

Playground Prizes Offers Contestants

Will be Awarded for Improvement and Beautification of Playgrounds by Society.

A contest for the improvement and beautification of playgrounds, in which over \$3,000 in awards will be distributed, is being conducted by the Playground and Recreation Association of America and the Harmon Foundation of New York city.

The object of the competition is to determine which of the playgrounds entered, has, from the present time, to November 1, 1926, made the greatest strides in improvement.

The Harmon Foundation, which since 1922 has expended several hundred thousand dollars in helping communities to secure permanent playfields, offers three awards of \$500 each and thirty of \$50 each to those communities whose playgrounds show the greatest progress in beautification during the period of the contest.

In addition, certain nursery companies will give the winning playgrounds nursery stock and will grant substantial reductions in prices to the contestants making purchases from them.

The three \$500 prizes will be given to communities having the leading playgrounds in each of three population groups as follows: Communities under 8,000; communities 8,000 to 25,000; and communities of more than 25,000. The prizes of \$50 each will be made to the ten other playgrounds which rank highest in each group.

Farmer Wanted To Die As Christ Did

With Lawyer on One Side and Doctor on the Other He Felt His Desire Was Granted.

Wilson—An amusing story is being told in which three noted local men are stars in their respective roles—a farmer, leading attorney, and an eminent physician.

The farmer, who was as straight as a string and never allowed himself to owe any man for any length of time, and who loved his morning nips as well as any man who ever "looked upon the wine when it is red"—perhaps as well as did his professional friends—after being confined to his bed for a considerable time, came to the conclusion that perhaps he had bent his elbow too often and let the juice of the apple trickle down his gullet in larger quantities than was good for the inner man.

With this premonition in mind, and wishing to die as he had lived, he sent for his lawyer and doctor. When the professional men arrived at his home he called the doctor to his bedside and said: "Doc, I am afraid my time has come; don't hesitate to tell me what you think."

The doctor was frank and told him the Death Angel was hovering near.

After calling his wife to his bedside, the farmer said to the doctor, "Come to the right side and take my hand," and to the lawyer, "Get on the opposite side and take my left hand."

Then he inquired of both "Do you know how much I owe you?"

On being informed, he commanded his wife to pay both at once, and then exclaimed: "I want to die as did Christ, between two thieves."

OVERCOME BY FUMES IN GASOLINE TANK CAR

New Bern, Oct. 8. After having been rescued with difficulty from the bottom of a gasoline tank car where he had become overcome with gas fumes, Earl Davis, an employe of the Ashford Oil Company here remained unconscious in a serious condition for over an hour today, although his condition tonight was reported to be very favorable.

In spite of warnings, Davis had entered the tank car to adjust a faulty valve. Only 200 gallons of gasoline were in the tank at the time. Within a few minutes he was overcome with the fumes and sank to the floor where he remained for 30 minutes. Luckily he fell on his back and the three inches of gasoline did not cover his face. Means of rescue were difficult, as no one could go after the man.

He was finally pulled out of the car through the top man hole by means of a lasso, which caught his feet. Physicians worked with the man for some time before he regained consciousness.

"Budget paves way for cut in taxes." Ho hum, this is too much. Streets paved with gold right here on earth.

As the Judges See It.

(Greenville, S. C., News.)

Federal Judge E. Y. Webb tells the grand jury at Charlotte, according to the Charlotte Observer, that the country is better and more prosperous because of prohibition, crime is less, and "the Eighteenth amendment is one of the best obeyed laws in the country."

The judge's view may seem surprising to some who have had the impression that the prohibition law is being violated on all sides. However, in these days when our "crime complex" is being so freely discussed as to give one the idea that every law in the land is being frequently violated, it would perhaps be hard to say just which is the "best obeyed" law. The judge may be right, but that may not be saying anything much for the prohibition law. His statement that before the prohibition law there was a much greater percentage of crime than there is today is likely to be questioned. The increase of crime in America during the past few years has been the subject of much concern and alarm. There is a very general belief that lawlessness in many forms has shown a great increase in recent years.

Possibly Judge Webb intended to convey the idea that crime due particularly to liquor was less. Another Federal judge—Judge H. H. Watkins—seems to regard the situation with less optimism. With the convening of the Federal court in Greenville, Judge Watkins suggested to the grand jury that the "breaking down of our observance of law is due to the breaking down of the general moral sense." The judge does not refer to the prohibition law, but to all law violation, and appears not to regard the liquor law itself as being any direct cause of disregard for law.

Judge Watkins puts forth the idea that crime and lawlessness start in dishonesty, which is, of course, a fundamental moral laxity. There is much food for thought in his suggestion. Actual crime may be considered as essentially dishonest, for crime is the wanton deprivation of rights and liberties legally enjoyed by other citizens. Dishonesty is a moral crime, and from moral crime to legal crime is a very short and easy step. The judge points out that a man may be considered dishonest if he lives extravagantly and doesn't pay his debts; if he wastes his substance and fails to provide for his family or other obligations. It is seldom that we can put folks in jail for such defections.

With One Accord.

Charlotte News.

The newspapers of the State and of the Country at large are printing praiseful editorials concerning the late Christy Mathewson, which bring to mind afresh the fact that it is always profitable not only but publicly impressive so to live, no matter whether one is a baseball player or engaged in the more serious and achieving tasks of life, that there is something good to be said at the last.

Mathewson's life is being portrayed as one worthy of emulation not so much because of his baseball cunning, his genius as a performer of skill in the greatest of all the American games, but because, chiefly, in his personal life, he was industrious, honest, conscientious clean and upright.

When that sort of a man dies anywhere, no matter what he has been doing nor where he has lived, whether humbly and far from the reach of the applauding masses, or out in the great open where the throngs have cheered as they were thrilled—whenever any man who has lived and wrought like that dies, the world is not as well off as when and while he lived.

A human heart weighs nine ounces and a sweetheart may weigh as much as three hundred pounds.

Report of the Condition of THE PEOPLES BANK

At Waco, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, September 28th, 1925.

Table with Resources and Liabilities sections. Resources include Loans and discounts (\$83,973.79), Overdrafts, unsecured (99.85), U. S. bonds and Liberty Bonds (3,331.03), Banking houses, \$1,200.00, Furniture and fixtures, \$1,722.41, Cash in vault and net amts. due from banks, bankers, and trust companies (29,718.28). Total Resources: \$120,045.96. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in (\$5,000.00), Surplus fund (4,000.00), Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid (37.20), Deposits subject to check, individual (40,265.90), Demand certificates of deposit (70,082.85), Cashier's checks outstanding (210.00), Accrued interest due depositors (500.00). Total Liabilities: \$120,045.96.

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State of North Carolina—County of Gaston, October, 7th, 1925.

I, A. C. BEAM, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. C. BEAM, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of October, 1925.

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: A. W. BLACK, A. J. PUTNAM, B. A. PUTNAM, Directors.

DEATH OF GAFFNEY MAN ACCIDENTAL

Gaffney, S. C., Oct. 9.—Rosalie Davis, the woman in the case, under sharp questioning by an attorney, yesterday afternoon laid bare the details of an automobile trip from Gaffney to a bootlegger's home near Blacksburg last Friday night that resulted in the death of Herman S. Eifler, 24-year-old textile operative, some time early Saturday morning. The youth's mangled body was found on the tracks of the Southern Railway four miles north of Gaffney.

Certain circumstances and a flood of unconfirmed rumors led to one of the most exhaustive investigations ever made here into an accidental death. At the conclusion of the fourth session, the coroner's jury yesterday afternoon returned a verdict to the effect that Eifler met death by being struck by a northbound train, the exact train being undetermined.

While the testimony of the woman, who was found at Fingerville, in Spartanburg County, yesterday after a search started Sunday night, was the outstanding feature of the hearing, George J. Bryant, employe of the Limestone Mills here, created considerable amusement after claiming to be a "secret service man" by testifying to investigating certain automobile and footprints near the scene that were later identified as having been made by local officers a few hours before Bryant's search.

Evidence at the inquest brought out that Eifler, the Davis woman, and Fred Hill and Loran Cash, young Gaffney men, had gone to Blacksburg Friday night to secure whiskey. After a successful visit to the bootlegger's home, according to the three survivors, all drank some of the whiskey and went back after another supply. When Eifler went into the house to get the liquor the other three drove off and left him. It was established, returning to Gaffney, the two boys found a place for the woman to spend the night. Next morning when news of the finding of Eifler's body was received, Hill and Cash carried Rosalie Davis about three miles out of Gaffney and told her to get away from here. On the stand the woman gave a detailed account of the Blacksburg trip and exhibited the clothing she wore at that time.

SAYS IT'S GREAT SYSTEM BUILDER

Another Kannapolis Mill Man Gives HERB JUICE Credit For Restoring His Health.

"I am most pleased that it was my good fortune to learn of HERB JUICE in time to save me from further suffering. I never knew what it was to have a well day on account of constant gas pains which I suffered as a result of stomach trouble and indigestion. Such would be my condition today were it not for HERB JUICE," said Mr. J. E. Lowder, well known cotton mill man connected with the Cabarrus Mill, Kannapolis, N. C., and resides at 781 Juniper street, when he called to see the HERB JUICE representative a few days ago. "In my opinion," Mr. Lowder continued, "HERB JUICE is the greatest medicine on the market today and I am most eager for all to know what a truly wonderful remedy it is for indigestion and constipation. On account of gas pains and bloating after eating, I was almost afraid to eat anything. Everything seemed to disagree with me. My liver was sluggish and I always had a tired, worn-out feeling, due I believe, to being badly constipated. I could not sleep at night and would get up the next morning feeling worse than when I went to bed. My whole system was out of order, for I needed something to purge me and clean my system. In HERB JUICE I found the very remedy I was looking for. Ever since I began using this medicine I have gained in weight and strength until today I am feeling 100 per cent improved. I have never found the equal of HERB JUICE for indigestion and constipation. The gas pains and bloating have stopped, my liver and kidneys act regularly, also my bowels are in good shape and I am not bothered with constipation. HERB JUICE is the best laxative and tonic I have used, and I know I owe my present improvement in health to this wonderful remedy. I will always praise it and recommend it to any one suffering as I did, for I know from experience it will do the work and do it well. My whole family are taking HERB JUICE with wonderful results."

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BOND IS ARRANGED FOR KELLY, ALLEGED MURDERER

Gastonia, Oct. 9.—A bond of \$2,000 for Simon Kelly, alleged murderer of young Ernest Rabon, when Kelly's car hit the boy, who was riding his bicycle on the new Pope road, was arranged today.

Mattie Smith, 18, girl with Kelly, is held under a \$1,000 bond as a material witness. "It is very necessary that she be held and that she be at the trial," declared officials.

CLEVELAND SPRINGS SOLD TO FLORIDA SYNDICATE

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tors and vacationists. It is only a few hours drive from the scenic grandeur of the Chimney Rock mountains, Hendersonville, Laurel Park, Asheville, Blowing Rock and other resort centers. And nearby are the outstanding cities of the Carolinas: Charlotte, Spartanburg, Greensboro and others.

Historic Vacation Ground.

The resort abounds in history and the health-giving waters of the numerous mineral springs are legendary. Indian legends preserved by Shelby club women tell of the finding of the unusual waters by a redskin hunter long years ago. The exact date of the erection of the first hotel there is not known. Over 100 years ago, in 1920, William Wilson conveyed the property to Thomas Wilson according to old deeds now almost decayed by the passing of time. The resort then was known as Sulphur Springs and held that name for seven decades. Two Charlotte men leased the hotel and springs in 1866. In 1890 it was sold for \$45,000, a huge price then and revealing its popularity in that bygone day. An old register held as a souvenir by Cleveland county people tell of the events there prior to the Civil war when rates were quoted for "man, coach, horse and servants" in the chivalrous days of the Old South. On the register guest list are names of men and women, long dead, who were prominent in their day and are known to the present generation through history. In later years another hotel building was erected and largely patronized by North and South Carolina people. This was burned and the present 100 room brick hotel arose in its place.

The health-giving mineral waters, the enchanting scenery of the wooded coves and sloping hills surrounding make the basis for what should be an unexcelled resort.

For Professional Football.

Chicago Tribune.

More than 3,000 temporary seats have been placed in Northwestern University's football field to accommodate those who have bought tickets for the opening game. The number of spectators at the unimportant opening game against South Dakota will be larger than the number which a few years ago saw Northwestern's biggest game. The University of Chicago has sold 10,000 season tickets and will sell 3,000 more in the next few days. That means that the mini-

man of paid admission at any Chicago game will be 22,000. Chicago is preparing to build new stands which, when completed, will provide 75,000 seats on Stagg Field. Statistics gathered by Mr. Crumbrink of our sports department show that the total attendance at college football games this year will be 4,000,000.

That is all to the good. Football is the many game. It demands courage, strong bodies, sharp wits, and discipline from those who play it, and it holds up its many qualities for all the world to emulate. Unfortunately the number of persons who can see the games is gravely limited. In this respect Mr. Crumbrink's statistics may be somewhat misleading. There will be 4,000,000 paid admissions, but the number of individuals admitted will see many games alike. In all, 26,000 admissions will be recorded at the six games at Stagg Field, but 120,000 of the 200,000 will have been registered by the same 20,000 season-ticket holders when they have entered the gates at the six home games.

The attendance at college and even high school games is limited largely to those who themselves are students or alumni. They constitute a small proportion of those who would like to go and a negligible proportion of the total population.

It would be better if more of the Nation's youth could see football well played. That is the chief reason we want to encourage the professional game.

The men who oppose professional football are playing dog in the manger. They are among the elite who can see the games, and they don't care whether any one else gets the same fun. If football is a good game for college men and his son to see it is also a good game for the self-made man and his son.

Oil And Tar Treated Roads Being Tried

Rapidly increasing traffic on the state highway system of North Carolina has made the maintenance of all roads a problem on which considerable study has been given by engineers of the highway commission. A partial solution has been found by giving an oil or tar treatment to these roads. So far between two and three hundred miles of road have been treated and are giving very satisfactory results. The present program plans for the treatment of six hundred miles of road in various sections of the state and under widely varying conditions. The present system of treatment is

the outgrowth of experiments which have been carried out on Long Island for the past eight or ten years, the only difference being that it has been found necessary in North Carolina, due to soil conditions, to use tar and special asphalt mixtures instead of oil.

The treatment is being applied at very low cost and results in a surface which is smooth, dustless and which is skid proof in wet weather. Examples of the treatment may be seen between Sanford and Carthage, Raleigh and Lillington, and between Fayetteville and Elizabethtown, Telford and Morganton.

Farmer Gets Lesson

Rock Hill, S. C., Oct. 8.—Election of directors and an address from H. C. Bates, agricultural agent of the Southern railway, featured the quarterly meeting of the chamber of commerce held at the Confederate park pavilion, at which a number of farmers of the county were special invited guests.

"The boll weevil has taught the farmer more in three years than he could learn in 25 years experience," Mr. Bates declared in scoring the one-crop system of agriculture. Nowhere in the United States is there a section where so many crops can be grown as in the state of South Carolina and

the Southeastern section, the climate being especially adapted to the variation of crops, he said. The speaker termed the dairy cow as "the balance wheel in the southeastern states today," and declared the Black Jack section of the county is similar to what is called the Black Belt of Alabama and Mississippi, which is ideal for dairying.

Not a pound of butter fat was being marketed commercially in these states and there were no creameries, in 1910, the speaker showed in telling of the tremendous strides dairying has taken in the past decade and a half. The first commercial creamery was established in Hickory, N. C., in 1911. In 1914, the Selma creamery now being one of the largest in the country. In 1923 \$2,400,000 was paid to the farmers of Dallas county, Alabama, for butter fat or sour cream, and a solid carload of butter is being hauled by the Southern railway to Florida each day to supply the demands, the speaker said in telling of the magnitude of the industry.

"On every farm of 150 acres there should be at least four or five dairy cows, 100 hens and two to four pigs," Mr. Bates advised farmers. "If you don't produce the food for the consumers, you will never pay," he continued. Farmers were urged to raise their own food.

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