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Places 'hex' on barn

Some superstitions are good, bad or indifferent, but hex signs on a barn or house are generally meant to wish the owner well. In Pennsylvania some of the barns have as many as 24 hex signs painted on them, originally to frighten away witches.

About five years ago, Mrs. William Seidman, Buttrick Ave., climbed a tall ladder and placed a large hex on her red barn. She has researched in the library to find just the right sentiment in an authentic Pennsylvania collection.

Mrs. Seidman copied the one which she preferred and it returns the wishes, "Good Luck" to her or to passers-by whenever they look in that direction.

Mrs. Seidman is also checking the history of the farm in order to add the date of its origination under the hex. She thinks it is about 70 years old.

Mrs. Thomas Rockett's new home on Grand River Drive is also sporting a hex sign. This one was brought to her from Pennsylvania last summer by her parents.

Mrs. Rockett feels that it suits her house especially well as the house itself was designed with the general outlines of a lofty and generous barn.

"It would have been fun to have taken an old barn and remodeled it," said Mrs. Rockett, "but as it is, we have created something special out of land that others passed by."

Mrs. Rockett's hex sign has an intricate design, but its meaning is clear, "Good Harvest and Prosperity in All Ways."

Have these hex signs worked? The surrounding communities are growing with new residents and new industries. Perhaps we should all take this one superstition to heart and place a great many more signs around us.

At least, they are a lot of fun and make good conversation pieces.



Gerry Paine, G. Nicholaou are married

Miss Gerry Lee Paine became the bride of George E. Nicholaou in St. Constantine and Helen Church in Chicago, Illinois, on May 27.

Parents of the couple are Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Paine, 2005 Thornapple River Drive, and Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Nicholaou, of Chicago, Illinois.

For her wedding, the bride chose an ivory crepe sheath empire line accented with narrow bias. The skirt was scrolled with hand drawn alencon lace with the same lace thru the bodice, circling the teacup sleeves, and detachable circular train. Her veil, shoulder-length, was of ivory bridal illusion and fell from a pillbox topped with open satin roses. She carried a cascade of white roses and orchids.

Maid of honor was Barbara Paine, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Maridell Paine, sister of the bride, Alice Farrell and Sara Russel. The bride's attendants were attired in turquoise linen sheaths with empire waists accented with beaded lace and deeper shades of turquoise ribbon. The elbow-length sleeves were edged with lace and they carried bouquets of lilacs.

Junior bridesmaid was Cynthia Alessis. Flower girl was Soutana Pappa Nicholaou. The ring bearer was Robert Scott Paine, brother of the bride.

Attending the groom was Dean Drainias, Nicholas Nicholaou, Nick Kavorias, Nick Chronis & George Karcases.

Family reunion

The children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren of the late Rev. Stephen J. Paull, gathered June 18 for a reunion.

The family witnessed the baptism of Donald Jeffrey Cramer, administered by the Rev. Lee Dalrymple, at the First Congregational Church of Ada, and then shared in a potluck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cramer on Grand River Drive, Ada.

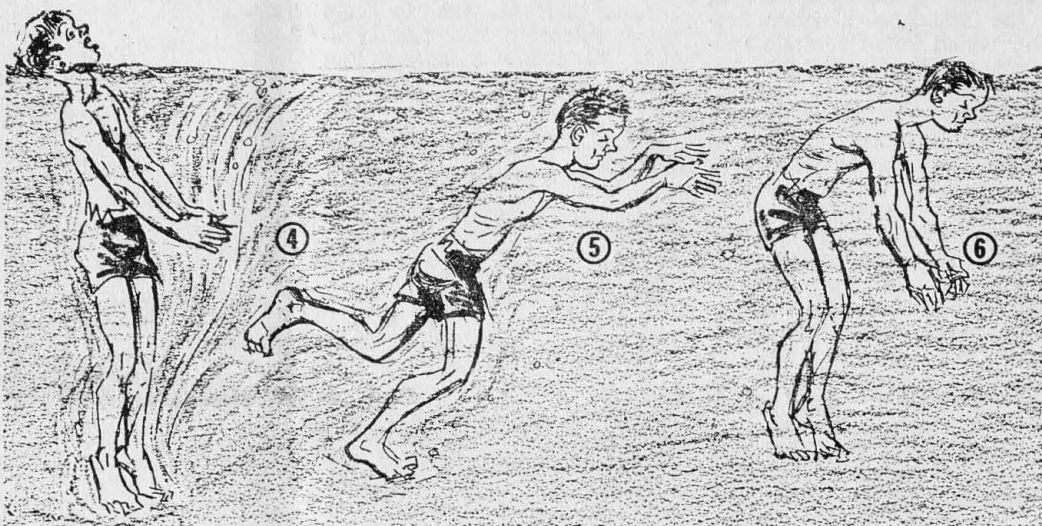
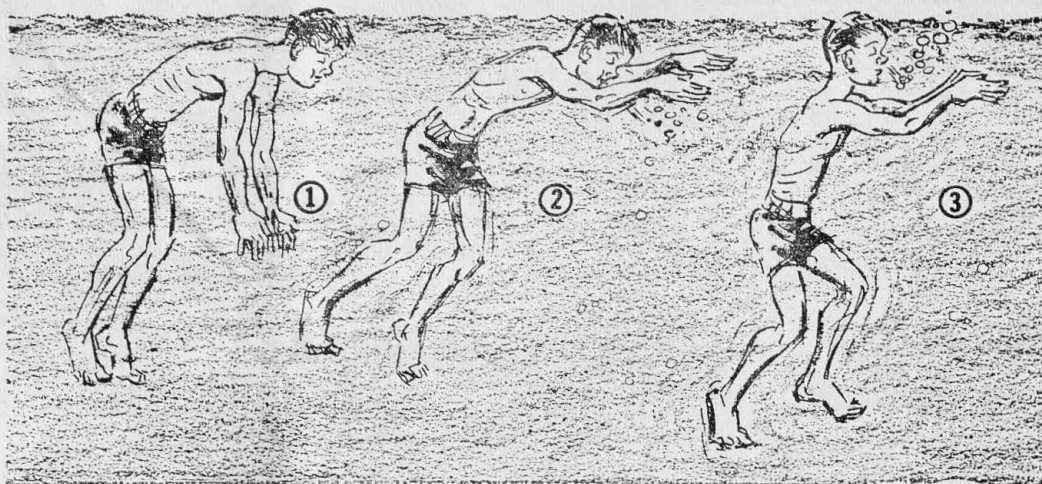
The next reunion will be held in 1969 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Opie of Holland.



Newest to the Crib Crowd

Mr. and Mrs. James Veldman of 4323 Kennilworth Drive, SE, announce the birth of a daughter, Sue Eilyn Tuesday, June 13, at Blodgett Memorial Hospital.

Drownproof your Family



You can drownproof your family this summer by teaching them a new floating technique. The method, developed by Professor Fred R. Lanoue, head swimming coach at Georgia Institute of Technology, is simple. According to him, most people drown because they panic; they exhaust themselves needlessly and soon go down. Object of Lanoue's method is to relax, make use of your built-in floating power without trying to overwork it by keeping the whole head above water. His six-step technique is shown above. In step 1), the student takes a deep breath and plunges in, allowing himself to stay submerged, face down. While exhaling in a normal breathing pattern, he slowly raises his arms 2) and when he needs to inhale, 3) he gently pushes down with his arms, forcing just enough of his head above water to breathe. In step 4) he inhales quickly through the mouth and lets himself sink again. Two common errors are trying to breathe twice during this stroke, and to get the head too far out of water. Both waste energy. In step 5) he will sink because he has just pushed his head above water, a motion which has overcome his natural buoyancy. The less the head is raised when taking a breath, the less the body will sink. In 6) he has once again bobbed to the surface, exhaling as he regains this natural position, and is now ready to start over. In practice, the rhythm of these motions can be timed to a comfortable breathing speed. You should not wait to breathe until absolutely necessary. -- Mich. Dept. of Conservation

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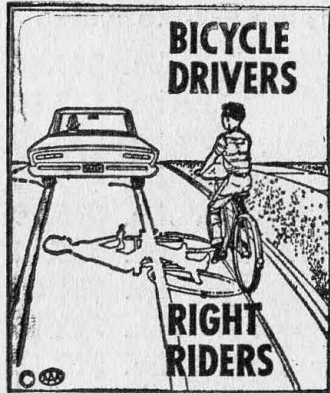
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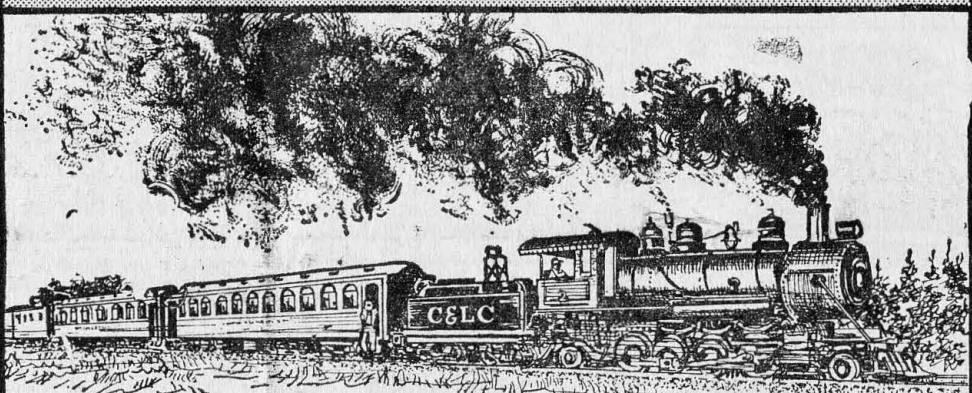
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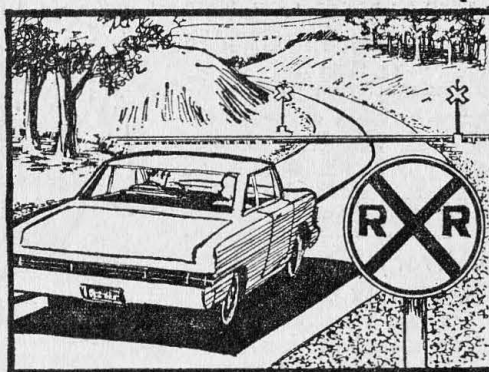
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Indianapolis 500 mile race veteran Mel Kenyon of Davenport, Iowa, will head a star studded field that will compete in a national championship midget auto racing program this Thursday night at the Berlin Raceway.

Kenyon finished fifth at Indianapolis in 1966 and was running fifth again this year until he was involved in an accident with Cale Yarborough and would up 15th.

He was the National USAC midget champion in 1964, second in 63, and finished second last season. Injured in a big car race in Langhorn, Penn-

sylvania, in which he was severely burned, he now drives with a special made glove with a built in device to fit the steering wheel.

The all Offenhauser program will include the entries of defending national champion Mike McGreevy of Seattle, Wash., Bob Wente, Kansas City, Mo.; Gary and Merle Bettenhausen, Tinley Park, Ill.; sons of the fabled Tony Bettenhausen, Don Meachan, Fresno, Calif.; Billy Mehner, Portland, Ore.; Tom Seilberg, Inglewood, Calif.; and Sonny Ates, Sellersberg, Ind., in the early entries.

A 40-lap feature race on the four lane one-half mile banked asphalt Marne oval will highlight the seven event card. Warm-ups will be at 6 p. m., time trials at 7 and the first race at 8:30.

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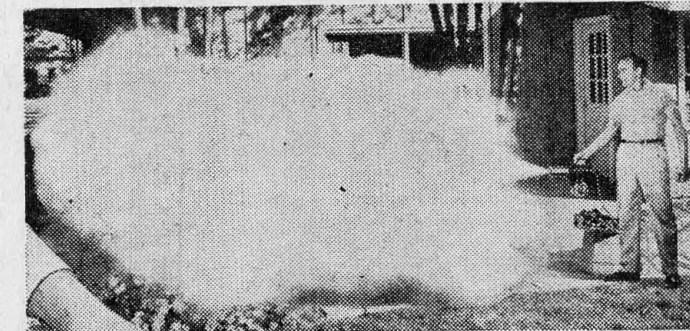


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