

BACTERIA IN MILK WILL BE COUNTED

Results Will Be Published Every Month—First Work Done in Laboratory.

Sometime within the next month, probably about May 1, the people of Asheville will be told how many bacteria they are drinking daily in the milk which they buy from the dairies around the city. At least they will be told how many bacteria each cubic centimeter of the milk they drink contains and they may calculate how many millions will be contained in a quart. This will be done by Milk Inspector L. M. McCormick and his figures for publication will be obtained from examinations of milk in the city laboratory.

There has been some doubt expressed by the dairymen that the people generally would appreciate and understand what the bacteriological count of samples of milk means, but Mr. McCormick thinks that they may be made to understand. The method he proposes is to take samples of milk from all the dairies once every week and make a bacteriological examination. At the end of the month he will take averages of these four counts and publish a list showing the bacteria content of milk from these dairies.

That milk contains bacteria does not mean that it is harmful especially, for there are both good and bad bacteria, but there are no bacteria in the milk it comes from the cow and so the bacteria content simply indicates the attention the milk is given from the time it is milked until it is bottled for sale. A large content denotes carelessness and more likelihood of contamination.

There are almost no limits to the number of bacteria that may be found in ordinary milk but the methods of the health departments of various large cities have established standards for this content. The generally accepted limit for certified milk that may be fed to babies is 10,000 to the cubic centimeter, while anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000 is set as the maximum for general use. The latter number will probably be used as the

standard maximum for Asheville at present.

The publication of the results of the examinations in the newspapers here will doubtless do much to encourage cleanliness and care with the milk in the dairies as this publication may materially affect the sales. The dairies will probably be divided into two divisions, A and B, the first to produce milk containing not over 50,000 bacteria and the latter above that number.

Already Mr. McCormick has made about 40 examinations and these show widely varying results. Bacteria are found in numbers from 5000 to 700,000 to the cubic centimeter. He thinks that the worst of this is probably due to carelessness on the part of the dairymen in not properly sealing their bottles. This, he says, comes naturally for them at this season, as the winter season causes very little trouble in souring milk and so produces carelessness. When the results are published, however, and the people understand what they mean, there will doubtless be more attention paid to these details of the business.

This work in the examination of milk is the first that has been done in the city laboratory, which opened several days ago. So far, too, it is the only class of work, as the preparations for other bacteriological examinations are not yet completed.

Today Mr. McCormick is setting the laboratory incubator in shape for the more difficult tests of determining diphtheria, typhoid, tubercular and other bacterial growths and he will soon begin these examinations for the benefit of the health department. The laboratory is strictly a bacteriological one and was established for the purpose of aiding the health department in making the city one of the most sanitary in the country. Heretofore these examinations for contagious disease bacteria have been made in a private laboratory when made at all.

Don't Have Asthma or Catarrh.

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Easily Seen Through.

May—"I wonder why Maude doesn't wear her new silk stockings?"
Fay—"Maybe she is saving up for a rainy day."

Negress Convicted of Murder.

Newport News, Va., April 10.—Virginia Christian, a young negro woman, who has been on trial in the Hampton circuit court for the past two days on a charge of murdering Mrs. Ida Virginia Belote, was yesterday afternoon found guilty of murder in the first degree and her punishment was fixed at death in the electric chair. Mrs. Belote, a widow with eight children, was found murdered at her home in Hampton March 18.

THE WEATHER

TEMPERATURE

	Lowest	Highest
	last night	yesterday.
Asheville	46	69
Atlanta	54	70
Augusta	54	74
Baltimore	54	70
Birmingham	56	74
Charleston	60	64
Charlotte	52	70
Jacksonville	62	72
Key West	72	78
Knoxville	56	72
Mobile	62	72
Montgomery	64	72
New Orleans	60	60
New York	50	60
Pittsburg	44	64
Raleigh	54	68
Savannah	60	70
Tampa	64	80
Washington	54	70
Wilmington	56	66

Normal for this date: Temperature 52; precipitation until 8 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Unsettled weather, with probably showers tonight or Thursday.

For North Carolina: Unsettled weather, probably showers tonight or Thursday; light to moderate west winds.

General Conditions Past 24 Hours.

The area of high barometric pressure, noted yesterday over the southeastern quarter of the country, continues slowly to recede off the coast of northern Florida and conditions are becoming increasingly unsettled over southeastern states.

The advance of a storm of considerable intensity from the northwest portion of the country will influence for unsettled weather, with probably showers in this vicinity tonight or Thursday, no material change in temperature being expected.

R. T. LINDLEY, Observer, Weather Bureau.



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THE PRINCESS THEATER TO BE MOST ATTRACTIVE

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The theater on Pack square which is being opened by the Carolina Amusement and Investment Company, Inc., will be known as the Princess theater. The work is progressing well and the theater, from present indications, will be one of the most attractive show houses in the state. The front lobby will have marble around the walls and tiling on the floor. A specially constructed seat has been ordered from the American Seating Company, Chicago, finished in olive green to blend with the color scheme of the house, which will be green, buff and ivory. In the center of the house there is a skylight 15 feet in diameter for ventilation. This extends through the second floor and through the roof of the building. There will also be an 8 by 20 foot opening in the rear of the building, which can be used as an exit. This will give the Princess theater the advantage of an air dome together with the advantage of a closed theater. This is the only picture house in the state that has a 15-foot skylight for ventilation purposes, it is said. This will give pure air ventilation instead of "artificial" air produced by electric fans, which only stir up the air. The ceiling is of metal and a new floor has been laid throughout the entire building. On one side there will be a ladies' retiring room and on the other side of the theater will be a telephone booth. This telephone will be convenient for physicians and patrons of the theater who are expecting important calls. This goes to show the progressiveness of the manager of this theater and that he is trying to give every advantage regardless of expense that may be found in a city theater. The seating space is ample, enough distance allowed to make it comfortable and the elevation is such that from each seat one can get an unobstructed view.

The Princess theater will open next Monday, April 15.

LOST ON ERRORS

Rutherford College Defeats Bingham, 6 to 3, at Connelly Springs.

On account of successive errors on the part of the fielders, the Bingham school baseball team lost the game to the Rutherford college team at Connelly Springs yesterday afternoon by the score of 6 to 3. The issue was in doubt until the last, and Bingham was in the lead two of three times. Covington pitched a good game and with proper support would have won. The batting of the Bingham boys was creditable, both Prens and Covington doing some heavy hitting.

The score follows:
R. H. E.
Rutherford 6 3 3
Bingham 3 3 3
Batting: Falls and Covington
Pitching: Prens and Covington

DIRECTORS OF Y.M.C.A. HEAR REPORT OF WORK

Committee on Repairs Named—Extension of Privileges to Boys—Other Business.

The directors of the Y. M. C. A. held a meeting last night at which several matters of importance were disposed of, reports were heard and many routine matters attended to. Among these was the appointing of a committee to see about repairs for the building. It was stated that the bath room needs repairs, some plastering must be replaced, a new roof is needed and new fire escapes should be installed.

The directors decided to give privileges for one night each week to the boys of the Doubleday club. These will be given gymnasium and Bible class privileges on Tuesday nights. Two other clubs, the class formerly under the probation officer and that from the factory district, will be given the same privileges, making about 100 boys in all.

A committee was also appointed to secure a site for a tennis court, as the older members have felt the need of one for a long time.

The directors appointed a committee to secure tents for the boys' camp and to decide on the location for the outing, which takes place in June.

C. H. Hobbs, one of the directors of the Blue Ridge association, reported satisfactory progress on the work where buildings are being erected which will exceed \$100,000 in cost. He thought the main building would be ready for occupancy by the first of June.

Secretary Ed. B. Brown submitted the following report:

Religious Department.
Total attendance at men's meetings, 686; total number men attending Bible classes, 258; total number boys attending Bible classes, (including probationers and factory boys), 292; grand total men and boys reached by religious department, 978.

Physical Department.
Men enrolled in gym classes, 80; sessions, 40; attendance 484; boys enrolled in gym classes, 145; sessions, 45; attendance, 1152; Montford boys gym class, sessions 5; attendance, 69; probationers and factory boys gym classes, sessions 8; attendance, 131; individual exercises, 159; basketball games, 3; attendance, 40; baseball games, 12; attendance, 210; total number taking baths, 2952.

Educational Department.
Classes, 6; enrollment 25; sessions, 76; attendance, 161.

Extension Work.
Meeting at Bingham school, attendance, 114; men's meetings at Florence hotel, 3; attendance, 115; men's meetings at Riverside club house, 5; attendance, 95; social work at Riverside club house, sessions, 5; attendance 95; night school classes Riverside club, 4; attendance, 16; gym work at Riverside, sessions, 5; attendance, 45; total number reached through extension work, 480.

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The Mary Garden Opera House—Prima Donna to Direct It—Americans Backing Scheme.

(By Marconi Transatlantic Wireless Telegraph to the New York Times.) Paris, April 1.—With reference to the report previously sent to the New York Times that a section of the actionaries of the Opera Comique are about to take over another theater and turn it into an opera house run on business lines, it is now rumored that an American syndicate, which is backing Mary Garden, is likely to join the French enterprise with a view to the French theater in the Boulevard des Italiens and making it a luxurious lyric house in which a modern, and especially a French repertoire will be given. It is further said that the American prima donna will have the artistic direction of it besides interpreting star roles.

Mary Garden will be the star on the night of the Parisian festival.

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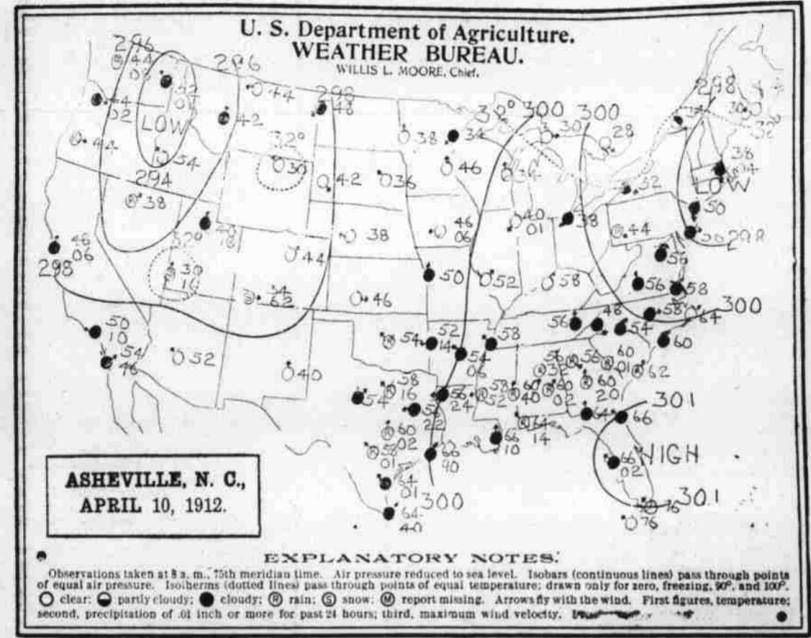
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