

At City Hall

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 case, 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.

Rhizotoxicodendron (poison ivy or sumac) ruins many outdoor vacations than almost any other combination of mishaps, Dr. Morgan said. The three-leaved poison ivy plant creates an oily resin to which most people are allergic 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 become 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.

Marketmaster 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 relaunching the Market St. side with green paint.

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CARTEL CHANGE IS SUGGESTED

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

By THOMAS L. STOKES
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Contrary to 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 German 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, beneficent enterprise, with Uncle Sam footing most of the bill at great cost, and the result dubious.

Extremists among the critics say it would be making a WPA project out of South America. They point to various accompanying proposals, including the suggestion of one group of publicists that the food-stamp plan now used in many cities in this country for distribution of surpluses be extended to South America.

Some critics proposed rather that the United States adopt a broader and more realistic program, employing a mixture of methods to meet varying circumstances, and emphasizing the barter trade of agreement whereby he would insist upon South American countries taking specified products of ours in exchange for specified products of theirs.

Our attitude, in short, would be more hard-boiled than the cartel proposal.

Urges Trade Board

One advocate of this sort of approach is Senator Vandenberg (R, Mich.). He has introduced a bill authorizing creation of a foreign trade board, similar to the British Board of Trade, which would have centralized authority over all foreign trade agencies of the Government. Even the Tariff Commission would become a subordinate body.

Due to the disruption of European trade with Latin American nations by the war, the United States has made great inroads in Central and South America, and those countries likewise have increased their sales to us, which provides an excellent base for a program of trade expansion and protection south of the Rio Grande.

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

'Gift Child' From Britain Cheers Bereaved Couple

ALIQUIPPA, Pa., July 6 (U. P.).—Late is full and rich again today for Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner following the arrival of their "gift child," their 7-year-old niece, Ethel May Wilkes, from England.

The Turners were left childless 15 years ago when their baby, Renee, died after they came to America from England. In February, 1938, Mrs. Turner's sister, Florence, was stricken ill in England and she wrote the Turners: "If anything happens to me, I want you to take little Ethel. She's the image of your Renee."

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KAMPF-ING OUT

Hitler's Book Well Read, Like Road Map

"MEIN KAMPF," by that celebrated exterior decorator Adolf Hitler, in the last three weeks has resumed its place in the best-selling non-fiction in Indianapolis.

It likewise has taken a spurt both in rentals and at the Public Library.

Apparently people are buying it as a tourist buys a road map—to chart the route.

They may find it's just about as hard to chart a course from it as it is from some road maps. No detours are marked.

Among the speakers will be J. W. Sturmer, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, who left the Purdue staff in 1912; H. S. Noel, of Eli Lilly and Co.; and Fred A. Russell of the University of Illinois.

Dr. E. C. Elliott, Purdue University professor, will make the opening address at the Indiana Nurserymen's Association state meeting here Wednesday. More than 100 are expected to attend. Prof. Frank Hall and Dr. G. D. Searsh, members of the Purdue faculty, will speak.

Hoover farmers are holding to their high level of hog production along with neighboring states, according to the report of M. M. Just, agricultural statistician.

Stuart A. Bishop, State Highway Commissioner, will discuss the number of hogs farrowing during the past six months was five per cent above last year, totaling 556,000, but the number of pigs per litter was smaller. For the fall pig crop of 1940 only 429,000 sows are expected to farrow. This is two per cent below the fall figures for 1939.

U. S. WARSHIPS MOVING SOUTH

Believed Dispatched to

Martinique Area as Observers.

WASHINGTON, July 6 (U. P.).—The United States was believed today to have dispatched a number of neutrality patrol warships to the general vicinity of French Martinique in the Caribbean to investigate reports that a French naval detachment there is awaiting a British ultimatum.

The American vessels—five destroyers—were said to have been dispatched from the Virgin Islands to observe the Martinique situation at first-hand. Reports from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, said that the ships left yesterday for an unknown destination. St. Thomas is about a day's run from Martinique.

While most officials declined to comment on the movement of the destroyers, one authoritative source said they "are not bound for the Panama Canal." He added, however, that if the ships actually reach the Martinique area they will act strictly as observers.

Would Warn U. S. Ships

One of their functions would be to warn American shipping in the vicinity if hostilities developed between the French and British.

The battleships New York and Texas, which sailed out of St. Thomas with the destroyers, were said to be headed in another direction.

The two ships are carrying U. S. Naval Academy midshipmen on their annual cruise and, it is believed, would not enter any potential danger areas.

Among the French ships at Martinique are a number of submarines, small craft and possibly the 22,146-ton aircraft carrier Bearn. British authorities in London have denied that British cruisers are blockading the island, but declined further comment.

Report Blockade

Information reaching French circles in Washington was that a British blockade had cut off the island's sea communications and that British ships could be expected to move in to insist that the French surrender or scuttle their ships or fight.

State Department officials pressed to have no knowledge of the purported blockade.

Presence of the Bearn at Martinique was not officially confirmed. A usual authoritative congressional source reported that the Bearn carried as freight 100 American planes. Another source placed the number at 500. The shipment reportedly includes a number of Curtiss "Hell-Diver" bombers which the U. S. Navy had released for resale to France and Great Britain.

It also was reported that other American planes, shipped from California for trans-shipment to France, are stored at Martinique.

BRITAIN SEEKS WAR FUND OF 4 BILLIONS

LONDON, July 6 (U. P.).—A supplementary estimate issued by the Treasury yesterday requested that Parliament give the Government a "blanket grant" of 1,000,000,000 pounds—\$1,600,000,000—for prosecution of the war.

Sir Kingsley Wood, chancellor of the Exchequer, is expected to introduce the new grant in Commons Tuesday, and probably will give his listeners some clue as to what further sacrifices Britishers will be called upon to make later in the year.

Two huge war grants already have been made since outbreak of the war, one for 500,000,000 pounds, and a second one of 700,000,000 pounds.

ARMY CAPTAIN, SON BURNED TO DEATH

MT. VICTORIA, Md., July 6 (U. P.).—Capt. George W. Lermond, 35, and his son, George Jr., 7, were burned to death here today when fire destroyed the home of his father-in-law, Maj. William H. Lloyd, retired.

Mrs. Edith Lermond and two other children, William Henry, 4, and Edith, 18 months, escaped from the second floor porch where they were sleeping. Capt. Lermond, who attended Boston College and West Point, had been stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and was en route to Ft. Benning, Ga.

GOLFER OUT-FOXED

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., July 6 (U. P.).—William Morgan solved the mystery of the disappearing golf balls at Wyantuck Country Club.

Mr. Morgan was walking down the fairway of the second hole when out of the nearby woods crept a young red fox, which grabbed his ball and fled.

Forgets Personal Gain for Party

The National Greenback Party's

nominee for President, Mrs. Anna Milburn, obtains part of her support from interested money, but she wholeheartedly supports the party's program for abolishing interest.

Mrs. Milburn, a well-to-do Seattle, Wash., widow, was nominated for President by the party at its convention here Thursday.

John Zahnd, Indianapolis, the party's usual presidential nominee, again was named national chairman, a post he has held 18 years. The National Greenback Party has for its goal certain monetary and banking reforms.

RED CROSS WAR FUND

NOW TOTALS \$63,939

The Marion County Red Cross war

relief fund reached \$63,939.30 today.

Among contributions received today were \$25 from the W. T. Grant Co., \$20 from the McCrory Stores Corp. and \$10 each from Frank E. Best, Catherine Kerr and L. L. Lytle.

Gifts received yesterday included \$50 from Mrs. Bowman Elder, \$10 from Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Sims and \$81.20 from employees of the Marion County Welfare Department.

Women workers' groups reported: Mrs. Paul J. Hovey and assistants, \$110.85; Mrs. Wallace Heller and assistants, \$53.80; Mrs. Harry R. Coiler and assistants, \$38.25; Miss Bess Epstein and assistants, \$57.20; Mrs. Patrick O'Connor and assistants, \$23.50; and Mrs. Merritt Thompson, \$39.15.

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FAIR EMPLOYEE THREATENED IN BOMBING PROBE

'I'll Kill Her.' Phone Voice Says to Worker's Husband; Bundsman 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 today 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 building before it blew up. Thursday afternoon the bomb was discovered. The detectives carried it to a clear area 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 wife 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 Pastors' Benevolent Association and the Association of Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains and Inspectors were expected to offer rewards, too.

Detectives Ferdinand A. Socha and Joseph J. Lynch were killed when the bomb, which they had carried from the pavilion to a vacant area, exploded. Six other persons were injured.

Bundsman Held

Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine said he believed that only a person familiar with the pavilion could have placed the bomb in the upstairs fan room, where it was found.

Cesar Kroeger, apartment house superintendent, a former Bundsman, was held. Police found large maps of the United States on the walls of his house, picked by pins. Large world maps were found on which had been outlined the progress of the Russian-Finnish war and the United States neutrality zone.

Several groups of South Sea Islands were named. There were also two automatic pistols hidden in a drawer, each under a copy of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

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YOUNG LOVE

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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. In his love with Deanna—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."