

FRENCH WINE EXPORTS DROP

Paris —(UP)— The French wine export industry dropped from 222,000,000 gold francs, in 1910, to 70,000,000 gold francs, in 1932, according to a report by Count Bertrand de Mun, president of the Commission for the Exportation of French Wines, and prohibition, tariffs and temperance are to blame.

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Count de Mun also is the head of the "champagne aristocracy" of Rheims, and his extensive wine cellars hewn in the limestone underneath this reconstructed city hold millions of bottle of champagne.

This unsatisfactory export situation, Count de Mun hopes, will be changed for the better, when the United States has finally abolished the 18th Amendment and the Volstead Law. But he warns wine growers that they must be prudent in their hopes, pointing out that the prohibition regime may not be transformed so speedily as they desire.

Portland, Ore., Death Rate Sets New Low

Portland, Ore. — (UP)— This city's death rate for 1932 was the lowest in 10 years and its infant mortality rate was so low as probably to make a new record nationally.

Deaths of mothers from childbirth numbered only 12, as compared with 35 in 1931. The birth rate, very low as compared with former statistics, dropped to 12.7 per 1,000 population.

There was one less suicide than in 1931. Automobile deaths were down 23.

Memphis Youth Hailed As Art Prodigy

Memphis, Tenn. —(UP)— Hailing him as a genius, professionals have nothing but praise for the cartoons of 13-year-old Leonard Raymond Crook.

Crook is a pupil in the seventh grade. He pictures amusing incidents of his earlier youth on a farm in Arkansas. He depicts his characters in characteristic situations of boyhood delight.

While principally interested in cartoon, Crook also does more serious art works, stained glass window designs, drawings, and paintings.

More Accident Data

Washington — The Aeronautics Bureau of the U. S. Department of Commerce has issued a new bulletin regarding air traffic accidents during the first six months of 1932. It shows that an average of 39,314 miles were flown for each accident during this period. Miles flown per fatal accident were 357,752.

Tailored Suit



This smart Spring suit, worn by Patricia Ellis, is fashioned according to the new mannish trend. The material is gray flannel, identical with that used in men's suits. The jacket is single-breasted with four pockets. The skirt is box-pleated, and cut to a neat length.

Indiana Revives Roller Polo Games

Indianapolis, Ind. — (UP)— Roller polo, a recently revived sport in Indiana, is rapidly becoming a family affair.

The latest recruit to join the local club is Darrell DeWitt, son of the well-known Parson Roll DeWitt, now a center on the Fort Wayne team.

Sooke Quikley another Indianapolis player, has a brother, Lew Quikley, playing for Richmond.

Dolls to Dishpans—Repented



Last August, when she was but thirteen years old, Bertha Brown (above), of Ardsley, Pa., married a 33-year-old husband. But she repented rapidly and after eight days returned to her dolls. Now she has filed non-support charges against her hubby, Frank Brown, who says he married her out of sympathy.

STEPS TO CURB IMPORTS TAKEN

Kovno —(UP)— Lithuania, like many other European countries, has now taken steps to curb imports of foreign goods. The government has just issued a decree providing that for the import of such goods as iron, coal, salt, cotton, cement, and sugar, special import licenses are required. At the same time a separate commission has been formed to supervise Lithuanian foreign trade. The director at the ministry of commerce, Norkaitis, has been named had of this new commission.

New Bird Banding Record Is Claimed

Ephraim, Wis. — (UP)— A new Wisconsin bird banding record is claimed by Harold C. Wilson and Arthur Gorski, who said they banded 5,500 birds of 53 species in 1932.

Wilson and Gorski, engaged in bird banding for the U. S. Biological survey, trap the birds and encircle one of their legs with a small aluminum band. Persons finding the bird report the number to Washington and the information to the government survey's data on bird migration.

One bird banded in spring was found in a trap the following fall. A Junco tagged in November, 1931, was caught near the same spot last November, the men reported.

Man Took Three Years To Become Champion

Turlock, Cal. — (UP)— It took W. Coburn Cook of Turlock three years to win his minor chess championship of North America, and now it apparently is outmoded.

He won the title by defeating S. H. Bigler, Robesonla, Pa., shortly after the first of the year in the final round of a correspondence match.

The trouble was, the championship was for 1929.

Building Associations Would Solve Problem

Washington — (UP)— Franklin W. Fort, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, believes that the country needs more building and loan associations and

Papers Established A Barter Column

St. Louis — (UP)— St. Louis newspapers have established a "barter" column on the classified pages and have found it highly successful. The "exchange" column is used purely as a trading medium.

One woman traded a hot-water heater for plumbing service. Another traded a lawn mower for a police dog. A third traded a sewing machine for a vacuum cleaner. One man traded a deer

that their establishment would help solve the mortgage problem.

"We have about 11,000 associations in the United States at present, but this number is not nearly large enough," he said.

"Every community with a population of 1,200 or more should have a building and loan association," Fort continued.

Fort said that building and loans can take over a great share of the mortgage load and finance it satisfactorily.

Salvation Army Got Huge Ball of String

St. Paul, Minn. —(UP)— Ensign Earl Crawford, adjutant in charge of a Salvation Army second-hand store, picked up the telephone one afternoon to answer a ring.

"I have a ball of twine here that I've been saving for the last year," Mrs. J. A. Zinkowsky explained. "I heard you take such objects. Would you mind sending a truck for it?"

"Yes, we'll take it, but why the truck?" Crawford asked.

"Well, it's a rather large ball," Mrs. Zinkowsky replied.

So it was. When the truck returned, two men were required to unload the 125-pound ball which is two feet two inches high and contains an estimated 100 miles of string.

Mrs. Zinkowsky's husband and son work in a printing shop and bring home odds and ends of twine. She formed the habit of rolling it up. As the ball grew, it became a neighborhood project.

"I still save string, but I've learned my lesson," Mrs. Zinkowsky said. "I roll it into small balls now."

Depression Increased Lust for Knowledge

Detroit —(UP)—The depression has resulted in a larger number of persons endeavoring to advance their education, local librarians claim.

Old men, refusing to be beaten by life, as well as aspiring youths spend hours in the reading rooms studying various subjects which they hope will aid in their advancement when prosperity returns.

There is a large increase in the call for books on sociology, economics and mechanical problems, according to librarians.

TWO KINDS OF DUCK

Toledo, Ohio — County Prosecutor Carl Christensen didn't figure on any more than one kind of a duck when he went hunting recently. His hunting luck was good because he brought down two mallards. But when he tried to fish them out of the water he received a duck that was not so good. While wading out to the ducks he stepped in a deep hole and received a thorough ducking.

rifle for five days work to an unemployed man.

PLANES AID IN FLOOD

Laredo, Tex. — During the recent flood which swept the Rio Grande Valley section of Texas, airplanes proved invaluable in rescuing stranded tourists. About 50 of them stranded in Mexico were rescued by Pilot Emory Hunt, of the Bowen Airlines, who made repeated trips across the swollen river until every tourist had been brought across the border.

GOOD TASTE TODAY

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IDEAL APPROACH TO CULTURE

It is scarcely impossible to over-emphasize the importance of earliest home training in the art of behavior, which is in turn an essential attribute of culture. Many people seem to think that teaching the art of behavior to children begins and ends with table manners, and with somewhat sketchy rehearsals of greetings and responses in the presence of company—details of mere mechanics, which may be learned by anyone at any age. Real training in behavior must be focused on tests of character and of taste, which will in later life be met by instinct!

For example, the first attribute required of every thoroughbred is self-control. Whether self-expression, as encouraged by certain modern schools of training, can accomplish this end as well as yesterday's belief in discipline, is more or less a question of whether you believe that the cultivation of a garden is best accomplished by letting the weeds grow, trusting that they will destroy themselves, or whether you believe in pulling them up. I know the question is not quite like that, but it would seem that children of today are too often humored where we of yesterday were too often spanked! At all events, no matter how acquired, self-control is still the first essential of character no less than of good manners. Consideration for the rights and feelings of others must be taught with a baby's first understanding of the difference between what is his and what is not his; this is the earliest lesson—next to self-control—that he must learn.

I received a letter only yesterday from a mother who tells me that her child's intense pride of possession frightens her, and she wants to know how it can be checked. In answer I can only say that unless we adopt a communistic mode of life, in which nothing shall be owned by anyone, a sense of possession will remain one of the realities of life. To have and to hold has always been the incentive, to deserve as well as to seize. Unless a baby knows that this thing is his, he cannot be taught the value of generosity, which, with kindness, is the foundation of courtesy.

Today when the beginning of school and kindergarten suggests plans for the future education of even very little children, I want to emphasize the detail that is the very first and most essential root to culture. By which I mean such early training in purity of speech that it shall become instinctive. Nothing is so important. And I will tell you why:

To every little child, speech is a universal gift. Few children at the age of three can carry a tune, none have perception of color harmony, or form, but every child can imitate with accuracy and ease every tone and accent in all the languages in the world. But this magic facility begins to fade—sometimes at an earlier age than three—and is usually lost completely by the age of twelve. Gift for pronunciation is really a question of sensitive ear rather than of tongue, and the reason why grown people cannot, to save their lives, learn to pronounce a foreign tongue, is that they have lost their sensitiveness of hearing.

which would have remained forever had it been fixed in childhood. These remarks are really in answer to a young French woman who writes me that her American husband is provoked because she is not speaking French to their baby daughter. She finds it too much trouble to talk a separate language to the child alone. It will be easy enough to learn French, if she wants to, when she is grown!

My answer is, this is just what she will never be able to do! I quote this purposely to the many of you who were born in other countries, who can so easily give your children another tongue. Do so, please, while they are little and their ears hear so acutely, and their tongues twist or trill with such marvelous ease—an ease that they'll lose so soon! It is such a pity to waste it! I know, of course, that many mothers cannot teach, or afford to have their children taught, a foreign tongue, and that many others will think they can't. And yet, when we hear the chorus of pianos strumming up and down almost any block, it does make many of us wonder why instead of the incessant five-finger exercises on the piano, so few are made to practice the five-vowel exercises—ah-oh-eh-ee-oo—of the throat, instead! By which I do not mean to belittle musical talent, but I do mean that beautiful speech is far higher evidence of culture

than average piano playing. The advantage of teaching little children more than one language is that each has its own pace and rhythm, its so-called unpronounceable sounds, so easily learned in childhood, so rarely mastered later on. It is not only that knowledge of languages gives us added delight when we travel abroad, but each note added to the range of our pronunciation adds just that note more to the flexibility and cultivation of our English.

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