

A DOG'S LIFE

By Dr. Jim Butterworth

Briar Martineau came to me the other day in a very much bungled up condition — in fact he was so bungled up that he was unconscious and had scrapes and bruises and burns and cuts all over him. and on top of that he had one broken leg, two cracked legs, a fractured skull, and a stomach ache. Well, Briar didn't know that he had come to me until two days afterwards, because he didn't come out from under that length of time had passed, but when he did finally wake up from his prolonged sleep he couldn't figure out what on earth had happened to him, for the last time he remembered anything was when the big truck was just about on top of him looking very much like a mountain, only bigger. Briar is a little Dandy Didmont—all pepper colored, or mouse colored, or mustard colored, or somewhere in-between. I might add that when I say Dandy Didmont I'm not joking because that is the right name—and Briar would feel even more terrible if he thought anyone was joking about his ancestry.

Anyway, Briar's mother was brought up about the accident, and so was I for a long while, because Briar certainly didn't look as if he was any particular thing when he first came in—all twisted up and scarcely breathing and broken and everything, but pretty soon we had

him under a big, shiny X-ray machine and were taking pictures at an awful rate, and finally ventured to say that Briar might pull through, with an outside chance. That made Briar's mother feel a little better, though not much, I'll confess, so we went to work with sterilizers and instruments and bandages and splints and all kinds of things until everyone thought that he was wrapped up even more than Cora Shea was, of whom you have heard before.

All of this happened about five days ago, and now Briar can sit up and hobble around and even wag his tail a bit and bark if he gets too hungry. Everyone thinks its quite miraculous, even Charlie, who has seen a lot of those things, and especially Briar's mother, who was worried sick for a long while. But then, it's pretty hard to get a Dandy Didmont down, particularly Dandy Didmonts like Briar, and that all goes to show you that while there's life there's hope and stuff like that. In any case I'm going to take a picture of Briar walking on his crutch pretty soon, and I may have to give him a set of false teeth—I almost forgot to mention that most of his big teeth in front were lost in the excitement of the accident—but am having some trouble in deciding whether to use gold or silver for new ones.

Youth Employment in Illinois 1938 Program Increases

Youth employment in Illinois was thrown into high gear this week in the 1938 program of the National Youth Administration with new assignments of young men and girls to part-time project work, according to a report issued today by William J. Campbell, state NYA director.

The report showed that more than 8,900 Illinois youths were employed on NYA projects this week, an increase of approximately 100 over the previous week.

Further increases may be looked for within the next month, according to Director Campbell. He explained that an additional 500 jobs recently were made available when unexpended balances of previous allocated funds for Illinois had been released. These new jobs will be provided without increasing the state's quota, he said.

Director Campbell announced at the same time that employment of young men and girls would be given foremost consideration in the 1938 NYA program of activities to assist youths in finding steady work in private industry and to equip them through vocational guidance to find the proper job in keeping with their abilities and aptitudes.

"We are confident of passing our 1937 employment mark," said Mr. Campbell. "In addition to giving some 20,000 young men and girls part-time employment last year, 66,368 youths attended Job-Information classes, Junior Counseling on private employment was provided for 63,827 and out of this number 31,826 were placed at steady employment in private industry."

Origin of Place Names in Illinois Have Been Recorded

Origins of numerous place names in Illinois have been recorded by workers on the Federal Writers' Project, W.P.A. Blooming Grove in Hancock county was named, not from a grove from a profusion of blooms, but from a minister, a church, and an unknown quantity of nails. When in the early days of the community a few settlers decided to build a house of worship, the Rev. John Bailey offered to provide the nails required for the structure and asked only that he might name the place. His offer was accepted, and he named the settlement Blooming Grove in honor of his old home in Kentucky.

Chile in Hancock county got its name, not from any desire to do honor to the republic of Chile, but from the unrealized ambition of Stephen Owen, Sr., and his six sons to settle in South America. The Owen family got no further than this part of the state, where they settled in 1831, and the village that grew up there, as well as the township of which it is part, came to be known as Chile.

Pigeon Grove is the name of a township on Pigeon creek in Iroquois county. At one time, it was merely a grazing district with a grove of shade trees, the refuge and roosting place for flocks of wild pigeons. Sight-seers came from

miles around to watch the birds, which settled upon the trees in such incredible numbers that branches broke under the weight. All this was previous to 1865, when a pioneer purchased 1200 acres, laid out a farm, and erected buildings there. Stories are still told of the lack of sportsmanship on the part of hunters who made a practice of coming to the grove after nightfall, clubbing the helpless birds from their roosts, and driving away with wagonloads of killed and crippled pigeons.

Unusual Occasions Observed in State

An annual "Mule Day" is one of the many interesting special celebrations held in various regions of Illinois. Especially fine mules are raised in White and Hamilton counties, and "Mule Day" is observed the first Saturday in October at Enfield. This is one of the facts not commonly known about the state that have been gathered by research workers of the Federal Writers' Project, Illinois, W.P.A.

A folk festival, as well as a corn show, at Halloween time is the big event of each year at Mount Carmel, Wabash county. Several blocks of Market street are roped off for a week. A pet parade and masked costume contest are featured. Some of the exhibits of garden and farm products, needle work, canned goods and bake goods are shown in store windows and on counters, for the business men of the town are the promoters of the show.

Reminiscent of merry old England is the Fox Chasers' Reunion held in Bell's Woods, each of Keensburg, Wabash county, for three days each October. Foxes are still numerous in Wabash county, and fox chasers from far and near come with their dogs. Some of them camp on the ground, and others find accommodations in Keensburg and Mount Carmel. Only fox hounds and tree dogs are allowed to compete in the fox hunting events, but there are other opportunities for competition and entertainment, such as a daylight race and a night race for pups, a day and a night race for all dogs, a bench show for all classes, free shows, band and vocal music, and public speaking. Last year there were several hundred entries.

Modern Definition of Commercial Terms

Bankrupt—A man who gives everything to a lawyer so that his creditors will not get it.

Assignee is the chap who has the deal and gives himself four aces.

A bank is a place where people put their money so it will be handy when other folks want it.

A depositor is a man who doesn't know how to spend his money, and gets the cashier to show him.

President is the big fat man who promises to boss the job and afterwards sub-lets it.

Collaterals are certain pieces of paper as good as gold due and payable on the first day of April.

A Note—A promise to do an impossible thing at an impossible time.

Dr. Frederick Stock Chosen as Festival Musical Director

Dr. Frederick Stock, veteran and beloved leader of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, has again been chosen as musical director of the revived Evanston Music Festival staged by the Northwestern University Festival Association. Hans Lange, who conducted the concerts last May, will be associate director, and John W. Beattie of the University School of Music, will be associate conductor.



Four concerts will be given this year—three evening programs to be played on May 17, 19 and 21 and a Young People's matinee to be given Saturday, May 21. The famed Chicago Symphony orchestra will play at all of the four programs.

The May festivals, long a tradition of the North Shore, were revived last year by Edwin S. Mills and his associates, after a lapse of four years. The first festivals were organized by the late Peter C. Lutkin in 1907 and continued until one year after his death, Dec. 27, 1931. The last festival was held in May 1932.

For twenty-four years the May Festival in Evanston was a north shore institution which yearly brought fame to this section. Famed artists were brought here and the excellence of the programs brought such renown that the festival achieved a world wide reputation ranking with other great spring festivals held in music centers.

Last spring, Edwin S. Mills and a small group of Northwestern Alumni decided to revive the festivals as a cultural contribution of the University's School of Music to Chicago and suburban communities. The plan was successful and last May the first of the new series of annual festivals added lustre to Evanston's reputation and proved to be one of the outstanding musical events of the season.

This year, under the direction of Frederick Stock, plans are being made for even a greater festival. At the moment the list of celebrated artists who will be heard is not ready for publication. However, the famed Festival Chorus will take part and has been rehearsing since Jan. 5 on two of the great choral works to be done—Brahms' Requiem and Honegger's "King David." Dr. Stock extends an invitation

to all residents of the north shore who wish to sing in the chorus to present themselves for try-out at the general rehearsals held every Wednesday evening in the Great hall at First M. E. church, Evanston. Sectional rehearsals are held there on Monday evenings. Basses, tenors and light sopranos are particularly invited to take part in this north shore event.

Ann Birk Kuper Reading Postponed; Will Appear Feb. 14

Due to unavoidable circumstances, it was necessary to postpone the regular reading of Ann Birk Kuper at the Temple scheduled for last Monday to next Monday, February 14, at 2:15 o'clock. At that time she will read the clever satire now playing so successfully on Broadway, "I'd Rather Be Right!"

George M. Cohan, playing the role of the President, has contributed this highly entertaining vehicle of satire on the Roosevelt administration. Mrs. Kuper's deft treatment of these very clever lines should make for an exceptionally well spent afternoon. Guests are cordially invited.

An advance announcement of the next regular Sisterhood meeting, Monday, February 21, at 2 o'clock, should be of interest to all members and friends. At that time, Sterling North will be the speaker. His subject: "The More I See of Authors." Mr. North, literary critic of the Daily News, is an excellent speaker, and his information along the lines of the subject he has chosen will, of course, be limitless. Your favorite authors will probably be on his list of "Folks I've Met." Check the date on your calendar, (Monday, February 21), and remember, your friends are warmly welcome at this interesting meeting.

Tells of Needs of Polish People in Chicago District

Miss Harriet Vitum of Northwestern University Settlement held the Highland Park group of her workers spellbound last Wednesday at their February meeting at Mrs. Howard Detmer's home. Her description of enlarged needs among the Polish people in the great district which the settlement serves, heightened interest in aiding the needy there, especially now that federal relief is being reduced and many more demands are made upon the Settlement for emergency cases.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many relatives and friends for the kindness and sympathy extended us during our recent bereavement. We also wish to thank the Royal Neighbors, Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, Woman's Relief corps, Daughters of the G. A. R. for their kindness, and for the many floral offerings sent.

Mr. Ray Crandall
Mrs. Mary Bess
and family.

Anticipate More Reduction in State Motor Vehicle Fee

Intention of recommending further and more substantial reductions of motor vehicle fees to the next regular session of the legislature and to the Governor was announced today by Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes when he released the figures of total collections in the 102 counties for 1937.

Increases which totalled \$1,975,519 over the 1936 fees for the State show in the figures. The fees for the State were \$20,861,020 with Cook county alone paying \$9,745,116 or \$155,116 in excess of the amount necessary for the payment of both principal and interest on the 60 million and 100 million dollar Highway bond issues.

The retirement of these highway bonds is the original purpose of the act relating to the disposition of registration fees and this in addition to the fact that fees increase each year in totality reveals the feasibility of further reducing the fees without throwing the finances of the State out of balance.

The nine counties which with Cook show the big ten in collections are: Madison \$399,208, Peoria \$389,208, Kane which rose from \$387,754 to \$428,088, Winnebago, up from \$371,

725 to \$410,392, Lake showing an increase from \$361,049 to \$398,605, Madison with a rise from \$351,669 to \$388,250, Sangamon up from \$308,244 to \$340,307, Will county with an increase from \$290,141 to \$320,321, and DuPage, \$287,250 to \$317,130. Increases in amount of revenues collected since the reduction in license fees 1935 have been steady and there is every indication that they will continue to rise, as a result another reduction is in the opinion of Secretary Hughes not only reasonable but just to the motorists of Illinois.

Danny, along with many other little lads, started out to school for the first time, and, like other little boys' fathers, Danny's father asked him how he liked his teacher.

"All right," was the reply. "Is your teacher smart?" teasingly persisted the questioner.

"Well, she knows more than I do," admitted Danny.

Diner: I can't eat this soup.
Waiter: Sorry, sir, I'll call the manager.
Diner: Mr. Manager, I can't eat this soup.
Manager: I'll call the chef.
Diner: Mr. Chef, I can't eat this soup.

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