BIRTH REGISTRY IS INCOMPLETE

State Health Campaign Has Been Prepared by State Department

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

Safety and Sanitation Battle Cry for Last Week in Month of April

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 23.—Oklahomans are asked to observe the week beginning April 23 as "health week" in a proclamation issued by Governor Robertson upon request of the state health department. A full program for observance of the week has been arranged, and an outline for the organization of all civic agencies to aid in the health campaign has been prepared by the health department.

Particular stress is to be laid during the week on the necessity of more thorough birth registration in Oklahoma. Commenting on this feature of the week, the announcement of the health department said:

"It is a sad fact that Oklahoma has not yet been accepted into the United States registration area for birth because the registration in the state is less than 90 per cent complete."

The announcement then adds that approximately 3,000 babies die annually in Oklahoma before reaching the age of 1 year, more than half these deaths is preventable, it declares.

The daily program throughout the week is as follows:

Monday, April 24—Community clean-up day, when all premises are to be cleaned of all litter and debris accumulated over winter.

Tuesday, April 25—Fire day, when trash gathered on the previous day is to be burned.

Wednesday, April 26—Fly, rat and insect extermination day, when a drive is to be made on these pests and methods of permanent eradication studied.

Thursday, April 27—Birth registration day, when an effort will be made not only to secure registration of births in the community up to date, but also to spread intensively the doctrine of birth registration.

Friday, April 28—School children's day, which will be observed with programs and fitting ceremonies.

Saturday, April 29—Medical examination day, when all who have not been recently examined will be urged to do so that insipient diseases may be discovered and checked.

Can't Find Unemployed Men.

Special to The World.

BARTLESVILLE, March 23.—C. C. Porter, county farm agent, is making a diligent search for unemployed men to work on the farms of Washington county, but so far his quest has been without success. Mr. Porter has made the rounds of all the pool halls, the Salvation Army and the Y. M. C. A., but finds that jobless men are a scarce article at the present time in this city.

State Briefs

Driver Killed at Dance.

TAHLEQUAH—Billy Piles, 19 years old, was shot through the neck and almost instantly killed while driving through Parkhill at 10:30 Tuesday night. Piles lives in Tahlequah. The occasion for his being in Parkhill was a dance to which he had taken two carloads of young people from this city, and at the time he was shot was going after musicians, it is said. He was shot from ambush and the culprit escaped.

Fought for His Sister.

LAWTON—John Marshall, cattleman, is held in the county jail here in connection with the murder of Harold Ray, telephone lineman, who was shot to death near Ray Saturday. The shooting was said to have followed an admonition to Ray to "keep away from my sister." No charges have yet been filed.

Sheriff Out on Bond.

POTEAU—Ray McClure, Le Flore county deputy sheriff, charged with the murder of two men, has been released on bond of $7,500. McClure is alleged to have killed Fred Evans, whom he sought to arrest on a liquor charge, and a bystander named Price, at Panama on March 10.

Will Replant After Easter.

IMAGO—Over 200 farmers in the district will have completed the transfer of tomato plants from the hotbeds into the individual cold frames where they will remain until removal to the field soon after Easter, according to W. T. Larimore, founder of the tomato project.

Bond Issue Is Indorsed.

WILBURTON—A bond issue of $201,000 for a new sewage system and the purchase of fire fighting equipment was adopted here Tuesday, practically complete returns indicated today.

Kept Busy Dodging Autos.

MCALESTER—Farmers who do not drive automobiles in this county have requested that while the county is spending its $1,500,000 on highways it will also grade and repair the gutters and ditches alongside the highways. They maintain they never get to travel on the road, but spend the most of their time in the ditches trying to keep out of the way of the autos.

Change Name to Marland.

PERRY—Hiles, in northern Noble county, took a new lease on life Tuesday when by unanimous vote the citizens voted to change the name of the town to Marland and to incorporate. A chamber of commerce was organized at a banquet Tuesday night with 40 charter members.

Hurt in Auto Collision.

ARDMORE—"Boney" Wilson, an oil field worker of Wilson, was in the hospital Wednesday with internal injuries resulting when the automobile he was driving was struck by a Ringling train at Hewitt crossing, near Wilson, Tuesday night.

Grove Fire Probe Started.

JAY—Investigation is being made into the origin of the fire which destroyed the large mill and elevator owned by George Dawson at Grove last week. The fire is suppose to have been of incendiary origin, and is the second for the town within a few weeks.

Recall for Sulphur Mayor.

SULPHUR—Following receipt of a petition signed by 468 voters, the county election board Wednesday called an election for Tuesday, April 4, to vote on recalling Mayor W. H. (Pat) Riley. Riley is now facing the charge of embezzling city funds, following a probe of the failure of the Bank of Commerce.

School Closes Its Term.

MERRICK—School closed at Merrick, Lincoln county, with a picnic and program for all pupils. Prospects are bright for school next fall.

Look for Better Fruit Crop.

MCALESTER—Dealers state that, despite the fact that no fruit has been produced in the past two years, the sale of fruit jars has nearly doubled.

Reading Bible in Schools.

HUGO—Petition to the school board of Hugo, asking that the reading of the Bible in the public schools be reinstituted, has been circulated in all the churches and Sunday schools were and were universally signed, it is reported.

Open Municipal Playground.

ARDMORE—Equipped at a cost of $4,000, Ardmore's municipal playground was formally opened Tuesday under the auspices of the Kiwanis club, which had donated the equipment to the city. The grounds are adjacent to the league baseball park.

Kill Pegball Ordinance.

ATOKA—By a vote of five to two city councilmen killed an ordinance prohibiting the operation of poolballs in Atoka.

LEAVE OFF PASSENGER TRAIN

Special to The World.

Freight Only Contemplated for the Midland Valley Spur.

PONCA CITY, March 22—Because of the automobile competition, there is no passenger service contemplated for the Osage railway, a spur of the Midland Valley recently completed from Foraker on the Midland Valley main line to Shidler, fourteen miles southwest in the heart of the western Osage oil area.

Citizens of Shidler, Foraker, Pawhuska and other points have been asking that passenger service be installed. Under the certificates of authority, issued by the interstate commerce commission for the road's construction, its operation is to be confined to freight only, according to A. W. Lefebar, general manager of the Midland Valley.

COMMISSION TO BARTLESVILLE

Will Consider Matter of Quapaw Gas Rate Controversy

Special to The World.

BARTLESVILLE, March 23.—Members of the state corporation commission will be in Bartlesville Monday, March 27, for the purpose of conferring with the city commissioners and the citizens regarding the proposed increase in gas rates by the Quapaw company. The Quapaw delivers gas at the city gates and the proposed increase from 25 to 35 cents will materially affect the rate for fuel gas to the consumers of the city.

The corporation commissioners have written a letter to the city commissioners informing them of the intended visit and asking that the Bartlesville officials be prepared to supply and facts, figures or suggestions concerning the rate to consumers that should apply while the thirty-five cent rate is in effect. The Quapaw company's rate at the city gates will be raised from 25 to 35 cents on April 1.

Mayor A. F. McCaleb sent out an appeal some time ago to members of the various clubs of the city asking them to offer suggestions regarding the best method of opposing the proposed rate increase. He received a reply from only one organization, the Federated Womens clubs, and in an interview Wednesday criticised the other clubs for failure to co-operate with the city officials in their effort to protect the gas consumers of the city from what is deemed to be an unwarranted increase in the cost of fuel.

INVENTS SMALL FARM TRACTOR

Half-Size Machine Capable of Doing Work of Full-Grown One.

Special to The World.

BLACKWELL, March 23.—Frank Rice of the Rice-Jones Motor company bids fair to become a competitor of Ford. He has completed a small tractor which he calls the Ford Junior. It is about half the size of the Fordson tractor, and is claimed to be capable of doing everything accredited to the daddy tractor from which it is named. Everyone who has seen it pronounces it a credit to the old man and a testimonial to the ingenuity and workmanship of Mr. Rice. He will attach plows to it and give a demonstration for the public in a few days it is reported.

Too Many Newspapers So News Leaves Field Open to Competitor

Special to The World.

BLACKWELL, March 23.—The Blackwell Morning News, published by Spaulding & Nesbet of Shawnee, published its last issue Tuesday morning, and have decided to return to Shawnee and devote all their time to the publication of their paper in that city, The Shawnee Morning News. The subscription list and advance contract for advertisements has been purchased by the Blackwell Daily Tribune, and the subscribers will receive the Blackwell Daily Tribune in place of the Morning News.

By merging the two papers it is considered that the community will be served better and given a better news medium than by having two papers. The Blackwell Daily Tribune is the oldest daily paper in the city and has a very large list of subscribers. The merchants could not be induced to support two papers is the reason for the merger.

VERA VOTES IN HIGH POWER

Three Washington Towns to Connect Up With Sand Springs Plant.

Special to The World.

BARTLESVILLE, March 23.—The citizens of Vera, located in the extreme southern part of Washington county, voted Wednesday to connect up with the high-power line of the Charles Page interests of Sand Springs. The vote was 65 for and 40 against.

The Page interests now have franchises to furnish power to the towns of Vera, Ochelata and Ramona in this county and a number in the southeastern part of Osage county, it is announced.

Ball Grounds for Youngsters.

Special to The World.

BARTLESVILLE, March 22.—The Kiwanis and the Rotary clubs are working at the task of preparing baseball diamonds for the youngsters of Bartlesville. The Kiwanis club will fix up a diamond in the city park north of the present Southwestern league diamond, while the Rotary club is leveling off the ground at the Garfield school so the boys can play the national game. It is planned to organize a baseball league among the youngsters this summer.

HE ROBBED A BEAUTY PARLOR

Had All Night to Select His Choice of Articles Wanted.

Special to The World.

ENID, March 23.—Dick Bousley, about fifteen years of age, tells the police of how he remained in a local beauty parlor all night with the lights turned on, picking up during the night quite a number of articles and walking out early in the morning with the package under his arm.

In this parcel was about $250 worth of goods. Part has been recovered. Bousley was turned over to the juvenile court.

Delegates to Templar Meeting.

Special to The World.

ENID, Okla., March 23.—L. S. Corey, C. N. Harmon and Thomas Wells will attend the national commandery of the Knights Templar at New Orleans, La., next month as representatives of the Enid commandery.