

### BRIDES WORRY SOME ON RAIN PROSPECTS

Weather Man In Philadelphia Asked Many Questions As To Coming Events.

New York.—"Please," asked the timid voice of a girl over the telephone, "can you tell me whether June 17 will be fair?" James H. Scarr, New York's veteran weather man, glanced at maps and records on his desk and pondered a moment. "Why, that your wedding day, isn't it?" "Yes," the voice faltered in surprise. "Yes, but how did you know?" "Oh, I just surmised. I can tell you only this about the weather: you will always remember June 17 as the brightest day of your life."

This call came to the weather man exactly a hundred and 17 days before June 17. It was impossible to forecast accurately what the weather on that date would be. Here is his reason for the answer he gave:

Postpones Possible Worry "Our greatest enjoyment in life usually comes in anticipation. If I had told her it would be cloudy and rainy on June 17, she would have experienced 117 days of worry. But with what I told her she had 117 days of delightful anticipation."

"I figured that if it rained on June 17, there would be only one day of worry and that she hardly would notice the rain, anyway, in the excitement and joy of getting married."

Brides-to-be are among the fifteen hundred persons who daily call the weather bureau for information. On some days the office operator lists as many as a thousand "busy calls."

People planning picnics "phone," the tired clerks who want to know which week out of several will be best for him to take his vacation; officials preparing for conventions call; managers selecting opening nights for new plays.

Millionaires who want to set sail in yachts for distant points constantly are served by the bureau. Ships at sea keep in close communication with this and other offices. The ice cream manufacturer wants to know the weather outlook for the week end. If Saturday and Sunday are to be cold and rainy, he saves money by cutting down on his output. If clear and hot, he is ready for a big business. He likewise calls for daily reports.

The weather man often is asked if the moon was shining on a certain night months ago, whether the sun was shining, whether it snowed or rained on such and such a date.

This information mostly is in demand for court trials of civil and criminal cases. The weather record plays an important part in many cases and on some days, Mr. Scarr visits as many as seven different courts.

### Pays To Keep Air In Automobile Tires

Motorists make money by keeping the air pressure in their tires up to normal. And \$10 or \$5 or even \$1 is good pay for such easy work.

Here's how it is done: It is reasonable to assume that the average tire user can check the air pressure and bring it up to normal on five tires in about three minutes at a free air station. Over a period of a year this amounts to about two and one-half hours. This is figured on the basis of checking air pressure once each week.

This time may vary slightly, of course, but for the purpose of illustration it is sufficiently accurate. Then let us estimate the cost of a set of new tires at \$125. This figure is also variable, according to the size of the tires, the quality, etc.

There are innumerable cases on record where there has been a direct loss of from 20 to 50 percent of the tire mileage due to neglect of the air pressure, declare Miller tire men. On the other hand, there are equally as many cases where proper attention has increased mileage to the same extent over previous records. Thus if we figure that the average tire user will save 20 per cent that will amount to \$25, or \$10 per hour.

But whether it be \$1 or \$25 saved, it is time well spent. The tire user who has a regularly appointed time for tire attention, amounting to from two to five minutes every week is guarding against future trouble and annoyances, as well as saving money.

### KINGS MOUNTAIN BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED

Washington, June 16.—Creation of a commission of three members to inspect the battlefield of Kings Mountain, to determine the feasibility of preserving the field and marking it for professional and military study, is proposed in a bill by Representative Bulwinkle, Democrat, North Carolina, approved today by the house military affairs committee.

### DOTY NOT TO FACE THE FIRING SQUAD

Geneva, June 17.—Bennett J. Doty of Memphis, Tenn., who is now awaiting trial in Syria on a charge of desertion from the French foreign legion, probably will be subjected to disciplinary measures and faces virtually no danger of being shot. Henry de Jouvenel, French high commissioner in Syria, indicated today.

### WORLD QUESTION ON ROSS FINDING

Solving of Mystery Leaves One Bigger Than Ever In Giving Credit To Discoverer

Asheville Times. Around about 50 years ago the nation cried out in vain—"Who Stole Charley Ross?" Then for the half century the question was forgotten and the name was not mentioned except as his story was told to naughty little children who had habits of disappearing from their nurses' sight. Now they think that he has been found again. One Julius C. Dellinger, who has been living in Denver, N.C., has reason to expect that he is the lost son for whose recovery \$60,000 was vainly spent. The Ross family in Philadelphia is going to receive him to examine his claims. A family of Starrs seem to be sponsoring him. They are going to take him to Philadelphia.

But now that it is thought that the lost man is found, it is amusing to watch the various claims that are being made for his discovery. The Greensboro Record says that the deed is their doing, and The New York World prints the story in full on the front page and attributes all the work to the Starr family. However there is a claimant much nearer than any of these who has had a big hand in the work. A man on the staff of the Asheville Times was the first to inquire into an Associated Press flash that somewhere in a section of North Carolina there existed a man who laid claims to the fact that he was the lost son. This reporter went to the scene and himself located Dellinger who had not been mentioned in the story before. On the facts that he collected did all the rest work.

Now other papers are taking up the cry "Who Found Charley Ross?" The situation is furnishing amusement for many and jesters are wondering if the killer of Cock Robin will also turn up. The case has even a more ludicrous touch. A tabloid newspaper in New York says that the Starrs intend to exploit Ross in a movie. This story was immediately denied, but the precept remains. The world ever stands ready to make the most it can out of someone else's misfortune. Ross or not, Dellinger's future is not bright. He may even wish that he had kept his identity a secret for the rest of his days.

### First Home Of Man A Friendly Contest

Dean Collie Believes That Africa Was The Habitat of First Man On Earth

Beloit, Wis.—A contest between teacher and pupil is being waged by Roy Chapman Andrews noted explorer, and Dean George L. Collie, of Beloit college, to establish the home of the first man.

Collie, head of the anthropological department, believes Africa was the habitat of the first man on earth. His former pupil Andrews seeks to prove man first lived in Asia. The contest, which has been carried on for several years, with Andrews the most active of the two, has disclosed considerable evidence supporting the contentions of both, but the man's first home is still a mooted question.

"I do not hope in my life time to prove that Africa was the home of the first man," declared Dean Collie, "but I do hope to take some steps which may help others to decide the question."

"Andrews is certain that man originated in Asia and has the backing of many good scientists. As I told him a few months ago 'Let's each one of us go to it, and see which is the best guesser.'"

Twenty years ago Andrews was a student at Beloit and his earliest lessons in anthropology and archeology were gleaned from lectures by Dean Collie. Andrews was graduated in 1906, and became a naturalist and explorer. During the last ten years he has led three expeditions to Asia. Excavation in Mongolia and other Asiatic countries have unearthed specimens which Andrews thinks substantiate his contentions.

Dean Collie will renew his studies this fall when he goes abroad to continue the explorations commenced by Alonzo S. Pond and others working under his direction.

In the Saf-Saf region, in eastern Algeria, he hopes to find tools that will aid him in following out his theory that man first lived in Africa. Tools found there in previous explorations, indicate to him that man was in Africa at a very early date, even if he did not originate here.

"The nearest relatives of man in the animal world are the large apes," he said. "Man has not descended through these apes but they are a relatively close collateral branch of the primates. It is well known that the highest apes, the gorilla and chimpanzee, dwell in Africa. If Africa was favorable for the development of the higher collateral branch of the human family there are possibilities that it would favor a closely related human family."

Mr. F. O. Gee and two sons Masters Felix and Alex Gee, left today for a two week's stay in Virginia visiting Mr. Gee's parents.

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### Educated Lincoln Never Would—

Abraham Lincoln would never have been heard of if he had been the graduate of a modern American university, declared Prof. Charles E. Rugh of the University of California, one of the West's most noted educators, in an interview in which he assailed modern institutions of higher education, relates a San Francisco dispatch to the New York World.

"If Lincoln had had knowledge heaped on him in the manner that it is heaped upon modern youths," he said, "his brain would have become so befuddled as to be useless to him."

Rugh predicted that the university of the next generation will be as different from the present day university "as night is from day."

"Modern methods of teaching," he said, "must be relegated to the scrap heap and replaced by some others as yet undiscovered."

The savant contended the tendency of American universities is to heap all kinds of "meaningless knowledge" upon a student during four years of college life, "providing him with no opportunity to integrate the information thus obtained."

"Knowledge is useful only when tabulated," Prof. Rugh continued, "it little profits a man to have his head filled with a jumble of facts and figures that are not dove-tailed."

A freshman entering the university he concluded, sits passively in the class room while knowledge is heaped upon him like hay.

At the end of a four year course he is discharged with a diploma and the advice to "stack it himself."

### Origin of Confederate Flag (County Record, Kingstree)

From the Birmingham News.—It may be of interest to those not familiar with Major Oren Randolph Smith's designing of "The Stars and Bars" to hear from his own lips through the story preserved by his daughter, about the flag.

As recorded by Miss Smith, Major Smith said:

"In 1861 I was living in Louisburg, N. C., and I went to my old friend, Miss Becky Murphy (now Mrs. W. E. Winborne, of Wilson, N. C.) and asked her to put the stitches in a little flag for me, and I tore the bars and cut the stars while she sewed."

"The idea of my flag I took from the Trinity. Three in one. The three bars were State, church and press."

"Red represented State; Legislature, judiciary and executive, White for church; Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Red for press; Freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, liberty of press, all bound together by a field of blue, the heavens over all, bearing a star for each State in the Confederation. The seven white stars all the same size, were placed in a circle, showing that each State had equal rights and privileges, irrespective of size or population. The circle, having neither head nor foot signified 'You defend me and I'll protect you.'"

"After the model was completed, I asked Miss Murphy to make me a large flag, 7 by 18 feet, and it was Monday, March 18, 1861, that I raised this large flag to the top of a pole 100 feet high, on the corner of the courthouse square in Louisburg, N. C., the county seat of Franklin, N. C."

"The pole I made by splicing two tall saplings taken from my mother's plantation, five miles from the town. 'Over the large flag I had a long blue streamer such as an admiral uses on his ship when homeward bound, and on this I had a star for the Old North State, for though she did not secede until May 20, I knew she was homeward bound.'"

### Played His Last Game (Twin-City Sentinel)

Alfred Jordan, said to have been at one time the champion checker player of the world, has played his last game—and lost. Jordan is dead and his dying days were filled with sorrow and poverty; in fact, it is reported that he was an inmate of a Salvation Army headquarters in Washington when he made his last move.

Strange as it may seem, men and women every day find themselves in destitute circumstances, when but a few years ago they were enjoying the luxuries of life. They had leaped into fame overnight because of winning a game or suddenly becoming champion of a certain profession. This fame brought them money by the thousands of dollars when before they were barely able to earn a living.

This was probably the case of Jordan who had sat for hours in a checker game "jumping men" and "erowing kings." The slow game requires patience, thought and perseverance. He possessed all three which gave him an unlimited number of gold medals along with money that was placed in his lap. Jordan apparently could not stand prosperity and instead of laying aside part of his fortune, spent it lavishly and lived in luxury. The rest was what he became a public charge and very few knew that there was a man on earth named Jordan who once held the championship for playing checkers.

Jordan has played his last game; he has made his last move and this time the Grim Reaper proved the master by "jumping" Jordan.

What a pity Jordan did not save so he could have been independent when he reached old age. But his story is merely one of millions. He let flattery get the best of his judgment; he thought he could always be the idol of men but in the sporting circles the hero of yesterday is usually the man who failed to win today.

### Lay Auto Crashes On One-Arm Driver Of Joy Ride Cars

Chicago.—Thirty-four automobiles spinning beautifully along the boulevard and one of them headed for an unexpected crash. That's what the National Automobile Safety council says about motor accidents—one out of every 34 gets it!

And don't put all the blame on glaring headlights, loose steering knuckles, mechanical inefficiencies and road-burning motorist who offer homage to Demon Speed.

The youngster—from 18 to 80—who is so afraid the girl he's with is going to fall out that he puts his arm around her to keep her safe, is responsible for much of the expensive repairs made by telegraph companies to put new poles along the highway. "You just can't drive a car safely and pet a girl at the same time," says M. Kirkland, director of the National Automobile Safety council.

And the smoker who likes to flick ashes off a five-cent stogie and blow purple rings is increasing the danger hazard. The driver who enjoys a whiff of old Virginia should realize that it is better to light the old corn cob at home than to try lighting it while at the steering wheel and spend the next few weeks in the hospital wondering what happened.

Great horn-rimmed spectacle, says Kirkland, don't help a driver any to see any better.

In fact, with the horn rims obstructing his vision, the motorists may drive into a parked car without knowing it was there—at least not until he hears the crash and begins to look around for some one to blame!

### Boiling Springs Has Good Rain

(Special to The Star.)

The crops and gardens were much relieved by the nice shower of rain on Monday afternoon.

The B. Y. P. U. is planning to give a special program June 27, when the neighboring churches will be invited. A large crowd is expected to attend.

Mr. D. J. Hamrick left last week for Wake Forest to attend summer school.

Mrs. J. R. Greene and children Mary Elizabeth and Phil, are spending some time in Chapel Hill as the guests of Mrs. Greene's parents.

Mr. John Mintz spent Sunday in Boone.

Misses Lucile Buchanan and Malina Jolley and Mr. Ralph Holland motored to Chimney Rock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Grigg of Shelby were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Unie Hamrick.

The Attie Bostick circle of the W. M. U. will meet with Mrs. D. J. Ham-

rick Thursday afternoon. Mrs. M. A. Jolley was hostess to the Tongues and Needles club last Friday afternoon. After an enjoyable hour of sewing, the club went in to a business meeting.

Suggestions were made for the club to organize which would be beneficial to the community. This being left open for discussion in the next meeting, the business was concluded. During the social hour, the hostess assisted by Miss Magel Ledford served tempting refreshments.

Another danger about carrying whisky is that they may get you for impersonating an officer.

Miss Elizabeth Ebeltoft spent Monday in Charlotte.

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Wall-Holland Invitations Issued. The following handsomely engraved invitations have been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pegrant-Holland request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Eugenia to Mr. Charles M. Wall jr., on Wednesday evening June 30th, 1926, at 8:30 o'clock, Blue Flower Garden, Shelby, North Carolina. This wedding will be a beautiful culmination of the four June weddings of four of Shelby's lovely young women. Miss Holland and Mr. Wall will marry in the lovely flower garden of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Suttle which will be a charming setting for this happy event. Miss Holland is one of Shelby's most gifted young women being a musician of much note and also a composer of no mean ability. She is a distinct type of a beautiful blonde and has one of the most delightful personalities imaginable. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Holland and is one of Shelby's favorite daughters.

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