

WHILE WE'RE WAITIN' FOR THE MAIL

By Ralph Littick
(Contributed by H. L. Harris)

If you want to see your neighbor
Around the hour of nine,
I can tell you where you'll find him
If you're there about that time—
Down at the old post office
He'll be there without fail,
A loafin' with his neighbor
And a waitin' for the mail.
He'll be arguin' with the fellers
About how the country's run:
About what the President didn't do
And what he should have done;
Or about the war that's brewin'
Over there across the sea,
About the guy who starts a war,
And the place where he should be;
Or about the Legislature,
Or the Congress, or the Court,
Or perhaps the old age pension,
Or something of the sort.
You'll hear some tall discussin'
And you'll hear some mighty tale
Any morning at the office
While we're waitin' for the mail.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY DRAWS LARGE CROWD

The Junior Class play, "Scoop," was presented Friday evening in the Thomas Hall with a large crowd in attendance. Those taking part in it were: Hume McMartin, Anabel Clinite, Bob Myers, Betty McTurk, Ardis Walker, Erlene Rattray, Kenneth Bartels, Lois Harris, Clair Goos, Upson Thomas, Robert Stephenson, Donald Knox, Charles Neff, John Osborn and Max Miller. Between acts the Girl's Glee Club sang "Old Fashioned Garden;" Betty Hutzell sang "Sweet and Lovely;" the Boys' Glee Club sang "I Had a Little Talk With the Lord," and the Mixed Chorus sang "Till the End of Time." Mrs. Ralph Stevens directed the play.

Install Rebekah Officers

Installation of officers was held last Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Beaman Rebekah Lodge No. 554. The installing officer was Mrs. Marvel Oglesby and marshal was Mrs. Ora Evans.

Officers installed were Mrs. Jean Kaufmann, Noble Grand; Mrs. Elizabeth Hotopp, Vice Grand; Mrs. Maxine Ashton, Rec. Secy.; Mrs. Lillian Thomas, Treas. Mrs. Margaret Kaufmann, Warden; Mrs. Elsie Craig, Conductor; Mrs. Mabel Thomas, RSNL; Mrs. Ora Evans, LSNL; Mrs. Marie Elliott, RSVG; Mrs. Alma McTurk, LSVG; Mrs. Opal Sandstoe, IG; Mrs. Orpha Lynch, OG; Mrs. Kathryn Johnson, chaplain; Mrs. Marguerite Rattray, musician.

Class Timberlane: A Novel of Husbands and Wives," by Sinclair Lewis.

Judge Timberlane, divorced, encounters Jinny Marshland when she comes to testify at a trial in Grand Republic, Minn., manages boldly to secure an introduction, courts and weds her.

He knows the best people: Drover, Havock, Pennloss, Pruitt, Criley, Margate . . . names as good as Gantry and Babbitt. . . but Jinny, daughter of a druggist, stands only on the threshold of high society. He takes her inside, and she is accepted.

He takes us inside, too. The time is the 1940s. The subject is the most perplexing and persistent of all social conflicts, not race or labor or religion but the relations of men and women. They are unsatisfactory, Lewis concludes.

There's nothing new about that. Despite promises to love and obey, husbands and wives quarrel, hate, sneak out to hunt consolation or excitement or merely change. It happens not only in Grand Republic but also in Grand Rapids, Bangor, Phoenix, Wichita, Hartford, Baton Rouge and a score of other places catalogued by the author.

Lewis gives it a new, fresh treatment, however. There are moments, it is true, when I wish he would stop preparing to tell his story and tell it; moments when his inserted, spicy vignettes of assorted husbands and wives are confusing; and moments when conversation intended to carry out the plot gets a little implausible.

On the whole, however, this is a novel worthy of the author of "Main Street" and "Babbitt." Characters spring to life in a vivid, brilliant word or phrase. The tone shifts from sarcastic to scathing to savage. The writing is masculine, and entertaining. If at times you don't seem to be getting anywhere, Lewis generally

The regular meeting of the Beaman Rebekah Lodge was held last Tuesday evening in the lodge rooms with thirteen members present. A committee was appointed to meet with the Odd Fellows lodge to make plans for an annual picnic to be held in

the Beaman park. Refreshments were served at the Beaman Cafe by Mesdames Richard Vint, C. E. Groesbeck, J. J. Rattray and Bruce Card.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kaufmann Sunday were John McAfee of Fort Benton, Mont., Wm. McAfee, Mrs. Myrtle Bowen of Marshalltown and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kaufmann and Donnie. During afternoon, John and Wm. McAfee called on Mrs. Hannah Wetherbee, an old Green Mountain acquaintance.

The Fold-Up Getting Near!

Have you heard about the Gentleman's Agreement stuff? It's where the DOWN-AND-OUT try to get some protection from their neighboring competitors by getting them to agree that they will not do any advertising in the down-and-outer's trade territory, which is at the present time about the size of a track left by a flea's left hind leg. And to think that the once most thriving business institution of the community, would get to such a point where it has to concede to such desperate tactics, makes it kinda silly and amusing. Wonder why they went to all this trouble if it doesn't pay to advertise in Everybody's Advertiser? There is only one solution: the FOLD-UP must be near at hand. Another feed or show might prolong the agony some. Isn't it just wonderful what EXPERT management can accomplish in a short time??

The members of the W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church held a Guest Day with their regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon in the church parlors. There were 22 members and 10 guests present, four of whom joined the Society. Mrs. Harm Hertema Jr. gave the devotions and Mrs. R.

Oglesby presented the lesson which was "Women in the Working World." A short business meeting was held by the president, Mrs. Claire Myers, after which a social hour was enjoyed. Mrs. Ronald Kaufmann gave several readings and Mrs. Olin Brown had charge of a contest. Refreshments were served by the committee.

A baby shower was held Friday evening in the Methodist church by the Young People's Sunday school class for baby Ann Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller Jr., and baby Richard Henningsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Henningsen. The evening was spent in contests and games and refreshments were served by the committee.

Ed Cole of Gladbrook and his son-in-law Cal Stratton of Beaman, left from Marshalltown Saturday afternoon for Long Beach, Calif., where they will spend the winter. Their first stop was to be a short distance this side of Long Beach where they were going to visit Mr. Stratton's daughter and husband. Their address is: Long Beach, 616 Orange Ave., Apt. 9.