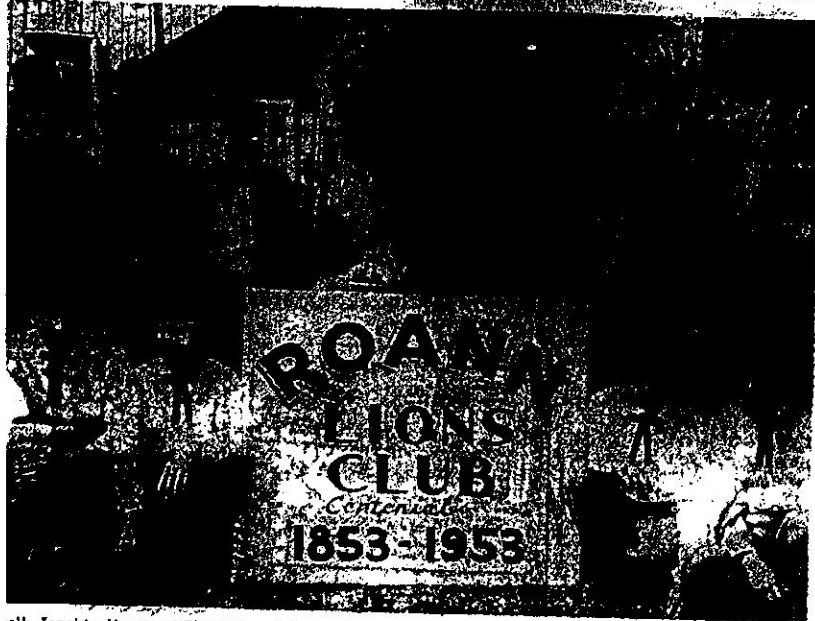


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SHEBA MEETS OFFICIALS OF ROANN'S LIONS CLUB.



well Jacob's lioness "Sheba" and ten other Roann, met in the steel arena at Roann Friday morning, when the officers and directors of the Roann's Lions Club with about as much hair on their heads as "Sheba" had about her neck were in the arena together and were photographed as seen above.

Front row, left to right—James Hippensteel, president, James Bowman, third vice-pres-

ident; Barnham Clark, director; Garland Fisher, second vice-president.

Second row, left to right—George Giltner, director; Eugene Miller, secretary, Dale Kinzie, president; "Sheba"; Wilbert Sullivan, lion tamer; Galen Eller, director, and Orla Showalter, director.

"Sheba" is the trained lion of Terrell Jacobs, Peru animal trainer.

AN'S POLAND HINA HOG SALE

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o Gilts in Sale at
Santa Fe.

Friday night, Oct. 3, at 7 o'clock, Clarence will have a public auction sale of personal property, next Tuesday, October 6, beginning at one o'clock. Five head of dairy cows, hay and grain, farm implements, poultry and equipment are included in the property listed in the sale advertisement published on page 6 of this issue of the Republican.

Russell Reahart will be the auctioneer and Fayette Shoemaker, clerk.

Mrs. Roy Wildman Will Sell Personal Property, Tues. Oct. 6

Mrs. Roy Wildman, not far from the Ebenezer church, northeast of Dredsville, ten miles north of Peru, four miles north and one mile east of Denver, five miles north and one mile west of Chili, will have a public auction sale of personal property, next Tuesday, October 6, beginning at one o'clock. Five head of dairy cows, hay and grain, farm implements, poultry and equipment are included in the property listed in the sale advertisement published on page 6 of this issue of the Republican.

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DEARBORN GUARD-O-MATIC

On Page 3 of this issue of the Republican you will find an advertisement for the new Dearborn touch-cool Guard-O-Matic Gas Area Heaters which are sold in Peru by the Dr-Gas Company at 74 North Broadway in the Masonic Temple building at Broadway and Sixth streets.

"This winter enjoy heating comfort as you like it, with the famous Dearborn Guard-O-Matic," says Everett Mills of the Peru Dr-Gas Co.

Y. M. C. A. NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW!

The Y. M. C. A. Drive Campaign for \$15,000 is progressing with the help of many.

TERRELL JACOBS TO BE AT TWELVE MILE

Bethlehem W. S. C. S. Plans
Circus For October 7 as
Church Benefit.

Circus sounds and smells are in the air again. With Judge Klimec as ring master, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Bethlehem Methodist Church is planning to pack the ringside with all the small fry of the neighboring communities. The ring will be set up on the ball diamond of the Twelve Mile School on October 7 with a rain date set for October 8. Popcorn and peanuts will be left unattended while wide eyed mop-eyes watch Terrell Jacobs put his animals through their act. Little girls will watch with envy while Jean Jacobs and her elephant, Baby Jean, perform. All will rock with laughter when Helvie, the clown, puts his trick Ford through its paces.

Other attractions of the evening will be Robert Weaver and his bar act, the Logansport Fidelity Patrol, clowns, a male quartette, an accordion and guitar act. There will be a kids' ride, concessions, and a cake auction, and of course, a band.

The evening's proceeds are to go for a church improvement project.

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CONGRATULATIONS

GEORGE A. GRAF WIDELY KNOWN

Builder of Miniature Circus
Wagons Passed Away
Monday.

Funeral service for George (Duke) Graf, 84 of 220 West Third street, were held at the Allen Funeral Home 88 East Third street on Thursday afternoon. Rev. Lee Jackson of the First Christian Church officiated and burial took place in Mt. Hope cemetery. Pallbearers were: Jerre C. Beebe, Robert Helvie, Terrell Jacobs, John Hemrick, George Percy and Walter Wackerle.

Mr. Graf died in a taxicab Monday afternoon. He had been at the Chickasaw Pharmacy, where he visited most every day, and when he became ill, a taxicab was called to take him home. Before arriving there he died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

"Duke" was a life long resident of Peru, and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Graf. He was born in the home in which he had always called home.

He attended school until he passed the first year High School. Then he began learning the cigar makers trade, working for the late Sam Blue at his place of business on North Broadway.

He was very fond of circuses. In 1886 when the Ream, Beck & Co's circus was organized in Peru three years after Col. Benj. E. Wallace and William E. Anderson started out overland with the Wallace Circus, "Duke" was the property man and he saw that the tents got up on time.

He also traveled with Terrell Jacobs to many places, long distances from Peru. He turned his attention to carving and building in miniature circus tableaux wagons and cages attaching to them horses and harness which he made.

Some of these are shown in the Puterbaugh Memorial Museum on North Huntington street, back of the Public Library.

He was a member of the Circus Fans Association and was well known among the circus people over the nation.

He was the organizer and first president of the Circus Model Builders of America and was also the first president of the American Circus Fans Association. He was well versed in Miami county's history and maintained a constant interest in its progress.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Mrs. Emil Schram and one brother Otto Graf. He never married. "Duke" Graf was a cripple practically all his life time, and he went about on crutches. He will be missed by his host of friends.

He is survived by four nephews, Emil Schram, ex-president of the New York Stock Exchange, now National President of the U. S. C. and living east of Peru on the circus farm along the Frances Schram Trail, Waldo Schram, of Kankakee, Ill. and Philip and Otto Schram, of Kansas City.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT KILLS MILO CONN

Victim Evidently Believed that
the Pistol Unloaded.

Funeral services for Milo Conn, Jr., 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Conn, of Peru, Route 5, were held Sunday afternoon at the Loree Brethren church.

Rev. Robert Higgins and Rev. Claud Studebaker officiated, and burial took place in the Peoria cemetery with the Eikenberry Funeral Home, in charge. The body lie in state at the church for one hour prior to the services.

The deceased died Thursday at 9:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McClellan, 611 West Third street.

Young Conn is reported to have pulled out a .32 automatic which was stuck inside his shirt under his belt. Then he fired the shot in his right temple, killing him instantly.

Investigating officers after questioning witnesses think that the youth, a graduate of the 1952 class of Peru High School, was merely "showing off." Later Dr. Owen Johnson, coroner, verified this by returning a verdict of accidental death.

Eileen DeHaven, daughter of Mrs. McClellan, said Milo and a friend, Vernon Wingard, Route 1, Bunker Hill, had come to their home earlier in the evening and had been sitting talking in the living room.

When Mr. and Mrs. McClellan left the house to put away their car, Eileen said, young Conn stood up and pulled the gun out of his shirt. She said he pressed a mechanism on the gun which caused it to eject a bullet. He stooped, picked up the bullet, and replaced it in the gun. This was the first Eileen had any knowledge of the gun.

After replacing the bullet, Conn placed the gun on his right temple, and said, "I'm not afraid to do this." It was then he fired the fatal shot.

The victim fell to the floor and died instantly. Miss DeHaven called for an ambulance over the telephone and then hurried to her parents to tell them what had happened.

Conn's father said that the gun was one which had belonged to the youth's deceased grandfather, Milo Conn, and that it had been kept in a dresser drawer.

Police surmise that Conn, having very little knowledge of the gun, did not know that when the bullet was replaced another had been shoved into the firing chamber.

Milo Austin Conn was born in Peru, July 14, 1934, the son of Omer P. and Pauline Austin Conn. He had spent his lifetime in this community.

He was graduated from Peru high school in 1952 and attended Indiana University last year where he was a pledge of Sigma Phi fraternity.

Surviving are his parents, one

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