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Longstreth, whose four years of active wartime duty as an air combat intelligence officer were spent in a staff work in the Pacific area, is a member of the Organized Reserve, and is employed by TIME, Inc., as sales representative for LIFE magazine.

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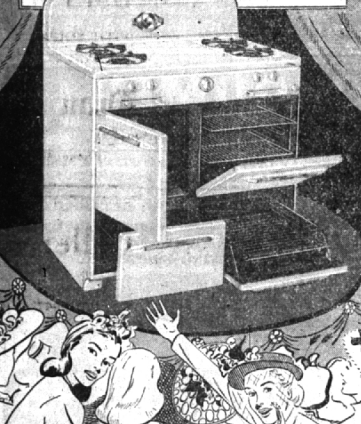
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WALNUT LAKE NEWS

By DOROTHY KENDALL
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William Sloat was installed on Monday evening as the new president of Walnut Lake PTA to succeed Emery Kendall. Vice-president for the new year is Frank Sweet; secretary, W. E. Kendall; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Morton; mother, vice-president, Mrs. Perry Graber; father, vice-president, Edward Sintz; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Donald Sellars; historian, Edson Stevens. With frilly powder puffs in one hand and mirrors in the other, four little girls danced to the Pizazz Polka from Delibes. Sylvia Ballet, Tarleton tutus, the hues of French bonbons, saucy hats of ribbons and mirabau tied with large bows of net, petite ballet clippers and white dimity ballet costumes the dainty ballerinas. Carmen Sutton, Susan Parkins, Janet Woodman and Karen Kendall were the performers.

A tap number was presented by Sharon McKay, Kay Graber, Lynn Grainger, Leslie Stevens, Fatty Nyberg and Pamela Parkins. Randy McKay and Karen Kendall did a dance number to the Dark Town Strutters Ball. Edward Nightingale played the accompaniment.

An all-cartoon movie was given by the PTA on Friday. Each grade had entered in selling tickets. Winners receiving free tickets for the highest sales were Douglas Larson, Norman Sinclair, Sara Sarlund, Sharon McKay, Kay Graber, Philip Enrich and Edson Stevens. At the PTA meeting Monday, a check was presented to Miss Votey for the purchase of a radio for the school.

Guests for Sunday dinner at the home were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Silkins, Miss Elmi Leghto and Jack Silkins. Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald returned to her Wycliffe home on Monday with her new son, Charles. Soire is his name, but his mother calls him "Chuck." Proud sisters Anne and Susan were at the door to receive their new brother.

Mrs. Oliver Sarlund left Saturday morning for Ironwood. After spending several days there she returned to her Druley Lane home.

Children of the first and second grade visited the Chalners home on Lone Pine road and gathered wild flower plants for their school garden. Since was taken to them to walk Harold Chalners and Mrs. Walton took them in their cars, each making several trips.

They express their gratitude to those who called in and gave permission for them to visit the property. Ellen King and Cathy Olmstead have brought violet plants for the school wild garden.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodman of Poplar lane entertained the Couple Bridge club Saturday evening. High team score was posted by Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps. Leading in the accumulative score are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cutler were guest players.

Frustrated men, with a fondness for limburger cheese, are gathered at the home of Stewart Schultz on Friday evening to indulge in their heart's content in the stuff. Wives of those determined gourmet play to be elsewhere.

A committee from the Women's Club is planning a bake sale on May 14 at 2 o'clock at the Walnut Lake grocery store. Mrs. John Woodman is the chairman assisted by Mrs. Stewart Schultz, Mrs. Frank Morton, Mrs. D. E. Lewis and Mrs. John Peterson. Beverly Lewis is making the posters.

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fall by the Women's Club were discussed at a committee meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Edson Stevens. Mrs. Parker Rockwell presided as chairman. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, Mrs. Robert Braun, Mrs. Howard Gould, Mrs. James Mellich and Mrs. Edson Stevens.

Members of the Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. R. C. Bunker on Comfort-drive. The apple blossoms and lilacs were in full bloom. After enjoying these, they visited the home of Mrs. Don W. Kennett on Oakley Park road. They tramped through the woods and found an abundance of trillium, swamp marigold and dogwood trees in blossom. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Kennett after the hike.

Den 1 won the first baseball game of the series to be played by Den 1 and 2 Saturday morning the teams gathered on the lawn at the home of Graham Overgard on Walnut Lake road. The score was 30-3. Herb Lewis served as umpire. Paul Sechrist of Den 1 hit three home runs. Douglas Lewis

Four generations of mothers and daughters celebrated Mothers Day together at the Richard McKay home on Walnut Lake road. They were Sharon McKay, Kay Graber, Mrs. R. V. McKay, her grandmother, Mrs. Freda Loutens, and her great-grandmother, Mrs. Peter H. Rhonemus. Randy and Dick McKay and Peter Rhonemus joined in the celebration.

Beatrice Snyder and Sue Carey were in charge of the Girl Scout program at their meeting on Monday.

Ronald Nightingale's orchestra played for the minstrel show at the United Presbyterian Church on Outer Drive Friday evening. As Ronnie conducted, his father played the piano accompaniment. A sophomore at Baldwin high school, Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nightingale of Comfort drive.

A niece of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Graber, Miss Dorothy Schaefer of Canton, Ohio, has been their house guest for the past two weeks. An art major from Kent University, she has been busy sketching various scenes in the community. Her favorite subject to sketch is a horse. She returned with a full portfolio.

Judy Sundstrom was hostess at the Brownie meeting on Monday; flag bearers were Pamela Parkins and Leslie Stevens. The Brownies made a scrapbook which will be entered in the contest at the Flower Festival to be held May 21 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. That date has been designated as Children's Day.

Plans for the fashion show and bridge luncheon to be given in the

Several Programs to Note National Music Week Here

Although May 1-3 has been designated as National Music Week, special programs are planned for Birmingham throughout the entire month for local music lovers.

The opening affair will be the annual concert of the Baldwin high school band tonight. This will be followed by the opera, "Tom Sawyer" which the students of Barnum junior high school will present tomorrow.

On May 18, the spring concert of the Birmingham Musicale Junior League will be presented, under the direction of Mrs. D. L. Tate. Mrs. Myron Synder will have charge of the Moment Musical program on May 25.

Den 3 are planning to get some practice in before completing the series.

Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

More than twenty years ago I was given a pocket knife by a Canadian manufacturer. This gentleman had been a colonel in the armies of his country, and had the erect carriage and clear eye of the usual British officer. He was seated behind a huge walnut desk in his comfortable office, and behind his back a cheerful wood fire was burning in an open fireplace. He was kindly and courteous, and after finishing our business we talked about power boats—his great interest. Then as I was leaving he gave me the knife. Or rather, he sold it to me for one big Canadian cent, for without this modest consideration he was fearful lest our friendship be cut.

As he gave me that knife, which had a heavy brass case and two blades of the finest Dresden steel, he told me this story:

About a year before the first world war a commercial traveler (that's what they call them in Canada) had come to his plant from Germany. He was selling these knives as an advertising medium, and after examining them the colonel had given him an order for some 2,000. It wasn't long after that the Kaiser's armies swept into Belgium, and almost immediately Canada was at war with Germany. The colonel converted his factory into making munitions, and for four grim years the nations of the knife manufacturer and the colonel fought savagely. Finally came peace.

A year or so after that war was over, an extremely heavy crate arrived at the colonel's factory, and with it came a letter. The letter was from the German manufacturer. He stated that the war had interrupted his making the knives for his Canadian customer. But, the letter stated, the German felt that if the knives could be used at all by the colonel, the colonel would pay for them at the agreed price. If the colonel didn't now want the knives, he would please accept them as a gift from a former adversary.

The Canadian manufacturer paid the German manufacturer in full. I still have my knife. And often as I hold it in my hand I feel that it symbolizes the integrity of business. And regretfully, I feel too that it also symbolizes the lack of integrity of governments in dealing with each other. For as long as war existed between Germany and Canada these two business men hated and fought with all the savagery of which they were capable. As soon as it ended they again resumed their business upon a high ethical plane.

How does it happen that we have developed so far in fair and honest dealing among ourselves as individuals, and yet fail utterly to carry our civilized ideals into practice on the international level? Some say it is because we don't know each other, and that as the world grows smaller we will better know and understand our neighbors. Yet that can't be the whole answer, for Mr. Canadian didn't know Mr. German.

Rather, it strikes me, that as citizens we haven't worked hard enough to establish international understanding. In business, if a man is dishonest or unreliable others just don't deal with him. Sort of a system of sanctions. Yet in international relations, if we find one nation dishonest or unreliable, we go into a conversation of diplomatic double talk and probably end up by shipping that country whatever it needs in consideration of a flimsy promise that it will cease and desist from its objectionable practices. And that's getting the cart before the horse.

But we can't blame the government for its international blunders unless we accept the blame ourselves. For we're the government.

Thirty years ago we had a wonderful chance to do something in promoting international honesty and good will. We had the League of Nations. But the people of this country let twelve despotic senators keep us out of the one organization which offered us a chance to work for peace. No sane man today can deny that we made a great mistake.

Now again we have another chance. We have the United Nations. It is set up and functioning. Our government has backed it financially, and is doing a fair job in backing it in other ways. But the United Nations will fail, too, if the people of this and other nations don't insist upon its success. We have this second chance, and we're not making the most of it.

So far the United Nations hasn't had too good a press. Our papers have gripped about the red tape, have spent acres of newspaper trying to make us understand about the organization of the UN. The average man is sick and tired of reading about the failures of UN caused by parliamentary tricks and vetoes. And the average man, reading an average newspaper, will cause the failure of UN unless—

UNLESS we do something constructive about UN. We the people are the government, and we want peace. We have an instrument for peace to use. We must use it. We, the people, must immediately understand what the UN can do, and then see that it is done. But first we must understand.

Let's start by going to the Town Meeting at the Community House next Monday evening at 8. A panel discussion by people who know what they're talking about is being offered by the Birmingham League of Women Voters. Let's first learn what UN can do, and has the power to do, and then let's see that something big is done. We're just one small town, but we might change the course of a nation. Abraham Lincoln walked alone by night, never losing faith. Almost alone he won the Civil War. What can we 12,000 Birminghamites do to win a peace? It's up to you and me to find out, and then act. If you think I'm spoofing about what a single person can do, then read "Whose Business Was It?" in the May issue of Reader's Digest.

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