News-Republican Writer Laments Neglect of Old Cemeteries

HAS SEVERAL OF THEM.

One of the most pathetic sights to be met with, almost anywhere one might travel through rural regions, especially in the Middle summer along in the middle 1890's, West, is the large number of small moving all of the Henkins graves private family or neighborhood of which there were probably cemeteries which dot the country somewhere between 10 and 15 side, every few miles, allowed to out of the little cemetery, to the fall into complete decay through public Putnam cemetery, where

(with several buriels added since Quite a few of them have also suffered the misfortune of being left, unfenced, to the not-so-tender mercles of wandering livestock. vith results all, too well-known to most rural people.

Neglect Often Occurs Usually, as long as the ownership of the land upon which they re located, remains in the same amily, they are cared for to some but once, it, passes out of their hands, things begin to hap-

That has been the fate of a large number of these little cem-Marshall and Putnam countles, of which probably Hopewell township has the largest number-no less than 15 such, all family cemeter-

An excellent example, or this is one little cometery this writer visited, in October, 1955, to secure some data from a headsfone, which apparently could not be obtained from any other source, the birth and death dates of an early settler in the Lone Tree area; twho had died in 1856. The story of the six - months - long search for thei distinct recollection of just whose grave appeared in a recent issue graves were moved — of the 32 Mr. and Mrs. Lou Ely.

variously known as the Lone Tree; nection are Mr. and Mrs. Asaac or Anderson cometery, and is located near the southeast for the and Island Is the present Frank Perry farm, in spectively; and Daniel Ammons, Section 16 of Wheatland, town son of G. and S. Ammons, who ship not over 200 words and son of G. and S. Ammons, who ship, not over 200 yards west of died Nov. 19, 1869, at 32. the Putnam-Bureau county line. It most, probably not over 50 to 60 ted previously, June 23, 1856, in graves, all of them of early sether 89th year. She was probably about the 11th burial in the cemcough, small-pox, and others which have all but disappeared completely today. 🖹 · Number of Graves Unknown

It would be impossible to tell tained, for two reasons: because like all others, it doubtless conground would be lost; and also, this writer was told that a considerable number had been moved out of it, probably most or all of them to Putnam cemetery, around

It was located on land belonging at the time to a family named Anderson, and 14 of the 32 marked graves remaining in it today; are of various members of two Anderson families, and several of the emainder, of some of their rela-

However, it also served to some extent as a community, or neighborhood cemetery, because quite a few other names, including Wilson, Sto Clair, Martin, Bear, Ammons, Pettit, King, Lackey, Gallentine, Shriver, and Steele, appear on

that time.
Active 20 Years Only

This period also coincides rather Lone Tree area of the two Anderderson, and James and his wife.
The fact that it was actually a cemetery, however, could hardly be told until across the fence and into it. Although not he avily get, and grow up to brush, as most long-abandoned cemeteries quickly get, and grow worse with age in the previous stary. Their comingnaccording to a biographical notation in Spencer Elisworth's "Records of the Olden Time," was in 1852, but the deaths of three grandehildren of Christina Brown, Susan A.-Henkins (died April 21, 1851). Martha Jane Henkins (died two days later, April 23, 1851), and Maneyers A.-T. And Andrews and Clifford Green; end men, C. A. Camp and George Burt; tambourines, Thomas Ends Hurt; tambourines, Thomas Ends Burt; tambourines, Thomas Ends Burt; tambourines, Thomas Ends Hurt; tambourines, Thomas Ends Hurt; tambourines, Thomas Ends Burt; tambourines, Thomas Ends Hurt; tambourines, Thomas Hurt; tambourines, Thomas Hurt; tambourines, Thomas Hurt; tambourines, Thomas Hurt; tambourites, Plank Hurt; tambourites, Plank Hurt; tambourit

n year passed without anywhere burial in it, in 1892 etasty refrom one to as many as four burfrom one to as many as four burfield of 20 years. Then, all activity
suddenly stopped. While we do
not know exactly when the transit is a little hard to understand
the teath place we do know that fer took place, we do know that how it could have been transporthe land passed out of the posses- ted there very easily for installa-

left in it, no more burials took was a decently passable wagon place in it, from 1870 until Octo- road across the pasture up there, place in it, from 1870 until October, 1892, when Sarah Brown (Mrs.
Levi) Anderson's remains were interred beside those of her husband, who had died just short of this monument had been knocked
37 years previous, Nov. 7, 1855. If down, quite an effort for the av-

limited few other burials had ta-the stones — some of which are ken place in the 1870,1892 iterim, quoted in this story — which he because most of the members of will be glad to supply anyone inthe Henkins thmily who died from terested.

1851 onward, until some time along in that interimed just when.

Illinois we have never learned - were

originally buried there. . Many Graves Moved Out

Tand-itself changed-hands-outside the Brown-Anderson-Henkins connection, a grandson of Christina Brown, Adam Brown Henkins known to a wide circle of friends

as "Brown," spent part of one they occupy almost three full lots

then), near its eastern end. The source of this information Brown Henkins, who says he remembers riding along grandfather on the old spring wa- ture ducks, gon, on some of the transfer trips. 'Wid" was a very small lad at the.

While we do not know it for sure, it can probably be supposed that there might have been some others moved out to other places, as well. The cemetery itself contains several clearly recognizable former graves opened, but imper feetly filled in afterward, in various locations in it. (The area where the Henkins graves were formerly located looks this way, too, but we know where they were - and these other depressions are in different locations).

Few Adults Buried There Without knowing exactly how many adults of the Henkins family band preceded her in death. were buried in the little cemetery, and later moved to Putnam marked graves left in it today, on-This little cemetery, described of age. The only adults outside ding anniversary Jan. 30, 1947.

briefly in the story referred to, is the Brown-Henkins-Anderson conly 10 are of adults over 21 years he southeast corner of 64, and Jan. 11, 1850, at 40,

Christina Brown, the grandmooccupies considerably less than an ther of the family, was the person acre in extent, and held at the of greatest age, dying, as repormany of their children, who sum-cumbed during a 20-year period her son-in-law, Col. Levi Anderto the annual onslaughts of such son (died Nov. 7, 1855, at 57); her dreaded killers of that day as dip-theria, pneumonia, whooping (died, Oct. 2, 1892, at 84); a grandson, William H. Anderson, son of Levi and Sarah (died Feb. 19, 1864, at not quite 21); another grandson, Daniel (died April 13, 1853,

at 21), but not indicated on his stone whether a son of Col. Levi, how many graves it actually con- or of James Anderson, but presumably the former; a grandson's Anderson wife, Judy (Chesney) tains some graves which were nefirst wife of Lovi's son Adam (died
ver marked, and this long afterJan. 11, 1869) at 33) and a Mrs. ward—close to or upwards of 100 Mary Anderson, whose husband is years — all trace of them above - all trace of them above merely indicated by an initial R. born Dec. 7, 1819, no date of death given, making her husband probably too old to have been a son of, either Col. Levi or James, so more than likely a much younger brother of one or the other. (The latter two are known not to have been brothers, but could have been

cousins.) All the other 22 marked burials remaining there are of children, eight of them Anderson greatgrandchildren of Christina Brown. other names than Anderson.

Stones All Knocked Down Situated where it is, quite a distance from the nearest road, and completely impossible to drive very near it by car, your reporter had George Sleater occurred a pretty quite a little hike to reach it. Be- home wedding, their eldest daughstones, in it. Some of these were, of course, in-law relatives of one or the other Anderson family, but most twent not or the other Anderson family, but most were not.

The earliest marked burial remaining in it was that of a Mary length of Jan. 11, 1850, slightly over 40 years of age, which seems to indicate that it was first made use of about the says. was on the occasion of the says of about the says. that it was first made use of about there, he says, was on the occasion of the believed final burial in it, 64 years ago last fall. It was a good mile walk, much of it across pasture land, somewhat guilled, with steep banks, and several fences had to be climbed

1851). Martha Jane Henkins (died half of marble but one; murble, two days later, April 23, 1851), and Manerva Anderson (daughter of James and Terreacy died July 7, 1851), all definitely indicate that it was at least a year angles and

LED1), all definitely indicate that this and possibly more.

From then on, however, hardly a year passed without anywhere from one to as many as four burning the final burial in it, in 1892 — easily reference in it, for a part of the price of Raiph Passon.

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tion, considering the way entry would have had to be made to it; but Mr Finley states that he re-According to dates on stones still members, that at one time, there

any others have been buried there erage bovine, we'd say.

since 1892, they carry no mark of hing kind.

It is possible, however, that a ful note of the inscriptions on all

'Illinois swine producers can seloct for meat-type replacement hogs by (1) visual selection, (2) bred breed associations, or (3) the . However, some time after the Illinois probe-and-weigh method.

M-P News Of Former Years

Henry News-Republican Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1957

Ten Years Ago

The Henry Telephone Exchange now -has approximately 650 subscribers, a gain of about one hundred telephones in the last few

A survey is being made of the Granville area with the idea of establishing a fire protection district. duck calls for his friends more than 50 years ago and new sells them as far away as New York. His line aliso includes crow calls, life-like with his hand-painted decoys, and minia-

> -Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kuss Jr. are the parents of a son born Feb. 3 at St. Margaret's hospital.

Miss Shirley Rose, daughter of Mrs. Edith Rose of Lostant, and Robert Sendelbach, son of Mr. and exchanged nuptial vows at 9 o'-clock Sautrday, Feb. 1, at St. Peter and Paul's church at Leonore. A wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's mother followed the

Mrs. Pearl Law Smalls, a lifelong ity, passed away there Jan. 29. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Edith Hetrick and Mrs. Maude Ray, and four brothers, William, Urie, Chester, and Arba. Her hus-

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Willett opened their home Sunday evening, Jan. "Wid" would of course have no 28, for a surprise party in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of

Mr and Mrs. Gus Westerlund. oslant, celebrated their 40th wed-Varna - A seven and one-half pound baby boy, James Richard was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis

Shanklin, Thursday, Jan. 30) Rev. and Mrs. L. M. McCauley are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Edith, to Pvt. Clinton Crook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crook, Putnam.

A state income tax bill passed the lower house at Springfield Tuesday with but one vote major. ministrator in the state, the Govthree representatives of this district, Fahy, Bestold, and Turner voted for the measure.

Wanda and Wanetta Hurd, twin daughters of Mr and Mrs. Roy Hurd, entertained ten little friends nt a birthday party Tuesday in honor of their eleventh birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Smith are

the parents of a son born Jan. 28. The little, lad has been named Thomas Russell. Walter and Forrest Wood have

established a radio repair shop and sales room in the Hofer build-Frank Grampp & Co., for over 30

years dealers in poultry, butter, and eggs, added another branch Saturday when they became owners of the Minonk Produce Co. A large crowd attended the an-nual D of I dance Wednesday eve

ening, held at the Henry theatre. Mike Ryan and his Collegians furnished the music.

The Henry girls' basketball team won two more victories this week. Their first victim was the Peru girls' team which went down to de-feat 30 to 11 Monday night and lus two or more others carrying Wednesday night at Oglesby the score was 35 to 6.

On last week Wednesday even-ing at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Skiddoo company last Thursday evening when they appeared as black face entertainers for the benefit of the Henry public school. Interlocutor was Oscar Davis; pages, Roy Kern and Clifford Green; end men, C. A. Camp and George

Mathis Wednesday evening when

in Nebraska and on their return will settle down to farm life. Whitefield Center — Vernic Ket-

chum expects to ship his furniture this week to Schickley, Neb., where he will make his future home.

The Stoner & Son and Remley Duroc hog sale will be held in this city tomorrow in the building formerly occupied by Duke Bros. store

on Second street. Varna — One of the social events of the past week was the marriage of Miss Anna Johnson to Gustaf Westerlund on Wednesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Johnson of near

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cerning activities of the state leg-

State Rep. Paul Simon of Troy, a

Of his column, headed "Side-

was not in session while commit-

tee assignments were made and

procedural details were handled.

But wherever legislators got to-

gether informally, there was discussion about the "short ballot."

What is meant by all of this

talk about a short ballot and what

Very simply, you shorten the ballot by electing fewer state of-

People who support a short ballot—and I'm among them—point

posts. They are strictly adminis

trative offices and the chief ad-

ernor, ought to have more power

over their operation. Most states

give the governor more adminis-

trative authority than does Illinois.

Then when something goes wrong, the responsibility is crystal clear.

in behalf of the short ballot is

that people are now voting for so

many offices that it is difficult for

the average citizen to cast an informed vote. Only a small per-

election, and an even smaller per-

on fewer offices, it would be eas

those officials we do elect.

the polls.

usually say two things:

strongly in support.

be given any additional power

2. It is in line with the ideals

of democracy to elect all state of-

is its chance of passage?

The Henry News-Republican presented the facts often enough, its week is starting publication in my column, I'll discuss some of of a weekly news column dealing these issues very frankly."

"Sidelights from Springfield" will be published by the Newspublic service. Republican as a The News-Republican staff is per-The column will be written by sonally acquainted with Rep. Simsmall town in Madison county of on and is numbered among his admirers.

Three years ago,. Rep. Simon Rep. Simon is the publisher of a weekly newspaper at Froy and was elected to his first term in the gained distinction three years ago general assembly and was re-elector an editorial campaign he carted again this fall. He has the distinction of being the youngest on against organized crime and vice in his home county. At member of the general assembly, that time he appeared as a wit- Rep. Simon is a Democrat and Rep. Simon is a Democrat and Pensions, and Insurance. Modes was active throughout the State is one of the few named to five ness before the Kajauver committee and was the subject of a fea- in behalf of the Democratic party committees.

ture story in a national news in the election last fall. One of his lights from Springfield," Simon addressed a large audience, says: "I am convinced that our The first installment of The first installment of Rep. Simon's column appears in this

state government is not receiving the attention that it should; the issue of the News-Republican and more attention we can focus on in it he discusses the desirability our state government the better of electing fewer state officials, in that government will be . . . there order to more definitely fix resare issues which would arouse ponsibilities of the various state ponsibilities of the various state greater interest if the people were | departments.

> What's going to happen? Personally, 'I would like to see all of the state offices appointed with the exception of governor lieutenant governor and attorney general. Practically this won't happen during this session.

My guess is that there is a 50 50 chance at best of having the offices of auditor and state treasurer removed from the ballot. There is a slim chance we may be ible to take the superintendent of public instruction off the ballot and get that office out of politics and there is a remote chance the clerk of the supreme court may be taken off the ballot. 1 There are many state offices on the ballot which in no sense can be construed as policy-making

Chances are great that for some time to come you will continue to see a great many strange names on the ballot.

And every two years you can participate in the great guessing game we play in Illinois,

Should Illinois have a speed

During the 1955 session a speed limit bill was killed by one vote. Governor Stratton again has asked for a speed limit law. Many legislators support the idea-and statistics unquestionably support the view that some type of speed limit can be a real life-saver. My feeling on the 1955 proposal

could tell you who the candidates was that its big flaw was that it was a static, inflexible law which centage could tell you what their would have set the same speed qualifications were. If we voted limit on a new, four-lane highway as on some winding, narrow road ler for the average citizen to cast which is badly in need of repair. an informed vote. We would also Such a proposal seems to me to oncentrate more attention on be unrealistic. And a great many legislators feel as I do on this.

A third reason for a short bal-lot is one those familiar with the In our sessions last week, Repesentative Robert McCarthy of workings of politics will under-Lincoln and several others introduced a measure which would When the state Republican and give the state's Department Democratic tickets are drawn up. Highways the authority to set the the compromise candidates who limits as it sees the need. sometimes do not represent the

In other words, the speed limit finest elements within a party are on a four-lane highway could be placed in one of the lesser candidacies. This way the party can be united and the public doesn't set at one figure and the top legal speed on a narrow, winding road at another figure. pay enough attention to the minor office to hurt the party much at The McCarthy solution to the

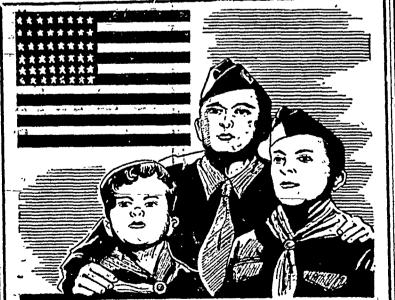
speed limit problem has a deal of sentiment back of it in the But in such a process, the public if Governor Stratton

support the McCarthy solution to our speed problem, chances are Opponents of the short ballot excellent that Illinois will have a 1. The office of Governor has rather practical, workable speed too much power now ;he shouldn't

If the Governor supports a rigid speed limit. I would guess such a proposal would have a much hard-I think they are wrong in these or time passing.

two statements, but some of the abler members of the legislature Changing the subject a bit.

As the legislature got into generation last week, one of the most important functions of the year feel very strongly along that line there are many who feel



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pointed. That may not sound too import ant to you, but generally the big issues are decided in committees and not on the floor of the House or Senate. Many issues are decided in committee by one-vote margins, or by a special plea by one member. In committee the "kinks" are taken out of otherwise bad bills.

In committee good work is done . . Or bad work is done . . . Depending on the men who are appointed. . Legislators watch the committee appointments careful-ly—and more citizens should.

Senate committee appointments have not been completed as this is being written, but readers of this newspaper may be, interested in committee assignments received by House members from this district. Rep. Ben Rhodes, Republican, from Bloomington, is chairman of

the Contingent Expense committee of the House and will serve on; Municipalities, Elections and Re-Personnel and apportionments, Pensions, and Insurance.

in the election last fall. One of his speaking engagements was at a party rally at Peoria, where he addressed a large audience Appropriations committee. In addition, he will serve on Public Utilities and on Conservation.

The new member from this district, Rep. William Scott, Democration Bloomington, will serve on Agriculture, Education, and Military and Veteran Affairs.

LeTourneau Builds New 30-Ton Truck

LeTourneau-Westinghouse The company has introduced a new 30-ton off-highway truck for use in the road building industry. The new truck was unveiled at the Chicago road builders' show

this week. Both Caterpillar and LeTourneau had large exhibits of machinery

LeTourneal closed orders totaling several million dollars at the Chicago show on Monday . Clus, Palma Patarozzi, Mary Jane Skutt, Wanda Weatherall, Linda Webster. Chicago show on Monday

took place: Committees were ap- Marshall-Putnam Investors & Away Savings Bonds in 1956 to the fact that interest

Purchased in Year More Than Million And a Half Dollars

Thrifty-minded investors of Marshall and Putnam counties pur-chased more than a million and a half dollars worth of United States Savings bonds in 1956, according to a report from Gerry D. Scott, Sr. of Lacon, volunteer sascott, Sr., of Dataman for the two lower, than last years counties

Purchases in Marshall county otaled \$1,122,766, representing 100.2 per cent of the county's quota for the year. Sales in December totaled \$56,659.

In-Putnam county, purchases for the year were \$415,202, representing 111.6 per cent of the county's 1956 sales quota. Sales in December in Putnam county were \$17,-Both Marshall and Putnam coun-

ties exceeded the record of many other counties of the State of simllar size and population.
Sales generally were lower than

in preceding years, due, in part,

Hopkins High Honor Roll

Hopkins township high school, Granville, has announced the honor roll for the third six weeks period and also for the first sem-The honor roll includes: Tom

Hopkins, Joyce Koch, Judy Lynch, llene Schrowang, Sidney Whitaker, Barbara Lemke, Frank Youngblood, Marlene Anderson, Judy Naumann Diane Poggi, Madeline Janice Fassino, John Holly, Betty Linkis, Judy Meuser. Margie Bruch, Helen Ellena, Den-

ice Englehaupt, Pat Olson, Carol Pyatt, Kathy Rader, Dennis Acun-

Peoria County Those on the sener roll are: Marlene Hope Hopkins, John Holly, Sidney Whitaker, Barbe Mary Jane Skutt, Fr

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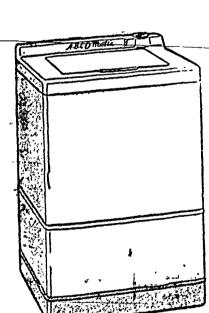
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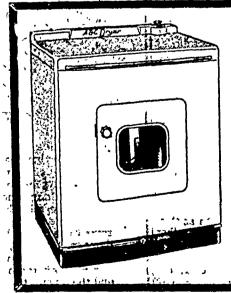


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