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WAS REX STOUT BORN HERE?

Who is Rex Stout? This question was asked by Walter Teter, 1336 Conner street, Tuesday, when he received a clipping from some magazine sent to him by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Teter, of Elwood, thinking that perhaps it might interest him.

The clipping says in part: "Rex Stout was born in Noblesville, Ind., 55 years ago and educated in the public schools. The ladder which led to his becoming one of the most popular mystery writers of the day consisted of the respective rounds: office boy, store clerk, bookkeeper, sailor (he enlisted in the navy in 1906 and purchased his discharge two years later), hotel manager and inventor.

"For some years, from each October 18 to a varying date in April, he abandoned his broad interests in Brewster, N. Y., as an engineer, flower fancier, crack cabinet maker, apiarist, champion horseshoe pitcher and breeder of dogs, goats and poultry, to write books. Twice married and the father of two daughters, but few people know that his middle name is 'Todhunter.'"

Mrs. Teter also has a story written by Boake Carter, columnist, concerning Stout's latest work, "We Shall Hate or We Shall Fall", a story that was bitterly resented by the German people.

Every effort to learn something about the early boyhood of Stout in Noblesville has failed. He is not listed among the graduates of the local high school according to Miss Alice Wild, secretary to Supt. Wetherow. If he is about 55 years of age he must have attended school here about the time Walter Teter was a local student but the latter remembers no one by that name. Mr. Teter suggests that he may be related to some of the Stouts around Sheridan and Westfield.

The Ledger would like to know more about him and, in the meantime, suggests his record is clear—he was the son of Editor Stout of the Ledger, along with Walter Montgomery, about 50 years ago or so.

Mr. and Mrs. family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cicero, were Sun and Mrs. Frank Mr. and Mrs. Noblesville, were Mrs. Valla Glaz Mr. and Mrs. children, of Indiana guests of M Overdorf.

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MAJOR ROLL CALL UNUSUAL

Many Features That Appealed to the Large Number Present

The annual Homecoming and Roll Call of Noblesville Masonic lodge, No. 57, on its 96th anniversary was an unusual event even for the lodge, for many such fine meetings have been held and enjoyed through the years.

The presence of Rev. Guy Carpenter, District Superintendent of the Indianapolis District of the Methodist church was of unusual interest and enjoyment, and he was greeted by his friend, Rev. E. J. Wickersham who gave the blessing at the dinner.

The dinner as prepared by the Ladies of the Eastern Star, was splendidly served and a most appetizing dinner. The music of the occasion by the Mercer High School Orchestra was appreciated and then Paul Wycoff, of Anderson, was present and led the large audience in some stirring songs, he first singing "The White Cliffs of Dover" in a delightful way. He had the big audience singing and whistling "God Bless America", "Keep the Home Fires Burning", "Down by the Old Mill Stream", the music by the Mercer orchestra being played before and during the dinner and then Mr. Wycoff gave his most interesting part of the program.

The members of the Mercer group of players were: Kathleen Caca, Anne Clarke, Doris Clarke, Bill Day, Tom Hollingsworth, Marlin Keller, Edgar Lees, Carol Roberts, Rosalyn Shanks and Frank Stevenson and the group was given a big "hand" by the Appreciative Masons. Two soldiers in uniform sat at the speaker's table, Noel Young and Lt. Albert G. Johnson.

The dinner was served in the big gymnasium of the Temple, and the menu was fine, and the serving by the ladies was so much appreciated that the Master, John W. M. Beals, called the ladies into the room, following the close of the dinner and they were greeted with kindly words and the "big hand" which is always so pleasing to those worthy of it. The menu was marked by roast beef, green beans, cole slaw, noodles, potatoes, ice cream, cake, rolls, butter and coffee, all served in the fine American style. The ladies in-

His father moved his household goods Monday from the lawyer farm east of town into his newly purchased home in Noblesville. He bought the Hiram Smith property in south Atlanta. It was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Asher Crawford who moved into the Miller property on Indiana street.

REX STOUT BORN IN NOBLESVILLE

Wednesday, February 10, 1943

The other day the Ledger carried a brief story reported by Walter Teter, of Conner street, in which he sought to establish the identity of Rex Stout, who was born in Noblesville 56 years ago and now through his writings, is one of the nation's chief enemies of Hitler. At that time no one could be found who knew anything about the family except for a statement the Ledger repeats in this article.

In a recent issue of "Look", the life story of this unusual man is told in an interesting sketch by John Bainbridge.

His father, George Stout, was at one time publisher of the Ledger, being associated in the newspaper business with the late Walter Montgomery, who also served one or two terms as chairman of the Republican county central committee in the eighties. The son says his parents were Quakers and that his father was once superintendent of county schools. He was a member of a family of nine children. The son recalls that he sat on the lap of William Jennings Bryan while he was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for President.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout moved from this city when their son was small and located in Kansas. At 17 the son joined the navy. He sailed the seas 40,000 miles between 1905 and 1908. Then he was employed at various occupations. He turned banker, grew a beard, went abroad, wrote several novels, and became a farmer. He also was a professional cook, grew roses, and published mystery stories. Noblesville Daily Ledger

20 LEAVE FOR ARMY SERVICE

Score of Local Boys Re-

DRIVE FOR RED CROSS MARCH 1

Date Set For the Official Opening—Quota Is \$20,700

March 1, the American Red Cross 1943 War Fund Drive will officially open. This year more than ever before every one is asked to give all they possibly can—GIVE DOUBLE. This nationally is a \$125,000,000 drive—Indiana is asked to raise \$2,800,000—Hamilton county \$20,700.

The Hamilton County Chapter feels that every one should know more about Red Cross, so it is the Chapter's purpose to publish an article every night through Feb. 27, telling about Red Cross. Due to limited space only the high lights of each service can be discussed. If there are any points any one wishes explained, do not hesitate to call the office (phone 8) and an attempt will be made to give the information.

The following paragraphs will tell something of the origin, authority, and purpose of the American National Red Cross.

The Treaty of Geneva, an agreement among the governments of the world, was adopted by a diplomatic convention in Geneva, Switzerland in 1864. The United States acceded to the Treaty in 1882. The Convention was revised in 1906 and again in 1929. The total number of parties adhering is 61. The purpose of the Treaty, is to provide for the amelioration of the condition of soldiers wounded upon the field of battle, to neutralize and protect persons engaged in according relief to the sick and wounded, and to furnish supplies for these purposes.

An international conference in Geneva in 1863, which prepared the way for the Convention that wrote the Treaty, recommended "that there exist in every country a committee whose mission consists in cooperating in time of war with the hospital service of the armies." Red Cross societies organized in accordance with this recommendation in nations which have acceded to the Treaty are thereafter recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross of Geneva and by the other nations which are parties to the Treaty.

The International Committee is looked upon as the guardian of the Treaty of Geneva and is primarily concerned with matters bearing directly or indirectly upon Red

FINDS STOUT'S BIRTH RECORD

The birthplace of Rex Stout, widely known writer who recently received much publicity through an article in a nationally famous magazine, has been affirmed by Dr. C. H. Tomlinson, Hamilton County Health Commissioner, of Cicero, as being in Noblesville.

When Stout's birthplace first was listed as Noblesville many local residents expressed some doubt about it, stating that they had no remembrance of a family here by such a name.

Later some of the older residents recalled that a family by the name of Stout did live in Noblesville many years ago and the father of Rex was editor of the Ledger.

Dr. Tomlinson states that he has found the birth record of Rex Stout years ago and the father of Rex ords.

This record reveals that the noted writer was born in Noblesville Dec. 1, 1886. His father's name was John Wallace Stout, and his occupation was listed as Editor of the Ledger. His mother's maiden name was Lucretia E. Todhunter.

PROGRAM FOR GROUP MEETING

Mrs. Charles Butterworth, Key woman of the Sheridan group of the W. S. C. S. has announced the following program for the Conference to be held at Westfield, March 8:

Morning

- 9:15—Registration.
- 9:30—Quiet hour music.
- 9:40—Worship service. "Our New Emblem."
- 10:20—"A Look Forward," Mrs. Julia Parr Nattzger, Conference President.
- 10:35—Report of District Officers (Five Minutes)
- Treasurer, Mrs. J. V. Sibera
- Sec. Missionary Education and Service Mrs. W. R. Morrison
- Sec. Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Merton Smith

DIANA—TONITE THRU WEDNESDAY



THE NEW PRODUCING TEAM of George M. Cohan and Sam Harris, played by James Cagney and Richard Whorf, prevail upon Fay Templeton (Irene Manning) to play the lead in their new musical, "45 Minutes From Broadway," in this scene from "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

LOGAN—FINAL SHOWING TONIGHT

