History Mystery

125 years ago
February 20, 1897

• There were about 200,000 bushels of corn yet in the hands of Tuscola township farmers and about 1,500,000 in the county.

• O.C. Hackett and daughter, Miss Bell, were to attend the inauguration of President McKinley.

• The Basset boys were pretty good trappers. They sent to the Chicago market skins of 62 muskrats, 42 skunks, 18 minis and 8 raccoons. They caught 130 animals ins month's time.

100 years ago
February 23, 1922

• Thomas Whitfield of the Central Illinois Public Service Company received bad burns to his hand when he went to "pull the plug"on the switchboard for the street lights and his hand came in contact with the wires sending 2,300 volts through him.

85 years ago
February 23, 1937

• K. Hinkle, Tuscola's leading junk man, was offering choice seed potatoes in exchange for all sorts of junk.

75 years ago
February 20, 1947

• Robert Ingram was promoted to lieutenant junior grade in the Navy just as he was retiring.

• Harriet Kinney joined the nursing staff at Jarman Hospital in Tuscola.

65 years ago
February 21, 1957

• A large barn on the farm of Fred Bass burned down. The loss was estimated at $12,000-15,000 [comparable to $120,063.20 to $150,079.00 today].

• Betty Michener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Michener, was awarded a four-year legislative scholarship to attend the University of Illinois.

60 years ago
February 22, 1962

• Lucille Waldrop won 100 silver dollars from the Hi-way Bowl [worth $930.95 today].

55 years ago
February 23, 1967

• Smiley Burnette, start of the stage, radio, movies and television, who got his start at WDZ in Tuscola, died at the age of 55.

• Quentin Weber was the high bidder for the old North Ward site.

50 years ago
February 24, 1972

• Stan Dotson, state's attorney for Coles County, was the featured speaker for the DAR Feb. 19.

• The American Legion voted to help with the second annual community auction April 29.

• William Kibler, manager of the IGA store, took a customer to court fora bounced check. Since the defendant didn't have a baby sitter, Kibler held the infant while she testified. He was called up and continued to hold the baby as the case was resolved.

• DAR Good Citizens awards went to Theresa Murray and Jerry Frye.

• Test holes were being drilled for the expansion of the Murdock Mine. The expansion was expected to double the mines output.

• Alderman Ray Carlson hosted a long-range planning session to discuss costly improvements to the city's infrastructure.

• Sara Holmes was guest of honor at a baby shower Feb. 18.

• The Tuscola 4-Corners 4-H Club met. Patti Young discussed table manners. Michelle Kennedy talked about planning meals, and Donna Bissey gave a talk about photography.

THIS IMAGEE of the old Cooper Airport near Tuscola was uploaded to the Remembering Tuscola Facebook group by Roberta Brennan.

February 9, 1922

Silas Williams, the furniture man who now has the distinction of having been in business here longer than any other man, and who has seen them all pass away or move to other places, can give some interesting history of the early days before the war.

Joe Cannon, the congressman came in 1859 and built a house on East Scott Street. He was a bachelor at the time and built it for his mother. On Sept. 7, 1860, William Cannon, brother of Joseph, started from Montezuma in two covered wagons drawn by horses, the wagons containing the household effects of Mrs. Cannon and the family. Mr. Williams started the same day for Tuscola driving through in a two-horse carriage. He started out as a newspaper man.

The Williams family allowed the Cannon caravan several hours start in the direction of Tuscola and arrived about the same time. At that time, Joe Cannon was a poor, young lawyer here with scarcely a dollar to his name.

Mr. Williams says he remembers being in Cannon's office, a two-story frame building on the corner of Sale and Parke streets. He it was occupied by another lawyer, Thomas Macoughtry, the firm being Macoughtry and Cannon. The office was scantily furnished containing an old table, two rickety chairs, a small stove and a few law books on the shelves. It had the general appearance of poverty, and the two young lawyers were no doubt having a hard time to keep their heads above water financially as clients then were few.

About that time, a box containing law books was thrown off the train and it was broken open. John Fairbairn, an assistant at the depot, asked Mr. Cannon who the books belonged to, and he said they were his and asked the charge.

Johnny told him the bill was 50 cents. Mr. Cannon reached into his jeans and pulled out 50 cents in silver saying as he did, "that's the last penny I've got to my name."

But over the next couple of years, the law firm found more clients and began to prosper. It has been 68 years since Mr. Cannon hung out his shingle here, coming from Shelbyville, where he first started in the law business. He failed to make enough there to pay his office rent.

February 23, 1922

Uncle Joe Cannon, who will retire from the House at the end of his present term after a service of 46 years, declared in a letter to his constituents that it is time for old heads to give way to younger hearts, alert and active minds and vigorous bodies.

He encouraged his successor to consider the interests of the nation, not just his own district.

1 year ago
February 24, 2021

• Paul Crawford was given a "Quilt of Valor" by the American Legion.

• Tuscola schools were prepping for Homecoming.

• Former Tuscola resident and a star on the TV series 90210, won $168,600 for area food banks on Celebrity Wheel of Fortune.

• The Douglas County Ag Center renamed a scholarship in memory of Dale Bateman.

• The VFW honored teacher Carmen Morgan with an "award for meritorious and distinguished service." She headed a project to honor current service members at Ervin Park.

• Brynn Tabeling scored the winning basket against St. Joseph-Ogden with 8.2 seconds left on the clock; the Warrior's record is now 8-0.

• Jalen Quinn scored 24 points in Tuscola's win over Clinton.

PUZZLES

CLUES ACROSS
1. Neckwear
7. Fish parts
13. Cooking
14. Quality
16. Rural delivery
17. Popular superhero
19. Partner to Pa
20. Shivering fits
22. Wrath
23. Linguistics pioneer
25. Large integers
26. A way to prepare food
28. Group of badgers
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Rock out
31. Danish krone
33. Take from with force
34. Baroque musical instrument
36. Zodiac sign
38. Hebrew alphabet letter
40. Independent member of a clone
41. Type of garment
43. Satisfy
44. One point south of due east
45. A way to wipe out
47. Moved quickly on foot
48. Bar bill
51. An idiot
53. Performed with the voice silent
55. Body fluids
56. Rhythmic patterns
58. "__ my i's"
59. Type of wrap
60. It shows who you are
61. Carousel
64. Type of college degree
65. Molding
67. Closes again
69. Verses
70. Surface

CLUES DOWN
1. Short, thick stick
2. Rhode Island
3. Animals of the horse family
4. Very important persons
5. Folk singer Di Franco
6. Boredom
7. Long speech
8. Footballer Newton
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Linear accelerator
11. One quintillion bytes
12. Smallest interval in Western music
13. Box
15. Cheese dish
18. Make a mistake
21. Done by all people or things
24. Circumference
26. Chum
27. Electrocardiogram
30. Sandwich chain Jimmy __
32. Showed old movie
35. Important event on Wall St.
37. Where wrestlers work
38. Free from contamination
39. Eastern Canada coastal region
42. Slang for gun
43. High schoolers' test
46. Fathers
47. Call it a career
49. Productive
50. Musical groups
52. Yellowish-brown
54. Lowest point of a ridge
55. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
57. Fill up
59. Cardinal number that's the sum of 5 and 1
62. Frost
63. Jewel
66. Atomic #45
68. Top lawyer

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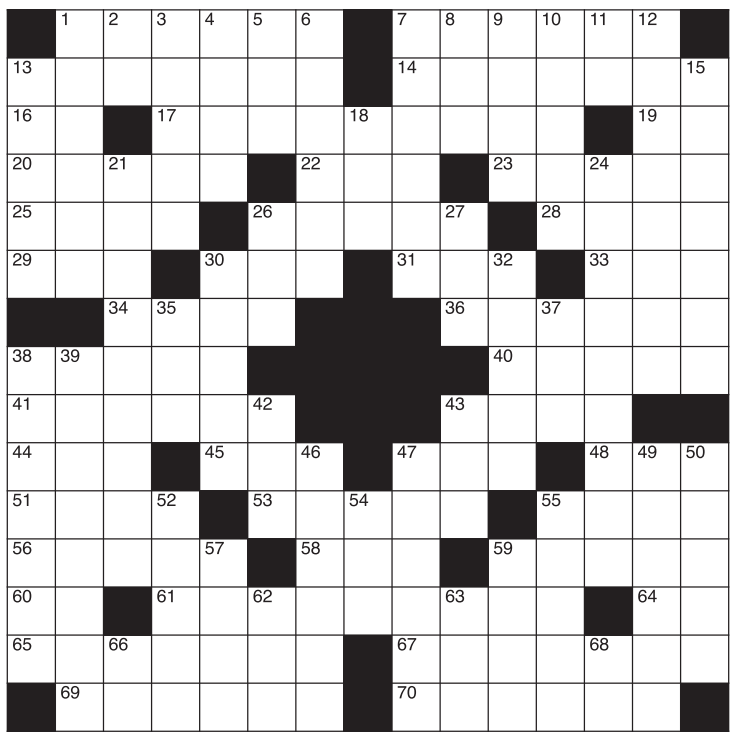

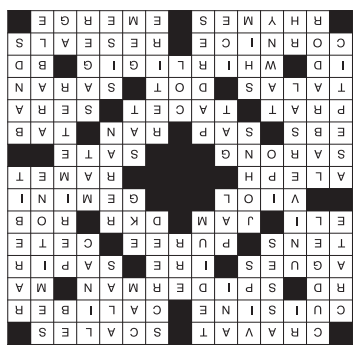

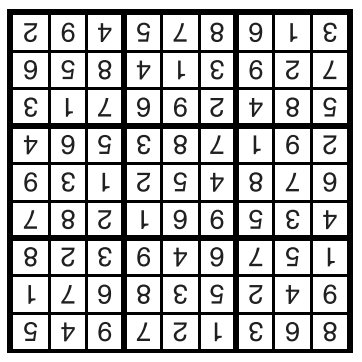

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, an exciting relationship may soon develop after you socialize with friends. If you already are involved romantically, someone you meet could be an important ally.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Unexpected changes are the name of the game this week, Taurus. This could mean anything from learning a new skill to having to train a new coworker.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, there's potential to meet someone interesting on a trip you will be taking shortly. Strike up conversations with those around you, as you never know what will happen.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, do not be discouraged when something seems like an insurmountable task. You just have to find the right help and then you'll quickly master the job.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

An unexpected phone call or text from someone in your past could come your way soon, Leo. Whatever the news, don't let it scare you. You'll do fine.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

A significant sum of money could be coming your way shortly, Virgo. It may be a bonus or some sort of repayment. Be pleased at the windfall and utilize it wisely.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, an exciting group activity involving a number of your friends is on the horizon. You may be wondering whether to go. Don't pass up the opportunity.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Exciting prospects and fortunate events seem to be in your orbit, Scorpio. Enjoy this bit of good luck that garners much of your attention and could have further benefits.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, are you feeling adventurous lately? Now may be a good time to enter a race or try something daring, like sky diving. Let your instincts guide your decision.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Your mind is attuned to learning new lessons. If time permits, enroll in some college courses or explore trade school offerings. This will enable you to expand your mind.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

This is a good week to travel or to make the arrangements for it, Aquarius. The journey promises to be an exciting time that you will remember for a while.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, bizarre dreams may invade your comfort levels. Don't try to analyze their meaning too much, but be aware of symbolism.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 27
Josh Groban, Singer (41)
FEBRUARY 28
Luka Doncic, Athlete (23)
MARCH 1
Jensen Ackles, Actor (44)
MARCH 2
Rebel Wilson, Actress (42)
MARCH 3
Camila Cabello, Singer (25)
MARCH 4
Draymond Green, Athlete (32)
MARCH 5
Eva Mendes, Actress (48)