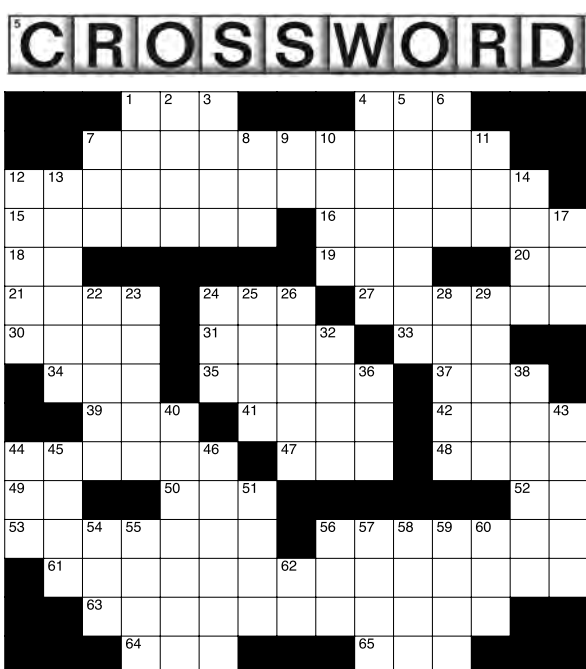


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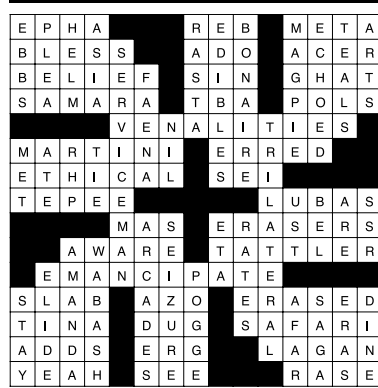


- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Blockchain-based entity
 4. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
 7. Painted with glue
 12. Legendary crooner
 15. Structure made with strips of wood
 16. Tropical fruits
 18. Commercial
 19. Comedienne
 20. The Ocean State
 21. Ancient Scot
 24. Basics
 27. Stated propositions
 30. Scottish island group
 31. Expression of annoyance
 33. Large tree
 34. Engine additive
 35. Conspiracy
 37. Drunkard
 39. Someone who is morally reprehensible
 41. Ancient Syrian city
 42. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
 44. Carry (slang)
 47. Sweet potato
 48. European river
 49. The Golden State
 50. Windy City ballplayer
 52. New Testament
 53. Possess spiritually
 56. A treeless grassy plain
 61. Popular historical novel
 63. In a law-abiding way
 64. A place to sleep
 65. Criticize

- CLUES DOWN**
1. Impression in a surface
 2. Computer language
 3. Relating to the ear
 4. Occupant
 5. Member of Great Plains people
 6. Social media firm
 7. Digital audiotape
 8. Midway between east and southeast
 9. Chronic, progressive disease
 10. Chinese lute
 11. Not wet
 12. Moves wings up and down
 13. Communication devices
 14. Swiss river
 17. Female sibling
 22. Receive
 23. Relating to a type
 24. General's assistant (abbr.)
 25. Steep bank
 26. Taxi driver

28. Moves into without difficulty
29. Bicycle manufacturer
32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
36. Fugitives are on it
38. Bitter-tasting organic substance
40. Die
43. Matched
44. Literary genre
45. Cannot
46. Pounded
51. British rock group
54. Debt relief order
55. 2006 NL Cy Young winner
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Ailments
60. Famed singer
62. Camper

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



HOME REPAIR WORD SEARCH

E S R R N S N G M U A D P G K P V E D K
R V V A I D T R S I D B W E W R P L D D U
W F L L W I R O D A E P D N T R R H K U
E F L A U K J U V E N E E R I I E S R V
R F A C V S S T S N J R U V L A F I B P
H L R V F H B A C K S P L A S H R F V B
D I D W U I R R S G P K M V M J L D O H
C W A O G M K N W T M L W K F J J K S S
C G L F E N I W J G A C J O I S T D J C
S E K H B H I M F E T N W H O K T W C F
V U S T G H B H P R O T C A R T N O C R
S P H U D L L P S V V L G A W V H F D K
P U O R E E A B W A J R S N S V T S D E
M R B H P B G A S T L L P E I I D G O I
E U A F R B L M I C H F W O P D N A I I
U J C U L L J E D A A L U T G I L G O H
C L C B S O L P I I H T U T W V P I U L
W J E C V G O N N E L A H W I U H V U I
F J U B E L L R G E L K V T I M R E P B
M O L D I N G B T B G B L I M R A R H T

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- BACKSPLASH
- BUILDING
- CASING
- CIRCUIT
- CONTRACTOR
- CURB APPEAL
- DRAIN
- FLASHING
- GROUT
- JOIST
- LOAD
- MOLDING
- OUTLET
- PERMIT
- PIPES
- ROUGH-IN
- SHIM
- SIDING
- SILL
- SOFFIT
- SUBFLOOR
- VALVE
- VENEER
- WALLS

THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Velna's World and Christmas

By Casey Jarmes |
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Last week, I began my retelling of local woman Velna Utterback's memoirs, recounting her memories from growing up on her grandparents' farm near Hayesville. I'm continuing that story this week, with more stories from Velna's youth and time as a teacher, many of which took place around Christmastime.

One Christmas, there was a program at the Hayesville Spiritualist Hall, where there was a tree covered in Christmas presents. Teenagers took the presents off the tree and handed them to Santa, who passed them out to the children. Velna received a doll with eyes that closed when it was laid down. "I'm sure that I was the happiest little girl there," she wrote, decades later.

Before that Christmas, she had played with "Old Beansie," a cotton stuffed doll her Grandmother Susan had made for her out of a flour sack. Unfortunately, after a few weeks of playing with the doll, its eyes dropped back into its head. Velna couldn't stand to look at the eyeless doll and hid it in the closet, under a huge stack of quilts and comforters. When her grandparents asked what she'd done with the doll, Velna said that the doll had died and she had buried her.

One Christmas, when Velna was 10 or 11, she walked home from school during a blizzard. When she arrived home that evening, her Grandfather Isaac had her ride out and bring the cows back while riding on their sorrel horse, Old Tony. Velna rode out, a blanket wrapped around her legs to keep warm, but the cows were nowhere to be seen.

She followed tracks down to the river, a mile away, and found the cows hiding on an island in the middle of a frozen pond. As she lead the cows back, it was so dark she could scarcely see the outlines of buildings and was sure she was going the wrong way. But, she remembered what her grandfather had told her, that if she ever got lost, to let the horse have his way and bring her home. Old Tony led Velna home and her grandmother gave her a hot bath and a bowl of hot potato soup.

1913 was a hot, dry year, with temperatures over 100 degrees for several days. Grass burned brown and many wells failed. During these hot days, Velna and her cousin Edgar were tasked with riding the horses down to the river to drink. One day, while doing this, the horses ran through the cattle, scattering them in all directions in the thick brush. The frightened cattle upset an old tree stump full of bumblebees, which stung Old Tony. Tony bolted through the brush, but Velna managed to stay on his back, even as the weeds and brush scraped the skin of her feet and legs. Another time, they rode the horses through a pasture owned by Velna's Uncle Hughie, which contained a big Hereford bull. The bull stayed along the fence, as Velna and Edgar rounded up the cattle. Then, she heard the sound of brush cracking. The bull charged at Velna, so fast she had no time to flee. But, Old Tony whirled around and kicked the bull, leaving hoofprints on the side of his head. After that, Hughie sold the bull.

In 1917, there was heavy rationing as part of WWI, limiting the use of sugar and

flour. Velna wrote that her grandmother was excellent at making substitutions, using rice flour in bread, oatmeal in muffins, and bran in corn bread. They used corn syrup and molasses as sugar substitutes, saving their sugar allotment for canning fruits and special occasions.

Velna worked as a teacher, spending one year at the Chastine Country school and then four years at Hayesville. One morning, during her first year teaching, one of her students, Tommy Glandon, came in one morning, not feeling well. By recess, his face was flushed, with a high fever. A few days later, he passed away, from diphtheria. Velna frantically asked the school board to have the school fumigated, but they didn't think it was necessary. For the next thirty days, Velna checked every child's throat every morning; none of them came in with a sore throat.

One day, in the early 1920s, Velna and her cousin Irvin went to a dance in Ottumwa, driving back to Hayesville on the then-unpaved Highway 149 at around 2:00 a.m. That night, they were followed by a car with only one headlight. Arriving in town, they parked the car across the street from the post office. The next morning, Velna learned that the post office had been robbed. Later that day, there was a knock on the school door. She opened it to find the sheriff with two angry bloodhounds, that had tracked her scent there from the post office. Velna was accused of theft, but the sheriff dropped her as a suspect because Irving told the same story. No one was ever caught for the

post office robbery.

In 1922, on the last day before Christmas Vacation, right after school ended, there was a knock on the school door. She opened it to find a poorly dressed man, the father of her students, who lived a squalid life selling popcorn from an old wagon on the square in Sigourney. The father handed Velna a beautiful box of stationery, a gift his children had asked he give her, as a thanks for being so good to them. Velna wondered if the man had gone without meals to save enough money to buy the gift. On another Christmas, either in 1922 or 1923, Velna had Edgar dress as Santa Claus and drive to the school in a horse-pulled bobsled. He got out, asked the children if they had been good little boys and girls, and gave them bags containing candy, gum and oranges from his sack. They explained to the kids that the reindeer were tired and resting, so Santa had borrowed the sled and horses.

On Christmas Eve, 1923, Leo Adams proposed to Velna. There was a dance that night, at the Hayesville Spiritualist Hall, where Velna refused to answer the countless questions about her new diamond ring. The pair were married on Christmas night, the next year, and moved to a farm owned by Leo's grandmother two miles southeast of Hayesville. Velna finished her last year of teaching the following spring.

1925 was a very cold winter, with lots of snow and no mail for several days at a time. Every day, Leo and Lloyd and Ira Holling-

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