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QUICK COMMUNICATION

The American industrial system is built today on a foundation of quick communication. To keep up with modern business, people need the means for getting around quickly from place to place, also for delivering merchandise quickly. So they not merely have wonderful railroads, but they have supplied themselves with many millions of automobiles.

This communication is hampered in many localities by bad roads. In many districts the roads are still in intolerable condition, particularly during the winter and spring. To make business move promptly, large sums must be spent on the roads, and the people must raise the money through increased earnings that quick communication makes possible.

When a locality fails to provide good roads over which people and merchandise can be quickly transported, it falls behind the procession, and belongs to a previous age before motor transportation was devised.

THE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

The majority of the people never seem to think about the event for which holidays were created. On Washington's Birthday and the rest of them they go motoring, play baseball, see the movies, etc. So serious folks become alarmed, and wonder what the country is coming to.

This is nothing new. From time immemorial millions of people have celebrated Christmas by riot and revelry, without thought of the Savior for whom the day was set apart.

Perhaps these holidays have a deeper influence than we realize, here in Illinois and elsewhere. Even superficial folks have their ideals. The prompt response to the call of national duty in 1917, was perhaps due in part to the fact that the young people had been inspired by the memory of George Washington, as related to them each February 22. When the time of trial came, they said that Washington's country must be worthy of its founder.

FARM PROSPECTS IMPROVE

One of the best signs for continued prosperity in the year 1928 is the slow but steady improvement noted from the agricultural regions of the country. Reports gathered by the Department of Agriculture and by independent sources indicate that 1928 will be a better year, so far as farming is concerned, than was 1927.

According to the department, the agricultural credit situation in most parts of the country is better than it was a year ago. The credit supply in financial centers continues abundant and rates on loans have shown a continued decline. It is predicted that there will be a slightly larger supply of farm labor available this year than last, but there will be little change in wages and the price of farm machinery.

The purchasing power of the farmers is said to be much greater now than a year ago and this, it is predicted, will have a favorable effect on general business conditions. One middle western newspaper well sums up the situation as follows:

"It is estimated that crop farmers have an income from their 1927 harvests that is from 500 to 600 million dollars larger than the returns received from the 1926 crops."

THE HABIT OF WORK

It is very important that young people learn to work. The earlier they start the better. It should not be work that will injure their health or deprive them of their just share of the pleasures of youth, but it should be work, real work. As they get older work becomes a pleasure and will soon grow into a habit. A person who has acquired the habit of work will be saved from most of the troubles and the vexations of life. It is true that laziness is the root of all evil. Young people often wonder why old folks who have all they need for this life do not retire and take it easy. They do not understand that such people work for the pleasure of it, and that the material gain is of secondary importance to them.

North Shore News

Miss Elizabeth Pain of Tower road Winnetka was hostess at an unusually clever and interesting party last Sunday evening. It was carried out on the plan of a night club, with Spanish shawls and blending decorations lending additional atmosphere. In the dining room were small tables on which were lights, and between which the cigaret girl wended her way while the singing waiter and other entertainers gave their lively affairs of the season, it was a fitting climax to the many splendid ones given by members of this young set.

Miss Dorothy Foresman of Kenilworth was married Wednesday, Feb. 15, to Warren McCracken of Barrington and Chicago. The service which was witnessed by just the members of the families most interested, was read at four o'clock in the afternoon in the chapel of the Fourth Presbyterian church of Chicago, the Reverend Herbert Willett of the Kenilworth Union church, officiating. A small reception at the new apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kenyon (formerly Emily Foresman) twin sister of the bride) on Superior street, Chicago, was held immediately following the church service, and the honeymoon trip took the couple to the South Seas, Nassau, and the Bermuda Islands.

On their return in March, they will go immediately to their new home in Barrington, which is now almost completely furnished and ready for occupancy.

Frank Rohrig of 1069 Chatfield road, Hubbard Woods, was presented

with a huge birthday cake, large enough to hold the 93 candles to celebrate his 93rd birthday, which came last Monday. But, although Mr. Rohrig walks to the village each day and reads his Winnetka Talk every week without the aid of glasses, he is beginning to be sensitive about candles on his birthday cake and would have none of them. Mr. Rohrig came to Hubbard Woods twelve years ago from Chicago. On his birthday many Chicago friends, as well as those in the village, came in to wish him many happy returns of the day.

The marriage of Miss Rachel Alameda Foster to John Foster Manierre will be solemnized March 3, at 4:30 o'clock, in the Winnetka Congregational church, with the Rev. James Austin Richards reading the service. The bride's matron of honor will be Mrs. Francis P. Magoun, Jr., of Cambridge, Mass., who was formerly Margaret Boyden of Winnetka. Miss Katherine Manierre, Miss Helen Hough of New York City, Miss Susan Carey of Baltimore, and Mrs. Malcolm Schroyer are to be the bridesmaids.

Mr. Manierre's best man will be Dillon R. Brown.

The ceremony will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Foster, 596 Maple avenue, Winnetka. The bridegroom elect is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John F. Manierre of 1401 Dearborn parkway.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Lynch and Tommy, Jr., of Winnetka and Glencoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ilg of Winnetka, are expected home today from a month's trip to Florida.

They were at Dania Beach and Hollywood the greater part of the time.

Mrs. Harry Weese, Kenilworth avenue, entertained her bridge club at luncheon last Friday. The members of this club are Mrs. George Benson, Mrs. Gale Peterson, Mrs. Craig Ketcham, Mrs. Burt Crowe, Mrs. Craig Ketcham, Mrs. Clyde Ross, Mrs. John Rathbone, and Mrs. Weese. The next meeting will be on Feb. 17, at the home of Mrs. Knoop on Warwick road.

Mrs. Charles Aspenwall of 1195 Tower road, Winnetka, has had visiting her for the past three weeks her daughter and grand-daughter, Mrs. W. Z. Merriman and Elsa Merriman, of Reading, Penn. The guests leave next Tuesday for a trip to Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Unger of Chicago have announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen Mae, to Paul William Pretzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pretzel, 1035 Bluff road, Glencoe. Tuesday, May 29, has been chosen for the wedding day.

Miss Beatrice Ripley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ripley of Winnetka, led the junior prom at Vassar on Saturday night, with Winston Elting as her escort. Mr. Elting is the son of the Victor Eltings of Winnetka, and a student at Princeton. The Kohlsaat girls, Cynthia and... members of the prom... in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Artemus de Long Watson, Jr., of Winnetka, announce the birth of a daughter, Pamela Churchill, at the Evanston hospital on Feb. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Douglas Stuart of Lake Forest are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter at Alice Home hospital on Feb. 3. The baby is named Harriet McClure Stuart, after her mother.

FOUNDER OF ROUND LAKE DIES AT HOME

A. M. White, Prominent Resident of Avon Township, Taken by Death

Amarias M. White, founder of Round Lake, a resident of Avon township since his birth 78 years ago, died at his home last Thursday evening, 6:30 o'clock Thursday night after a long illness.

He was born on September 19, 1849, of pioneer parents in Avon township. As a young man he acquired ownership of the farm that was to be the location of his home for the rest of his life.

Early in life he conceived that the extension of a railroad through his property would enhance its value. When the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad extended its line west from Libertyville about 25 years ago, Mr. White not only gave the railroad company right of way through his property, but likewise gave them the land on which to erect the station which came to be known as Round Lake.

The town of Round Lake was built on his farm, developing through the years in the thriving village of today.

U. S. CONSUMES FOURTH OF ALL SUGAR, CLAIM

Though Has Only Fifteenth of Population of World; Tooth by Far Sweetest

Uncle Sam, with one-fifteenth of the world's population, consumes nearly one-fourth of all the sugar produced on the globe.

Latest statistics show the world's 1927 sugar production totalled approximately 52,339,000,000 pounds. Of this amount, 12,750,000,000 pounds, or 24 per cent, were consumed in the United States, totalling more than 109 pounds per person. Per capita consumption of pork during the same period was 84.8 pounds, milk 56 gallons, butter 17 pounds, eggs 16.6 dozen, bread 77 pounds, and dressed beef, mutton, veal and lamb 76.7 pounds, according to a survey made by Otto Y. Schnering, president of the Baby Ruth Candy Company.

"Sugar consumption in this country has increased 40 per cent since 1914," Mr. Schnering's survey points out. "America's great liking for candy has played an important part in the increased consumption. Six hundred twenty-five million pounds of sugar are used in the manufacture of one and three-quarter billion pounds of confectionery produced yearly to satisfy the American sweet tooth. More than 18,000,000 pounds of sugar were used last year in the Baby Ruth factories, the output of which was one billion candy bars. Per capita consumption of bar confections in America annually totals more than eight pounds.

"Fifty-eight per cent of this country's sugar supply comes from Cuba, 25 per cent from Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines, and the remaining 17 per cent is produced in the United States. Approximately 1,960,000,000 pounds of beet sugar and 157,000,000 pounds of cane product were produced in this country last year."



JUST PARAGRAPHS

The prospective publishers of Margot Asquith's first novel, "Octavia," proudly announce that fifty thousand dollars, and of course royalties, are being paid for English and American rights. It only makes us wonder why Margot has allowed herself to be so hard up all these years instead of doing this long ago.

WHAT A WOMAN

THE SEVEN STRINGS OF THE LYRE

By Elizabeth Schermerhorn Houghton Mifflin Co.

"What a woman," sighed Balzac when, in the wee small hours of the night he left George Sand sitting in short black coat, red trousers, gold slippers, meditatively puffing at her long pipe. "What a woman. Her male is hard to find. She is great, generous, chaste, manly qualities all these. But she hasn't a particle of coquetry." And again, thinking of her to himself, "Your idea of love is a sort of Heaven, full of noble sentiments and spiritual flowers and exalted morality, where two creatures united into one angel, can fly on pure wings of rapture and poetry."

This expresses a good deal of George Sand. Eccentric, erratic, sincere, idealistic, unsatisfied, she will remain for many years more as she has been in the past one of the really intriguing women of history.

Elizabeth Schermerhorn has contributed a very valuable and above all readable story of this interesting woman, one which gives a particularly personal view. The material has been taken from Mme. Sand's own writings, letters, novels, and prefaces. As she was one of the most frank and revealing of writers the material has been abundant, it has been the office of the biographer to take it out and place it on a vivid background.

THE SOIL AGAIN

"RED RUST"

By Cornelia James Cannon Little Brown & Co.

As the life of America becomes increasingly concentrated in cities we turn with an ever keener delight, it seems, to the discovery in fiction of the more simplified kinds of living. We have discovered in the last few years that we have in our country a "New Sweden" which yields as stirring accounts of the lives of its settlers as Norway and Sweden themselves. Rolvag's "Giants in the Earth" was compared, and rightly, to "Growth of the Soil." Now Cornelia James Cannon's novel "Red Rust" will bring forth something of the same comparisons.

These comparisons will be less just for, while "Red Rust" is a story of that pioneer country of northern Minnesota, it is dominated by that same overwhelmingly fatalistic feeling. The country and man's struggle with it form the background of the tragedy but the tragedy itself is made up of the human elements, elements which might have existed anywhere.

It is the story of Matts Swenson, a poet and a creator, whose creation is a new kind of wheat. Matts lives the life of the other farmers in his country but with a difference, the difference which is given to artists, to those whom the world calls queer.

He feels the beauty of life, the magic of being able to do something to make it finer, to put his imprint on the face of the world. His tragedy comes not from the failure to do this but from the old one of marrying one woman and falling in love with another.

Mrs. Cannon has told her story with a fitting simplicity, and an almost homely choice of words, yet guided by poetic feeling. The result is pleasant, restful in this age of virtuosity in literature.

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