

### Famous Adoptions Among 3,000 Cases Filed With Flynn

More than 3,000 adoption petitions have been filed with County Clerk Michael J. Flynn during the last three years. It was announced today, among them more outstanding cases than have ever before appeared in the history of the county.

It was Walker, New York's famous ex-mayor, Al Johnson and his wife, Ruby Keeler, George Burns and the inimitable Gracie Allen of radio fame are some of the prominent personalities which have made the Flynn administration a standout for important adoption cases in Cook county—not forgetting such headliners as the sensational Horst and Richter suits.

In December, 1934, Mayor James J. Walker and his wife, Violet, adopted seven-week old Baby Boy Parker from the Evanston Cradle and renamed the child James John Walker, II. Al Johnson and Ruby picked out Baby Boy Hamilton, also seven weeks old, from the Cradle in May, 1935, and the lot became Al Jr., according to the records.

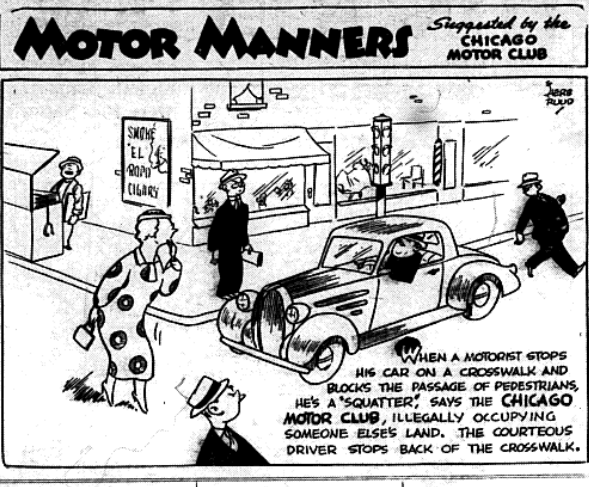
Mrs. and Allen filed a petition with Mr. Flynn to adopt Baby Boy Johnson, eleven weeks old, from the Evanston Cradle in October, 1935 and Ronald John became a playmate for Sandra Jean, adopted just a year before from the same institution when she was just five weeks of age.

Cook county's most recent outstanding adoption came when Miss Della Stankie asked the return of her two and one-half year old daughter, raised from infancy by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richter. Custody of the child was granted the Richters in early October.

### Indict 10 on WPA Extortion Charge

Ten WPA officials were charged with using the power of their office for personal gain by selling jobs under their control in an indictment returned by the federal grand jury in Chicago Monday.

The alleged acts of extortion took place between Feb. 1, 1936 and Jan. 1, 1937, while those under indictment were in charge of works progress administration projects in the suburban area.



WHEN A MOTORIST STOPS HIS CAR ON A CROSSWALK AND BLOCKS THE PASSAGE OF PEDESTRIANS, HE'S A "QUARTER" SAYS THE CHICAGO MOTOR CLUB. ILLEGALLY OCCUPYING SOMEONE ELSE'S LAND, THE COURTEOUS DRIVER STOPS BACK OF THE CROSSWALK.

### Mother of Mrs. E. Hughes Dies Here; Burial in Kentucky

Mrs. Ellen A. Woodcock, wife of Rt. Bishop Charles Edward Woodcock of Louisville, Ky., and mother of Mrs. Ernest Hughes, residing on Brinker road in Barrington township, died Saturday evening at the Hughes estate home where she and her husband had been guests for the past several months. She died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. Woodcock was born September 11, 1857, in New York City. She and Bishop Woodcock came to Barrington several months ago for a visit at the home of their daughter, where she was taken ill. Due to her condition, she remained in Barrington until her death.

### Poisoned Arrows

It is extremely doubtful whether any poison of a chemical nature was ever used on arrows, by Indians in North America, says a writer in the Washington Star. On the other hand, the use of magical poisons was very prevalent. Certain plants and animals which were supposed to contain power of a deadly nature were utilized for this purpose. Actually, as far as can be determined, none of these substances had any real poisonous effect whatever. Ordinary infection of arrow wounds was frequently interpreted by the early explorers as the result of poison, and the tales of the Indians who described the use of magical poisons as indicated found their way into print. The venom of rattlesnakes was said to have been occasionally used by some of the Southwestern tribes, but inasmuch as rattlesnake venom loses its potency very soon upon exposure, it is likely that that efficacy was based on the same idea of sympathetic magic rather than actual chemical effect.

### Orioles Called "Hangnests"

Orioles are called "hangnests" because they place their nests on limbs in such a manner that they hang down. As the nests sway in the wind, we may imagine that the baby birds are being rocked to sleep.

### Hold Conservation Meeting; Elect M. Sinnett Chairman

Election of officers and discussion of soil conservation plans for 1938 were the chief topics at a meeting of farmers in Barrington township held at South church Monday afternoon. Mr. Glover of Blue Island and Albert Landmeier of Arlington Heights conducted the meeting.

Extinguish Blaze  
The village fire department was called to extinguish a fire at the old Locomotive Terminal plant, now

### Occupied by the Dirigold Co., Sunday evening. The blaze was confined to a loading platform, and cause was undetermined.

### "Father of the Roses"

Gul-Baba's house in Zigmond street of old Budapest stood for 40 years and had grown to look like a toy wedged between ever-growing buildings. Gul-Baba, the Turkish holy man, is still revered by Mohammedans who travel long distances to visit his grave on the Rossadomb (Rose Hill). He had become a legendary figure for his efforts to save the Hungarians in the cruel times of the Turkish rule and was also known as "the father of the roses," having made a bower of roses out of his house and garden, which gave the quarter its name of Rose Hill. He is believed to be buried in the first rose in Hungary. When he died the Emperor Mustafa, I, it was said, went to Buda to be one of the pallbearers at his funeral.

### Held on Charge of Purloining 12 Pigs

A hearing for Christ Rieke Jr., residing in Barrington township, charged with taking 12 pigs from the A. L. Eustace estate in Barrington township over a period of time has been continued until a later date. He was taken into custody by Cook county deputies and brought to the Morton Grove station late last week.

The complaint was signed by Mr. Eustace and alleged the thefts took place over a period of time beginning in July.

Undergoes Operation  
Mrs. F. D. Haverstick, Jewel Park, was taken to the Sherman hospital in Elgin Wednesday afternoon for an emergency appendectomy.

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