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Jan. 4

Max Blume had been ailing for a few weeks and entered the Mercy hospital today under Dr Ruth Passed away Feb 10 - Found these pictures among his belongings.



Max in 1911



1920



1921



1948

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- 11 Arthur Reynolds has been away at the Veteran's Hospital for treatment - Home again today
- 15 Arthur Reynolds away again.
- 13 Paul Perrenond left for Mich. City - Warren hospital - for surgery. Home again on 16th.
- 13 Jimmie Crow has been playing truant and the officers are looking for him to return him to reformatory school, but he left for Florida on a truck driven by Eddie Greenick - owned by Julius Kolesar. We hoped he would stay away, but he returned shortly. Before he left he was very rude and rebellious to Bro. Francis. (Returned shortly after)
- 15 Dee Baudle got into an accident with his truck and had his driver's license revoked. Staying at headquarters.
- 16 Sister Emily Hill fell on the ice and broke her leg. In St Joseph hospital 17 days. - Walking again by May.

22 Our Rocky Farm, under the management of Bro. Bob Vieri, scores again.

Jan 22-51

## Berrien Farm Bits

BY J. D. JOHNSON  
(Berrien County Agricultural  
Agent)

Two of the larger herds in the North Berrien Dairy Herd Improvement association won production honors for 1950. Hudson Brothers of Berrien Center won first place in butterfat production with 23 cows averaging 488.4 pounds of butterfat per cow, or over 5½ tons of butter for the year. The City of David farm of Berrien Springs won first place in milk production with an average of 10,858 pounds of milk for each of 32 cows for a total of nearly 175 tons or

175,000 quarts of milk for the year. Other award winners in butterfat production had herd averages as follows: Wendall Waldo of Eau Claire, 458.3 pounds; Will Nimtz of Berrien Center, 457.9 pounds; Warren Skinner of Eau Claire, 452.6 pounds. The North Berrien association



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with 381 cow-years averaged 8,688 pounds of milk and 391.5 pounds of butterfat per cow.

R. A. Steinke of Sodus received the trophy for the greatest increase in butterfat production with a production increase of 859 pounds of milk and 84.8 pounds of butterfat per cow.

Will Rogers, association tester-supervisor for the past year, was commended for his fine cooperation and assistance to association members.

- 5 Jean + Fred Plaisted have bought a house on Rose St. or Ave. and moved away. Fred cut his hair in 1948 and started working outside.
- 14 Edith + Myrtle Gally + Ethel Walker left on vacation to Florida - Returned March 25.
- 16 Walter Boruff entered Mercy hospital for surgery - 8 days
- 20 Jesse Stoncutt " St Joseph " " " - 15 "
- 24 Melvin Tucker fell out of a tree while pruning - not badly hurt
- Robt. L. Thompson (colored) arrived to stay early in the year.
- Sam Hawn sick with chicken pox - at Swamp Farm.
- Gertie Smith is very sick.

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- Mar. 23 Burton Hawn entered Mercy hospital very sick.  
14 days.
- Apr. Chris had the flu during the month. Fell several times.  
8 Vester Hawn sick early in month. Maybe a stroke.  
Jolann + Richard Martin moved into our best  
apartment. Jo Ann expects a child in August.  
They have been married, clandestinely, for some time.  
17 Marthe James, who has been mentally ill for some time,  
sick with skin cancer.
- 19 Lawrence Boomer entered Warren hospital in Mich.  
City for surgery. - about a week
- 24 Alvina Grimm also to Warren hospital for surgery.  
about 10 days.
- 30 Winnie Bauschke entered Mercy hospital for  
tonsilectomy. - 9 days.
- Arthur Bandler gone again - to Texas.
- 24 Estel Hornbeck entered Mercy hospital - 2 weeks.
- Bro. Wm Hartman returned to the colony.
- May 24 Jean + Fred selling their house again and returning  
to live in our Eastman Springs house he built.
- 30 Hazel Grim entered St. Joseph hospital for surgery  
5 days.
- Milton Weekes away visiting down south end of month.
- 25 Dick Ballaghan's greenhouse caught fire in the night.
- June 1 Jimmie Crow gone again.
- 5 Maud Smith left for a 2 week visit to Indiana.
- 19 Leonard Shamblin and wife, Hattie arrived for  
the summer.
- July 7 Maud Smith's daughter, Gayphene, and husband  
here for a few days' visit.
- 13 Jolann + Richard Martin's baby born - boy - Ricky.
- 19 Mollie Edwards to Hospital for 17 days.
- 26 Alvina Grimm passed away at the Studio building  
at the age of 72.
- " Vester Hawn to Hospital with heart attack.
- " Burton " " " during the month.
- Harvey Russ' son and daughter in law here  
for a few days during the month.
- Bro. + Sister Snyder's daughter + son in law  
here for 3 weeks during the month.
- Aug 2 Louis Perrenoud to hospital with fractured hip.  
Truck driven by Paul backed him against door

# Tribune

PAPER

Founded June 10, 1847

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1951

## Moths Take Over a Town; Caterpillars Eat and Eat

### Swat! Swat! Swat!

Canon City, Colo., June 6 [Special]—This south central Colorado city of 15,000 today was swatting its way thru a plague of moths, which have invaded the city by the uncounted billions.

The moths flew in five days ago, followed closely by thousands of hungry swallows who never had it so good.

Gordon Mickle, state entomologist at Fort Collins, has identified the moths as of the miller type. He said there is nothing much that can be done about them. Sprays that would kill the moths would be dangerous to humans and animals.

### "Nothing to Do"

"I guess we'll just have to suffer thru it," said Mayor Archie R. Reeves, brushing a couple off his shoulder. "The experts say there's nothing to do but wait for the little beasts to die."

That, Mickle said, will occur in about three weeks. Unfortunately, more moths can be expected all summer, but the subsequent swarms won't be as numerous as this first one.

The insects, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch long, apparently are moths of the cutworm, which lives in open fields and feeds on roots. Fortunately the moths aren't of the type interested in eating clothing, or Canon City might resemble a nudist colony.

### Take Over at Night

They aren't particularly annoying during the daytime, if you don't mind pulling a moth out from under your collar occasionally. But at night the moths virtually take over the city. They swarm in dense clouds about every light. They invade homes thru cracks, chimneys, or momentarily opened doors, and drive the occupants nearly insane.

Almost the entire town has adopted the custom of going to bed at dusk, to avoid turning on lights. The few hardy souls who stay up to read the evening paper fight a constant and losing battle against the insects.

Some build bonfires in their back yards, applying on a big scale the ancient principle of the moth and the candle. It works, too.

### Traps 'Em in Sweeper

A retired farmer, A. E. Hagan, conceived the idea of scooping up the invaders in his home with a vacuum cleaner. This

### Strip Michigan Area

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., June 6 (AP)—Millions of caterpillars are stripping acres of forests and devouring strawberry blossoms across the eastern tip of Michigan's upper peninsula.

They began appearing a week ago and the original thousands have multiplied to millions. It is impossible in some areas to step without crushing a dozen or so. When they swarm across highways they create a hazard. Cars crush them into a slick coating.

### Nothing Stops Them

Nothing seems to stop the insects. They go over fences and across creeks. When they come to a barrier, millions pile up but get by, even going over houses.

Poplar trees are the most popular with the caterpillars. Poplars in invasion areas are denuded, as if by winter. Hard maples also are attacked, but not as viciously. The insects pass up most grasses and do not eat strawberry leaves while stripping off blossoms.

Farmers and foresters have battled them with insecticides, but as they killed thousands, other thousands kept coming, the hordes relentlessly crawling on.

### Nothing Like It

Residents here say they "never saw anything like it." It is many times worse than the worst previous caterpillar invasion in 1923.

The fuzzy, black and green caterpillars measure from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches in length. In invasion areas they cover telephone poles, pump handles, trees, fences, and parked cars.

Downstate Kalamazoo reported a serious caterpillar invasion last week-end. Widespread crop damage was reported there.

works, too, but when you step out to empty the cleaner bag a couple of thousand moths fly thru the door.

The most effective trap seems to consist of a pan of soap and hot water placed beneath a light. [Moths with wet wings are done for.] The origin of this remedy is not known.

Some folks just give up and go to the movies, where air conditioning filters out most of the moths. At the Sunset drive-in theater so many moths flutter about the screen that the picture occasionally is a little blurred, but young couples don't seem to mind.

7  
This takes  
the mind back  
to the days of  
Pharaoh.

See Ex. 7 to 11

1957

- Aug. 5 Hugh Smiley arrived back here - sent by his brother. He had become simple minded and had to be watched.
- 7 Sent him back to his brother.
- 14 Bro. Albert Higgs arrived from Australia, via England, to join the colony.
- 15 Mable Hornbeck's 2 sisters - Velma & Eula, arrived from Texas on vacation.
- 24 New boiler installed for our laundry. Building a stone building over it.
- Sep. 3 Sister Mary Verity to hospital (Mercy) for surgery.
- Alex Alexanderson brought home from Swamp Farm to be cared for at headquarters.
- Paul Perrenoud suffered a heart attack.
- Pearl Rein has been away visiting all summer.
- Claudia Flake " " " " " "
- 22 Mary Vaughn fell at foot of stairs in Mary's House and struck her head against a door post. She was sick for some time and stayed with her daughter.
- 25 Maud Smith took our furniture from her room and stored it at her son, Harry's, place and spent the winter in Indiana.
- Eddie Grim arrived unexpectedly at end of month. He had gone to stay with his father. He is through school and wants to stay.
- 30 Gertie Smith to Ann Arbor for treatment.
- Oct 6 " " " " " " " again.
- 26 Mollie Edwards passed away at the Log Cabin. We installed gas (natural) during the fall in four of our apartments. Piping is laid through our property from Highland Ave. to Empire and from the main, near Blaine St., to our laundry area, ready for installation when required. At present the supply for space heating is limited.
- Nov. 16 Gertie Smith to Detroit for treatment.
- 25 " " " " " " " again.
- Dec. 16 Peter Post passed away at the Log Cabin.
- 20 Winnie Bauschke has been in hospital again. Home again today.
- Fred & Jean Plaisted left for Australia during month. Root cellar commenced on Eastman Springs property by Harrison Honieutt & party.



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## Gloria Swanson Wins Poison Spray Set-To With Officials

LOS ANGELES—(CS)—Health officials of this city are licking their wounds after coming out second-best in a row with Miss Gloria Swanson of Hollywood that began when she warned people against eating arsenic-sprayed vegetables.

Miss Swanson, who in addition to being a movie and TV star, takes a forthright interest in the public welfare, said (and in print) that "too many people are walking around with arsenic poisoning and don't know it."

The health department, for reasons not entirely clear, went to bat for the arsenic spray manufacturers. A spokesman said "quacks" were giving the public an unnecessary fear of such chemicals.

"MANY of these sprays are for

the people's protection," he said, neglecting to state which sprays are not. "We always tell interested people to contact recognized authorities on these subjects."

The still-glamorous-at-50-odd actress was not impressed.

"I may not be a recognized authority," she told the United Press, "but I know it's better to eat a bug than a lot of spray."

"I'd like anyone to deny that those sprays are harmful. Let 'em swallow a cup of arsenic and find out."

MISS SWANSON, who is a vegetarian, also riled the health officials with her statement that you don't have to eat meat to get a hard body.

The health department, which

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apparently plays ball with the meat people, too, allowed that "scientifically trained nutritionists know a body 'hard as a rock' owes much of its firmness to the inclusion of recommended amounts of complete proteins in the diet."

Miss Swanson said this was a lot of hooey, too, and observed that animals with hard bodies and great strength, such as oxen, horses and mules, get all their nourishment from hay, wheat and grass.

"I'm a layman," she said, "but it's been my observation that the very animals we eat to get protein from do not eat protein themselves."

## The News-Palladium

BENTON HARBOR, MICH., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1951

### Camera Mystery From Korean Skies



This picture, which appeared in the Ashland (Ky.) Daily Independent, was represented to that newspaper as an actual photograph taken in the sky over Korea. The Independent ran the picture on a Sunday and the entire edition of 14,000 copies was quickly sold out, with people clamoring for more.

Two weeks later, also on a Sunday, the paper ran the picture again and again the entire edition was snapped up. Readers sent clippings to friends and the Independent has been receiving hundreds of letters from all over the country.

According to the information received by the paper, an Air

Force man from Chicago took pictures of an American and a Communist plane during a combat patrol. He sent the films home to Chicago to be developed.

To the amazement of everyone, including the flyer, the image of Christ, supposedly formed by clouds, showed up on one of the photos. A neighbor of the Air

Force man's family in Chicago sent a print to his brother in Ashland. Someone there finally mailed it to the Independent.

Actual origin of the picture is a mystery so far, because the names of the Air Force man and of the Chicago neighbor family are unknown.

1952

- Jan. 2 Maggie King moved from Shiloh to the Swamp Farm.  
Had become very troublesome and demanded a move.
- 9 Edith + Myrtle Tally and Ethel Walker left on a month's vacation.
- 25 Winnie Baushke back to hospital for a week.
- 30 Gertie Smith went to Detroit for 2 days treatment.
- Feb. 3 Mary Soblesar went on vacation - to Florida.
- 6 Atta Rains went to Mercy Hospital for 3 weeks.
- 8 Lou Beck went to St. Joe Hosp. Back again <sup>for</sup> surgery. <sup>Mar.</sup>  
very sick. Went to her son, Wm's, home from  
Mar. 15 till April 19 - Then home again.
- 10 Josie Young to St. Joe Hospital for surgery - 1 week.
- Mar 2 Louise James opened up the old house at Emmaus  
Farm to care for Martha James and Emily Hill.  
Both mentally ill.
- 12 Meeting in Sister Mary's bedroom <sup>in</sup> evening.
- 21 Winnie Baushke to Hospital again for 4 days.
- " Martha Dorst, Georgia Curtis, Deabel Miller +  
Maggie King moved from Swamp Farm to  
Emmaus for Louise to care for. All involved  
in one form or another.
- " Gertie Smith passed away in Shiloh.
- " Gideon Drew had to be moved away from the  
Baker boy's house. Put him by himself in trailer  
near Bethany.
- April 1 Beme Wellbrook Straugha left the colony and moved  
to Mich. City. Was working in the Business  
Office at Shiloh and just moved out without  
notice. Took our furniture - a whole truck  
load - George Gephardt took her. Bro. Francis  
was away from home at the time. Etta Nola  
put back in the Office.
- Chris Krushardt moved out of Shiloh where  
he had lived in the room since it was built.  
He is mentally and physically ill.
- Colored man in our employ (Lake Randolph)  
fell off restaurant roof where he was helping.  
We had him attended for some time by Dr's  
Polansky + Gillam.
- (Bert Wilkison +  
Arthur Causler returned after being away all winter.

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## CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1952.

## STRANGE SIGHT IN AUSTRALIA

## Mystery 'Cigar' Burns up Skies

SYDNEY, Australia—(AP)—Reports that a "cigar-shaped object larger than any plane" flashed across the southeast Australia sky puzzled scientists Monday.

At least 13 persons from four areas of New South Wales said they saw the mysterious object early Saturday.

Among them were two airline pilots and a Royal Australian Air Force officer.

All of the sightings were within

seven minutes of one another and ranged from Sydney to the south coast, 100 miles away, and Parkes, 200 miles west of Sydney.

All agreed that the object was shaped like a cigar and traveled at speeds of hundreds of miles an hour and at altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 25,000 feet.

WEATHER BUREAU officials said the object was "definitely not" a weather balloon.

Reg Edwards, a post office employe, said the object appeared to have many lighted windows, much as a ship at sea.

"It was a long thing, like a ship or a submarine, and at least three or four times larger than a DC-4 Skymaster," he said. "It made no sound as it flew at about 500 miles an hour."

Job 38 = 37 speaks of the bottles of heaven, which are sometimes shaped like a cigar. The Scriptures also mention that there shall be signs in the heavens.

May 9 Hazel Grim went on a trip <sup>3 days</sup>. We did not know she was going nor where she went, but later found that she had been to Steubenville, Ohio, where they came from to arrange for Stella to stay with her brother.

11 Core Mooney came to see Sister Mary.

12 Howard (Stenchback) Fleece, who has been working at the Rocky Farm for some considerable time, has been becoming quite troublesome - drinking and demanding more money for drinks. Finally left today after pressure had been applied.

14 Stella Grim left today for Steubenville, Ohio.

18 Hazel " Stella's mother, left today, also for Steubenville - later she went to California and married Sylvio Jalbert who left later. This makes 3 times Hazel & family have left here.

- The Boomers, who have been living at the Rocky, have been giving trouble. Told to move to the Swamp Farm, but begged off on promise they will do better.

June 10 Sylvio Jalbert left the colony - for California.

13 Winnie Beushke to Hospital again.

- Bama Wellbrook Straughn had been in Mich. City since April. She returned to work in the summer restaurant, and after the season moved her belongings back and is living in the Studio building.

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June

Jack Watkins - otherwise known as the "Doctor of Philosophy." He has been a prisoner on charges of grand larceny. Appears not to be very sound minded. Left again + returned on July 8.

July 17

Etta Nola, who has been working in the Shiloh Business Office since Bama left, also left and without notice. It seems to be catching! Pearl O'Neal was put in her place in the office.

Aug 8

## The News-Palladium

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1952

NEARLY 90, IN GOOD HEALTH

### 'Queen' Mary Purnell Death Rumor Denied

"There's no truth at all to the rumor," added Thorpe, long one of the best known of the local colony celebrities.

The rumor that gained circulation also had it that Mrs. Purnell was confined to her bed and had been for some time.

"It's just Sister Mary's habit not to go out as much as she used to. But she's in as good physical health as I've ever seen her. I think she could still outwalk anybody in the country," Thorpe explained.

Mary Purnell will be 90 years of age the 13th of next November.

There has been a persistent rumor for some time that her health was not good. This may have originated the rumor that the widow of "King" Benjamin Purnell was dead. What may have given the rumor more substance was the fact that when Benjamin Purnell died his death was withheld from the public for almost three days after he had expired. Purnell died on a Friday noon at the Diamond House and it was not until shortly after midnight on the following Sunday that The News-Palladium learned of his passing. An extra edition early that Monday morning told the

story.

After King Ben's death the original colony split in half, Mary taking a following and establishing her own colony, known as the Israelite City of David, with the headquarters just a quarter of a mile east of the original House of David colony. The late Judge Dewhirst assumed the original colony's reigns after Benjamin's death.

Mary Purnell has appeared in public only on very rare occasions. The last occasion was on Armistice Day, 1944, when she and her following suddenly appeared that morning at the Benton Harbor Naval Armory and offered up silent prayers for peace.

It was about this time that Mary announced that she had a vision and that the Germans would shortly surrender. Her prediction gained world-wide circulation and it gained added strength when, in May of 1945, the Germans did surrender.

Mary's colony has operated and managed by a board of trustees comprising herself, Francis Thorpe, Silas Mooney and Robert Vieritz. Recently the fourth trustee was added. Thorpe also denied a rumor today that Mary had been dropped as a trustee recently. He said there was so much business connected with the colony that Mary "needed a little help" in the overall management.

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Ethel Winterbottom very sick. Sent her to Dr Shaeffer's Hospital for 3 days.

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Winnie Bauschke back to Hospital again for 8 days

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# The News-Palladium

BENTON HARBOR, MICH., TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1952

## JET FLIES ATLANTIC TWICE IN 10 HRS.

### Round Trip Record Set By British

#### Bomber Refuels In Newfoundland For East Flight

**ALDERGROVE AIRFIELD,** Northern Ireland, Aug. 26 - (AP)- A British jet bomber flashed across the Atlantic Ocean and back today in slightly over 10 hours.

The double crossing in a single day was the first in history.

**THE SLEEK BLACK** Canberra also smashed all previous records for a west to east passage as it streaked home from Gander, Newfoundland, western terminus of the epic flight.

The whole trip of 4,144 miles took 10 hours 4 minutes, including a two-hour stopover at Gander.

This was the timetable of the bomber's trip, in terms of British Daylight Time which is six hours ahead of Eastern Standard:

6:34 a. m. — Left Aldergrove.

11:12 a. m. — Arrived Gander.

1:10 p. m. — Left Gander.

4:38 p. m. — Reached Aldergrove.

The plane fought 100-mile-an-hour headwinds on its east to west flight, but was helped by them on the trip home.

**THE AVERAGE SPEED** on the home leg was just over 600 miles an hour. The 2,072 mile flight took 3 hours 26 minutes. The flight from Northern Ireland to Newfoundland

required 4 hours 38 minutes. That was almost 40 miles an hour slower than the east-to-west record of 483.91 miles an hour last August in the same plane by the same pilot-Wing Commander Roland Beaumont of the Royal Air Force.

The new west-to-east record was easy to establish. For more than 15 years the record has been 20 hours 29 minutes, set by the Americans H. T. Merrill and J. S. Lambe in a Lockheed plane. Many commercial planes have made better times, but not under official timing conditions approved by the International Aeronautical Federation.

Beaumont grinned as he jumped from the plane. He was followed by co-pilot Peter Millwood, who took over the controls on the homeward half of the flight, and navigator Denis Watson.

The above seems to be complete fulfillment of the prophecy by John Wroe that it would be possible to travel thousands of miles between breakfast + supper - a thing that at that time seemed impossible.

Aug. - Mable Hornbeck's 2 sisters, Lula + Velma, here on a visit.

- Verdo Vaughn separated from his wife. He was to stay here a week but it proved to be until October.

Sep. 6 - Charlie Crow - mentally unbalanced all summer. Sister Mary saw Bro. Benjamin. She said to him: "Welcome home my darling King. I am so glad to see you!"

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- Sep. 7 Bro. + Sister Hawk moved to live with their son, Sam, in LaSalle St. Sam wants to look after the
- 16 Leonard Shambria left to return to W. Va. His wife Hattie had left during the summer. They divorced later.
- Charlie Crow saucy to officers over parking violation. Made trouble
- Sister Hendrickson moved from the Swamp Farm to the Emmaus for Louise to care for.
- Bert Welkeson + Arthur Cousler left together at end of month
- Henry Wellbrook arrived in Sep.
- Oct. 2 Mary Kleser on vacation in Florida for 3 weeks.
- 11 Reinhold Holmes (Skipper) had the fingers of his left hand amputated in a saw in his hobby shop.
- " Maud Smith left for Indiana for the winter.
- Eugene Morgan moved from the Swamp Farm to the Emmaus to be cared for.
- Julia Ayer very sick all fall.
- Built stone garage during - near Auditorium
- Nov. 15 Richard Martin struck Charlie Crow down during the noon hour - by summer stand.
- 21 Annie Smith left and returned to Toledo, Ohio
- 9 Henry Wellbrook left again.
- 22 " " back "
- Dec - " " gone "
- Mary Vieritz suffered a slight stroke early in month
- Tom Farrow sick all winter.

"And there shall be earthquakes in divers places."

Built chicken houses on Mary's Farm during the year.

Oct. 3 Winnie Baushke passed away at the Emmaus Farm.

# Symbol of Hope



(International Soundphoto.)

WHILE CHRISTIAN FAITH meets anti-God in Korea combat, an event occurs in faroff Paris that may symbolize the future. Portugal gave France a replica of the Virgin of Fatima as a gesture of friendship. Amid the ceremonies, a white dove, the symbol of peace, perched on head of Hamish Fraser. Fraser was a Communist, but now is a Catholic.

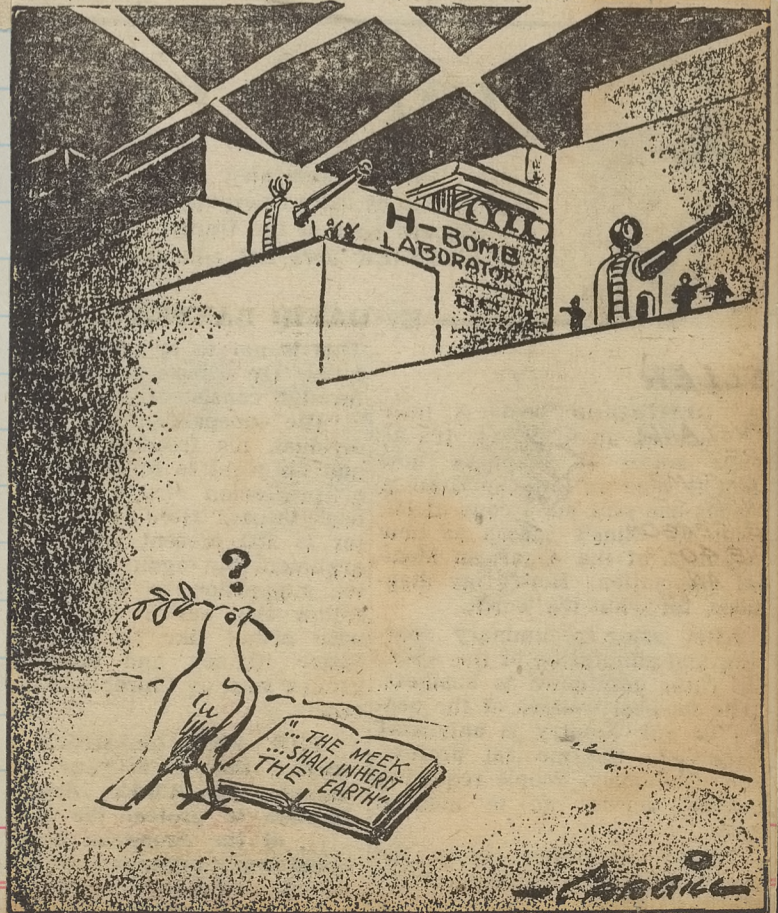
Dec. 1952

## 85 Quakes

1952

TOKYO, Oct. 27 - (AP)-Northern Monshu quivered through 85 light earthquakes last night and sent terrified Japanese fleeing to the mountains. No damage was reported.

## BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF WORLD ARMAMENT RACE



*"They shall cry  
Peace! Peace! but there  
shall be no peace, but  
war + destruction."*

*but =>*

1953

# The News-Palladium

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1953

## LINCOLN BIOGRAPHER, POET

### Chicago, Nation To Honor Carl Sandburg On Tuesday

In the realm of American literature, tomorrow—Jan. 6—will be a notable day, for it is the birthday of Carl Sandburg, gangling, tow-headed son of Swedish immigrants who became the leading Lincoln biographer and one of the century's most renowned poets.

Sandburg will be 75 tomorrow. He was born in Galesburg, Ill. His father's real name was August Johnson, but he took the name of Sandburg because there were numerous August Johnsons in his railroad construction gang and the pay envelopes were frequently mixed up.

Young Carl, with only meager schooling, grew to young manhood in Galesburg. There he worked as a milk wagon driver, barber shop porter and dish washer.

Young Sandburg lied about his age and got into the army during the Spanish-American war. On his return he worked at odd jobs and attended Lombard college. He graduated in 1902. There followed another period of short jobs and he traveled as a hobo all over the country. From 1910 to 1912 Sandburg was secretary to the mayor of Milwaukee. Later he went to Chicago



Sandburg

where he got a job on the Daily News. His "Chicago Poems," published in 1915, established Sandburg's literary fame, which grew with his famous "Rootabaga" stories and his massive biography of Abraham Lincoln which he wrote at his recent home overlooking Lake Michigan at Harbert.

A few years ago, seeking milder climate, the Sandburg family left Berrien county and took up their abode in North Carolina where Sandburg has completed "Always The Young Strangers," the story of his youth.

#### SANDBURG CLASSMATE

Francis Thorpe, official of Mary's City of David, was a classmate of Sandburg's at Lombard college, now Lombard university, and has been a lifelong friend of the author-poet.

In commemoration of Sandburg's birthday, Thorpe wrote the following verse:

#### SANDBURG WEEK

Behold the man who rates, not a day,

But a whole week of mankind's praise!

Whose childlike wit and poetic grace

Inspires words appropriate for a king!

His lowly birth and inspired meandering

Lets the sunshine into his expanding soul,

Imprisoned in a body reinforced

With thoughtfulness from God's breath

To gather the common joys as flowers,

Lining the path of childlike faith,

And preserve them for humanity!

Let us pray in his declining years

That the simple things of life

May glitter more than gold,

And that success may not blind

Or bind the "Pegasus" he rides!

Let him continue to build his monument

Of the stuff that has made him great,

And dedicate it unto the common man,

So that when at last it is unveiled,

No flaw of mammon, or mixed clay,

May classify it against the Stone

That was cut from the Mount,

without hands!

Let humility continue to be his teacher

And his guide along the narrow path

That such must follow to reach the heights

Undreamed of in the early years

awakening

Genius, trapped in the toils of life on earth!

And those who have missed the gate

Which leads to such eminence, rejoice

With this, our Brother, of the common clay,

Recalling vistas of former years,

and another day!

- Jan. 8 Joseph Schriener went to Hospital - Passed away 31st.
- Feb. 2 Joseph + Jobie Couch left on a trip to S. Carolina - 18th
- 5 Theo Lopp arrived back at the colony
- 6 Axel Sydow fell and hurt his hip. Laid up for weeks
- Mar 6 Edith + Myrtle Gally + Ethel Walker returned from  
a 3 week trip to Florida  
Mary Kolesar was with them.
- " Milton Weeks returned after a few months visit
- 11 Andrew Ferguson arrived from New Zealand to  
join the colony.
- 20 Ruth Horneutt hurt her foot while avoiding traffic  
down town. Working at the Hotel again by June
- 22 John Evans back to work in the laundry.
- Bob Cook very sick - Moved from the Hotel to  
headquarters
- Apr. - Bob Cook went to Mercy Hospital.
- Mar - Tom Farrow moved from Skiloh to Studio - Very sick



# The South Bend Tribune

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 7, 1953.

## 'QUEEN' ABDICATES

## CITY OF DAVID THRONE

### SECT LEADER GIVES UP SEAT AT COMMUNAL

#### Colony Administrator Will Continue in Spiritual Post.

The Tribune's Special Service.  
BENTON HARBOR, Mich. — "Queen" Mary Purnell has abdicated the throne of administrative leadership she has occupied over the last 22 years in the City of David religious colony here, it was reported today.

She stepped down as sole administrator of a trust which holds the assets of the order, a breakaway in 1930 from the more famous House of David founded at the turn of the century by Mary and her late husband, "King" Benjamin Purnell.

Mary continues as spiritual leader of the colony, the "Messenger" as she is known to City of David brethren, assisted by a panel of 12 "pillars." Her abdication reportedly was made to enable her to devote "almost unlimited attention to the spiritual affairs of members."

Her previous office has been replaced, it was learned, by a board of four trustees, of which the 90-year-old Mary continues to be one. Others named to the board were Francis Thorpe, business manager for the cult, Robert Vieritz and Silas Mooney, all of whom were chosen from the panel of "Pillars."

#### Large Rural Holdings.

The City of David, which divided assets as well as membership in the 1930 breakaway from the House

of David, has extensive agricultural holdings in Berrien County. Its principal income now, it is said, is from these fruit and general farms.

The trust, according to the organizational procedure, also contains personal assets forfeited by members at the time they joined the communal order. The City of David is the sole beneficiary of the trust.

Approval of the organizational change was granted in the Berrien Circuit Court last summer. The court order gave any three of the trustees power to fill a vacancy on the board caused by the inability of any trustee to serve, and changes in the board must be recorded with the Berrien County register of deeds.

There has been considerable speculation in recent months as to whether the aging Mary is deceased or incapacitated, but both rumors have been stoutly and repeatedly denied by members of the colony. She has discontinued all public appearances, however.

- Apr. - Uneida Percy - daughter of Lulu Percy, colored help - arrived to stay with her mother.
- Melvin, Uber and Emma Tucker went for a vacation to Texas early in the year.
- May 10 Mother's Day - Cora Mooney came to see Sister Mary.
- 16 Harvey Mann passed away at Mary's House.
- Theo Lopp went to Mercy Hospital - very sick.
- Wm. Martin left during the month.
- June 9 Leonard Shamblin with his wife, Margaret, arrived to stay and work for the summer.
- Eugene Morgan moved back to the Swamp Farm.
- Bama Stranghn (Wellbrook) has been working in town for some time - sewing.
- Bro. Easterling is sick all the time. Has been in and out of the Hospital and in June, we have them established in their little house again, after moving it a short distance from the Granhouse.

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Francis Thorne  
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Joyce Cartwright  
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