

JOSEPH ROGAL.
Joseph Rogal, aged 30 years of Hastings, died last Thursday morning in the Miners' hospital at Spangler after an illness of several months. Mr. Rogal was a son of John and Mary (Presloid) Rogal of Hastings. Besides his parents he leaves his widow, Mrs. Mary (Cie-zobka) Rogal and these children: Joseph, Jr., Walter and Genevieve, all at home; he was a brother of Irene, wife of Albert Yahner, of Akron, O.

Mary, wife of John Schroll, and Anthony Rogal, both of Hastings; John Rogal of Chester, Pa.; Blair, Albert, Antoinette, Henrietta, Regina, and Chester Rogal, all at home. Joseph Rogal was a member of the Hastings Local Union U.M.W.A. and of the Polish Lodge of Wilkes-Barre. Funeral services were conducted on Monday morning in St. Bernard's Catholic church and interment was in the church cemetery.

Family Buying Power Growing

Drop in Living Costs and Increase in Payrolls Responsible.

MINNEAPOLIS.—Family buying power in the United States is now running \$75,000,000 a month higher than last summer. The gain is due to a drop in living costs and a sharp autumn expansion in payrolls, according to a quarterly study of price and wage relationships by Northwestern National Life Insurance company.

A month's supply of food for an average U. S. family of four can be bought for almost a dollar less than last June; smaller savings in other sections of the family budget run the total reduction from June living costs to well over a dollar.

Gain in Buying Power.
At the same time expanding employment and payrolls have boosted the average family paycheck almost \$2, yielding a net gain of approximately \$3 more goods per month today, compared with its situation last summer. Allowing for the unemployed, the net gain in total family purchasing power aggregates at least \$75,000,000 per month, the study states.

Judging from the rising trend of wholesale food prices in November, living costs are due to turn upward again, the survey notes. Payrolls are expanding also, however, with the holiday season just ahead, so that the gains in net buying power should be maintained over the near future, at least.

Charting the effects of price and wage changes on the average family's pocketbook, the study shows that a family earning and spending \$120 monthly at average wage and price levels of 1933, had to spend \$137.29 at October, 1938, price levels to maintain the same standard of living. Meanwhile, however, its average monthly paycheck had climbed to \$141.31.

At price levels of last June, the same family's monthly expenses figured \$138.43, a dollar higher, while its share of the smaller summer payrolls was \$139.50, almost \$2 less.

Drop in Food Prices.
Most of the saving on living costs shown since last summer is due to the drop in food prices. A month's supply of food for a family of four, purchased for \$30 at 1933 prices, cost \$36.20 for the same items in June, 1938, but only \$35.41 in October, 1938. A slight shading in rental rates and clothing prices accounts for the remainder.

Compared with October of last year, family buying power has recovered all the ground it lost in the depression then beginning. The average family paycheck is almost 35 less than the October, 1937, figure of \$147.24, but monthly living expenses are down \$6 also, from \$143.49 as of a year ago. A month's supply of food cost \$38.36 at October, 1937, prices, \$3 more than the same items cost now.

Statistically, the report points out, the coming winter should show many gains over figures for last winter, which reflected severe depression conditions.

Long Idle English Land Producing Bountifully

LONDON.—Thousands of acres of land in England which have lain idle for more than a hundred years are now producing some of the best flax and wheat in the country.

Five years ago, J. W. Tomkins, with his brother and father, rented 5,500 acres of bracken covered land in the Peterborough district. With hard work and modern machinery they have succeeded in turning a wilderness into profitable fields and grazing land.

"There are millions of such acres in England lying absolutely idle," said Tomkins. "Anyone who cares to inspect them may see for himself how England could be made much more nearly self-supporting and could find work for thousands of men."

Rule of Three Credited For Prosperity of Town

HAPPY CAMP, CALIF.—This city insists it owes its present prosperity and happiness to the fact that it has always lived by the "rule of three."

It has three stage lines, three merchandise stores, three restaurants, three hotels, three wood yards, is installing its third bar, has three churches, and plans are under way for three dress shops and three gift shops. The only enterprises free from competition are the bakery, laundry and first-aid clinic.

Boy Preacher Years To Be Railroad Man

DAYTON, OHIO.—Eight-year-old Charles Jaynes, the nation's youngest ordained minister, thought it was "fun" marrying a Dayton couple. However, his serious advice is that "young lovers should get married and stay married."

Young Jaynes, a disciple of Aimee Semple McPherson, lives with his parents in Cleveland. His ambition is to be "a combination engineer, fireman and brakeman on a streamlined train."

Lights of New York

Meanderings and meditations: Those noontime sidewalk groups of the garment center . . . Out for a bit of sun . . . With the drone of power sewing machines still in their ears . . . The workers who transform the fashions of the moment into wearing apparel . . . and the product of whose fingers goes over the nation . . . Wouldn't it do well down in the West Indies . . . Where a couple of flour sacks make a dress . . . Or a suit . . . Or the sail for a boat . . . The blast of a liner's whistle brought the tropics into my mind . . . Song sheet peddlers vying with razor blade sellers . . . Food odors exhaled by many restaurants . . . Bunches of bananas advertising a soft drink stand . . . But the bananas are merely paper . . . Can't report on the drink as I didn't investigate . . . Pretty young models ignoring the eyes that follow their every movement.

A legless woman propelling herself on a little cart through Forty-second street crowds . . . Bus passengers hurrying down the long ramp that leads to a station . . . Neon signs advertising wines and liquors . . . The raucous and monotonous chant of show barkers . . . Patrons filing into grind movie houses . . . The oldest show in town: the flea circus . . . Young women with roving eyes and extremely hard faces . . . A pitchman selling a radio gadget . . . Another in overalls and gray flannel shirt, endeavoring to sell some device to a crowd of workmen . . . Three sandwich women in the block between Broadway and Sixth avenue . . . Sixth avenue looking more down-at-the-heel than ever . . . Because of subway digging . . . The hopeless expressions of boys staring at placards of employment agencies.

Fifth avenue crowds too impatient to wait for light changes . . . and clogging up traffic by mass formation . . . Eve Symington whose singing I've enjoyed ever since she started her career . . . Collegians in town for something or other . . . Won't be long now before the coonskin coat will again be common . . . Florists' windows all abloom with chrysanthemums . . . Helen Claire, the Cindy Lou of "Kiss the Boys Good-by" . . . and it probably won't be long now before Hollywood claims her . . . Mrs. Grover Whalen doing a bit of window shopping . . . Wish I could wear a silk hat as easily as her husband does . . . But then I don't own one of the things . . . If I did, I would have to hold it on my lap while riding in a taxi . . . unless I got one of those with a hole in the roof.

Brief-case-laden lawyers' clerks hurrying across Foley Square . . . On their way to the Supreme court building . . . Which once was gleaming white . . . But now is turning gray though its years are few . . . The atmosphere and not the life of New York the cause . . . The procession not entirely masculine . . . A number of women practice law in New York . . . Shoe-shine boys alert for business . . . Bob Davis back again from abroad . . . Wonder if he keeps a grip always packed . . . Mayor LaGuardia hurrying into the City hall . . . The only time I've ever seen him not in a hurry was when he was performing a marriage ceremony.

A truckload of live poultry going down Broadway . . . A lot of Sunday dinners . . . Or banquet material . . . A blind fiddler playing, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" . . . and smiling as passersby hum a few bars . . . Though not many coins tinkle into his tin cup . . . Major Bowes getting into that big limousine of his . . . Maurice Evans who plays "Hamlet" hour after hour these nights . . . and excites audiences to shouts of "Bravo" . . . Ward Morehouse who, when he feels the urge, leaves Broadway for the great open spaces . . . and writes pieces about what he sees and hears.

Bustop eavesdropping: "She's so in love with him she's touching up her hair twice a week now."

Canada and U. S. Reveal Declines in Death Rates

NEW YORK.—The populations of the United States and Canada not only are healthy but they are growing even healthier, insurance statistics reveal.

A survey for the first nine months of 1938, as compared with 1937, showed the following decreases:

- Influenza-pneumonia deaths, 34.5 per cent.
- Automobile fatalities, 16.3 per cent.
- Tuberculosis deaths, 10.2 per cent.
- Childbirth and maternity mortality, 16.1 per cent.
- Deaths from accidents other than automobiles, 7.4 per cent.
- Homicidal rate, 8.5 per cent.
- Cerebral hemorrhage death rate, 2.4 per cent.
- Mortality from kidney ailments, 3.6 per cent.

The survey also disclosed several cases where mortality rates were higher. These included a 2.1 per cent increase in cancer deaths; 10.7 in mortality resulting from diseases of the arteries, and a 4.5 per cent increase in suicide rate.

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A. NALEY, PRESIDENT, United Distillery Workers Local Industrial Union, No. 857, Manor, Pa.

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