

REFORM IN LAWS OF MARRIAGE TO BE GIVEN BACKING

NEW YORK, April 11.—(AP)—There is need for important reforms in the marriage laws and their administration, either or both, in practically every state in the United States, according to a 150-page report on "Child Marriages," issued here recently by the Russell Sage foundation as the result of a several years' investigation extending into 90 cities in practically every section of the country.

The report, which was prepared by Mary E. Richmond, under whose direction the study was conducted, with the collaboration of Fred S. Hall, takes the position that at this stage reforms must be effected state by state. It calls upon associations of parents, ministerial associations, social workers, legislators and others interested in the problem of child marriage, to undertake the following ten steps toward a solution of this problem:

- 1.—Work toward a reasonable and enforceable minimum marriageable age; the minimum for girls should be at least 16; in many states it is still 12.
- 2.—Procure in states which now are without it a law requiring five days' advance notice of intention to marry; such a law is now in operation in eight states.
- 3.—Put the marriage market town out of business; there are at least 40 notorious Gretna Greens where the exploitation and commercialization of marriage are responsible for numerous child marriages.
- 4.—Through co-operation with adjoining states discourage hasty marriages across the state border, where out-of-town marriages are railroaded through either at the license office or the justice of the peace office, or both.
- 5.—Know the work of your license issuers, so that the difficulties with which they are now contending single-handed may be brought to light, and that they may be encouraged to use the discretion which the laws of many states now empower them to exercise.
- 6.—Destroy the fee system; in so far as the system of fees in lieu of salaries to license issuers survives, it interferes with the disinterested character of their services.
- 7.—Strengthen requirements as to proof of age of applicants for marriage licenses; at present no proof of age is required in most marriage license offices and the practice of accepting affidavits leads to falsification by applicants and sometimes by their parents, making possible the marriage of children 11, 12, 13 and 14 years of age.
- 8.—Substitute better evidence of age for affidavits; no other form of evidence is so unsatisfactory. Aside from birth and baptismal certificates, 16 other forms of documentary evidence of age are suggested in the report.
- 9.—Require both applicants for a marriage license to appear in person before the license issuer.
- 10.—Harmonize the different state laws in which a minimum age is required; the minimum marriageable age should not be lower than the minimum working age, and the compulsory school attendance age should fit into both these others.

Adoption of such reforms, says the report, would act as a check upon those parents who are willing to marry off their boys and girls while they are still children. What is more important, it would protect other parents who at present never know when some designing person or impulse of the moment may spirit away the immature girl or boy from the home and make the child the victim of an administrative system which is without proper safeguards.

Detroit Planning 35-Story Building

DETROIT, April 11.—(AP)—A decade or so ago a quiet residential street, today a thriving business artery, is the transition of Washington Boulevard, a short thoroughfare starting at Michigan avenue in this city and terminating four blocks distant at Park Boulevard.

Another unit in the transitory progress is to come with the erection of a 35-story annex to the present Book Building. At the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Grand River Avenue, the new structure will be the tallest building in Michigan, and is but another unit in the plan to make the boulevard Detroit's "Fifth Avenue."

Among other projects announced is the new town house of the Aviation Town and Country Club, also a skyscraper, to be erected on the present site of the Y. W. C. A., at the corner of Clifford Street and Washington Boulevard.

Arkansas Is After Mills for State

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 11.—(AP)—The Arkansas legislature wants textile mills in the state and would exempt them from taxes for seven years. The question will be voted on in the form of a constitutional amendment at the next state election.

Twice before the legislature has attempted to induce mills to come to the state by cutting out taxes over a period of years. Each time the effort has failed, due to constitutional provisions regarding the adoption of constitutional amendments.

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Dr. Helen S. Mitchell Carries on Close Investigation of What Is Thought to Be An Entirely New Vitamin



Dr. Helen S. Mitchell

(By NEA Service)
BATTLE CREEK, Mich., April 11.—Just as everybody thought the whole question of vitamins had been thoroughly straightened out along comes a discovery that has science guessing.

Dr. Helen S. Mitchell, director of nutrition research at the Battle Creek Sanitarium is now carrying on a close investigation of what is believed to be a new vitamin—christened Vitamin X.

"So little is known about Vitamin X that it is hard to say much about it," says Dr. Mitchell. "There is even some doubt whether there is such a thing and until its existence or non-existence has been established there will be a battle royal among scientists."

Four vitamins have been accepted as established.

There is Vitamin A, which is present in fats, particularly cod-liver oil, butter, egg yolk, milk and also in green leaves.

Then there is Vitamin B, present in seeds of plants, especially whole grain, egg yolk, yeast and in many fruit vegetables.

Vitamin D is little known but it is generally conceded to be found in cod-liver oil and certain green foods and is useful in the prevention of rickets.

They are really substances in food, the presence of which makes food better diet. For instance, the eating of green vegetables which contain these vitamins supplies the body with certain substances which are necessary to proper development of the body.

These known vitamins, A, B, C, and D, are really food balancing substances and help to put the body in a position where it can ward off disease.

Vitamin X is different. It is believed that the new vitamin, if it exists, affects the reproductive powers of at least animals.

May Be Balancer

"Personally I am rather inclined to believe that what we think may be a new vitamin isn't a vitamin at all but some other substance, or perhaps a better balance of substances already known," Dr. Mitchell says.

Experiments with rats by additional diet have proved successful in changing reproductive power.

Just what effect the experiments will have on the human race is at this time problematical. Research experiments, however, on rats are duplicated to a great degree in humans.

If there is a Vitamin X it may mean that future generations will be improved because parents knowing of this vitamin can eat food containing it.

The whole thing contains tremendous possibilities and advantages—if there is such a thing as Vitamin X. And that is what science is now busy trying to establish.

Stockholm Evicts Prosperous Tenants

STOCKHOLM, April 11.—(AP)—A landlord who puts out his tenants when they become too prosperous, in order to make room for poorer ones, preferably those with children, is the curious spectacle presented by the city of Stockholm. As there is a shortage in housing, the city has ordered those who can afford to pay higher rents to move in order to provide homes for those with less means, many of whom are now living in temporary shelters.

It is only after careful investigation, however, that the city authorities give a tenant notice. Thus, out of 600 families proposed for eviction this year, only 200 have been selected. These are chiefly bachelors or childless couples whose incomes are out of all proportion to the low rent they pay, and special consideration has been shown for aged couples who have lived for a long time in the same quarters. By next fall the city hopes to have adequate dwellings for all the wartime squatters.

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CASH RESERVE	317,319.86
Total Reserve	403,669.86
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LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Reserve against excess Real Estate	40,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,285.55
Dividends Unpaid	87.50
DEPOSITS	1,211,754.47
Total Liabilities	\$1,353,127.52

April 6, 1925, Deposits \$1,211,754.47
December 31, 1924 Deposits 1,093,442.30
Gain since last statement 118,312.17

SEVEN NATIONS TO ATTEND MEETING

HONOLULU, April 11.—(AP)—The non-political Pan-Pacific conference of prominent men from seven countries in this area, which will be held here from July 1-15 as a preliminary to a permanent political forum of all peoples of the Pacific, had its inception as a proposed Pan-Pacific Y. M. C. A. conference attended by high officials of that organization, it has been revealed by the Pan-Pacific Union, which is sponsoring the meeting.

From the limits of a Y. M. C. A. conference, it is widened to a Pan-Pacific Christian Conference, and recently assumed its still wider scope as a Pacific model of the Institute of Politics at Williamstown, Mass.

A number of lecturers and round-table leaders of last year's Williamstown conference will attend the Honolulu conference, it is announced. Among those are Yusuke Tamura, son-in-law of Viscount Goto; Henry Pratt Fairchild, New York university, and George H. Blakeslee, of Clark university.

Among the members of the institute of last year who are on the American advisory council of the Honolulu council are Charles C. Batchelder, former secretary of commerce, Philippine Islands, an expert on commercial relations, and Stanley K. Hornbeck, of Washington, D. C.

Harry A. Garfield, president of Williams college; A. C. Coolidge, director of the Harvard university library and a member of the institute board of advisors, and Bernard Baruch, who financed the first three sessions of the institute, have been cooperating with the American committee in arranging the Honolulu conference.

J. Merle Davis, executive secretary of the conference, will arrive here late this month from the mainland, where he has been obtaining funds and enlisting American members of the committee.

Official Vanishes And Causes Alarm

NAPLES, April 11.—(AP)—All the marriage licenses and marriage, birth and death certificates issued during a recent period of several weeks by one of the district mayoralties of this municipality were under-

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REINDEER LOOKED TO FOR STEAKS

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Livestock is Driven In London Streets

LONDON, April 11.—(AP)—The custom of driving pigs, sheep and cattle through the streets, a practice begun centuries ago when London was but a village, is still being carried on. However, it is seldom that the public generally witnesses this sight as the work is done during the early hours of the morning.

A herd of cattle, delayed on its way to the market, got into a traffic jam recently in Holborn, one of the city's main thoroughfares, and extra policemen had to be called to assist the drivers in their task of getting the animals started again. The present day city regulations provide that live stock can be driven through the streets only between the hours of midnight and five in the morning.

Fast Traveling Colt

PARIS, April 11.—A French yearling colt, owned by an attaché of the Dutch legation in Paris, is the first race horse ever shipped by airplane from one country to another. The colt was carried from Paris to the owner's farm in Holland in a plane with a special horse stall.

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done exclusively by dogs, which could traverse stretches reindeer could not. Beef possibilities of the reindeer were first discovered when Dr. Sheldon Lewis, a missionary, imported them from Siberia to succor the Eskimauks who were threatened with starvation by extinction of game animals. The present herds have been bred up from the 1,280 original animals brought over Bering sea between 1892 and 1902.

Reindeer calfakin furnishes what Mr. Brower said was the warmest fur for its weight in the world, specially favored for clothing by the Inuit and Chukchees, Indians and explorers. Alaskan reindeer, ever, were too valuable as herds from the Russian coast in S where there is at present no supply of reindeer meat.

Radio Band at Sea
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