

### Blind Student Wins First Laurels in Field of Writing

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There is no one of us who does not experience a thrill when we earn our first dollar. We feel we have started on the road to success, and are proud of our achievement.

This feeling is shared by the blind no less than by the sighted. Perhaps the blind man finds even greater satisfaction, knowing that he has overcome a tremendous obstacle in producing something which is of remunerative value.

For four years Willis Overton, a youth of 25 years, who has been blind since infancy, has been an industrious student with The Hadley Correspondence School for the Blind, training for writing. In selecting this field he chose one which is particularly difficult, even for the writer in possession of all his faculties. Successful authorship requires long, hard years of study, and but few ever reach the end of the road.

Word now comes to us that the boy has recently sold his first story. Rejection slips have been common to him, but with grim persistency he has continued on the road he felt he wanted to travel. And now, success! For the periodical accepting his story didn't for a minute suspect that the author could not see. So Willis is now at work on other stories, and hopes to be able to support himself by writing.

Our course in short story writing is tremendously popular, having the largest enrollment of any of the courses. No doubt others will eventually break through into the select circle of blind authors. Most of us know of the writings of Clarence Hawkes, and we hope our blind pupils may be able to follow the example of this wonderful blind writer.

### Harry Lays Leave Sunday for Winter in Pasadena

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lay of 1408 Edgewood avenue are leaving Sunday, December 4, for California, where they will remain until June. They are motoring, and will take three weeks in reaching Pasadena, their destination, where they will visit Mrs. Lay's sisters. They will stop at Hot Springs, Ark. for a few days, and at other points of interest as they journey west.

The number of farewell affairs given in their honor included the informal supper given Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of 1433 Scott avenue and the dinner party Thursday at which Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shippen of 464 South avenue, Glencoe, were host and hostess.

### HEAR NOTED EDUCATOR

Dr. Eustace Haydon, associate professor of comparative religions at Chicago university, spoke Friday, November 25, before the North Shore Congregation Israel on the "Trend of Modern Religions." Dr. Haydon spoke in the absence of Dr. Solomon Freehof, who was to have spoken, but was out of town.

Miss Jane Rothschild of Kansas City is spending the week-end as the guest of Mrs. David Mayer, Sr., of 614 Sheridan road, Glencoe. Mrs. Mayer is giving a reception in her honor tomorrow afternoon. The hostess' sister, Mrs. Abel Davis of Glencoe, will assist at the affair. Miss Rothschild's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Rothschild, recently announced her engagement to David Mayer.

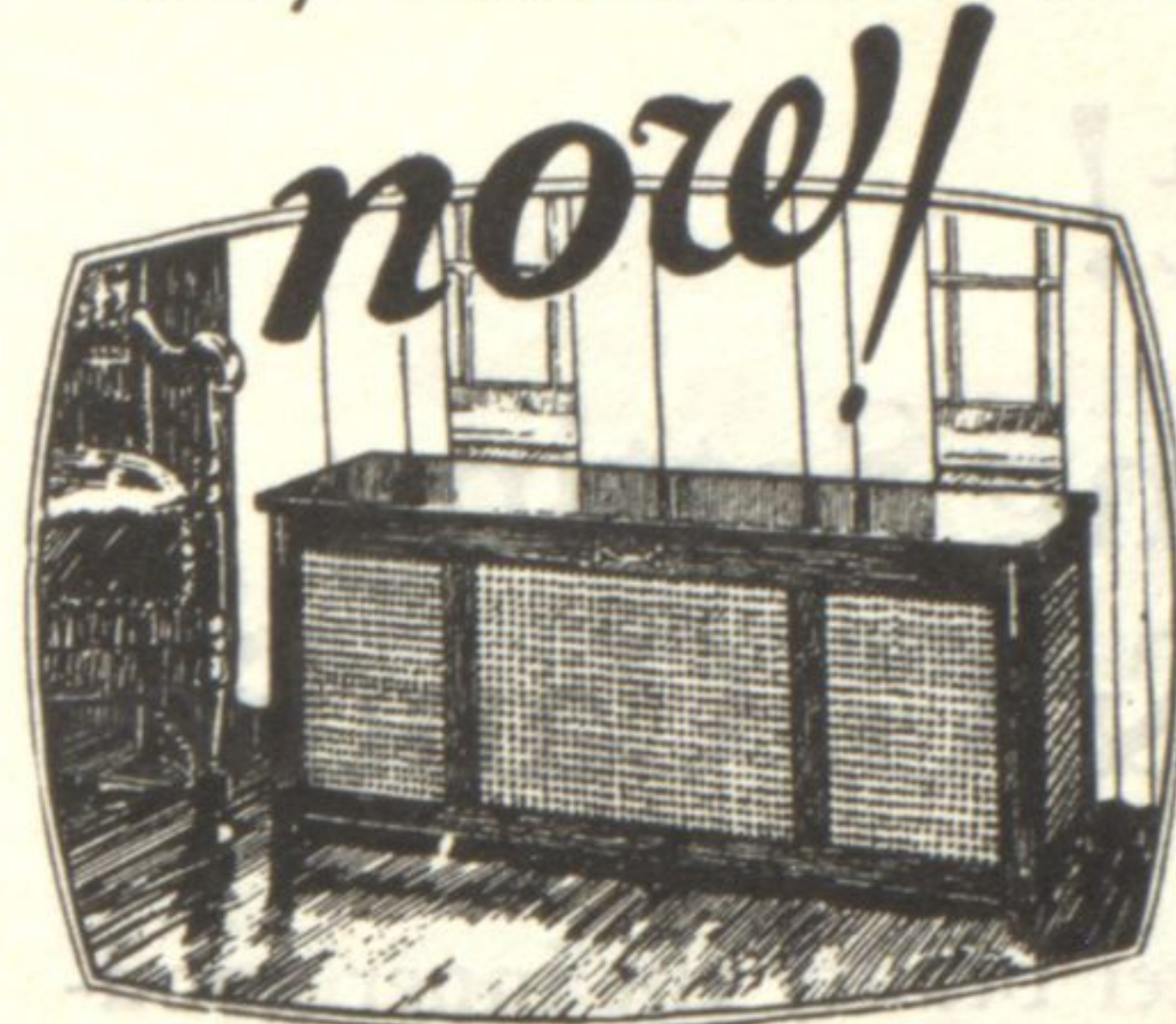
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Goodman of 519 Sunset road have just returned from a short visit to Cincinnati.

### Albert Swayne Elected to Berth on N. A. Board

Thomas Shallcross, Jr., past president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, has been chosen as its national councillor to the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Shallcross was chosen by action of the Association's board of directors to take the place of the late A. J. Kelly, Jr., of Pittsburgh. L. T. Stevenson, president of the Pittsburgh Real Estate Board, has been elected to fill the vacancy on the Association's board of directors caused by Mr. Kelly's death.

Albert W. Swayne of Chicago has been elected to take the place on the board of directors which will be vacated January 1 by Henry G. Zander of Chicago, who at that time will assume the presidency of the Association.

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