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KENSINGTON

Mr. Staley Elms has returned from Toronto, Canada, where he served as judge at the International Peony Show held last week.

Mrs. T. I. Knowles and Messrs. Bruce and Thomas Knowles have sailed from Baltimore on the S. S. Dorchester, en route to Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Henderson returned on Monday from Nassau, Bahama Islands, where they visited the Rev. George A. Griffiths for several weeks.

The Summer Round-Up Committee of Kensington assisted in the Child Health Conference conducted by Miss Badenkoop and Miss Brooks at the Kensington Elementary School on Wednesday, June 24th. Twenty-six children of kindergarten age and under were examined by Dr. Chapman and Dr. Cooch. Those assisting were Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Buzzard, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Waldron and Mrs. Fry.

FURTHER BUSINESS ZONING IS OPPOSED

A stand against any further commercial development along the Rockville pike was taken by the Rockville Pike Citizens' Association at a special meeting.

The position was taken by the civic group in considering an application pending before county officials for the rezoning of the old Villa Roma property to permit the establishment of a gasoline station.

A resolution declaring that not only the filling station, but any other development of a commercial nature, would prove "destructive to property owners who have large investments in homes and estates" along the pike was adopted.

The application for rezoning the property, where the Villa Roma inn was operated for several years, was made to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Commissioners by Frank C. Davis of Washington.

Davis hopes to have a 150-foot strip of the land fronting the pike rezoned from residential class "A" to commercial class "D."

MILITARY CLUB HOUSE AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC

The Club House at the State Military Reservation, Cascade, Maryland, located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, at an elevation of fifteen hundred feet, will be open on and after July 6th, 1936.

Originally erected for the accommodation of the families of members of the Maryland National Guard the Club House is situated on the banks of a mountain lake. It is built along the lines of a mountain lodge, with fifteen bedrooms, a large dining room, a large lounge, and spacious porches. The facilities, heretofore reserved for members of the Maryland National Guard and their families, will be made available to the public this season at nominal rates. Splended bathing and boating facilities are available to guests and the summer resorts of Pen Mar and Blue Ridge Summit are within five minutes riding distance. Waynesboro, Pa., is only five miles distant.

The Military Reservation proper comprises an area of seven hundred and fifty acres, situated in a valley between two mountains. All the facilities of the Military Reservation are available to guests. The Club House will be operated on the American Plan only, and as there are only a limited number of rooms reservations should be made in advance by writing Mrs. Mabel R. McComas, Hostess, Club House, State Military Reservation, Cascade, Md.

Mary Washington's Home

Fredericksburg (Va.) contains the home of Mary Washington, mother of George, and a large number of relics of Washington. This city was also the scene of furious fighting in the war between the states.

Just in - Montgomery

Governor Harry L. Nice has announced the resignation of Thomas L. Dawson of Rockville as Secretary of State. The Governor has appointed Mr. E. Ray Jones of Oakland to succeed Mr. Dawson.

The Rockville Izaak Walton League is conducting a drive to increase the membership to 200. Mr. Joe Dawson is chairman of the membership committee.

Rev. Charles R. O'Hara, for the last seven years pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rockville, and St. Peter's Church, Olney, has left to assume charge of the pastorate of Holy Comforter Church in Washington.

The Trundle Family Reunion will be held at Monacacy Park, Furnace Ford, Route 28, on Sunday, July 5th. All relatives and friends are invited. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 from your own prepared baskets.

The officers of the recently organized Landon-LeGore Club in Montgomery County are President, E. W. Shinn of Kenwood; vice president, Wilson L. Townsend of Kensington; secretary, James Cunningham Rogers of Chevy Chase; executive committee Robert L. McKeever of Silver Spring, Walter W. Dawson of Rockville, Paul Sleman of Chevy Chase and Mrs. Claude W. Mitchell of Silver Spring.

The newly organized Montgomery County Police Association has inaugurated a membership drive in an effort to recruit the full personnel of the force before its second meeting tonight. Twenty-three of the 35 active policemen have joined and officials are endeavoring to have the remaining members enter the association. It has also been decided to admit civilian desk clerks employed by the department.

More men receive old-age pensions in Montgomery County, but the women pensioners live longer, statistics compiled by the County Welfare Board reveal. It is shown on the report that of 167 pensions that have been approved, 91 have been granted to male residents, against 76 for women. Twenty of the so-called weaker sex, however, are more than 80 years of age, while only 15 men have passed that milestone. The oldest pensioner is a 94-year-old women. The age table discloses that 55 men and 39 women come within the 65 to 75 year old bracket and 30 men and 29 women from 75 to 85 years of age. Of 35 who have passed 80 years, 5 are more than 90 years old.

A record number of final and preliminary plats were approved by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as the real estate boom continued unabated in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. The planning group acted favorably upon the final plats for four subdivisions in the two counties, while it likewise placed its stamp of approval upon preliminary plats for five other developments. Irving C. Root, chief engineer for the commission, said the subdivision approvals surpassed previous records of the planning group and indicated the building boom will continue throughout the year, perhaps surpassing the new-home construction mark set in 1935. The final plats approved were for Bannockburn Heights, located at River road and Wilson lane; resubdivision of Huntington Terrace, located between Bethesda and Alta Vista; Evanswood, near Dale drive in Silver Spring, and the resubdivision of Princess Gardens, off the Defense Highway in Prince Georges County.

A vigorous drive against the owners of unlicensed dogs will be begun by members of the Montgomery County Police force following a sharp drop in the purchase of dog tags this year. An order to open the drive was issued by Police Chief J. William Garrett after reports revealed the sale of tags had dropped approximately 50 per cent below the figures of last year. The tax is due in January, but an extension was granted until April 1, to permit residents ample time to obtain proper licenses for their pets. Fines upward to $25 and costs, with jail sentences upward to 30 days, are provided under the law for violations. However, owners of dogs who reside in incorporated towns of the county are exempt from provisions of the county ordinance if their respective municipalities impose a dog tax and they have procured the proper town tag. Under the law the county commissioners shall direct the constables to kill any dog for which the tax is not paid and any person opposing or hindering a constable in the performance of this duty shall be fined not more than $100, nor less than $10, or committed to jail until the fine and costs are paid.

Severest Test for Airplane

The severest test that an airplane can be given is the power dive. The machine is put into a vertical dive from a great height, with power full on. When the greatest possible speed is attained the pilot pulls the plane into level flight. It is a highly hazardous test for both pilot and plane.

HALL APPOINTED CHIEF ENGINEER

Harry R. Hall, 51, deputy chief engineer of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission since its establishment in 1918, has been appointed chief engineer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert B. Morse last January.

Mr. Hall's appointment becomes effective July 1, T. Howard Duckett, chairman of the commission, announced. He has been acting engineer since Mr. Morse's death.

Since 1912 Mr. Hall has been active in Maryland sanitary engineering. In that year he came to Maryland as assistant to Mr. Morse in organizing the engineering department of the State department of health. He and Mr. Morse left the State health department at the same time to become associated with the sanitary commission here.

A native of Boston Mr. Hall graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1907 and subsequently worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Massachusetts State department of health. He also worked at the United States Military Academy at West Point when extensive rebuilding operations were carried on there in 1908.

He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Water Works Association, the New England Water Works Association, past president of the Maryland-Delaware Water and Sewage Association, past chairman of the Four States section of the American Water Works Association, member of the Board of Control of the Federation of Sewage Works Associations and member of two subcommittees of the Maryland State Planning Commission.

Gayety Marks Ancestors' Memorials With Chinese

Ancestor worship prevails in China, along with Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism. Custom provides for markers on the graves for identification purposes only. In every Chinese home, however, there is a tablet or shrine which contains the two ancestral names of the father and mother, carved on wood or written on paper, and before these incense is burned daily.

On a certain day, says a correspondent in the Chicago Tribune, the graves are visited by surviving relatives on a sort of festive occasion, partaking of the spirit of Easter, and to the children are imparted reverence and love for their own families.

Much productive land is occupied by these many graves, but every available foot of that remaining is made to produce. A primitive man-pushed plow or one pulled by a carabao (water buffalo) is the only visible agricultural implement. Treadmills to lift the water from one rice paddy to another are operated by four or five persons. Men and women stand alongside each other and trudge the long dreary day to turn the wheels, many of the women crippled with cruelly bound small feet, and most of the time there is enough of a breeze blowing to turn the water wheels without human labor. Not a windmill is permitted, because of superstitious fear of offending the wind and water spirits.

Matter of Dietetics Not Much in Evidence

When the young woman teacher of dietetics married a physician the Woman thought it a most suitable match. Their little girl has now grown to be a chubby four-year-old. She certainly is a good advertisement for the strictly scientific upbringing, every one says, judging from her ruddy appearance. But a recent event in the life of this model child, related by her mother, has led the Woman to doubt whether the parents' adherence to the rules of science is entirely responsible for the perfect state of health of the little girl.

Her mother was busy in the house and had allowed Martha to play with the well-brought-up little boy next door. It was not long before Martha was called in to lunch. She came in blithely, sucking an enormous hard candy.

"Wherever did you get that piece of candy? And just before lunch, too?" asked the parent, horrified at this double infringement of the rules.

"Harry gave it to the doggie, and the doggie didn't like it," explained Martha.—New York Sun.

Flowers Feminine, Trees Masculine

All flowers and grasses are considered by the Japanese to be feminine, while trees are masculine. Buds represent the female, and perfect flowers are used to denote the male. It's a man's world, after all, for overblown and withered blossoms revert to the feminine gender. The front of a leaf is masculine, but a leaf turning its back is not; and a large leaf gallantly enfolding a smaller one is considered to convey the idea of a man.

The Wood Thrush

The Wood Thrush, like the other thrushes, feeds on the ground among the forest litter. Thus, with his cinnamon-brown back, wings and tail, he is not easily seen. On his white underparts are the telltale black spots and lines which mark the thrushes. His trim feet and legs are a delicate creamy gray in color. The upper part of his beak is black, the lower part yellow.

Many Still Use Bead Counters

About 60 per cent of the world still does its calculating on the ages-old abacus, the instrument with a frame crossed by stiff wires on which balls or beads are strung, writes Robert Frenchick, Los Angeles, Calif., in Collier's Weekly. Not only is it used throughout all Asiatic countries, Russia and in other parts of Europe, but even by some American statisticians.

SPEND $1,000 MONTH ON DIONNE BABIES

Famous Quintuplets Financially Independent.

Callander, Ont.—Through their physician, Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, the Dionne quintuplets recently gave a message to the world. They said:

"Thanks for all your help, and we want you to know we are now self-supporting. We say this because so many persons and organizations helped us when we were not able to take care of ourselves. Now we are making enough money to meet all our needs and allow us to save some. We thought you would like to know."

Doctor Dafoe sat back in a deck chair on his front lawn and elaborated on the statement.

The girl babies of Oliva and Elzire Dionne are not nearly as wealthy as many persons believe. They have $45,000 in bonds and cash, and contracts now in force probably will bring them another $50,000. In their 2 months of life the youngsters have spent a lot of their own money. How much, the doctor declined to say.

The Canadian Red Cross paid for the nurses for a year and, with the Ontario government, helped out in various ways. In the last four months the children have paid all their own expenses—and expenses of quintuplets are large.

No figures have ever been given out, but salaries of the doctor and nurses probably total $450 a month. Other salaries, for an orderly, two maids and two guards, take perhaps $250 more. That total of $700 does not include upkeep of the hospital, which must be large, as all the staff, but the doctor, have their meals there. Everything the babies eat and drink is of the best and their food bill is large.

In addition there are many extras, which all go to make $1,000 a conservative estimate of the babies' monthly expenditure.

One of their chief assets is their home, valued at $20,000. The small Dafoe hospital that was opened a year ago has been enlarged to a 13-room building with three baths.

The babies' $45,000 in bonds and cash has come from endorsements of products they use—milk, tomato juice and the like—and motion-picture and newspaper photograph contracts.

Scotland's Gretna Green Still "Marrying" Town

Gretna Green, Scotland.—Hundreds of couples still come to Gretna Green to be married, for even today an air of romance clings to it and its old reputation for runaway weddings.

Until the marriage act was passed in 1856, making it compulsory for one of the contracting parties to reside in Scotland at least 21 days before the ceremony, Gretna Green was the destination of elopers from all over England. Their carriages came dashing into the village at all hours of the day and night, for once they were through the toll gate and into Scotland, they could be married, and no questions were asked.

Likely as not, the irate father or guardian came galloping up a few minutes later, only to meet the happy couple leaving the Blacksmith's Forge. This building, where hundreds of marriages were performed, is now a curio shop, with books, postcards and "Romances of Gretna Green" for sale. Many Americans traveling in Scotland make it a point to visit the village, as it is off the beaten track and therefore all the more delightful.

The blacksmith, who once did a thriving business in marriages, has become a legendary figure. It is said that he performed three marriage ceremonies on his deathbed, and that he died with the fees tightly clutched in his hand.

Radio in Arctic Circle Aids in Birth of a Boy

Dixon Island, U. S. S. R.—Communication by radio enabled a surgeon here to conduct a difficult case of childbirth many miles away.

Doctor Firsov of Cape Desire, on the Novaya in the Arctic ocean, was attending the case there, but because it presented unusual difficulties he sought the advice of Doctor Nikitin of Dixon Island. Radio connection was established and the doctors discussed the case for three hours. After hearing the details, Doctor Nikitin gave his instructions.

Three hours later he received another message—this time from the proud father of a son thanking him and the radio operators for their aid.

Archer Kills Snake With Bow and Arrow

Fresno, Calif.—Spinners of fanciful rattlesnake yarns often wander further from the truth than fishermen, but Arthur H. Shipley, deputy county superintendent of schools, vouches for this one:

Shipley spied a 3-foot snake along the roadside one day. Anxious to get a set of rattles, he searched for something with which to kill the reptile. Clods of dirt served only to enrage the snake.

Finally he thought of the bow and arrow in the back of his car.

With only three shots Shipley pinned the rattler to the ground in three different places. A fourth arrow pierced the head and killed the snake.

Shipley has a set of rattles as evidence.

Degrees for Presidents

Forty-nine American universities and colleges have conferred degrees on Presidents. Collegiate honoring of Presidents began with George Washington and has continued almost uninterruptedly.

Step on Your Troubles

Jud Tunkins says troubles are like colds. It's unfair to scatter 'em around among innocent bystanders.

RADIUM, JEKYLL AND HYDE AMONG METALS

Capable of Curing Disease and of Causing It.

Washington.—Radium, most precious of metals, an ounce of which is worth nearly as much as a ton of gold, recently has been brought to the fore again through new advances in its use in the treatment of disease.

"This silvery-white substance, which few people ever have seen, is a sort of Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde among the metals," says the National Geographic society. "While its principal use is in the treatment of dreaded cancer, in many cases of which it is a saver of life, radium also is capable of causing cancers and a fatal form of anemia when not properly handled.

"Recently the largest 'radium pack' for treating cancer ever used in the United States was put to work at Bellevue hospital, New York city," continues the bulletin. "It contains five grams of radium and is expected to be particularly useful in treating deep-seated cancers.

"It is estimated that there are about 250 grams of radium in the United States at present, nearly half of the total of 600 grams or approximately one and one-quarter pounds that has been produced in the world.

Worth Million an Ounce.

"Radium first was produced from pitchblende ores of Bohemia after its discovery in 1898. Since then prospectors have found radium-bearing deposits in many parts of the world. The most recent important 'radium strike' was in the Great Bear lake district in the wilderness of northern Canada, farther north than the Yukon gold fields.

"So valuable is the ore that it is profitable to fly out loads of it by airplane to civilization for refining. Today the world's principal sources of radium are the Great Bear lake deposits and mines in the Belgian Congo, Africa. There also are radium deposits in the United States, in Colorado and Utah. They are not rich enough to be worth working at present prices, but form a sort of radium reserve available in case other supplies are cut off.

"The value of radium is fabulous. It is worth about $1,000,000 per ounce at present prices. Gold is now valued at $35 per ounce in the United States, and platinum approximately the same. In small amounts radium may at times command a price of as much as $75 per milligram, the thousandth part of a gram. In past years its price has been much higher than now, reaching $125,000 per gram during the World war.

Used in Luminous Paint.

"Aside from the treatment of cancer, the chief use of radium is in luminous paint, used on watch and clock dials, for electric switches and keyholes, and in wartime, for gun sights and compass cards for use where lights would betray presence of troops.

"The radiations which make radium both useful in treating disease and dangerous when handled without protection, are caused by the explosion of atoms in the radium. Slowly radium is dissipating itself away by these explosions, though it takes from 1,600 to 2,500 years for half of a piece of radium to dissipate itself.

"The exploding atoms send out three different kinds of radiations or rays—alpha particles, positively charged, traveling up to 12,000 miles per second; beta rays, negatively charged electrons traveling with almost the speed of light; and gamma rays, electro-magnetic waves which also travel nearly as fast as light.

'In treating diseases, an emanation or by-product of radium usually is used instead of the radium itself, because it is far more radioactive than radium. One of the most frequently used is radon, a gas which can be released from radium by heating or dissolving it. A very small quantity of radon is as radioactive as a large amount of radium. Radon can be produced without the original radium being scattered or lost."

Inscribed Terra Cotta Cones Back Up Testament

Washington.—New proof of the accuracy of the Old Testament as a historical record has been obtained by the Smithsonian institution.

The findings—three inscribed terra cotta cones found in a temple wall at Ur of the Chaldees—were memorial tablets buried to perpetuate the name of the king, Libit-Ishtar, fifth ruler of the Isin dynasty who reigned about 2075 B. C.

Included in the cuneiform inscriptions were references to several early cities, mentioned before in the Book of Genesis. The Smithsonian said their existence based on the Biblical reference was never considered conclusive, however.

The fourteenth chapter of Genesis gives Ur as the birthplace of Abraham, presumably in the reign of Rim-Sin or of Hammurabi, 2000 to 1900 B. C.

Jersey Tailor Makes 2,500th Suit and Quits

Collingswood, N. J.—Thomas Nebelitsky, who made by hand more than 2,500 suits of clothes, has retired. Although only fifty-eight, Nebelitsky has been in the tailoring business for 24 years.

"There is only one way to make a suit of clothes," Nebelitsky commented as he closed his shop. "And that is to build it like a house for the man who orders it."

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The first railroad in Ohio, which ran from Adrian, Mich., to Toledo, was fostered by our northern neighbor, the Wolverine state. At the outset there was little confidence in the success of the enterprise. It was described in the Michigan legislature, which granted the charter, as merely "a fanciful scheme that could do no harm and would greatly please certain citizens of Toledo."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Meaning of Word "Reich"

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