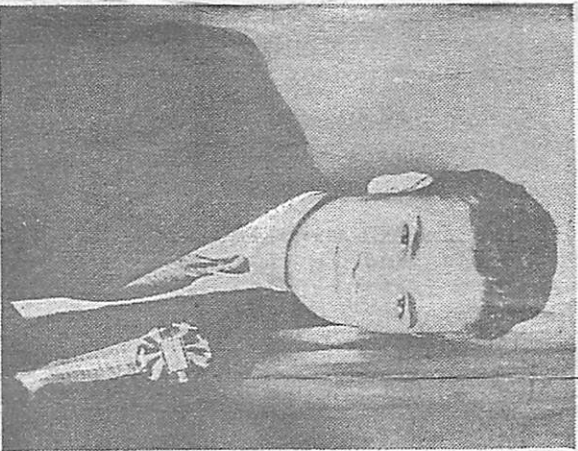


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- 3—Munk's Hero, Tremontantia, Duty Finesl.

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Bruce L. Birmingham and Mrs. Birmingham. Mr. Birmingham has been contributing to the columns of The Wake of the News for many years under the pen name of B. L. Bruce.

Joseph Charles Salak, whose philosophy and sprightly paragraphs long have been choice reading for the column's followers, peruses the homecoming dinner program.

"Tall Charmer," 27 and a stenographer, proves to be Miss Joan Gates of 4257 North Narragansett avenue.



Gov. John C. Vivian of Colorado, long a Wake contributor, chats with Hilda Butler Farr, toastmistress and originator of the homecoming dinner party first held last year.

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"On my way down here to the dinner I lost my ration book and so I'm caught with my points down!"

Gov. Vivian on Hand.

A stately old gentleman, with a bat wing tie, never got the chance to make an appearance, as the lucky ones were selected by drawing of numbers. Before the wheel of chance began spinning he said somewhat wistfully, "I don't know if I'll be called on, but if I am I'll read 'em something that will bring down the house." They were all ready to give of their talent and generous in applause to those who appeared.

Most noted of the guests was Gov. John C. Vivian of Colorado, whose poems appear in the Wake. Last year, at the first Homecoming, he was present as lieutenant governor.

From far off Escanaba Mich., came Victor L. Lemmer [Vic L.] and his wife. There were numerous telegrams from contributors now in the army or navy, expressing the hope that they'll be present at the 1944 get-together.

It was Toastmistress Farr who conceived the idea of an annual Wake Homecoming after she received letters from fellow contributors while in a hospital last year.

The Wake has appeared continuously in THE TRIBUNE since 1905. It has been conducted by six writers in this order: Hugh Keough, Ring Lardner, Jack Lait, Hugh Fullerton, Harvey Woodruff, and Arch Ward.