# SMITH WOULD RESIGN JOB AS COUNTY DOCTOR

Dr. W. Carleton Smith, county physician, who is being urged to run for re-election in the lower house of the legislature gave one indication that he will probably become a candidate when he notified County Judge Siegmund that in event he becomes a candidate and is elected he will resign as county physician effective January 1 before the convening of the legislature.

While there is some legal question as to whether or not he would be forced to resign under the constitutional provision that no member of the legislature may hold another lucrative office, he has decided to allow his resignation to go in regardless in event of his election. It is stated it is very doubtful whether the job of county physician would be termed a "lucrative office" as implied by the constitution.

It is understood that Ivan G. Martin's name is being mentioned as a possible candidate for the lower house. He formerly served in the house in the legislature from this county.

# PUREST FRENCH OF ACADEMY YET DENIED TALKIES

Paris (UP)—Although the talkies have invaded almost every sanctuary from the Vatican to the naval conference in London, they still have to celebrate the day when they crash the solemn portals of the French Academy. The Forty Immortals, which rarely reaches its full roster because of the paradoxical mortality among the supposedly immortal, usually number about 38 or 35, and recently one of the largest assemblages of these princes of thought that has yet been recorded in the institute, met and talked of whom they would elect in the place of Clemenceau.

The Paris representatives of several film companies, and of two or three talkie outfits, prayed, as we say in London, for permission to film and record their august utterances. The secretary of the Academy almost capitulated before this Hollywood logic. But the staunch thinkers eventually turned down the chance to shine and not a crank was turned.

Perhaps when the Academy meets in full splendor in April to honor the baby member, Marshal Petain, they will allow themselves to be recorded. It is customary for the incoming member to pedantically eulogize the immortal whose place he has filled, and these discourses, printed fully in Le Temps and Le Figaro, are considered models of perfect French prose.

There can be no mistakes in the phraseology, or the orthography, or anything else in these speeches The French language is constantly being reviewed, purified, rectified and amplified, by this group of Forty Immortals.

There is no state of consternation and horror comparable to the discovery of a spurious word, and the cavants gather about, define, deplore and decry, until the offending word is purged out, or rewritten and chastized for having got corrupted.

# WISCONSIN WOMAN IS KIN OF STANDISH

Mellen, Wis. (UP)—A 72-year-old north Wisconsin's well known hotels recently was surprised to learn that she is a descendant of Miles Standish, famous Plymouth colony character.

She is Miss OliveT hurston Atcherson whose mother was Eliza Field Atcherson, a native of Vermont and a descendant of Standish's second wife, Barbara. The information was received from Wesley Weyman, of Shirley, Mass., who is writing a history of the descendants of the "Captain of Plymouth."

Like her adventurous ancestor, Miss Atcherson is a typical pioneer of the wilderness. Although old in years, she is young in spirit after 540 years' service as hotel and boarding house manager for lumber companies in northern Wisconsin. The Hotel Atcherson, which bears her name, was built in 1907 and has been managed by her since that time.

## PLENTY OF WORK

Bothell, Wash., (UP)—Five years ago William Grant Parker settled in Bothell with his family. He decided the city could stand better law enforcement methods and entered politics.

Today he holds the office of mayor, constable, deputy coroner, deputy sheriff, serves on the volunteer fire department that he organized and heads the City Council.

Finding that his civic duties did not take all of his time, Parker established the town's only undertaking establishment and runs his contracting and building business.

"Leave Bothell? I should say not. There is lots of work here and I enjoy it," the Bothell Mussolini said.

## ALL HOME FIDDLE

Fairfield, Ida., (UP) — Using a knife and sandpaper as tools, and the wood of an Idaho apple tree and a Sawtooth mountain white spruce for materials, C. H. Kinney is manufacturing an all-Idaho violin.

Kinney is experienced in the art of fashioning violins from odd types of wood. Recently he completed a violin made from a piece of furniture that for years adorned the office of a bank at Old Soldier, Ida. The wood, wild cherry, originally came from Missouri.

## MRS. SCHROEDER ON TRIAL AS BLONDE GUNWOMAN

Associated Press Photo

Mrs. Irene Schroeder, 21-year-old Benwood, W. Va., woman, went on trial at Newcastle, Pa., charged with slaying of Corporal Brady Paul, Pennsylvania state highway patrolman. At left is Donnie Schroeder, 4 years old, whose words, "Mamma shot a cop," caused the arrest of his mother. At right Mrs. Schroeder is shown between sheriff and matron.

## Better Health - Longer Life

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**PHYSIC OR SURGEON?**
**By George David Stewart, M. D.**
**New York, New York**

When you have a pain in your tum-tum don't take a cathartic. There is perhaps no more certain way of making urgent, perhaps even bringing to operation, an attack of appendicitis that might otherwise have remained mild. There is widely spread among the laity a tendency to diagnose all abdominal pain as due to a stomach "upset," with very vague conceptions as to what this means. There is also a strong inclination to rush for a cathartic.

Appendicitis is a common surgical disease in America; people have heard much about it; it is a customary topic of conversation at social functions, dances, dinners and organ recitals. Many know that the appendix is located in the lower right hand corner of the abdomen. If the pain always began in this corner, a fair proportion of the population would suspect appendicitis. Unfortunately, in many cases, in the early hours of an attack the pain is general or perhaps most intense about the center of the abdomen; only later does it locate in the right side, declaring itself as a case of appendicitis. But by that time the cathartic has been taken; the damage has been done.

When once inflamation has occurred in the appendix the thing to do is to keep the intestine, that writhing, twisting basket of eels, and the abdomen at rest. This is done at first by the application of ice, or sometimes by heat.

A cathartic has just exactly the opposite effect. The tumbling, squirming coils of intestine increase their turnings and twistings, and spread any infection over more or less of the entire abdominal content, converting what might have been a simple case into one of the most serious conditions the surgeon has to encounter. Or if there should be a localized abscess around the appendix, not serious as a rule, a cathartic, by setting up intestinal motion, may rupture the abscess, thus allowing the pus to spread over the intestinal folds. Luckily in many cases early in the history of the attack nausea and vomiting prevent the patient from taking a cathartic and thus safeguard him.

What then is the correct thing to do if attacked by a pain in the stomach? The answer is simple: send for the family doctor and let him decide between the surgeon and a physic. For those who have no family doctor, the advice is herewith offered that one should be selected without delay. There is no one, however healthy and sound, who may not fall victim to an accident or awaken in the night to find himself suffering from the onset of an acute disease. How much better at such a time to send for the trusted family doctor, one who is a friend, who has already been tried and proven, than to be compelled to hunt up a stranger, perhaps without any opportunity of preference. The individual who does not boast a trusted family doctor is poor indeed. But whether you have one or not, when attacked by a stomach ache, don't take a cathartic. Fetch a doctor.

**GET RID OF THE CASHIER**
**By D. E. Davenport, M. D.**
**Washington, D. C.**

Last year I made the statement that no matter what a person's ailments might be, in every single case his condition could be cured, or his life prolonged, or the suffering made easier, or some threatened disease or breakdown could be prevented. Two days later a man came to my office. He was quite crippled with rheumatism. It had affected his knees and his wrists, and his fingers were deformed. He said: "I heard your lecture last week so here I am. What can you do for me?" "The first thing we can do," I replied, "is to give you a very careful physical examination." I began with the top of his head, the eyes, the nose, and mouth. When I got to the mouth, I said: "Let us X-ray the teeth." He laughed and said, "I don't have any. These are false." "Well," I said "let us X-ray the places where the teeth were." We found three broken-off roots where the gums had completely healed over and left focal infection in the healing over process. The tonsils were infected, and I suggested that they be removed. He said, "That's it, you doctors always want to cut out something. What were they put there for if they have to come out?"

I have been asked this question many times. It used to be difficult for me to answer it, until I thought of a little comparison. I said, "Suppose we have a bank, and every day the cashier slips out five or ten dollars and puts it into his pocket, and you come and tell me about the bank not being very safe. I say, 'What you want to do is to get rid of the cashier.' You would say, 'No, what was that cashier put there for?' " The tonsilse, the appendix, and the gall bladder were put into the body for a purpose, and as long as they are doing the work well, they should never be removed. But we are talking about taking out the bad ones. When a cashier's conduct is such that his work inhibits the growth or business of the bank, you are better off without him."

He agreed and let us remove the root fragments and take out the tonsils, and we gave him some treatment and advice concerning diet. In three weeks he came back and hit my desk so hard it jarred the ink well. He said, "See that hand. It doesn't bother me at all."

It does pay to have a periodic health examination. I think we could put this periodic health examination on the same basis that we do the examination of things in the business world. Think of the man who goes along in a gasoline truck or car inspecting bridges, culverts, ties, and rails of the railroad. It costs something to have that done, but the inspector can detect dangers in advance, and, if used in time, a few shovels of dirt or gravel, or an extra spike put in, will prevent a very serious accident. An annual audit costs something, but in the end it saves you money and trouble and pain, and it prolongs life.

# POSTMASTER QUITS, JOB IS TOO COSTLY

St. Clair Shores, Mich. (UP)—Postmaster Russell W. Swhier, of this suburb full of millionaires has resigned. It cost him too much to be postmaster he says.

The population of St. Clair Shores is worth approximately $100,000,000, most of its citizens being millionaires or multimillionaires. Consequently the suburb, instead of being compactly composed of snug little cottages like an ordinary village, consists of a string of great estates, extending for miles along Lake St. Clair.

The expense fund of Postmaster Swhier's office was never designed to support a mail route many miles long. He had to make up the deficit out of his own pocket. He estimates it cost him $2,500 in two years and seven months of postmastership.

# $60,000 ESTATE DISPOSED OF BY THOMPSON WILL

The $60,000 estate of Elizabeth Thompson who died in Polk county February 23 this year, has been admitted to probate with her grandson, K. G. Thompson, local attorney named as executor under the terms of her will. The will provides that after $700 is used for suitable headstones and markers for her grave and expenses are paid, the home place at 765 N. Summer street shall go to the grandson, K. G. Thompson providing he sets aside $100 each birthday of her great grandson John B. Thompson, now one year old, until his 21st birthday. This money is to be invested in government bonds and turned over to the boy at his 21st birthday. The entire residue of the estate is divided equally between K. G. Thompson and a daughter of the decedent, Minnie Wilkes.

Appraisement of the estate of Lillie Belle Irwin, recently deceased, has also been filed in probate showing a value of $46,647.63, virtually all in bonds and cash, with some mortgages and notes. The cash totals around $14,000 and the bulk of the balance is in government liberties, Marion county and Salem city bonds and other municipal bonds. The final account of Ladd & Bush trust company on this estate is also approved in an order by Judge Siegmund.

# POPULAR TRIO OF AIR NAMED

Milwaukee, (UP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh still is the popular idol of aviation; Rear Admiral Richard Byrd is the greatest navigator; Edward Stinson is the man who has spent the most hours in the air and Orville Wright is acknowledged universally as the father of aviation, Earl J. Smith, Detroit, assistant to the president of the Stinson Aircraft corporation said here recently.

These pioneers in the safe and practical development of aviation popularize the industry for the public, Smith told a delegation of air minded legislators and business men who met here to draft resolutions seeking to stabilize the industry in the Midwest.

"Aviation is safe and reliable," he said. "The three great arguments for flying are, that aviation has the lowest overhead for maintenance and operation of any mode of transportation; it is the speediest transportation medium and it is safe and reliable."

Smith quoted statistics in an attempt to prove that 95 percent of the air mail planes arrived on scheduled time in 1929, establishing better reliability records than railroads or steamship lines.

"These statistics will perhaps show that the business man of today, with a licensed plane, licensed pilot and decent flying weather, may say 'I am ready to fly,' " Smith said.

# TAOIST PRIESTS FIND HAVENS IN HANKOW'S DENS

Hankow (AP)—Driven from their temples by government decree, Taoist priests in Hankow, exponents of one of the oldest religions in China, have taken refuge in gambling dens and other similar resorts where the proprietors permit them to preach on a commission basis.

The faithful who attend services are taxed a small sum each and the priests divide with their hosts in lieu of rent.

Since the beginning of the Chinese Republic the authorities have conducted a campaign against the Taoists, branding them as nothing more than organized clairvoyants and fortune tellers. Numerous decrees have been issued at Nanking ordering the priests to vacate their temples and find other professions or leave the country.

But a religion as old as Taoism, no matter what the government may think about it, could not thus be swept out of existence. Most of the Taoists in Hankow left their temples, but they took up headquarters in side-streets and alleyways, only to be driven out by the police.

Proprietors of gambling houses, seeing an opportunity to increase their receipts, engaged the priests to tell fortunes to their customers and to conduct services at a fixed sum per person. Under this sort of protection, the Taoists have contrived to keep their faith alive although many have been thrown into jail.

Angora (AP)—Now that linden tea has become the patriotic Turkish drink, government inspectors are having trouble with speculators. When the government cried "down with imported coffee" the price of linden tea soared from 25 to 65 cents a pound but it has since fallen to 45 cents.

# SHOW BOAT OF FERBER NOVEL STILL AFLOAT

Elizabeth City, N. C. (UP)—The original show boat on which Edna Ferber obtained the background and material for her famous novel has not been destroyed by fire, and today, the real "Show Boat", James Adams Floating Theater, is tied up at the Pasquotank river bank here, it is claimed by Elizabeth City citizens.

The contention that the show boat was still plying up and down the lower Mississippi river or had been destroyed by fire is denied here.

A large ship's wheel was a feature of the theater display in New York City when the Ziegfeld production, "Show Boat," was drawing large crowds. A placard beneath it proclaimed it was all that remained from the original show boat.

Miss Ferber is understood to have written to Carl E. Neel, agent for James Adams' Floating Theater, about six years ago, asking his permission to spend a few weeks on board the boat. Charles M. Hunter, manager of the boat and brother-in-law of Adams, granted the request, telling her she could board the Floating Theater at any stopping point convenient to her.

The novelist boarded the show boat at Bath, oldest town in North Carolina, it is said, and for more than two weeks lived on the boat, gathering material for her work. Hunter and his wife are believed to be the central figures in Miss Ferber's plot.

The Cotton Blossom, a Mississippi show boat, claims to be the boat pictured in Miss Ferber's book. Miss Ferber's plot took place in the old Crinolin days and the name of "Cotton Blossom" was considered the best. Hunter is said to have told the novelist that a boat named the Cotton Blossom was probably the most popular and the largest afloat during the period of her proposed novel.

**STARVES IN JAIL**

Mainz (UP)—One cold and rainy night two peasants found an old beggar woman walking down the main street of Alsheim looking for shelter. They took her to the rarely used village lockup, placed her in a cell that had a cot in it, and then went home and forgot her. A week later the woman was discovered. She was promptly removed to a hospital, but she died within a few hours of starvation.

**PINEAPPLE SHIPMENTS**

Dio de Janeiro (UP) —Pineapple cultivation took an extraordinary jump last year. Frim 1924 to 1928 Brazil exported $613,080 worth of fruit, from the states of Parahyba, Pernambuco, Bahia, Dio de Janeiro, S. Paulo and Santa Catharina. In 1929 the returns from pineapple exportation had risen to $1,850,880 since 1924. Exporters hope to double this figure in the course of the year.


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