

THE PIE SOCIAL SEASON HAS OPENED IN MISSOURI; HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED

The pie social season now is in full swing in the country school districts, writes a Macon, Missouri, correspondent of The Kansas City Times. There is one running every night in one of the townships and often two or three. The receipts run all the way from \$15 to \$35. The average is \$25.

A movie picture or a high class theatrical performance might sometimes lack for a crowd, but the pie social always draws. People come from far and near, arriving early and staying late. The matter of a big crowd is the least of the worries.

There's fascination in an auction. Especially with the reward of eating your pie with a pretty girl. You don't worry over what the pie cost if she's clever and a good talker. And those are generally characteristics of every girl who can make a good pie.

Politics Play a Part

Sometimes there is politics. At a pie function near Macon this fall a beautiful box of candy was offered to the most popular young lady. A penny a vote was the rule. The girl who got the most votes carried off the candy.

Two candidates were put in nomination by some boys from the town. There were word paintings about pretty hair and eyes, fascinating smiles and touching their accomplishments as musicians and artists.

A red headed man put a country girl in nomination this way: "Sallie can beat all creation as a cook, washer and ironer!"

Town Boys Have a System

When the town boys go out they generally get the pies. Not because they have the most money, but—

Here's the way a victim described it. "She was a mighty pretty girl and friendly. When her pie was put up by the auctioneer she squeezed my arm to let me know it was her pie. I never thought about her having a bean in the crowd till the bidding ran up to four dollars. Then I noticed there was a tow headed chap across the way who was steadily raising every bid I made.

"The girl was standing right alongside of me, with her little white hand against my shoulder. When I made a bid of \$7.50 I noticed her face in the

direction of the tow headed youth and there was a slight movement of her left eye lid.

"My rival stopped and I got the pie. The crowd cheered. I was a hero. She and I ate the pie together and she was so nice it seemed money well spent. Anyhow what was \$7.50? I could make that back in a week or ten days! "That Rube had to lay down," I exclaimed: "guess he ran out of cash."

"Yes," she murmured. "Cousin Tom is so reckless; he'll bid without a cent in his pocket."

A Popular Auctioneer

Will Sherman, a good looking youth of 20 is one of the most popular auctioneers of the countryside. He's been crying sales since he was a small chap so far this season he has been auctioneer of twenty-two pie socials and had a dozen other engagements ahead before Christmas.

Sherman has learned the importance of a good start. So he makes a little "warming up" speech.

"Ladies and gentlemen, fellow countrymen," says Will. "We are here assembled to enjoy our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of the almighty dollar for the benefit of one of the finest schools in the State.

"I'm glad to see you all smiling and good natured tonight. That means we won't have to use a blackjack to get your money.

Start at 25 Cents

"Now with these few remarks I'm going to open the exercises with a big pumpkin pie made by one of the fairest daughters of old Missouri! Who'll start 'er at two bits?"

In some of the districts the country boys are better spenders than the fellows from town. The lad from the country now has his own stock and poultry and what he makes is his. Some years ago the town boy had the advantage in ready cash.

The boxes of candy given to the most popular girl often bring from \$20 to \$25 in the voting, which is ready cash.

There are often side shows not on the programme. Some visitor will move that "we vote on the homeliest man," or "the laziest person here," or "for the spooniest couple."

FRANK FROEST WAS A TRULY GREAT DETECTIVE, HIS DEATH LOSS TO SCOTLAND YARD

(New York Sun)

There died in England a few days ago a truly great detective. He was Frank Froest and for thirty-four years he was the superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Department of the London Metropolitan Police force and was known throughout the world for his cleverness in tracking down criminals. He earned the sobriquet of "The Iron Man" and it stuck to him until he was laid away in his grave.

Frank Froest was very well known in America and he not only came here to get thieves, but he arrested thieves in England for American authorities. New York detectives who had occasion to go to London soon learned that the methods of Froest in Scotland Yard were the most up to date and worthy of emulation in their own efforts to solve crimes.

It has been figured that Froest arrested more than one hundred criminals wanted in the United States. How many he locked up for his own government is not on record, but he had figured in all of the important cases that occurred during his tenure of office.

One of the most important of his later life cases was that of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, who killed his wife in England and fled to sea. Froest worked for the first time and then practically new wireless system. By this method he located the doctor aboard ship, caused his arrest and returned him to London, where he was found guilty and put to death.

It was Froest who first permitted news of arrests in criminal cases to get out of Scotland Yard. For years this great department had operated in secret, and consequently much misinformation crept into the newspapers. Froest felt the truth would

be better for all concerned, and he established a daily talk with the newspaper men, with the result that true stories were reaching the newspaper columns out of this great detective division.

As soon as writers found themselves able to meet Froest it was apparent that he was quite a remarkable man. He had a natural geniality which no worry or stress of work could smother. He might have had two mottoes, "Be thorough," and "Keep smiling." He was a big man, physically, as well as mentally; a born fighter as well as a diplomat.

In 1896 New York got a thrill when the newspapers recorded that the Townsend Burden home on the north side of Twenty-sixth street at Madison Square had been robbed of several thousand dollars worth of jewels. It was an inside job, as it turned out, and the butlers who perpetrated it went back to England only to be caught by Froest. They were returned to New York, convicted and sentenced to prison.

Dr. Nancy Guilford, who escaped from America after a warrant had been issued for her arrest, fell into the clutches of Froest, but before he caught her he showed his aptitude as a detective. All Froest had was a cabled description of the woman. He went to Paddington station in London and after thirty-six hours work found a cab driver who had taken a woman answering the description to an intersection of a street where she changed cabs. Just how Froest traced her to Camden Town would take too much space to tell here, but there he caught her and although she denied her identity Froest found a linen collar under a rug on which her name appeared. She was returned to America despite her protestations that she was

CONTEST BIRDS ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

The 200 birds which are entered in the New Brunswick Egg-Laying Contest at the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, N. B., laid 720 eggs during the week with 697.3 points. This is a weekly production of 51.4 per cent and brings the total eggs to date to 6500 with 5734.4 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by John S. Knox, Sussex, moved up from fourth position of the previous week and led in production for the week with 51 eggs and 54.4 points.

The Barred Rocks, owned by A. T. Reed, Rollingdam, were in second position for the week with 51 eggs and 52.6 points.

The Barred Rocks, owned by W. J. White, Moores Mills, were in third position for the week with 50 eggs and 49.9 points.

The Barred Rocks, owned by Jas. E. Monahan, Elmsville, were in fourth position for the week with 43 eggs and 47.5 points.

The Barred Rocks, owned by W. J. White, Moores Mills, lead to date with 539 eggs and 498.9 points.

The Barred Rocks, owned by W. J. Scullin, Rollingdam, are in second position to date with 520 eggs and 451.0 points.

The Barred Rocks, owned by A. T. Reed, Rollingdam, are in third position to date with 444 eggs and 414.4 points.

The Barred Rocks, owned by Jas. E. Monahan, Elmsville, are in fourth position to date with 409 eggs and 403.6 points.

Poultrymen who have not yet made up their breeding pens and who desire a good mate bird to head the same, can purchase a registered cockerel from the New Brunswick Registered Poultry Breeders' Association, Box 870, Fredericton. Only a few birds are available. These are good individuals and moderately priced. Place your order immediately if interested.

TREED BY BEAR FOR FIVE HOURS FROZE HIS FEET

Johnstown, Feb. 1.—Carl Smith, of Pittsburgh, is a patient at Memorial Hospital as a result of having both feet badly frostbitten.

Smith told hospital attaches that he was walking along the Lincoln Highway when treed by a bear which chased him, and his feet were frozen after being up in the tree five hours.

He was picked up by a passing motorist and brought to the hospital here.

SEA WISH

(From The Commonweal)

Driven anger, salty curse,
Sting the beaches of my art;
Whip away what's soft and worse,
Bare the cleaner, harder part.

Scar it, lash it, leave it cold,
Rocky base of man in growth,
Art to man so grimly mold
That his poem be his oath.

—L. A. G. STRONG.

If Shakespears is getting credit for plays that somebody else wrote, all we can say is that William was a first class executive.

innocent and later was sent to prison for ten years.

In discussing his police or detective methods Froest once said: "I never lose sleep over a case. I do not let it get on my nerves to that extent. But I used to make it a rule never to take any intoxicating liquor or to smoke at all while I had a 'big job on.'"

When asked to give what he considered the qualifications of a good detective he replied:

"Honesty (that comes first, of course, even to the criminal).

"Tact.

"Common sense."

When he joined the police force his uncle gave him what he called sage advice, which was:

"Keep your ears open, your eyes open, your mouth shut, your hands in your pockets and remember that Providence helps those who help themselves."

THE EGG BILL OF ENGLAND A HEAVY ONE

London, Feb. 3.—Six billion eggs yearly is the consumption of Great Britain. The ministry of agriculture says that £16,000,000 worth of eggs are imported every year.

South Africa is the leading empire egg producing section. While South Africa sends fresh eggs to Great Britain without the use of cold storage they nevertheless are subject to a rigid dominion inspection. Eggs coming from the continent of Europe do not undergo this inspection.

A physician who has been making an investigation says that the wrists of the normal girl of today, thanks to golf, tennis, swimming and other athletics, are much larger than they used to be, which should be good news for the husbands of the future, who probably won't have to be drafted each evening to dig the dinner out of the inevitable can.

Our idea of the 100 per cent Englishman is a chap who understands the political caricatures in "Junch."

THE WINTRY WOOD

(From the Boston Transcript)

I walked in wintry woods
One mild December day
When ember silence on the forest lay
I trod its drowsy depths
As length'ning shadows fell;
Ground-pine and princess-feather
Lined the winding way;
There was no voice of bird,
No cricket chirping in the dell;
A hallowed hush hung o'er the wood
And tinged my spirit with its mystic spell;
The hemlocks bowed their crested heads
Above the leafy nooks where snow-birds play;
And pines, low whispering,
Played with muted strings
Their solemn (old-world law
Then, as I topped the hill,
The forest broke away;
Gleaming, shone out the sun,
A hint of summer in its rays,
And lighting my twilight road
Drew heavenward my raptured gaze.

—RICHMOND H. GESNER.

"Why, that steak must weigh three pounds at least. Surely you're not going to eat it all alone?"

"No; I'm just waiting for the vegetables."

Knee-Joints Were Sore; His Ankles Swelled

**A Thin, Amber-Colored Liniment
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NERVILINE Drives Out Pain

A girl who won a beauty prize of \$5,000 in Miami didn't spend it for amusement or self decoration, but went and paid off the mortgage on her father's home. There is something queer about this. She must have been a Boy Scout in disguise.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK Condensed Statement Cash Receipts and Expenditures Revenue Account Year Ended 31st October, 1929

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE
Departmental Cash Receipts	Balance 31st October, 1928
Saint John & Quebec Railway, Province's Share Railway Earnings to September 2, 1929	Departmental Cash Expenditure
Rent of House on Railway Property	Saint John & Quebec Railway:
N. B. Settlement Lands	Interest
Land Sales	Running Rights
Contractors' Deposits	Administration
Consolidated School District No. 4	Contractors' Deposits
Farm Settlement Board	Consolidated School District No. 4
British Family Settlement Fund	Farm Settlement Board
British Family Settlement Fund	British Family Settlement Fund
Farmers' Co-operative Dairy Co., on Acct. Loan ..	Fire Prevention Board
Fire Prevention Board	Housing Fund Repayments
Housing Fund Repayments	Life Insurance Deposits
Life Insurance Deposits	Official Committee Property of Lunatics
Life Insurance Deposits	Probate Court Deposits, Withdrawals
N. B. Power Company, Deposit re Removal of Snow	Roads, Municipal
Official Committee Property of Lunatics	Supreme Court Deposits, Withdrawals
Probate Court Deposits	Temporary Deposit, Withdrawals
Road Tax, Municipal	Land Sales, Deposited in Sinking Funds
Supreme Court Deposits	Bonus Pulp and Paper License to Sinking Fund ..
Temporary Deposits	Sale of Property for Taxes
Bonus Pulp and Paper Licenses	Sale of Islands, etc., Restigouche River
Sale Islands, etc., Restigouche River	Workmen's Compensation Board, Deposit
Advances to Capital Account, 1928, Refunded	N. B. Settlement Lands to Sinking Fund
Balance (Bank Overdraft)	Deferred Charges, Discount on Bonds Sold
	Advances to Capital Account
\$14,584,741.23	\$14,584,741.23

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