

## DIVORCES HALT MANY BRITISH MARITAL DECAY TYPES HOBOES

Philadelphia — (UP) — The mounting rate of divorces is not indicative of marital decay, but rather an "evidence of healthy re-adjustment of marriage" to new and better standards, in the opinion of Dr. James P. Lichtenberger, professor of sociology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lichtenberger, in the role of conjugal doctor, speaking before the Parents' Council of Philadelphia, said husbands have ceased to become a "trellis" because the "clinging vine" type of woman has become independent. Many of them actually have become "old maids."

"The old days of marriage for position, for security for the wife, or for economic sufficiency, have gone," he said. "Marriages today are for mutual affection, comradeship and the other amenities of life."

"And marriage is better off, as a result. It never was intended to perform all the functions that rightfully belong to the commercial world, the school and the church. Of course, the divorce rate will continue, since the old authority is gone."

The sociologist asserted that divorce was "a moral sanitation," that the rate would always be high, for "that is the essential nature of the voluntary marriage but we never shall go back to the false education and superstition both in marriage and sex, that have caused such havoc in the past."

### Seaplanes Faster Than Land Planes, Says Major

St. Louis — (UP) — Land planes can never hope to attain the speed in the air that seaplanes can, according to Major James H. Doolittle, holder of the American seaplane and world's land-plane speed records.

"Paradoxical as it may seem," Doolittle observed, "airplane speed in the air is governed by its landing speed."

"The pontoons of a seaplane's landing gear," he said, "permit comparatively smooth contact with the water with a suction effect, compared with the rough bouncing of land-plane wheels on a ground surface, which, at extremely high speeds, has a tendency to turn the plane over."

"Also, the practically unlimited landing area afforded by water permits a pilot all the space he wants to bring his ship to a stop after touching the surface which is not the case of the much more limited and rougher land surface."

The most powerful engine used in land racing planes today is about 850 horsepower, while a 2,800 horsepower engine was developed for the English seaplane which flew 406 miles per hour, the record. The land-plane record is 294 miles per hour.

### New Dinner Frock



Shiela Terry, screen player, has introduced a new combination for Spring wear in this dinner frock of brown crepe, with which she wears a short, metal-cloth jacket. Its colors are blue, rose and gold, and it is cut to a point in the front, where it can fasten with a single button.

### Boy Hitch-Hiked to Woodworker Makes

Sioux Falls, S. D. — (UP) — The depression was only an incident in the life of a youth who attended a dance here recently.

The boy hitch-hiked to Sioux Falls from Larchwood, Iowa. He had only the price of admission to the dance. He checked his hat in a nearby cemetery.

After the dance he picked his hat off a tombstone, and nonchalantly "hitch" another ride home.

London — (UP) — All manner of men are turning hoboos in Britain, forced into vagrancy by the severe unemployment.

Many, who recently have held good positions, have turned tramps, but not because they love "the road." Absolute privation has driven them to tramp the roads, first in search of work, and, failing that, in search of shelter.

Here are some of the different types of men who have passed through the casual ward of the Lincoln Institution:

A mining engineer who speaks eight languages.

A man who has been in the civil service seven years, and is now compelled to tramp the country because of staff reductions.

A man, 66, who had been sales manager for a publishing firm.

The authorities are hard pressed to accommodate the increasing stream of vagrants. Between July and September the number was 2,089, compared with 1,551 during the same period of 1931.

### Unconscious Dog Can Howl, S. P. C. A. Avers

Birmingham, England — (UP) — A dog can howl, it seems, even while unconscious — and that is what saved the good name of the local S. P. C. A.

A sizeable scandal arose when the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was charged paradoxically, with being cruel to animals. Indignant citizens complained that employees of the society were destroying dogs by putting them in a small chamber, to which was attached the exhaust pipe of an automobile. Their agonized screams, it was claimed, could be heard for hours.

The society admitted that, what with the high price of chloroform they had been reduced to this method, but denied it constituted cruelty.

Dr. Herbert Griffiths, veterinary surgeon, concurred. It was not a cruel death for a dog, he said, because it produced almost immediate unconsciousness, albeit the animal continued howling for some time.

The cruelest blow was reserved for the plaintiffs, who were ordered to pay \$51 costs.

### State Expects to Follow Canadian System

Sacramento, Cal. — (UP) — California expects to follow the Canadian system of liquor control if the 18th Amendment is repealed.

A measure closely following that plan has been introduced in the state legislature.

It provides for a state liquor board of three members appointed by the governor. A deputy liquor commissioner would be appointed by boards of supervisors in each of the 58 counties.

Other provisions are: Wines and beers may be served in hotels, boarding houses, and other public eating places.

Liquor in original packages may be sold in retail stores where liquor is not consumed.

No "saloon" may ever be established.

Any person may apply for a license to sell liquor or operate a liquor store.

The county commissioners may grant licenses.

A state and county fee shall be paid on gross receipts.

The county liquor commissioners may regulate the hours during which liquor may be sold.

### Beggar Also Took Man's \$300 Stickpin

Salt Lake City, Utah — (UP) — Somewhere there is a poorly clad man who has the stub of E. E. Munsen's tie and a \$300 stickpin.

Munsen is not so much concerned about the stub of his tie, but he has appealed to police to recover the stickpin.

The unknown man approached Munsen and asked for the price of a meal. He dipped his hand into his pocket and produced a quarter.

Everyone was happy until Munsen discovered the end of his tie had been severed and his stickpin taken.

### Old Game Came To Light Again

St. Catharine's Ont. — (UP) — The old "Spanish Prisoner" game, which has been perpetuated many times in the past, has come to light here again.

Ross Rodgers, of Scholler Bros. textile soap manufacturers, has received word from Mexico, that by assisting a prisoner to recover a trunk containing \$185,000, he would receive one-third for his help.

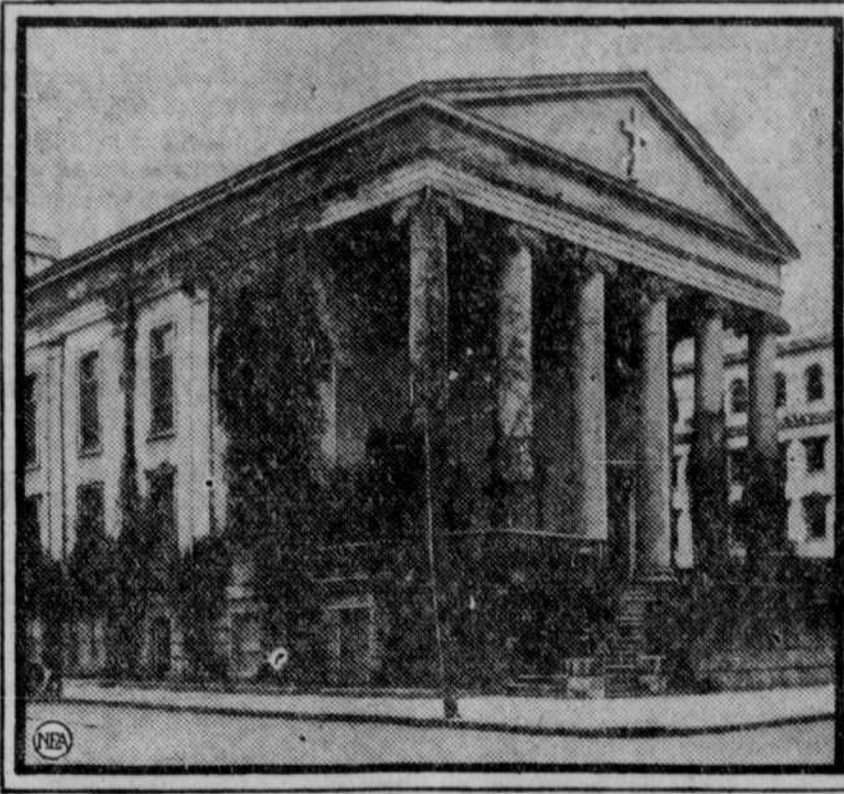
In his letter the prisoner stated he was in jail for "failure" and that the trunk containing the money was at a custom house in North America.

### Woodworker Makes

Boston — (UP) — August Tinglof, veteran woodworker, is busily at work making 44 pairs of runners for the sledges Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd will take with him on his next Antarctic Expedition.

Parts of the sleds will be jointed loosely with rawhide to give greater flexibility. The rawhide will be sunk in the wood to avert chafing and prevent the sled dogs from chewing it.

## Savannah Is Birthplace of the Sunday School BIBLE TRAINING FOR YOUNG HAD INCEPTION IN CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE OLDEST IN GEORGIA NEARLY TWO CENTURIES AGO



Christ Episcopal church, Savannah, Ga., the century-old home of a congregation founded twice that long ago.

Savannah, Ga. — Christ Episcopal church, the oldest church in Georgia and the first in the world to organize a Sunday school, stands on the site overlooking Johnson Square where it was first located by the colonists in laying out the city of Savannah in 1733.

James Edward Oglethorpe, himself designer of the city of Savannah, laid out the site as the church lot and so it remains to this day. The edifice now standing is not the same as the original structure, which was started in 1740 and completed in 1750. Before that time, worship was conducted in Oglethorpe's tent and then in temporary quarters.

The church was first chartered in 1758 by Colonial Act and its congregation embraced Savannah and the surrounding district. Its burying ground was in what now is known as Colonial Park, several blocks from the church where the ancient graves remain undisturbed.

The charter under which the church now exists is that granted by act of legislature in 1789, following the Revolution, when the Church of England ceased through the Bishop of London to control the American Church.

The original church was destroyed by fire in 1796. Before the rebuilding was completed, it was destroyed by hurricane in 1804 and once more the task of rebuilding fell upon the congregation.

In 1815 this was accomplished, the building being topped by a high spire. Her, the congregation worshipped for 23 years until, in 1838, the structure was regarded unsafe and so condemned. Again it was rebuilt, this time as it stands today, except for partial restoration after a fire in 1892.

The Rev. Samuel Quincey was the first rector of Christ Church. His successor was the Rev. John Wesley, the young Episcopal ecclesiastic and founder of Methodism who here organized and established the first Sunday School in the world.

Smattering of distorted facts that she does not comprehend and cannot apply — of these two give me just plain "mother," please, without any of the trimmings.

### YOUR CHILDREN

By Olive Roberts Barton  
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I have been to group discussions in which the amount of intelligence and sagacity of mothers produced in me a warm glow of content and I went home feeling that all was well with the world. On the other hand I have had the opposite experience now and then and I would begin to suspect that all was not so hopeful and that a little knowledge, or, let us say "hearsay knowledge" was a pretty dangerous thing.

Of the two, the woman who has nothing to rely on but her own common sense and natural understanding of her children and the one who gets a heterogeneous

aggregation of distorted facts that she does not comprehend and cannot apply — of these two give me just plain "mother," please, without any of the trimmings.

### Chic Formality



What could be lovelier for evening than this shell pink satin gown, worn by Miriam Jordan, screen player? It features the high pointed waistline of the directoire period. When the rose-colored taffeta jacket is removed, you see that the shoulder straps narrow down to a mere nothing.

### Powerful Insecticide Reported Developed

Kansas City, Mo. — (UP) — A powerful insecticide, produced through the successful placing of pyrethrum essence in solution with water, is reported to have been developed by Vanston Rusan, instructor of chemistry at Rock-wood college here.

Reports said arrangements are being made to put it upon the commercial market. Its merit is said to be that it is a powerful

## Silly Old Beliefs Hard to Overcome

Even Women of Intelligence Cling to Their Fond Superstitions.

A friend of mine, a short time ago, says a woman writer of note, voiced the following complaint:

"One of the most amazing paradoxes of our day is the survival of superstitions that are on an intellectual level with the darkest ages. The joke of it is that they flourish side by side with modern civilization and enlightenment—science beside hocus pocus."

"One of the most intelligent women in our club—or so I thought until I found this out—will start nothing on a Friday. A friend whom I presented at Christmas, with an exquisite pair of silver grape shears, insisted on giving me a penny for them—as the gift of a scissors was certain to 'cut' friendship. And she wasn't joking."

"Can you explain the survival of such barbarisms among supposedly rational, educated, cultured people?" Explain? Page a Solomon to explain the quirks and turns of perverse humans.

But I can go you one better, my friend. I can reveal a barbarism still less reasonable that is practiced in this day and age—and by those as scornful as we of those who admit to superstitions.

That is the barbarism of intolerance. For if there ever was a growth straight out of the soil of the most blighted ignorance and stupidity it

is distrust and hatred of those of different races or nationalities, because they are different.

The word "barbarism," by the way, was originally used to signify all other nations. Those who used it so, unknowingly branded themselves.

And speaking of that most ancient superstition, intolerance of those whose beliefs or habits and customs are different from our own—is this not even more amazing in an enlightened person than fear of scissors or the number thirteen? In such matters the fear, irrational as it is, is set of something supernatural, of the Unknown, while the fear and hatred of intolerance is fear of other people, people who dream and hope and work and love, people about whom in this day and age every child has learned enough to realize that we are all brothers and sisters "under the skin."

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