

CHARLOTTE

Popcorn Festival—Early American Custom



ST. LOUIS, MO.—Pretty Henrietta Malcolm plays the part of Quadequina, the Indian who first introduced popcorn to the Pilgrim Fathers in 1630, at recent Popcorn festival here.

From its modest beginnings popcorn has become one of America's favorite confections. Today popcorn fans consume 2,400,000,000 bags annually, making it a major source of revenue for thousands of theatre operators and small business men.

Occasion for the festivities was introduction of the Star "51" Counter Popcorn machine, a new low priced popcorn unit selling for under \$250 and designed especially to enable the small business man to take advantage of the tremendous demand for hot popcorn. Executives of the Star Manufacturing company here which produces the machine claim that it is simple to operate, has a thermostat controlled popper, takes only 3 1/2 square feet of counter space and pops about \$10 of popcorn an hour.

weight title. Savold probably could meet Ezzard Charles, the NBA heavyweight champion, and settle things in one fight, but he stands to earn a bigger purse fighting in London. The \$120,000 Solomons says he had in the U.S. is more than any heavyweight fight would draw in the United States.

Savold probably figures he should defeat Woodcock, then meet Charles for a real purse after that. The date for his fight will be set later.

A FEW QUICKIES

Ezzard Charles has been offered \$554,000 or 45 per cent of the gate by promoter William P. Kyne to defend his heavyweight crown against west coast sensation Pat Valentino. Previously the race track figure had offered Charles \$40,000 or 40 per cent of the proceeds.

ALA. SENATE PASSES TUSKEGEE BUDGET

Montgomery (ANP) — The Alabama Senate today in the last hours of the current session abandoned its fight over the controversial voting qualifications bill and led by Sen. John H. Phipps took up the appropriation for Tuskegee Institute which had been caught with many other measures in a legislative jam. They passed the bill authorizing the payment of \$225,000 for this annum. This is in addition to the \$60,000 voted for the School of Veterinary Medicine.

President F. D. Patterson was on hand during the final session and had the support of some of the most substantial forces in the state during the effort to extricate the appropriation from the debacle in which the legislature found itself. Daily newspapers criticizing the legislature for its lack of accomplishment said it was one of the most fruitless sessions yet held.

62 AG. AGENTS MEET AT ALCORN

ALCORN, Miss. (ANP) — A three-week summer school for in-service agricultural extension workers was held at Alcorn A. and M. college here Aug. 15 to Sept. 2. Sixty-two county farm and home demonstration agents from Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas enrolled and courses leading to college credits were offered.

Subjects included "Planning Extension Programs" with T. M. Campbell, Field Agent, Extension Service, Tuskegee Institute as instructor, "Developing Balanced Farm and Home Plans" with Dr. J. R. Otis, former state leader, Alabama Extension Service, Tuskegee Institute and now president of Alcorn, as instructor, and Mrs. Zilma Paine, Alcorn's director of home economics and teacher training, as assistant instructor, and "Objectives and Procedures of Extension Service" with H. J. Pridmore of Mississippi State college as instructor.

Resolutions adopted by the agents requested that an annual program of in-service training for all Negro Extension Agents of the Southern region be established as a permanent part of Extension Service training, that agricultural courses in State colleges include extension methods, policies, and demonstrations, and that in both the regular college courses and the summer courses strong emphasis of courses suitable for 4-H club members and adults be included.

A similar course was offered at Hampton Institute in Virginia in July.

HEART ATTACK IS FATAL FOR BELVOIR YOUTH

Joe Lawrence Brown, 23, of Belvoir Community, was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Pitt County General Hospital following a heart attack with which he was stricken after a short ride on a bicycle.

Brown, who was a veteran stu-



"LEND HIM EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT"

Timely Farm Hints For The Homemakers

BY RUTH CURRENT

Do honeybees succumb the skin of grapes, peaches, and other fruit?

The answer is no according to W. A. Stephen extension beekeeper at State College. Stephen says the design of the mouth parts of bees make it impossible for them to do this. They will suck the juice of fruits but only after the fruit skin has already been injured in some way. Normally bees will not even bother with this juice at all if nectar is available, but often during the time when fruits are ripening there are very few flowers in bloom on which the bees can work. For experimental purposes bees have been placed in cages with healthy fruit. In every such case, they were unable to get any juice from the whole fruit and as a result died of starvation.

What crop rotation is best to reduce root knot in tobacco land?

H. R. Garris extension plant pathologist at State College, says that crops resistant to root knot and suitable in rotation to reduce the incidence of the disease include oats, rye, wheat, crotalaria, peanuts, red top grass, and many native weeds. Cotton or corn can be used in a three-year rotation provided these crops do not immediately precede tobacco. Following are some sample three-year rotations which have given good root control in tobacco: oats and weeds, oats and weeds, tobacco; peanuts, oats and weeds, tobacco; cotton, peanuts, red top grass, tobacco; crotalaria, oats and weeds, tobacco. Small grain winter cover crops, especially oats and rye, give good results.

If three-year rotations cannot be conveniently followed, Garris advises using resistant crops in a two-year rotation, always using a winter crop of small grain.

Don't expect full benefits in highly infested fields with one completed rotation, he adds. Consecutive rotations indefinitely to rid

land at the Eppes High School had been riding in an automobile with Ottes Atkinson, when the two slipped beside the highway to eat some grapes.

Brown then took the ride on the bicycle and re-entered the car, after which he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Atkinson took him to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. Pitt County Coroner Griffin H. Rouse said that there will be no inquest.

The deceased served four years in the Army during World War II. He was the son of Dave Brown who lives on the Shade Harris farm near Belvoir.

in keeping down all diseases. Musty basement odors, common in wet weather, may be whisked away with a spray of weak formaldehyde solution.

For a flourishing "crop" of mold in the basement, a pound of formaldehyde should be used to 1-4 gallons of water. The garden spray-pump or springing can may be used. If there are musty odors only, a weaker solution may suffice. A small amount may be used in water for wall washing or floor scrubbing, for instance.

Smelly garbage cans, sinks, pantries and attics also can be deodorized with the formaldehyde solution. The chemical can be purchased at drug stores and at seed stores in certain sections of the country where it is used as a seed disinfectant.

The space treated with formaldehyde should be thoroughly aired before occupancy. Rubber gloves should be worn if the hands are to come in contact with the solution, to avoid skin irritation. Spills on the skin should be washed off at once. Used in dilute solution, however, the chemical does not injure textiles, household utensils, etc. Follow directions.

If your silver needs polishing, here's a way you can make your own silver polish. Dissolve four tablespoons of neutral soap flake in one pint of hot water. Then stir in one-fourth pound of whiting and two teaspoons of ammonia.

Store this polish in labeled jars with tight covers. To use, apply it to the silver with a soft cloth. Allow it to dry, and then rub off with a clean cloth. After that wash and thoroughly dry the silver.

If the polish becomes dry you may add water to it.

If desired results are obtained post this recipe along to your friends and neighbors.

Somebody died in a motor vehicle accident on the average every 16 and a half minutes during 1948, and somebody was accidentally killed in his home every 15 minutes.

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AT THE RINGSIDE

BY LUIX VIRGIL OVERBEA

'WHA' HOPPEN'D?

They're still talking about the ill-fated "Carnival of Champions" in Chicago which is estimated to have lost \$20,000 for two charities, the Tabernacle Center Milk fund and the Friendly Big Sisters Home for Girls. Everybody's asking, "WHA' Hoppen'd?"

The fans, nearly all colored, did not half fill the spacious Chicago Stadium, and the net receipts barely covered the expenses of the fighters involved. How is it that a card featuring six world's champions plus two 10-round fights including one between two ex-champions failed so miserably at the gate?

Some critics want to lay the blame on the promoter, Fred Levin, who to put it mildly does not have a clean record in his ring dealings. It was only recently that he came from under suspension by the Illinois Athletic Commission. Since most boxing fans do not pay too much attention to promoters, this is not considered a too great a cause.

SIX CRAMPS

Another group says it is because these bouts were exhibitions in the main. Not too long ago more than 11,000 fans spent more than \$50,000 to see Joe Louis in an exhibition in Chicago — and there were no big fighters to support the card. This Sept featured six champions — and Harold Dade and Sandy Saddler, two top fighters.

A third theory, which at first does not sound too logical, may have been the cause — too many Negroes were involved. Three of the champions were Negro, and the main bout featured Negro fighters. The promoter was a Negro, and the benefiting charities were Negro. Only a sprinkling of whites attended the show despite constant publicity in all the city's dailies.

Rev. Louis Rawls, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, one of the

city's religious leaders was co-promoter of the show. He put up the money involved, it is said. Anyway he did something never seen before in the state of Illinois — he posted the purses of every fighter before a man entered the ring.

ANNUAL AFFAIR

This Carnival of Champions was listed as the first annual affair. Will there be more? Who will do the promoting? This column sought Dr. Rawls' own views on the situation, but at this time he is attending his denomination's annual convention. He probably will be able to give some insight and angles to the promotion that this corner has not seen.

Such a venture, put on for the best of purposes, needs the aid of the city's active churchmen on moral values alone should have been a success. But, somehow, something misused and charity lost although the fighters got their money.

The long-awaited Lee Savold-Bruce Woodcock relay match will finally be held next May. Promoter Jack Solomons declared last week he said the postponement of the fight from its original date of September 9 has fixed him to receive \$320,000 in advance money paid by 50,000 fans.

NO RIDING

Woodcock spoiled the season when he injured himself in a truck accident. To avoid a recurrence he has been ordered not to do any riding. He may not drive an automobile at night except in his home town of Doncaster (England), and he may not even take an airplane or glider trip.

Savold, who has been in England for several months awaiting the London bout has agreed not to do any horseback riding.

This bout will be for the Solomons British version of the heavy