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For The Independent.

THE NATION'S CLOCK
When mother had a task to do
Requiring skill and patience too...

ABOUT TOWN NOTES

Firemen's roast beef supper
In Hendricks' Memorial building
Next Saturday evening, May 2...

Mrs. Elsie Cullen, of California, and
Mr. and Mrs. Love and family, of
Phoenixville, were visitors at the
home of Mrs. Kramer on Friday.

Walton Heckler is ill with whooping
cough.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tibbals, of
Stonehurst, Philadelphia, are spending
a few days with Mr. and Mrs.
F. W. Gristock.

Miss Marguerite Conway, of Philadel-
phia, is spending a week with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cooper.

Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Gensler and
sons spent Sunday in Allentown.

Mrs. Isaac Hatfield and children
spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cornish spent
the week end at Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cole and fam-
ily, of Germantown, spent Sunday
with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Crimley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McFarland and
daughter Jeanette visited Mr. and
Mrs. Howard McFarland, of Oaks, on
Sunday.

Mrs. Ammon Rimby, of Trenton,
N. J., is spending a few days with
Mrs. Helena Rimby.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Godshall and
son Nelson Jr., and Mrs. Louise God-
shall spent Sunday in Allentown with
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Petterfor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Landes and
Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Landes and
sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs.
Newton Wanner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Graber and
children spent Sunday in Atlantic
City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Urban, of
Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr.
and Mrs. Carl Bechtel.

Mrs. Emma Hunsicker is spending
a week with Mr. and Mrs. Mark
Messinger, of Camden.

Mrs. Lawrence Walt entertained
the Sewing Club of which she is a
member on Friday evening. The mem-
bers present were: Mrs. Ruth Bush,
Mrs. Alice Peterman, Miss Emma
Shadd, all of Royersford; Mrs. Ger-
trude Shoemaker, Mrs. Gladys Math-
ew, of Trappe, and Mrs. Ruth Corn-
ish, Miss Helen Todd and Mrs. Marg-
aret Kuhn, of this borough.

Mr. and Mrs. David Reiner and
family spent Sunday with Mr. and
Mrs. Andrew Mack and family, of
Yerkes.

Mrs. Ellen Buckwalter and daugh-
ter Sarah, of Rahns, spent Sunday
with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Buckwalter
and son Leroy.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Under-
coffler at the home of Mrs. Under-
coffler's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Eckhart, Township
line road, Limerick, on Friday. Mrs.
Undercoffler was formerly a tele-
phone operator in the Collegeville ex-
change.

The C. I. C. class of Trinity Sunday
School will hold a bake sale in the
Hendricks Memorial building on Sat-
urday afternoon, May 18, between the
hours of 3 and 5, d. s. t.

The Girls' Missionary Guild will
speak corn at the May Day Festival at
Ursinus College on Saturday for the
benefit of the G. M. G.

Helen Blythe has left the local tele-
phone exchange and is now employed
in the American Store as cashier.
Manager John Wilson reports the ex-
tensive alterations and improvements
to the local American Store building
are almost completed.

W. Titlow of the "Jersey side" spent
the week end with relatives at Nor-
folk, Va.

Paul H. Iseberg, son of Mr. and
Mrs. J. M. S. Iseberg, head of Physical
Education, Moorestown High School,
has been chosen President of the
Burlington County, N. J., High
School Athletic Association.

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, III, of
Wheeling, W. Va., was a visitor at
Ursinus College last Wednesday. Mr.
Bomberger is rector of one of the
largest churches in Wheeling.

J. L. Bechtel and Son, local Marmion
and Roosevelt dealers, received a car-
load of new Roosevelt cars on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mr. and
Mrs. D. Fairweather and daughter
Ruth, of Lansdowne, and Mr. and Mrs.
Martin, of Norristown, spent Sunday
with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cassel.

Miss Mildred Yost and Winifred
Mueller spent Saturday in Norristown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, of Ger-
mantown, and Miss Mary and Edith
Beideman, of Norristown, spent Sat-
urday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ko-
der.

Miss Verma Gerhart, of Telford, is
spending a week with Mr. and Mrs.
Elwood Hofmaster.

Mrs. Celestina Hager of Germantown
spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Angel and family.

THE DEATH ROLL

Coprey Steer, for over forty years
a resident of Royersford, died Friday
morning, aged 71 years. Two sisters
survive. The funeral was held on
Tuesday. Interment in Fernwood
cemetery; undertaker, F. W. Shalkop.

MRS. ELSIE LITKA HASTINGS' FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

The funeral, Thursday, of Elsie
Litka Hastings, wife of Matthew
Hastings, of Collegeville, was largely
attended. Services were held at the
home of George Hastings, father-in-
law of the deceased, Germantown Pike
and Whitehall road. Interment (pri-
vate) in Barren Hill cemetery. In evi-
dence of the love and high esteem in
which Mrs. Hastings was held by a
host of friends, hundreds of persons
viewed the remains on Wednesday
evening previous. Numerous beauti-
ful floral designs were arranged about
the casket. The pall-bearers were:
Lewis Cornish, Horace Keyser, Perry
Miller, of Collegeville; Leonard Whel-
ler, of Pottstown; Lloyd Fitzgerald, of
Lucon, and Russell Cassel, of Limer-
ick.

The members of the families of the
departed daughter and wife, grate-
fully appreciate the many evidences
of sympathy and loving kindness
shown by neighbors and friends during
the illness and after the death of
Mrs. Hastings.

WILL TOUR EUROPE

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hallman, of
Collegeville, will sail for Europe on
May 10th, via the S. S. Isle de France,
for a tour of England, Switzerland,
Germany and France. Mr. and Mrs.
Hallman will return July 13 on the
S. S. Berengaria.

SUFFERING INFECTED FOOT

Harry Umstead, a student at the
Millersville Normal School, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Harry Umstead, Sr., of Col-
legeville, is suffering with blood poi-
soning from an infected foot. His con-
dition had been serious; but is some-
what improved this week. He will
be brought home to his parents to
recuperate as soon as his condition
warrants the trip from Millersville.
Young Umstead, who is an athlete,
contracted the infected foot during
spring football practice the other
week.

INFECTED FINGER

Michael Mignogna, of Trappe, well
known local barber, is incapacitated
from duty and suffering considerable
pain from an infected finger. Several
weeks ago Mr. Mignogna was held up
in Philadelphia. The highwaymen
knocked him down, ransacked his pockets
and in an unsuccessful attempt to
pull a tight-fitting gold ring off his
finger nearly yanked finger and all
off. The finger which was badly
bruised and lacerated became in-
fected and is now causing Mr. Mig-
nogna much pain.

FIRE COMPANY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the
Collegeville Fire Company will be
held in the Fire hall on Thursday
evening, May 2. The new uniforms will
be handed out and the probable line-
up selected for Saturday's opening
game with Graterford. Manager
Sterner also has several announce-
ments to make to the players. It is
very important that everybody inter-
ested be at the meeting. A short
batting and fielding practice will
be held on the Commons Field before
the meeting.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH

In America we have separated
church and state. Since the state is
responsible for the education of youth,
it is only natural that the teaching
of religion has been delegated to the
church and not to the schools. Yet
any teacher with religious convictions
cannot help teaching religion. For re-
ligion concerns itself with life's mo-
tives. Creeds, sectarian ideas, and
theological conceptions have no place
in the classroom, but religion has its
place wherever a human life seeks
to adjust itself to other lives and
to the world in which it lives.

Services for May 5th, as follows:
Bible School, 8:30 standard time, 9:30
daylight saving. Morning worship
9:45 s. t., 10:45 d. s. t. Evening wor-
ship 7:00 s. t., 8 d. s. t.

A reception to the members who
have been received since the first of
the year will be given on Wednesday
evening, May 8th, in the Hendricks
Memorial building. Members and
friends are cordially invited to attend.

THE PASTOR.

This Saturday, May 4, the program
will be "The First Kiss," a comedy
and a news reel. Time 8:00 d. s. t. Ad-
mission 35c and 15c.

Big Contest

Prizes will be awarded to those per-
sons who save the greatest number of
the specified labels and present stubs
of all the movies during the contest.
Save the front of Heinz's Rice Flakes
box from Yeagle & Poley or D. H.
Bartman, Idg of Aristocrat package
ice cream from Collegeville Bakery,
container of Tung Sola auto bulbs from
Nace and Wismer, front of box of any
kind of tooth paste bearing Winkler's
label, front of box of Watkins soap
from Wm. Hildebrand, stubs for pres-
sing service at Paul Stoudt's. Contest
begins Saturday, April 27, and ends
June 8. Patronize your local mer-
chants! Manager, Richard Allebach.

TOWN NOTES (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rhoads and
Miss Florence Rohrbacher spent
Sunday at Drexel Hill with Mr. and
Mrs. Swarzey.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Beideman, of
Norristown, and Mr. and Mrs. Husten
Kurzy and Messrs. Wade Shifflet and
Frank Witmer, of Trappe, spent Mon-
day with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Koder.

An Espenhop will hold the open-
ing dance of the season in his River-
side Pavilion this Saturday evening,
May 4, at Graterford.

COUNCILMEN ATTEND LIONS MEETING AT THE ARCADIA

The meeting of the Collegeville
Lions Club at the Arcadia, Thursday
evening, was characterized by very in-
teresting discussions and neighborly
good fellowship. Lion Harold Brown-
back presided and introduced the
speakers: Mr. L. H. Doan, and Mr.
Bailey, engineers of the Portland Ce-
ment Co. Mr. Doan submitted
very interesting and informative
facts concerning building codes for
boroughs and the importance of for-
mulating and adopting the same. His
statements aroused considerable dis-
cussion, in which participating Messrs.
Doan and Bailey, members of the
Town Council of Collegeville (who
were present as guests) and Attorney
Ralph Wismer, and F. W. Shalkop,
representing the borough authorities
of Trappe. In the course of the dis-
cussion it was revealed that the bor-
ough of Collegeville is lagging in the
matter of establishing street lines and
grades to meet the requirements of
home builders and that our contigous
borough, Trappe, has been meeting
such requirements in that borough.
Members of Collegeville Council averred
that in the matter of establishing
street lines and grades they have been
restrained by the adverse advice of
their legal counsel. The matter will
probably again be discussed, and per-
haps acted upon, at the meeting of
Council, Friday evening.

N. BORTZ AND F. WALT LEASE W. W. HARLEY'S "SHADY NOOK"

Nelson Bortz and Fred Walt, of
Collegeville, have leased Winfield
W. Harley's store and boarding house
along the Gravel pike on the College-
ville dam for the season. Bortz and
Walt will open "Shady Nook" to the
public on Sunday, May 5. This bath-
ing and recreation center is getting
to be quite a popular spot along the
Perkiomen. Bortz and Walt formerly
operated the boat landing and stand
opposite the Collegeville dam. This
well-known old land mark will be
closed.

CELEBRATED 92ND BIRTHDAY

Mr. John H. Longacre, of Black
Rock, passed his 92nd birthday on
Sunday, April 28. He received sev-
eral gifts of money and also other
useful gifts. There were two beauti-
ful birthday cakes. The shower of greet-
ings came from Minneapolis, Massa-
chusetts, Cleveland, Lancaster, Phila-
delphia, Spring City, Royersford, Boy-
ertown and Barto. The visitors to
greet him were: Mr. Samuel Pahl,
Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Russell, Misses
Anna Bord, Mrs. P. Horn, Mrs. M.
Ragun, Mr. and Mrs. John McNeilis,
of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs.
W. P. Detwiler, of Green Tree. He
received 40 post cards.

BASEBALL PLAYERS NOTICE!

Manager Gilbert "Gip" Sterner re-
quests all the baseball players who
wish to try out for the Collegeville
team of the Perky League to report
at the Fire hall on Thursday evening,
May 2. The new uniforms will be
handed out and the probable line-
up selected for Saturday's opening
game with Graterford. Manager
Sterner also has several announce-
ments to make to the players. It is
very important that everybody inter-
ested be at the meeting. A short
batting and fielding practice will
be held on the Commons Field before
the meeting.

The following comprises the Col-
legeville list of eligible players for
Saturday's game with Graterford:
Lin Detwiler, John Fox, Fred Fox,
Wilmer Tyson, Howard Keyser, Mer-
edith Oll, Harry Undercoffler, An-
thony Muche, Joel Francis, Gilbert
Sterner, John Hart, Fritz Cyrak, Carl
Espenhop, Irvin Sterly, Harvey
Buckwalter, Herbert Howells, Geo.
Walt, Lloyd Wood, Wm. Blythe, Clif-
ford Cassel and Bert Garrett.

Substitutions can be made to the
list for the first five games. As the
local Ursinus College players in the
Collegeville High boys will not be avail-
able for the first few games their
names were omitted to give some of
the other boys a try out. The Ursi-
nus players who will try out for the
team after the college season closes
are: Donald Sterner, Warren Fran-
cisco and Raymond Place. Roland Beas-
ley, Elwood Shreibert and Gerald Poley are
Collegeville High boys out for the
team.

HEALTH WEEK

Health Week will be fittingly ob-
served by the Collegeville Mothers'
Club on Thursday afternoon, May 9
at 3:30, d. s. t., in the High School
auditorium. A good speaker on the
subject of Health, has been secured,
in the person of Miss Katharine Kei-
ley, nurse for the Metropolitan In-
surance Company of Norristown.
This will be the last meeting of the
year, so a large attendance is urgently
requested.

Y. W. C. A. FOR COLLEGEVILLE

Mrs. Mae F. Spackman and Miss
Roberta Raker, secretaries for the
Norristown Y. W. C. A., were in Col-
legeville, Friday afternoon, for the
purpose of meeting high school girls
with the idea of extension of "Y"
work. They were met by Mrs. M. W.
Godshall and Mrs. H. H. Price at the
high school building, who introduced
them to the girls. Mrs. Spackman told
of the aims of the Association, and its
benefits to a community, while Miss
Raker described the special activities
of the Girl Reserves. When a show-
ing of hands was called for about 50
responded, and it was decided to hold
meetings every Friday afternoon. For
the present Mrs. Spackman will at-
tend these meetings, until the women
sponsoring it in Collegeville have
their own committee. The work will
be part of the extension work of the
Norristown Association.

W. C. T. U.

The Collegeville branch W. C. T. U.
will meet at the home of Mrs. Jesse
Wanner on Thursday, May 9, at 2:00
o'clock, d. s. t.

Advertise in The Independent.

PLAY FESTIVAL OF COUNTY SCHOOLS AT URSINUS MAY 4

Ursinus College will be host to the
fifth annual exhibition and Play Festi-
val of the Montgomery county
Schools on Saturday, May 4. Prepara-
tions are being made to accommo-
date five thousand school children,
teachers, school patrons and specta-
tors at the all-day session. Two
thousand school children, from the
first grade to the High School seniors,
will compete in the various academic
and athletic contests. Judges and
other officials will be selected from
the Ursinus faculty and student body.
Forty-two high schools, elementary
and rural schools of the county will
compete in the various classes they
have been assigned to.

The scholastic contests for all
classes will be held in Bomberger hall
in the morning. The high school ath-
letic events will be held on the Ur-
sinus track in the afternoon. The
rural and elementary school athletics
will be staged in the morning on the
track. The cattle and crop judging
will be held in the morning at the
college barn. The events are sched-
uled to get under way at 9:30 a. m. in
the morning and 1:15 in the afternoon.
The individual prize winners (due to
the many events) will be given their
awards later in the week at the vari-
ous schools. The four big trophy
awards—class A high school, class B
High school, class C elementary school
and class D rural school—will be
made in Bomberger hall at 3:40
o'clock by the donors of the prizes.
Springfield won the class A high
school award last year. Collegeville
High will compete in this class. W. A.
Gensler, assistant County Superinten-
dent of Schools, is in charge of the gi-
gantic affair.

MOTHER RESCUED THREE CHILDREN FROM FLAMES

Fire Saturday morning almost com-
pletely destroyed the bungalow of
Benjamin Lynch, on Mill road, near
Germantown pike, East Norristown,
and threatened the adjoining bungalow
of Jacob Hampton. As a result of her
efforts in saving her three children
who were still asleep when the fire
was discovered, Mrs. Lynch suffered
burns about the face and arms. Mrs.
Lynch, however, was successful in get-
ting the children from the room, af-
ter she rushed through flames from
one room to another. It is said the
fire was caused by the explosion of an
oil stove.

CHARTER FOR RIVERVIEW HOSPITAL; OFFICERS ELECTED

Riverview Hospital, founded by the
late Dr. E. A. Krusen, and located on
Sandy Hill, Norristown, with an ele-
vated and charming outlook over the
Schuylkill and Schuylkill rivers, has
been incorporated. The prospect of a
surrounding territory, has been incor-
porated as Riverview Hospital, with a
capital of \$50,000. At a recent meet-
ing of the incorporators the follow-
ing officers were elected: Dr. John
T. Macdonald, of Norristown, (skilled
and widely-known surgeon) presi-
dent; Dr. Francis Kwasan, of Norristown,
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ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED AT POTTSWOWN PLANT

One man was killed, another badly
injured, while a third had his life
prolonged by the time the accident,
which happened Sunday afternoon,
occurred. The man who was killed
was suspended 45 feet
in the air, when a scaffold on which
three riggers were working inside a
100-foot standpipe at the former
Eastern Steel plant in Pottstown col-
lapsed Friday afternoon. The dead
man is John Condash, of Reading,
father of four children. He was dead
when workmen reached him, after
cutting a hole in the bottom of the
standpipe with torches. The injured
men are John Bobela, of Reading, who
is in a serious condition, and Frank
Wolf, of Reading, whose life was
probably saved by a rope hanging in-
side the pipe. After falling 45 feet
his progress was checked with a ter-
rific jar as a rope dangling inside the
pipe wrapped around his foot. He suf-
fered from shock and bruises about
the chest.

RIVERCREST PREVENTORIUM DEDICATED

The large, new, modern structure
to be used as a Preventorium devoted
to checking tuberculosis in its incip-
ient stages, was formally dedicated
last Sunday on the Rivercrest Prop-
erty, near Mont Clare, Upper Prov-
idence township. The Preventorium
comprises several large and fully
equipped buildings. The dedicative
exercises were in charge of Dr. E. P.
Fisher, minister, president of the Lutheran
Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

GRATERFORD NEWS

X-ray Reveals Broken Bone
Mrs. Elias S. Grater, who has been
suffering with pains in one leg for
some time, had an x-ray taken of the
leg. The picture revealed a broken
bone instead of rheumatism as
was at first thought. Just when or
how the bone got broken is a mystery.
Mrs. Grater is improving.

Stanley Kline, U. S. Navy, injured
Stanley, son of Postmaster and Mrs.
Jesse Kline, who is in the Navy serv-
ing on the U. S. S. Pittsburg, suffered
a painful fall while on duty in port
at Shanghai, China. He fell thru an
open hatch into the coal bunkers.
Fortunately he was not seriously in-
jured. A severely bruised hip, other
minor body bruises and contusions are
the extent of his injuries.

New R. R. Siding For Road Work
The Pottsville Construction Com-
pany, who are building the concrete
highway from Schwenksville to Skip-
pach have completed their new rail-
road siding in Hunsberger's meadow
along the coast by auto via the
"hop" route. It took him just seven-
teen days. This was his twelfth
transcontinental trip. Shamrock win-
ters in California and summers in
Collegeville. Shamrock says, "Col-
legeville and Sacramento are the only
two places in all my travels where
they serve good 'Holstein high-balls'
—chocolate milk shakes."

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several nights last week by three
"caned heat" artists who made their
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Umbrella menders and earned heat
make quite an exciting combination
for a peaceful village like Yerkes.
Railroad detectives investigated but
the "tramps" vanooosed before the
cops arrived. The writer was all set
to go down and watch the fun but the
wife wouldn't allow it. She was afraid
the cops would nab me in mistake for
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home! Nevertheless the wife and I
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sed out last Christmas; but it didn't!
It was waiting for a real rainy day
to go flat on a muddy back road. And
Sunday afternoon near Mainland in a
pouring rain it blew out—bang, bump,
bump! Did we say any words ap-
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GIRL KILLED, FIVE INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE COLLISION

Miss Marie Dougherty, 19, of Jas-
per street, Kensington, Philadelphia,
was fatally injured and five others in-
jured in a crash of automobiles on the
Germantown pike, below Evansburg,
late Saturday night. Miss Dougherty,
who died at the Montgomery Hospital,
never regained consciousness after the
crash. She occupied a machine oper-
ated by Earl C. Wood, of Germantown.
Another occupant of the car was Miss
Anna White, twenty-four, of Frankford.
She sustained internal injuries while
Wood has severe lacerations to the
head and face. Miss White and Wood
are still patients at Montgomery Hos-
pital. Harry S. Evans, forty-nine, of
Germantown, who was operating the
car that collided with the Wood ma-
chine, had severe cuts in his head,
requiring several stitches. His sister-
-in-law, Mrs. William Mabin, of
Germantown, and her son, Earl, who
occupied the machine, were cut about
the head and legs. After being treat-
ed at the hospital, Evans went to the
police station and reported the acci-
dent.

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IMMORTALITY.

My young friend Baum, editorial writer for E. E. Althouse's Sellersville Herald, recently discussed immortality. His editorial cogitations included the following declarations:

Of what use is this physical life if annihilation is its only reward? If death shuts off everything, why toil at all? In that case crime, licentiousness, greed, selfishness, in fact, all the ignoble traits of man are fully justified. Patience, self-sacrifice, charity, kindness and neighborliness are simply hindrances if the flesh alone is to be served. If the perverted axiom "we live only once" holds true, then it is high time that every one should rise up to take what the heart desires, just as the wild beast enforces its claim to satisfy hunger and the other wants which supremacy demands.

I take no issue with Mr. Baum because he believes in immortality; believes that he will continue to everlastingly exist in some undefined form or shape beyond his present earthly existence. I take no issue with any human being because he or she entertains any belief from which it is felt that comfort and satisfaction are derived, PROVIDED believing does not generate irrationality, dogmatic assertions, and intolerance toward those who may regard the belief in immortality as being beyond the present range of human knowing, and who must insist that there exists and always will exist a sharp dividing line between BELIEVING and KNOWING. However, the dividing line does not imply that there shall be no freedom in believing. It is the entanglement of mere belief with rational knowledge that begets a peculiar irrationality or a form of "craziness in the head." The rash assumption that the absence of belief that "death ends all" justifies "criminality licentiousness, greed, selfishness" and "all the ignoble traits of man," is a preposterous assumption. I regret that my young editorial friend should be so ruthlessly reckless as to libel Nature (if that be possible) and to libel his own natural existence. To justify natural human iniquity because of disbelief in existence in the hereafter, is to belie the known facts associated with the natural, earthly life of individuals here and now. See here, my boy, permit me to take you as example. Are you, as best you can, discharging the obligations arising from humanly natural, earthly relationships imposed upon you, BECAUSE of your belief in immortality? You are not, and I dare you to tell the world that you are. You are leading a straight life because of natural inborn heredity, and natural environment since early childhood. Likewise, particularly as to environment—your training, "bringing-up" as to your beliefs respecting some more or less conjectural claims concerning that which you know very little or nothing about. Your religious training has had all to do with your present religious beliefs, regardless of that which is false or that which is true. Please, my dear boy, go somewhere and sit down, quietly and alone, and meditate; meditate. I am not asking you to feel ashamed of yourself; but meditate and grasp and take full account of the fact that you are actually, really existing in a Universe of natural causes and effects, and that you cannot escape such causes and such effects, notwithstanding whatever your emotions prompt you to believe. Wicked or harmful actions effectualize wickedness and harm. Goodly, constructive, useful, helpful, moral actions effectualize goodness, usefulness, service to others, and all rightful conduct. You may believe just what you choose to believe, but you cannot escape natural causes and effects on our very real planet, a planet unrelated to that which is termed the supernatural, and about which there is no existing, evidential information. And, my dear boy, include in your meditations the fact that no man's religious belief, whatsoever its character, determines either his moral or ethical character. He may be a good man, naturally, and by good training, or a bad man, naturally, and by bad training. Natural causes and natural effects determine that which is relatively good and relatively bad. Before you finish your meditation ponder well upon another fact: If a very great majority of the masses of humanity, the earth over, were not, naturally, and by natural training, strongly disposed to live sanely, rightly, justly and honestly, civilizations could not endure, notwithstanding any or all beliefs arising from the emotional nature of man. I have devoted more space than I had first intended to your exhibition of spasmodic intellectual waywardness. Subsequently I was impelled not to number you among incurables; hopeless cases. Moreover, it may have been your first offense. Furthermore and finally, I am fond of you, as one of Dad's "boys".

From the Manufacturer.

"THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW—"

There is a great deal of talk about the need for law enforcement and respect for laws. Civilization cannot be maintained without general observance of the restrictions society has created to protect itself. But something equally important, and less considered, is that there is also a crying need for laws worthy of respect. A tremendous percentage of persons now in prison are there because of "crimes" that 25 years ago were not illegal. The life and liberty of the American citizen is hemmed in by legal structures. Law-making bodies have gone on orgies of legislation. Apparently nothing is too tyrannical or too absurd to place on the statute books. Instead of a well-ordered scientific legal code such as was contemplated by the fathers of this country, we have thousands of petty, conflicting ordinances whose enforcement is hopelessly bogged by miles of red tape and bureaucracy. It is no wonder that many self-respecting Americans are beginning to look with a cynical eye on all laws. Despotism and illogical laws breed contempt for legislation. It is not freedom that creates anarchists, but tyranny. Constitutional rights are disregarded by law-makers. Personal liberty is becoming little more than a pleasant echo from the past. Millions of good Americans are technically criminals. There are hopeful signs that this modern "there ought to be a law" age of government will pass. No law can long survive the contempt of great bodies of people. As a nation we would do well to uphold our constitutional rights instead of permitting them to be smothered by bureaucracy and paternalism which destroy liberty and kill private initiative and enterprise. The majority of our people are well disposed and honest and not such morons as the politicians seem to believe.

FROM Northern Mail: The famous criminal lawyer had won a shockingly bad case by eloquence and trickery, and a rival lawyer said to him, bitterly: "Is there any case so low, so foul, so vilely crooked and shameful that you'd refuse it?" "Well, I don't know," the other answered with a smile. "What have you been doing now?"

FROM Edmund Burke: Whilst Shame keeps its watch, Virtue is not wholly extinguished in the heart; nor will Moderation be utterly exiled from the minds of tyrants.

MERGE TWO FORESTRY SCHOOLS OF STATE

Announcement has been made by Charles E. Dorworth, Secretary of the State Department of Forests and Waters, of the merging of the State Forestry School at Mont Alto with the department of forestry at the Pennsylvania State College. In the move State authorities see opportunity to effect substantial economies, enlarge professional and practical opportunities for the faculties and students and make possible the development of one strong, outstanding forestry school at State College. Plans have not been

completed for conducting the work of the combined schools, except that the freshmen and sophomores at both institutions will join for summer camp in June. Students at Mont Alto will be enrolled at State College in the future where they will have opportunity to pursue the specialized courses offered in lumbering, wood utilization, city forestry, forest research, soils, pathology, entomology, range management, and the chemistry and engineering of forest products. There are now about 80 students at the Franklin County institution, and about 90 at State College.

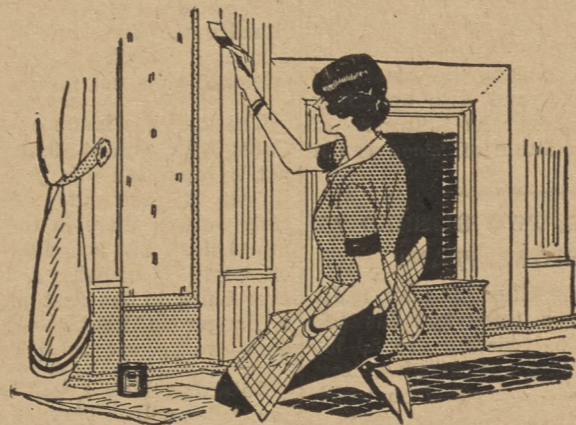
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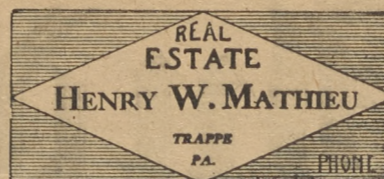
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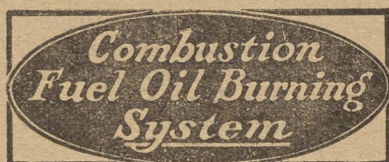
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IF ADELAIDE had had a practical mind, of course, it would never have happened. But as it was, when her hopeful little millinery shop closed a slow death and left her in a strange town with \$80 and a wardrobe trunk, she had no more idea what to do than if she had suddenly been called upon to carve the Black Hills memorial. To make it worse she owed \$500 to the Collins wholesale house, whose officials wrote firmly that August the first was the last date on which payment could be accepted. And August the first was one week away.

Adelaide made a face at the letter, and tightened her cherry-blush lips. How could Adelaide Lovell, to whom even shorthand and typewriting were insuperable mysteries, and who fed stray kittens her breakfast cream and staked small boys to dog licenses—how under the blue heavens could Adelaide Lovell obtain \$500 in one week?

"Well," said that young lady, uncurling her taut little figure from the one deep chair her room boasted "something will have to turn up."

A long-legged French doll, dangling by one leg from the lamp cord, regarded her sympathetically above a shock of henna hair. But nothing turned up. "And I suppose," Adelaide further remarked, "that I must go out and find that something." She brushed the wave back into her hair, tilted a provocative scarlet hat over her left eye and fared forth.

It was more chance, of course, that that same provocative hat should leave Adelaide's head at the first windy corner, while she meditated on what price the wardrobe trunk might bring second-hand, and tumble across the sun-leaked sidewalk until it came to a precarious halt well into the street. Some man made a foolhardy dash after it, captured it, and came triumphantly up to Adelaide after the manner of men. He was very tall, she saw in the hurried moment of her appraisal, and rather young, with an alert courtesy that delighted her. She smiled at him with an extra flicker of her lashes, and observed that his answering smile lighted a darkly serious face. But he had not the slightest resemblance to \$500. Adelaide jammed on the hat and departed.

Doubtless it was chance, too, that made Mlle. Helene, telepathist extraordinary and otherwise known as Helene Jo Peterson, slip and wrench her ankle a moment later and a half-block further on—so near that Adelaide helped her, protesting into her own room and into the one chair. While Adelaide applied bandages and ice-packs, Mlle. Helene sobbed.

"And only to think," she lamented for the sixth time, "that I've come all the way from Grandview for a one-night engagement at the Guelic club, and now at the last moment, with reservations simply flowing in, I can't appear!" She collapsed into tears again.

Adventure was leaping in Adelaide's blood. "The worst of all is, they'll probably think you're shamming," she said comfortingly. "Are there many reservations so far?"

There were nearly 300 at \$5 each. But it was not that which broke Mlle. Peterson's heart; it was the damage to her so far spotless career. She went great splochy circles on Adelaide's best pillow at the thought.

"Well," announced Adelaide when the time was ripe, "it's rather unusual, but I suppose I might arrange to understand for you, for—shall we say one-third of the receipts? Since we are both comparative strangers in town I think it is possible." She massaged the swollen foot demurely.

So it was that while Mlle. Helene still in Adelaide's gay little room congratulated herself upon having encountered a member of her own profession, Adelaide herself was slithering in an anteroom at the Guelic club, and wondering what she would do when the performance began. Her closest acquaintance with telepathy—shades of the Yogi philosophers—had been cultivated in circus side shows; she was utterly at sea.

"The thing to do," she decided, is to go as far as I can before I stop, and maybe something will turn up."

Something did turn up as she and her dubious assistant, the latter imperfectly mollified by Mme. Helene's note, entered the crowded clubroom. The dark young man of the hat episode turned up and seated himself on the front row, in a place apparently reserved.

Adelaide sat down rather weakly and was bludgeoned. Some one from the audience came and felt the blindfold, and remained at the assistant's request, to make sure of the integrity of the performance. Adelaide decided that at the last moment she would pretend to faint. At the very last moment.

"Can you name this object?" the assistant's voice came to her across infinity. Adelaide gripped the table before her with trembling fingers.

"Can you tell us—" This was undoubtedly the last moment, but perhaps she might guess correctly.

"Gold watch," said a whisper incredibly low. She was not sure she had heard it.

"The object is a watch," she said. "A gold watch." If only he would ask for the number! She had artlessly trapped Mlle. Helene into giving her

the scheme for numbers, in casual conversation that afternoon.

"And this?" the assistant demanded out of the thick silence.

"Handkerchief," prompted the whisper. "White with a green monogram." Adelaide loosened her hold on the table and things went easier after that. How long before the whisperer would denounce her? Her answers grew too glib and the crowd stirred. Then out of the smothering blankness about her the blow fell.

"Let her tell my name," a suspicious voice challenged from the rear. The whisperer was silent; Adelaide waited.

"Still," came the whisper at last, lower than ever. Out of sheer inspiration Adelaide spoke.

"The gentleman's name—one moment—concentrate on the name, please—there is a conflicting current of thought," Adelaide shuddered, and took the plunge. "Thompson—Thompson—one moment—Thompson!"

There was silence for a breath-taking moment. Then came the voice of applause shattered the hush. Adelaide had a confused impression, presently, of excited comment and conjecture as the audience rose to leave. After a long while the blindfold was removed; there were hasty introductions; boys from two psychology classes, which had attended the evening, showed up; and at last she was out in the starlit fragrance of evening, with the dark young man—whom she strongly suspected—miraculously beside her, and the subdued assistant lagging behind. Much assistance he was, Adelaide said to herself as she walked.

"But good heavens," he said—his voice was much more masterful now than he had been when he had said "good heavens," he said, when they were half-way to Adelaide's rooming house, "what if I hadn't known Helene? What if I hadn't seen you were blushing and helped you along? What if you hadn't guessed that idiot's name—Lord knows how!"

"Oh, well," said Adelaide confidently, "something would have turned up!" She leaned back happily; she had just noticed that the young man had brown eyes, and Adelaide adored brown eyes.

URSINUS DEBATORS LOSE

The affirmative Ursinus Debating team lost a close debate to Upsala, last Tuesday evening by 2 votes to 1. For Ursinus, Nelson Bortz '30, Walter Beltz '29, Philip Willauer '30 and Warren Francis '30 upheld the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved that the Jury System be abolished."

The points of issue were distinctly drawn. They were: First, the American Jury system has outlived its usefulness; Secondly, the System is inefficient and tends to increase crime and corruption; Thirdly, there is a far better system, namely, the Three Judge Plan.

Upsala countered with these contentions: First, the American Jury system is still necessary to protect us from political and vested interests; Secondly, the Jury system is inherently sound, and the evils can be removed; Thirdly, that the evils have been devised.

The judges of the debate were: Rev. Mr. Pegg, Mr. De Turk and Mr. Wucherer. Professor Veitch officiated as chairman of the debate. The Ursinus negative debating team visited Upsala at East Orange, the night previous and suffered defeat by the verdict of 2 to 1. The same question was debated.

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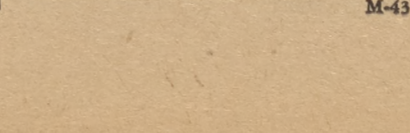
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