

### 'SLEEPING BEAUTY' BEGINS 5TH YEAR IN STRANGE COMA

Patricia Maguire, Comely Stenographer, Victim of Longest Case of Encephalitis in Medical Books

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CHICAGO, Feb. 14—(UP)—Patricia Maguire, Oak Park's "Sleeping Beauty," today began her fifth year in the strange coma which has baffled medical scientists.

Patricia, whose case of encephalitis is the longest in medical records, was described by her mother, Mrs. Peter Miley, as "better than she was a year ago, but showing no striking change."

"Pat has improved this year to the extent of responding when we ask her to raise her finger or thumb," Mrs. Miley said, "and when I ask her how many girls mamma has she will lift two fingers."

Mailed Valentine in 1932.  
The last thing the comely stenographer did before going to bed with the strange disease, was to walk out and post a valentine to her small niece. If Pat "woke up" on her anniversary she might remember this, but she would have to be told many things which have happened outside and inside her family circle since February 14, 1932.

Somebody would have to define the New Deal for her; Roosevelt, to Patricia, would mean T. R.; the abbreviations on any newspaper page would be meaningless; the Lindbergh case would confuse her as much as it does persons who have read all about it; the world's fair would mean 1893 to Pat and John Dillinger and his exploits would mean nothing at all.

Death, birth and marriage have come to relatives of the sleeping girl. Her mother's hair has turned white. Her sister, Mrs. Gladys Hansen, has become a nurse. Her stepfather has lost the sight of one eye. Her 83-year-old grandmother has come to live with the family.

Sweetheart Still Calls.  
Patricia's sweetheart has continued to call every week—the one thing in her life that is now just as it was before her illness.

Patricia's mother and sister keep a scrap book of newspaper clippings and a diary of family events against the day when they firmly believe Pat will awaken as easily as she dropped off to sleep, following weeks of increasing drowsiness, after asking her mother to kiss her good night.

Pat's own diary would tell her that she has made three trips to the hospital, endured a severe attack of pneumonia and a case of peptic ulcer; had several blood transfusions and numerous serum and fever machine treatments, and gained nearly 20 pounds.

### PLAYS REHEARSED FOR PRESENTATION M. E. CHURCH SOON

The numerous spring activities of the Methodist Episcopal church are rapidly taking shape. The recently organized Dramatics club has two plays in rehearsal, a three-act drama "The Rock," built around the character development of the disciple Peter; and a one-act missionary play, "Larola," setting forth a dramatic story of the caste system of India.

Casts for the two plays follow:  
"The Rock": Peter, Don Cooke; Adina, his wife, Mary Cummings; Deborah, Adina's mother, Mrs. Ridge-way; Uol, Deborah's brother, Frank Nelson; Mary Magdala, Mable Huckabee; Pandira, a Greek, Robert Christian; Titus, Roman, Don Huckabee. Direction, Robert Christian.

"Larola": Larola, Mrs. Everett Pabber; Lela, Anita Cooke; Brahman woman, Mrs. Betty Martin; Ruth Ridgeway; Elinor Daggett, Mrs. Pond; Prof. Binder Sen, Sheldon Walter; Walter Daggett, Lester Fay; Nanak, Harriot White. Direction, Don Huckabee.

"Larola" is to be given Sunday evening, March 15, in the church auditorium.

"The Rock" will be given Easter Sunday night. "The Seven Last Words of Christ," to be given on Good Friday before Easter. Full rehearsals are being held weekly on Thursday nights. Will Brooks, well known to Medford music lovers, is to sing the baritone solos in the production. The soprano work will be sung by Mrs. C. H. Paske. Announcement is yet to be made in regard to the tenor solos. Don Huckabee, the choir director, and the choir extend a cordial invitation to all Medford singers to join in making the performance worthy of Medford. A rehearsal schedule is being prepared that will enable everyone wishing to get in on at least one each week.

Prominent in the immediate plans of the young people of the church is the annual banquet to be held this year on Tuesday evening, February 25. It is to be an exclusively young people's affair. Interesting and well-planned activities are scheduled in connection with this occasion, and any young person who would like to attend may secure a ticket from Anita Cooke of Lester Fay, or by calling 1468. Reservations must be in by February 24.

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