

Millionaire Kresge Sues for Divorce; First Wife, Who Divorced Him, Aided in Building Up His Huge Fortune



Last year the couple settled a \$2,000,000 suit brought by the wife and walked arm in arm out of court.



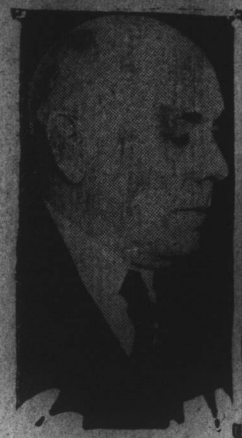
Mrs. Doris Mercer Kresge had accused husband of being a "tight-wad."



His first wife, who divorced him in 1924, worked with him behind counter of their five-and-ten-cent store.



Ruth Kresge daughter by first wife, aided with mother.



S. S. Kresge, multi-millionaire top-coast store magnate, seeks divorce.



The present Mrs. Kresge is a sister to one of Kresge's secretaries. She is twenty-five years his junior.



Mrs. Doris Mercer Kresge. The multi-millionaire first sued for divorce in 1924.

Record Crowd is Predicted For Kentucky Derby This Year

Louisville, Ky., May 13.—(INS)—"They're off" is the cry that will bring thousands to their feet Saturday at the running of America's foremost test of equine speed and endurance, the historic Kentucky Derby, where will be assembled the sporting blood of all the country.

The Kentucky Derby, beautiful Churchill Downs; racy gowned women and satin-coated, blooded horses, and the traditions of the race, all these go to make up the most celebrated sporting event in America, a race which even those paying much higher stakes cannot equal for popularity.

While many of the blue-veined in American horsemanship have not been conditioned by May and therefore cannot be entered, the race always sees a brilliant field assembled. And, just for the sake of "Lady Luck," weather eyes should be peeled on Black Panther this year. In 1924 Black Gold thundered down the home stretch to sweep the field; in 1925 Flying Ebony was the royal weaver of the horseshoe. Last year the reign of darkness was broken by Bubbling Over, but this year another dark contender looms.

The Belmont stakes, the Preakness, at Pimlico, Saratoga, with its clean-lined, flashy 3-year-olds, all have a strong following, yet after all due praise to them and the cream of the equine world which they assemble, the Kentucky Derby still towers majestically over them. And for winning a race, there is not a jockey in the country that would not rather sit the winner of the Derby than any other race in his country, regardless of richer purses.

And why? The Derby is run without the slightest odor of suspicion being attached to it. There is tradition with a capital "T" behind it; there is the unsurpassed beauty of historic Churchill Downs as the scene for it, and there is the meaning which the state of Kentucky, as a breeding place for dainty, blue-blooded horses, has for all lovers of the "sport of Kings." Although racing is looked down upon by some, the Derby rises above all prejudice.

Baseball, football, other sports, all have their devotees and followers, yet when it comes to the wild, thunderous

applause, the acknowledgement of thousands, nothing equals a horse race. And the secret—class. Class, once described by a follower of pure bred horses as "that intangible quality in a human or animal's make-up that makes him keep going when his legs are through, when his wind is spent, and his strength a thing of the past." And that spells the difference in a champion and a near-champion, not only in the race track of horsehood, but on the race track of life.

Due to the Derby being run in May, few years have seen its winners returned the "first horse in America" for the year. In fact, most of the time, the Derby winner has come to the front with his name blazoned across newspapers throughout the country as the winner of the Churchill Downs classic, and then dropped plummet-like into obscurity. Look back over the record and it will be seen that for the last nine years, the winner of the Derby has been the outstanding 3-year-old on but three occasions.

Exterminator continued not only to tread the path of glory after winning the Derby in 1918, but for succeeding years. Sir Barton, J. K. L. Ross stable entry, led the Derby field and was the leading 3-year-old in 1919. In 1923 Zev showed his heels in the Derby and hung up other notable victories.

But regardless of data, the Derby is the Derby. And this year the assembled thousands will see one of the flashiest fields in its history. In fact, such is the class of the 1927 entries, the horse that scampers home first in this year's race, may continue to lead for the remainder of 1927.

Ohio Boy Murderer, At 16, Awaits Electric Chair; To Die August 11

By JULIAN CAPERS, JR., International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Columbus, Ohio, May 13.—A 16-year-old boy—the youngest prisoner ever sentenced to die in the electric chair and one of the youngest slayers to receive the death penalty in the country—is in Ohio penitentiary here, awaiting the execution of a death sentence scheduled for August 11.

He is Floyd Hewitt, a tall, gangling, overgrown country youth, condemned for one of the most brutal double slayings in the nation's criminal annals.

Hewitt lived in a small village, Conant, in Northern Ohio, with his mother, who was separated from his father. Across the road from his mother's home lived his two victims, Mrs. Ceila Brown, 30, and her little son, Fred Brown, Jr., the wife and only child, respectively, of a railroad brakeman.

Slipped By Woman.

The Brown family had a radio, and as Floyd, the neighbor boy was excessively fond of music, he frequently spent his evenings at their home, listening to concerts and "keeping company" with Mrs. Brown, who was nervous because her husband worked late at night, and left her and the baby alone in their little cottage.

One night last February, according to a confession which Hewitt gave soon after his arrest, he sat on a sofa with Mrs. Brown, listening to the music, while the child played on the floor of the living room.

"I listened to the music, until it kind of made me drunk—crazy with

love," Hewitt told the sheriff. He attempted improper advances to Mrs. Brown, and she slapped him.

Then the youth, in a frenzy of rage, seized a poker and bent the woman to death. Meanwhile, the little boy, screaming with terror, fled to the basement, and Hewitt, fearful that the child's cries would attract neighbors, and result in his detection, followed him and crushed his head with a baseball bat.

Slept After Murder.

Then the slayer went calmly to his home, retired and slept soundly until daylight, when Brown, returning to his home, found the house lighted up, the radio going full blast, and the gruesome corpses of his little family. Brown aroused the neighbors, and the search began. While all the neighbors were engaged in the hunt for the slayers, the women of the neighborhood gathered at one home, and Floyd was left to "protect" them.

The finding of a button, torn from Hewitt's jacket in his death struggle with Mrs. Brown, led to his arrest, and he soon confessed. His trial lasted two weeks.

One murderer younger than Hewitt was hanged for murder in Ohio nearly 40 years ago, but he is the most youthful of a long procession of killers who have paced the narrow concrete corridor that leads to the "death-house" at the big Buckeye prison.

An appeal will be made in Hewitt's behalf, but executive clemency, exercised to commute his sentence to life imprisonment because of his youth, seems to be the only hope of his escaping the chair.

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Carolina-Virginia Game Today.

Chapel Hill, May 13.—(INS)—An ancient diamond feud that was born in 1891 will break out anew here today when the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia clash in their annual baseball contest here.

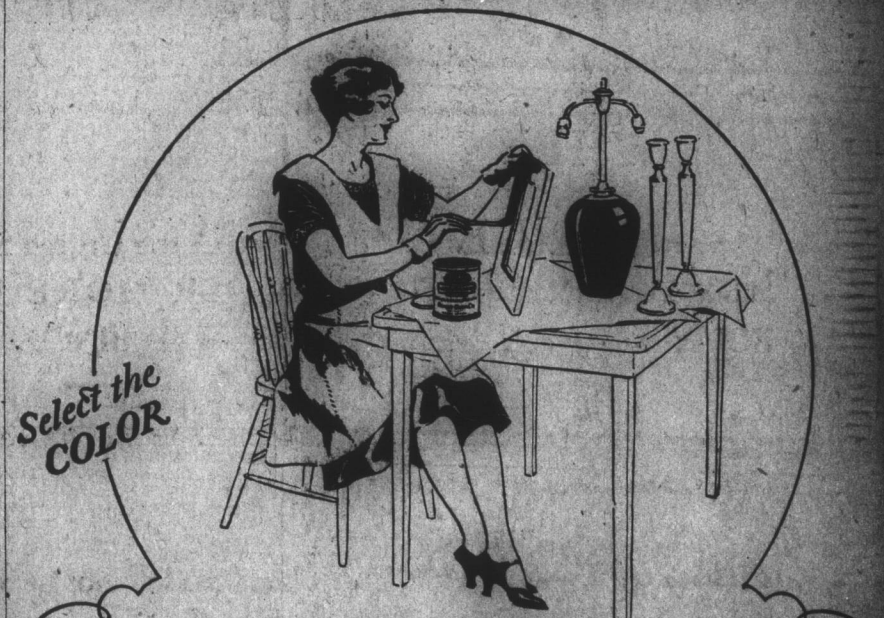
After the game here today, the two teams will go over to Greensboro for a contest at the War Memorial Stadium there Saturday afternoon.

The Tar Heels and the Cavaliers have met 76 times over the 35-year span that they have been rivals. The Tar Heels have won 32 contests, the Cavaliers 42, and two have ended in ties.

Never a Bridesmaid



Mrs. Rudolph Clark, twenty-seven-year-old dancer, was held by Brooklyn police, who charged that several of her marriages were illegal. She was wed five times. She is less than five feet tall and weighs 89 pounds.



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