

Column Left

Priscilla Ann Visits Ba Ba. Makes for a Squeaky Rocker, New England, Too, Had Its Squeak.
Barney Thompson

DAKOTA and the Great Plains came to Rockford last night. They came in gray gusts of wind that swept across the face of the western sky and sought out membranes of nose and mouth in acid taste. It was a dust storm, to make our Illinois world gritty to the touch and grimy in the feel of things.

THE GREAT DRIVE is on tonight. And for the next few days heart and purse will be called upon to meet the human needs of this our city.

The federal government will see that those in need have food and that the Community fund must see to it that life is made worth while above the bread line.

Sunday Afternoon.

DORIED BABY PRISCILLA ANN comes to grandpa's house. From the By-By car she spies him. "Hi, Ba Ba," she calls, her eyes open wide with such gladness as only God can put into a baby's face, her lips shaping into a shy, delighted grin. She skips up, then into her constant refrain, "Bye Baby Bye O,"—reminder that she is to be rocked in the lap of her Ba Ba. There is no command so easy to hear as that of Baby's shy grin and her sturdy march to the living room where, on her grandpa's lap, she joins with him in the rhythm of the rockers. Thus a gentle duet, "Bye Baby Bye O," the fresh sound of childhood rising above the thrumming of age.

Baby's swift tempo of desire shifts to another rocker, a creaking heirloom ready upon a bare floor nearby to transport a child's wonder to perfect bliss.

Into his chair she climbs, the little repeating, upon baby lips, the often spoken caution, "Don't fall, baby, don't fall."

In utter contentment she rocks back and forth, back and forth, the creak and squeak of runners making rapturous music to her listening ears. "Bye Baby Bye O," "Bye Baby Bye O," "Bye Baby Bye O," until the magic touch upon drooping eyelids and breathing as gentle as feather takes her in sleep, the rhythm of her waking song.

Then upon a pillow, under the warmth of shaded sun, she sleeps in beauty, in the soft effortlessness of infancy.

DR. ERNEST C. BLOOMQUIST, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church, last summer made pilgrimage to dear, quiet New England. From Boston's churchly air, back to Column Left, Emmanuel's remembering minister sent a booklet, "The New England Squeak."

It is a book done into charming fact and fable from the Old South Meeting House to the Pledge Pond on Common; and in it, author James O. Fagan tells us of the New England tradition which has hallowed all the historic imitations of squeaking pews, squeaking shoes, squeaking skirts, squeaking chairs, and squeaking cradles, squeaking rocking chairs.

The New England squeak came not because of poor workmanship. The Puritans knew how to build as well as they. The squeak was art and it went into every fashioned thing—any one might be made aware of another's presence. And that is no New England antiquarian will repair the squeak out of an old chair, an old pew, an old cradle.

FROM PASTOR BLOOMQUIST'S book to us we share two stories. Said a dear old Boston lady:

"I am 87 years old. I can remember sending my petticoat down to the shop to have the squeak put in. Of course we called it a ruckle, but what do you take us for? Do you think we made no noise in those days? We did not. We did it to attract attention the same as you do today. And the same idea applies about going to church. In fact, what's the use of going to church if nobody knows you?"

AND ANOTHER ONE: You dear old lady of the eighties, and the seventies and beyond, there you sit by the window, in the twilight, watching the deepening shadows on the hillside; gently rocking yourself to and fro, to and fro, nursing your precious memories and rehearsing them, faces and voices of dear ones, from first to last the squeaking rhythm of the rocker in your limbs and the music of its dreams in your soul. You dear old fashioned lady, you understand me, you know what I am writing about. God bless you and your rocking chair!"

BETWEEN BABY'S LOVE of a squeaking rocker today and the Puritan's love of a squeaking pew there lies an interval of 300 years. To them it was a self-conscious riddle. To Baby it is something more beautiful, a harking back through ages to time to the deep mystery of being, unconscious infant who to know the meaning of this noisy world into which Baby lately has come.

Up to now Pastor Bloomquist has had no word of thanks for this gift. And the word could only come today. For somehow the gift had struck home until this Sunday afternoon Priscilla Ann fell asleep in Ba Ba's arms, the drowsy refrain of "Bye Baby Bye O" and the New England squeak.

Dies as Storm Swamps Boat

Hinz' Attorney, Aldermen, Set For Word Battle

Ex-City Treasurer's Counsel Will Appear Before Committee at Its Session Tonight

Denies Responsibility For Client's Actions

Key Promises "To Talk Plenty" If Lawyer's Statements Are Not to His Liking at Parley

Battle between members of the city council finance committee and Attorney Ray P. Lichtenwalner, ordered to produce former City Treasurer E. J. Hinz, who vanished after admitting a \$12,180 embezzlement from municipal funds, loomed today as the lawyer announced that he would appear before the aldermanic group tonight and deny responsibility for his client's actions.

Lichtenwalner told us that Hinz would be available for an interview at the meeting of the city council tonight, it was indicated today, when it was revealed that the mayor has prepared a statement for submission to the aldermen.

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Demand His Appearance

Mayor to Talk In Defense of His Policies



E. J. HINZ

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Development of River Outlined At Session Here

City, County Leaders Plan Organization of Federation Designed To Improve Valley

Fox Valley Men Meet With Local Officials

Coordination of Work Relief Project One Of Objects; Propose Super-Highway to East

Plans for a program of Rock river valley development, under the direction of a proposed federation organized to promote its utilitarian and recreation possibilities were under discussion today when civic and county leaders met at noon in the Rockford News tower.

Officials of the Fox River Valley federation, who foresee an era of cooperation and mutual effort between the northern Illinois river communities, attended the session to outline the uses and objectives of a local federation.

Lester J. Norris, St. Charles, president of the Fox river group, and E. A. Keplar, the secretary, represented their organization. Suggestion for the local conference came from Mr. Norris, who envisioned the possibilities of a Rock river valley organization.

Indications were that one of the actions of the meeting would be local approval of Chicago's proposed \$10,000,000 west side super-highway. Benefits of the improvement as a relief project were outlined by J. E. Bulger of Chicago, a director of the Chicago Motor club. The super-highway has been endorsed by the Fox river valley group, who point out that it would be a great convenience to residents of this Rockford area.

To coordinate relief work, the Rock River Valley federation, if the organization is carried out along proposed lines, will have as one of its first duties the coordination of a work relief project being sponsored by the division of waterways.

Walter M. Smith, Jr., resident engineer, and Walter M. Smith, Sr., acting chief director, will be in the city at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday to survey the river valley as the first step in an improvement program which is contemplated by the state government.

These officials have requested all Rock river valley community and township officials to list possible improvement projects pertaining to the waterway, or streams and lakes within their jurisdiction.

They have been asked to include in their itemized lists all possible work such as deepening of streams and channels, improving a n d straightening of river banks, building of retaining walls, repairing or raising dams and any new projects which they might favor.

Seeking Benefit to Area

A public-spirited Rock River Valley federation will have a definite objective in coordinating requests for improvements and suggesting work which would benefit the area, it was pointed out at the meeting.

The proposed state program, which is still in the formative change, is to be carried out without cost to local communities, according to advance notices. It will present

Blank Shells Blamed For Rabbits' Escape

Failure of Assistant Chief Homer Reed to Hunt any Rabbits on a Saturday hunting expedition was no reflection upon his marksmanship, he insisted today.

The assistant chief, one of a party of six, banged away at rabbits all Saturday afternoon, without results. In the meantime his companions were having excellent luck.

Explanation of his poor luck dawned upon the police official when he fired point blank at a nearby rabbit, which seemed a complacent mark after futile shooting at the elusive bunnies. He then discovered that his friends had supplied him with blank cartridges.

Hitler Piles Up Huge Victory in Reich Election

40 Million Ballots Are Cast for Nazi Party Out of Grand Total Of 43,462,223 Sunday

Chancellor's Policies Overwhelmingly Upheld

Plebiscite Puts Stamp Of People's Approval Upon Withdrawal from The League of Nations

By EDWARD W. BEATTIE, JR. (United Press Staff Correspondent) Berlin, Nov. 13.—The most tremendous vote in the history of the German republic piled up today as returns poured in giving Chancellor Adolf Hitler and his Nazi policies an unchallenged victory at the polls.

Unofficial returns on Sunday's Reichstag elections and the plebiscite on Hitler's policies showed a practically unanimous victory and placed the seal of approval on the chancellor's withdrawal from the league of nations and the Geneva arms parity.

The count on unofficial returns follows:

Plebiscite	
Yes cast	43,462,223
"No"	40,855,449
Invalid	2,105,474

Reichstag Delegates	
Votes cast	43,029,285
"Yes"	32,878,548
Invalid	3,350,737

The plebiscite results represented nearly 97 per cent of the total electorate in the Reich, and in the Reichstag vote, 96 per cent of the total voters eligible — a showing which even Hitler and his followers had not expected.

Elect 670 Deputies

The Nazi party, led by Hitler, elected 670 deputies to the Reichstag. Opposition parties were banned.

The Nazis held 288 seats in the Reichstag, elected last March 5.

One feature of the voting was a campaign led by the Catholic clergy to abstain from voting for Reichstag members. The Catholics urged the voters to ballot on the plebiscite on foreign policy only—a move which reduced the Reichstag vote as compared with those cast in the plebiscite, in Catholic districts.

Nazis troubled their vote in Catholic Lower Bavaria, compared with the March 5 elections.

In celebration of the victory, the government ordered all public buildings to display the German and Nazi flags today. The populace was urged to do likewise by the ministry of propaganda.

Nation Indorses Chancellor

Thus, with the overwhelming support for which he had pleaded throughout the campaign, Chancellor Hitler was thrust upon the pinnacle of power he sought through

Welfare Speaker

Launch Drive For Welfare Fund Tonight



DR. JOHN GORDON

Signal for the opening of Rockford's greatest campaign to meet its human needs will be given tonight when 700 volunteer workers in the Rockford Community Fund drive will gather in the Crystal room at the Hotel Nelson at 6:15 o'clock.

After receiving final instructions at the huge dinner meeting this evening, the army of workers early Tuesday will begin the city-wide solicitation for \$149,000 with which to meet the welfare needs of its depression-crippled families and underprivileged boys and girls. Unofficial that Rockford's citizens will respond to the call for funds which will strengthen the morale of their needy neighbors, the drive workers are determined to complete the campaign by Friday night.

Dr. John Gordon, pastor of the Second Congregational church, will deliver the keynote address at the opening meeting. Emil C. Tramer, campaign chairman, will preside.

Must Provide for Human Needs

"There can be no question that we must provide for our human needs in Rockford," Mr. Tramer said today. "We are coming through the crisis in America. We shall come through the crisis in Rockford. I am confident that we will not rebuild only in a commercial way and leave an open sore of human needs, where kindness and sharing would have healed that sore. Other cities are meeting their responsibilities in the crisis and we must not fail. It will not do it now.

"Great saving of time for the 700

Oregon Man Loses Life at Height of Gale

David Thayer Victim Of Accident While at Work on Power Pump; Companions Rescued

Dictator of Moose Lodge Goes to Death

Wind Pelts City and Northern Illinois With Dust, Causing Heavy Damage Toll

Death to one northern Illinois resident, property damage and discomfort were borne on the wings of a hard-driven dust storm that pelted Rockford and northern Illinois for six hours Sunday as one of the two meteorological disturbances over the country which took a heavy toll of life and wrecked thousands of dollars worth of property.

The other disturbance was a blinding snow storm on the Atlantic seaboard which caused a dozen or more deaths, according to Associated Press dispatches today.

At Oregon, Ill., twenty-five miles south of Rockford, David Thayer, 47, employe of the H. B. Conkey Sand and Gravel company, was drowned yesterday afternoon when the dust-laden wind caused his boat to swamp in Rock river. Two companions were rescued.

Boat Swamps

Thayer, dictator of the Oregon Loyal Order of Moose chapter, and the father of two children, was steering a power pump in midstream when Dan Miller and Glen Lowry, on completing the work, one of the men gave a signal to start it. As a twelve-inch stream of water gushed from the pump, the wind whipped the boat from which the men were working and righted. Thayer's body floated out from underneath the boat. The boat was swamped in thirty-five feet of water.

Miller and Lowry were nearly drowned, but were rescued by fellow workers who put out from shore in another boat.

When the swamped craft was dragged to shore and righted, Thayer's body floated out from underneath the boat. The tragedy occurred about a mile south of Oregon in Rock river where the sand and gravel company operates huge pumps for reclaiming sand from Rock river.

Deed Accused

A coroner's jury impeached this morning by Coroner J. C. Akins, Forreston, returned a verdict of accidental death.

Thayer was born Dec. 18, 1886, in Kansas and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eva Palmer Thayer; two children, Frank, 10, and Eugene, 12, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thayer, here.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. at the Farrell funeral chapel, the Rev. Richard E. Chandler, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery.

Barn Is Wrecked

A large barn under construction on the farm of Harry McGuire, editor of "Outdoor Life," was practically demolished by the wind which caused damage estimated at more than \$1,000 on the McGuire farm near Mt. Morris.

In Rockford, the gale reached a sixty-mile-an-hour velocity and carried with it tons of dust and dirt. The high wind kept up for several hours Sunday night and early this morning, greatly increasing hazards of driving. Dust, which seeped into cracks and crevices in offices and homes, had left a heavy film today. The mercury dipped to 21 degrees above zero at one time last night but the force of the wind intensified the cold.

Cold Wind Adds to Distress

Although the mercury never dropped below 21 degrees the penetrating quality of the gale increased the discomfort much beyond that. The wind died down late this morning, the sun tried to shine through, and the mercury went up gradually to 27 at noon.

Attendants at Machesney airport said instruments there registered wind velocity ranging from 54 to 60 miles an hour Sunday night and this morning.

More than a dozen deaths were

Rob and Kidnap Rockford Man

Two men and a woman were held in the county jail today as authorities investigated the kidnaping and robbery of Lawrence Weiss, 22, residing two miles south of Davis Junction, by two armed men at 11 p. m. Sunday.

The bandits forced Weiss' car to the side of the road at Crook road and 9th street. Ordering Weiss into the bandit machine, the men blindfolded him and one of them drove him out into the country. The other followed in Weiss' car.

Take Wallet, Watch, Car

Stopping the automobiles on a lonely road, the captors robbed Weiss of his overcoat, a wallet containing \$10, and a watch and the victim's immigration papers.

Leaving Weiss standing beside the car (Continued on Next Page)

May Talk of Restitution

Corporation Counsel Frank M. Ryan said this morning that if a hearing Hinz made restitution, stating that Lichtenwalner would be questioned concerning the possibility of his return to the city.

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Beloit Crash Victim Dies

Beloit, Wis., Nov. 13.—One Beilitt man is dead today and another is in serious condition in Beloit hospital as a result of two automobiles colliding within fifteen minutes Saturday night in which three machines were involved.

Felix Frenette, 30, 1233 6th street, was taken to the hospital believed to be suffering from abrasions and shock. He died this morning after further examination revealed he had a broken back.

Arthur Patrick, 23, 120 Miller street, is suffering from brain contusion, severe lacerations and loss of blood. First aid application of a tourniquet by someone at the scene of the accident may have saved his life, physicians said.

Frenette and Patrick, accompanied by Fred Swanson, 40, 812 8th street, were returning here from Janesville where they had attended the Beloit-Janesville football game Saturday afternoon when Frenette lost control of the machine he was driving six miles north of here.

Rips Out Fence

The auto careened off the pavement, traveled about 200 feet on the shoulder of the road and went into the ditch where it took out nearly fifty feet of fence before coming to a stop two blocks from where it left the highway. It rolled over three times, according to police.

Frenette was taken from the car (Continued on Next Page)

Killed by Auto Which He Won in Raffle

Bellefonte, Ill., Nov. 13.—(AP)—William I. Mansker, 19, driving a motor car he won recently in a raffle at Marissa, Ill., was killed Sunday when the machine overturned near New Athens.

The driver and four companions were returning to Marissa after a dance at the time of the accident.

Save Children In Dixon Fire

Dixon, Nov. 13.—Trapped in their home when a lighted kerosene lamp tipped over and started a fire, three small children narrowly escaped death here at 6:45 p. m. Sunday.

The near tragedy took place at the residence of Mrs. John Bowman, 909 East Chamberlain street. Mrs. Bowman was visiting a neighbor, Mrs. Ole Anderson, when her infant son, John, 1, knocked the lamp off its stand.

Betty Lou, 3, oldest of the three children, ran across the street to the Anderson residence when the flames began to spread. Mrs. Bowman returned to her home, entered the flaming room and brought a daughter, Helen Lou, outside. A moment later she fainted on the porch.

The third child, John, was moved from the scene of the flames by Mrs. Anderson. When she recovered consciousness, Mrs. Bowman reentered the house, believing her son was still inside. She made her escape from the blaze with the aid of Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. Bowman suffered greatly from shock, and her son was treated at Dixon hospital for first degree burns. The other two children escaped injury.

Little damage was done to the house or furnishings.

Lindberghs Land at Ponte Vedra, Spain

Madrid, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh landed safely today near Cadeles de Tuy, province of Ponte Vedra, on a flight across Spain.

Original reports were that the American fliers, who took off from Santaona, Spain, for Portugal, had been forced down near the little village in the mountains.

The Lindberghs descended to a landing because they lost their way in the clouds and rain which enveloped the Spanish coast.

The colonel landed his plane expertly on the sheltered bay near the fishing village and he and his wife said they expected to spend the night there before proceeding tomorrow to Lisbon, provided the weather clears up sufficiently to permit a flight at that time.

Three Killed in Aerial Joy Ride

New York, Nov. 13.—(UP)—An airplane flattered perilously across a crowded tenement district of Brooklyn at dawn Sunday, scraping trees, a church steeple and an elevated station before it crashed in flames, killing three passengers and critically injuring the youthful pilot.

The plane had been hired by four young men in evening dress who were motored to Valley Steam airport from a formal ball. Shortly after they took off the plane began having difficulties observable from below.

Watchers saw one wing brush the spire of the church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Part of the wing fell into the street. The plane fell on but the motor sputtered and it brushed an elevated station at Broadway and Eastern parkway. Firemen watched the plane and prepared for action. A few blocks beyond, taxicab drivers scurried for cover as the plane fluttered low.

The ship crashed on the roof of a tenement house, smashed a cornice and toppled in flames into the street.

Adam Rowinski, 21; Henry Rochabowski, 19, and Louis Henry Kuhn, 19, were dead or dying when taxicab rescuers rushed up. Stanley Kayowski, 19, the pilot, was taken to a hospital.

Arbitration to End Big Strike

Austin, Minn., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Agreement to arbitrate differences between 2,500 employes and the George A. Hormel & Company packing plant here was reached early today after a long series of conferences with Gov. Floyd B. Olson. The decision virtually ended the strike of the workers.

The state industrial commission will arbitrate the grievances of the men, who, after asking an increase of ten cents an hour in wages and being refused, had seized the company plant for a time Saturday, the day the strike began.

Submit Matter to Commission

Gov. Olson came here last night to direct the negotiation for a settlement, and after numerous meetings with both sides, agreement finally was reached to submit the matter to the state commission.

While leaders of the workers accepted the plan, along with the company's board of directors, the former planned to submit the agreement to a mass meeting of the employes later in the day for formal ratification.

Pickets who had been placed at the packing house were withdrawn.

Troops to Return Home

The agreement includes a plan to (Continued on Next Page)

Santa Claus Coming to Town Thursday; To Parade in Sleigh!

(Pictures on Page Two)

Santa Claus will be welcomed to Rockford Thursday!

And what a welcoming is in store for him. Mayor C. Henry Bloom formally will greet the patron saint of Christmas, and then the distinguished visitor will be escorted through the city in what promises to be the most colorful Yule parade in Rockford's history.

Besides the mayor, Clarence E. Patrick, Chamber of Commerce secretary, who represents the retail division of the city, will escort St. Nick through the city.

Seated on his reindeer-drawn sleigh atop a huge float, Santa will ride through the principal business centers.

Rockford high school band will head the parade which will get underway immediately after Santa has been welcomed to the city. Numbers of animal figures and attra-

tively decorated floats will add color to the holiday season to the parade.

Starting at 4 p. m. the parade has been arranged to enable all school children to get a glimpse of the bearer of gifts. The route of the parade will be announced Tuesday.

Santa's visit has been planned as a feature of the opening of a gala pre-holiday sales event. The bargain program will provide shoppers of Rockford, northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin with an opportunity of doing their buying early.

Merchants participating in the big event announce that their stocks have been replenished with new merchandise for the Christmas season. The sales feature will continue on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Merchants will compete in a window display contest as a feature of the opening holiday sales drive and (Continued on Next Page)

Youth Is Crushed to Death by Crowd Leaving Grid Stadium

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 13.—(AP)—County authorities, seeking a solution of the strange death of Jay F. Towner, 3rd, still held today to the theory the 23-year-old youth from Perryman, Md., was fatally injured in the crush of the dense crowd leaving Palmer stadium after the Princeton-Dartmouth game.

County Coroner Frank Grove and County Detective James Kirkham were hopeful that the day would produce evidence substantiating their explanation of a fatality unique in football history.

Although without tangible clues in the case, and in the face of blunt skepticism expressed by Towner's family, the two officials have re-constructed the events leading up to Towner's death as follows:

The youth was leaving Palmer stadium after the game and had almost reached the ground end of ramp 22 when the press of the crowd

Bits of News in Today's Want Ads

Wild game hunting ground opened.

Reward for two-wheel trailer.

Furnace and gutter repair service.

Goats for sale.

\$2 takes electric chick brooder.

Steel kitchen cabinet for sale.

Table model gas stove, \$25.

\$10 takes banjo with case.

160 acre farm for rent.

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