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IN AND ABOUT THE CITY

CENTURY MARK ALMOST REACHED BY STATE DENTIST
Dr. Adams, of Free Dental Clinic, Treated Total of 97 Children Last Week.
Last week was another busy one for Dr. P. Y. Adams, state dentist, who is conducting the free dental clinic for school children in the offices of the county health department at the county building on Church Street. During the week ending July 31st he examined and treated no less than 97 patients and the work he did would have cost very nearly \$400 if done in a private dental office.
Work at the dental clinic will go on in full blast until August 4th at least. Children who have kept putting off making appointments should get in touch with the authorities of the health department at once. It is scarcely a month now until school opens up and it is very important that all children be examined and treated before that time.
Following is Dr. Adams' report for last week:
Total number children examined for dental treatment—97.
Total number children treated for dental treatment—97.
Amount and class of treatment itemized as follows:
Amalgam fillings—88.
Cement fillings—10.
Silver nitrate treatments—5.
Abscesses treated—4.
Teeth extracted—88.
Children's teeth cleaned—90.
Miscellaneous treatments—2.
Children referred to local dentist—18.
Total cost (conservative estimate) if done in private office—\$373.

ONLY SIX DEATHS IN CITY REPORTED IN JULY
Total Smallest Reported in Concord For the Past Eighteen Months.
Only six deaths in Concord in July were reported in figures given to W. M. Sherrill, registrar of vital statistics for Concord. It is said that the deaths of several colored persons are not included in the total which does, however, include the deaths of all white persons who expired during the month.
The total, Mr. Sherrill finds, is the smallest during the past eighteen months. Seven deaths were reported with the July figures but one occurred in January and was just being reported.
Twenty-seven births were reported, only ten of them being babies born in July, however. In this connection Mr. Sherrill points out that the birth reports came from only two physicians and two mid-wives, so the total for the month probably would reach twenty or more had all physicians made their reports.
Of the seven deaths reported five were of white people. Five of the dead were females and three of the deaths were babies who died at birth. Of the twenty-seven births reported twenty-one were males. Of the total sixteen were white children and there was not an illegitimate birth reported in the total.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.
The baseball game between the Junior "Y" team and Brown Mill yesterday was rained out in the first inning with the Juniors leading 8 to 2, the result of a whirlwind start. Maybe the rain kept the boys from running themselves to death.
The senior baseball team of the "Y" will play their outfit representing Kerr Bleachery Saturday afternoon on Webb Field. Everybody is invited to come out and see the game.
The regular weekly movie program will be held on the lawn of the "Y" tonight. Pictures will start just as soon as darkness will permit.
Every person who wants to join a life-saving class is requested to get in touch with J. W. Denny at once. They are two classes, one the Junior for boys and girls up to 18 years old, and the other the senior for men and women over 18. Graduates of these classes receive diplomas from the American Red Cross and from the Y. M. C. A. Life Saving Department.
Beginning September 1, there will be a first aid class for men and boys under the direction of Mr. Denny. Those men and boys interested should turn in their names at once.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT TALK
The singles finals between the Bell brothers this afternoon will mark the fourth time they have met to decide the winner in the history of city tennis championships. Leslie won in 1918, and Robert in 1923 and 1924.
Matches in the doubles tournament will not begin until Monday. The finals should be played about Thursday.
The court is in good shape today following the rain of yesterday afternoon and last night. The fastest tennis of the tournament this afternoon in the finals of the singles should be the result of the aid given by Jure Fluvius.
New wiring has been put around the wicker seats of the fence to keep the contestants from having to expend all their energy chasing balls that hop through.
J. W. Denny announced this morning that letters had been sent out to the Y. M. C. A. of the state who will send representatives to the tournament to be held here August 27th and 28th urging them to get through their local contests and get lined up for the matches here.
Egyptians believe the crocodile brings luck, and one of the first lessons taught children is to gaze intently upon every crocodile that they are fortunate enough to come across.

MEDLIN ON STAND IN DEFENSE OF HIS LIFE

Local Officer Tells of Events Leading Up to Fatal of Mark Simpson. Following is the story from Monroe covering proceedings in the Medlin trial Thursday:
Monroe, Aug. 5.—Argument started at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the trial of A. B. Medlin, deputy sheriff of Cabarrus county and policeman of the city of Concord, charged with the killing of Mark Simpson in the northern part of Union county, on March 25, and it is expected that the case will reach the jury by noon tomorrow.
The high spots in the day's proceedings was the testimony of Medlin in his own defense, in which he attempted to explain the presence of arms on his person in a neighboring county, in which he had no jurisdiction, and the story of the slaying as related by the widow of the deceased, who declared she and her husband were on their way to a neighborhood store to purchase provisions and that the fact that Simpson's sleeves were rolled up was because it was a habit he had acquired while working in the mills.
The prosecution attempted to show that Medlin was a man of excitable nature, and that he had been in difficulties before, one particular instance being the occasion of an alleged robbery in which he and his brother were said to have participated near the scene of the Simpson killing. The allegation Officer Medlin denied emphatically.
At the close of yesterday's session the state had put up three witnesses and rested. The defense opened this morning with near a score of character witnesses, consisting of the various county and city officials of Cabarrus county and Concord. Witness after witness, without a single exception, testified to the good character of Officer Medlin, while Solicitor Don Phillips sought in vain to extract from them some expression tending to show that Medlin is nervous and easily excited. Failing in this, the solicitor guarded the jury box with bulldog tenacity lest incompetent expressions might be uttered before it.
The defendant took the stand and consumed one hour in relating the story of the killing and undergoing a rapid and gruff cross-examination. Briefly stated, the story of defendant Medlin is that he went on the morning of March 25 from his home in Concord to his farm in Union county pursuant to an engagement made to arrange with his tenant, Briton H.C.M.s, for the securing of farm supplies. He went, he said, the nearest and logical route to the farm. In going he passed the house of the man whom he later shot, Mark Simpson.
When he arrived at his farm, he found Helms and his wife planting onions near the roadside. Near them were J. C. Simpson, father of Mrs. Helms and Mark Simpson, who was killed, and Henry Helms, nephew of the dead man. After a 15 minutes conversation the defendant saw the car coming down the road in a rapid and swaggering manner, and he remarked that the driver must be drunk. The car, in which were Mark Simpson and his wife, was driven to within 20 feet of where the defendant was standing, and the brakes were applied in such a manner as to make a short stop.
The man who was shot, Mark Simpson, sprang from the car, shooked his coat and walked rapidly toward the defendant, rolling his sleeves. He said, the defendant testified, "Mr. Medlin, what have you been talking about me for?" "I have not been talking about you," Medlin said he replied, "You are a d— liar and I am going to beat you half to death," Simpson retorted according to Medlin.
The defendant pulled his black-jack and walked backward. Simpson approached and took hold of the blackjack. After a scuffle, the defendant testified, Simpson produced his knife from his pocket with his right hand, and Medlin drew his revolver and shot him, first in the left side, and again over the left kidney, and the senior for men and women over 18. Graduates of these classes receive diplomas from the American Red Cross and from the Y. M. C. A. Life Saving Department.
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