

Parents Praise Girl For \$10,000 Marriage Offer

New Lexington, O.,—Mary Clowes, who offered to marry the first man who would give her parents \$10,000, has received the blessing and praise of her aged father and mother.

She made the offer in New Eagle, Pa. Her parents live in a drab, frame house at Misco, one of the few remaining structures of a once prosperous mining village.

Mrs. Clowes is 60 a crippled woman who held crutches by her side as she sat before a coal stove and discussed "Mary's" strange idea.

Her story was that of adversity. "At first we didn't like it," she said, "but my husband said she was doing more than most girls would. Mary's a good girl."

Mrs. Clowes had 10 children. The family prospered when mining was good. They ran a small store.

Then, in 1925, Walter Clowes was killed in the mines. Carl was killed two years later by a chimney.

A mine strike was called. The Clowes' store failed. The miners moved away. William Clowes, the father, leased a mine. The mine was closed. Mary was forced to leave school. She went to Pennsylvania to work. She lost two jobs. Then came her offer of marriage for \$10,000, the money to go to her family.

JOBLESS PAID FOR WOODYARD WORK BY HOUR

Washington—Twenty-five cents an hour for sawing wood will be paid the itinerant unemployed in Washington by the District of Columbia Committee on Unemployment. Although the committee is a municipal government institution, its funds come from benefit shows and other forms of charity.

The municipal woodyard was set up under the direction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia as a sort of penal servitude establishment to drive itinerant jobless out of the city. The definition of "itinerant" is held to include all jobless who have lived in Washington less than one year. Sawing wood is regarded by the authorities as being the hardest kind of work, and they figure that three or four hours of it at 25 cents an hour will drive the wood cutters to some other more, or less hospitable community.

For jobless workers not classified as itinerant, the committee undertakes to provide a certain amount of work at 45 cents an hour in parks and playgrounds provided the jobless bring letters from two responsible citizens stating that they have lived in

the District for more than one year and that they are in need of work.

The work is performed under the direction of the Federal Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks, which is under the control of Congress. It is said that the penny-pinchers in the Federal Government look with favor on the scheme as it will decrease the amount of necessary appropriation for the upkeep of the parks and playgrounds and thus assist the administration in balancing its budget.

100 Million Years Old, Calculated

That is the calculated age of the sea, scientists say.

Father Neptune is at least 100,000,000 years old.

This minimum estimate of old ocean's birthday is reached by Prof. Adolph Knopf, chairman of the National Research Council committee on the age of the earth, from calculations of the amount of salt in the seas and the annual increase by drainage from continents.

The total salt content is approximately 160,000,000,000,000 tons. The seas are growing saltier at the rate of about 2,735,000,000 tons a year. In the beginning, it is assumed, ocean water was very nearly saltless. It has all come from land erosion.

But, Prof. Knopf finds the present rate of deposition of salt in the world's oceans may be from fifteen to twenty times greater than the average for all history. In any event the seas are growing saltier much faster than they have for extended periods in the past. This makes the computation very complicated.

Another complication arises from the fact that a small amount of salt, in comparison with the total is being pressed back and forth between land and ocean in a continuous cycle. This is known as "cyclic sodium," which escapes from ocean in spray, is blown far inland, and then returned with drainage.

The present amount of salt in the ocean, it is calculated, calls for the decomposition of 84,300,000 cubic miles of igneous rocks.

ESTATE LEFT TO WIDOW
Coolemeec — "Boxwood Lodge," \$100,000 estate of the late William Rabb Craig, New York, multi-millionaire, has been left to the widow, according to information received here recently. Boxwood is situated two miles southeast of here on highway No. 80 and contains 1,225 acres.

A Merry Christmas to You!

VETS GET CASH

Raleigh—The state department of labor secured \$22,196.78 in back compensation and \$1,205.30 in monthly income for veterans of this state last year.

4,201 ON HIGHWAYS

Raleigh—There are 4,201 prisoners working on the highways of the state.

WINE BRICK SALES HELD ILLEGAL IN NORTH CAROLINA

Termining the North Carolina prohibition laws more comprehensive in their application than the Federal prohibition laws, the State Attorney General's department recently held the sale and possession of "wine bricks" unlawful in this state.

The opinion, written by A. A. F. Seawell, assistant attorney general, was addressed to Phin Horton, Jr., Winston-Salem attorney, but it was stated at the department that Mr. Horton was only one of upwards of 50 persons who had requested a ruling on the subject.

Although the "bricks" have been on sale throughout the state for months, displayed openly at many soda fountains and drug stores, and were peddled by agents for months before being placed on sale recently, the Seawell opinion represents the first word in the matter from the State's legal authorities. It would hardly be safe to say that it will be the last, however, as the processes for bringing a test case to the Supreme court are simple.

In other states the "wine brick" question has been more in the limelight than here, and in some of them they have been held within the law. The Federal Farm Board has been liberal in its advances to California grape growers' association producing the raw product.

The opinion does not go into the legality of canned malt extract, which enjoys a wide sale in this state for what purpose there is little doubt. Nor would the Attorney General discuss that product, but it was observed that whereas the "wine bricks" carry directions for the making of a fermented beverage—or rather directions how not to make one the malt packages carry only recipes for making such eminently respectable home products as muffins and cakes and the like. There is not the slightest indication that the malt concentrate, by the addition of certain ingredients obtainable at any grocery, and the exercise of a little patience may be converted into a beverage carrying a "kick more powerful than any of the commercial prohibition ales."

APPALACHIAN WINS

The Appalachian football team defeated the Catawba outfit last Saturday in Charlotte in the charity tilt 13 to 6. This concluded the 1931 grid season for the Indians.

TOMBSTONE KILLS MAN

Beaufort—Theodore E. Adair, 76, was killed when a 3,000-pound tombstone fell from its base and struck him. The deceased was the father of a local undertaker.

SCOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Chapel Hill—A full scholarship, in the Culver Military Academy, valued at \$6,000, is now open to a North Carolina boy, it has been announced by Dr. Edgar W. Knight, chairman of the Culver Military academy scholarship committee in this state.

Hope For Snow Blasted By Blooming Dandelions

The thermometer, the barometer and the anemometer will have to work harder than they have lately if Santa Clause is to come a-sleigh-riding into Salisbury Thursday night.

For out in the fields, the dandelions are blooming—s'a fact!

There is a probability of rain on Christmas Eve; the Weather Man says it will turn colder—but snow: no such predictions.

The thermometer indicated its contempt for conventional Christmas weather by opening the week with springlike temperature. Slightly warmer weather is predicted for a day or so, and then cooler weather.

And even if the temperature does fall between now and Christmas, the odds are heavily against any snow for Santa Clause.

In the past forty years only six or seven respectable snows have fallen on the day before Christmas, and only three have occurred on Christmas day.

RAPID STUFF

Bald Student You say you can recommend this hair restorer?

Barber Yes, sir. I know a man who removed the cork from the bottle with his teeth and within 24 hours he had a mustache.

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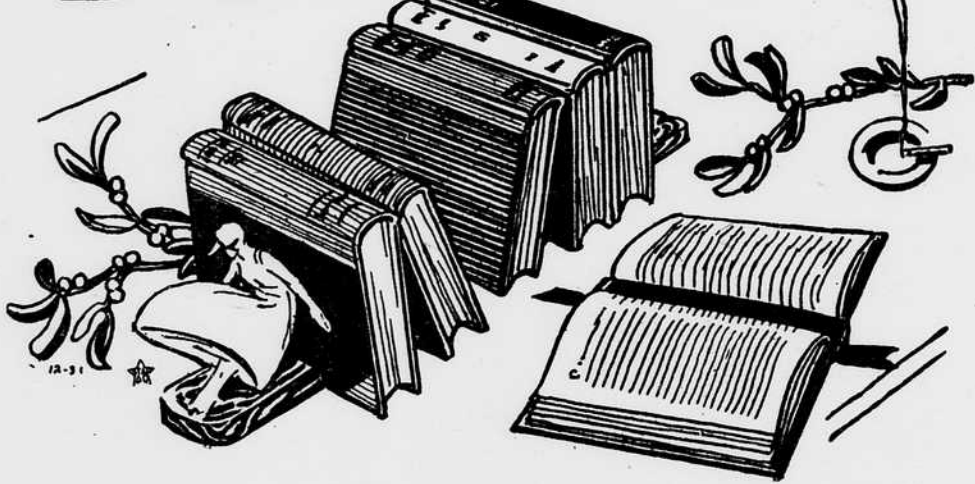
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Saint Joan, G. B. Shaw	\$2	Two People, A. A. Milne	\$3
Youth, Joseph Conrad	\$3	First Person Singular, W. S. Maugham	\$2
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