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## GEORGE POPP'S OBSERVE

Mr. and Mrs. George Popp of 245 Belmont Street, Barrington, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Saturday evening. The couple had a long table decorated in silver, and the table was covered with flowers. There was dancing, cards, and bingo. On the program were the songs of Mrs. McMillan Miller, Mrs. and Mrs. Wanda and daughter, Miss Dorothy Miller, Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Kocher and daughter, Miss Dorothy Kocher, Miss Henry Tegner and four children, Miss Dorothy and Mrs. George Popp, and Mrs. Charles Hoskens and three children. The program was given by Young People's Misionary Circle of the First Congregational Church. Following the luncheon meeting followed the lectures meet-

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GRAND CHAPTEER O. E. S.

Mrs. Paul Powell of 127 Main Street, Barrington, and Lake Street, was honored as the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Connecticut, W. Lake Street, Mrs. C. H. Tolle of 125 W. Lake Street, Mrs. C. H. Tolle of 213 E. Lincoln Avenue, member of the Chapter of Eastern Stars, attended the meeting. Mrs. John Star, president of Eastern Stars, attended the meeting in Chicago for the past three days.

Sunday.

## MISS GEORGE POPP'S OBSERVE

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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This is Fire Prevention Week. To people not intimately acquainted with the causes of fire, Fire Prevention Week may seem like a mere gesture calling to attention an elemental force like the weather, about which nothing can be done. Seemingly, many people are fatalists where fire is concerned.

They feel that outside of not building a bonfire in the basement, or not throwing a lighted cigarette into a waste basket, there is little to do to combat this grim destroyer of life and property.

A thorough study of the causes of fire, however, would show that this fatalistic attitude is wrong. Fire in almost all cases is definitely preventable if proper precautions are taken.

Statistics list a great many fires as "cause unknown," and as a consequence it is impossible to establish a definite percentage of preventable fires. It is probable, however, that proportion of preventable and unpredictable fires where the causes are unknown, corresponds exactly with that where the causes are known. And considering those fires of known cause, it is at once apparent that the causes in the great majority of cases are simple, generally visible, and entirely subject to preventive treatment.

Fire Prevention Week was designed to make people conscious during a period immediately preceding those months when the majority of fires occur. During this week it is proposed that all people take a few precautions which will do so much to avoid the destruction of their property during the ensuing months.

## NONE TOO OLD TO LEARN

Often one finds an unusual amount of benefit in his education that he never had a chance to acquire an education. Usually such a man is one who actually labored not more than eight hours a day. He overlooks the fact that he could easily devote three or four hours daily to profitable reading and study, whereby he might overcome the handicap of which he complains.

Too many get the idea that unless they acquire an education in early life they must remain ignorant. No greater mistake can be made. It is not too late to begin to learn, but when one stops, that counts.

The trouble with the man or woman who goes through life in ignorance is usually nothing but trouble. Their lack of knowledge, gained at a cost, has caused them to read books, studied by the light of a fireplace. Or of Andrew Johnson, who only learned to write after he was married, and received an elementary education, though he had no school. Yet both rose to the office of President of the United States.

How great the opportunities of even the humblest, today, in comparison with those of Lincoln and Johnson. Books, magazines, newspapers, within the reach of every home. Machinery has given everyone greater leisure for self-government, if such is really desired.

No one need remain uneducated unless deliberately chooses to remain so.

## YOU MIGHT STICK TO FAIR'S

Confidential comment has been made on a recent speech by Ambassador Cannon in which he stated that there was too great a difference between the cost of generating electric current and its selling price. It has been sought to convey the impression that the difference is too great.

This is not the case, because the cost of generating the current itself is but a very small part of the expense involved in getting it to the consumer's meter. The expense of management, the cost of constructing and

maintaining transmission lines and distribution systems, the pay of meter readers, office personnel and other employees, taxes, and many more items must be taken care of before profit can be computed.

The principle is similar to that of a water system. One may take a bucket to a river or other source of supply and obtain water free. But when pumped, purified and piped to the consumer's spigot it becomes a commodity of value. Electricity rates, like water rates, depend largely upon the conditions which surround its distribution.

Whether rates in any given case are fair or not is a matter for determination according to these conditions, and it is for that purpose that public service commissions elected by the people have been established in practically every state.

In any great difficulty it is inevitable that abuses may crop out here and there, and these should be pointed out with a view to their remedy. But this should be done in a spirit of fairness, and without twisting the facts to produce a wrong impression in the public mind.

## ANALYZING CRIME

On September 1, the first governmental bureau for the compilation of statistics on law enforcement began to function.

The Bureau, according to the Department of Justice, does not represent a new idea. It has long been advocated and has been tried in a smaller way by various police associations, but with little success due to lack of cooperation between states. The operation of the Bureau, however, will make it possible to analyze crime statistics in this country and throughout the world.

Such a bureau may prove to be of inestimable value in the fight against crime. In the past we have relied blindly for information on our national knowledge, which to base conclusions. It is generally recognized that scientific knowledge is necessary to society if it is to achieve the utmost in efficiency in apprehending and punishing crime.

The Bureau, however, will make it possible to analyze the great obstacle in the path of crime suppression has been the crime reformers themselves with their incessant efforts to burden the American people with unnecessary laws and regulations. It is to be hoped that these well meaning but often misguided and indispensible facts that crime has increased in direct ratio to the increase in the volume of legislation.

## STUDYING BY MAIL

More than 150,000 persons in the United States are now studying by correspondence, according to the Federal Bureau of Education, the country's over 2000 subjects offered by 150 colleges and universities.

This method of study has some advantages even over regular class instruction, it is assumed, because the student can study at his own pace. The correspondence course, however, has the necessary problem of writing all lessons given; excellent practice in written expression; all instructions and criticisms are also written and available for future reference, before the pupil can have free choice of subjects.

Many persons holding important executive and other positions today owe their advancement largely to the opportunity afforded by the correspondence course. The following is typical:

"I stopped to look at Lucy's new tricycle, and I was so glad—and forgot—to go to the door."

As the discussion went on, Mrs. Tritton recalled that Elizabeth had not had a week off since she had come to the office.

"What do you know?" she said—was the rule, she added.

"What made you look today?" her mother asked.

"I have your costume more than half done. I am trying to follow Father's new method, and I am not able to do it."

Mrs. Tritton looked very serious. The parent and child were silent for a moment, and then the special little girl was again to appear.

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