

# DEATH VALLEY DOIN'S

The Death Valley Grade schools got off to an early start last Monday morning, September 12, with an enrollment of 35 pupils, with indications of several additional pupils to be enrolled in the school later. Miss Harriett Robertson, of Los Angeles, has charge of the higher grades, while Miss Loretta Starr, of Balboa Beach, who taught in the primary grades last year, again has charge of the little tykes this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus (Sonny) Wagnon, of Ryan, are the proud parents of a baby daughter, who made its appearance at the family home early Tuesday morning, Aug. 30th.

Johnnie Mills was in town from Ryan last Friday, on a little business matter, and for one of his age, and his long, varied experiences in Death Valley and environs, is looking well. Johnnie is one of the oldest—if not the very oldest of the Old-Timers, still knocking about in Death Valley. Not, perhaps, the oldest in years, but from the standpoint of length of time he has been pioneering and prospecting, in and out of the Valley. He contracted an attack of double pneumonia, following upon an attack of "flu," during the prolonged, disagreeable winter two years ago. This was followed by pleurisy, and finally

by what the Doc's call "empyeme" (pus in the pleural cavity, outside the lung), which later necessitated an operation, and invalidism for many weeks, but Johnnie finally "came through," and is looking as well as the Rambler ever saw him. We talked with Doc Shrum, up to the Emergency Hospital about Johnnie's case the other day, and Doc says that Johnnie was the first—and the last—in fact, the ONLY adult patient to develop pneumonia on the floor of Death Valley, in his practice, in the many years he has been in these parts; says that, due to the very low altitude, and the exceedingly dry, warm atmosphere, people rarely, if ever, develop pneumonia in the Valley.

Bill Bailey, representative of the Wilson Packing Co., with headquarters at Las Vegas, was in the Junction last week, on one of his regular business trips. Mr. Bailey resides in San Bernardino, but "makes" his territory out of Las Vegas.

By authorization and planning, promulgated by highway officials, at Bishop, the local highway employees, under the guidance of Maintenance Superintendent, Henry (Hank) Maynard, are pursuing a thorough, intensive course in First Aid Instruction, following the rules of, and employing the official Red Cross Manual, as instruction guide. In addition, the members will receive instructions in prevention of Heat Exhaustion (or Heat Prostra-

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## Shall We Dump Our Wheat?

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Our crop of wheat this year will probably be one of the largest in our history. As the reports come in the price falls until some speak of the



situation as a major disaster. Accordingly, plans are being considered to ease the strain. One of them is said to be the provision of an "export subsidy" that will permit the sale of at least 100,000,000 bushels of wheat in foreign markets. This is a good illustration of modern economic difficulties. First there is what looks like the absurdity of viewing a bounteous crop as a disaster. One would think that a large number of bushels of wheat ought to be welcome, especially when so many people are out of work and when, in spite of gigantic relief efforts, many would be glad to have more bread. Yet modern economic life is so intricate that a huge crop may result in so low a price that the farmers who produce the wheat will lose heavily. It is very complicated and perplexing.

But why meet the problem by a subsidy on wheat exports? It is argued that last year we exported nearly 100,000,000 bushels of wheat and that this amount may be thought of as "the American share of world trade." Therefore the wheat interests of other countries ought not to object if we facilitate the sale of this much wheat in foreign markets. A subsidy would have to be paid in some indirect way by American consumers or taxpayers, but this burden may be less serious than that of a demoralized

domestic wheat market and the reactions on the rest of us that will come if our farmers have serious financial troubles.

Unfortunately there is another fact to remember before we decide. There is a world-wide feeling against "dumping." This word is used with many meanings, but should be employed to describe selling at a lower price in one market than in another. Usually this means selling abroad at a lower price than at home. This is so serious a matter that many countries, including our own, have anti-dumping laws.

Perhaps some readers will remember that a few years ago there was great excitement aroused in the United States when it was reported that Russia was "dumping" wheat in our markets. The report seems to have been false, but at the time it aroused intense indignation. The reasons for the objections, however, are easy to understand. The sale here of a considerable amount of Russian wheat at an especially low price would have tended to demoralize our markets.

Resentment against dumping is to be expected, but it will occur in other countries as well as here. It is reported that this year wheat producing nations will have almost twice as much available for export as buying countries will need.

Yet "dumping" is very common. Other countries do it so extensively that there may seem to be a justification for our action. It has been suggested that we will arrange an understanding with Canada because we have a trade agreement with her and in order to avoid the charge of "dumping". We may reach an understanding, but the proposed sale would still be "dumping" and there are a large number of other countries affected besides Canada.

## C. H. SLOAN

(DEMOCRAT)

### For State Assembly

General Election, November 8

## Earcupping

with George Livingstone

Strangely enough, swing music is responsible in a fairly direct way for increased interest in concert music, declares Eric Sagerquist, violinist-conductor of the popular "First-Nighter" air series.

The reason is relatively simple, according to Sagerquist, and boils down to the fact that people like the dulcet tones of the violin. Swing bands find no place in their high-speed arrangements for the instrument, so those whose tastes favor string music listen to symphonies in order to hear violins and the soothing style of music associated with them.

### Harvest On State Street

Joe DuMond, radio's "Josh Higgins of Finchville," has found several rural touches in the heart of urban Chicago. In the shadow of the Wrigley Building stands a tiny patch of corn, bounded on one side by a freight yard and on the other by the Chicago River. An old law requires that a cow path, running through a building at 100 West Madison Street, in the



Joe DuMond

Loop, be kept open for bovine traffic. And the telephone directory lists more than a score of horse-shoers.

### Recommended

Franklyn MacCormack, original announcer of the "Sunday Evening Hour," is reported practically set for a return to that spot, when it returns to the air in the fall. MacCormack, whose mellow voice won him wide audiences in his "Poetic Melodies" series, announced the Sabbath symphony concerts when they began during the Century of Progress Exposition in 1933.

### Back In Circulation

Out of Passavant Hospital, where she went for observation after illness forced her to abandon her title role in "Arnold Grimm's Daughter," Marguerite Shanna is conferring with a

sponsor interested in featuring her in a new fall series.

### Virginia's Versatility

Virginia Payne's versatility will be put to a severe test in "Kitty Keene, Inc.," beginning a few weeks hence, when she is called upon to double as a primitive Inca girl. Virginia regularly plays Clara Lund in "Kitty Keene," as well as the title role in "Ma Perkins."

### Reverse English

In "Judy and Jane" scripts, Judy is single, Jane married. In real life, the situation is reversed. Mary Salisbury, the scriptural Jane, is unmarried while Marge Calvert, who plays Judy, is wed to Charles Calvert, also in the "Judy and Jane" cast.



Mary Salisbury

### Shortest Introduction

Probably the briefest program opening in radio is that used on Professor John T. Frederick's CBS "Of Men and Books." The only preliminary is Announcer Parker Wheatley's three-second statement "John T. Frederick speaks of men and books."

### Sound Reasoning

No dieting for Billy House, 300-pound CBS comic! "The more I eat, the bigger I get. The bigger I get, the funnier I am," he explains. "And the funnier I am, the more I eat!"



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