



The World's A Stage

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(Special Writer)

A NINE POUND, TEN OUNCE SPOOK

I flattened my nose against the glass of the nursery to see what food and the Woodleys had wrought. My first general impression of this new piece of humanity was that she had a very red beefy nine pound, ten-ounce grip on this world.

Her beehind was only three hours old, having been accomplished at 6:02 p.m. Halloween. This was a mistake. Officially, her name is Elizabeth Ann. Unofficially, she's saddled with Spook.

SPEAKING WITH "strict objectivity," of course, she was the prettiest baby in the nursery. Our each effort in this business seems more pleasing and tops the last.

We lay this on an indolent part of Divine Providence. My score now is, five to two in favor of the giving agent, hours to eight and a half years.

Elizabeth Ann has become the darling of the hospital staff. The nurses spend hours setting her hair in pin curls and topping their efforts with pink and white.

IT'S NOT often the maternity ward sees nine pounds, ten ounces of baby with nine-year-old mother. Elizabeth Ann's mother, that lost a five-foot-two mother, had gained a five-foot-two baby but lost a five-foot-two mother.

I am home on replacement duty for her during the next two weeks. The last time I stood in for her was almost two years ago. That episode makes me approach this tour of duty with hesitation.

It concerned my being trapped at work before supper time. I had a bare cupboard and just a few dollars in my pocket. I didn't want to get all the children out of the house to go out and cash a check and buy a few things for supper.

I had a baby sitting in the next day for the purpose of buying for the whole week.

"I SOLVED the dilemma by ordering some pizza. When the delivery boy came to the door, I laid the pizza on top of the TV which I paid him with my last few dollars, that the door reached for the pizza.

Turning around I saw Lisa Jean, who was then three years old, carrying it out to the kitchen. Oddly, I was favoring her dropping it and my hip booting it through a pizza splattered kitchen floor.

I shouted, "Lisa Jean! Don't pick it up!"

It completely demoralized her. In those days, demoralized Lisa Jean had the same reactions as a scared cocker spaniel. I stood helpless and watched her dribble

all over our supper. I looked at the empty walls in my hand, the soggy pizza and had a vision of our bare cupboard. At that ill-chosen moment I said that I had called the Woodleys.

Her first question was, "Is everything going okay?" My first reaction was mechanical, but perhaps not excusable.

This isn't the approach to use with a wife recovering from child birth. I had to add a crying. The whole episode came out, it became the favorite story in the maternity ward. If I recall right, we ate hard-boiled eggs by silence that night.

Getting back to the nursery, I took one more look at Elizabeth Ann before going to see Lisa. She was sleeping peacefully, unaware of her commitment to the world.

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Ripe Apples Indicate Maturing of Autumn

One of the joys of harvest time is the fragrance of apples on the crisp air of autumn. Apples are the product of pale pink blossoms, or warm summer's growing of autumn's ripening. As with all fruits, the green leaves combine with chlorophyll and water to make a starch. Enzymes convert the starch into soluble sugars which are sent bit by bit to the young growing fruits.

The average of 30 to 50 leaves is required to make the substance of one ripe apple. The fragrant spring bouquet of blossoms attracts a bevy of pollinating insects, usually honey bees. After fertilization, the petals drop and the fruit begins to form from the flower ovary and the receptacle to which it is attached.

AS SUMMER ADVANCES, the ripening process goes on with the starch changes. The starch content of the apple declines and the sugar increases. At the same time the malic acid which gives the apple its tartness decreases. So called "sweet" apples do not necessarily contain more sugar than "sour" apples but they do have less acid.

Apples are the most important fruit of the temperate zone. Michigan annually produces some ten million bushels valued at an approximate \$10,000,000.

'Y' Theater Party
The Birmingham YMCA young adult club will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at the transportation to a downtown theater party. Conrad Hickman, 400 E. Lincoln, is coordinating the program.

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THE VERSATILE APPLE is eaten in many guises. For most children it is an "after-school must". At the table it is always a mouth-watering treat whether it appears as apple sauce, baked apple, apple fritters, apple duff, apple dumplings or as the top winner of all desserts—apple pie.

ON MY GRANDFATHER'S farm, apples were planted to span the season. We began with Early Transparent. In our enthusiasm we planted the trees with sticks long before the fruit was ripe but by late August it fell to the ground in a shower of palest yellow. The apple sauce which appeared at supper time was cool and smooth and tanged on every tongue.

IN SEPTEMBER, we reaped a bountiful harvest of Snow apples. Hand picked, they kept well until Christmas. The windfalls were loaded on a wagon and hauled to the cider mill.

The next day occurred an exciting event. The boiling of the winter's supply of apple butter. This was done in a big brass kettle over an open fire. It was an all day ritual and was preceded by a friendly neighborhood "schmitzing" when the apples to "filler" were peeled, corred and quartered.

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