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100 YEARS AGO

Illness, Bad Weather Add to War's Misery

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"A Tennessee hog pen would scarcely be more uncomfortable," a Confederate officer wrote to his family 100 years ago this week. The officer was sitting on cold, wet ground near Chancellorsville, in what is now southeastern West Virginia, and as he wrote, rain poured down. Around him, Confederate soldiers shivered and stared at each other. Many were seriously ill, many more were hungry.

THE CONFEDERATES in western Virginia were meeting an opponent that felled thousands of soldiers on both sides throughout the war. And this week 100 years ago, when the shooting war had died down to minor skirmishes, disease and bad weather bore in relentlessly on both sides. The officer in western Virginia who wrote of Tennessee hog pens was not the only one to complain. In the same camp was Gen. Robert E. Lee, to become the Confederacy's No. 1 soldier, who also lamented the weather.

LEE HAD COME to western Virginia in late July, and his first 20 days in the area were 20 days of rain. "It is raining now," he wrote his wife in mid-August. "Has been all day, last night, day before, and day before that..." Makes swept through the camp bringing men down by the hundreds. Supply wagons mired to their axles in the roads, and sufficient food could not be brought for-

ward. During one rainstorm, a company of soldiers had to stand or sit all night, fearing they would drown if they lay down. Lee's first campaign was becoming nothing more than a campaign against the weather to stay alive.

BUT THE YANKEES were having the same trouble. At Cairo, Ill., where the federals were outfitting a movement down the Mississippi, soldiers were falling by the hundreds with dysentery and fever. Gen. John Charles Fremont wrote of the town as "the most unhealthy spot within my command."

A WISCONSIN SOLDIER, unfamiliar with Tennessee hog pens compared his quarters in Cairo with the pig pens in his home state. And he complained he chewed the soldiers while rats swarmed in such numbers that he sergeant could chop them up with his saber while checking his sentry posts.

At Manassas, the scene of the Bull Run slaughter, measles, malaria, and typhoid swept through the victorious Confederates, knocking out more of them than had been killed in the battle itself. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, commanding at Manassas, reported to Richmond that week that 4,800 of his 15,178 troops were sick.

IT WAS IRONIC, perhaps, that when Johnston's report reached Confederate President Jefferson Davis August 16 in Richmond, Davis, too, was sick. That very day, in fact, his temperature rose with a new attack of neuritis and he was bedridden by his doctor. Next week: Important promotions.

WEEKLY VISIT

Picture of a Contented Family:

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"It started with a pig. That's what commercial artist Max Altekruse was drawing back in the first grade when his teacher stopped reading to the class to see what he was doing. Max and the drawing wound up in the principal's office where, instead of a scolding, a round-eyed, very much awed little boy was told he had a talent worth developing. Today, this resident of Franklin is a successful commercial artist who hopes his two sons will be "lucky enough to find that something creative that's buried in each human being."

PETER, 12, AND MARK, 8, have already learned that the world is full of excitement and interest—beginning at their own front door. At Christmas and birthday time, they ask for the things all boys want—a bicycle, ice skates or a chemistry set. They also put high on the list such things as a recording of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" or books on astronomy and space. Their mother, is looking forward to a "real adventure" this fall when she enters MSUO to take two courses.

When the family arrived in Franklin, in January, 1960, they put aside the chores of "moving and getting settled together on the 'school hill'."

On a rainy evening, one is apt to find all the family taking turns on the boys' bicycles, exploring the winding roads and woods in the village. Although Kathy and Max Altekruse were born and raised within a mile of each other, they attended the same high school, it took a rainstorm and a shared umbrella to bring them together. The meeting took place on the steps of an art school in their home town, Fort Wayne, Ind. They have been sharing common interests ever since. The couple were married in 1942.

a month before Max went into service in the Army Medical Corps. Following his discharge at the end of World War II, they moved to Philadelphia where Max attended Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art.

"Then I was able to get into the Art Students League in New York," Max said.

HE FEELS it is "most important for young artists to acquire a mastery of drawing—really learn their craft" and considers himself

he had heard a symphony orchestra tuning up. "I guess you'd call it an almost ecstatic moment. That's one of the things we miss with recordings." He smiled at his wife. "I don't suppose Kathy told you she has loved singing voice." "Max is really a frustrated musician," his wife countered. "Well, I did consider trying as a career," he admitted. "But the army sobered me up."

Like her husband, Kathy was pointed, as a youngster, in the direction of her own talent and took vocal lessons for many years. She is a lyric soprano. Her husband is a lyric baritone.

SHORTLY AFTER Max began working as an illustrator in a Fort Wayne studio in 1949, Peter was born. Three years later, Mark arrived.

"We were waiting for him so we could move to Indianapolis where Max was to begin working with another studio. Remember, Max, they called almost every day to ask 'is he here?'"

A position with a Detroit studio brought the couple to Franklin 11 years later. Max is now an illustrator with Carville Associates. He has a "fun someday" to do some book illustration and print making and to find time for painting to extracurricular.

Although he has exhibited his work only a few times, "just through the front parlor and the walls were covered with murals of angels and cherubs tossing roses."

"We didn't have much money so we went to all the free things," Max added.

"We lived in an old mansion near Central Park," Kathy commented. "Our apartment was in the front parlor and the walls were covered with murals of angels and cherubs tossing roses."

HE LIKES to play ball "with the boys and ping pong and we all love to read biographies. We like to do things that are completely relaxing."

"I was so excited by his sons' voices drifting in through an open window. 'Come on Dad, we're waiting,' one of them called. 'Will you excuse me? I have an important appointment,' Max said, picking up a catcher's mitt and heading for the door.

MAX ALTEKRUSE

"fortunate to have had Frank Riley — one of the best — as an instructor." "We lived in an old mansion near Central Park," Kathy commented. "Our apartment was in the front parlor and the walls were covered with murals of angels and cherubs tossing roses."

MAX RECALLED the first time

Fellow—'A Best Friend'

He loved people and was much beloved by many who came to know him in the 13 years of his life. He was named Fellow and was a mem-

ber of the Henry S. Booth family—his German Shepherd.

ALTHOUGH NOT a member of

any board, he was one of the most regular attendants at meetings of the Oakland Citizens League and Cranbrook Academy of Art, Cranbrook Music Guild and The Cranbrook Foundation.

He was almost a daily visitor to the Foundation office and frequent social affairs at Cranbrook House.

HE WAS VERY conscious when Sunday rolled around. Finding himself before church time, he would take a devious route to Christ Church Cranbrook, where he is reported to have slipped by the ushers in search of his master.

If he found him, the big dog would lie down (sometimes squeezed between the pew and slip through the service. He is reported to have slept through more sermons than any other attendant, according to a newspaper clipping.

FELLOW WAS NOT averse to harmless pranks, such as eating a whole pound of butter at one sitting or disposing of five dozen rich sand-dab cookies baked for sending to a family service man.

This big and handsome German Shepherd was a "black and tan." He lies buried inside the white iron gate at the corner of Cranbrook and Braily Lane, in Bloomfield Hills, where a stone carved by Albert Leopold will soon be placed on the flower-marked spot.

FELLOW

Dreams Account for 20 Per Cent Of Sleeping Time, Journal Says

How much sleep do you actually require? Are you sure you never dream? And, just what make you sleep?

According to Therapeutic Notes, a medical journal published by Parke, Davis & Company, ideas about the mechanism of sleep have been abundant, but the actual functions of sleep usually have been taken for granted even by members of the medical profession.

"RECENT investigations have shown that while sleeping, every one dreams on the average of about 20 per cent of every night. Eye movements occur during such dream sequence, apparently following events in the dream as if the incidents were enacted on a stage."

"Systematic dream deprivation, accomplished by awakening the sleeper every time he begins to

dream, produces anxiety and difficulties in concentration. "On this basis, it is suggested that dreaming may be a necessary part of the sleep pattern," the journal said.

"It was once thought that sleepiness was caused by regular accumulation of waste products from the body's normal metabolism. "An excess of carbon dioxide, fatigue toxins, or hormone secretions and the presence of supposed sleep-producing 'toxins' were among the causative elements mentioned."

MOST OF THESE ideas have

"Nature Now" by Lydia King Prehac can be found this week on the Editorial Page—8-B.

DOWN TO EARTH

Time Nears to Seed And Fertilize Lawns

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The last week of August is a good time to renew your lawn with seed and fertilizer so that the new seedlings will be well established before the onslaught of fall leaves.

Maybe you have an area on your lawn which is a total loss, an estimation due to its infestation with weeds and a poor quality of grass selection. There is a new development being introduced after lengthy research which only has to be spread on a given area and will kill all grass and weeds without sterilizing the soil or harming nearby trees or shrubs.

A WEEK LATER you can sow new seed or place seed and the residue will behave like a brown patch. This technique will be a great deal cheaper, laborwise, for the home owner.

For lawns in this area, we find that Merion Bluegrass has become a favorite in place of Kentucky Bluegrass. The latter will require more fertilizer but will give you a better quality lawn.

Many local gardeners are enjoying fruit trees on their property and the dwarf trees will give enough fruit. Their size will make spraying and harvesting easy.

THE BROOKLINE Botanical Gardens has a new handbook out "Fruits in the Home Garden." This publication gives practical instructions on the care of the trees and variety names to assist the gardener who is beginning a fruit program.

Two articles are written and illustrated on the pruning of fruit trees and shrubs. As an illustration, it is emphasized that old fruiting canes of raspberries should be cut off close to the ground as soon as the harvest is complete.

Tiger lilies have been in their glory, and it may interest you to know that in China they are grown for food consumption.

AFTER YOU have lived in your home through the months of July and August, you know where the warm side is located and you can control the sun glare by the use of climatic control. A booklet is available from the American Association of Nurserymen, 835 Southern Building, Washington, D.C., entitled "Ten Ways to Control the Climate Around Your Home."

In the summer the sun sets in the northwest, and if you will plant on a tree to shade the roof of the house and the west wall, you will find a great reduction in the temperatures during the dinner hour and warm nights.

The booklet shows how to capture cool air in the summer as well as forces the cold air away from your choice plants in the winter. Cold air, like water, flows downward and settles at the lowest point.

THE KNOWLEDGE of air flow will assist you when you plant a choice shrub which is susceptible

to winter kill. Plant awnings can be created outside a window to prevent the glare of sun. The vines would be ideal for this use. They are absorbed by shrubs and trees. Plants in make the sun work for you, not against you.

Our plant scientists are busy with an ever changing program of research because of the ability to build up a resistance to poisons.

NATIVES IN the Orient drink unboiled water and eat uncooked vegetables without being attacked by amoebic dysentery because of their immunity they have built up to such germs and viruses. Louis XIV of France used to take arsenic because it gave him a peach and cream complexion.

Michigan Facts

Michigan is first in the production of pie cherries, growing more than half the entire U.S. crop. Michigan is also number one in production of field beans, cucumbers, strawberries, late celery, cantaloupes and tomatoes.

The state is rated second in production of early celery, asparagus for processing and plums. It is first in production of cauliflower, spear-mint, apples, market cabbage, market cucumbers, onions, sweet corn, sweet cherries; and fourth in sugar beets, peaches, pears, grapes, market asparagus, green beans, head lettuce and buckwheat.

The world's largest bean elevator is at Saginaw, Michigan. The world's cereal capital is Battle Creek and Benton Harbor, Michigan, has the world's largest cash-to-grower market.

In motor vehicles, Michigan rates over 50 percent in the United States in number of employees, production of workers, salaries and wages, and value added by manufacture.

The nation's oldest agricultural exposition of statewide scope is our Michigan State Fair in Detroit, established in 1849.

Dear Friends and Neighbors: The 12 of us Americans are feeling very much at home in Bhavnagar now. After being part of families for three weeks, it isn't going to be the easiest to leave. I tell you honestly that to wear street and to take long bus and train seems quite natural now. All of our friends who have been away and we are treated like members of our families.

EVEN THE BELLS which the evening breeze carries from a near-

by temple seems familiar. Most families in Gujarat state are Jain by religion. Jainism is like Hinduism and Buddhism, but it is much more extreme in its beliefs about rebirth and non-violence. So Jain naturally are vegetarians. In fact they do not even eat vegetables that grow underground.

There are three types of Jains: those who worship clothed idols, those who do not believe in idols, and those who do not believe in idols.

THE MOUNTAIN top was truly a spectacle with all its ornately carved marble. It is said the sculptors who built it were paid according to how much marble they produced.

And then at the foot of the mountain, covered with the Jains temples, the largest of which are clustered together at the top.

Some 2,500 stone steps lead to the top. I had the opportunity to climb with my family along with Indians of every age and description, most of them brightly attired. Jain priests were climbing too, their white shawl-handled dhoti and little red pots in which they carry food.

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