

BIRTH CERTIFICATE BUSINESS AT PEAK

Demand Increased by Persons Who Want Ready Proof Of Their United States Citizenship; City Undergoing Wave of Good Health.

By RICHARD LEWIS

The City Health Department is doing a land-office business issuing birth certificates to persons who want ready proof of United States citizenship.

Most of the demand comes from prospective travelers to Canada or Mexico, but some come from young men and women who believe citizenship evidence will help them get jobs.

Up until five or six years ago, birth certificates were issued only on rare occasions. The demand began to grow with Social Security legislation. Now, it is much greater than ever before, according to Dr. Herman G. Morgan, health officer.

While On the Subject

The City is in a wave of good health, speaking collectively. The contagious disease rate is low and pneumonia is at the bottom of its annual curve. There are a few cases of scarlet fever, mumps and whooping cough in town, but not as many as last year at this time, Dr. Morgan said.

The consistently cool weather of the past 10 days is adding and abetting a normal pulse, the City Health Officer explained.

There are a good many health hazards to look out for, however, in the process of seeking health in the great outdoors this summer. The trio of hazards with the longest list of victims are sunburn, plant poisons and impure drinking water.

Rhusotoxicodendron (poison ivy or sumac) kills more outdoor visitors than almost any other combination of mishaps, Dr. Morgan said. The three-leaved poison ivy plant, especially when it is what most people are allergic to in varying degrees. The plant's menace, which is everywhere in this part of the country, can be mitigated by injections.

Contrary to an old-fashioned belief, the sun will not grow hair on the head or the chest. Sunshine in small doses aids body resistance, but sunburn can be injurious, according to Dr. Morgan.

Watch water in rural areas, Dr. Morgan warned. In most states as in Indiana, health departments mark safe water supplies with signs. Virtually every case of typhoid fever reported in Indianapolis for over five years has been contracted from impure water outside the City or State, according to Dr. Morgan.

More About Health

Indianapolis built its Municipal Hospital at a cost of \$25,000 shortly before the Civil War. The story goes that long-standing agitation for the hospital came to a climax when a State Representative died of smallpox while attending a session of the Legislature.

Since that time, the City Hospital has been one of the most complete medical institutions of its kind in the country. To make it more complete, hospital authorities are planning to spend \$350,000 on improvements.

But the improvement program has been held up pending a decision on the desirability of digging a new well for water or getting City water. A decision is expected to be reached within a month, so that the work of revamping the water system within the hospital, installing new elevators and expanding the surgery can get under way by late summer.

Market Receipts Up

Another of the City's older institutions is the Market.

Marketeer Paul Lindemann, who knows every square foot of the marketplace by heart, will report gross receipts totaling \$21,000 for the first six months of this year when he appears before the Safety Board Tuesday.

This amount is \$1000 more than the receipts for the first half of 1939. The market pays for itself out of revenue, even pays for its own improvements. It now contains 246 stands, with 10 vacancies. In a few days, painters will be at work refinishing the Market St. side with green paint.

The Lid's On

The word is traveling around the City Hall as fast as the crack of doom. The lid's on—on Indiana Ave. The Police Department has been insisting of late that the Avenue's lively taverns stop selling at midnight. It isn't a police drive, according to City officials. But the Avenue's night life is fading up, nevertheless.

A good deal of light reading goes on at City Hall during the summer, when there isn't much for most of the employees to do. Favorite fiction for City employees is the nickel magazines with bright covers.

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YOUNG LOVE

Youth Vows He'll See Deanna Despite Police

HOLLYWOOD, June 6 (U. P.)—Robert Smith, 21, has never been any closer to Deanna Durbin than her front gate—and that got him in trouble with the police—but he was determined today to see her, come what may.

James Durbin, father of the singing star, called police last night and reported that a youth was loitering in front of his home. Police picked young Smith up while he was sitting in Miss Durbin's automobile.

"Well," he was quoted as saying, "I guess you boys are looking for me. I'm in love with Deanna and I want to marry her."

Police asked him whether Miss Durbin, 17, who recently received her first kiss in a movie, felt the same way about him. The youth couldn't be certain about that, but asserted:

"She's going to fall in love with somebody and it might as well be me."

He was questioned and released.

FAIR EMPLOYEE THREATENED IN BOMBING PROBE

"I'll Kill Her," Phone Voice Says to Worker's Husband; Budsman Held.

NEW YORK, July 6 (U. P.)—A telephone caller threatened the life of an employee of the British Pavilion at the World's Fair early to day while police pressed their search for the person or persons who planted the July 4 bomb there which killed two detectives.

The phone rang in the apartment of Mrs. Marjorie Rosser, the pavilion's telephone operator, at 2 a. m. and her husband answered. He told the caller he was speaking for his wife. The caller then said, in a flat, even voice: "I'll kill her."

Mrs. Rosser had received a telephone call at the pavilion on Tuesday in which a man told her to clear the pavilion before it blew up. Thursday afternoon the bomb was discovered. The detectives carried it to a clear space of the grounds where it exploded.

Apartment Guarded

Police said as they placed a heavy guard around the Rosser apartment, that they believed the call was made by the same man. Mrs. Rosser was not at home. Her husband and police would not reveal her whereabouts.

The new development came as the police began questioning the pavilion's employees.

Police turned to these 110 men and women after a round-up of 100 persons identified with extremist groups had yielded no clues. All were released except an alien German, an ardent Nazi, who was held for illegally possessing firearms.

Mayor F. H. La Guardia said the city would offer a reward of \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bombers. The Detectives' Benevolent Association announced a \$1,000 reward and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the Association of Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains and Inspectors are expected to offer rewards, too.

Detectives Ferdinand A. Socha and Joseph J. Lynch were killed when the bomb, which they had canvassed the commanding general of the militia's 22 divisions and other ranking officers regarding their readiness for service.

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CLAIMS GUARD READY TO SERVE

Gen. Williams Reports That Officers Are 'Eager' For Action.

WASHINGTON, July 6 (U. P.)—Maj. Gen. John F. Williams, chief of the National Guard, informed the War Department today that his organization of 235,000 men is ready for active service at any time that the President may issue a call.

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SURVEYOR APPOINTS NEW CHIEF DEPUTY

Leonard Dorman, 2124 English Ave., has been appointed chief deputy county surveyor to succeed Paul T. Schaeffer, 5225 E. New York St., who resigned to accept a position with the State Highway Department.

Mr. Dorman will superintend all designing and engineering work assigned to the surveyor's office. John Ryan, county surveyor, made the appointment.

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RING IS RECOVERED FROM HIPPO TANK

DETROIT, July 6 (U. P.)—The man to Springfield, Ill., should return today to Mrs. Catherine Bayle, the diamond ring which fell into the hippopotamus tank at the Detroit Zoo on the Fourth.

Mrs. Bayle visited the zoo with her small daughter, Betty. The child, who was wearing the ring, dropped it into the hippo tank. Mrs. Bayle couldn't wait while attending to drain 250 gallons of water from the tank but after they had done so, they found the ring and forthwith mailed it to Mrs. Bayle.

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View of Fort-de-France on island of Martinique, 300 miles off Venezuela.

CARTEL CHANGE IS SUGGESTED

'Hard-Boiled' Barter Trade With Latin America Proposed Instead.

By THOMAS L. STOKES
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Controversy over the Administration's proposed North-South American cartel, designed to meet the Hitler trade threat in Latin America, is being accentuated with the approach of the Pan-American Conference in Havana later this month.

The cartel scheme calls for a huge corporation to buy up Latin American surpluses and dispose of them wherever possible in order to forestall Nazi trade agreements with South and Central American countries.

It is feared that such agreements might lead to political penetration.

While the necessity for radical protective measures is generally recognized, this particular approach is questioned in some quarters on the ground that it is a grandiose, benevolent enterprise, with Uncle Sam footing most of the bill at great cost, and the war.

KAMPF-ING OUT

Hitler's Book Well Read, Like Road Map

Times Special

LAFAVETTE, Ind., July 6.—The first annual Conference for Drug Clerks will be held on the Purdue University campus Monday through Friday.

Sales, Displays, Business And Manufacturing to Be Discussed.

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