

The Tribune's Birthday Club

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
 Corinne Ann Anderson, 451 Boles street, is 14 years old.
 Joyce M. Klingbeil, Milladore, is 8 years old.
 Jere Dale Manske, Nekosco, is 11 years old.
 Marion Engel, Route 1, is 12 years old.
 Loretta Marguerite Peters, Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, is 5 year old.

Junction City

John Kruk of Chicago is spending a ten day furlough with his daughter Mrs. John Perziak and also with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bokska.
 Miss Barbara Jefferson has returned after spending a month's vacation with her sister Winifred and brother Robert in Milwaukee.
 Miss Tillie Larson returned to Racine Thursday after spending a two weeks vacation with her mother Mrs. Anna Larson and with her brothers in Eau Claire.
 John Higgins is a patient at St. Joseph's hospital at Marshfield suffering with an infection in his eyes.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Wayerski and family have moved from the Wedlock residence to their new home in the town of Eau Claire.
 Dr. and Mrs. George W. Reis and daughter Marilyn were entertained at a trout dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Culver at Stevens Point Sunday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gration and children Billy and Kay motored to Montevideo, Minn., Friday where Mrs. Gration and children will visit two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. St. Arnault and family and Mrs. Anita Sansburn. Mr. Gration went on to Aberdeen and Mowbrige on business, returning home Sunday accompanied by Ray Hughes of Milladore.
 Miss Joyce Martins, who has been employed at Fayes Beauty shop at Stevens Point, has resigned and is at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Martens.
 William Dalaney has returned home from St. Joseph's hospital at Marshfield.
 Mr. and Mrs. Herman Shuffler returned to Waukegan Sunday after spending two weeks at the Frank Strykowski, Raymond Strykowski and Mrs. Joe Strykowski home at Dancy and at the Frank Strykowski cottage on Lake Nokomis near Tomahawk.

Miss Cecelia Mallek of Chicago is spending some time at the home of her parents while awaiting her call for training in the WACS.
 Miss Gladys Berg, who will be a senior at the P. J. Jacobs high school at Stevens Point is employed at the Hardware Insurance company there. Miss Hazel Frederick-

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Figure it out yourself. Buy War Bonds now and have money after the war, or blow it to the winds and be worse off when the war spree ends. U. S. Treasury Department



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THIS CURIOUS WORLD BY WM. FERGUSON

YOU CAN THINK AT A SPEED OF 155 MILES PER HOUR, THE RATE AT WHICH IMPULSES TRAVEL OVER NERVE FIBERS.

KWIK KOPPER

This Wisconsin city was originally named St. Petersburg. In 1914 it was named Petrograd, and in 1924 it was given its present name.

WHERE'S ELMER P?

ANSWER: Leningrad, Russia.

DEATH WRITES THE LAST EDITION

By Adeline McElfresh

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THE TRUCK CHAPTER VIII

Joe Parker—and now Randolph Atherton!

Later Pat forgot, for the most part, the terror that swept over her like a bitter wind as she stared at Randolph Atherton's lifeless body and the long, thin knife that protruded from between his shoulder blades.

After the first shock had passed, she knew she must reach a telephone and, suddenly, the farm house a quarter of a mile back up the road seemed as far away as Tibet.

High heels were not made for comfortable walking, especially on a windswept highway, and Pat found the going hard, but she gritted her teeth and kept on. Once, when her foot slipped on a patch of snow and a sharp pain knifed through her ankle, she cried aloud.

The young farmer who answered her knock took one look at her disheveled appearance and took it for granted that something was wrong. He opened the door wider.

Inside, Pat felt better. The warmth from the leaping fire in the grate drove some of the tension from her body. She turned to the young man.

"Have you a telephone?"

Silently, he motioned to the table by the window.

"There—there's a man down the road," she fumbled for a suitable explanation. "He's dead—murdered."

"She saw the excitement and suspicion that leaped into his eyes and went on: "I—will you go back with me—when I've called the police in Midvale?"

"Yes, Miss."

He seemed to be considering her words and Pat knew what he was thinking.

"Just a minute." The farmer had crossed the room to her side. He took the instrument from her hands. "I'll call for you."

He told the operator to get the police station, then handed her the telephone. The desk sergeant barked into her ear. She told him what had happened and heard his excited "Be right with you, Miss Cleveland."

She hung up and looked around at the young farmer, who was standing behind her.

"I'm sorry, Ma'am," he apologized.

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ed, rather embarrassed. "But, you see—"

"Forget it," Pat interrupted, "I know just what you mean. Ready?"

Dave swung his car viciously by the "Road Closed" sign and sped down the highway toward the bridge that the Atherton company was building. Sight of the farm yards brought a startled gasp from him.

He slammed on the brakes and the car rocked to a wild stop.

"Pat!" Dave yelled, jumping out. "Are you all right?" He caught her hands in his. "Pat, whatever has happened? You look like—"

His voice faded into a questioning silence. Pat bit her lips to stop her trembling.

The wind whipped the words from her lips and flung them out across the hopeless gray world. She shivered convulsively.

"You poor kid," Dave muttered. She was in his arms then, sobbing her heart out against his shoulder.

The tall farmer, Mike Cassidy, ended the suspense by repeating what Patricia had told him. When he finished his listeners looked from one to another in amazement, and tried not to think of what might have been. If Pat had returned to the car sooner...

They were almost to their destination when Pat told Dave and Clem, who were riding inside with her while the other two men stood on the running boards, that Randolph Atherton had denied sending the red roses to Joe Parker's funeral.

"Maybe he didn't, Patricia," Clem suggested dubiously. "Maybe—No."

"What?" Pat and Dave asked together.

The sports editor gave them a fleeting, apologetic smile.

"Were you by any chance going to say that maybe someone else used Atherton's name?" Dave guessed, and Clem nodded.

"Something like that, only it hardly makes sense."

He might have gone on, but just then Sam Blair leaned down and yelled in at them:

"Ease up a bit, Dave. A truck just stopped at the car."

The truck driver was staring pop-eyed at the body when they drew alongside. He swallowed hard and pointed, too shocked to speak.

"Yeah, Pop, we know," Blair snapped. "Know what happened?"

"Pop" shook his head dumbly. "No," he said, "but he wasn't there when I went down a while ago."

Pat felt a tight little knot swell up in her throat. Her knees felt like they had turned to water and she tightened her hold on Dave's arm to keep from falling.

"Was your truck the last one to pass here?" she asked the truck driver. "Going down to the bridge, I mean."

"Yes'm. Half an hour or so ago."

She looked up at Dave, then at the others. When she spoke her voice was scarcely more than a whisper.

"His truck—I left the hill when he passed," she faltered. "If Mr. Atherton wasn't—in there—then—Oh, Dave, I almost ran right into—whoever did it!"

(To Be Continued)

OUT OUR WAY

BY J. R. WILLIAMS



Q—Who is the American commanding general for field forces in the European theater of operations?
 A—Maj. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow.

Q—The president of what country has recently died?
 A—China—79-year-old Lin Sen.

Q—Everyone knows that the Black Maria is the vehicle used to take people to jail, but do you know how the name originated?
 A—Maria Lee was a Negro of tremendous strength who ran a boarding house for sailors in colonial Boston. The services of Black Maria were frequently needed to take disorderly persons to jail; hence, the name.

Q—Who first conceived the idea of using paratroops in battle?
 A—Benjamin Franklin, after talking to the inventors of the parachute in Paris, wrote home that a country might in the future have to defend itself from "ten thousand men descending from the clouds."

Q—When did the United States first use gliders in combat?
 A—In the Battle for Sicily.

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FUNNY BUSINESS BY HERSHBERGER



SIDE GLANCES BY GALBRAITH



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Summer School!

BY MERRILL BLOSSER



WASH TUBBS

The Nazi Trail

BY LESLIE TURNER



RED RYDER

Sorry to Interrupt

BY FRED HARMAN



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

W-H-A-T?

BY EDGAR MARTIN



ALLEY OOP

He Certainly Did

BY V. T. HAMLIN



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

New Bidding System Clicks for McKenney

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
 America's Card Authority

When Ed Tierney and Jack Kushner of Springfield, Mass., were in New York recently, I tried out their T. N. T. system. I held the South cards in today's hand.

I opened the bidding with their forcing bid of one no trump. The two-diamond response by my partner was artificial, showing one honor trick. East doubled and I redoubled, to inform my partner that it was all right with me to play it in diamonds. North's jump to three spades showed a good spade suit. With slam possibilities in mind, I bid four no trump, which is a forcing bid asking partner to bid six if he has one ace. The five-club response in the T. N. T. system differs from the Black-

♠ K108642	♣ J73
♥ None	♦ Q32
♦ 87	♠ KJ109
♣ K9852	♦ QJ10

Dealer

♠ A Q	♣ A Q 8 7
♥ A K 9 8 7	♦ A Q 8 5
♣ 4 3	♦ 4 3

Rubber—None vul.

South	West	North	East
1 N.T.	Pass	2♦	Double
Redouble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4 N.T.	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—♠ Q. 24

it was about time to get into a slam, I bid six spades.

West won the opening lead with the ace of clubs and returned a club, North winning with the king. North was afraid to ruff a club, lest one of the opponents held three trumps to the jack. So he took two rounds of trumps and ruffed a small heart in his own hand, picked up the last trump and took the diamond finesse. Declarer cashed the ace and king of hearts, discarding two clubs from his own hand, and ruffed the fourth heart. At this point he had a squeeze on East. He cashed the last trump and East either had to bare down to the singleton king of diamonds or throw away his good club.

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