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Maude “Young” Laux’s Parents, and Family

John and Elizabeth Young



Picture of John Abraham Young and his wife, Elizabeth P. Stevenson: This is a picture of John and Elizabeth Young, who were the parents of Maude “Young” Laux. John and Elizabeth had five other children, Mary Frances, Lillian, Arthur, John “Eddie” and Henry Young. John Young was Born Jan. 6, 1845 and died on Aug. 25, 1921. Elizabeth “Stevenson” Young was born on July 30, 1847 and died on June 3, 1916. John was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania and Died in Havelock, Nebraska. Elizabeth was born in Adams, Indiana and died in Havelock, Nebraska.

Descendants Of Joseph Adam & Eva Maude "Young" Laux

Father: Peter Joseph Laux
 Born: Dec. 5, 1809, Zettingen, Cochem-Zeller Landkreis, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany
 Died: May 4, 1870, Trinity, Jay, Indiana, United States
 Married July 14, 1835
Mother: Elizabeth Anna "Marx"
 Born: Mar. 31, 1815, Landkern, Cochem-Zeller Landkreis, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany
 Died: Dec. 15, 1889, Wabash Township, Jay, Indiana, United States
 Buried at ??

Father: Adam Reitz
 Born: Jul 2, 1806, Wirthelm Biebergemund, Hesse, Germany
 Died: Mar. 7, 1884, Wabash Twp., Jay, Indiana, United States
 Married May 24, 1830
Mother: Margaretha "Hanselman"
 Born: Feb. 22, 1810, Kassel Main-Kinzig-Kreis Hesse, Germany
 Died: May 27, 1881, Trinity, Jay, Indiana, United States
 Buried ???

Father: Adam Laux
 Born: Dec. 2, 1845
 Sheffield, Lorain County, Ohio,
 Died: Apr. 23, 1915
Buried at St. Marys Cemetery with 2nd Wife
 Fort Recovery, Mercer, Ohio,
 Married Dec. 26, 1867
Mother: First Wife:
 Maria Frances (Fredericka)"Reitz"
 Born: Jan. 6, 1847
 Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio,
 Died: Feb. 1992
 Fort Recovery, Mercer, Ohio,
2nd Married: Jan. 14, 1868
Buried: Holy Trinity Cemetery, Bryant, Jay, Indiana
2nd Wife: Mary Flinnerty
Buried at St. Marys Cemetery Fort Recovery, Mercer, Ohio,

Father: John Abraham Young
 Born: Jan. 6, 1845
 In Meadville, Pennsylvania, USA
 Died: Aug. 25, 1921
 In Havelock, Nebraska, USA
 Married: Nov. 18, 1866
Mother: Elizabeth P. "Stevenson"
 Born: Jul. 30, 1847
 In Adams, Indiana,
 Died: Jun. 3, 1916
 In Havelock, Nebraska
 Married Nov. 18, 1866
 Buried at

Father: Peter Young
 Born: May 29, 1814 Easton, Northampton, PA.
 Died: July 1, 1881, Saegertown, Crawford, PA.
Mother: Catharine "Dichman"
 Born: Sep. 30, 1808, Hecktown, Northampton Co., PA
 Died: May 3, 1882, Saegertown, Crawford, Pennsylvania,
 Married: July 28, 1835,
 Northampton Co., PA
 Buried at Saegertown Cemetery, Crawford County, PA

Father: Martin Leroy Stevenson
 Born: Dec. 25, 1811, New York,
 Died: Oct. 14, 1885, Champaign County, Illinois
Mother: Mary Francis "Peabody"
 Born: Feb. 28 1821, New York
 Died: Apr. 22, 1891, Champaign, IL
 Married
 Buried: Beekman Cemetery, Fisher, Champaign County, Illinois.

Joseph Adam Laux
 Born: Oct. 8, 1868
 Died: Nov. 11, 1940

Married
 Apr. 8, 1897

Eva Maude "Young" Laux
 Born: Nov. 26, 1877
 Died: Jan. 31, 1954

Children

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| 1. Joseph, | Born: Est. 1898 | Died: Est. 1910 |
| 2. Grace Teresa | Born: Jul. 17, 1898 | Died: Dec. 08, 1970 |
| 3. Charles Adam | Born: Mar. 27, 1901 | Died: Oct. 13, 1977 |
| 4. Frances | Born: Jul. 11, 1903 | Died: Jan., 1981 |
| 5. Elizabeth/Sister | Born: Dec. 1, 1905 | Died: Nov. 12, 1997 |
| 6. Josephine Elea | Born: Oct. 23, 1910 | Died: Dec. 13, 1996 |
| 7. Mary Irene | Born: Oct. 19, 1912 | Died: Sep. 19, 1998 |
| 8. Rosa Catherine | Born: Jan. 27, 1915 | Died: Oct. 28, 1998 |

Brother/Sisters

- Brother/Sister of Joseph Adam Laux
1. Joseph Adam, Born: Oct. 8, 1868 New Corydon, Jay County, Indiana
Died: Nov. 11, 1940, Lincoln, Nebraska
 2. Mary Elizabeth (Twin), Born: Sep. 14, 1870 Died: Apr. 16, 1886 Jay County, Indiana
 3. Mary Veronica (Twin), Born: 1872-1872 Jay County, Indiana
 4. John Adam, Born: Oct. 19, 1872, Jay County, Indiana
Died: Jan. 9, 1895, Fort Recovery, Mercer Oh.
 5. Anna Margaret, Born: Dec. 21, 1874 Died: Sep. 22, 1876, Jay County, Indiana
 6. Aloysius Peter, Born: Nov. 6, 1877 New Corydon, Jay County, Indiana
Died: Oct. 26, 1957, Pima, Arizona, USA
 7. John Leo, Born: Feb. 5, 1881 Died: Feb. 3, 1904, Jay County, Indiana
 8. Paul John, Born: Mar. 26, 1883 Died: Feb. 3, 1904, Jay County, Indiana
 9. Theresa Magdalene, Born: Apr. 4, 1884 Bryant, Indiana
Died: Feb. 14, 1922, Died Lincoln Neb.
 10. Irene Mechtilda (twin), Born: Mar. 25, 1887 Trinity, Mercer, Indiana
Died: Oct. 12, 1960, Coldwater, Mercer, Ohio
 11. Philomena Gertrude (twin), Born: Mar. 25, 1887 Died: Abt. 1887, Fort Recovery, Mercer Ohio
 12. Urban, Born: Aug. 7, 1890, Died: Mar. 20, 1891, Fort Recovery, Mercer Ohio

Brothers/Sisters

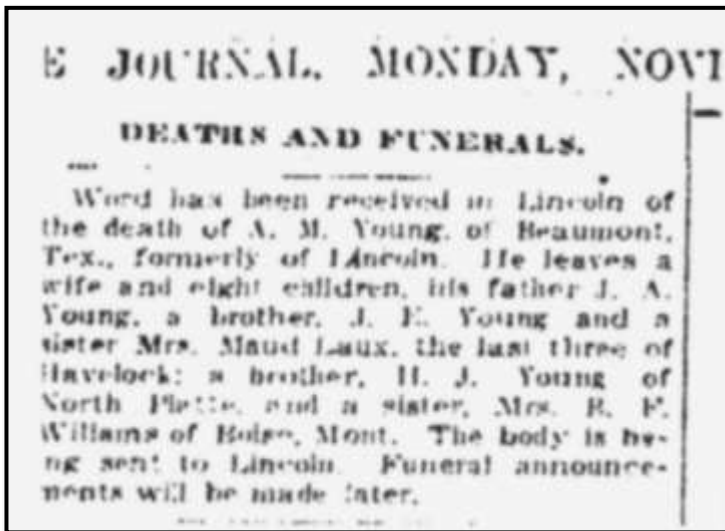
- Brothers/Sisters of Eva Maude "Young" Laux
1. Mary Francis Young 1869 Birth ABT 1869 Rantoul, Champaign, Illinois, USA Death Unknown
 2. Lillian B. (Lully) (Nellie) Williams 1872-1941
Birth 1872 Rantoul, Champaign, Illinois, United States
Death 12 AUG 1941 - Butte County, South Dakota, USA
 3. Arthur Martin Young 1875-1918
Birth 1 NOV 1875 - Rantoul, Champaign, Illinois, USA
Death 1 NOV 1918 - Orange, Texas
 4. Eva Maude "Young" Laux
Birth 26 NOV 1877 - Rantoul, Champaign, Illinois,
Death 31 JAN 1954 - Havelock, Lancaster, Nebraska,
 5. John Edward "Eddie" Young 1884-1952
Birth 18 JANUARY 1884 - Huron, South Dakota, USA
Death 7 JANUARY 1952 - Lincoln, Nebraska
 6. Henry Jacob Young 1886-1959
Birth 15 JUN 1886 Huron, South Dakota, USA
Death 7 OCTOBER 1959 Nebraska,



Tombstone of John & Elizabeth “Stevenson” Young. John was born in Jan. 6, 1845 and died on Aug. 25, 1921. Elizabeth was born on July 30, 1847 and died on June 3, 1916.

John & Elizabeth Young were the parents of Maude “Young” Laux and Maude’s Daughter was Josephine “Laux” Michaels and Josephine’s Daughter was Elizabeth “Michaels” Kavanaugh. “This tombstone is located at the Wyuka Cemetery, also known as The Evergreen Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.” Note: They were protestants, so they were not buried in the Catholic Cemetery. Other members of this family (Eddie and his wife) were also buried at the Wyuka Cemetery.

John & Elizabeth had six children, Maude who married Joseph Lauxx, Mary Frances, Lillian, Arthur, John (Eddie) and Henry.



Death Notice of A.M. Young, This death notice has been retyped as it was hard to read: See Below:

 “Word has been received in Lincoln of the death of A. M. Young of Beaumont, Tex., Formerly of Lincoln. He leaves a wife and eight children, his father J. A. Young, a brother, J. E. Young and a sister Mrs. Maude Laux, the last three of Havelock: a brother, H. J. Young of North Platte, and a sister, Mrs. B. F. Williams of Boise, Mont. The Body is being sent to Lincoln. Funeral announcements will be made later.

This was Maude “Young” Laux’s, brother, that passed away while living in Texas. His real name was Arthur Martin Young. He was the third oldest child of John Abraham Young and Elizabeth P. Stevenson. He was survived by 8 children and siblings, his father, John, brother, Eddie, Sisters, Maude Laux and Nellie Williams.

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Birth 15 JUN 1886 – Huron, South Dakota, USA.
Death 7 OCTOBER 1959 – Elwood, Gosper Co., Nebraska, USA.

Ed and Kate Young



Pictured is Ed Young who was a brother to Maude "Young" Laux.



Picture of Kate Young, She married Ed Young. This could be her wedding picture.



Ed and Kate Young on their Wedding Day: These may have been fellow newspaper boys that Ed (also known as Eddie) had worked with. Ed Young was a brother to Maude Young who was Josephine "Laux" Michaels Mother and her daughter was Liz "Michaels" Kavanaugh.

Everyone in Havelock knew Eddie Young who was in charge of the distribution of Lincoln newspapers in the area. This photo shows him on his wedding day. The only other person identified is Neola O'Hara Studnicka, shown wearing a hat, behind Mrs. Young.



Pictured (L-R) front Grace "Laux" Davis, Kate Young, Maude Laux and in back is Rosa Laux probably holding one of Grace's children. Kate was a sister in-law to Maude Laux as Kate married Maude's brother Ed Young. Grace and Rosa were Maude's daughters. This picture may have been taken in the late 1920's. Looks like this picture was taken on the front of Maude's House.

Kate Smith Married

Miss Kate Smith and Eddie Young wedding took place Wednesday, November 22, at high noon, at the home of George Smith, 1010 Washington

Both these young local people are midgets in stature, Miss Smith being only 3 feet 9 inches in height, while Mr. Young is 4 feet 2 inches.

Eddie, though born and reared in Huron, S. D. has been a resident of Havelock for many years, where he has operated a news agency and built up a thriving business. He has a staff of eight boys working in his delivery department, handling The Star and their periodicals and newspapers.

With his newspaper business, and his travelling with circuses and exhibitions he has saved up money to buy his own real estate, and has a home already furnished at 809 N street where he and his bride will make other home.

Miss Smith, a daughter of George Smith, who as engineer ran the first train from Plattsmouth to Lincoln, was born and educated in Lincoln. She is a sister of Mrs. W. H. Hardin of this place and is known to all here.

A big reception was held in Havelock for the young people Wednesday evening, with an elaborate program under the auspices of the Knights and Ladies of Security.

These News Articles deals with Kate "Smith" as she prepared to marry Eddie Young. Kate's Father was George Smith and He was an engineer for the Burlington Railroad and brought in the first train to arrive in Havelock from Plattsmouth. Kate was known as "Kattie" growing up. These two articles were from the Lincoln Star and deals with the Wedding Announcement and then the marriage of Eddie and Kate. Eddie Young married Katie Smith on November 22, 1915. News Articles from the Lincoln Star.

Miss Kate Smith to be Married November 22

In the Lincoln State Journal of Sunday appeared an article of interest to our readers. The coming marriage of Miss Kate Smith, a sister of Mrs. W. H. Hardin who has been living with her sister here and who is known to all here. It is as follows:

The marriage of Miss Kate Smith of Lincoln and John E. ("Eddie") Young of Havelock will take place November 22. The wedding is of more than usual interest because both are known to so many people in the city and suburbs. Miss Smith is but three feet and eight inches tall while "Eddie" Young is four feet and three inches. One of "Eddie Young's claims to fame in his popularity with Havelock people with whom he has lived since 1899. He was at one time a circus and merry-go-round traveler and settled in Havelock to go to school. He began selling newspapers, the Blade and the Ledger, in 1900 and gradually increased his list until now with the help of eight boys he handles all the papers in Havelock in addition to his list of periodicals. He is the Havelock representative of the State Journal. He has acquired considerable property and has a house nearly furnished for occupancy.

Twenty-Eight and Unmarried

When Eddie Young went home to dinner Wednesday he was somewhat amazed at the appearance of things. The table was spread a little different and a wider range of edibles were arranged with greater care than usual, an extra kick seemed to have been added to the seasoning. Eddie wiped his eyes and looked and tasted again. The thought occurred to him that he must be in Delmonico, but he saw many familiar objects to dissipate such an idea. At this stage his mother reminded him that this was his twenty-eighth birthday anniversary, and Eddie "tumbled." Eddie is four feet, three and a half inches tall and has been in the news business for eleven years. Van Pelt says—and Van ought to know—that Eddie hasn't grown much since he was thirteen, and it might be added that he did not make a very prolific growth prior to that age. In the eleven years Eddie has been in the news business he has succeeded in laying by a "pretty penny" and is the owner of two or three houses and lots and enjoys a wide acquaintance and many warm friendships.

Eddie Young on his 28th Birthday and unmarried.

Eddie Has Wild Ride.

Eddie Young took a wild and undesired ride Sunday afternoon, when his fractious pony became frightened at a railroad engine and ran away with him. "Eddie" was returning homeward after bringing his father to Havlock and while driving along near the Burlington tracks the horse became frightened and started to run. "Eddie" was not able to stop the animal and the interposition of parties on the street failed to check the frightened steed. The courageous news man clung to the lines, however, and kept the horse in the road and as he was powerless to do anything else, let him run. There was no stop until the horse reached home when it rushed up to the barn and stopped. "Eddie" was so nearly fagged out that he was not able to do the unhitching and went to the house for help. Meanwhile the horse started again and before it was stopped dashed the buggy against a tree, completely destroying two wheels.

Eddie Young's Wild Ride. His news article was from the local newspaper in Lincoln Nebraska in which it tells the tale of Eddie Young who was an Uncle of Josephine "Laux" Michaels and how Uncle Ed's Horse was spooked and took off with Eddie holding the reins tightly trying to slow the horse down. The horse ran all the way home with Eddie doing his best to calm him down. Ed did get home and after he stopped the horse took off again and destroyed the buggy's two wheels. This is interesting reading. **"Eddie Has Wild Ride" was published in The Lincoln Star on June 11, 1907**



Pictured above, are Maude Laux (Center in Back) along with her brother Ed Young in front. The other couple could be Maude's sister and her husband from Ohio.



Pictured are **Ed & Kate "Smith" Young**



The occasion is uncertain, but it appears Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Young and friends are either considering a ride in an Arrow biplane, or are at least looking it over, probably at the old Union Airport north of Havelock.

Picture of **Eddie and Kate Young**. Looks like this may have been a newspaper article in the early 1930s



Eddie Young, the diminutive citizen of Havelock who assumed the role of "Das Umpire" in the game between the "Fats" and "Leans," Thursday at the Booster day game. In regular official regalia and a large "Big Ben" alarm clock he was the real mirth provoker of the afternoon's festivities. However "raw" some of his decisions were, none of the players on either team had the nerve to dispute them. As an entertainer and a real baseball fan, every one in the league, both fans and players must take off their hats to Eddie.

Article on Fats and Leans: This is another article on Eddie Young and his days as showmanship as an Umpire. Not sure how serious the game was or it could have been just for fun!

This is another news article on Ed Young and his escapades. In this article he was an umpire for a baseball game as I interpret this between the Fats and the Leans. Don't want to even speculate on what this is about. Ed Young must have been a very likeable individual and was quite good at whatever he set his mind to do.

The Fats and the Leans.

The baseball bout between the Commercial club Fats and Leans furnished the real riot of fun. The Leans appeared with special caps, labeled "Slims," while on the backs of the Fats were cards with legends of "O-Jit," "O-33," and similar markings, indicating that the wearers possibly were planning a sub-sea attack. Col. C. J. Bills presided as umpire behind the bat, while Eddie Young of Havelock, height three feet, was the colonel's running mate. Eddie was borne onto the diamond by Leo Soukup and Harry Hayne housed in a drygoods box, from which he popped wearing a giant alarm clock. Henry Clarke and Dan McClenahan were in the points for the Leans, while Ike Raymond and Sam Waugh paired off as the battery for the Fats.

The battle of the Fats and Leans was not featured by the avalanche of runs which had been anticipated. To be exact, the Leans registered two scores and the Fats put three runs across the plate, a home run by Fred Walt, abetted by John Maher's distressing efforts to play right field for the Slims, being responsible for the three tallies scored by the Fats.

Thomas L. Hall's unique methods of playing first base for the Leans also excited comment. The tall commissioner insisted on perching himself on foul ground, about twenty feet from first base, his persistence resulting in a decree by Mayor Bryan, the Slims' captain, which sent Mr. Hall to the bench in disgrace. Subsequently it developed that Mr. Hall had been deceived by Captain Whitten of the Fats and made to believe that the proper place for a first baseman was a rod or more distant from the sack.

Although the Fats and Leans naught planned to play three innings, their engagement did not go the advertised limit. Mayor Bryan objected so strenuously to one of Umpire Bills' decisions, when at bat in the third inning, that he was ordered from the field by the haughty colonel. Refusing to be banished, Chief of Police Antles and two husky blue-coats piled out of the grandstand and dragged the mayor from the scene. Umpus Bills then announced that the bout was over, explaining that the Fats feared they might get caught out in the rain.

Mr. And Mrs. Eddie Young of Havelock Have All The Comforts of Home But On A Reduced Scale

Mrs. Young, Three Feet Seven Inches Short, Does All Her Own Housework Except the Washing—"Might Fall In."

Eddie Is King of the Newspaper Business in Shoptown Besides Managing Seven Houses, Which He Owns and Rents.

BY WILMA WINTER.

Everyone in this part of the state at least knows Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Young, the Lilliputian couple from Havelock either by reputation or by sight. But few appreciate how this plucky little pair have overcome the handicaps of housekeeping with furnishings and implements designed for grown-ups.

Eddie Young is four feet and two inches in height and weighs ninety-eight pounds. His spouse is three feet seven inches and tips the scales to the 120 pound mark. They have their own house, their own furniture, their own chicks and live an independent life.

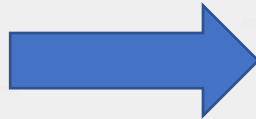
True to the traditional division of labors amongst most couples, Mrs. Eddie keeps house while her husband goes out into the world and rushes the where-withal to keep the pot a-boiling. "She does all of her own work but the washing," Mr. Eddie boasts. "She can't get away with that very well. You see when she stands on a stool to reach the wash-board, she is apt to either slip into the suds, or off of the stool. Then too, she has to get up and down off of a chair to hang up each piece and that tires her out," he added. "In the winter time she would freeze her



—Photos by MacDonald.

Part-1: Eddie and Kate Young article was published in The Lincoln Star June 13, 1920, the article above is a lengthy article on how accomplished and successful Eddie and Kate Young had become. This picture which is hard to make out from this article show Kate playing the piano and Eddie in the background as he is putting a record on the Victrola.

—Photos by MacDonald.
Here are a couple of snaps of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Young at work and at play in their home in Havelock. Mrs. Young is pictured as slipping one of her savory dishes in the oven of her sawed off stove. Mr. and Mrs. Young are not trying to play a duet in the other picture. Eddie is changing a record on his victrola and then Mrs. Young will demonstrate her ability to manipulate the player piano.



Part-2: Eddie and Kate Young article was published in The Lincoln Star June 13, 1920, the arrow points to the picture of Kate cooking. The pictures are not good quality but it was from the best we could do.

Very Fond of Music.

The parlor—or more appropriately—the music room—opens on the front.

The Youngs are quite fond of music and the couple have invested in a victrola and a player piano. Eddie climbs upon a handy stool to place the records and to change the needles while his wife perches herself upon a grown-up davenport and works busy fingers over some womanly task.

But when it comes to playing the piano player, Mr. and Mrs. Young are just the two kids that their size suggests. You can imagine a conversation pretty much like this and is very apt to be true:

"Now Eddie, you let me play it."

"Oh Kate, you know you can't sit on the bench and reach the pedals. You have to use the little rocker."

"I can do it just as good as you. You have to use the extensions on the pedals."

But take it all in all, the Youngs are pretty proud of their unique place in the world. They are too modest to out and out say so, but no one could deny enjoyment of the fuss that is made over them every place they go.

"Why perfect strangers stop us on the street and ask to have their picture taken with us," Eddie admits. "I have a lot of them that folks have sent in."

It is the truth that the Youngs find it possible to coin their looks. Eddie spent several years traveling around with various circus and carnival companies. Those were the days before he "settled down and got married," however.

Circus Performer at One Time.

The two of them have been on exhibition at a number of fairs also. It is pretty good money, especially when one can do tricks. Eddie has several, one being able to stretch his ear with his toe without bending his knee. Mrs. Young is not so keen for the public life, in spite of her husband's constant admonition "Now Kate, you've got to get over that. Do as I do and you'll make friends and enjoy it." Eddie says that he was always able to sell pictures of himself at twice the price requested by other members of the circus and when they were having trouble in disposing them at that.

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Mrs. Young manages the ironing part of the laundry work however. She has a regular board, and has discovered that she can set it quite low by spreading the braces as far apart as they will go.

Owens Seven Houses.

The house was not built for a couple of dwarfs, but Mr. and Mrs. Young were fortunate in getting one next door to his father's house, with window sills not more than a foot high. Eddie has seven houses of his own in Havelock, but he finds them too remunerative an investment—when the monthly rent checks roll around, to fix over and live in himself.

The porch of the Young house extends across the front and part way down the right side, the entrance at the end of this side porch admits one into the dining room.

This room is equipped as one might find the majority of dining rooms. The table and dining room chairs are of ordinary height. There is a writing desk on one side of the room.

Miniature Furniture.

The little lady manages by having her furniture sawed off at an operative height. She buzzes about in her toy shop kitchen. It would seem like a pay house to most house keepers, for the kitchen range has been lowered until the oven door almost opens on a direct line with the floor. And the cabinet has been sawed off until the tiny mistress can easily reach the moulding board. Of course she has to stand on a stool to get into the cupboards above. But they do say that the savory results that come from this room would delight the palate of any connoisseur of the culinary art. Her husband at least is strong in his recommendations of her cooking—which he has had the opportunity of sampling for four years.

Mrs. Young has entertained as many as nineteen people for dinner and prepared the whole meal herself. Of course she let the taller women help her arrange the table and place the food upon it. Her table is of the ordinary height and Mrs. Young has to climb up the rounds of the chairs to set it. "But she can climb up just as good as any kid," her husband insists. "You know she has done it all her life."

Eddie himself is thirty-eight years old and his wife is forty.

Mrs. Young does part of her own sewing also. "She is capable of doing it all," her husband insists. "But it seems that she finds it more to her advantage to have the things made. Mrs. Young gets little folks rates" at the seamstress's.

"When I sew on my own machine, I have to stand on one foot and tread with the other," Mrs. Young says. And Mr. Young adds that he would much rather pay to have her dresses and "nice clothes" made than to in-

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vest in an electric motor just at present. He prefers to keep his money in real estate. Besides he thinks that she gets a better fit if a big woman makes her clothes.

Eddie has all of his clothes made to order also.

Mother Received Fright.

Eddie Young was born in Huron South Dakota. He says that doctors have attributed his dwarfishness to a birth mark caused by a fright his mother received in seeing a picture of an undersized man. There have been no other little people in the Young family.

Eddie has traveled all over the country as a member of carnival and circus companies and as a mascot for various base ball teams. He is the smallest member of the Knights and Ladies lodge and for a time held the same honor in the Moose lodge.

It was while he was on the road that some one told him of the little lady, Miss Kate Smith of Lincoln in whom he might find an interest. She claims to have written the first letter, however, and they corresponded for some time before they ever met. Sixteen years passed before they were married, November 20, 1916.

"The fellows used to ask me, 'well Eddie when are you going to get married'." Mr. Young recalls with evident amusement. "I didn't see my way clear though until I got into this

newspaper business. I have made good money with my routes. Then my mother died and I just decided I might as well have a home of my own. So we were married.

Eddie receives a comfortable income from his real estate holdings but merely depositing the monthly checks in the bank is not enough to keep him busy, so he spends his time informing the people of Havelock of the happenings throughout the world. He is the big boss of the newspaper business in Havelock, having charge of the circulation of both Lincoln daily papers. "I have 818 Daily Star subscribers here in Havelock, and 885 Sunday Star patrons," Eddie said.

Mrs. Young is a daughter of George Smith, 281 North Sixteenth street, the man who piloted the first engine over the Burlington from Platts-mouth to Lincoln.

Child Dropped Her in Infancy.

Mrs. Young's diminutive stature is a result of a fall in infancy. A child dropped her. She has always lived in or near Lincoln. Before her marriage she helped keep house for a married sister who lives on a farm nearby.

The Young's are anticipating a wonderful time on a trip to the Black Hills the latter part of June. They

"They always make a lot over me will visit various relatives of Mr. Young's whom his wife knows only by name.

in that country," Mr. Young volunteered. "They will like Kate, too. And she is just crazy to get started.

Eddie Young Marks Fiftieth Birthday

Lincoln Star Carriers of Havelock
Guests at Circulation Supervisor's Party.

Fifty candles on one birthday cake may seem like a lot, but to Eddie Young of 5613 Ballard avenue, who has been connected with the circulation department of the Lincoln Star ever since its founding, they are equal to only one mighty blast from his lungs.

For Thursday was Eddie's fiftieth birthday and he celebrated the day in style, entertaining eleven of his past and present newsboys at dinner in his home.

Recalls Circus Days.

Barely fifty-one inches tall and weighing 135 pounds now, Eddie recalls the days of his youth when he travelled with the Joe McMann shows as one of their midget troupe. He weighed but forty-eight pounds then and was, he admits, rather small.

More than 100 different carriers have worked under him since he began the job of supervising Star circulation in Havelock. At the present time, he has a member of the second generation of carriers working for him. Melvin Johnson, one of his carriers, is the son of Alva Johnson, now 43 years of age, who was one of his first carriers.

Still active in his delivery work, Mr. Young does all of his own collecting, travelling in a car especially adapted for him. Eight carriers work under him at the present time.

But the celebration of passing the half-way mark on his road to a century of living isn't over yet, for Eddie plans to entertain all of his past and present carriers, more than 100 of them, at an old time dance to be held at the Odd Fellows hall in Havelock sometime next week.

This Article was printed in the Lincoln Star concerning the 50th Birthday of Eddie Young.

A GYPSY QUEEN REVEALS FUTURE

Eddie Young Listens to Necromancer's Yarn and Loses Cash

Pocketbook was Empty When Eddie Young Looked Within

Under the strange, enthralling influence of the occult, Eddie Young, the newsboy king of Havelock, made his first venture into the unknown realms of the future and lost his savings en-route.

A band of gypsies drifted into the shop town Friday accompanying Benall Eeles, who was said to be the greatest necromancer of American gypsyhood, a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter.

In the eye of the great unraveller of the future gleamed the light of a great power. Her picturesque attire added to the promise of mystery and skill, upon which her advertisers lay great stress.

A desire to know whether his power among the news sellers of the shop town was to continue led Eddie to venture into the tent where the gypsy queen held sway with her willing occults.

Benall Eeles was eager to tell Eddie's fortune. "I bring you word of your future," she said. First Eddie was directed to place a coin in each hand, probably intended to induce a more willing tongue on the part of the necromancer's ghostly allies.

Eddie did so. Meanwhile Benall Eeles poured the remainder of the contents of the purse into her hand and the future was revealed. And it was a depressing one, a harbinger of ill luck and bad omens.

She warned Eddie that he was not to reopen the pocketbook until a later time. Out from under the spell of the woman, Eddie forgot.

He betrayed the occult warning.

He opened the pocketbook.

Its contents had vanished.

The foretelling was soon to be reality. His bad luck had come already. For the pocketbook was empty.

More Articles on Eddie Young, One deals with Eddie returning for a visit to the Circus where he once worked to another talking about his venture with the Gypsy. He was truly an interesting person.

A Guest of the Circus

Eddie Young was a guest of the Barnum & Bailey circus at Lincoln on Monday. Eddie traveled with a show some sixteen years ago and while strolling about the grounds drinking red lemonade and eating peanuts last Monday he was recognized by a number of his old associates in the show business. He was immediately taken to the management of the show where he was properly introduced and the management turned over the whole business to him. Eddie has no desire to travel with a circus again and no argument could induce him to go, but he does like a circus and the meeting with his old traveling companions was a real pleasure.

Newspaper Story on Why Eddie Young was a Midget or Small People This is a newspaper article speculating why Eddie Young was born with a defect. Not sure when or what newspaper this was from but it made for some interesting reading. In this article we learned that Uncle Ed Young worked for a carnival and Circus.

Mother Received Fright

Eddie Young was born in Huron South Dakota. He says that doctors have attributed his dwarfness to a birth mark caused by a fright his mother received in seeing a picture of an undersized man. There have been no other little people in the Young family.

Eddie has traveled all over the country as a member of carnival and circus companies and as a mascot for various base ball teams. He is the smallest member of the Knights and Ladies lodge and for a time held the same honor in the Moose lodge.

It was while he was on the road that some one told him of the little lady, Miss Kate Smith of Lincoln in whom he might find an interest. She claims to have written the first letter, however, and they corresponded for some time before they ever met. Sixteen years passed by before they were married, November 20, 1916.

"The fellows used to ask me, 'well Eddie when are you going to get married'." Mr. Young recalls with evident amusement. "I didn't see my way clear though until I got into this

Eddie Young to Visit Old Home in Black Hills

J. E. (Eddie) Young, news merchant of Havelock, with his wife and three nieces is going out into the wild and wooly west for a three-week's vacation beginning June 20. They are going to take in the big western roundup and frontier celebration at Bellefourche, S. D., on July 5, visit Eddie's old home town, Lead, S. D., where the big mines are located, and after spending a few days visiting with an uncle at Deadwood, a niece at St. Onge, they are going to drive overland to a ranch where a sister lives ninety miles from the railroad. They expect to make a call at Wind Cave, S. D., Edgewood and Hot Springs.

Eddie lived in Lead, S. D., twenty years ago, he said, and although he has been back to that part of the

Eddie Young Is Hurt In Wreck

Eddie Young, was badly injured when the car he was driving collided with a street car at Eighth and G streets at 7:30 Thursday morning

His throat was badly cut by flying glass and he suffered severe bruises about the legs and body. It will be necessary to make an X-ray examination before the extent of possible internal injuries is determined. Although serious, Mr. Young's injuries will not prove fatal, according to Dr. H. A. Fulton who attended him at his home, 801 N street.

Ed. was on the way to the ice plant when the accident occurred, and says he was watching other autos and did not notice the street car.

Here are two more news articles on Eddie Young from the Lincoln Star Newspaper. Since Eddie was a special person and he worked for the paper, he got a lot of Press Coverage. It appeared he was well thought of by all who came in contact with him.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 2244	1. NAME (Print) JOHN EDWARD YOUNG	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 5613 BALLARD AVE, LINCOLN LANCASTER NEBR		
3. MAILING ADDRESS SAME		
4. TELEPHONE 6-2104	5. AGE IN YEARS 58	6. PLACE OF BIRTH HURON SO. DAK
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS BUD YOUNG - 6710 MORRIS - LINCOLN, NEBR		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS NOT EMPLOYED		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS NONE		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42)	16-21650-2	John E. Young (Registration signature)

Registration Card for John Edward (Eddie) Young: Ed Young was 58 years old when he had to fill out a Registration Card at the local draft board. He did not have to go because he was known back then as a midget or small people. All men were required to file with their local draft board.

Short In Stature

A familiar person in Lexington, was John Edward (Eddie) Young, a brother of Henry Young, of south of this city. He had made many visits here before he came here in 1949 to make his home.

Because of his short stature, 3 feet and 8 inches in height, he at-



Eddie Young

tracted considerable attention where ever he went. He was married in 1915 to Katie Smith, who was even shorter than he, 2 feet and 11 inches in height. She passed away in 1932 and Eddie passed away January 7th, 1952.

For many years Eddie operated paper routes for the Lincoln State Journal, and at one time had ten carrier boys in his charge. He was industrious and owned several residences in Lincoln and Have-lock.



Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Young

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Young are shown in the above picture which was taken of a group of relatives while visiting here about thirty years ago.

Another news article from the **Lincoln Star** talking about **Eddie and Kate Young**. Eddie Married Katie Smith on November 22, 1915. Eddie passed away on Jan. 7, 1952 and Kate in 1932.

Havelock's J. E. 'Eddie' Young Dies At Age 67

John Edward "Eddie" Young, thunder-voiced newsboy who started his business career in a circus sideshow, later sold papers to become a newspaper distributor and saved his money to buy real estate, died Monday morning at the home of his brother in Lexington, Neb. He was 67.

Eddie was known as early as the late 1890's to Havelock Star subscribers as a newsboy whose venturesome spirit led him later to success-by-thrift. He sold and distributed The Star to Havelock residents for almost 33 years, and today several prominent businessmen remember him as the man they took their papers from for their routes.

Eddie was married in 1915, to Kate Smith. After she died in 1935, his health steadily became worse.

Known as a happy-go-lucky yet earnest individual, Eddie was a devout member of the Methodist church and the Havelock Odd Fellows Lodge 244. He was born and raised in Havelock and lived there until five years ago, when, because of failing health, he moved to Lexington.

Eddie Young's body will lie in state at Wadlow's chapel Wednesday evening. Funeral services will be held at the Havelock Methodist church at 2 p.m. Thursday with Rev. Clarence W. Smith officiating. Burial will be in Wyuka.

Graveside services will be conducted by Lodge 244, IOOF.

Surviving are a brother, Henry, of Lexington; a sister, Mrs. Maude Laux, Minneapolis, Minn., and several nieces and nephews. A widowed sister-in-law, Mrs. Mollie Young of Havelock, also survives.



Tombstone for John E. "Eddie" Young: Eddie was born on Jan. 18, 1884 and died on Jan. 7, 1952. Eddie is buried at the Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, NE. Eddie is at Plot: Sec 30, Lot 7, Sp.3. Eddie was an Uncle of Josephine "Laux" Michaels and Eddie's Sister was Maude "Young" Laux.



Tombstone for Katherine D. "Kate" Young: Kate was born on 1877 and died on Dec. 15, 1932. Kate is buried at the Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, NE, Kate is at Plot: Sec 30, Lot 7, Sp. 2

Here is the **Obituary for Uncle Eddie Young** of Havelock Nebraska. He died at the age of 67. He was married to Kate "Smith" Young.