

LOCAL "Y" TRAINING MERE TOTS AS WELL AS SCHOOL CHILDREN

Takes Child of Kindergarten Age and Starts Training Them Under the Y. M. C. A. System.

KINDERGARTEN IS OF GREAT VALUE

Say Those Persons Who Have Enrolled Their Children With the Efficient Leader, Miss Hallem.

In a recent address delivered in Concord, an out-of-town speaker declared that this city had the most unusual Y. M. C. A. he had ever visited, remarkable in that it took the children when they were still tiny tots and began training them.

The statement was altogether true. The local Y does begin working with the children at the age of four, gives them physical and mental training in the kindergarten, and watches as they grow older until the time when they go to college.

This year is the first in which the children have been taken at the age of four.

The kindergarten was begun only last fall but was so successful that plans are being made to continue it next year.

To take over the work of starting the kindergarten, Y officials considered a number of applicants and finally selected Miss Berta Hallem of Richmond Hill, N. Y. to fill the place.

Miss Hallem gives her entire morning to the work, doing regular kindergarten work in teaching the children to play, to draw, and preparing them for primary school work.

There are two of these classes. One meets at Number 2 School and the other at the Brown-Norcott Mill School.

Mr. Johnson's club work is at the following places: Number 2 School, where he has a club of 25 boys.

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The steady grind wins a steady stream of money. The organ-grinder, he knows that pennies and nickels and dimes mount up to dollars.

He gets his whole living from small sums—so does Woolworth. Here's your lesson: if you will lay aside the little small change now and then, the total will surprise you.

Cut the needless expenses. Lay by a little here and there now and then. Invest those savings in our association where you get the benefit of splendid earnings.

Your friend is doing it. Your next door neighbor is also. Hundreds and hundreds of people in this town are climbing to success by this same method.

Why don't you? Take some shares in Series No. 55 now open. Assets over \$1,100,000.00.

CABARRUS COUNTY B. L. & SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OFFICE IN CONCORD NATIONAL BANK

Breaks Record



This 17-year-old Toronto high school girl is the proud possessor of a world record. In a recent tournament she leaped four feet, 11 inches in the running high jump, smashing the former mark by half an inch.

THE AUTO RACES

Freely Predicted That Track Record at Charlotte Will Be Shattered.

Charlotte, April 14.—The super-racer with the superchargers—forecasting super-speed—will be the outstanding feature of Charlotte's speed classic here on May 11th.

A coupe car that carried Tommy Milton, Benny Hill, Peter DePaolo and Harry Hartz around the Culver City bowl at the unprecedented speed of 135 miles an hour, will whiz around the Charlotte oval in the May 11th race.

Race enthusiasts who saw the big classic here last October will remember the memorable speed duel between Tommy Milton and Earl Cooper.

Mr. Wagner will be present to wave the checkered flag in the Charlotte races on May 11th.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Advance of 2 to 5 Points.—July Declined From 24.55 to 24.40.

New York, April 14.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 2 to 5 points on overnight buying, but was brought in by yesterday's complaint of insufficient rainfall in the southwest, and reports that the emergence of boll weevil from hibernation might be heavy in the southern states.

Cotton futures opened steady, May 24.22; July 24.55; Oct. 24.35; Dec. 24.45; Jan. 24.20.

COTTON CONSUMPTION STILL ON INCREASE

During March 582,674 Bales Were Consumed Compared With 550,132 in February.

Washington, April 14.—Cotton consumed during March aggregated 582,674 bales of lint and 58,945 of linters, compared with 550,132 of lint and 50,598 of linters in February this year, and 485,640 of lint and 41,197 of linters in March last year, the census bureau today announced.

Declares "He Men" Are Becoming Scarce

New York, April 13.—The "He-men" is slipping out of the picture and men are adopting feminine ways just as rapidly as women are becoming masculine in their outlook on life, Dr. Charles Gray Shaw, of New York University, said in a discussion of the social problems evolved because of the emancipation of women.

When men began to wear soft hats, silk socks, pearl colored spats, lace pajamas and embroidered bathrobes, the process of feminization gained a good start, Dr. Shaw said. Even the safety razor contributed.

THOUSANDS OF FANS WELCOME BASEBALL AFTER WINTER REST

Major Leagues Start 1925 Grind Today, With Prospects Good for a Mighty Fine Season.

OTHER LEAGUES TO START TODAY, ALSO

Southern and American Associations Start, and One Game Is Scheduled for the International.

Chicago, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Baseball fandom today started its annual pilgrimage to National and American league arenas for the initial battles of a six months campaign for baseball leadership.

Fresh front weeks of limbering up in Southern and Western camps but handicapped also by an unusually long list of injured players, sixteen major league teams were prepared for the opening of the affray and will bring the national game back to the limelight after months of winter sports.

As the two major leagues dressed for action the summertime sport also got underway in several other circuits. The American Association and Southern Association seasons had openings today, while one game in the International League was scheduled.

With many of the major aggregations strengthened by infusion of new blood, and with encouraging pre-season records in training camp games, managers expressed optimism on the season's outlook.

ADMIT THEY WERE MEMBERS OF MOB

Deny They Had Any Part in Actual Attack on Needleman.

Williamston, April 13.—Most of the men who have been arrested in connection with the attack on Joseph A. Needleman have confessed to having been in the crowd that formed on the night of the attack. No one has confessed to having had a part in the mutilation of the young man and few of those who have confessed have even admitted that they went as far as the jail.

John Gray Corey and Clarence Gurkin, who came from the neighborhood where the Griffin girl, who said Needleman attacked her, lived, have signed statements that thirteen men from that neighborhood, acting on invitation, joined the mob on the night of the attack, but with the possible exception of three all left before the jail was reached.

EDENHOUSE EMPEROR SITE FOR BRIDGE IS CHOSEN

\$600,000 Bridge Over Lower Chowan River to Be Built at That Point.

Raleigh, April 14.—The State Highway Commission has decided in favor of the Edenhouse Emperor site, five miles above Edenton as the location of the new \$600,000 bridge across the lower Chowan River. Coleman also made a vigorous fight for the bridge, offering a contribution of \$100,000. The Bertie commissioners voted four to one for the Coleman site, and have offered \$150,000 upon condition that from the bridge, whenever built, a road be constructed to the county seat at Windsor.

Coolidge Releases Pay for Guardsmen

Washington, April 14.—Expenditure during the next fiscal year of \$1,742,800 for army pay of National Guard units for regular drill and other purposes has been authorized by President Coolidge after an investigation by the executive.

The money is for use only during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, but the President's action permits the War Department to undertake obligations and make necessary contracts now, although financial settlements will not be made until the new year has begun.

The only amount which may not be expended is an item of \$12,000 provided specifically to cover employment of additional national guard officers in the militia bureau in Washington.

The President's action on the funds, which covers excess of budget figures voted by Congress for the fiscal year, is in line with that he took recently on a deficiency appropriation \$1,130,000 for army pay for this fiscal year, which had been voted by Congress over the budget bureau's disapproval.

A substantial portion of the excess budget estimates for next year goes to increase the regular appropriations for national guard army drill pay.

Salisbury Lets Contract for College Dormitory

Salisbury, April 13.—A new dormitory to be erected at Catawba College goes to P. C. Wood, a Salisbury contractor, who is to have the building ready for occupancy when the first session of the college in Salisbury begins in September. The dormitory will be three stories in part and two in part, of brick and containing 32 bedrooms and two reception halls. The building will correspond with the one already on the ground and this old building is to be repaired and put in shape by the same contractor.

Kenneth Wagner Under Arrest

Bristol, Va., April 14.—Kenneth Wagner, alleged slayer of Policeman John Smith, of Kingsport, and Deputy Sheriff Herbert Webb of Bluff City, who was shot and killed at Kingsport yesterday, was apprehended today and is in the Blountville, Tenn., jail, authorities here were notified by telephone.

JIMISON TO PAY FINE OF \$500.00

Charlotte, April 14.—A fine of \$500 was substituted in city court today for the 60-day road sentence imposed on Tom Jimison, former Methodist minister, when he was convicted of violating the prohibition law.

Jimison announced that he would pay the fine rather than work the road sentence. Former Governor Cameron Morrison made a plea in behalf of the prisoner.

WILL TEST SANITY OF MRS. ANNA CUNNINGHAM

Meanwhile Tests Will Be Made to Determine Whether Her Relatives Were Poisoned.

Crown Point, Ind., April 14.—Authorities here prepared today to test the sanity of Mrs. Anna Cunningham, of Gary, Ind., held in a hospital ward at the county jail while coroners, chemists of two states sought to establish whether five members of her family were killed with arsenic.

The cursory examination of the bodies of Walter and Harry, her sons, exhumed yesterday from a cemetery near Valparaiso, Ind., indicated, Dr. McNally, Chicago coroner chemist said, that they died of unnatural causes. Portions of the organs were sent to Chicago and to Purdue University at LaFayette for complete examination and reports.

Mrs. Cunningham Collapses

Crown Point, Ind., April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Mrs. Anna Cunningham, of Gary, Ind., collapsed, today in her cell in the Lake County jail where she is being held in connection with the deaths of her husband and four children within six years. She passed into a coma and physicians believe it impossible to remove her to Gary for a sanity hearing set for 2 p. m.

"COAL BALLS" TELL STORY OF MILLIONS OF YEARS

Perfectly Preserved Fossil Plants Indicate World Much Older Than Estimated.

"Coal balls" contain perfectly preserved fossil plants of the kind that formed the coal beds of the world in the Carboniferous Age. The first "coal ball" to be discovered in America was found in Illinois in 1922.

These peculiar formations have been found in Europe, and have given to science an accurate knowledge of the plants that lived on the earth during the period when the coal beds were being laid down.

When one of these coal balls found near Harrisburg, Ill., in 1922, was examined microscopically it was found to contain the stem of a flowering plant similar to a present day cornstalk. This discovery appears to disprove previously conceived theories of the age of the earth, as the coal balls of Europe have revealed only club mosses, horsetails and other of the lowest forms of plant life.

The discovery in a coal ball of a flowering plant, a type of life that science believed was developed millions of years after the coal beds were formed, indicates that the world is a few hundred millions years older than it previously had been believed to be.

TARDY BOOK BORROWERS PAY \$10.000 IN FINES

Puzzles and Other Indoor Sports Do Not Count Demerit.

New York, April 14.—Tardy and delinquent book borrowers at the New York Public Library and its 44 branch libraries paid fines of more than \$10,000 during 1924. It was revealed in the annual report of the trustees which Director E. H. Anderson made public tonight.

Neither radio, movies nor crossword puzzles caused any important decrease in the use of books during the 12 months, Director Anderson reported.

The library system operated on a fiscal scale equal to many large corporations, the treasurer reporting total disbursements of almost \$2,200,000.

WOMAN DIES FROM EFFECTS OF POISON

Alleged That She Took Poison After Being Attacked by D. C. Stephenson.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 14.—The 28-year-old woman alleged to have been the victim of an attack by D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, died today.

The young woman had been in a critical condition several days as the result of poison which she told her parents she took at Hammond, Ind., following Stephenson's attack. Stephenson was indicted on five charges by a grand jury after an investigation.

Fleet for More Maneuvers

San Francisco, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Departure of the United States steamship fleet, flagship of the United States fleet for Hawaii, today marked the beginning of the exodus of the grand fleet of the United States for the war game in the waters of the island territory. The most extensive and important joint army-navy maneuvers ever held in the Pacific is contemplated.

To Increase Indebtedness of the "Pennys"

Philadelphia, April 14.—The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Railroad stockholders today authorized the board of directors to increase the indebtedness of the company \$100,000,000 for future financing.

Claim Poison Was Found in Body of Mrs. McClintock. Chicago, April 14.—Sufficient mercury to kill a person in ten days was found in the body of Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, according to a coroner's chemist, Dr. McNally submitted to Coroner Wolf today.

SHOTGUN WOUND IS FATAL FOR JUSTICE OF VIRGINIA COURT

Judge Joseph L. Kelly Died at His Home 30 Minutes After Load From Shotgun Entered His Left Side.

SHOT WAS ACCIDENT HIS FAMILY SAID

Reported by Relatives That Judge Kelly Was Walking Down the Basement Stairs When Gun Went Off.

Bristol, Va., April 14.—Judge Joseph L. Kelly, of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, died at his home here this morning thirty minutes after a load from a shotgun had entered his left side.

Relatives said the Supreme Court justice was going down stairs to the basement when the shotgun went off, the entire charge entering his side. Every available provision was hurriedly summoned when the report of the exploding shell and the cries of the family were heard by neighbors, but no hope was held out.

Judge Kelly showed considerable improvement in health since his return from Florida, and was seen often on the golf links here. His second appointment to the supreme bench was made on February 21st, last. He was originally selected in 1915 to serve until 1927.

Relatives later declared that Judge Kelly and his son started to the basement after a at. The boy, it was declared, insisted on taking his rifle but the father told him he would take his shotgun instead. The family said the jurist had just started to descend the stairs which they described as faulty in construction, when he fell and the gun was discharged. It was found fifteen feet from Judge Kelly's unconscious form.

Relatives also declared that the Supreme Court judge regained consciousness before he died and told them the gun was discharged accidentally.

NEW YORK IS WARNED AGAINST BOOTLEG MILK

Dealers in Illegal Product Underlined Honest Vendors.

New York, April 14.—Charges that "milk bootleggers" were selling adulterated, impure and illegal milk products all over New York city were made today by Harold G. Orona, publicity representative of the Republican County Committee.

Mr. Orona asserted impure cream, adulterated with preservatives and cocoonut oil, was being brought openly into the city from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Canada and other distant points in direct violation of the health regulations. The "milk bootleggers," he declared, were underlining honest dealers by from \$4 to \$6 a can.

Mrs. E. C. Johnston Dies at Home in Mooresville

Mooresville, April 13.—Mrs. E. C. Johnston, aged 74 years, died at her home two miles east of Mooresville Friday, after an illness of two weeks with pneumonia. She was a daughter of late John P. Patterson, of Cabarrus county, and was one of the best known and most active women of the Coddle Creek Church neighborhood. About eight years ago Mr. and Mrs. Johnston moved to this city to live, but moved back to their country home some time ago. Besides her husband, she is survived by the following children: Graham, Mason, Fred and John Johnston; Mrs. H. B. Emerson and Misses Carrie, Mary and Martha Johnston, all of this vicinity, and Mrs. L. M. Slodd, a missionary located at Bolivia, South America. Surviving sisters are Mrs. W. F. Smith, Mrs. John F. Gouger; brothers, R. L. Patterson, of Texas; W. S. Patterson, of Stony Point. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Coddle Creek A. B. P. Church, conducted by Rev. I. N. Kennedy.

Mrs. Mary Safrin Dies From Injuries by Fall

Salisbury, April 13.—A fall proved fatal to Mrs. Mary B. Safrin, 93-year-old woman of the St. Paul neighborhood, whose death resulted this afternoon. Mrs. Safrin was the widow of William Safrin and is survived by several stepchildren and a number of grandchildren. She was a member of the Salisbury Primitive Baptist congregation, but the funeral and interment will take place at St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Asked to Form Ministry in Belgium

Brussels, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Emile Vanderveelde, socialist leader and former minister of justice, was summoned by King Albert this morning and requested to form a ministry to succeed the cabinet of Premier Theunis, which resigned on April 5th. M. Vanderveelde agreed to undertake the task.

George F. Fortner Rescued

Washington, April 14.—George F. Fortner, an American citizen employed by the Pennsylvania-Mexican Fuel Company, and abducted on April 6th by Mexican bandits near Tuxtlan, has been rescued by Mexican federal soldiers, says a report to the State department from Charles Bay, the American consul at Tampico.

Dame Ellen Terry, Recently Honored by King George, Began Her Stage Career at the Age of Eight Years Under the Great Charles Keen

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For President



Former Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has accepted the nomination of the "Empire bloc" as its candidate for presidency of the German republic.

NEW POSTAGE RATES

Important Changes to Go Into Effect Tomorrow.

Washington, D. C., April 14.—Important changes in postage rates, bearing upon nearly all lines of business, will come into effect throughout the United States tomorrow. The new rates are made under the recent act of Congress granting postal employees a general raise of \$300 a year and providing revenue from the mails.

Beginning tomorrow all picture post cards or private mailing cards will require a 2-cent stamp, while the common government postcard will continue to cost one cent. Another feature will be the issuance of fractional postage stamps, to cost 1-1/2 cents and 4-1/2 cents, for convenience in mailing certain classes of mail calling for fractional postage. Considerable increases will be made on registered mail, money orders and insurance. There will be no increase in the rates on first class mail.

Mail of the third class will embrace all matter now included in the third and fourth classes up to and including eight ounces in weight.

The new fourth class will include all matter heretofore in the third and fourth classes from eight ounces in weight and not exceeding 70 pounds in the first, second and third zones, and not exceeding 50 pounds in any of the other zones.

The rate of postage on all matter in the new third class will be 1-1/2 cents for each two ounces or fraction of two ounces, up to and including eight ounces in weight, except that the rate of postage on books, catalogues, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants, not exceeding eight ounces in weight, shall continue to be one cent.

The present fourth class pound rates, according to distance or zone, will apply to all matter weighing more than eight ounces, except that of the first and second classes, and in addition thereto there will be a service charge of two cents for each parcel, except upon parcels originating on rural routes, such charge to be paid in the same manner as the regular postage. Parcels mailed on rural routes should be indorsed "mailed on rural route" in order that the parcels will show that they are exempt from the service charge.

Parcels will be given special handling if the regular fourth class rates with the 2-cent service charge and 25 cents additional postage on each parcel is prepaid, provided such parcel is prominently indorsed by the sender "special handling" in the space below the postage stamps and above the address. These parcels will receive the same handling, transportation and delivery accorded mail matter of the first class.

Unsealed circulars containing no writing must bear postage at the rate of 1-1/2 cents for each two ounces or fraction thereof. Under the new regulations a money order shall not be issued for more than \$100, and the fees for domestic orders shall be as follows: For orders exceeding \$2.50 and not exceeding \$5, 7 cents. For orders exceeding \$10 and not exceeding \$20, 10 cents. For orders exceeding \$20 and not exceeding \$40, 15 cents. For orders exceeding \$40 and not exceeding \$60, 18 cents. For orders exceeding \$60 and not exceeding \$80, 20 cents. For orders exceeding \$80 and not exceeding \$100, 23 cents.

To Put a Stop to the Mad Dog Epidemic

Salisbury, April 14.—The Rowan county board of health has determined to put a stop to the epidemic of mad dogs. A special officers has been employed who will travel the entire county, including Salisbury, and kill all dogs not properly protected by law. The regular officers have killed a number of animals since the board decrees that all unmuzzled dogs must go but the ever increasing number of persons applying for the Pasteur treatment has caused the board to put on a special officer.

Bank Teller Killed by Bandits

Detroit, April 14.—Chas. Taggart, teller of the branch of the American State Bank at Oregon Avenue and Epworth Boulevard, was shot and killed by three men who held up the bank shortly after noon today. The men scooped up an undetermined amount of money and escaped.

Miss Marion Talbot, dean of women at the University of Chicago, since it started thirty-three years ago, is to retire from her position at the end of the present school year. Miss Talbot is 67 years old and that is the principal reason for her desiring to retire.

BRIAND MINISTRY IS TO BE FORMED, HE TELLS PRESIDENT

Former French Premier Declines to Form New Ministry When Socialists Refuse to Give Support to Him.

SOCIALISTS HOLD BIG POWER NOW

And Briand Was Not Willing to Assume Leadership of New Ministry Without Full Cooperation From All.

Paris, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—M. Briand will decline to form a new French ministry, having been informed by the socialists that they will refuse to enter his cabinet. M. Briand will go to the Elysee-Palace to inform President Doumergue of his decision.

Paris, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—The national council of the socialist party, by a unanimous vote this afternoon decided that the party would refrain from participation in the proposed Briand government.

Makes Definite Decision

Paris, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Former Premier Briand shortly after six o'clock this evening definitely decided to abandon the attempt to form a cabinet in succession to the Herriot ministry.

LIQUOR VALUED AT HALF MILLION SEIZED ON VESSEL

Liquor Seized After Coast Guard Cutter Chased Vessel 150 Miles.

New York, April 14.—Capture of the three masted auxiliary British schooner Madeline Adams yesterday by the coast guard cutter Seminole after a chase of 150 miles off the New York coast, was reported today when the schooner was brought into port with its crew of nine men as prisoners, and its liquor cargo valued at \$500,000 under seizure.

Coast guard officials said the Madeline Adams was the schooner from which the Government patrol boat 203 obtained 300 cases of whiskey and champagne on Saturday when an alleged conspiracy to smuggle liquor from run row on government boats was uncovered with the arrest of two men who were held as agents of the rum fleet.

ASKS ROUMANIA ABOUT DEBTS WITH THIS COUNTRY

Want to Know Why It Has Not Discussed Debt Funding With the United States.

Washington, April 14.—Minister Jay at Bucharest has presented a communication to the Roumanian government calling attention to the fact that government has negotiated debt refunding agreements with other nations, but has taken no such action in connection with its debt to the United States. Roumania's debt to last November was \$36,128,495 in principal, and \$9,447,000 in interest.

With Our Advertisers

United States and Godfrey garden hose, and a complete line of garden hools and plows at Ritchie Hardware Co. The Sanitary Grocery Co. gives you the best of service at Moderate prices. Springtime is straw hat time. Let M. R. Pounds clean your straw hat for you. Car load of Automatic refrigerators at Concord Furniture Co., and special prices on them now. Take some shares in series No. 55 of the Cabarrus County B. L. & S. Association, now open. Office in Concord National Bank. Shoes for dad, mother, sister and brother at Ehrf's.

Find Poison in Body of Walter Cunningham

Chicago, April 14.—Poison was found in the body of Walter Cunningham, 13 years old, who was exhumed yesterday at Valparaiso, Ind., and whose mother, Mrs. Anna Cunningham, is being held in jail at Crown Point, Ind. Dr. W. D. McNally, coroner's physician, reported today.

Homes Threatened When Dam Broke

Detroit, April 14.—Scores of families in the valley of the Huron River, between Flat Rock and Lake Erie, were driven from their homes early today when the dam at the power plant of the Ford Motor Co. at Flat Rock burst and released millions of gallons of water into the valley.

Hats decorated with imitations of insects, more or less lifelike, are being shown by Paris milliners. So far they have not proved very popular.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS



Generally fair tonight, warmer in extreme west and north-central portions Wednesday partly cloudy, possibly local thundershowers in west portions.