

Double Shoals
Items Of News

B. Y. P. U. Meets With Mrs. Mary Dietz—Blaine Toney Married Upper Cleveland Girl

(Special To The Star.)

Double Shoals, March 23.—Real spring is here again. Farmers in this section are taking advantage of the fair weather.

The senior and junior B. Y. P. U. of Double Shoals gave a social Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Mary Dietz. A large crowd was present. Special music was given by Mr. Blain and Worth Toney and a Mr. Smith of the Water section. Mr. Smith is a real entertainer at the piano. Hot chocolate, cakes and mints were served to the crowd by Messrs. Grover and R. L. Eskridge and Misses Florence Seism and Minnie Mull. A short program was given by the junior union. Everybody enjoyed the occasion.

Our regular monthly workers council meets at the church on Thursday night. We will begin having our meetings weekly after April 1st.

Mr. Fletcher Sain of the Belwood school was a pleasant visitor at the social Saturday night.

Mr. Blain Toney surprised his many friends when he brought home last week his bride, who before marriage, was a Miss Ivester of upper Cleveland. Mr. Toney is the second son of Mrs. A. A. Toney and is a promising young farmer and brick mason. Mrs. Toney is from one of the prominent families of upper Cleveland.

Rev. L. B. Seism is expected home for the coming week end. He is now working in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Royster and Miss Minnie Royster motored to Boiling Springs on last Sunday evening to see Leland Royster.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Spanoler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Eskridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Costner visited Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Royster Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Mull spent Sunday in Hickory.

Mr. Hicks Dies
Above Toluca

Native of Virginia. Was Buried Saturday at Ebenezer. Names of the Children.

(Special To The Star.)

The funeral and interment of Mr. Nicholas Francis Hicks took place last Saturday at 11 o'clock at Ebenezer Methodist church about 6 miles above Toluca.

The services were conducted by his pastor Rev. W. J. Miller and Rev. H. W. Hoxari, pastor of West Hickory Methodist church.

Mr. Hicks died at the home of his daughter Mrs. D. E. Brittain of West Hickory. He had been suffering for a number of years with dropsy and this together with the weakness of old age and a recent light stroke of paralysis finally brought about his death.

He was born in Virginia August 2, 1848 and died March 18, 1927, being 78 years, seven months and 18 days old.

At the age of six he was brought by his parents to North Carolina and was reared in the Ebenezer Methodist church community in Catawba county. He joined this church in early boyhood and remained a faithful member until death.

He was married to Miss Margaret Jane Sain daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sain when quite a young man. They lived together almost 50 years, never giving each other one harsh word.

He leaves behind to mourn his death the following, his wife Mrs. Jane Hicks, seven children: Mrs. C. L. Blackwood and Mrs. A. H. Wright both of South Carolina; Mrs. J. A. Yancey, E. F. Hicks and Mrs. C. E. Rudasill, all of Vale; Mrs. D. E. Brittain, Mr. Gordon Hicks of Hickory; one brother Dr. John Hicks of Hickory.

Heart On Right

Geneva, Switzerland.—Operating upon a schoolboy surgeons recently discovered that his heart was on the right side and that his appendix was causing severe pains on his left side.

Mt. Sinai Section
News Of Interest

(Special To The Star.)

Shelby R-2.—Our Sunday school at Mt. Sinai is progressing nicely and the attendance is much better since the spring weather is here.

Miss Gertrude Street and a number of other young ladies from Zion church came down Sunday afternoon and assisted us in organizing a Y. W. C. A. with Miss Norine Rollins as president and Miss Etha Putnam as secretary.

Rev. Rush Padgett filled his appointment Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. His sermon on the qualifications of a deacon was heard by a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Curtis Beck from Boiling Springs school visited our B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

The W. M. U. met at the home of Mrs. Yates Putnam Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Self of Shelby were visitors in the community Sunday afternoon.

Miss Alma Bell of Boiling Springs High school spent Sunday night with Misses Oneda and Etha Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates Putnam and children visited relatives in Shelby Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Padgett and children of Shelby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Miller Ellis.

Strawberry Crop
Comes In Early

Raleigh.—(INS)—Initial steps toward the gathering of North Carolina's newest money-making crop will be made next week.

Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, will leave next week for the Eastern strawberry-growing districts to estimate the number of pickers that will be required to gather the state's strawberry crop.

The crop ripens in April. Due to the extremely perishable nature of the berries, it is necessary that they be picked and shipped within as short a time as possible.

Last year the state shipped 1,200 solid carloads of berries.

Daily
News
Letter

Gossip of Staff Correspondents at World Centers of Population

(By H. R. Knickerbocker, INS, Correspondent)

Moscow.—Police officials the world over will usually say there is no such thing as a genuinely new "graft" but the Moscow Detective bureau claims to have found something unique when Teodor Sheiko fell into its hands. Sheiko, a young man of 21 years, admits that he has not done a day's honest work since he was 15 years old, but during the last six years has enjoyed a good income at the business of planting mice in loaves of bread.

His stock in trade was baked mice, done in a turn, in a coat of flour. His procedure was to purchase a loaf of bread in a first-class bakery, take the loaf to his hotel room, cut it in two, hollow out just enough of the interior to fit a baked mouse neatly, insert the mouse, then return with the "loaded" loaf to the bakery, and hand it to the proprietor with an offended air and a few pungent remarks.

Sheiko reports that he often received as high as 50 roubles from bakers to "keep that matter quiet," and seldom received less than 10 roubles. He had "worked" nearly all the principal cities of Russia, including Leningrad, Odessa, Kharhov, Kiev, Rostov on the Don, averaging about 30 roubles a day income, a princely sum in Russia. He made his fatal mistake when he inadvertently "repeated" in a Moscow bakery where the proprietor remembered him from a visit four years ago.

Firemen of the Truchanovski district of the city of Kiev were equally as tricky as Mr. Sheiko, but profited far less. The Truchanovski district is situated on an island in the Dnieper river opposite the city. On this island are located the boat houses and repair shops for the steamers plying the Dnieper. For the protection of the shops the steamship companies maintain a fire department consisting of six men.

But the Truchanovski firemen were discontented. Visiting firemen from the city of Kiev used to laugh at their equipment, and point provokingly at their own new automobile steamers, hook and ladder wagons, and beautiful new German hose. The Truchanovski firemen explained that there had not been a fire on the island for four years, and the shipping companies would not pay for more equipment. Whereupon the visiting firemen remarked, "You need a fire."

The idea took root, and soon blossomed into a good-sized blaze which consumed the Truchanovski workmen's club and gave the Truchanovski firemen a chance to demonstrate that nothing could be done with such old-fashioned equipment. But the little club was too unimportant to make an impression on the shop owners, who refused to improve the fire-fighting apparatus.

The next night after their futile conference with the shipping proprietors a real fire broke out.

The six ambitious firemen are now in jail, having confessed their crime and begged for mercy.

Russia has its own phenomenal youth, rivalling America's one time William James Sidis, the son of Prof. Boris Sidis, of Harvard University, who was graduated from Harvard at the age of 14. The Russian "phenom" is Nikolai Nazarov, now a professor in the University of Tashkent, teaching higher mathematics, at the age of 18. Nazarov also was graduated from the University when he was 14 years old. His graduating thesis was "Definite Brief Intervals," a work on an abstruse problem of advanced mathematics. Nazarov has already published several papers in scientific journals. The Government Scientific Council declares he has promise of becoming one of the world's greatest mathematical geniuses.

Armour Must Pay

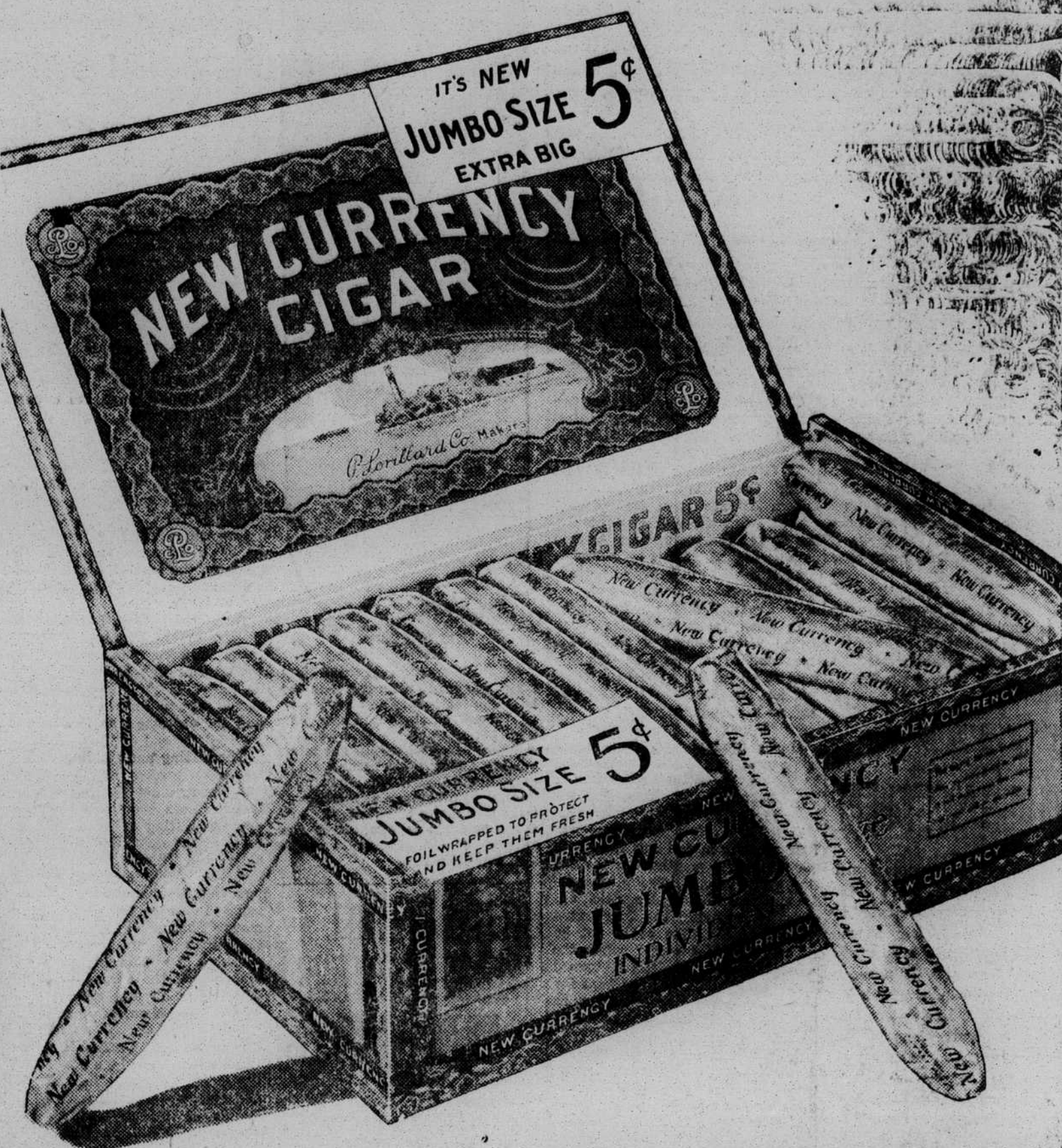
Chicago.—Armour Grain Co. guilty of fraud and conspiracy, was ordered to pay approximately \$3,000,000 damages to the Grain Marketing Corporation and Rosensaum Brothers, by an arbitrator who recently completed his examination into the charges.

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