

OH POOH!

A Story for Grown-Up Children

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This is the continuation of a story regarding a fabulous visit to Highland Park of Mr. Milne's Pooch due to the hat box he was travelling in being exchanged by the porter for an identical box carrying a new beaver hat belonging to a mythical Highland gentleman named Heath. Since Mrs. Rodgers, who is carrying on in the footsteps of her well-known writer son, Curtis Rodgers, while he is ambulance driving in Africa, by writing her first story for the North Shore Creative Writers, bases her plot on a Press typographical error which appeared in the Oct. 15 issue. It seems appropriate that we should have the exclusive right of re-printing this excerpt.

It read, "Rowena Bennett, author . . . is also a former editor of 'Jack & Jill' juvenile magazine, and now devotes her time to being workshop leader of the Animal Writers' conference . . ."

Pooch and Mr. Heath's dog, Mackie, are going sight seeing and are on Laurel avenue when the story continues:

Just then a paper fluttered in the shrubbery and Mackie asked Pooch if he cared to stop and read it. Pooch was tired and he hadn't seen a paper since he left New York, so they sat down under a tree. It was the Highland Park Press—the front page—as Pooch ran his eye down the columns he discovered this:

Rowena Bennett Reads Poem To Ravinia Club

Rowena Bennett, author and former editor, read selections from her poems at the first program of the year of the Ravinia Garden club, which met Oct. 9 at the home of Mrs. C. Ray Phillips, 2501 N. Deere Park drive.

"Rowena Bennett" read Pooch, and went on aloud" is author of "Around a Toadstool Table" also a former editor of "Jack and Jill" a juvenile magazine, who now devotes her time to being workshop leader of the Animal Writers' Conference, etc., etc."

"Why she is doing the same sort of work as Mr. Milne," he said. "I'd like to meet some of her book characters, and 'Animal Writers' Conference' sounds as if you had pretty clever animals in Highland Park—ever been to one of these meetings, Mackie?"

"Only as far as the door" said Mackie but I know Mrs. Bennett by sight—you should see her new wee bairn, so bonnie she warms the cockles of your heart."

Cautiously Pooch broke in "that word couldn't be 'bearings,' could it? You said she was a wee bearn—wouldn't she be more apt under those circumstances, to warm the bearings of your heart? I'm sure I've heard the expression some place."

"Possibly you have," Mackie answered, without smiling, "but in this case the word is 'cockles' I have it on the authority of my cousin the spaniel, whose master is a veterinarian."

That long word overawed Pooch, as Mackie had intended it should, but in a minute he burst out enthusiastically, "I wonder if Mrs. Bennett would let me visit at one of her conferences?"

"Oh, I'm sure she would, and the Writers meet just a short way from here, down one more block at the Y. W. C. A. They get together on Thursdays and, by gracious, today is the day!"

Pooch was now ecstatic. "O dear I'd love to recite to her some of my poetry. Mr. Milne doesn't take the least interest in it any more—calls it Victorian. I've finished the group of poems on the days beginning 'On Monday when the sun is hot' ending in the book 'On Thursday when it starts to freeze.' I did the Friday one, which

he never let me finish—all by myself! I'd like to get a criticism from her."

"She'll criticize it for you, I am sure, but be ready to 'take it' for I hear she has no use for foolishness. She takes her Art seriously."

"O, dear I'm scared, but still I'm eager" said poor Pooch. I wonder if you would listen to it and tell me what you think of it first?"

"Go ahead man, I can listen."

Pooch carried it all in his head and he started right off:

"On Friday when it cares to rain I often ask myself again Why bears of very little brain Unknownimuss anon remain."

"It sounds fine but makes no sense," said Mackie frankly.

"I think it must be modern verse then, and how I've strived for that. Out of Victorian into the Modern at last!" Saying which, he flushed a deep russet.

Abruptly, Mackie brought him down to earth by

"The Highland Park bank clock is five to ten—the class begins at ten—if we hurry we can just make it."

When they reached the Y steps Mackie remained outside. He told Pooch he would be waiting to take him back to his Dobbs hat box, so to have a good time and not worry. The door was open and Mackie sat down on the porch to see if everything was going to work out all right. He heard Miss Ames ask Pooch for his ticket and his reply that he had hoped to go in as a guest for there wasn't any money in his combination suit. Miss Ames laughed and said all right—the writers usually forgot their tickets anyway. Suddenly recognizing him she added,

"I'll give you a complimentary ticket, for considering who you are it will be an honor to have you with us." So hilariously set up by this that he could hardly stand it, Pooch composed a poem there and then which he sang as he passed Miss Wood and Mrs. Pierce, but they exchanged sniffling glances. Here is the poem:

"I went to the Animal Class On a beautiful bright blue pass Mrs. Bennett gave talks Using blackboard and chalks A briefcase of notes and a glass." Of course Miss Wood and Mrs.

"Write Him Today"



Facial expression of Corp. Fred Lietz of Forest Park, now at Fort Sill, Okla., as he reads letter from home is added proof that mail from home is the No. 1 morale builder for the men in service.

More letters from friends and relatives to the men in service is the goal of "Write Him Today" campaign being launched among advertisers, factories and offices in Illinois by the Soldiers and Sailors Service Council, organization of business and civic leaders headed by Britton I. Budd, which gives free assistance to citizens of the state in the armed forces in the adjustment of personal problems.

What Is Income Tax?

The federal income tax is, as the name implies a tax levied upon incomes, and it is payable in relation to the amount of income. Income, for Federal income tax purposes, means in general any compensation for one's services, whether the compensation be in money or in goods or other services; it includes also the net value received for the product of one's labor, as farm produce in the case of a farmer; income from investments; profit from business operations; and other gains from sales and exchanges of goods and property. Certain limited categories of income are, however, tax exempt, and to the extent of such exemption are excluded in computing the tax.

Because of exemptions from the tax given to persons having less than certain stated amounts of income, as well as because of various deductions and credits allowable, only a small proportion of the number of persons receiving income have until recently been subject to the tax. Thus, of the estimated 55 million persons in this country who received income in one form or another during the calendar year 1941, only some 26 million persons were required to file Federal income tax returns for that year, while of these same 26 million, more than 9 million were not taxable due to credits and deductions allowable.

As a result of the lowering of exemptions, many more persons are now subject to the Federal income tax than before, and for the calendar year 1942 it is estimated that more than 35 million persons will file Federal income tax returns. To the large number of persons now subject to the Federal income tax, who have never reported income before for Federal tax purposes, an understanding of the law and applicable regulations is of prime importance.

An income tax return is a declaration on the part of the taxpayer of his total taxable income for the year, together with the various deductions, exemptions, and credits to which he is entitled. It is in reliance upon voluntary disclosures, and the integrity of taxpayers generally, that the cost of administration of the income tax can be kept at a minimum. Though the return is a voluntary statement, any person who willfully makes a return which he does not believe to be true and correct in every material matter is subject to the penalties provided by law.

The first requirement of the law is the filing of an appropriate return. For individuals generally, this must be done by March 15 following the end of the calendar year. The return must be filed with the appropriate Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which is located the legal residence or principal place of business of the person making the return.

Under the present law every single person, and every married person not living with husband or wife, having a total income (earnings, together with other income) of \$500 or more, and married persons living with husband or wife throughout the taxable year, who have an aggregate income (total earnings of both husband and wife, together with other income) of \$1,200 or more, regardless of the net income, must file a return.

Earle V. Johnson, vice-president of the Republic Realty Mortgage Corporation, will speak on "Real Estate Observation" at the meeting of the Evanston-North Shore Real Estate Board Monday evening, February 1. It will be a dinner meeting at the North Shore Hotel in Evanston. George S. Dalgety, president, will preside. Mr. Johnson has been active in the affairs of the Mortgage Bankers Association and is a member of the United States Treasury Department Speakers Bureau for the sale of war bonds. He is a graduate of Brown University and lives in Park Ridge.

Christ Jesus realized so thoroughly that he lived in the eternal now that he was enabled utterly to dispel all mental suggestions which attempted to argue contrary to this fact. When Jesus was informed that his friend Lazarus was seriously ill, it is related that "he abode two days still in the same place where he was" (John 11:6). Disregarding the false sense of time, he demonstrated his God-given authority over the physical senses, and overcame all forms of limitation and restriction. He has left his example to us, and it is our privilege to follow him in emulating his healing works. . . .

It is the custom of many to enter lightly into the making of New Year's resolutions, which are easily and quickly broken because of the lack of spiritual conviction that good can be demonstrated only through prayerful, consecrated thought and effort. Let us be consistent and consecrated in our efforts to rise above all worldliness! Let us trust God implicitly and acknowledge no power, Life, substance, intelligence, or law apart from Him; let us admit into our consciousness only those thoughts which will comfort, bless, purify, and heal, and refuse admittance to "any thing that defileth, . . . or maketh a lie" (Revelation 21:27).

In the Glossary in the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 598), Mary Baker Eddy defines "year," in part, as "space for repentance." To repent means to change one's thinking. It is possible, here and now, to change our thinking from a material to a spiritual basis. Each day, each hour, we can dispel from our consciousness some false beliefs of mortal mind, such as fear, doubt, anxiety, distrust, dishonesty, apathy, greed, selfishness, and impurity. As we do this, we shall witness the glorious fruits of righteousness expressed in courage, confidence, activity, honesty, selflessness, and purity. And when this transformation of thought takes place, success and harmony will be evidenced in the home, in business pursuits, and in whatever industry we may engage. Spiritual thinking purifies, blesses, and heals wherever it is permitted to enter, making earth a fairer, holier place in which to live.

Each year should bring happiness and harmony in proportion as evil beliefs are overcome. In the realm of divine Love, there is no element of time, with its accompanying limitations and restrictions. It is not in God's plan that we should be in bondage to these false claims, for freedom is our heaven-bestowed heritage. Let us, therefore, exercise our God-given privilege to prove that our progress from sense to Soul is unbounded and unfettered by the physical senses.

As the human thought becomes spiritualized, we are enabled to behold the New Year in all its glory, majesty, and sublimity. . . . —The Christian Science Monitor.

Miss Harriett Mason, Former Interior Decorator, Dies

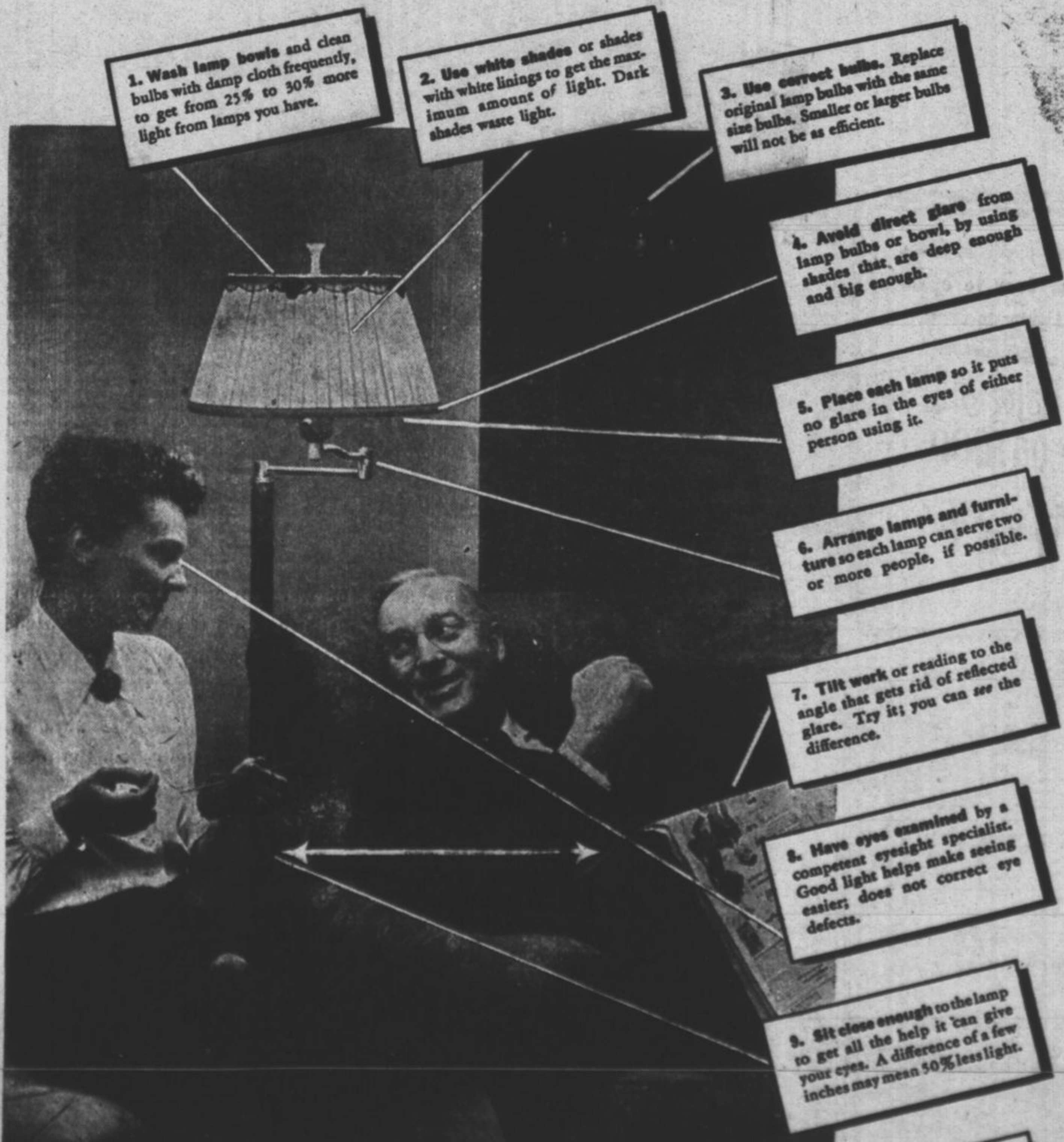
Miss Harriett Mabel Mason, 68, of 1251 S. St. Johns avenue, a former interior decorator, died early Saturday morning in the Highland Park hospital, after being stricken with a heart attack two weeks ago.

Born in Chicago, she came to Highland Park 16 years ago and made her home with her sister, Miss Martha Gould Mason. She also leaves a brother, George Allen Mason of Highland Park.

Miss Mason was an active member of the Highland Park Woman's club and several years ago supervised the decorating of their building. She was a member of Trinity guild of Trinity Episcopal church.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Kelley's chapel with Rev. Christoph Keller officiating. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery, Chicago.

9 Wartime Lighting Suggestions



1. Wash lamp bowls and clean bulbs with damp cloth frequently, to get from 25% to 30% more light from lamps you have.

2. Use white shades or shades with white linings to get the maximum amount of light. Dark shades waste light.

3. Use correct bulbs. Replace original lamp bulbs with the same size bulbs. Smaller or larger bulbs will not be as efficient.

4. Avoid direct glare from lamp bulbs or bowl, by using shades that are deep enough and big enough.

5. Place each lamp so it puts no glare in the eyes of either person using it.

6. Arrange lamps and furniture so each lamp can serve two or more people, if possible.

7. Tilt work or reading to the angle that gets rid of reflected glare. Try it; you can see the difference.

8. Have eyes examined by a competent eyesight specialist. Good light helps make seeing easier; does not correct eye defects.

9. Sit close enough to the lamp to get all the help it can give your eyes. A difference of a few inches may mean 50% less light.



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