

Olga Fabien, a five year old Lithuanian girl, accompanied Mr. Millard from Chicago last Thursday, enrolling in the Millard Home School.

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The Millard Home School, located at 259 W. Liberty St., will close a very successful year Friday, May 28th. The total enrollment during the school year has been thirty-eight pupils, twenty-seven being the largest number in the school at one time. Of this number twenty-nine were from Chicago, two from Milwaukee, two from Clearfield, Pa., two from Little Rock, Ark., and three from Hartford, Conn.

A number of these children were from broken homes, remaining in the school a few months until home conditions shaped themselves so that the remaining parent could take the child back and care for it again.

A strong effort has been made to give these city children a great deal of outdoor play and exercise, many of them having been deprived of this while in the city. Three fine gaited saddle horses and two shetland ponies are kept for the children to use. During the year many of the boys and girls have become very proficient in handling the horses.

About June 10th a move is made to the summer camp at the west end of the city on Fifth St. A number of new enrollments have been received for summer camp, children to come as soon as Chicago schools close.

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EVANSVILLE HAS UNIQUE KIDS' HOME

Millards are Mother, Father to 21 Boys, Girls

Charges Come Mostly from
Homes of Professional
Parents

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Perhaps the most novel of all educational institutions in Wisconsin is the Millard Home School for children from the age of two and a half years up to the age of finishing elementary school.

The idea for this unique school was conceived by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Millard two years ago, and was inspired by the interesting escapades of one little Chicago boy.

Little Willie was getting first-hand information about the "ins and outs" of metropolitan life. This experience was gained during school hours, but not in a well conducted school-room. Willie's knowledge came from riding busses, and "hoboing" rides on delivery trucks—in other words he was getting what a writer would call "local color."

Although Billie came from a prominent Chicago family, he was relatively undisturbed in his pursuits. When the boy's father, who had been a successful lawyer, died, Billie's mother carried on her husband's law practice. Though many little boys in Willie's position might have lived with a grandmother, or, at least, have been watched by one, Billie's grandmother was busy doing research work in Europe, or lecturing before public school pupils in New York, Chicago, and other cities.

Mother Was Worried

Finally, when Billie's mother realized that her son attended school irregularly, was unable to write legibly, and even did not know the entire alphabet, she was almost distracted, until she heard about a child-lover who lived near Evansville, Wis., who would not only enjoy teaching a small boy, but who had training and experience, both as a nurse and a mother, in caring for children. This woman, Mrs. Margery Millard, consented to be Billie's mother by proxy.

Mrs. Millard's devotion to the child won Billie's wholehearted love and his mother's admiration. Before the winter had passed two other children, from broken homes, were happy with Mamma Millard.

Today, at the edge of the pretty little town of Evansville, and within sight of the Evansville seminary where such an illustrious son of Wisconsin as Robert La Follette was graduated, is a large white house known as the Millard Home School.

Tricycles, kiddie cars, balls, and the usual playthings line the walks and

large veranda. Happy, healthy, clear-eyed children romp, play, and of course, occasionally quarrel, around this house.

"Daddy" Millard Helps

Mr. Millard, who had been traveling salesman when Billie first entered his home, became so interested in and sympathetic with his wife's work, that he gave up his business to devote his time to being a "dad" to the children of all nationalities, faiths, and creeds that have found a home under the Millard roof.

Speaking of "our" children, Mr. and Mrs. Millard explain that the only sad part of their work is that there are always changes in the group; that after becoming attached to a child, it is difficult to give him up.

From the light in their eyes, and from the frequent interruptions by tots who want to sit on Daddy's knee, or want Mamma to tell what "this is" it is obvious that every child is "theirs."

It is with a sweet, sad recollection that the Millards speak of "our baby Dainty." Dainty's mother was an actress, and it was while she played in Chicago, and later in the east, that Dainty buried herself so completely in the hearts of Daddy and Mamma Millard that it was with a heart-breaking sacrifice when Dainty was taken east with her mother, who gave up a stage career to be a real mother. It is with a trace of tears that the Millards read letters from Dainty's mother telling of her tiny daughter's homesickness for Daddy and Mamma Millard, at Evansville.

The spacious home contains airy sleeping rooms, a correctly lighted school-room, a broad, comfortable living room, a well equipped dining-room, and a kitchen where all meals are planned and prepared under the direct supervision of Mrs. Millard, who had experience in dietetics in the children's hospital in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard take charge of the kindergarten work and a Platteville normal school graduate is employed to teach regular elementary school courses as prescribed by the public schools of Wisconsin. Five-year-old tots read phonics with accuracy that would make a university student blush. Report cards, sent to parents of older children, show marked improvement in school work.

To supervise children from various types of homes and from various environments, to win their love, respect and confidence, requires not only tender, reflective, and sympathetic care, but a natural psychological instinct. Both Mamma and Daddy Millard possess this inherent ability.

Any baby that Mr. Millard approaches will leave its mother's arms to go to Daddy Millard.

"You can make friends with any child in the world if you approach him right," is Mr. Millard's philosophy, but when asked just how he does it, he shrugs his shoulders, and replies, "I don't know. It's something that can't be explained. I just can." Mr. Millard simply beams with that indefinable something so commonly called "personality."

From Crowded Cities

So far as their former home conditions are concerned, the only things the 21 boys and girls in the Millard Home School have in common is that they are from the crowded cities of Chicago, Milwaukee, Ft. Wayne, Cleveland, New York, and other centers of population. In regard to parental occupations, there is a wide variance. Charlotte and Gretchen are twin sisters whose father and mother are artists with a studio in Chicago. A young widowed waitress in Chicago is the mother of one girl in Millard's School, while a Milwaukee musician is the mother of another child. Collin hungered for a mother's love and companionship ever since babyhood until a few months ago when he entered the Millard School. It is with love and admiration that he talks with Mamma Millard, and he finds a congenial companion in the Platteville normal school teacher who lives in the Millard home.

Effective disciplinary methods are used by the Millards in solving problems in conduct or in school discipline. To do without a favorite dessert when one has disobeyed, or to sit in the school-room and study a neglected lesson while ones companions ride fine-gaited saddle horses, is more impressive to small offenders than to be the recipient of a lengthy reprimand.

Mr. Millard's keen interest in outdoor activities makes him an ideal companion for growing boys—the type of chum few boys find in their father.

The natural location of the Home School is conducive to out-door activities. Lake Leota, which is only five blocks from the school, is an ideal place in summer for daily wading and swimming, while in the winter it affords opportunity for skating. Two blocks from the school is the school farm where there is space for hand ball and baseball, and a running track. Rock quarries and nearby woodlands always offer new fields for exploration.

Summer Camp

After classes close in June, a summer camp is operated on the farm. It is here that sons of such prominent men as a secretary of state, an eminent surgeon, and leading ministers, have learned to garden, to care for horses, and to enjoy unrestricted play in the wide open out-of-doors.

In addition to two fine Kentucky saddle horses which the older boys ride, feed and care for, the smaller children have Top O'the Morning, and Peggy, two well broken Shetland ponies, for their own.

To furnish a home where children have such pets as Top O'the Morning, and Peggy, where a lake and woodland furnishes haunts for memorable pleasures, and where school work is accomplished in a wholesome competitive manner, is a stupendous undertaking—but these are material matters. To furnish a home where there is such a wholesome atmosphere of harmonious home life that children cry of homesickness when taken away, is an inestimable accomplishment. This is the attainment of the Home School, conducted by Daddy and Mother Millard.

The above is a reprint from The Wisconsin State Journal Wednesday, June 15th, 1927.

— Mr. and Mrs. ... announce the ... of Mr. and Mrs. ... marriage took place in August, 1911 at Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. ... are making their home on the bridegroom's farm on route 10, Beloit.

MILLARD SCHOOL NOTES

Mr. Frank Wazniak, Chicago, visited his son Richard last Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Bolton, Chicago, was a Sunday visitor with her children Jack and Claramay.

Charles Goldin was visited by his mother Mrs. Sarah Goldin, Chicago, last Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Menghi, Chicago, accompanied her son Lewis last Sunday enrolling him with us for the balance of the school year.

Mrs. Madeline Gilliland, Chicago, called to see her son David last Sunday.

Mr. Rowland Stearns and Mr. and Mr. Dan DeCello were business callers over the week-end.

Miss Genevieve Millard, Wheaton College, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Ruth Millard is spending this week end with her sister at Wheaton College.

Mr. M. Kannette, Chicago, spent the week-end with his daughter Helen.

Man has successfully domesticated only about sixty of the thousand of kinds of wild animals in the world.

MILLARD SCHOOL NOTES

Mrs. Nina Dahle, Chicago, enrolled her son for the remainder of the camp period last Thursday.

Mr. B. W. Schwartz, Chicago, visited his son and daughter last Wednesday.

E. S. Millard and daughter, Genevieve went to Cherry Valley last Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Rillive and daughter, Iris, Chicago, were recent visitors. Miss Irma Rillive accompanied her mother and sister and enrolled for the balance of the camp period.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, Chicago, enrolled their sons, John and Paul recently.

Isabell Sena, Chicago, was one of the latest enrollments for camp.

Mrs. M. Krebs, Chicago, called last Sunday and enrolled her daughter Dorothy.

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MILLARD SCHOOL HAS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Thirty Pupils Enrolled During
Year; Summer Camp Opened
On Fifth Street

The Millard Home school here closed a most successful season last week with a total enrollment during the year of approximately 30 students from Detroit, St. Louis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, La Crosse, Muncie, Ind., Farnhamville, Ia., Milwaukee, Chicago and Wauwatosa.

The school moved last week to its summer camp on Fifth street where the boys and girls are enjoying horseback and pony riding, hikes, and various summer sports. The camp was completely renovated this spring and is equipped to accommodate 25 children.

The regular school sessions will open Sept. 8 when the pupils will return to their dormitory and school at 259 West Liberty street. Miss Bessie Lowry, who has been teaching at the school during the past year, has returned to her home at Wilmore, Ky.

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Eugene Millard, director of the Millard Home school, 259 West Liberty street, had personal contact with the Dillinger gangsters recently when Mrs. Joan Pearson, known to Chicago police as "Fluffy," a member of the gang, attempted to enroll her eight year-old daughter in the Millard boarding school here.

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Mr. Millard received an inquiry regarding the enrollment of the child in school here after which he corresponded with the mother. Shortly afterwards Chicago police notified Chief of Police Fred Gillman of this city that E S. Millard of Evansville was contacting a member of the Dillinger gang.

The police had evidently been watching the mail of Mrs. Pearson who was being sought at the time as one of

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LOCAL MAN HAS CONTACT WITH DILLINGER GANG

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the leaders of the notorious gang. In tracing the clues secured from Mrs. Pearsons mail, two Chicago and two Indiana policemen visited Evansville to make inquiries regarding Mrs. Pearson's contact with the Millard school. In watching her mail the officers had apparently not opened Mrs. Pearsons letters or they would readily have seen that the correspondence only pertained to school business.

Needless to say that when Mr. Millard learned that he was contacting a member of the Dillinger gang, he immediately called off all negotiations.

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Frances E. Willard Dies At Leonard Park Saturday

Saturday at 5 p.m. Frances E. Willard, 24, a well known character in Evansville, dropped dead from over-exertion in Leonard park. Frances, a registered Kentucky seven gaited saddle horse, had been in the Eugene Millard family since being brought from Kentucky in 1915.

A show and saddle animal here for many years, the horse was an annual feature of city parades as a mount for the parade marshall. Chicago boys, who had rented the animal Saturday, were riding in the park when the horse dropped dead.

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MILLARD HOME SCHOOL CLOSES SUMMER CAMP

Students Return To Dormitories For Opening of Fall Term Here Next Tuesday

Students of the Millard Home school who have been enjoying a two month's vacation at their summer camp located on Fifth street, returned this week to their dormitory at 259 West Liberty street in preparation for the opening of the fall term next Tuesday.

A group of 26 boys and girls from Milwaukee, Madison, and Fort Atkinson, Wis., Chicago, Marengo, Villa Park, and Oak Park, Ill., and Lincoln, Nebr., were enrolled in camp this year and spent a most enjoyable season riding saddle horses, swimming in Lake Leota, hiking, and participating in summer sports.

Miss Jessie Wood, Redman, Ill., has been engaged as teacher at the Millard school to succeed Miss Dede-mona Latham, Chicago, who resigned last spring to accept a teaching position in Marengo. Miss Wood, who will arrive here Sunday and who comes highly recommended as an efficient instructor, is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign, and since her graduation has been teaching in Paris, Ill.

The Millard school, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Millard, has gained a wide reputation for the home-like atmosphere it provides its students the majority of whom come from larger cities. The course of study includes instruction from the kindergarten through the eighth grade and a special course in French.

In preparation for its fall opening the student dormitory, class rooms, and lounging rooms have been completely renovated and the playground apparatus repaired and repainted. The summer camp activities this summer were directed by Miss Betty Seagren, Chicago, who will depart Friday to resume her university studies. The summer camp students have been announced by Mr. Millard as follows:

Roger Hart, Donald Mulford, Jack and Jean Grant, Charles Stephani, Elaine Jones, Jack Buracker, Dominic Cangolosi, Beverly Streedain, Jacqueline Mozer, Mae Brownlee, Virginia Majeski, Bert Flodin, Sammy Samuelson, Ames and Keith Mainard, Ralph, Janice, and Shirley Moore, and Buddy Turley, Chicago; Ralph Mursche, Marengo, Ill.; Audrey Randall, Milwaukee; Barbara Swanson, Villa Park, Ill.; Genie Van Hekle, Madison; Dick Webley, Fort Atkinson; and Chester Camp, Lincoln, Neb.

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Millard Home School Open Summer Camp

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Covered Wagon Will Be Used For Transportation On Picnic Trips

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The boys and girls many of whom remain at the Millard Home school at 259 West Liberty street during the school year, will enjoy a full summer of outdoor sports and other recreations. The dormitory will be located at the camp but the student meals will continue to be served at the school.

The Chicago city schools will close about the middle of June after which several more children will arrive here to spend the summer at the Covered Wagon camp. The prairie schooner was built by Mr. Millard a few years ago for his convenience and the delight of the Millard Home school students.

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Eugene Millard, Master Of Private School, Dies

Funeral services were held here Tuesday afternoon for Eugene S. Millard, who died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wilmer Hockett, Evanston, Ill. He was 81.

With his wife, the former Marjorie Winn, he operated the Millard Home School here for thirty years until his retirement eight years ago. One of Evansville's most popular figures, he had been ill for the past several years. Although he had lost a leg after an illness some years ago, he had announced that having learned to walk as a child, he would learn again 70 years later, and was soon again active in the Free Methodist church and Lions Club activities here.

Born Nov. 14, 1878, in Belmont, he was educated at the Evansville Seminary, Platteville Normal School, and Madison Business College. He married Marjorie Winn on

Aug. 9, 1905. In 1918 they returned to Evansville to found the school which had pupils from all over the middlewest.

Millard was a trustee of the seminary for twenty years.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Hockett and Mrs. Kenneth White, Chicago; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters.

The Rev. Keith Peckham, Livingston, officiated at the services at the Free Methodist church; and burial was in Maple Hill cemetery here.



EUGENE S. MILLARD
Director





Mrs. Eugene Millard, 88, a long time resident of Evansville died in her home here at 2 pm. Thursday, Jan. 6. She was formerly Miss Marjorie Winn, daughter of Benjamin and Adeline Winn, and was born in Jenkinsville, Wis., July 29, 1877.

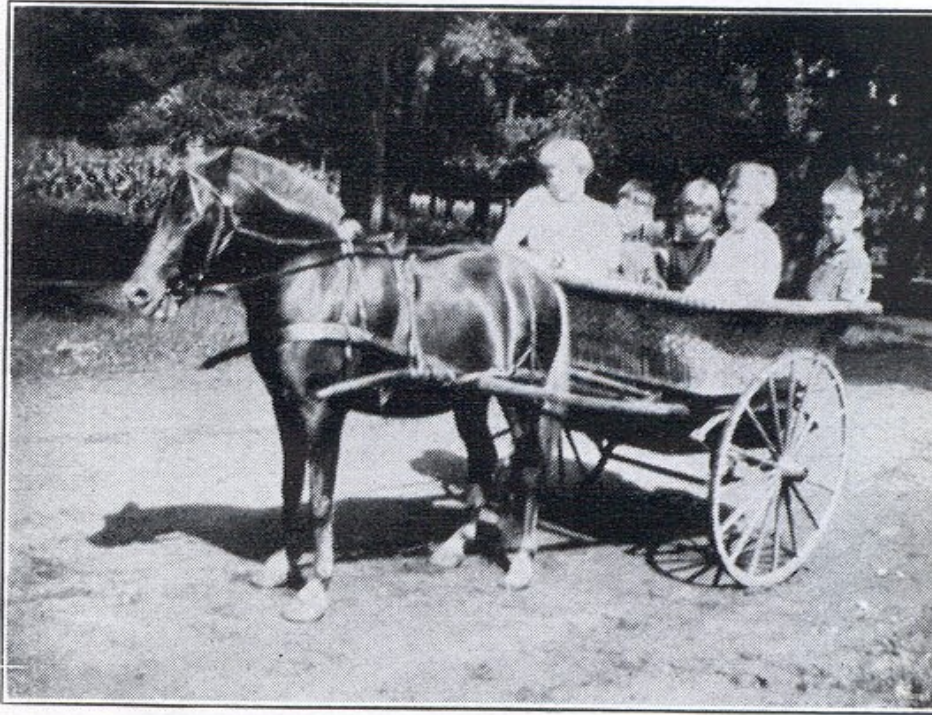
She was married to Eugene Millard August 9, 1905. He and their younger daughter, Ruth, preceded her in death. Mr. and Mrs. Millard owned and operated the Millard Home School and The Covered Wagon Camp here for many years.

Mrs. Millard is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Wilmer Hockett, Evanston, Ill.; a brother, Albert Winn, Evansville, four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services, arranged by the Roderick - Ward Funeral Home, were held at 2:30 pm. Sunday, Jan. 9, in the Free Methodist Church, of which she was a member for many years, with the Rev. Keith Peckham, Janesville, assisted by the Rev. Gaylord Reeves, local pastor, officiating. Burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery.



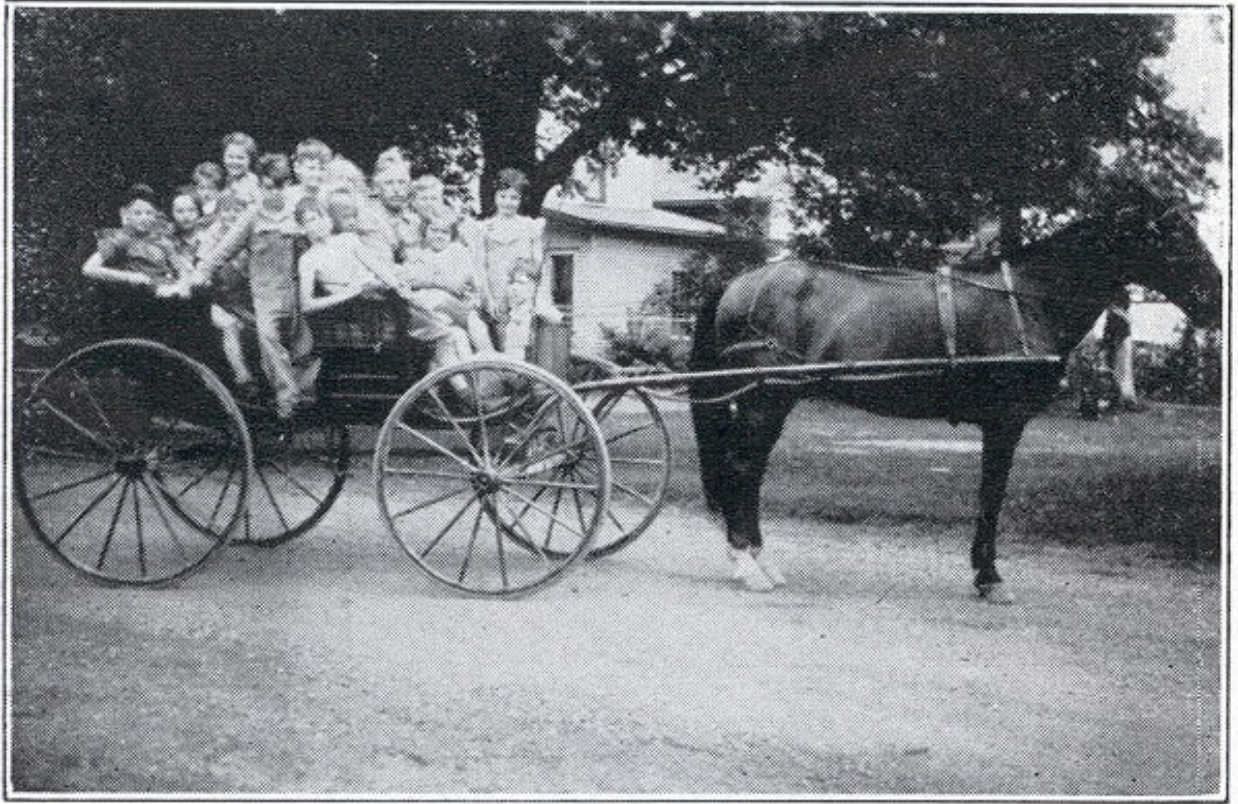
MRS. MARGERY MILLARD
House Mother and Nurse



"Out For a Spin"



Edwina Carlson on "King." When this horse was in training he could trot a mile in 2:14, is very gentle and one of the best saddle horses we ever owned.



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