

Personality Preview

UNUSUAL STORIES
By ANNA TAMARRI
about USUAL PEOPLE

A tip top scientist is Dr. C. W. Balke of 40 Deere Park drive, Highland Park. He is a former college "prof," now metallurgist at Fansteel corporation in North Chicago.

Dr. Balke, who was recognized by the Franklin Metallurgical Institute in 1938, developed the present method of making tantalum which has made the Fansteel plant the only one in the world making that metal. His commercial process of making tantalum, once made in pieces no larger than a silver dollar at the Seaman-Halsky plant in Berlin, drew the entire volume of German buying, up until the World war.

Purified from the ore, tantalum is pressed into bars under pressure of 1,000 tons and heated with electricity in a vacuum. The melting point of tantalum is more than 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit, as it is one of the rare metals which cannot be worked with heat because no crucible has been found to withstand enough heat to melt the metals.

The general use of tantalum commercially is in making battery chargers, the most popular the Balke charger made by Fansteel. It is now used instead of gold and platinum for spinners in making

rayon and for chemical equipment because the metal does not corrode in acid.

Discoverer of new methods of dehydrating, amalgamating, welding and processing, Dr. Balke is also credited with methods for the manufacture of columbium as well as tantalum. Recently, with the collaboration of Dr. Balke and Frederick L. Hunter Jr., Roy A. Haskell received a patent on a hard alloy composition involving ten new ideas.

Born in Auburn, Ohio, Dr. Balke received his A. B. degree from Oberlin college, his doctor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. After one year as acting professor of physics and chemistry at Kenyon college, he returned to his alma mater as chemistry instructor. Following a summer at the University of Pennsylvania in the same capacity, he became associate in chemistry at the University of Illinois and advanced to be assistant professor of inorganic chemistry and professor in 1916. He has held the position of chemical director at Fansteel's which he has held since.

Dr. Balke holds membership in the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi, Phi Eta, and Phi Lambda.

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Fundamental Books for Children
The last years have brought a steady increase in the production of children's books. They are fine books, these new books, with attractive physical make-up, excellent, often distinguished illustrations and competent writing. However, in this deluge of new material we are sometimes sorely tempted to forget the books of yesterday. There are books and thoughts which have proved their lasting values for years, from one generation to another. They are books that have brought inspiration and delight to vast audiences of boys and girls and adults; books that have been read and reread with new things to discover and fresh spiritual values to absorb every time.

Some books that have passed the test of time:

- "Fables"—Aesop.
- "Little Men"—Alcott.
- "Little Women"—Alcott.
- "Fairy Tales"—Andersen.
- "Arabian Nights."
- "East o' the Sun and West o' the Moon"—Asbjornsen.
- "Peter Pan"—Barrie.
- "Joan of Arc"—Boutet de Mouvcl.
- "Jane Eyre"—Bronte.
- "The Pied Piper of Hamelin"—Browning.
- "Pilgrim's Progress"—Bunyan.
- "Alice in Wonderland"—Carroll.
- "Don Quixote"—Cervantes.
- "Tom Sawyer"—Clemens.
- "The Last of the Mohicans"—Cooper.
- "The Little Lame Prince"—Craik.
- "Adventures of Robinson Crusoe"—Defoe.
- "The Nurnberg Stove"—De la Rame.
- "Hans Brinker"—Dodge.
- "David Copperfield"—Dickens.
- "The Three Musketeers"—Dumas.
- "Wind in the Willows"—Gra-hame.
- "Fairy Tales"—Grimm.
- "Tanglewood Tales and the Wonderbook"—Hawthorne.
- "Odyssey"—Homer.
- "Rip van Winkle"—Irving.
- "Captains Courageous"—Kipling.
- "The Jungle Book"—Kipling.
- "Wonderful Adventures of Nils"—Lagerlof.

- "Tales from Shakespeare"—Lamb
- "Hiawatha"—Longfellow.
- "Pinocchio"—Lorenzini.
- "The Blue Bird"—Maeterlinck.
- "Boys' King Arthur"—Mallory.
- "Moby Dick"—Melville.
- "Merry Adventures of Robin Hood"—Pyle.
- "Ivanhoe"—Scott.
- "Heidi"—Spyri.
- "A Child's Garden of Verses"—Stevenson.
- "Treasure Island"—Stevenson.
- "Gulliver's Travels"—Swift.
- "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"—Verne.
- "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm"—Wiggin.
- "Swiss Family Robinson"—Wyss.

Boy Scouts

Notes of Troop and Camp

Seven teams from the North Shore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, will represent the council in the sectional meet in First Aid at Evanston as a result of a council meet held in Lake Bluff Saturday, March 9 when 10 other teams were eliminated. This event is a yearly contest in which 89 councils from the four surrounding states participate to determine the outstanding First Aid teams in the various troops in these states.

The local council contest held last Saturday showed that the brand of First Aid in this area has greatly improved and that these Scouts are able to take their place with any teams in the country. Although only seven qualified the other 10 were very close to gaining an "A" rating and some missed by only a few points.

Teams gaining an "A" rating represented troops from four of the districts in this council. They were: Troop 2 of Wilmette; Troop 16 (two patrols) of Winnetka; Troop 324 of Highland Park; Troop 37 of Highwood. These teams will represent the council in the sectional meet immediately following Easter at Evanston and will compete against teams from Evanston, Park Ridge and Oak Park councils.

The judges for the contest included registered Red Cross First Aid men from Lake Forest, Libertyville, Highland Park, Highwood, Lake Bluff, and Waukegan. They were under the direction of Paul Muzik of Highwood who acted as head judge.

Teams gaining a "B" rating were Troop 18 of Winnetka; Troop 46 (two patrols) of Lake Forest; Troop 111 of Waukegan. "C" ratings were earned by Troop 19 of Winnetka; Troop 324 of Highland Park; Troop 42 of Lake Bluff; and Troop 101 of Waukegan. Two teams were awarded a certificate for a "D" rating and were Troop 1 and 2 of Wilmett.

Following are the teams who were entered in this event together with the name of their scoutmaster. Some of the troops entered two teams in the contest representing two patrols. Here are the names of the scouts who participated:

- A**—Kennedy, R. Steitz, R. Brooks, W. Steitz, C. Morrison of Troop 2, Scoutmaster H. K. Sweeney; Dave Walworth, Jack Sweeney, Sheldon Vanderhoff, Lewis Fravis, Jim Walworth of Troop 4, Scoutmaster Bruce Kenyon; W. Hickman, C. Schenzer, R. Travis, Tom Kolbly, Charles Haley of Troop 16, Scoutmaster Frank Soloman; Ralph Krueger, Frank Soloman, Kirke Becker of Troop 324, Scoutmaster Robert S. Burrows;
- B**—Dan Pettes, Charles Swartz, Frank Smith, N. J. Cook Austin of Troop 16, Scoutmaster Bill Mann; Don Burnham, Will Hamilton, Albert Buckmaster of Troop 324, Scoutmaster Baker M. Hamilton; Jim Muzik, Evan Diver, Alex Mainbeck, William Hamilton, Frank Mordini of Troop 37, Scoutmaster Phil Busher;
- C**—Alan Felsberg, Don Maguire, Marc Anderson, Mike Lorenzberg of Troop 19, Scoutmaster William Kurts; Paul Goldner, Wesley Cain, Andy Martenson, Nick Doran, Jim Smith of Troop 46, Scoutmaster Robert Lundeen; Bill Wood, Gordon Lackie, Bill Robertson, Benny Young, Scott Miller

of Troop 46; Buddy Groat, Albert Danjen-ath, Harold Bonolian, Arvo Hokins, Charles Kasarian of Troop 111—Scoutmaster Axel Emmertson.

Troop 33 Has Active Week
Every member of Troop 33, Highland Park, attended the Golden Glove bouts held Tuesday, February 27 at the Chicago Stadium. At the Wednesday meeting following several new Tenderfeet passed the Board of Review thus increasing the membership of this rapidly expanding organization.

About 20 of the fellows went on the over-night hike to the Scout Cabins over the week-end of March 2 and 3. In spite of the bad weather they accomplished a great deal and had a swell time.

Instead of the usual meeting the following Wednesday Scoutmaster Stephen D. Chase arranged for the fellows to attend the annual Water Carnival held at the Independence Park Natatorium, 3945 North Springfield avenue, Chicago. The program was quite entertaining and the fellows got a lot out of it.

Troop 33 is really going to town and there will be more news later.

"The Angel" Coming To Lake County In Bout, Friday

M. Maurice Tillet, fantastic 278-pound French wrestling freak and internationally famous in the capitol of the world as "The Angel" is coming to Lake county.

The amazing Frenchman, who has been causing such a furor of excitement among anthropologists since coming to this country seven weeks ago, has been signed to wrestle in the main event and an all-star professional card to be presented by

the Waukegan Moose lodge in the Waukegan high school gymnasium on Friday night, March 22. He will battle Hans Schnable, 238-pound German strong-man and most prominent of the five Schnable brother wrestlers.

"The Angel" is the most talked of athlete in the world of sport today. He crashed the headlines of everything from newspapers and national picture magazines to highly technical scientific journals when anthropologists at Harvard university, Professors Ernest Hooten and Carl Coon, proclaimed him the nearest thing to the missing link between the pre-historic cave-man and his monkey cousins that science has yet discovered.

The squat gorilla-like Tillet carries a head almost twice the size of a normal man on his 5 foot 8 inch solid muscle frame. Enthusiastic eastern sports writers, long ago caloused to the usual wrestling freaks, can't get over "The Angel." Says Cy Kritzer writing in the Buffalo Evening News... "Boris Karloff, Charles Laughton, and the late Lon Chaney had to spend 24 hours a day on makeup to look terrifying, but 'The Angel' is a man who beats them all by looking natural..."

Henry Wallenwein, chairman of the Moose program, announces popular prices will prevail for the bouts and three other all-star bouts will complete the card.

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Gordon Dunthorne To Talk on Flower And Garden Points

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Mr. Dunthorne is English, a grad-

uate of Oxford and has had a print shop in Washington, D.C., in recent years where he shows a most comprehensive collection of old flower and fruit prints. He is also author of the very notable book "Flower and Fruit Prints of the 18th and Early 19th Centuries," the first work of reference on this subject. His appearance before the Collector's Study group will be one of the outstanding events of their remarkable year, and any who are interested in this field of collecting are welcome to attend this meeting for a small fee. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

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