

# The Courier Journal

## Youth Section

### JOE AND JUDY



## An Answer to Prayer

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NIGHT was coming and Pvt. Peter Jordan wiggled a little in his foxhole. All day long a fellow had to be quiet, for any movement brought a hail of enemy bullets, just as a reminder. The boys were all glad when it grew dark, glad as one man, anyhow, that they could move and stretch their stiff, cold legs and arms and maybe even walk around a little when there was a full moon. Of course, night brought the danger of enemy patrols feeling their way through the Yanks' lines and meeting up with them was no picnic. Well, at least night was a change from the days, thought Peter.

By the time it grew quite dark, the enemy shelling grew lighter. Probably the fellows on the other side are busy with their evening meal, the soldier decided, and pulled out his own pack- aged ration. It gave him something to think about besides the coming of the lonely, fearful night, and Pete was grateful.

SUDDENLY HE heard, off to his right, a low whistle from a nearby foxhole.

"Hey, soldier," a voice whispered. "Would you like to crawl over here and share our water?"

Pete grinned. Company would suit him fine.

"Coming over," he called back, and began a slow, careful crawl in the direction from which the invitation had come.

Inch by inch he made it, and slid down beside his buddies with a feeling of real satisfaction. The two occupants of the dugout shook hands silently and made him welcome.

THIS WAS real improvement over his own foxhole across the way, for his had water in the bottom, and what's more, he had been alone over there. Here it was dry, and he had two friends to ease the burden of a night in the front line. "It is good to have friends," Pete thought.

"As long as things stay quiet, let's get a little rest in turns," suggested one of the boys. "Two will watch and one sleep. Guess first, so you start off, soldier."

Pete made no protest. He dropped his gun and slid down against the earthen wall. Suddenly he thought, "Friends are good. I'd better not forget my best friend."

PRIDE GOT on his knees and said his prayers. At the end he added this last word, half to himself and half aloud.

"I wonder if God will ever let us know that prayers are answered, even prayers from a battlefield."

Before he could hear the others' answer if they made any, Pete was asleep. When he felt himself being shaken, he realized that he had been asleep.

**YOUTH QUIZ**  
Complete youth quiz program now being heard each week on the following:  
11:15 a. m.—Saturday, Sacramento—Junior Church.  
1:30 p. m.—Saturday, Station WFLA—Reverend Peter. The latter program is sponsored by the Rochester Diocese, Rochester, N. Y.

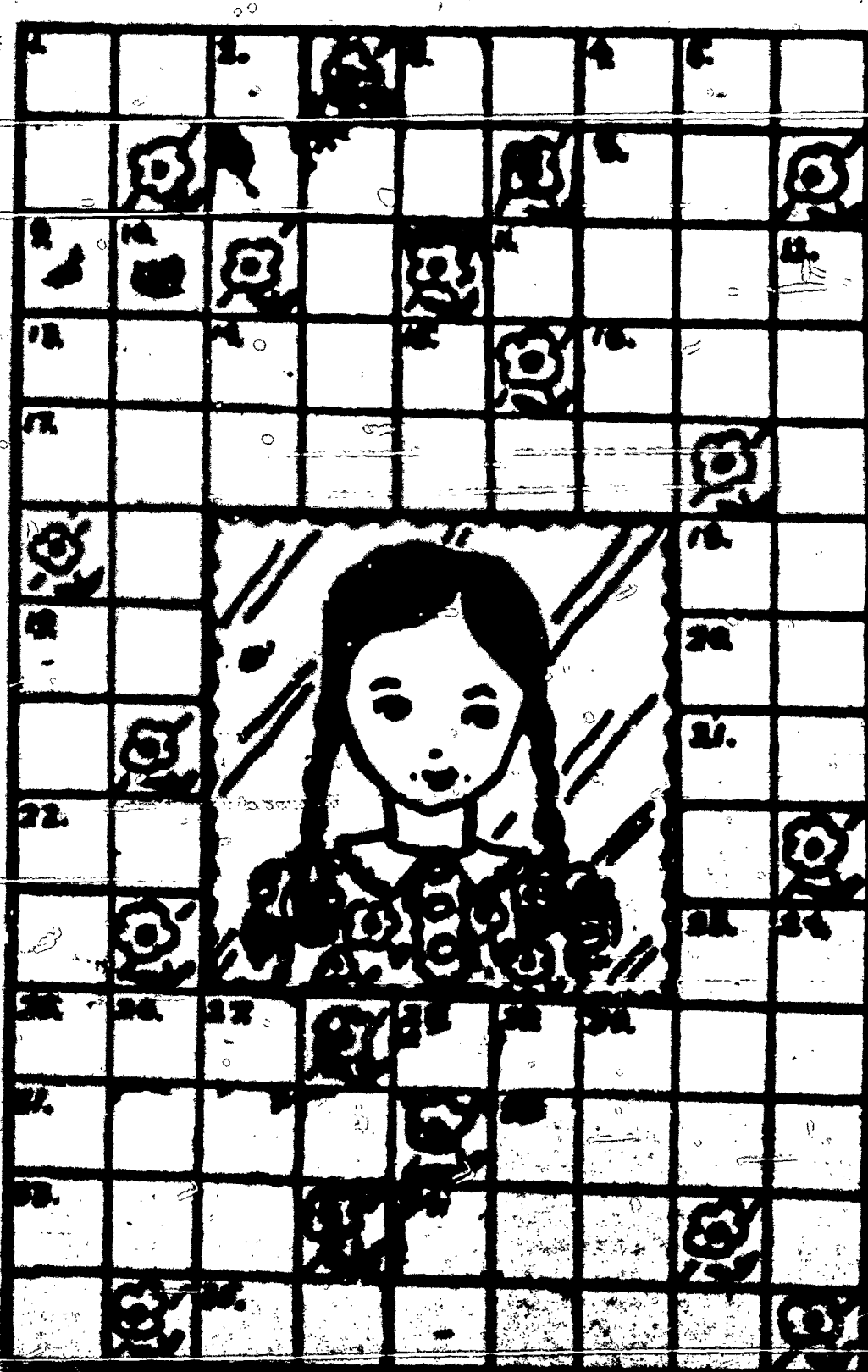
used that he had had more than his share of rest that night. "Thank, fellow," he said, and took over the watch at dawn.

Soon after his turn, the enemy landed a terrific bombardment of this area of the battlefield. "They must have been saving it while I was asleep," he thought, "and are using it to us all at once."

And the best part of this story is that it is really true.

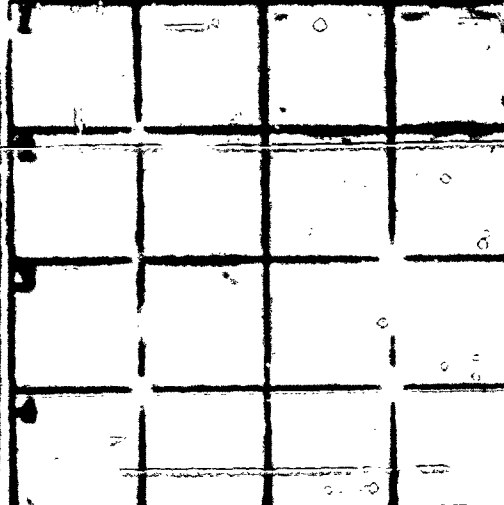
SHORTLY BEFORE dawn...

### LITTLE GIRL CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Answers:
1. Teeth of a wheel
  2. A drive greatly
  3. Frequently
  4. Company (Abbr.)
  5. Afternoon (Abbr.)
  6. Turn
  7. Thick coat
  8. Fine
  9. Language of Italy
  10. Pet name for mother
  11. Toward
  12. On the point of
  13. Opposite of "yes"
  14. Belonging to me
  15. Opposite of down
  16. Common
  17. Road from Heaven
  18. Face
  19. Downy
  20. Beverage
  21. Glass to eye
  22. Mountain
  23. To be sure
  24. Street of London
  25. To be sure

## Word Square



1. Face  
2. Without spirit's Test

### Tom Jefferson

If you had been in Washington April 12, 1801, you would have had a good chance to say "Happy Birthday" to the President in person.

Thomas Jefferson, who had just begun his term of office, was always known to be just an ordinary people of his day, and as always traveled on foot or on horseback as people did at that time.

You would probably have asked someone to describe the new President so that you could recognize him, and this is what you would have been told:

"Watch for a very tall man. He is six feet two inches in height. He is rather awkward with reddish hair, and a kindly freckled face."

Washington, in Jefferson's time, was a rude village built in a swamp. About 1,000 people lived there, one-fifth of whom were Negro slaves. The streets were rough roads through the underbrush.

The President's house was set in an open field; part of it still unplastered, and the main staircase not even begun.

Had you met and talked with Thomas Jefferson that day, I think you would have agreed with the man who said of him:

"When he spoke of law I thought he was a lawyer, but when he talked about mechanics, I thought he was an engineer. Then, as he turned to medicine, I believed he must be a doctor; yet, as he discussed theology, I thought he might be a clergyman. Finally, as he spoke of

everything, I concluded I must have a college professor who knew everything."

Wouldn't it have been interesting to have met such a man, and to say to him, "Happy birthday, Mr. President?"

## Word Scramble

Here are the letters of some famous men and their names. Scramble them and write the names in the spaces provided.

## Brain Twisters

1. Which is the most awkward time for a train to start?
2. Why was Goliath surprised when David struck him with a stone?
3. Why is a camel an animal with a bad temper?
4. Why is the world like music?
5. Why is a watch modest?
6. When is money damp?
7. What is the oldest piece of furniture in the world?
8. What is the difference between a man going upstairs and one looking up?
9. Why is a stick of candy like a race horse?
10. Why are potatoes and corn like certain dancers?

## WORD LADDER

Change one letter on each line below, beginning with the word SHIP and ending with CLUM. Be sure to change only one letter each time, and make a real word at each step.

SHIP

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CLUM

## Answers

1. SHIP  
2. VINE  
3. NINE  
4. LINE  
5. DINE  
6. DUNE  
7. CLUM
- Answers to Brain Twisters:
1. At the station.
  2. Because he was a stone.
  3. Because it is a camel.
  4. Because it is made of notes.
  5. When it is broken.
  6. When it is spent.
  7. A chair.
  8. There is no difference.
  9. Because it is a stick.
  10. Because they are both vegetables.