

Voice of Death— Strange, Witnessed Disappearance

(From THE NORTHER)

The date was September 23, 1880. The place the David Land farm near Gallatin, Tennessee. The occurrence was to be a strange disappearance.

On that sunlit afternoon, David Lang left his front porch for the last time and, having chatted with his wife, began a casual stroll toward the corral where he kept his prize quarterhorse. His wife was standing on the porch watching him amble away and the children stopped their playing to look at their father, wondering, as they later recalled, where he was going.

To finally set the stage we must add the final two witnesses: Judge August Peck and his brother-in-law, riding up the dirt road to the Lang house.

Lang noticed the approaching buggy and, having waved his recognition, turned to return to the house to greet his guests. He took several steps and then suddenly disappeared in front of the shocked eyes of the five witnesses.

THOUGHT IT WAS TRICK

Mrs. Lang screamed in disbelief. The children, not fully understanding what had happened and thinking their father had performed a wonderful trick, stood silently watching.

The two men in the buggy leaped from the still-moving carriage and raced across the field hoping to find some logical explanation for the disappearance.

When they arrived at the very spot Lang had occupied just moments before they found nothing to alleviate their fears. The ground was hard for that

time of year and the yellowish-brown, drought starved grass had been cropped unusually close by the stock. There was no crack, no hole, no cave - nothing into which a grown man could have fallen.

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As the total implication set in, Mrs. Lang's resilience crumbled and she had to be taken into the house and a doctor summoned.

The children, unaware of the seriousness, were hurriedly sent to a neighboring farmhouse for safekeeping.

In a very short span of time, word spread throughout the community until by evening hundreds of people had heard about the strange disappearance and showed up en masse at the Lang farm fully prepared to search until Lang was found.

Though they searched diligently, nothing was ever found of the missing farmer.

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His wife moved in time, but would never allow anyone or anything into the pasture where her husband had disappeared.

Eventually a large 15-foot-round spot of dead grass formed where Lang had disappeared.

Late one evening about eight months after the disappearance, his two children were visiting the spot when one of them called to her father.

To their astonishment, they heard their father's voice far in the distance calling for help over and over until finally it ceased forever.

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Oral English Method Published to Teach English to Ethnic Groups

A new method of teaching English was recently presented to the Tundra Times for review. The Oral English method, by Thomas and Allen, and published by The Economy Company of Oklahoma City, introduces a new concept in Teaching English which promises to benefit children to whom English is a second language.

Most approaches utilized in teaching English involve association of objects with written words.

Often, children are taught the written word for a specific ob-

ject, such as a horse. Conventional methods present difficulty to our Eskimo and Indian children, for whom a horse would be foreign to their culture.

The Oral English method does not attempt to initially teach written words. It is based on the premise that the child should learn to speak English before being taught to read the language.

Most Americans grow from infancy possessing English as a native language. Yet for many American Indians, Eskimos, and other ethnic groups, English is a second language.

The 'Oral English Method' is intended to help children of these groups to exist in an English-speaking culture while maintaining an appreciation for their own culture.

Conventional teaching methods have perpetuated substandard English in America's many

subcultures. A teaching method which would benefit these groups is considered to be long overdue.

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Hillcrest Home for Boys' Cupboard 'Bare as a Bone'

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The home has an urgent need for funds to buy groceries and other necessities. Anyone wishing to give to Hillcrest may send his or her contribution to Box 915, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Directors of the institution held a board meeting last evening to discuss both immediate and long range financial needs.

The meeting started at 8:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Jules Cohen, board president, said.

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