

Planning For Play

Need of Playgrounds to Supplement Passive Amusements With Real Recreation is Being Filled.

(By H. S. Braucher, Secretary of the Playground and Recreation Association of America.)

At the recent convention of Elks in Atlantic City, Murray Hulbert, President of the New York State Elks Association, presented a resolution to the grand lodge proposing that every lodge of Elks be urged to equip and maintain a playground for public use. If carried out, such a proposal would mean 1,267 new playgrounds in the United States. The Elks' resolution serves to call fresh attention to the progress of the community recreation movement. In October of this year the Recreation Congress, which has not been held since the year before the war, will convene at Atlantic City. The Playground and Recreation Association of America and the Community Service, under whose auspices the congress will meet, report that about \$9,000,000 was spent for public recreation in 1921, as compared with \$4,200,000 in 1916. Two hundred and forty-four cities reported recreation activities sponsored by municipal funds in 1921, as against 171 in 1916. Property donated by public spirited citizens in 1921 was valued at \$1,188,700, which is over five times the donations for similar purposes in 1916.

There were 11,079 workers employed to direct play at centres during 1921, as compared with 7,122 in 1916. During 1921 nearly 200 cities conducted programmes of Community Service emphasizing not only children's playgrounds but musical, dramatic, athletic, and civic activities for adults.

Altogether, the claim that there has been "marked progress" in the leisure time movement in the last six years seems

amply justified. Yet the interest that the American people have taken in recreation as participants as compared with their scramble for passive commercial amusements, is small.

Large Outlay for "Passive play"

According to the reports of the United States Treasury Department, we spend \$63,000,000 a month for play. The great bulk of this is for motion pictures, the circus, theatres, and amusement parks. This runs to less than two cents a person per day. That does not seem so expensive. One trouble it is that it is mainly passive. We sit at the movies, watch the ball game, ride in automobiles, see the play and so on through most of the list.

"He leads a very active life just being amused," says the old lady with the accented pleated smile, referring to the average young man, according to Jean Henry. "There's my son—he thinks he is an athlete because Sunday morning he lies in bed reading the baseball and golf magazines."

The greater portion of the money spent for municipal playgrounds and play centres and for the Boy Scouts, Community Service, and the like goes to promoting recreation in which people use their muscles and brains.

Appalling have been the recent records of delinquency, crime and accidents. Charles Frederick Carter gives some staggering figures concerning crime in his "Carnival of Crime" in Current History for February, 1922. A bank robbery of some form was committed every nineteen hours and fifteen minutes during the year ended August 31, 1921; one car out of each thirty registered in New York was stolen in 1920, and one in each twenty-two in Chicago; 89,000

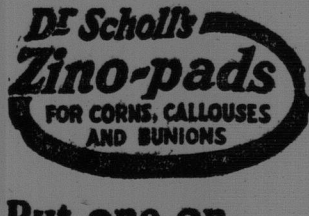
murders occurred in the United States during the period 1912 to 1918 inclusive. Besides all this the juvenile courts and the probation officers have been busy with youthful offenders.

Forty-one children are killed every day in the United States, according to Frank Morse, formerly manager of the Syracuse Safety Council. Magistrate Frederick B. House of the New York Traffic Court stated that during the eighteen months that American troops were fighting in France forty-eight thousand soldiers killed, while in the same period at home ninety-one thousand persons lost their lives from automobile accidents on the highways. The toll of children was twenty-five thousand. Many of these children were playing on the streets because they had no other place to play. Some were there because in the back yard or on the playground there was no one to guide the play and make it more attractive than the crowded thoroughfare.

Playgrounds as Preventives.

Have the convictions of Jane Adams, Joseph Lee, Chief of Police Daniel O'Brien, and many others concerning the playground, community centre, and ball field as mischief preventers been borne out? Those whose business it is to know say that delinquency among boys and girls decreases in districts where playgrounds under competent leadership have been established. After a playground had been equipped and staffed with leadership in a cotton mill district in Dallas that district's contribution to the juvenile court fell off more than 80 per cent.

A community centre in a small city in Washington was credited by the merchants with very definitely cutting down offences by girls. The establishment of community centres in various districts in San Francisco during the past three years has materially simplified the police problem there, according to the Chief of Police. Similar testimony is given by police officials, members of crime commissions, social workers, and students of the problem for New York, Chicago, Jacksonville, and many other cities. Some playgrounds have failed because of the common misconception that fac-



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It is alone the answer to the problem of play. To stop after providing even the finest play space and equipment is to invite accidents and neglect. The breaking of a boy's arm on a leadless playground in a Western community postponed a much-needed play development for several years. A playground without a competent leader is like a ship without a rudder. Of course, not all the money or brains in the universe placed behind play could make good citizens out of all the rising generation or spare all the lives crushed out under trains and automobiles. Carelessness, ignorance, neglect, and the devil will go on with their mischief. But these enemies of progress will take a smaller toll when the more creative possibilities of leisure are more fully realized.

MEXICO TO DEPORT CHINESE.

State of Sonora Ordered to Expel 250 Now Under Arrest.

Douglas, Ariz., Aug. 11.—Mexico will begin a wholesale deportation of Chinese from Sonora within the next few days, according to information received by Ives G. Lelevier, special representative here of the state government of Sonora. Disturbances among the Chinese population of various towns were the cause of the arrest of about 250 Chinese a few weeks ago, according to Mr. Lelevier. These prisoners were confined in the State Penitentiary at Hermosillo, pending instructions from the federal government. On Saturday Mr. Lelevier was informed, Governor Elias of Sonora, received telegraphic instructions from General Calles, Mexican Secretary of the Interior, to return the prisoners to China immediately.

ZIEGFELD PROGRAMME

Comedy For Billie Burke Among the Half-Dozen New Plays.

New York, Aug. 11.—An unusually busy theatrical season is planned by Florence Ziegfeld, Jr., who expects to offer about half a dozen productions in place of his customary one or two. His initial production will be a comedy for Billie Burke, probably written by Booth Tarkington. In October Fannie Brice will be presented in a comedy with music written by Rida Johnson Young and Jerome Kern.

Later in the season Mr. Ziegfeld will produce a musical comedy by Gene Buck and Hing Langner; a winter revue will be presented along the lines of the "Follies," and Mary Eaton will be seen in a musical comedy by Jerome Kern and Guy Bolton, with lyrics by Clifford Grey. In the meantime the "Follies" will be continued indefinitely at the New Amsterdam.

LAWYER Jailed FOR CONTEMPT

ASKS RELEASE AFTER 3 YEARS.

Washington, Aug. 11.—William A. Mearns, former member of the banking firm of Lewis, Johnson & Co., and former president of the International Sales Corporation, who was adjudged in contempt by Justice Jennings Bailey in Equity Court on March 24, 1919, and ever since been confined in the district jail, petitioned the court this week for his release. The confinement of three years and five months probably is the longest term resulting from an adjudication of contempt in a federal court. It came about as a result of the alleged refusal of Mearns to turn over to George E. Sullivan and Mabry C. Van Fleet, receivers of the International Sales Corporation, \$3,878.30, as ordered by Justice Bailey. Van Fleet now is dead.

COME FROM PACIFIC PROVINCE.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Belding and two children, of Sismous Junction (B. C.) arrived on the Boston train last night, and after spending a few days here they will leave for a visit in Halifax. Mr. Belding, who was stationed agent at Sismous Junction, was formerly station agent at Fairville, Hoyt Station and Gilbertville (Mass.). While in the city, Mr. Belding and his family will visit his uncles, A. M. and H. W. Belding. Before coming here they spent some time visiting in Massachusetts, and after a short stay in Halifax, they will return here for a few days before commencing on the return trip to the coast.

NORTON STOCK SOLD.

The stock-in-trade belonging to the estate of Allaby Wheaton Co., Ltd., of Norton, which was placed in the hands of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, Ltd., authorized trustee, was sold to T. L. Baxter, of this city, whose tender was the highest of the three received.

COST OF LIVING SOARS IN AUSTRIA

Advances 94 p. c. in Month; Food Prices Close Restaurants.

Vienna, Aug. 11.—There are reports that the index figure, which will be made known August 15, may show an increase of 91 per cent in the cost of living in Austria over July. The reports brought forth a semi-official denial, but in one of the government newspapers the statistician, Knab, estimates the index number of the 7182 as against 3671 for July. [This is an increase of 94 per cent.]

Cool dealers announce that the prices for coal will be doubled. The prices of foodstuffs also continue to advance alarmingly. The Abeno announces that more than fifty restaurants catering to the middle and lower classes of the people have been closed because the cost of materials and the new wine tax has made it impossible for former patrons to frequent them.

The government is attempting artificially to steady the exchange rate on the crown by opening the clearing house three days a week and compelling applications for foreign money to be made the day preceding quotation day.

There is an atmosphere of gloom and apprehension throughout the city, but notwithstanding the tenaciousness of the situation there is a singular absence of meetings and demonstrations on the part of those elements of the populace from which expressions of discontent usually are to be expected.

FOX FILM CONCERN PROTESTS WIRE SERVICE

Naming of Company Alone in Federal Trade Action Was Misleading, Says Sheehan.

New York, Aug. 11.—The following statement relative to a report that the Federal Trade Commission had condemned the Fox Film Corporation, at fifty-sixth street and Tenth avenue, for unfair tactics, was issued by Winfield R. Sheehan, general manager of the corporation.

A dispatch from Washington printed in Tuesday morning's papers recited motion picture theatre grievances which had been reported to the Federal Trade Commission regarding released films. The dispatch mentioned a number of instances which had been, in this manner, brought to the attention of the

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commission, but unfortunately named only one motion picture producing or distributing concern in connection with the action taken. The effect was to make it appear as though the Fox Film Corporation, the company recited in the despatches, was charged with all the alleged misleading presentations of pictures.

"The facts are that this company is named by the Federal Trade Commission is only one action. This has to do with the reissuing of three pictures which were originally produced and distributed in 1915 and 1916 and were re-released and reissued in 1919 and 1920. The corporation named had nothing whatever to do with any of the other instances referred to in the newspaper article; these apply to other companies. "The three pictures involved in the action have been put off the market for more than a year. The various other complaints mentioned in the article had nothing whatever to do with this case of the company involved in it."

TRAINMEN'S PICNIC AT GRAND BAY

The trainmen's picnic to Grand Bay yesterday was a grand success and was attended by about 800 people. It was held under the joint auspices of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the ladies' auxiliary, and the picnicers were favored with ideal weather conditions. All sorts of games and amusements were carried out and a feature of the afternoon programme was the sports in which a large number of the trainmen took part. In the evening a dance was held in the pavilion under the supervision of C. F. Cooley. The general committee which had

charge of the arrangements was composed of C. F. Cooley, D. T. Ring, Walter Moore and Alfred Campbell.

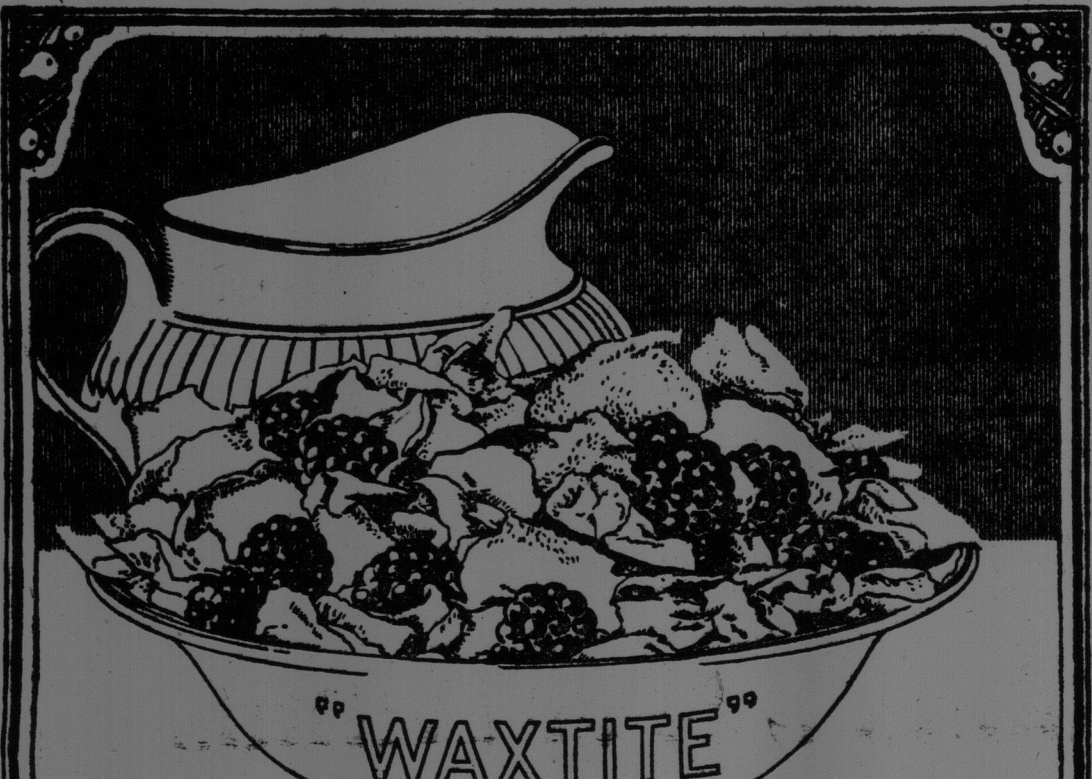
Following are the results of the races: 100 yards dash—First, William Boyle; second, D. T. Ring. Fat man's race—First, C. F. Cooley; second, Owen McDonald. Obstacle race—First, Michael Burns; second, John Thomas.

POSTPONE VOTE ON AMES HOLDEN REORGANIZATION

Montreal, Aug. 10.—No vote was taken in connection with the reorganization plans of the Ames Holden McCready Company at a special general meeting of the stockholders held at the offices of the company here today. D. Lorne McGibbon, chairman of the board of directors, merely outlined the plan to the shareholders and suggested that the meeting be adjourned to Sept. 6, in order to allow those present to consider the matter. This was agreed to unanimously.

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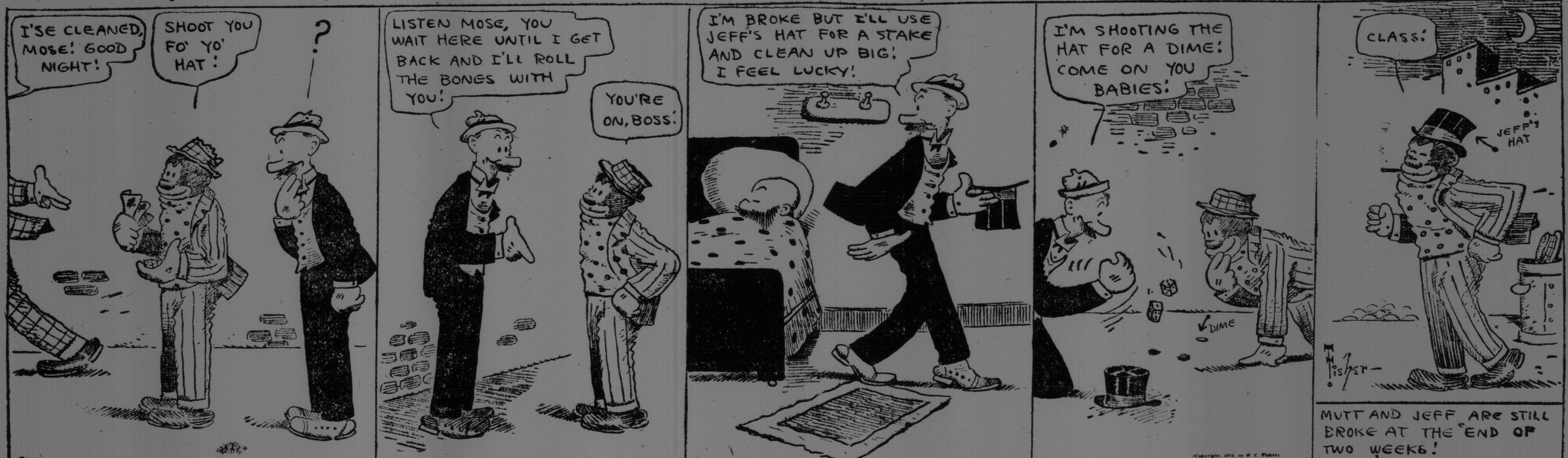


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