

Babies Laugh, Coo and Cry as Judges Look for Winners

Infants of Ex-Service Men Are Given Prizes in Contest Staged by War Mothers.

The doughboy and the gob are still in the service of their country—keeping it safe from race suicide. This fact was demonstrated at Krug Park at a baby contest for ex-service men's families, put on by war mothers.

More than 345 were officially registered when entries closed Thursday night, but fully 1,000 babies, older brothers and sisters of the contestants, swarmed the huge dance pavilion while the event was on.

Some were chubby, some wiry, active little elves; some blue-eyed, some dark and redhaired, blond and brunette, some were pretty, some not so, except for their own adoring parents—anyway there were babies of all sizes, classes, sects, race and description.

Weighted and Measured.
A staff of doctors, headed by Dr. Harry Murphy, and nurses, headed by Miss Elizabeth Bradford of Rose Homan post of the American Legion, weighed and measured the babies prior to the promenade before the judges.

District Judge Sears was the only judge who renege'd. It is rumored he rode out to Krug park, took one look at the crowd of laughing, crying, squawling, smiling youngsters—and fled. But Harry Hough, redoubtable American Legion adjutant, Father Buckley, Mr. Blanche L. McKelvy, a candidate for the legislature, and Mrs. Frank Furness stayed bravely at their post.

J. M. Buck, originator of the gold star tribute for fallen heroes, presented gold lockets to the three "gold star" babies—only the center of attention in the big throng. They are daughters of men who died in the service. Their names are Grace Barker, Mary Catherine Parkinson and Dolphine Anne Drabek.

"In placing this emblem on you three, there are two meanings—one for the other country—and what one did for the other," said Buck. "May you fully understand this act later on."

Dressed Like Daddy.
The twins of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Humphrey, Don Robert and Richard Daniel were the center of another group. Raymond Gerrity, jr., 2679 Burt street, was dressed in a sailor suit, just like his daddy who was in the navy. James Parley, jr., 321 South Fifth street, rode proudly in a go-cart, gayly decorated by Mrs. Warren Oehrl.

Prizes of jewelry, toys, clothing and other articles dear to the babes or their mammae, were awarded to the following prize winners: Harriet Ramsey, 15 days, youngest baby; Edwin Miller, fattest baby; Robert Sepinski, prettiest boy baby; Betty Eselin, prettiest girl baby; Jean Hatley and Marie Louise Catro, prettiest 18-24-months class; Hollis Kane, prettiest, 24-36-months class; Raymond Gerrity, prettiest, 36-42-months class; Dorothy Denton, prettiest, 3-4-year class, and Leon Willard, prettiest, 4-5-year class.

Steel Mills Closed.
Sharon, Pa., Aug. 6.—All departments of the Farrell works of the Carnegie Steel company, with the exception of one blast furnace, were closed because of scarcity of coal.

American Legion

John Barton Payne, national chairman of the American Red Cross, will be one of the visitors at the fourth annual national convention of the American Legion in New Orleans, La., October 18-19. An effort is being made to have Edwin Dunby, secretary of the navy, who is on an extended tour of the Orient, accept the Legion's invitation to speak before the convention.

Organized labor and organized baseball will be represented at the National convention of the American Legion at New Orleans in October. The American Federation of Labor, and Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, his commissioner of organized baseball. Both are down on the program for addresses.

Clarence Reader, an erstwhile "top sergeant" who is a first artist on a New Orleans newspaper, defeated 13 competitors in a contest for designs for a poster to advertise the American Legion convention in New Orleans next October.

The officers of the American Legion auxiliary are desirous of obtaining the name and address of the American mother who furnished the greatest number of sons in the national cause in the world war. An Indiana community has furnished the name of one who gave seven sons, two in the navy and five in the army. A number of mothers have furnished as many as five sons.

Mrs. Edgar E. Penner, Nebraska state president of the American Legion auxiliary, on her return from Chicago, expects to devote practically her entire time to the plans for the state convention of the auxiliary to be held in York, Nebraska, September 18-20. A three-day program is being prepared, which in addition to general sessions, will include an address by the national president, Mrs. Lowell F. Robert of Chesham, N. Y. A special reception is to be featured. Every Legion band in the state will be present.

Phantom Rum Pirates Make Life Nightmare for Liquor Runners

Modern Captain Kidd and Crew Seize Precious Cargoes of Hooch Smugglers Outside Four-Mile Limit—Invite Members of "Prohibition Navy" to Have Drink.

New York, Aug. 6.—The presence in outer New York harbor of a phantom rum pirate, which pounces on liquor smugglers by night and joshes the prohibition navy by day, has thrown consternation into the fleet when the United States rum scout Taylor returned to port after trying for a week to capture this modern Captain Kidd.

Numerous tales of the escapades of the mystery ship which has thrown consternation into the fleet of nondescript craft engaged in coastwise liquor smuggling were brought in by the crew of the Taylor.

The name of the craft is unknown, for no one of its victims or pursuers has seen a single mark of identification on its grey hull. Its lines were described as those of a high-speed schooner over 60 feet in length, and propelled by two noiseless gasoline motors, which send it skipping out of danger unapproached by an inquisitive visitor.

The pirate captain is said to be a dare-devil disciple of the Captain Kidd he emulates, his crew of eight, an armed gang of reckless outlaws who carry automatics, and drink hama hama whisky instead of Jamaica rum.

Their craft hovers just outside the 12-mile limit, at the end of the ocean lane traveled by tugs, schooners, trawlers and yachts, engaged in hauling liquor from Nassau, Bahamas and St. John, St. Vincent, New York and New Jersey customers.

An instance of the pirates' method was recited by a member of the Taylor's crew as follows:
A smuggler's craft was anchored outside the safety of the four-mile limit, waiting for the speedy harbor launch which would transfer its cargo of imported liquor to waiting bootleggers ashore.

Suddenly and silently, the pirate ship appeared out of the evening mist and drew alongside. Its skipper boarded the anchored vessel, flashed a huge roll of currency and bargained for the purchase of 200 cases of whisky.

When the liquor had been transferred from the hold of one vessel to the roll of sight and stuffed aboard his own craft, the victimized crew ran for their guns. When they returned they found themselves looking into the muzzles of eight automatics as the mystery ship silently drew away into the darkness. This quick disappearance act had earned the pirate ship the name of "Pelican" among those in the rum-running trade, it is said.

Woman in Jail Charged With Slaying Mate

"I Tried to Help Him Go Straight," Prisoner Tells Police—Don't Care What Happens.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 6.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Dolly Moody, 35, is held at police headquarters for the killing of her husband, Edwin Moody. Neighbors are looking after William Edward Moody, 23, their son.

On a cot at police headquarters, behind bars, Mrs. Moody told her story to a correspondent of the Associated Press.

"I married him 10 years ago," she said. "He was always in trouble. I tried to help him out, help him go straight. He wouldn't, though. He had been driving a taxicab. Last April he quit that. He took to peddling corn whisky. I asked him to quit. He laughed at me. He told me about a married woman he was going with. She had a boy 7 or 8 years old. He told me how she used to fan his head and tell how sweet she was to him."

"This afternoon he came home and lay down by the buffet. He talked some more. He told me about the woman and the whisky and when I asked him for some money for William Edward he cursed me. He said he was going out to sell some whisky. Then, he said, he was going to see her.

"I picked up a revolver, an old thing. It had been around the house for a long while. I pointed it at him and I said: 'You'll not leave here tonight.' And then he grabbed it and the thing went off. I didn't mean to kill him. God knows that."

"I don't care what they do with me," she said. "I am awful tired of living."
Over at the neighbor's house William Edward being only 2 years old, was laughing. He didn't know what was going on. When it got dark he went to sleep.

Chalmers Motor Company Announces Cut in Prices
Detroit, Aug. 6.—Reduction of \$210 on the five-passenger touring car, \$150 on the seven-passenger touring car, \$160 on the roadster and \$400 on the coupe announced by the Chalmers Motor Car company.

The revision of list is the 12th in the industry during the last week and is marked as one of the most radical in the extent of its reductions.

Golden Wedding Is Observed at Schuyler

Superior to Stage Big Open-Air Pageant

Schuyler, Neb., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, residents of Butler county since 1894, were given a surprise celebration of their golden wedding anniversary at their home by sons, daughters and grandchildren, numbering 33 persons.

Others present were Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Gates, Judge and Mrs. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Smith of Lincoln, Mrs. H. H. Smith of David City and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Fremont. A program in the yard was followed with the presentation of a \$30 purse to the aged couple.

The eight sons and daughters, all present, were Frank F. Smith, Snowflake, Manitoba; Charles, Edward and Mrs. Cora Wickes, Primrose, Neb.; Albert Henry and William, Schuyler; and Mrs. O. E. Streeter, Loretta, Neb.

Superior to Stage Big Open-Air Pageant
Superior, Neb., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Superior boosters have planned an advertising trip to all towns within a radius of 50 miles Tuesday, August 7, in the interest of the big outdoor pageant, "America in the Melting Pot," to be put on at Superior August 25.

This production is backed by business men and citizens of Superior and the American Legion. About 200 World War veterans will take part and an 80-piece band, composed of the Nelson band, the Deshler band, Burr Oak (Kan.) band and the Superior band will furnish music. Nearly 500 singers and actors in costumes of different periods will react scenes from American history, beginning with the landing of the pilgrims on Plymouth rock to the World War period.

Lad Playing on Bridge Nearly Electrocutated
Rainold Hron, 15, son of F. J. Hron, 4122 T street, narrowly escaped death by electrocution Saturday night at 7:30, when he came in contact with a live wire while playing about the viaduct at Forty-third and I streets.

Young Hron is in the St. Joseph hospital badly burned about the body, but with no bones broken. The shock threw him from the top of an iron girder, to which he climbed, to the ground, 20 feet below.

Platinum Ore Found
Manila, P. I., Aug. 6.—Ore testing 68 per cent platinum has been found in the Lianga mines operated by Persian capital, which is making a thorough survey to ascertain the extent of the deposits. Platinum is widespread in the islands but heretofore has been found in unpaying quantities.

Necessity May Compel Germany to Ban Liquors

Economic Authorities See Prohibition Looming as Matter for Individual Cause of Hard Times.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—(By A. P.)—Germany's heart may never change sufficiently to adopt prohibition voluntarily, but the feeling seems to be growing in various quarters that economic necessity may ultimately drive the fatherland into a place alongside the United States.

Economic authorities are drawing attention to the fact that the worker is finding himself increasingly harassed by high prices and the relatively low wages. The prohibition issue, they assert, this promises to hinge upon the inclination of the individual since the government's spirits monopoly is recognized as one of the nation's chief sources of revenue.

Spirits in Demand.
Spirits are increasingly in demand for industrial purposes and the government is said to be inclined to support this departure for the sake of reducing the importations of fuel thus replaced.

Coupled with these features of the situation is the high price of drinks. A litre of Munich beer costs about 20 marks, enough to buy a quarter of a pound of meat, which the workman is at present unable to afford more than once in a fortnight. The cheapest wine, with the tax, runs over 25 marks for half a glass.

The scientific branches also are feeling a pinch in the higher prices of alcohol, which costs 13,000 per cent more than before the war.

Hoover Asked to Find "Yankee Bartender"

Academic Circles See Grave Danger in This to Germany's Famous Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industries.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Secretary Hoover was asked to find a "competent Yankee bartender" for a new Guatemala hotel. Official reports to the Commerce department transmitted the request on behalf of the proprietor of the Guatemala hostelry which, the reports declare, will cater especially to American salesmen and be "American in every respect."

All purchases of supplies are to be made in the United States, but this is thought to apply, the department said, "to construction materials mainly."

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physician administering to the injured for several hours until relief trains arrived.

"Had I some assistance we might have saved some of the dying," Dr. Full told a representative of the Associated Press. "At one time I was trying to treat 25 persons simultaneously."

Cries Heard for Blocks.
The pitiful cries of the injured could be heard for blocks. Mothers begged for news of their babies and children cried for their parents. One 14-months old child who was unable to tell her name, was found a mile from the scene of the disaster, asking for "mama." A woman from St. Louis took her in charge.

One of the saddest scenes reported was that of the Degonia family of St. Louis. Five of the family of six were killed and the father is reported dying in a St. Louis hospital. Four of the Degonia children, Mildred, 7, Ralph, 6, Melvin, 5, and Robert, 4 months, lay dead to the right of the father and Mrs. Degonia lay dead to his left.

Mildred had been mumbling audibly the Lord's prayer and just as she recited "Thy will be done" death sealed her lips. Mr. Degonia, in his semi-delirium, reached for his infant son to his breast, grasping between groans of pain, "Thank God, Bobby, we're all alive" not knowing the hearts in the breasts of his wife and children were still.

Burlington at Alliance Reports Business Increase
Alliance, Neb., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Despite the strike of the shoprats the volume of business handled by the Burlington on the Alliance division, Edgemont, S. D., to Ravenna, Neb., showed a substantial increase during July over June and also over July, 1921. In July, 1922, the gross tonnage handled was 1,245,513, as compared with 880,902 tons for the corresponding month last year, or an increase of approximately 30 per cent.

The tonnage for June, 1922, was 1,070,502, 174,911 less than for July, 1922. The number of trains run over the division also shows a decided increase, there being 475 in July, 1921, as compared with 718 for July this year. The total increase of cars loaded on the division was 206 over last year. Rail officials announce nearly three-fourths normal working forces in the shops and roundhouse, although none of the strikers have gone back to work.

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Election Ballot of 1894 Found in Express Package
Broken Box, Neb., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—George Mauk, cashier of the Burlington station at this place, found an official city ballot dated 1894 tied to an express package addressed to Broken Box. The ballot was for a system of water works, an issue which was defeated.

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