

BRIDGETON WOMEN CALL MEN PIKERS

Only One Marriage License Issued for March in "Bachelors' Paradise"

TOOK 10 YEARS TO GET THAT

By a Staff Correspondent

Bridgeton, N. J., April 18.—This little city, far famed as a "bachelors' paradise," is writing in the midst of a mental struggle. Why is it that in a city of 15,000 population only one marriage license was issued during the month of March, 1922?

Many poolroom discussions and street-corner conferences have been held, but in vain. The women declare that the men are pikers, while the men have a strong conviction in asserting that the women are "too blooming extravagant."

Charles P. Corey, the city clerk, maintains that "it just happened." So there you are.

But even though the city is trying to bear up under the terrible suspense, every one shudders at the thought of the terrible catastrophe which was narrowly avoided. The only license that was issued during the month went to Victor A. Woodruff and Frances R. Davis March 24.

"Victor Just Lacked Nerve" "Victor had been going with Frances for ten years," said Mr. Corey. "Every night he would be around to see her, but somehow he just couldn't get up enough nerve to ask her. If he had still been lacking in courage, Bridgeton would have issued no licenses in March."

"The women are making too much in the textile mills to settle down to living on a small scale," asserted Jacob Jones, superintendent of the Bridgeton Gas Company. "I don't believe in his belief that the men were being wronged. They make more than the men can earn and, besides, they always wear plenty of silk stockings and—ah, silk girdles."

"The women, however, are lined up on the other side. 'The men are pikers,' vigorously asserted Mrs. John Baldy, 'and I'm not afraid to tell them so.' The very idea of girls being extravagant. Why, the men are too stingy to let go of some of their old money."

Miss Julia Henderson thinks that as soon as summer comes along and the open for the men that the number of marriage licenses will increase. "At least I hope so," she confided, "for we've got some mighty fine girls here."

But even though they are not marrying in Bridgeton, the boys and girls are still going together. According to Jacob Jones, Sr., who is superintendent of the Bridgeton Park every year, 80 many household conveniences are on display that there is something of interest to every one, whether the patron is considering building a house or merely looking for a few mantelpiece decorations.

A unique and popular feature is the radioophone booth. All the necessary parts for the construction of a home radio are on exhibit. A receiving set is in operation every night on the balcony. Another unique exhibit is a battery charger, which may be hitched to the house current. It is intended to be used for charging auto batteries, although an extension wire allows it to be carried to the automobile batteries outside.

VESTRYMEN ARE ELECTED Church of the Resurrection and St. Matthew's Announce Names

The Church of the Resurrection has elected the following vestrymen to serve the coming year: Winfield E. Scott, Charles A. Gill, Douglas Lenke, Joseph E. Delray, Dr. J. C. Applegate, Dr. Sherman T. Moyer, H. E. Squire, Charles E. Boury, William H. Brehm, John T. Eppel and Thomas Turner.

Three Hurt in Auto Crash D. F. Strouglins, 5049 Race street, his wife and Mrs. Rachel E. Cox, 2516 South Shields street, were injured early yesterday in Chester when their motor car was struck by one driven by Thaddeus Polanski, of that city.

Two Held in Bicycle Deal Two young Philadelphians were arrested by police in Lancaster last night when they attempted to sell girls' bicycles for \$3 which they said they had purchased at Fifth and Market streets for \$10. They gave their names as Harry and Herbert Thomas.

Uncommon Sense : Leap to Boss Yourself By JOHN BLAKE

AN INTELLIGENT and well-trained superintendent recently lost his job on a big farm. He couldn't understand why he was discharged. He had learned agriculture in a well-known State university. He understood all about soils and the rotation of crops and the use of modern machinery.

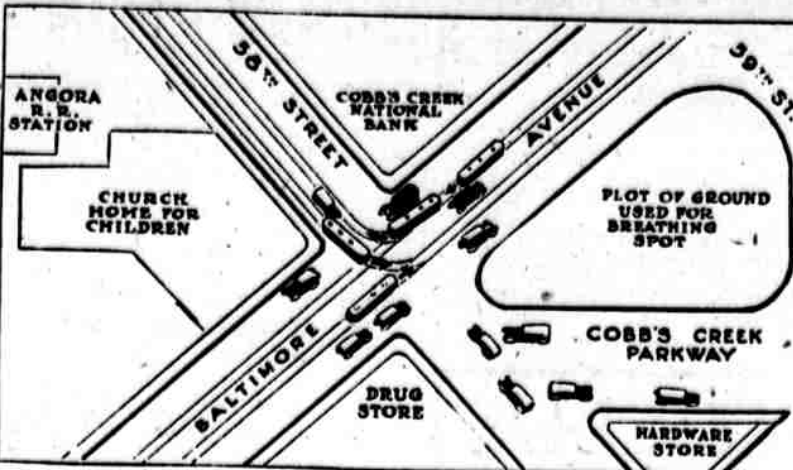
When he went to the owner, who also was a trained scientific farmer, to inquire the reason for his discharge, he was told: "I had to let you go because you never learned to boss yourself. I can't boss you all the time. I don't live on this farm. I can't leave other work that I have to do in town every here and tell you that a tractor needs to be overhauled every six months; that a barn that isn't painted regularly will soon fall to pieces; that apples will only stay a certain time in storage without sorting over before they will rot and become useless."

You know those things as well as them or you don't remember them. The man who works for me has got to know how to be his own boss. There is a future in this farm for any man who is trained for the job, and knows how to give himself orders and take them. I don't think you are that kind of a man.

It happened that this particular youth was able to break bad habits, so he asked for another chance and got it. This time he learned himself. When he saw that a fence was down he fixed it himself or had it fixed.

When he saw that a crop wasn't doing well, he plowed it up and put in a late crop of something else that promised to thrive better in that soil. And he is now on his way toward a partnership in the farm.

CLEVER FOOTWORK NEEDED HERE



Etching shows stream of traffic at Fifty-eighth street, Baltimore avenue and Cobbs Creek parkway. There is no traffic policeman at this point, called the most dangerous intersection in West Philadelphia, and residents will appeal to the Mayor for a traffic man

WILLIAM MOORE CO. WINS AWARD FOR BEST BOOTH

Silver Loving Cup is Given by Real Estate Exposition The prize award for the best decorated booth in the Real Estate Exposition, now being held in the First Regiment Armory, at Broad and Calowhill streets, was made last night by the Philadelphia Real Estate Board. The William Moore Company received a silver loving cup, which was presented by W. Freeland Kendrick, Receiver of Taxes.

The J. G. Valliant Company, interior decorators, and the Keystone Supply Company received honorable mention. The Committee of Judges included D. Knickerbocker Boyd, architect; Thomas J. Mulvey, vice president of the Poor Richard Club, and Mr. Kendrick.

The winning booth, while not the most novel in the show, was one of the most attractive and elaborate exhibits. It was made up of several tile fireplaces, complete in every detail, even with the fires burning within them. The booth presented a cozy, finished appearance, and well deserved the award.

The Valliant Company also had a booth that left little to be desired, with a snug, homelike scene, while the large Keystone booth was noteworthy for its spick and span display of modern plumbing supplies, with many neat devices of practical value.

The attendance of the exposition increased last night over Saturday. The show will continue all week. The interesting features of the show are being spread by those who have seen them, and a still larger attendance is expected within the next few days. So many household conveniences are on display that there is something of interest to every one, whether the patron is considering building a house or merely looking for a few mantelpiece decorations.

ROB PARISH HOUSE OF COATS Sneak thieves broke into the parish house of the Church of the New Jerusalem, 2120 Chestnut street, last night and stole two overcoats valued at \$70. The coats belong to John J. Bourke, 1420 Walnut street, and Arthur F. Larson, 3221 Walnut street.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Nicholas Grello, Bethlehem, Pa., and Mary B. Ebert, Bethlehem, Pa. Charles J. McKeever, 4283 Penn. st., and Mrs. T. Chisler, 1120 E. Huntingdon st. Saunders, Scranton, Pa., and Alice Terry, Columbus O.

Edward Swartz, 444 Courtland st., and Margaret A. Kiefer, 1340 E. Wombling ave. Christopher G. Seager, 218 W. Ontario st., and Rebecca K. Powell, 144 W. Lorry st. Calvin H. Hewitt, Hills, Pa., and Sarah E. C. Widdeman, 757 S. 12th st. and John J. Vantwall, Fort Carissa, Pa., and Anna M. Martin, Pottsville, Pa.

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Residents of 58th St., Baltimore Ave. and Cobbs Creek Parkway Will Appeal to Mayor.

CHILDREN'S HOME NEAR

If one happens to be agile, alert, has presence of mind and is good on mathematics he may cross the busy point at Fifty-eighth street, Baltimore avenue and Cobbs Creek Parkway without harm. But the one who makes a wrong move in attempting this task is due for a stay in the nearest hospital.

The intersection is regarded as the most dangerous in West Philadelphia, if not in the city—but there is no traffic policeman to help matters. On the three streets which converge at this point are two lines of cars and an almost endless procession of automobiles, motorcars and other vehicles.

Residents of the neighborhood have decided to ask Mayor Moore to place a traffic man there as quickly as possible. The Fifty-eighth and Sixtieth street trolley line traverses Baltimore avenue to Fifty-eighth and thence turns south on the street that converges at this point. Often there are four trolley cars approaching this point from different directions at one time and a half dozen autos at the same moment. It is then that the pedestrian's ability in mathematics is tested. He must calculate distances quickly and act.

Children's Home on Corner The Church Home for Children is on the southeast corner of Fifty-eighth street and Baltimore avenue and the bank of Cobbs Creek Title and Trust Company is on the southwest corner. The other corners are occupied by business establishments. Cobbs Creek Park, which begins at this intersection, is a plot of ground between the parkway and Baltimore avenue. It was given to this section by the city for a breathing spot.

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