

News As Reported In The Enterprise Forty Years Ago

On Wednesday evening the young men of Williamston gave a dance at Stator and Daniels' mill in honor of the visiting young ladies...



Mrs. Ann Poling, 609 Delaware St., Indianapolis, Indiana, who was suffering from deficiencies of Vitamins B, B, Iron, and Niacin...

and Ethel Skinner, of Greenville, who are favorites here. The spacious verandahs were prettily lighted by Japanese lanterns...

BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET The Other Side of the Curtain At Last Disclosed This Secret

By BILLY ROSE

On an October morning in 1903, in a village not far from La Rochelle in eastern France, a young priest paled as he listened to his first confession.

"Yesterday afternoon," he heard the penitent on the other side of the curtain say, "I met a strange girl on the dirt road that runs by the pond. When I tried to make friends with her, she laughed at me, and I got so mad I picked up a stone and hit her to make her stop laughing."

Father Antoine recognized the voice as that of a 15-year-old who was known in the village as "the story teller"—a boy who was always talking about his daydreams as if they had actually happened.

Even though he didn't know whether the confession was fact or fiction, the priest imposed the most severe penance, and in addition ordered the boy to visit him every day after school for a friendly talk.

A few weeks later, Father Antoine was almost certain the "crime" was a hallucination. For one thing, there had been no report of a missing person in the district and, for another, the boy's descriptions of the murder grew more and more confused.

ONE AFTERNOON he finally admitted to the priest that his story was a fabrication. "I did meet a girl," he said, "and she got me so angry that I wanted to kill her. But I never touched her, and afterwards I got all mixed up about what I wanted to do and what I really did."

"I suspected as much all along," said Father Antoine, "but I must admit I was shocked at first. You see, you were the first person who had ever confessed to me."

Two years later, the boy's family moved to Paris and the priest all but forgot the incident—until a new paved road was laid alongside the old dirt one. Under a bush near the pond was found the decomposed body of a girl, and the coroner testified it had been there about two



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years and the skull had been crushed by some heavy object. Bound by his vows, Father Antoine could say nothing, and for the next 40 years the secret remained with him.

THE YEARS of the German occupation were difficult ones for those who lived in the La Rochelle district, but many of the villagers did what they could for the resistance movement—and not the least among them was the priest, now in his late 60's. And when liberation finally came, a great celebration was arranged with Father Antoine as the guest of honor.

After the dinner there was a good deal of reminiscing among the veterans of the underground, but when someone asked the priest to tell of his own adventures, he smiled and declined. "The occupation was essential for all of us," he explained, "but in my calling the essential is almost an everyday occurrence. As a matter of fact, the first confession I ever heard was that of a murderer."

Then, remembering his vows, Father Antoine apologized for his off-guard remark, and despite the urging of the guests would say no more.

Later that evening a delegation of underground workers from other districts joined the celebration and one of them, a colonel in the Maquis, was asked to say a few words.

"Meeting Father Antoine tonight is a great pleasure," he said to the gathering, "and not only because of his war record. Although he doesn't remember my name or face, I knew him when I was a boy—as a matter of fact, I was the first person who ever confessed to him."

"Susanna Pass" Roy Rogers Epic

It is generally conceded that Roy Rogers cannot make a bad picture! Instead of being rated "Good," "Bad" or "Indifferent," his pictures are either "Good," "Better" or "Excellent."

Perhaps it is the university of his appeal, his faculty for pleasing every type of theatre-goer, from children on up through bobbers, and even the oldest.

At any rate, "Susanna Pass," which plays Saturday at the Marco Theatre, is one of the best of a series of Republic Trucolor westerns which rate only superlatives.

Roy is his own charming, ingenious self—portraying the young Game Warden who can see an injustice or a piece of skullduggery blindfolded and with both hands tied behind his back.

The appeal of this particular picture is heightened by the presence of Rogers' wife, the former Dale Evans, his leading lady in some twenty-odd Republic westerns before their marriage broke up their screen partnership. It was considered by the experts that the fans would never believe Rogers' engaging nonchalance toward his leading lady if they knew that in private life she was his wife.

Estelita Rodriguez, a fiery Cuban senorita, who has appeared in previous Rogers films, turns in an able performance as Rita, daughter of the local sheriff, portrayed by Martin Garralaga, who, like Ferdinand the Bull, wants no part of crime or violence and only wants to smell the pretty flowers.

Foy Willing and the Riders of the Purple Sage deliver several smart new numbers and add their share to the unqualified success of the picture.

Director William Witney and Associate Producer Edward White are to be heartily congratulated for again turning out a winner.

Kiss, \$20 Reward For Man Who Found Cash Los Angeles. — Lawrence Corley, 49-year-old cab driver received a hug, a kiss and \$20 when he turned in a purse containing \$5,640 cash, which belonged to Mrs. C. C. Carson, who left the purse in his cab.

NOTICE North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court Herbert G. Jones Vs. Louisiana Cotton Jones

The defendant, Louisiana Cotton Jones, above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce based upon over two years continuous separation; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County at his office in Williamston, N. C., on the 31st day of August, 1950 and answer or demur to the complaint or said date, and unless the defendant answers or demurs to said complaint on the above date or within twenty (20) days thereafter as provided by the laws of the State of North Carolina, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 1st day of August, 1950. L. B. Wynne, Clerk Superior Court of Martin County.

NOTICE North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court Flora Brown Keel, Vs. Isaac Keel

The defendant, Isaac Keel, above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce based upon over two years continuous separation; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County at his office in Williamston, N. C., on the 31st day of August, 1950, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action on said date, and unless the defendant answers or demurs to said complaint on the above date, or within twenty (20) days thereafter as required by law, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

This the 1st day of August, 1950. L. B. Wynne, Clerk Superior Court of Martin County.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION North Carolina, Martin County. In Superior Court Laura Mills, v. Abram Mills

The defendant, Abram Mills, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years' separation; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk Superior Court of said County in the Courthouse in Williamston, N. C., on the 14th day of

August, 1950, or within twenty (20) days thereafter and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 17th day of July, 1950. L. B. Wynne, Clerk Superior Court of Martin County.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE North Carolina, Martin County. Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Dr. Edward L. Early, Jr., deceased, this

is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit same to the undersigned administratrix within one year from the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 29th day of July, 1950. Frances G. Early, Administratrix of the estate of Edward L. Early, Jr. Peel & Peel, Attorneys at Law, Williamston, N. C. au 3-10-17-24-31 se 7

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Romantic rhythm... Lovely Dale Evans and Roy Rogers, King of the Cowboys, give out with some fancy western music in the Republic Tru-color production "Susanna Pass," which starts a one day run Saturday at the Marco Theatre.

Mount, is visiting J. R. Council and family at their home in Oak City.

Miss Blanch Daniel, of Robersonville, is visiting her brother, J. T. Daniel in Oak City.

Miss Georgea Henry, of Wendel, is visiting Miss Charlotte Casper at her home in Oak City.

Miss Nannie House of House, is visiting Miss Pearl House in Oak City.

Miss Berta Gardner and family, were visitors in Everetts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Parker and little daughter, Lulee, of Robersonville, left Tuesday for Morehead City and other points.

Jessie Haywood Everett, of Robersonville, who has been visiting Northern cities, returned home Saturday.

Miss Myrna Hight and Cecil Everett, of Robersonville, spent Sunday near Hassell with Hilda Knight.

The many friends of A. S. Roberson, of Robersonville, regret very much to learn of his sickness.

Misses Maude and Ethel Peelle, of Robersonville, are visiting friends in Rocky Mount this week.

R. T. Coburn has fenced a part of Sycamore Park for a pasture in which he has placed a number of cattle which later will be placed on the market.

"Loyal B," the race horse belonging to Dr. Wm. H. Warren became frightened Monday and ran away throwing the driver out of the buggy.

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