

Do You Know Illinois?

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Q. What remark did Lieutenant Governor Pierre Menard make when putting the question to the Illinois Senate of memorializing the U. S. Treasurer to receive the bills of the Bank of Edwardsville in payment for lands?

A. "Gentlemen, if I mus', I mus'. You who are in favor of dis resolution, will say aye; but I bet you one tousand' dollar congre never make him land office money; you who are opposed, will say no.

Q. How did Menard act during a salt scarcity in Illinois?

A. He lined up those who came to buy from him in two groups, those who had money, and those who had not, and said: "You men who got de money can go to St. Louis for your salt. Dese poor men who got no money shall have my salt by gar."

Q. When did Pierre Menard retire from public life?

A. At the expiration of his term as Lieutenant Governor in 1822.

Q. When did Pierre Menard die?

A. June 13, 1844.

Q. What interesting papers were there in Pierre Menard's Estate records?

A. Many notes of his friends upon which his name appeared as endorser and which he had paid.

Q. Where is the most famous statue of Pierre Menard?

A. On the grounds at the east of the Capitol at Springfield. It was the gift of Charles Pierre Chouteau of St. Louis, whose father was Menard's partner in business.

Q. When did the first State General Assembly meet?

A. Oct. 5, 1818 at Kaskaskia.

Q. How many members of the Territorial legislature served in this first General Assembly?

A. Two. Willis Hargrave in the Senate, and Risdon Moore in the House.

Q. Who were the first elected officers of the House?

A. John Messenger, Speaker, and Thomas Reynolds, Clerk.

Q. Was Thomas Reynolds related to Governor John Reynolds?

A. He was his younger brother. He remained active in politics in Illinois until 1828 when he moved to Missouri where he was elected Governor in 1840.

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From the Children's Room

What is a fairy tale? It is a poetic rendering of a spiritual truth!

Most fairy tales are man's experiences in and with life in primitive times, when the word science was not created, and everything around him was endowed with a personal life. Sometimes they were beautiful fancies of night and day, of winter and summer, of rain and sunshine, attempts to explain what we now consider simple, natural scientific facts. Other tales have tried to explain human nature, wrong versus right, very strongly emphasizing the ultimate results—the punishment and the reward.

By and by these tales became changed by circumstances in the various countries, and as a result we have in the old fairy tales literary pictures of thoughts and feelings in the stern and wild North, or the more gentle life in the warm and sunny South.

Although these fairy tales were originally intended for adults, they have come to be the rightful property of the child, not only because its nature naturally craves fancy and imagination, but also because the best of these fairy tales bring him significant psychology and deep philosophy which may well serve as valuable lessons in the school of life.

Modern times have brought other tales, in which fancy and imagination excel, but always presented with an underlying moral or esthetic meaning.

Every child should of course be considered the individual he is, and his reading material accordingly selected. The child with the super-sensitive mind ought not in any way be given stories that will frighten or distract, and the child with too imaginative mind should be given material of a more realistic kind, in order to establish a natural and happy mental balance. There is, however, a wealth of material to choose from, and variety enough to include material for everybody.

- Fairy Tales—Andersen.
- Arabian Nights.
- Told Under the Green Umbrella—Ass. for childood educa.
- Jataka Tales—Babbitt.
- Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens—Barrie.
- Danish Fairy Tales—Bay.
- Nature Myths—Cooke.
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- Mother Goose Stories.
- East o' the Sun and West o' the Moon—Thorne-Thomsen.
- Tales of Laughter—Wiggin.

Ravinia Woman's Club Is Promised Fine Program Nov. 10

The Program committee of the Ravinia Women's club, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Maurice Pollak, offers an especially fine club program for the meeting occurring on Wednesday, November 10th. Miss Katharine B. Frost, only daughter of Prof. Edwin B. Frost, former astronomer of the Yerkes Observatory, will speak on "Patterns in Books," giving reviews of a number of the newer books.

Miss Frost lived abroad for a number of years prior to her graduation from the University of Chicago. More recently she has been in the book business because she so loves the handling of books. At present she is part owner of the Concord Book Shop in Chicago. During the past summer her book reviews offered to the summer colony at Lake Geneva met with huge success.

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10th District Opens Season with All Day Session November 10

The Tenth District will open their first meeting of the year, with an all day session, on Wednesday, November 10th, at the Woman's Club of Wilmette. The president, Mrs. Henry Rhode, of Lake Forest, will officiate throughout the day. Members as well as delegates from the sixty two clubs, with a membership of 8500, comprising the Tenth District, will benefit as well as be entertained by attending this meeting.

After greetings by Mrs. Frank R. Adams, president of the Woman's Club of Wilmette, and Mrs. Rhode's response, the remainder of the first period will be devoted to reports from district department chairmen.

Mrs. Barton H. Sackett, of Highland Park, district motion picture chairman, will have charge of the program, and has planned a very interesting day.

Miss Margarite Weaver, in charge of the Thorne room at the Chicago Historical society, will bring information alluring to all.

At 11 o'clock Miss Grace Miller, interior decorator and advisor in home lighting, will show by means of color slides and films, how to conserve the eyesight by the use of proper artificial illumination.

At 2 o'clock Miss Clara Maas, 2041 Thornwood Ave., Wilmette, a member of the Junior Auxiliary, of the Woman's Club of Wilmette, will give several piano selections.

At 2:30 o'clock we will leave with Mr. Guy A. Bingham, nationally known travel photographer, from New York by way of Havana, through the Panama Canal, down the west coast of South America and back up the east coast, stopping at all points of interest along the way, and making many inland excursions to historical and romantic points, including the ancient city of Bahia. Mr. Bingham will use the color motion pictures he took last winter, while "Circumnavigating South America."

Mrs. Edward L. Lange, 343 Wash-

ington Ave., Wilmette, is in charge of luncheon reservations.

All the district chairmen have contacted their club chairmen, and the year's work is well underway.

Mrs. M. E. Guerout, 399 Fullerton Parkway, district literature chairman, is bringing a new idea into her department. She is planning an exchange of book reviewers among the clubs of the Tenth District. There are many outstanding women who review books in their own clubs, and this exchange will be interesting as well as opportune.

Green Bay P.T.A. Annual Benefit Card Party Nov. 10

All parents and friends are cordially invited to the annual benefit card and bunco party at Green Bay Road school next Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. Door prizes will be given away during the evening.

Arrangements for the P.T.A. activities for the entire year have been completed. The general topic for study throughout the 1937-38 season is "Development of Child Character and Personality." Following this general theme, Miss Evelyn Sholund of the Spalding School for Crippled Children will speak in January, Miss Wanda Greinisen of the Farm School in February, Miss Marion Brubaker of the National College of Education in April, and at the final meeting of the year in May, Mr. Louis Critten will talk on the "Relation of Music to Development of Child Personality."

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Bannockburn Club Has Successful Affair

The Bannockburn Garden club held its November meeting on Monday at the home of Mrs. Marshall Doty. Mrs. Friedel Fuller was the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Towler.

The success of the Bannockburn Country Fair, which was held on October 27 in the Bannockburn school house has been a source of great satisfaction. The members of the Bannockburn Garden club express their sincere appreciation to all who favored by their attendance in making the meeting such a pleasurable occasion. An excellent orchestra provided the music for dancing.

There were many exhibits of aprons, potted plants, and a vegetable mart to add to the interest of the fair.

What your tonsils are for! A distinguished English physician explains the reason for these troublesome glands in an illustrated feature of the AMERICAN WEEKLY, the magazine distributed with NEXT SUNDAY'S CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER.

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