

11339 S St. Lawrence Ave (337 Watt Ave)

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This is a house history discussing 11339 S St. Lawrence Ave, formerly 333 Watts Ave, which is located in the Chicago neighborhood of Pullman.



This is a present day image of the house.

1889 Directory

E.H. Little lived in the home. There is not any written record about him except for his occupation. He was a clerk at the company. He lived with A. Ressenguire who was another roomer in the home.

A. Ressenguire also does not have a lot of written records except for his occupation. He was a laborer.

1900 Census

In the year 1900, seven people lived in the home. There was Josephine and John S. Coleman who were the heads of the household, John's brother William, and their son John F Coleman. They had three boarders: Harry B Aukerman, Nicholas Bremmer, and Harry Meyers.

John S Coleman was born in October 1858 in Michigan. His mother was from Michigan as well, and his father was born in Ireland. He was married to Josephine Coleman, who in other records is known as Lodena J Coleman, Lodenia, and Lodina. However, in the 1900 census, her name was recorded as Josephine which we believe was her middle name. Her maiden name is Schlimmer. Her name was recorded as Josephine in both the 1900 census and 1910. Both John and Josephine were born in Michigan

John S Coleman may have been born earlier than 1858, possibly in 1855 or 1856. He died November 21, 1927, in Cook County and was buried in Ann Arbor, MI on November 24, 1927.

John S. Coleman had another older brother, Thomas, born about 1853 and a younger sister Mary E, born about 1857 (1860 census). He was survived by a sister C.E. Miller. His Father was James Coleman and his mother was Mary Ann (1860 census). In 1870, he had more siblings: Sarah who was born in 1861, James who was born in 1863), Frank who was born in 1876, and Willie (later William/Wm J) who was born 1861 or 1858). Mary Ann Coleman (mother) died in 1869, and her mother Bessy Smith is living in the house.

Josephine Coleman was born on March 25th, 1860 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She married John S Coleman on June 30th, 1886 in Detroit, Michigan. As stated above, Josephine was known by

many names, but when she married John S Coleman her name was recorded as Lodenia J Schlimmer. Both of her parents were from Germany.

Below is a copy of their marriage record.

TO THE HON. SECRETARY OF STATE OF WISCONSIN				for the Year ending December 31, 1888.			
Bureau of Marriages in the County of Madison				Bureau of Marriages in the County of Madison			
Date	Name of Bride	Name of Groom	Parents of Bride	Name of Bride	Name of Groom	Parents of Groom	Officiant
Jan 20 1888
Jan 22 1888
Jan 24 1888
Jan 26 1888
Jan 28 1888
Jan 30 1888
Jan 31 1888
Feb 2 1888
Feb 4 1888
Feb 6 1888
Feb 8 1888
Feb 10 1888
Feb 12 1888
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Feb 22 1888
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Feb 30 1888
Mar 2 1888
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Apr 25 1888
Apr 27 1888
Apr 29 1888
Apr 30 1888

Josephine died on September 10th, 1921. She was buried on September 14th, 1921 in Saint Thomas Catholic Cemetery. Below is a photo of her tombstone.



John Francis Coleman was born on August 29th of 1890 and was nine years old when the census was taken. John Francis Coleman would go on and become a reverend. Additionally, he registered to fight in both World Wars. Below are his registration cards.

REGISTRATION CARD (Form No. 305)

1 Name in full *Joseph Thomas Coleman* Age in yrs *26*

2 Home address *216 W. North St. Chicago*

3 Date of birth *August 29 1890*

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? *Citizen*

5 Where were you born? *Detroit Mich. U.S.A.*

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present race, origin, or ethnic? *Slavonian*

8 By whom employed? *Self-employed*

9 Where employed? *None at time*

10 Married or single (which)? *Single* Race (specify) *Slavonian*

11 What military service have you had? Rank *None at time*

12 Do you claim exemption from military service (specify grounds)? *Minister of Religion*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Joe J. Coleman (Signature of registrant)

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tell, in full, or state (specify which)? *Slavonian* Shaded medium or good (color of hair) *Black*

2 Color of eyes? *Gray* Color of hair? *Black*

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? *No*

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Edward J. ... (Signature of Registrar)

City or County *Chicago* State *Ill.* Date *6/5/1917*

12-1-25-A

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 23, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER *U. 2175* 1. Name (Print) *JOHN F. COLEMAN* ORDER NUMBER

2 PLACE OF RESIDENCE (If not For Sale - *GRANT LAKE #66*)

3 MAILING ADDRESS *Same*

4. TELEPHONE 5. AGE IN YEARS *51* 6. PLACE OF BIRTH *Detroit Michigan*

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS *Chas. Kuffner - English 211*

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS *719 - N. Wabash Ave*

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS *Catholic Bishop of Chicago Ill.*

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

John F. Coleman (Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. FORD 3 (Revised 6-1-25) 18-2122-2

He died on April 19, 1973, and was buried in Saint Bede Catholic Cemetery. Below is a photo of his tombstone.



William J Coleman was 29 in the year 1900. He was born in 1870 in Michigan. Little is known about him. His occupation was a Silver Plater.

Harry Meyers was one of three roomers in the house in 1900. He was a machinist, and he was born in Indiana in March of 1876. Harry would eventually marry Stella Lallar. Harry also registered to fight in World War I, and his registration card can be found below.

REGISTRATION CARD		8485	4194
SERIAL NUMBER	491	ORDER NUMBER	3338
1. Name: <i>Harry Owen Myers</i>			
2. Residence: <i>3549 Ashille Chicago Cook Ill</i>			
Age in Years	41	Date of Birth	March 23rd 1877
RACE			
White	Negro	Oriental	Caucasian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U. S. CITIZEN		ALIEN	
Native Born	Naturalized	Declarant	Non-declarant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?			
PRESENT OCCUPATION	EMPLOYER'S NAME		
<i>Asst Foreman</i>	<i>Pullman Co.</i>		
<i>1117th Cottage Grove Chgo, Cook, Ills</i>			
NEAREST RELATIVE	Name		
	<i>Mrs Estella Myers, Wife</i>		
	Address		
	<i>3549 Ashille Chgo, Cook Ills</i>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
P. M. C. O.	Signature of Registrant		
<i>Harry Owen Myers</i>			
3338	6149		

REGISTRAR'S REPORT							
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT							
HEIGHT		BUILD			COLOR OF EYES		COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Sleek	Medium	Slend		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>
28. Has person lost nerve, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify)							
<i>No.</i>							
12-14-C							
29. I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:							
Date of Registration: <i>Sept 12, 1905</i>							
Local Board for Div. No. 4						6149	
8333 State Street							
Chicago, Ill.							
(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has not previously been liable is placed in this box.)							

Harry B (Benjamin) Aukerman was another roomer in the home. He was born in Missouri in July of 1877, and both of his parents were from Ohio. He was a machinist. Harry Aukerman married Ellen Ostoy and they had a daughter named Evelyn Aukerman in 1907.

His mother and father died on December 15, 1924. His mother died in March 1925. His wife broke her ribs in 1927 getting out of an automobile. In 1927 he was able to visit his brother in Des Moines. June 1927 is when the condolences went out for his other brother.

Below are Newspaper clippings discussing different moments in Harry Aukerman's life, including, but not limited to, his trip to visit his brother.



May, 1927

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

CALUMET SHOPS

formal opening of the new administration building proven such a success, Mngr. J. P. Carey de-
repeat formally. In consequence several hun-
ded on April 23 and enjoyed an entertain-

the accident to Leader Harry Aukerman's wife, she
fracturing two ribs in stepping out of an automobile.
. . . Asst. Director of Safety George Hawes was bask-
ing in the sunshine of Atlanta where the Georgia
peaches grow.

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The Birthday Club held a party in honor of the Misses Lucille Langlois and Myrtle Johansen and each received an appropriate gift. Other members of the club are the Misses Marie Zicke, Sue Olsen, Annabelle Cramer, Sophie Gregg, Helen Malker, Anna Michalik and Anna DeLaurente.

The annual picnic of the Fellowship Club will be held June 26 in the forest preserve, and a repetition of last year's good time is anticipated. The May party held May 21 in the Administration building was another huge success. . . The "Allen Block Boys" held another jolly get-together party May 28 at Pythian Hall with old dances, speaking, singing and boxing. Messrs. "Al" Medland, "Del" Richmond and Alderman Govier headed the committee. . . The daughter of Leader A. A. Druzak, who recently had a major operation in the Pullman hospital, is recovering. . . Sympathy is extended Mr. E. Allen (Stores) on the death of his mother, Harry Aukerman (Trimming) who lost his brother, Employment Agent J. R. Wares on the death of his son, and Foreman Lundberg, whose mother died.

You Never Know When You'll Need It

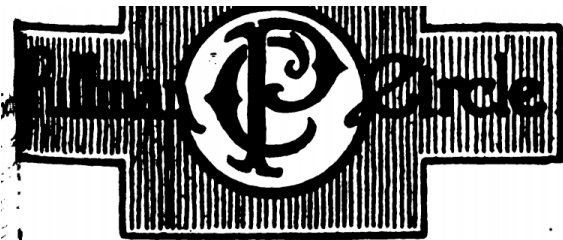
A KNOWLEDGE of first aid is like accident insurance—it may come in handy when you least expect it. Accidents seem to have a habit of occurring when

medical aid is a long way off. Do you know how to resuscitate a person apparently dead from drowning or electric shock? Could you stop the bleeding from a severed artery? Could you place a splint on a broken leg so that



a berry from the beaches; Leader Charley Roosen attended the greyhound races at Homewood and now he is broke; Mrs. Louise Otten sought rest at Valparaiso, Ind.; Leader Harry Aukerman motored to Des Moines to visit a brother he had not seen for 32 years; Leader "Tony" Krapp, Mr. Roger Kachinska and Chief Clerk S. G. Green preferred Hills Lake, Wis.; Foreman "Del"

Lehning, whose brother died, and to Mr. H. Schroeder, who lost his mother. . . Mr. Harry Aukerman is inordinately proud of his new Buick sedan. . . Mr. William Gay's wife went to the Mayo hospital, Rochester, Minn., for observation. . . Mr. Louis Yonkers is sporting a



The Pullman Circle will hold its annual Fall dinner dance on November 21, 1946, at The Furniture Club of America located on the 17th floor of the Furniture Mart, 300 Lake Shore Drive. Music will be furnished by Johnny Walker's orchestra, and for added entertainment, as in years heretofore, we expect to present an unusually fine floor show.

H. J. ADAMS, President.

October, 1946

Chairman, Pullman Division

Death Benefits and Pensions

Pullman Company death claims under Group Insurance Plan and date of death:

Abbey, James R. L.; Ret. Porter (Minneapolis); May 23.
Adams, William; Porter (Chicago East South); May 16.
Aukerman, Harry B.; Ret. Leader (Calumet Shops); June 5.
Balanog, B. A.; Attendant (St. Louis); May 9.
Barco, Rosalio; Cleaner (Los Angeles); June 22.
Bettis, Jesse; Porter (Cleveland); August 2.
Biddle, George W.; Ret. Porter (Jersey City); July 14.
Biesinger, Charles K.; Ret. Cleaner (Buffalo); June 9.
Bishop, Harry M.; Machinist (Richmond Shops); August 8.
Boswell, Elijah; Attendant (Chicago Dist. Comsy.); May 16.
Bradley, Andrew J.; Porter (Chicago West); July 25.
Branch, Clem; Porter (Chicago West); May 21.
Brinkley, Frank; Painter (Chicago North); July 27.

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Nicholas Bremmer was born in Germany in July 1849. He was originally from Germany and was a naturalized citizen. Like others, there is not a lot of information about him. He was a painter.

1910 Census

In 1910, John S., Josephine, and John F. Coleman continued to reside in the house. They had two roomers: Charles F Berg and Frank Garolhart. Little is known about both roomers.

Charles F Berg was born in Sweden and immigrated to the US in 1890. He was a naturalized citizen. He was an inspector. He was born in 1865.

Frank Garolhart was born in Ohio in 1889. There is not a lot of written record about Frank. His occupation was a locksmith.

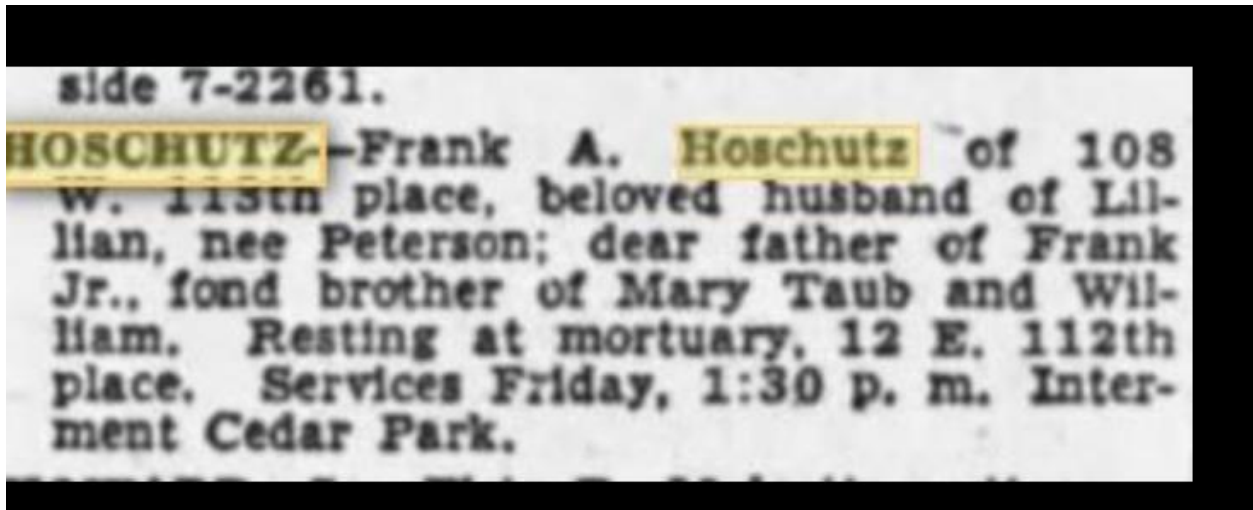
1920 Census

In 1920, there were many tenants in the home. There were Martin, Mary, and Carl Osolkay who were the head of the household. There was also John and Frances Coyle, and Frank, Lillian, and Frank Jr. Hoschutzky.

John Coyle was born in 1894 in Ireland and immigrated in 1908. He was a machinist. He was married to Frances Coyle who was born in 1898. They got married on October 10, 1917.

Frank Hoschutzky was born in 1888 in Austria. He immigrated to the United States in August 1892 on the Augusta Victoria. He was four years old and immigrated with his family. He was married to Lillian, and they had a son named Frank Junior. He married Lillian Peterson in 1912 when they were both 24 in Chicago, Illinois.

Frank died on August 17, 1954, and is buried in Cedar Park Cemetery, and Lillian died on July 5th, 1968. Below is a photo of his obituary and a photo of the Augusta Victoria.





Frank registered to fight in both World Wars. Below are his registration cards.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 23, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897) 16

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Given)
 U 1920 Frank A. Horschutz ORDER NUMBER

2. PLACE OF BIRTH (Town, (County and State) (Town, township, county, or city) (County) (State)
 222 W. 115 St. Chicago Cook Ill.

3. MARITAL STATUS (Single) (Married) (Widowed) (Divorced)
 same

4. TRADES (Trade) (Occupation) (Profession) (Vocational) (Trade)
 none

5. AGE IN YEARS 54
 PLACE OF BIRTH (Town, township, county, or city) (County) (State)
 Sept 20 1887 Vienna Austria

6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
 William Horschutz, wife

7. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
 Pullman Co.

8. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS (Town) (County) (State)
 114th Langley Chicago Cook Ill.

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42) 16-2180-4 Frank A. Horschutz

Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD No. 116

1 Name in full Frank A. Horschutz 29

2 Home address 113 1/2 State Chicago Ill.

3 Date of birth Sept 20 1887

4 Are you (1) natural born citizen? (2) a naturalized citizen? (3) an alien? (4) or have you declared your intention to become a citizen?
 Naturalized

5 Where born Austria

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?
 U. S. A.

7 What is your present (1) military service? (2) occupation? (3) profession?
 Steel Car Builder

8 If when employed?
 Pullman Co.

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child, or other person dependent on you for support? (Specify which.)
 Wife, my child

10 Married or single (which)?
 Married

11 What military service have you had? Rank
 210

12 Do you claim exemption?
 No

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.
 Frank A. Horschutz

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tell whether or not (1) blind, (2) deaf, (3) dumb, or (4) insane.
 None

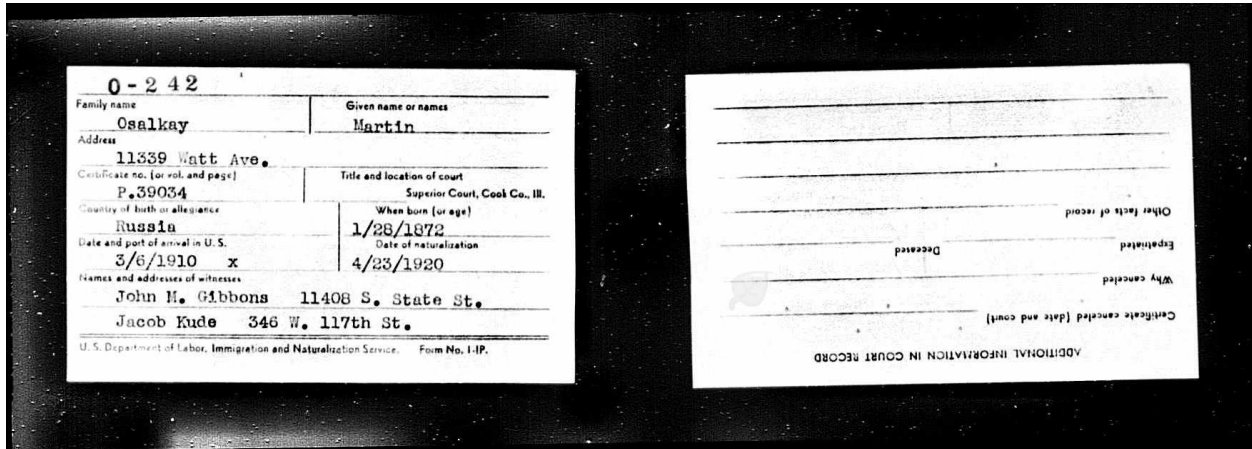
2 Color of eyes? Brown. Color of hair? Black. Build? Slender

3 Has person had any, the hand, foot, or limb (1) maimed or (2) otherwise disabled (specify)?
 No

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Ward 9 W. J. Marshall
 Precinct 27
 City or County Chicago
 State Ill.
 June 5 1917
 200 E. 115th St. Chicago

greatly. It was spelled Osskay, Fensky, Osolsky. Below is a copy of Martin's naturalization paperwork.



Carl would go on and become a police officer and marry Ruth Osolkay. Carl registered to fight in World War II. Below is his draft registration card.

SERIAL NUMBER 2594	1. NAME (Print) Carl Gregory Osolkay (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER 500
2. ADDRESS (Print) 702 W. 103rd St. Chicago Cook Ill (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
3. TELEPHONE Chicago Ced. 4716 (Exchange) (Number)	4. AGE IN YEARS 34 DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 28 1905 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Riga (Town or county) Russia (State or country)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U. S. A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Ruth Beatrice Osolkay (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 32/19 702 W. 103rd St. Chicago Cook Ill (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Chicago Police Dept.			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Morgan Park District Chicago Cook Ill (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 170		Carl G Osolkay (Registrant's signature)	

Ruth tragically died in a car crash in 1952 which left Carl with very severe injuries. Ruth was buried in Chapel Hill Gardens South. Below is a newspaper article detailing the car crash.

Three racing hot rod drivers were arrested early Tuesday after one of them collided with a policeman's auto, killing his wife.

State police in Blue Island charged the three youths with reckless homicide and driving too fast for conditions.

Killed was Mrs. Ruth **Osolkay**. Her husband, Morgan Park policeman Carl **Osolkay**, 52, was seriously injured.

Osolkay was taken to St. Francis hospital in Blue Island, along with the other driver, Eugene Stachurski, 19, of 12801 Winchester, Blue Island. Stachurski was also seriously injured.

The accident occurred at 119th st. and Kedzie, Worth Township.

Carl died in 1973, and he was buried with his wife Ruth. Below is a photo of their tombstone.



Before we end this house history, here is a fun fact!

Martin Osolkay wanted to have a "cat ranch" to use their fur. Here is a newspaper explaining his plan.

PASSENGER FINISH DEPT.

Martin Osolkay, trimmer, has been asking friends to buy stock in a "cat ranch." He claims there is 100% profit in the raising of cats and the fur will bring a big price. It costs nothing to feed these cats as he will have a "rat ranch" next to it for feline fodder. The rats will be fed on the remains of the cats after they have been skinned. Martin has been a great lover of cats since he shot his dog while out hunting some years back. . . Leader J. Kuhny is the proud father of a son born Feb. 17. . . Conduit Helper A. Bartelli left to play ball in the Texas League.

Van Gelder, Lucil
BACK ROW-
The concerts
feature of the For
