

South Carolina Woman Selected Mother Of 1958

NEW YORK — Mrs. May Roper Coker of Hartsville, S. C., was named Tuesday as the "American Mother of 1958."

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Her selection was announced by the Rev. Daniel A. Poling, president of the American Mothers Committee Inc., at the opening of the annual mothers' conference.

She is to be honored at the Mothers Committee annual awards luncheon here Friday, along with mothers of the year from each state.

On May 11 she and Mrs. George P. Abel Sr., the American Mother of 1957, will leave on a plane trip to Europe to see the Brussels World's Fair.

Mrs. Coker, a native of Gibson, N.C., is the daughter of Daniel Roper, who served as assistant

postmaster general, commissioner of internal revenue and secretary of commerce.

After graduation from Randolph-Macon College in Virginia, she was superintendent of girls' playground work in the District of Columbia.

At 24 she married David R. Coker and went to live in Hartsville. She reared eight children, including five of Coker's by a previous marriage.

Coker was a specialist in progressive scientific farming whose work at Hartsville drew visitors from all parts of the world.

Hospital News

Mercy Hospital Admitted
Medical: Mrs. R. P. Casteel, Gide.
Surgery: Mrs. Prays Underwood, Mrs. Ona Liles, Winston; Mrs. Leland Nelson, Sutherland.

Discharged
Mrs. Robert Hatterscheid, Mrs. Augusta Darby, Mark Scheiers, Roseburg.

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted
Medical: Randall Savage, Roseburg; Mrs. Clarence Kempke, Winston.

Surgery: Jack May, Roseburg; Mrs. John Kenfro, Mrs. Frank Jensen, Myrtle Creek.

Discharged
Danny Stone, Mrs. James Starling, Oscar Means, Mrs. Donald Jones, Mrs. Percy Fulmer, Mrs. Joe Dent, Roseburg; Randall Prift, Mrs. Leslie Yeager and baby, Stephen Leslie, Winston; Jacklyn White, Drain; Wallace Preston, Dillard; Mrs. Cecil King, Myrtle Creek.

OPENS DANCE HALL

Homer Pierce, Winchester, has begun operation of a new public dance hall in Winchester, with dances to be held each Friday night.

The hall, licensed by the county last week is located on NE Club Avenue. Pierce said music for the weekly dances will be furnished by his own group, the Umpqua Ramblers.



KATHY WITH HER PARENTS — Kathryn Hampton, 6, missing from her home four days is comforted by her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Hampton at City Hospital in St. Louis. Police said little Kathy, scratched and dirty, wandered out of a vacant ramshackle house in North St. Louis and was found by a woman identified as Rose Metz. Chief of detectives James Chapman said that a 15-year-old youth from her tenement neighborhood admitted her abduction. (AP Wirephoto)

Criminal Negligence Charged To Zoo Keeper

NANAIMO, B.C. — Paul Hertel, 48-year-old zoo curator, was arrested at his home Monday night and charged with criminal negligence for the death of an 8-year-old girl killed by an escaped lion last Saturday.

Later he appeared at a coroner's inquest into the death of Maureen Vanstone. The jury returned a verdict that the child died of a punctured jugular vein.

The girl, walking along a road, was attacked by the lion, a 350-pound African female which had escaped Friday from the Hertel private zoo near here. It was killed by a posse a few hours after the slaying Saturday.

Paraguay Warned By Nixon Against Menace Of Reds

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Vice President Nixon says the United States doesn't want to meddle in the affairs of other nations but is pleased to hear that Paraguay intends "to move toward a more democratic system."

Nixon spoke to the one-party Chamber of Deputies after House President Estigarribia predicted that soon "Paraguay will live without restriction." President Stroessner, a military dictator, and his Colorado party now rule Paraguay.

In one of his bluntest warnings against communism since he began his Latin-American tour, Nixon also declared that the West must take the offensive against the Reds.

"We must find ways to attack problems on which the Communists attack us," Nixon said. "It is quite right to say our system is better, but we must prove by actions plus words that it is better than communism."

Nixon received a resounding welcome from the little country as he arrived for an 18-hour tour and visit with Stroessner. The greeting was marred only by the arrest of several students shouting "Long live liberty," which Stroessner told newsmen was a Communist slogan. The students were later released.

Nixon conferred for an hour last night with the President on a possible six-million-dollar bank loan to complete a highway to Brazil.

Grasshoppers Hit Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Clouds of grasshoppers — one flight strong enough to set off Air Defense Command alarms — are swarming into the green, irrigated areas of central Arizona.

Down to dusk spraying operations are scheduled all week. Pilots expect to spray an estimated 100,000 acres. Next week they'll move to another area.

The pests, moving in from the hot, arid desert where they breed, have destroyed entire cotton fields and have caused extensive damage to alfalfa, wheat and barley crops.

The insects descended on Tucson Monday, covering the fronts of buildings and flitting about the lights. Sidewalks became so slippery that pedestrians were forced to walk in the roadways away from the bright lights.

Pilots flying from Phoenix to Tucson reported clouds of the insects at altitudes as high as 3,000 feet.

Gov. Ernest McFarland declared a state of emergency and crop dusters went to work spraying a two-mile-wide strip between Florence and Maricopa, a distance of 100 miles.

Accused Woman Sent To State Hospital

SALEM — Helen Ruth Smith, charged with the rifle slaying of Gail Stacy, was sent to the Oregon State Hospital Monday by Circuit Judge George R. Duncan.

Dist. Atty. Mattie Bratzel said that when and if the woman is released, she will face the second degree murder charge that stands against her.

Dr. Paul Wolfe, Salem psychiatrist, told the court that Mrs. Smith could become suicidal, and he estimated that she should be ready for release from the hospital within three months.

Mrs. Smith told officers that she shot Stacy during a quarrel at the home where she lived. She said the argument started after Stacy beat her dog.

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Telephone Co. Ready For Calls On Mother's Day

Roseburg residents are being helped to remember their mothers next Sunday by the local branch of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Local operators are getting ready for the traditional "big jump" in long distance calls which has made Mother's Day second only to Christmas in number of calls handled, according to D. E. Lafferty, local manager.

He said all steps possible are being taken to boost the number of circuits available for Mother's Day use, May 11.

"Because Mother's Day calls cover longer distances than usual, temporary rearrangements will be made in the nationwide long distance network to squeeze as many as possible of the long calls onto the congested voice highways," Lafferty said.

He said, however, there probably would be delays during peak hours. Reduced Sunday rates on long distance calls will be in effect throughout the day, he added.

Three Motorists Get Suspensions

Three Douglas County motorists received one-year drivers license suspensions following convictions for traffic violations while driving privileges were suspended, the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles announced today.

The three are Mildred Mary Johnson, 47, Canyonville, suspended April 22; Herman Klemm, 64, 735 W. Altamont St., suspended Jan. 8, and Ira Merlin Linson, 19, 170 E. Club St., suspended April 29.

A 90-day suspension, effective April 24, was meted out to Leo Victor Wilson, 23, Oakland, following conviction on a charge of drunk driving.

Also given a 90-day suspension was Anthony Adam Smith, 18, Yoncalla. His suspension became effective April 24 upon court recommendation following traffic violation conviction.

The department used discretionary action in suspending the license of Miles Franklin Fickes, 21, Sutherland, for 30 days, effective April 25. The reason cited was Fickes' driving record.

COMMITTED TO HOSPITAL

Edward Judge Hogan, 23, Myrtle Creek, was committed to Oregon State Hospital as a mental patient Tuesday.

Hogan was arrested and booked at county jail April 26 on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property. He later was released on \$1,000 property bond.

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