The clipping says in part:

"Rex Stout was born in Noblesville, Ind., 55 years ago and educated in the public schools. The ladder which led to his becoming one of the most popular mystery writers of the day consisted of: office boy, store clerk, bookkeeper, soldier (he enlisted in the navy in 1906 and purchased his discharge two years later), hotel manager and inventor."

"For some years, from each October 18 to a varying date in April, he abandoned his broad interests in Brewerst, N. Y., as an engineer, flower fancier, crack cabinet maker, appetizer, champion horseshoe pitcher and breeder of dogs, goats and poultry, to write books. Twice married and the father of two daughters, but few people know that his middle name is Todhunter."

"Mr. Teter also has a story written by Bebe Carter, columnist, concerning Stout's latest work, "We Shall Hate or We Shall Fail," a story that was bitterly resented by the German people."

"Every effort to learn something about the early boyhood of Stout in Noblesville has failed. He is not listed among the graduates of the local high school according to Miss Alice Wild, secretary to Sup. Wetherow. If he is about 55 years of age he must have attended school here about the time Walter Teter was a local student but the latter remembers no one by that name. Mr. Teter suggests that he may be related to some of the Stout's around Sheridan and Westfield."

"The Ledger would like to know more about him and, in the meantime, suggests his record is clear—he was the son of Editor Stout of the Ledger, along with Walter Montgomery, about 50 years ago or so."

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Stout.
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Many Features That Appealed to the Large Number Present

The annual Homecoming and Roll Call of Nobleville Masonic Lodge, No. 57, on its 90th anniversary was an unusual event even for the lodge, for many such fine meetings have been held and enjoyed through the years.

The presence of Rev. Guy Carpenter, District Superintendent of the Indianapolis District of the Methodist church, was of unusual interest and enjoyment, and he was greeted by his friend, Rev. E. J. Wickersham who gave the blessing at the dinner.

The dinner as prepared by the Ladies of the Eastern Star, was splendidly served and a most appetizing dinner. The music of the occasion by the Mercer High School Orchestra was appreciable and then Paul Wycoff, of Anderson, was present and led the large audience in some stirring songs, he first singing "The White Cliffs of Dover" in a delightful way. He had the big audience singing and whispering "God Bless America", "Keep the Home Fires Burning", "Down by the Old Mill Stream", the music by the Mercer band being played before and during the dinner and then Mr. Wycoff gave his most interesting part of the program.

The members of the Mercer group of players were: Kathleen Caza, Anne Clarke, Doris Clarke, Bill Day, Tom Hollingsworth, Marilyn Keller, Edgar Lees, Carol Roberts, Rosalyn Shanks and Frank Stevenson and the group was given a big "hand" by the Appreciative Masons. Two soldiers in uniform sat at the speaker's table, Noel Young and Lt. Albert G. Johnson.

The dinner was served in the big gymnasium of the Temple, and the menu was fine, and the serving by the ladies was so much appreciated that the Master, John W. M. Beals, called the ladies into the room, following the close of the dinner and they were greeted with kindly words and the "big hand" which is always so pleasing to those worthy of it. The menu was marked by roast beef, green beans, colc slaw, noodles, potatoes, ice cream, cake, rolls, butter and coffee, all served in the fine American style. The ladies in-

Rex Stout Born in Noblesville

Wednesday, February 10, 1943

The other day the Ledger carried a brief story reported by Walter Teter, of Conner Street, in which he sought to establish the identity of Rex Stout, who was born in Noblesville 56 years ago and now through his writings, is one of the nation's chief enemies of Hitler. At that time no one could be found who knew anything about the family except for a statement the Ledger repeats in this article.

In a recent issue of "Look", the life story of this unusual man is told in an interesting sketch by John Bainbridge.

His father, George Stout, was at one time publisher of the Ledger being associated in the newspaper business with the late Walter Montgomery, who served at the two terms as chairman of the Republic county central committee in the eighties. The son says his parents were Quakers and that his father was once superintendent of county schools. He was a member of a family of nine children. The son, together with William Jennings Bryan while he was a candidate for the Democratic ticket for President.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout moved from this city when their son was small and located in Kansas. At 17 the son joined the navy. He sailed the seas 40,000 miles between 1906 and 1908. Then he was employed at various occupations. He turned banker, grew a beard, went abroad, wrote several novels, and became a farmer. He also was a professional cook, grew roses, and published mystery stories. Noblesville Daily Leader

20 Leave for Army Service

Score of Local Boys Re-
FINDS STOUT'S BIRTH RECORD

The birthplace of Rex Stout, widely known writer who recently received much publicity through an article in a nationally famous magazine, has been affirmed by Dr. C. H. Tomlinson, Hamilton County Health Commissioner, of Cicero, as being in Noblesville.

When Stout's birthplace first was listed as Noblesville many local residents expressed some doubt about it, stating that they had no remembrance of a family here by such a name.

Later some of the older residents recalled that a family by the name of Stout did live in Noblesville many years ago and the father of Rex was editor of the Ledger.

Dr. Tomlinson states that he has found the birth record of Rex Stout years ago and the father of Rex ords.

This record reveals that the noted writer was born in Noblesville Dec. 1, 1886. His father's name was John Wallace Stout, and his occupation was listed as Editor of the Ledger. His mother's maiden name was Lucetta E. Todhunter.

PROGRAM FOR GROUP MEETING

Mrs. Charles Butterworth, key woman of the Sheridan group of the W. S. C. S has announced the following program for the Conference to be held at Westfield, March 8:

Morning
9:15—Registration
9:30—Quiet hour music
9:45—Worship service. "Our New Emblem"
10:30—"A Look Forward," Mrs. Julia Parr Nallinger, Conference President
10:35—Report of District Officers (Five Minutes)
Treasurer, Mrs. J. V. Sihler
Sec. Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. W. R. Morrison
Sec. Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Morton Smith

DIANA—TONITE THRU WEDNESDAY

THE NEW PRODUCING TEAM of George M. Cohan and Sam Harris, played by James Cagney and Richard Whorf, prevail upon Fay Templeton (Irene Manning) to play the lead in their new musical, "45 Minutes From Broadway," in this scene from "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

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