

U. S. CITIES TO JOIN HANDS IN CHARITY DRIVES

Winter Needs of Jobless Spur Plans for Fund Campaigns.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, June 19.—Community chests everywhere, acting on a suggestion of the President's emergency committee for employment, will co-operate to raise local funds to help the unemployed this winter.

J. Herbert Case of New York, president of the National Association of Community Chests and Councils, today formally accepted the proposal for a concerted campaign for funds. The suggestion was made Saturday by Fred C. Croxton, acting head of the President's committee, at the association's national convention at Minneapolis.

Not To Be Pooled
Funds raised will not be pooled for national disbursement, however, but will be used in the areas where gathered.

Case's announcement, together with a statement telegraphed by Croxton to the Scripps-Howard newspapers showed no plan was on foot to raise a national fund, over and above the regular chest quotas, for relief of unemployed on a national scale.

Some accounts of the Minneapolis meeting indicated raising of a \$90,000,000 fund for relief of the idle was proposed under administration auspices.

The drive now planned by community chests will include the regular, or augmented, chest quotas, and thus will be used for a variety of purposes and not solely to help the jobless.

Red Cross Holds Off

Some accounts said also the American National Red Cross has been invited to join in the campaign, and raise from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. This invitation was given, it was learned, but the Red Cross has declined to join.

The chests' program, now that it has accepted Croxton's suggestion, will be to schedule at one time as many of the various drives as possible, so that they can benefit from national effort, published as such. In addition, in towns of 25,000 population or more where there are no chests, the association will give help in charity campaigns in the way of leadership.

GREED FATAL TO SNAKE

King Reptile Tries to Swallow Big Cottonmouth; Perishes.

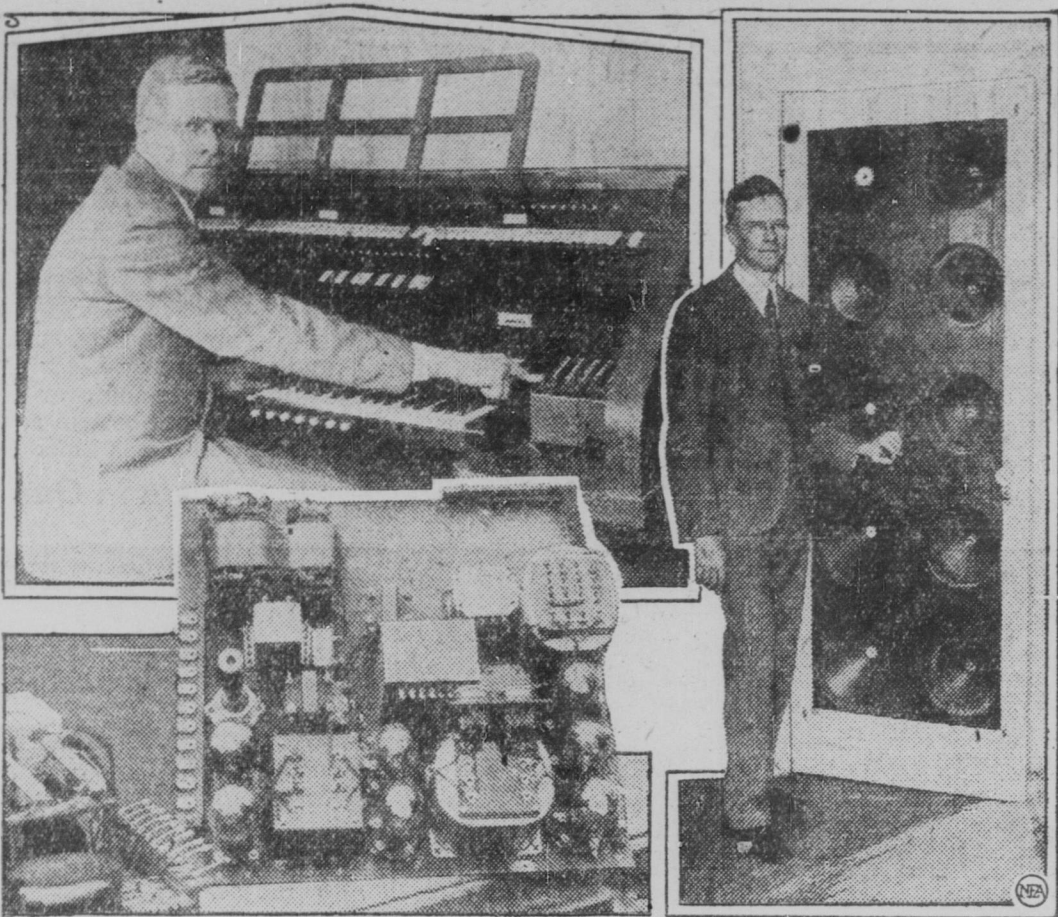
By United Press
BENTON, Ill., June 19.—Robert McMahan, a farmer living near here, thought he had found a new kind of reptile when he saw what appeared to be a six-foot snake with two tails and no head, writhing on the ground near his home.

Close investigation revealed that a king snake had attempted to swallow a cottonmouth. Both snakes were about four feet long. The king snake, writhing in agony, had succeeded in swallowing half of the reptile—but that was all. Two feet of the cottonmouth yet remained to be swallowed when the king snake died.

Charges Oil Killed Cattle

By United Press
ABILENE, Tex., June 19.—Charging that her cattle were poisoned by oil leaking from the company's pipeline during a break last year, Mrs. Fronia Ames has sued the United Producers Pipeline Company for \$5,871.

Electrical Organ and Its Inventor



The "most perfect mechanical musical instrument ever made"—as well as the most powerful and the most revolutionary—here is shown with its inventor, Captain Richard H. Ranger.

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CORNSTALK GAS TO LIGHT FARMS

Scientist Obtains Heat by Dieting Bacteria.

By United Press
TOPEKA, Kan., June 19.—Gas from cornstalks and sewage to light farms and cities and turn the wheels of commerce "sounds like a wild dream, but perhaps after all it will really work" the June issue of Capper's Farmer says.

Details are set forth in an article by Lionel K. Arnold of Iowa State college outlining experimentation of Dr. A. M. Buswell, University of Illinois scientist.

The article says Dr. Buswell has proved conclusively that gas can be generated in sizable proportions from these substances. Dieting of billions of bacteria is the basis for the operation.

"He (Dr. Buswell) took some shredded cornstalks in the laboratory," Arnold relates, "flavored them with sewage and fed them to bacteria that had established a reputation for making methane, or marsh gas. He was not disappointed for they made great quantities of the gas."

MILLIONS TO BE MOVED

Silver Dollars Will Be Taken From Old Mint.

By United Press
NEW ORLEANS, June 19.—More than six million silver dollars will be moved from the old United States mint to the customs house here, preparatory to renovating the mint for a federal prison.

Holdup men, however, would have a difficult time getting away with it even if the transfer were unprotected. The silver is held in 6,875 sacks, with one thousand dollars in each sack. And each sack weighs sixty-four pounds.

Sees Stars

By United Press
TRENTON, N. J., June 19.—John T. See of Paterson filed suit for divorce today, charging that his wife hit him with "everything in the house," including the family cat.

In addition to hitting him with the cat, fishes, a can of condensed milk and "anything she could lay her hands on," See charged that she boasted openly to neighbors that she "had John well trained."

Once when he dared to take some money out of his pay envelope to buy groceries, Mrs. See met him in front of the postoffice, he charges, and beat him on the head with an umbrella.

On one occasion, he charges, she threw red pepper in his eyes because there was an irregularity in his pay envelope, and at another time she hit him with an ax, for a similar reason.

SPENDS HIS VACATION CAPTURING RATTLERS

Seattle Insurance Man Goes in for Thrills in Big Way.

By United Press
SPOKANE, Wash., June 19.—Golfing, camping, fishing, boating and loafing are common enough forms of vacation enjoyment, but Paul J. Martin, Seattle insurance man, has a way of his own for relaxing and resting each year.

He spends his vacations in the rattlesnake country near here, capturing specimens.

Martin is an honorary member of the National Anti-Venue Society, and is one of the northwest's authorities on snakes.

Almost every summer he spends much of his vacation capturing rattlers and supplying zoological collections with Washington's specimens of poisonous reptiles.

OHIO EXPECTING LOCUST HORDE

Due to Reappear After 17 Years of Dormant Life.

By United Press
WOOSTER, O., June 19.—An invasion of Ohio by the "17-year locusts" or cicadae is expected this month by Dr. Warren Spencer, professor of biology at Wooster college.

The last general appearance of the locusts was shortly before the beginning of the World war. Their return can safely be expected this year, according to Dr. Spencer.

Their reappearance will mean their return to open air and light after a seventeen-year period of dormant life. Through this long stage they have lain in the soil, their mouth-parts sunk into a root-let from which they have extracted nourishment.

They will mate, the female species will hatch their eggs to produce young somewhat ant-like in form. The young will make their way out to the end of twigs and remain until the larvae is shaken off by the wind.

The cicadae will fall to the ground and crawl about until it locates a crevice into which it can remain for the next seventeen years.

SLAP COSTS \$1,500 FINE

Waitress Says Injury Was Worth \$4,500; Judge Disagrees.

By NEA Service
CLEVELAND, June 19.—Two years ago John Carey, city fireman, years ago John Carey, city fireman, ment of a meal check, she contends. Consequently she estimated that she was injured to the amount of \$4,500. But Judge White and the jury didn't think she was hurt that bad. She was awarded \$1,500, which makes the slap costly enough.

FAMILY HUNTS BODY OF FAMED WAR AVIATOR

Remains in Grave Thought to Be Those of Another Soldier.

By RALPH HEINZEN
United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, June 19.—Fifteen years after he fell to his death inside the German lines after a stubborn air battle above Verdun, the family of Victor Chapman, first flier of the famed Lafayette Escadrille to die in combat, is convinced that the body buried under his name in the American army cemetery at Suresnes is not his.

After hostilities ended, friends hunted out the grave of Chapman and found a cross, well inside the old German lines, which bore on one side the name of Victor Chapman and on the other the name of a German soldier.

Study on Exhumation
The tomb was excavated and two bodies were found, one with bits of a German uniform and one with French equipment.

The remains of the French soldier were carried back to Paris and buried in the Suresnes cemetery, but recently the body was exhumed to permit a comparison of teeth and other identifications.

Chapman's former French mechanic, other Americans in the Foreign Legion and members of the family have found great differences in the teeth and shape of the body, which now leads them to believe that for twelve years they have been honoring another in the grave of Chapman, and that he will lie forever in an unmarked grave.

Dies in Combat in 1916
Chapman, a great-grand-son of a signer of the Declaration of Independence, John Jay, and a son of John Jay Chapman, essayist and poet of Barrytown and New York, was last seen in action when he accompanied Raoul Lufbery and Norman Prince over the German lines near Verdun.

French airmen saw Chapman's plane dive straight down and break into pieces well inside the enemy lines.

The American had been fighting five Germans. That occurred July 23, 1916.

Fire Loss 25 Millions
HARRISBURG, Pa., June 19.—Fire loss in Pennsylvania during 1930 totaled \$25,000,000, according to

the bureau of fire protection. The bureau announced that its survey showed that 82 per cent of the fires were preventable.

At the age of 84 Edward A. Probst, Civil war veteran of Greenville, Ill., is the father of an eight and one-half-pound son.

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