

Girl, 11, Spells Magazine With a Gift of Printing



BARBARA EDGEcombe, PUBLISHER: She's also the Janitor.

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (NEA) — When Printer Francis Edgcombe gave his young daughter, Barbara, a printing press and a box of type a few years ago, his only idea was that it might help her learn to spell. Instead, the press has turned Barbara, now 11, into probably the youngest national magazine publisher in the country.

The basement of the Edgcombe home in Kalamazoo is the editorial office and printing plant of her brainchild, the "American Children's Magazine," issued once a month, a nickel per copy.

Publisher Barbara says her five-by-seven, eight-page magazine has a top circulation of 499 and a monthly income of as much as \$25. She's also advertising salesman, circulation manager (and sometimes delivery boy), printer, pressman, artist and proofreader.

And janitor, too. Barbara has to battle her father for more space in the family workshop, and just the other day had to suspend publication while she helped unravel the turmoil caused when the family furnace was switched to gas.

"It makes me furious," said Barbara. "I'll bet other national magazines never have this problem."

Almost everything in the magazine—recipes, poems, cartoons, stories and articles—is turned out by Barbara. Sometimes there's a stray contribution from one of the neighborhood children, and Barbara Gallup, 14, has joined the staff as safety editor.

Organized in January, Barbara Edgcombe started out with two other girls as her staff. After several issues, chicken pox, homework and summer vacations took their toll, Barbara continued single-handed until the safety editor signed up.

The blonde bobby-soxer is an expert at the disappearing art of setting type by hand, but she keeps her deadlines pretty elastic; the ads have to be sold first. Revenue from that source runs as much as \$5 an issue, but the big income comes from circulation.

Labor costs are just written off. "We don't count our hours," Barbara explained, "because it's so much fun."

Hot off the press—which Publisher Barbara runs by hand—the

Parole Given Girl Who Killed Father

SANDPOINT, Idaho, Oct. 13 (AP) — A 15-year-old farm girl who beat her father to death with a hammer was placed on parole yesterday by District Judge E. V. Boughton.

At the same time, Judge Boughton signed an order giving custody of the girl, Charlotte Burns, to a California family. The name of the family was not given. The court said the child will be adopted by the family if this arrangement is satisfactory.

Hit With Hammer
Officers testified at a preliminary hearing that Charlotte told them she had struck her father with a hammer while he was lying on a couch in their isolated farm home. She was charged with manslaughter.

She told the officers he had broken his promise to take her to town. She said she had been to town only twice in her life.

Judge Boughton paroled the girl

after receiving the advice of a board of three psychiatrists.

The board said she had lived a life of fear.

Prosecutor R. E. McFarland said there was "insurmountable evidence" that Charles Burns, 65, had been a cruel father.

He said Burns had beaten Pat, Charlotte's younger brother, with an ax handle until the boy's body was black and blue.

A few years before, the prosecutor said, Charlotte had received a broken arm in a beating given her by her father.

Judge Boughton ordered the girl brought before him again in the fall of 1950 when he will make a final decision in the case.

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When the Madnyabharat princely union was formed in Central India, the Thakur was one of those who

had to surrender their 200-year-old states and estates in return for compensation. He did it with a vigorous demur and went underground to evade orders of arrest.

When he reappeared, it was with a band of 200 fighting men armed with bows and arrows and some home-made guns. He "stormed" his ancestral fortress and occupied it.

But he found the government much too quick for him. Before nightfall his "forces" had "surrendered" and the Thakur had fled. The warrant

for his arrest was renewed on fresh charges, but he still is at large.

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