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CRUZZIN AROUND 'CUSE

Nedra Jones called early one evening while I was sleeping thru my favorite TV show to ask if I could help Nancy Prickett get a group together to decorate the Chamber of Commerce float for the Mermaid Festival in which our pretty queen, Teri Blue, would be riding.

Knowing Nancy was exhausted from the wonderful job she did on the first Queen Pageant the previous week, wanted to help, but told Nedra my knowledge of such a project was nil. She assured me the theme had been planned and the young teenagers were eager to help, but more or less needed an adult around. Am so glad she talked me into it as it was such a wonderful experience.

First thing was to get the materials together. Admit felt a little peculiar with thirty boxes of Kleenex and twenty rolls of toilet tissue in a grocery cart in the check-out line, but this was only the beginning.

We had three days to punch all this paper (which turned out to be much more in time went on) into chicken wire. Those little girls worked their hearts out.

Most of them had jobs but showed up to work every available moment to help me to enthusiastically work on their float which they felt was real 'cool'. Learned that 'cool' means real 'neat', all of which means it was pretty great.

Most of my time was spent doing the leg work for more materials needed as the float started to take form. A purchase of thirty more boxes of Kleenex aroused the curiosity of a little fellow in the check-out line and wondered what all that was for. Was short on time and telling him, at his young years, it was for decorating a float would take more time than I had, so just told him my husband had a bad cold. That saved about five minutes time and we were running short of that. On the Friday of the parade, we could have used two more days to complete it.

Miss Kimes wanted to start at 7 that morning as she had a hair appointment to work in and had to be to work at 11. So a group of us started at 7 a.m. The little girls worked in their hair appointments during the day and immediately returned to continue their work on the float.

The float was in one of Harkness' warehouses and a young gal walked by on her way home. Some of the girls knew her and invited her in. She saw our need for help and brought an older brother along. At this point a decision was made to close in a new area. More chicken wire was needed. The little passer-by was inside the chicken wire and sort of underneath the float affixing it like an experienced veteran where chicken wire was concerned and the other girls started stuffing paper. She must have had a two foot clearance to get out, but somehow made it.

All of a sudden we were out of blue tissue - was pretty sure we had all that was in town, but lucked in to the seven remaining rolls in Syracuse. Got back with it just in time to see the float pulled out and

on its way to Webster. Tossed the seven rolls in the float and the girls finished stuffing it over there. Nancy and her girls put up the sails and final details on the pirate ship at Webster. They finished at 5:50 and the parade didn't start until 6:00.

Their float took third place in its class and Teri became one of the seven finalists. The Miss Syracuse float took first and although didn't see the parade, understand it was beautiful and know the workers on that float must have a story to tell about hard work.

Just couldn't get over the enthusiasm, sportsmanship, co-operation, and initiative these youngsters displayed. There were many more helpers than the ones named, but will mention the ones known to me, as there was very little time for introductions - Janice Perry, Cassie Wells, Sandy Speer, Debbie Leer, Judy Lantz, Charlotte Hulley, Teri Blue, along with other little ladies. Mrs. Blue and Barb Wells were there to help also. Junior Jones had a crew of men who made the foundation of the float and he was most helpful whenever we needed male help.

Just couldn't help but think that the few troublesome teenagers who make headlines cloud our minds with a general bad impression of today's young people. They are in a very small minority. Want to thank Nedra for talking me into the opportunity to know how wonderful our teenagers really are.

Syracuse Garden Club Starts Planning For Show

The Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Ernest Bushong on July 6. The group formulated plans for their second annual flower show which will be held on August 12 at the Eli Lilly civic building. They chose "Shades of Autumn" as the theme for the show. The committee making arrangements consists of Mrs. W. E. Long, Mrs. Herschel Leachman, Mrs. George Kloefer and Mrs. Frank Putt.

Mrs. Frank Putt introduced the speaker of the evening, John Cornell, who is chairman of beautification for the city of Goshen. He gave quite an informative talk. He told how planting just a few petunias in choice spots in the city has led to a city wide program on beautification. He said he got his inspiration from a sign his grandfather used to have in his nursery which read: "Leave the world a little bit more beautiful than you found it." How wonderful it would be if we all accepted this as a daily motto.

Mrs. Bushong served lovely refreshments from a table setting all done in red and pink. She had used roses and other flowers from her garden with red and pink candies. The table was covered with a lovely white lace and embroidered cloth overlaid with red netting.

The next meeting will be August 3 at the home of Mrs. W. E. Long.

TWO FINED IN SYRACUSE JP COURT

Syracuse justice of the peace, Christian Kober, fined two 18 year old youths a total of \$83.75 for illegal possession and transportation of alcoholic beverages, recently.

Paying fines were Monty R. Smyth, Springfield, and Walter D. Shrum, New Castle, who were taken into custody, by State trooper Herschel O. Harper.

SHOWER GIVEN FOR RECENT BRIDE

Mrs. Tom Swartz, Mrs. Steve Crow and Mrs. Robert Hasse entertained last week at a bridal shower at the Swartz home, Syracuse, for Miss Atonya Butt, who on Saturday, July 3, became the bride of Robert Pavy.

Gifts were presented to the honor guest in a decorated umbrella using the color scheme of pink. Games provided entertainment.

Guests were Miss Bunny Cripe, Miss Vicki Firestone, Miss Sally Fosbrink, Miss Kay Nordman, all of Syracuse, and Miss Carolyn Smith and Mrs. Richard Keim, Goshen, Mrs. Sam Lundy, North Webster, Mrs. Richard Kowalik, Mrs. Jerry Popenfoose and Mrs. Tom Firestone.

Crime just doesn't pay. So learned two of the five youths who released Alberta, the three-legged alligator of the state fish hatcheries, into Lake Wawasee recently.

Besides creating quite a commotion in the lake area, scaring bathers to end, the fellows, all old enough to know better, were fined in Warsaw city court Saturday.

See more complete story on page 1, this issue.

The swing's the thing! No one can doubt this, what with the mushrooming of all the twist bands around, and favorite teenage TV programs being HulaHoo and Shindig.

Another indication, right here at home, was the huge crowd that turned out at Q's Waco Beach Party Friday, July 2, to hear "The King Men," a real cool twist group, and Clark Webber of WLS, Chicago.

According to Gerrie Smith, 69 youngsters paid \$1.00 each to see the King's Men-Webber display of nonsense and racket. Who are we to say 69 kids are wrong?

Mrs. Smith said Webber said their party was one of the "best controlled" he had ever seen. Geri thanked Syracuse civil defense for this, and backed it with a \$50 contribution.

She is now planning other such parties, and will feature "The Capers," "The Tikis," and others.

Mrs. Don Ruple, 206 S. Huntington, now doing a "pilot" article for The M-J, had tears in her eyes as she opened her copy of this paper last week.

What caused the tears: The photo of carpenters tearing down the Hastings store.

Just after WW II, she and hubby Don ran the country store for a time, and "paid for that roof on the installment plan."

She wants to do an "egg and I" spoof on their life in the country store.

The old millrace, which caused such a row about a year ago, has been filled and the south end of it is now a blacktopped parking area.

The parking area is real handy for such events as the Lions' club fish fry Friday night. One can drive the full length of the millrace now.

Some town jokesters are having fun coming up with impossible names for the new "street." Sam Larsen, who with Ardis and Sam's mother live on the north end of the millrace, said, "If they can't come up with something pretty soon, we'll just call it 'Larsen's Lane.'"

Near disaster struck the new addition at Auer's service station during the hard inch-and-a-half rain last Tuesday night.

Gutters were not yet on the new addition and all roof rain went off the north end into the area just filled in. It caused a heavy pressure on the new block wall, moving it in "about four inches," according to Nelson Auer.

The wall had to be blocked up and all the fill dirt removed. The roof was rolled back and the wall reinforced with steel.

The new addition is 1,726 square feet and will house the company's parts section.

It was good to see Syracuse Lion members, mostly businessmen, serving fish and coffee at the Scout camp on Friday night. They had a good crowd, ran out of most everything. Money goes for community projects.

A little out-of-the-way place doing a fine business is Smith's Lake-side Market and Du Pont Paint Store.

Assets of State Bank of Syracuse now nearing \$3 million mark, nearly double in two-year period since the bank re-organized.

CALLERS AT LAUGHLIN HOME

Callers at the Merl Laughlin Sr. home, Tuesday, June 29, were his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rutson of Elkhardt, also his niece Mrs. Russell Cripe of San Diego, Calif., another niece Mrs. Robert Walker, and Mr. Walker of Clearwater, Fla.

The Origin Of Hastings; How Was It Named?

SECOND IN A SERIES
By KENNETH HANEY

It is not known how the name originated. It could have come from the Battle of Hastings in 1066. It certainly was a battle to subdue this wilderness.

A more likely origin would be a shortening of "hay strings."

In the early days the marsh hay was cut with a scythe and put in piles. Later, in the winter, when these marshes were frozen it was hauled in to feed.

These marshes and the higher ground were saturated with bumblebee nests. In fact the saying, "thick as bumblebees," was a common expression. One thing was sure - they were excellent pollenizers and a cloverseed yield of three to five bushels per acre was not uncommon.

A bumblebee always warns you but those wasps, yellow jackets and hornets were very rude in their introduction.

Jefferson Township Jefferson township originally had 36 sections, but due to the Mt. Tabor neighborhood difficulty in getting across the marsh to vote at Hastings it was detached and those five sections were added to Scott township.

The boundary is a zig-zag line following the south edge of the marsh.

Between the south marsh and the north marsh lies the island or high land, which was originally covered with virgin timber of all varieties. Many of the trees measured three to five feet "across the stump" in diameter. Except what it took for building, these trees were rolled to gether and burned for a "clearing." Between these stumps corn was hand planted.

Later on the Omer Neff ditch was dug from road 1200N and 600W to Turkey Creek.

The Joe Arney ditch came in from the north branch of the Yellow River. The Dousman ditch starts about a mile southeast of the store.

A break-in at the Brammer Furniture Store, south of Syracuse, in Wawasee Village, netted the burglars \$17. The break-in occurred late Tuesday or early Wednesday, July 7.

State police officers reported that a window on the building was broken to gain entry. They said a cash box had been pried open and the office ransacked.

The money taken was from a purse belonging to Mrs. William Brammer, wife of the store owner. The purse had been left in the store overnight. Mr. Brammer discovered the break-in when he opened the store at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday. Officers are investigating the robbery.

NO INJURIES REPORTED IN CAR-TRUCK COLLISION

No injuries resulted in a car-truck collision on South Huntington street, Syracuse, Tuesday, July 6 at 3:35 p.m.

Arthur B. Evans of Fort Wayne and Herschel O. Halley of Benton were involved in a minor collision which resulted in an estimated \$150 damage to the Evans car and \$50 damage to the Halley truck. Deputy marshal Gary Severson was the investigating officer.

SPENDS DAY WITH MOTHER

Mrs. Evelyn Newman of Elkhardt spent one day recently with her mother, Mrs. Ella Miller of Syracuse.

IS THIS YOUR DREAM? Do you want a garden to live in as well as look at? It's yours when you plan your garden activities. Select your plants with care; give them proper vermiculite-lightened soil when planting. Feed your lawn and mow with a good, sharp rotary mower. Space the planting of your Summer bulbs to prolong color and add a touch of intrigue by plunging clay-potted indoor plants under trees. Spray regularly with an all-purpose insecticide to prevent insects and keep lawn edges trim with a good edger. When all these ingredients are mixed together, they spell Summer enjoyment.

Along Main Street

By JERI SEELY

"Phyllis Evans has a silk woven doiley in lovely shades sent to her by a cousin who is with the American forces in Sicily."

"We were telling a lady from another town about being a little disturbed because the word 'publicly' came out 'publicity' in last week's column. 'Oh that's nothing,' she said. 'It was in a paper one time that I was teaching smoking to the girls.' The word that should have been used was 'smocking'."

"Isn't it nice to have two 'Bobs' back?" said Cletus Myers, referring to our two neighbors, Robert Brown and Robert Rassi. It's shore is Robert Brown has been in overseas service for several months doing about the same work he had done with his father, operating a grader. Robert Rassi has been stationed at Pensacola, Fla."

Are you confused or have you figured out the above paragraphs? They are quotes from columns written by Maude L. McLaughlin back in 1944-45.

Phyllis Evans is Mrs. Stanley Custer now. She lives just north of town with her family. Do you still have that silk doiley, Phyllis?

Mr. Myers is now a resident of Syracuse but the "Bobs" still reside here in Milford.

I have heard quite a few comments around Milford during the past few days as to why Milford didn't have a practice tornado warning on July 2 when all the other towns in the county did.

The town board is trying to organize but three men can't do all the work. They need a little co-operation.

One man said if you have a small fire in your home you call the fire department, then you try to put it out. Maybe you have it out before the firemen get there but, if you don't you know they are on the way and you have a chance of saving something.

It's the same way with tornado warnings. Maybe a warning will sound and the town won't be hit by a tornado, then again, maybe it will be wiped off the map.

You say it couldn't happen - think back to Palm Sunday.

Of course we all hope it will never happen, but look how many lives could be saved if it did happen and we were ready for it. Let's all wake up and help get Civil Defense going in Milford before we are sorry. Don't say let the other person do it - you do it!

Sorry, I goofed! A few weeks ago I gave street and water commissioner Marion Deeter credit for the flowers at the town hall. It seems he didn't plant them this year, the American Legion did. I still like them.

Milford's #1 mail deliveryman Glen Price received a blunt lesson in his knowledge (or lack of knowledge) of political leaders in his own political party.

Byram Again Head Of State GOP Finances

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) - Stanley H. Byram, Martinsville, treasurer of the Indiana Republican Central Committee, was back in control of the party's finances Wednesday.

At a meeting here Tuesday, the committee voted to uphold a rule making the treasurer the chairman of the finance committee. During the regime of former GOP state chairman Robert N. Stewart, Indianapolis insurance executive John Burkhardt had held the reins of finance chairman despite Byram's post as treasurer.

Charles Hendricks, new state chairman, said after the meeting, "It was a happy, harmonious session at which we all learned that there is no real rift in the Indiana Republican party."

Other finance committee members named were Robert Gates, Columbia City, 4th district chairman; Harold C. Downers, Sullivan, 7th district chairman; Seth Denbo,

Mary Pike And Thelma Hattersley Are Golf Winners

Mary Pike was the first low gross winner at Wawasee Golf Club's invitational last Thursday with a 46. Thelma Hattersley was the first low net winner with 37.

Dorothy Fisher and Melba Leinhardt tied with 49 for second low gross of 48 and Lorene Oliver, Beverly Bulety and Pearl Miller tied with 38 for second low net.

Third low gross winners were Louise Harlen and Arlene Deeds with 49 while Margie Purdum, Gayle Roostington and Joan Miller tied for third low net with 39.

Ella Richards had fourth low gross with 50.

Other low net winners were: Marybelle Sharp, Irene Bucher, and Jean Gotshall, 40; Jean Harrelson, Lee Dippon and Ruth Banta, 41; Ethel Henderson and Della Baumgartner, 42; Nedra Beebe, 44; Jo Maury and Ruth Snellenberger, 45; Jane Miller and Joan Haab, 46.

BOATING LAW VIOLATORS PAY FINES

A total of 13 boating law violations resulted over the long fourth of July weekend. These were tried in Syracuse justice of the peace Christian Kober's court.

Daniel J. Bandenburger, Fort Wayne, paid a fine of \$19 and Stanley R. Young, Fort Wayne, and Robert Bigler, Glen Ellyn, Ill., each paid \$17, for insufficient life preservers.

David Archer of Princeton, Ronald G. Shellenberger of Goshen, John Slaughter of Indianapolis, Walter Pankiewicz of Oak Park, Ill., and Richard Schoonover of Griffith were each fined \$17 for riding on gunwales.

Also paying fines were Vernon Horton of Indianapolis, \$17, for improper lighting; Randy Krenzler, Niles Mich., \$17, no observer; Carol Rafferty, Lagrange, Ill., and Phil Pearson, Gary, \$17 each for speeding.

Daniel Pallas, Massillon, O., was fined a total of \$31 for fishing without a non-resident license.

Arrests were made by officers Carol Green, James Weathers, Dale Sparklin and Earl Moeley.

Susan to Girls' State on the Indiana university campus at Bloomington. Price happened into the men's room just off the auditorium where main activities were being held.

He found himself using a wash basin next to a handsome, lithe, 30-ish fellow with a broad, welcoming smile on his face. Price wondered: Now who could that friendly fellow be?

Upon leaving the men's room, he quickly found out when he found a bevy of campus elites surrounding U. S. Senator Birch Bayh for his picture.

Announcement: Arch Baumgartner has been named president of the M-J TOPS (Take Off Pounds Soberly) club. Mrs. Richard (Betty) itical party) in the state of Indiana.

While accompanying daughter Smith has stated she wants to be the treasurer.

I received a call from Lincoln Vale of the Everglades television fame the other day. Seems chasing alligators has Earl Money thinking he's Lincoln Vale. Seriously though Mr. Money is doing a good job in the Lakeland area.

THE MAIL-JOURNAL ON SALE IN THIS AREA

The Mail-Journal is on sale at a number of places in the area, as follows:

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