

Summer Savings Clubs Reopened

Boys and Girls of the City Urged to Keep Their Money

Summer school boys and girls will re-organize their savings club immediately after the opening of school here, according to definite announcement made today by the educational division of the District War Loan Organization.

By means of these clubs the children have learned habits of thrift which it is proposed to make even more lasting by a continuation of the work this year. Members of savings societies pledge themselves to earn and save money regularly, no matter how small the amounts, and to invest at least part of their savings in Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

McCathern-Mathis

Rumbers, Aug. 25.—A wedding of exceedingly wide interest throughout the state was that of Miss Annie Belle McCathern and Mr. Robert Mathis of Sumter, which was solemnized Wednesday evening, Aug. 18th, at 8:30 o'clock, St. John's Methodist church.

The church was beautifully decorated, the color scheme of pink and yellow being carried out in detail. The church-lit chancel, adorned with mums and roses, banked with ferns, formed a lovely background for the bride party.

The bride wore a gown of white tulle with train richly embroidered in used pearls, her coronet veil of tulle was embroidered in butterflies and finished with orange blossoms.

She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and white asters. Her only ornament was a string of pearls, the gift of the groom. Down the right aisle came the bride groom, with his best man, Charles Mathis, and beneath his arm, a young man in a white tuxedo.

Miss Mathis is the only daughter of Mrs. William McCathern. She is a charming person and will be missed by a large number of friends, who regret that her marriage will remove her from their midst.

Mr. Mathis is a young man of sterling qualities and holds a responsible position in Sumter, where they will be at home to their friends after the wedding.

Many handsome gifts were received, which attest the popularity of these two.

After changing her wedding gown for a traveling suit of midnight blue with blue lace fall hat and accessories, the couple left immediately by automobile for Camden, then to Hendersonville and other resorts of Western North Carolina to spend their honeymoon.

Deaths

Mr. J. C. Grady, a former resident of Sumter, died at the home of his son, Mr. J. W. Grady, in New Orleans, Saturday, Mr. J. H. Grady of Sumter went to New Orleans to attend the funeral of his father. Mr. Grady is survived by five children: J. W. Grady of New Orleans, W. A. Grady of Greenville, S. C., J. H. Grady of Sumter, Mrs. Henry Epper of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. G. R. Land of Norfolk, Va.

SUMMER ICE DEALERS WEIGHTS

Are Approved by Inspectors From Columbia

FEW SHORT BUT MANY OVER WEIGHT

Commissioner Harris Sends Inspectors Over State to Investigate Dealers

Columbia, Aug. 30.—Commissioner Harris' campaign against short weight in ice seems to have been effective in some localities. The report of the inspectors, A. H. Gilbert, Jr., and H. S. Kannerly for last week shows that among the cities visited was Sumter, where they found conditions satisfactory. Following is their report upon the investigation of ice weights in Sumter:

"The commissioner having received a letter from the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Sumter, requesting an investigation of the weight of ice in that city three days were spent in checking up ice deliveries in Sumter.

"Ice was weighed in both the business and residential sections of the city and from numbers of different drivers. A few cases of short weights were noted but in the great majority of cases correct weight and in numbers of cases over weight.

"The patrons of the ice routes were questioned and from the information they gave, the inspectors believe that in the early summer the ice dealers were very careless in the matter of weights, and an investigation at that time would probably have resulted in finding much short weight. Numbers of the patrons of the ice routes commented on the fact that within the last few weeks a marked improvement had been noted in the weights. It is believed that the conviction and fine given a driver of a wagon in the neighboring city of Florence and the publicity given that conviction has had a beneficial effect in Sumter."

Red Cross Work Home Service Section Handles Five Hundred Cases

That the local branch of the American Red Cross is doing a great work is the opinion of all those who have had occasion to come in contact with that office. According to Miss Mamie Chandler, the secretary, over 500 cases are now in the office to be handled and more are coming in every day. One of the main functions of the Red Cross at the present time is the aiding of disabled soldiers in getting compensation from the government for injuries and disease contracted during service. A great many former soldiers are just now beginning to feel the effects of the army life and thus the Red Cross is kept constantly at work, aiding them in their efforts to get help from the government. A letter from one of the officials in Washington to Miss Chandler states that it is the opinion of government authorities that it will be 1924 before all the claims are in and approved. The Red Cross made a pledge to the government to help in this work and it must keep on or break its pledge.

The work of the Red Cross has been extended to civilians and Miss Chandler is constantly on the go attending to various needy cases. She has very little time to attend to office details and so a stenographer is needed to keep the office open and attend to these things. The Red Cross is open every day and any one needing assistance can find some one in who will listen to their application. Some seem to think that the Red Cross died when the armistice was signed, but one familiar with the work must conclude that the work began with the signing of the armistice and is getting larger.

Will Honor South Carolina Girl

One To Be Named Princess To Represent State at Waco

Columbia, Aug. 25.—Some daughter of South Carolina is to be named as a "princess" to represent the state at the Texas Cotton Palace which opens at Waco this fall. Governor Cooper is expected to appoint a South Carolina girl as "princess" for this big exposition in the Texas city, according to President W. V. Crawford of this exposition, who has been a visitor in the state this week, and who is quoted in press dispatches from Greenville today as saying that he hoped Governor Cooper would make the appointment within a few days.

Every state in the union has been invited to appoint a "princess" for the Waco Cotton Palace. Governor Lowden of Illinois, it is said, is to send one of his daughters to the social event in Texas; Governor Allen of Kansas will name one of his daughters; Governor Dorsey of Georgia has appointed his niece, Miss Agnes Cruise of LaGrange, Ga. Mrs. Vincent Astor, whose millionaire husband was lost on the Titanic, has been asked by Governor Smith of New York state to name a "princess" to represent the Empire state. Miss Catoe of Webb, Miss, will represent that state. Other states also will have "princesses," it is said.

Oklahoma, Aug. 29.—The body of Claude Chanler, the negro, who was removed from jail here by masked men last night, was found hanging from a tree eight miles from here today. He was captured in a raid on a moonshine still, during which three officers were killed.

LURE THAT TEMPTED MANY

Adventurers as Well as Dreamers Sought Vainly for the Fabled Fountain of Youth

In that far-off, never-to-be-discovered country in that region which has shifted and changed just as men's minds alter and expand, in that mystic Bimini was thought to be the spring which, if tasted by mortals, would assure them immortal youth. On that island bubbled a fountain whose waters healed all manner of sickness.

The lure of the Fountain of Youth seized upon not only the dreamer, but caught the fancy of the bold adventurer, Ponce de Leon, and the redoubtable De Soto sought to taste of its life-giving fluid, and it is perhaps the mystery and wonder, coupled with desire, that brought about the discovery, not of the fountain, but of that part of our country known as Florida.

It was on the 27th day of March, 1512, that Ponce de Leon sighted land which he thought was an island. On April 8, which was Easter Sunday, he took possession of the country in the name of the king of Spain and called it Pascua Florida in honor of the day. He explored the country and was obliged to battle with the Indians, and after many adventures, which included another voyage in 1521 to found a colony, this intrepid navigator succumbed to a wound inflicted by a savage, and died while his vessel was making for the island of Porto Rico.

DANGER IN ELECTRIC CURRENT

Neither Fixtures Nor Appliances Should Ever Be Touched by Anything That is Wet

No electric appliances should ever be placed where a person in a bathtub can reach them. Such is the assertion of Dr. A. Zimmerman in the Presse Medicale (Paris) in commenting on the death of a colleague. Electrocutation has taken place with a current of only 120 volts under such circumstances.

The reason is that the water on the hands and body provides exceptionally favorable conditions for conduction of the current. It is not safe to touch even an electric light, heater or bell when in the bath. Doctor Zimmerman cites recent cases as follows:

A woman killed by holding an electric light in one wet hand while turning a water faucet with the other; a woman killed by wiping with a wet cloth the current, distributing apparatus for an electric heater; a man receiving a severe shock by taking hold of a chandelier while holding an electric light suspended by a wire. It is very dangerous to change an electric bulb when the hands are wet or the floor is wet; a slight defect in the insulation may cause a severe shock or even death.

An ingenious method of measuring the depth of sludge in deep sedimentation tanks is employed at the sewage disposal works of Fitchburg, Mass., says a Canadian writer. The measurements are made by means of a pitcher pump and 28 feet of 1-inch rubber hose, marked in 1-foot lengths. The pump is screwed to a 3-foot plank and attached to the hose by a union coupling. In making measurements the plank is placed across the top of a gas vent and the hose pushed into the tank until it is near the supposed sludge level. The hose is then lowered an inch at a time. Between each shift sufficient pumping is done to insure a complete change of water in hose. When the sludge level is reached, the pump will raise sludge. The length of the hose below the chimney top is then noted, and as the distance from top of chimney to bottom of tank is known it is an easy matter to estimate the depth of the sludge.

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Early Christian Communists

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LIVES CHIEFLY IN MEMORIES

Sleepy Little Pennsylvania Community Has But One Really Busy Season in the Year

Within the limits of the city of Philadelphia, yet separate from the municipality proper, is the little village of Bustleton. Unlike its name, it is a sleepy community, peopled mostly by retired farmers.

Bustleton is replete with historic lore. Old Bill Tilyer's Union hotel is a relic of the days when British and colonial troops overran the country. One sleeping chamber in the ancient inn contains a great four-poster bed in which, so the historians of the village say, once slept "Mad Anthony" Wayne.

Stories of midnight raids by British cavalry patrols, duels fought between the young bloods of the Quaker city in a grove in back of the inn, and ghosts of colonial soldiers stalking through the long halls of the structure, are told with great gusto by Bill Tilyer. The Union hotel has been handed down from father to son in the Tilyer family for nearly two centuries.

But there is one time in the year when Bustleton really bustles. That is in the month of September, when the mushroom season opens. At sunrise dozens of men and boys may be seen plodding through the dew-laden pasture fields, armed with buckets and baskets. For the fertile fields in and around Bustleton yield many bushels of mushrooms, which are sold at the various markets in Philadelphia.

CAN TAKE PRIDE IN HOUSE

Domicile Expresses Personality That Can Be Pleasing, or the Reverse, as May Be

But the best of a house is that it has an outside personality as well as an inside one. Nobody, not even himself, could admire a man's flat from the street; nobody could look up and say, "What very delightful people must live behind those third-floor windows." Here it is different. Any of you may find himself some day in our quiet street, and stop a moment to look at our house; at the blue door with its jolly knocker, at the little trees in their blue tubs standing within a ring of blue posts linked by chains, at the bright-colored curtains. You may like it, but we shall be watching you from one of the windows, and telling each other that you do. In any case, we have the pleasure of looking at ourselves, and feeling that we are contributing something to London, whether for better or for worse. We are part of a street now, and can take pride in that street. Before, we were only part of a big unmanageable building.—From "Not That It Matters," by A. A. Milne.

Hawthorne

Dumas called himself a dramatic poet; Hawthorne claimed to be writer of fiction. Both were about equally near the truth. Hawthorne invented so much fiction as should serve to illustrate his doctrines; and he invented it for that purpose. It had a secondary rank in his thoughts and in his affections, though it is probable that he was not aware of the fact. He was, indeed, not a dramatic poet, not a novelist, not a historian; he was a moralist, a philosophic moralist, calling upon history, fiction, and poetry to illuminate and enforce his tenets. As an ingenious moral philosopher and essayist, rendering his teachings impressive by the use of fabrics more or less elaborate, he may well take rank with the most elegant and accomplished writers of his class.—J. C. Heywood.

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