse.

Miss Phyllis George will return to Manchester College to begin the new term Monday 2 December. Miss George has completed two years at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hall returned Monday from Crown Point, Indiana, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Hall's brother.

Mrs. Ernest Huff of Solomon Creek was a guest Sunday of her daughter and family, the Gilbert George's. Mr. Huff is still in the Goshen Hospital following an accident several weeks ago but is improving nicely.

Miss Jane Kroh was home last Friday and Saturday from Methodist Hospital Nurses School in Indianapolis. She reported Monday for training at the Madison State Hospital in Madison, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bushong will have as guests for Thanksgiving dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Miles, Mrs. Mary Miller of Elkhart, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Weingart and sons of Gary.

Everett Katering left Friday for several weeks' vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Koher and two children, and Maurice Koher will have Thanksgiving dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koher.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown and daughter, Sherrie, will be in St. Joe, Michigan for Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Rapp will spend Thanksgiving with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mawhorter, at Wawaka.

Mrs. Ruth Rapp is spending Thanksgiving at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. Mrs. Vic Overman, in Michigan City.

The Rollert family left Monday on their trip back to Florida from their Lake Wawasee home where 'Bushy' had operated a small restaurant during the summer months.

Voice of the People

Letters to the editor, to be published in this department, must be signed, although initials or name-deplume will be used if writer so requests. The Journal reserves the right to correct spelling or punctuation, edit in the interest of clarity, or condense if necessary. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Herb Swartz of Goshen pays tribute to Ross Franklin, a name that was synonymous with Waco in the days when it enjoyed a reputation as the "nicest dance hall in northern Indiana." He writes:

"The demolition of Waco pavilion, one of the top spots of Lake Wawasee in the twenties and early thirties, to make room for a modern hotel and entertainment spot, brings back many memories to residents of Goshen and, of course, the entire northern Indiana area.

"Waco was the best dance place to go to in the midwest during these summer seasons because it was operated right by a gentleman by the name of Ross Franklin. It was not the name bands that graced Waco's bandstand that bring back fond memories to me, of the hundreds of nights that I danced there, but the music of Ross's band itself. And I think others will echo my sentiments that it was the bands gathered together by Franklin himself that MADE Waco what it was.

"Here are some of the musicians who played at Waco during the summers when it was so popular and their home towns, at the time that they played there. A few are deceased, while the rest have scattered to other parts, some still playing in bands.

"Bill Marshall, sax, Richmond; Bob Miller, trumpet, LaGrange; Paul Dickerson, piano, Fort Wayne; Leo Stuckey, bass, Fort Wayne; Walt Pageler, bass, Fort Wayne; Charley DeSautelle, sax, Indianapolis;

Eddie Nafziger, trumpet, Elkhart; Harold Swartz, sax, Goshen; Walt Wagner, piano, Indianapolis; Clare Farr, trombone, Auburn; Kenny Marsh, sax, Indianapolis; Charles Dickhoff, trumpet, Elkhart.

"And from out-of-state: Jess Halberstadt, accordion and piano, Sturgis, Michigan; Jerry Anderson, drums, and Lowell Davis, trumpet, both of Cairo, Illinois; Freddie Daw, sax, Chicago; Dale Stevens, guitar, Mansfield, Ohio; and two others whose home towns I do not remember. Clow on the trombone and Ferris on the trumpet.

"A dime a dance brought thousands to Waco every summer. If the crowd was slender to start he would play longer dances her when they filled up, the shorter they got so that the guys and gals had a chance to dance about thirty times a night.

"Nothing out of line was tolerated. One year, Ross barred the son of the 'biggest shots' on the lake for the entire summer because, while slightly inebriated to the home brew of those days, he insulted a ticket taker and no leadings would change his decision.

"Had there been another Ross Franklin to carry on, Waco during all the years could have been a top spot to dance whether young or old. I'll always relish Waco among my fondest memories."

Note: Harold Swartz, brother of Herb, is now one of the top Federal income tax men in Washington. He still has his original clarinet altho he sold his saxophones.

OBSERVE 66th ANNIVERSARY ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Miller, Rt. 1, Leesburg, will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary at a family dinner Thanksgiving Day in the home of their daughter, Mrs. V. A. Spencer, at Goshen.

Mrs. Garrett Grissom, of Syracuse, Mrs. H. F. Mock and Mrs. R. P. Burt, of Piercetown, also are daughters of the couple. A son Stacey, died in 1947.

The Millers are long-time residents of the North Webster community. He is a retired farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Muscari of Wheaton, Illinois, were guests recently of Mrs. Ella Unrue.

Introducing MADAME PRESIDENT



Soon to complete her second year in the president's chair of John Adams Chapter, Post 238 of the Women's Relief Corps in Syracuse, is Mrs. William Geiger.

An organization of many years standing, the W. R. C. is the women's auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In her second year of membership, she accepted the post of senior vice-president to the president, Mrs. Alva Nicolai, who due to illness, was unable to preside regularly so that Mrs. Geiger filled the office most of that year and was elected to continue the following year.

Mother of nine, Mrs. Geiger has devoted her life to her family. During these years she also found time to work actively in her church, the United Brethren, now merged with the Evangelical Church. For twenty years she served in various capacities with the children's work and also filled almost every office in the Missionary and Ladies Aid societies.

In later years she joined the Pythian Sisters and for ten years has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Syracuse.

For the past seven years, Mrs. Geiger also has been township chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale of the Kosciusko County Tuberculosis Association, Incorporated.

A native of Silver Lake, Mrs. Geiger has fond memories of home "back down by Silver Lake" altho the Geigers have lived in or near Syracuse for more than thirty years. They first lived on a farm and later moved to town. Besides farming, Mr. Geiger has been a road contractor and a railroad man.

The oldest of their four sons, Gerald, is a minister of the E. U. B. Church now serving in Batavia, Ohio. He is married to the former Kathlyn Whitt of Syracuse and they have eight children.

Harold and his family live at Waubee Lake and he is employed in Milford. Gordon is principal of the Bluff Avenue Grade School in Indianapolis and in his spare time serves actively as a Lt. Colonel in the National Guard. Gail and his family live in Milford, he works in Leesburg.

Their five daughters are all married and raising families. Mary, Mrs. George Glass, lives in Syracuse; Wilma, Mrs. Herbert Martindale, lives in Napanee; Juanita, Mrs. Robert Miller, lives in North Webster; Marjorie, Mrs. Ira Shue, lives at Oswego; and Jean, Mrs. Glen Treesh, lives at Waubee Lake.

Now, while grandmother's house is a favorite stopping place for her grandchildren, which number thirty-five at present, and there are also six great-grandchildren, Mrs. Geiger still has time for club activities and serves ably in whatever she is asked to do. We congratulate another Madame President, Mrs. William Geiger.



The Shadow of Sputnik

The shadow of Sputnik is certain to hover over practically every Washington development for the foreseeable future.

Well-informed persons in the nation's capital hope, however, that the situation will be considered realistically.

They applaud President Eisenhower's refusal to accept the many "panic" suggestions that were forthcoming just as soon as Sputnik's "beep-beep" became audible throughout the world.

Some of these suggestions would have thrown wide open the doors of the Treasury to meet limitless spending demands regardless of need or the ability to use additional funds in any worthwhile way.

President Eisenhower calmly explained that already the government was spending \$5,200,000,000 a year on armed military research and development alone.

Now that, he added, isn't any weak, pusillanimous effort; that is a lot of money.

ROSENBERYS HEAR FROM SON IN CLEARWATER, FLA.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Rosenberry who moved to Florida recently are living at 515 Virginia Lane, Clearwater, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenberry.

Rosenberry, an expert in ceramic tile and floor covering, plans to establish his own business there. Prior to moving to Florida, he operated a similar business in Elkhart.

QUESTERS CLASS HAS THANKSGIVING DINNER

Twenty-five members of the Questors Class of the E. U. B. Church met Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Judy for their Thanksgiving dinner. Planned as a carry-in, the menu included a turkey and all that goes with it.

The Crusaders Class had been invited as guests and several members and their families joined the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Auer and son, Johnny, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Auer of Milford.

VIEWS and REVIEWS

Kent Hare, a teenager who ranks close to the top as an all-around sportsman, received quite a surprise Monday evening while checking his muskrat traps. He had inadvertently trapped a fine large bass!

Don't forget that 1 December is the deadline for contributions to the county mental health drive for Christmas gifts for the mentally ill. The gifts, which should be gaily wrapped and tagged as to contents, may be left at the Stucky Furniture Store. Children's gifts are welcome this year, as the recipients will be those patients at the state school in Fort Wayne.

With only twenty-two shopping days til Christmas, and festive decorations appearing in all the stores, a quick look in Syracuse shopping districts shows that shopping can be fun and early Christmas shopping can be accomplished right here at home. All the stores have many things for Christmas giving and the gift shops have all those pretties that have been advertised in the volumes of catalogs which have been mailed since early October. If you don't believe it, try making a tour of the gift shops from the House of Gems south on Road 13, then Seiffert's, Indiana Glass, the Village Antique Shop, on the way to town, Rose Jewelry on Main Street and the Mexican Curio north on Road 13. And don't miss the beauty shops, drug stores, and every store in the community because they are all loaded with gifts for everyone from tots to grandparents.

The sympathy of her many friends in Syracuse goes to Mrs. Eugene Hall upon the loss of her brother, Dr. Franklin Champion, a resident of Crown Point, Indiana, who had been ill for several

years. His death occurred Friday morning at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. Another brother, Clifford, died eighteen months ago.

It is good to hear that Rev. Kenneth Foulke, and Mrs. Fred Banta have both returned to their homes following surgery. Rev. Foulke, who was at Elkhart General Hospital, came home Monday and is reported to be doing very well, as is Mrs. Banta, who returned from the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota.

If you haven't yet seen the "Ten Commandments," the wonderful life story of Moses, make it a "must" on your list as we believe it is one of the truly great motion pictures of all times. Syracuse is fortunate in having the facilities to show such a picture.

Opal and Olin Keim have at long last moved into their picturesque colonial type house on Main Street after several months of hard work in painting and remodeling the lovely old home. Knowing Opal's decorative skills, will be anxious to see the house when they are past the "furniture in the middle of the room" stage.

If you have occasion to be in Chicago during the Christmas season, be sure to stop in at Marshall Field's to see the Great Christmas Tree, a truly gigantic tree standing in the center well of the department store and completely covered with gorgeous, sparkling Christmas decorations. It is a sight that you'll long remember.

Noble Blocker, local banker, met with a painful misfortune at the bank this week. But it wasn't a hold-up man or a safe-cracker that hit him altho he did get a hard crack on the head while in the vault. Maybe his story would be better!