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MOTHER SAVES INFANT WHEN AUTOS CRASH

Shields Two-Months-Old Baby In Wreckage; Receives Injuries

OTHER DRIVER IS HURT

A mother's quick action in an automobile crash saved her two months old child from possible death Thursday night at the Southfield and Twelve Mile roads. She is Mrs. F. T. Oakford, of the Lone Pine road. Hiding with her husband, their car collided with another machine driven by E. Connelly, of Berkley, at the road intersection.

Mrs. Oakford shielded the child with her own body and in so doing incurred cuts and bruises which necessitated her being taken to the Highland Park General Hospital. She was later taken to her home.

Connelly also was slightly injured in the crash and taken to the hospital for first aid treatment. The accident was investigated by Deputy R. L. Hoops, of Southfield.

CHILD SCHOOL STARTS SEPT. 16

Birmingham School Of Childhood Planning Record Enrollment

Announcement is made today of the opening of the Birmingham School of Childhood—a nursery school—on Brown street. The first sessions will be held Sept. 16, according to Miss Gertrude Burns, director.

This will be the school's second year and a larger enrollment than previously is expected, Miss Burns said.

Several pupils already have been registered and Miss Burns will return to the village Sept. 8 to prepare for the season's work and to complete registrations.

When asked if she had anything to say at her trial for drunkenness, Miss Ella Morris of Chicago said: "Yes, your honor, please give me another drink."

Miss Mary Reeves of Toronto telephoned her family in London while her boss was out, and he had to pay a toll charge of \$50.

For salvaging brass from worn-out electric bulbs a machine has been invented which "eats" the glass from 500 bulbs at one operation.

Glimpses

at and about PARIS

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

THE PORTERS ARE VERY INSISTENT AT ST. LAZARE and it was quite a relief to see a glassy motor bus with the words, "Hotel Continental" on the side, and two uniformed men, with huge mustaches, ready to receive us. For a moment it was a retreat from the stunning clamor of the station. Then we started.

I have, I believe, the average number of friends who travel to Paris. They return with great tales of that city and give me all sorts of information. So before I left I felt rather well informed. Not only from books did my information come, but at first hand, over the dinner table, in rooms where pipes were being smoked, on the streets. . . . Vicariously, at least, I am traveled.

But no one ever told me about Paris taxi cabs.

Oh, they said they were old—older, even than the aged men who drove them; that their rates were low; that they were plentiful at all hours. They neglected, however, to mention the rather relevant fact that to ride in one is to experience the combined sensation of barrel-rolling in an airplane, clinging to the bridle of a runaway horse, dodging a world war barrage and taking the second deep breath of ether.

And think of my constipation, too.

It took us nine days to cross the Atlantic and 90 to travel in that bus from the Gare St. Lazare to the Continental.

With Leon Errol legs we walked through the garden in the hotel's court and to the office. Weekly, I pronounced our names.

Certainly, they had received our reservations. Would I not come up and select our rooms? It was quite business-like, all but the selection part, and not an assistant manager in the place made an attempt to kiss us on both cheeks—I tried to discourage them about the selection. They should know more about their hotel than we immigrants. What we wanted, I tried to explain, was a fresh-water bath. I selected the rooms.

"A delegation, monsieur, will call on you," said the young man with the morning coat.

"I don't want a delega—" but he had bowed himself out.

I can not be positive, even now, just what delegation he meant to have call on me. But I have a rather strong belief I encountered Smiling. Open palms extended—even the ex-soldier who manned the elevator and who had lost an arm in the war but gained ribbons which he wore.

No use taking you into the bath with me. It was a noisy bath. I sang. I looked around for soap and of course there was none. Not bothering to send for a bar, I lathered triflically with shaving cream.

I splashed. I sang some more. I made up a song about the city where wine was so free and soap so rare. It was a fine little song and after the sixth try, I had some of the lines rhyming:

I thought I should allow myself an hour's sleep before capturing the city, but the horns would not let me. "They must be very gay, all right," I thought, "celebrating Bastille Day, three days before the date. But I wish they would reserve their blooming confetti throwing and horn tooting until later."

Some hours later it was pointed out to me no one was celebrating; merely the taxis were tooting their bulb horns—a noise I can never separate from Paris.

My telephone rang. It was Bart, a very likeable young fellow from an eastern school whose sobriety I had awaited with some concern since we left New York. But I never could catch him at it. One morning I arose early, thinking I could sneak up on him before he got to the bar. That was about the fourth day out and I was really curious. I found him trying to get two senile school teachers to skip rope with him.

His voice over the phone was faint.

"Ray. Believe it or not, I've lost my grandmother. She's an old woman. Seventy-six. What will I do? She can't speak French. Get

ELLERBY GIVES WIDER STREET SUGGESTIONS

President Would Make East Maple Boulevard

POINTS TO SMALL COST

A suggestion for the combined widening and beautifying of Maple avenue, east of the present Grand Trunk railway tracks was made yesterday by President H. T. Ellerby, as the matter was under discussion.

The 30 foot pavement and the trees now existing would be allowed to stand and the building line moved far back on each side of the street. A 15 foot roadway would then be cut on both sides of the street less than 10 feet from the proposed six foot sidewalks.

The course there is no need for this plan to be worked out at once," Mr. Ellerby said. However, "I feel it could be done at relatively small cost and that it not only would solve a serious traffic problem but would make the boulevard of the most beautiful in the state."

TAG DAY REPORT IS ANNOUNCED

Volunteers Of America Raise \$146 In Drive In Birmingham

The "Heart Tag Day" receipts when checked up by Mrs. John P. Lamb who took charge of the Volunteers of America tag day held here Saturday totaled \$146.46, it is announced.

The children who sold worked from early in the morning until the close.

At the close of the contest it was found that Mary Ilye was entitled to the first prize, having secured \$10.00 for her tag; the second prize was won by Emmaleen Craven who had \$8.08. The third winner was Jack Haldane who had \$7.29. The fourth, fifth and sixth prizes were won by Alice Anderson, Ronald Broker and Mary Labadie.

Mrs. Elsie Rea of San Francisco claimed that she gained 86 pounds as the result of a railroad station accident and was awarded \$1,500 damages.

that girl who speaks French, will you and come on. I'll be right up."

It was the first time I knew he had a grandmother.

"You certainly picked an amusing way to end your party."

That night we left Bart and went up to Montparnasse. It was Bastille time and everything was so gay.

MORE NEXT WEEK.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT VIEWS START OF CLASSES HERE TUESDAY

By CLARENCE VLIET (Superintendent Birmingham Schools)

Opening of the school year, Tuesday, Sept. 3, will bring relief to some of the young people who find prolonged leisure burdensome and tedious. To others it will mean the added joy of the school atmosphere and environment. To some parents it will bring relief from the distraction of keeping the children occupied and entertained. To others it will mean heavy hearts when they see for the first time the school wearing with the home in the training of the child. To some young people it will mean a struggle to give up a remunerative position for what seems to them less profitable work. Others will have a consciousness that no matter how lucrative the position, it will be more profitable to resume schooling.

These view education in terms of the future return. Financial needs may dictate that others continue their earnings to permit resumption of the schooling later on. This training will be profitable, as a year of any work should produce, in addition to the disciplinary value, a more wholesome regard for the advantages of education. The danger to this group is the "cooling process" that takes place during such intervals, with a resultant diminishing interest.

Parents More Concerned.

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Young people may argue that they have sufficient training to meet future requirements. It is difficult to foresee what these requirements may be. Because of rapidly changing standards, people are ever confronted with situations they could not have foreseen a decade ago. In farming, industry and in business, as well as the professions, we find more exacting demands. It is reasonable to predict that requirements in all such lines will continue to be raised.

A like situation exists in adult life in that there are many who years ago decided they had sufficient training to meet future requirements. In later years they found it necessary to raise the standards to meet increasing opportunities. It has meant the passing of these opportunities or the resumption of educational pursuits, correspondence schools, part time schools and night schools bear testimony to this.

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It is hard to say when a boy or girl has had sufficient training. Such training usually increases opportunities as well as incomes. It would seem a wise policy to be liberal in estimating the amount of educational training required rather than be forced to acquire it at an age when they are less susceptible to it. The fact that young people in increasing numbers are today taking this precaution makes the situation more emphatic and the demand more imperative. Boards of Education and School Officials, appreciating this situation, have made adequate provisions for every demand. It rests with the young people and their parents to do the rest. They should at least consult with School Officials before deciding to terminate schooling.

Cash spent for tobacco products of all kinds in the United States, is estimated to reach about a billion and a quarter dollars annually.

Fraulein Elsa Goernschen of Vienna was awarded \$5,000 in a suit against a hairdresser whose dye caused all of her hair to fall out.

Boy Scouts in the United States won 489,108 merit badges for various accomplishments during 1928, the largest number ever issued in a single year.

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