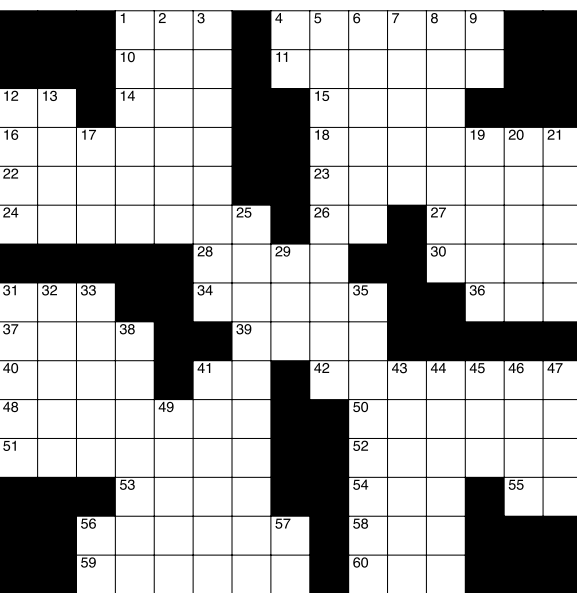


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CLUES ACROSS

- Inclined to do
- Sketches
- Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
- Atomic #58
- Dorm official
- Small Eurasian deer
- Southern constellation
- Workers' groups
- Former
- Excellent
- Romance language related to Spanish
- Reference
- Equally
- Dirty towels
- A cargo (abbr.)
- Ammunition
- You get one in summer
- Slang for trucks with trailers
- Swiss river
- Exchange rate
- British School
- College teacher
- Foreign Service
- Horse gear
- Cost to fly
- A salt or ester of boric acid
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- A major division of geological time
- Sodium
- A way to produce
- Soak
- Laughed loudly

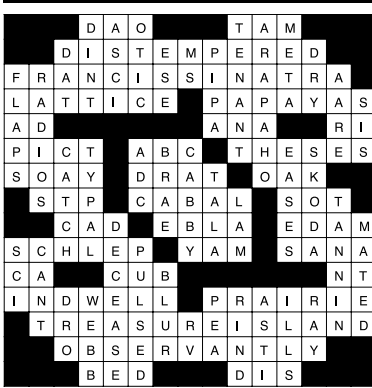
CLUES DOWN

- Moth species phalonia
- Quantum of energy
- Break the law
- Location of White House
- Official cancellation of a decision
- Where rockers work
- Cut of beef: ___ mignon
- Nocturnal burrowing reptile
- Atomic #62
- Genus of evergreen shrubs
- Flowering plant of the legume family
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Tropical fruit
- Hot fluid

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



SPRING CLEANING WORD SEARCH

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

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

WORDS

- AIRING
- DECLUTTER
- DEEP-CLEAN
- DETOXIFY
- DISINFECT
- DONATIONS
- DUSTING
- FRESH
- HOME
- LABELING
- LAUNDRY
- MAINTENANCE
- MINIMALISM
- MOPPING
- ORGANIZE
- POLISH
- PURGE
- RECYCLING
- RENEWAL
- SANITIZE
- SCRUBBING
- SORTING
- STORAGE
- VACUUM

THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Velna's World and the Great Depression

By Casey Jarmes |
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This week is the third and penultimate column covering Velna's World, the memoirs of Velna Utterback (born Velna Robertson, later known as Velna Adams). As a reminder, Velna was born in 1901 and grew up on her grandparents' farm outside Hayesville. She worked as a teacher for several years, leaving after marrying farmer Leo Adams in 1924. Their first child, Beryl, was born in 1925.

Velna and Leo's second son, Paul, was born on Nov. 17, 1929. He weighed ten pounds, and seemed to be a healthy baby, but when he was a few days old, he had bronchitis and almost choked. Velna pulled a string of phlegm out of his throat, which allowed him to breathe. Paul couldn't keep any formula or water down; he lost weight and cried almost constantly. On Christmas Eve, Velna took her son to the children's hospital in Iowa City. By then, Paul weighed between five and six pounds; the doctors said that he was the most dehydrated patient they ever saw. In the evening, nurses fed him formula with an eyedropper. That night, Paul stopped breathing, and the veins on his forehead turned blue. Velna screamed for help. The doctors rushed in and worked with him until he started breathing again. One doctor told Velna that Paul only had a 50-50 chance of survival.

The day after Christmas,

the doctors realized Paul had an infection from his sinuses, which required surgery. Velna demanded she be allowed to follow her baby into the operating room, and the doctor, seeing her determination, let her go. There was not one drop of blood during the surgery due to Paul's dehydration. After the surgery, he began to improve.

There was a heavy snow storm as they drove Paul home from the hospital. The Adams's were forced to stop in Washington to warm up formula to feed him. Then, the gas pedal came off the car, forcing them to stop in Sigourney to have Velna's uncle Hughie repair it. The snow drifts forced them to stop, half a mile from home. Leo and a neighbor pushed the car out of the snow drift, and Velna finally brought her son home.

In 1931 or 1932, the Adams's moved from Leo's grandmother's farm to a farm southwest of Hayesville. The road north of their house had a railroad running beside it. Her sons really enjoyed watching the freight trains ride past. Velna noted that, one day, during the height of the Great Depression, she saw 42 different men riding in the open box cars. Quite often these men, who had lost their jobs and were going place to place, looking for work, waved to the Adamses. One evening, Velna put some kindling in the cook stove before going out to do chores. As she came out of the hog house, she noticed

flames shooting out of the chimney and blowing down onto the roof. Velna ran to the garage, grabbing a ladder and bucket of stock salt, and climbed onto the roof to put the fire out with the salt. As she did, a passenger train rode by. Seeing her on the roof, they tooted their whistle all the way to Hayesville.

1934 was a drought year, made worse by an infestation of cinch bugs. They came by millions from the wheat fields of Kansas and Nebraska to devour Iowan crops. At first, farmers like the Adamses tried to save their fields by digging ditches between rows of corn and filling them with oil. But, if a spear of grass or blade of corn fell across the ditch, the cinch bugs would use it as a bridge and engulf the field. They even crossed over the dead bodies of other cinch bugs that had fallen into the oil. "It was a losing fight and the farmers gave up," wrote Velna.

That year, the hay crop was almost a complete failure. Lee and Velna were forced to sell most of their cattle. The next year was very wet, with rain almost every day, which made it most difficult to get crops planted or harvest hay. Velna wrote that she loved feed sacks. They came in plain white, unbleached and prints, and she made everything out of them, including bed sheets, pajamas, dresses, and tablecloths. Farm women would trade sacks with each other to have matching prints to use.

One night, during the late thirties, Velna and Leo were invited to participate in square dancing at a fundraiser hosted by the Delta Methodist Church; this surprised Velna, because Methodists traditionally forbade dancing. The dancing went well, and the Adamses were invited to another dance program in Ottumwa. That night, they left their sons at the neighbor's house. When they returned home at 2:00 a.m., they saw a light in their house. Velna rushed in and found ten-year-old Paul, asleep in his bed. When Velna asked about this in the morning, Paul explained that there was only enough chocolate syrup in the fridge for one glass of chocolate milk and that he'd been afraid his brother would get to it first.

In the thirties and forties, there were free outdoor movies every Friday in Hayesville, sponsored by 12 or 13 of the town's businesses. Older people sat on wooden planks, placed on cement blocks, while the younger ones stood or sat on blankets on the grass. One year, Beryl and his friend Wilmer "Spike" Cook presented steers at the Iowa State Fair. On the final day, after selling their cattle, the boys were anxious to leave so they could see a free movie in Hayesville. Velna bribed them into staying until the afternoon by giving them money for a long hot dog and an ice cream sandwich.

Next week, I'll finish telling the story of Velna's life.

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