

The Woman's Page

Poet Bequeaths Dowries To Girls

Julien Poydras, Dead A Hundred Years, Aids Young Couples To Marry at Baton Rouge, La.

A poet's desire to provide for countless young couples the matrimonial romance he himself never knew is still finding fulfillment after more than a century at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Nearly a score of young women of West Baton Rouge Parish have recently married with the material assistance and figurative blessing of Julien Poydras who has lain for long years in an obscure grave in the quaint old French cemetery of St. Francis in Pointe Coupee.

More than 100 years ago Poydras, at the age of 84, looked back upon a life in which he had come to Louisiana as a young man and penniless Breton sailor and risen to wealth as a planter and author but in which he found no wife to share his success.

Before he died he willed \$30,000 to provide dowries for young women whose marriages might be impeded for lack of dowries under the prevailing French custom.

West Baton Rouge Parish, perpetuating tradition and following the terms of his will, has distributed the

interest accumulated from the fund in dowries to seventeen brides in the latest apportionment. Only the interest is used, the principal remaining intact.

Parish authorities refused to divulge the amounts each young bride received toward her dowry, saying it was against their policy.

The reasons for Poydras having left the fund are legendary and varied. One story is that he loved a young woman who, adhering strictly to the old custom, refused to marry him because she had no dowry.

Another is that the girl he loved died before he accumulated enough money to marry her.

At any rate, he never married. Poydras emigrated from Bretagne to San Domingo, and from there to New Orleans, finally settling in this section on historic Fausse Riviere.

He acquired five plantations and 500 slaves and became a Congressman and the first president of the Louisiana State Senate. He wrote many poems including "Paeans to Galvez" in honor of Bernard de Galvez, Spanish Governor of Louisiana.

FORMER LOCAL GIRL GIVEN HIGH HONOR AT EASTERN

The following is of interest here to the friends of the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Prather, who formerly resided in Harrodsburg:

Miss Katherine Prather, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Prather, of Owenton, and a senior in Eastern Kentucky State Teachers' College, Richmond, has been elected "Miss Popularity," or the most popular girl on the campus in a contest conducted by the staff of the Milestone, the college annual. The entire student body voted by secret ballot. Her many admiring friends here are pleased for this honor to come to Miss Prather who is popular at home as well as in college. —Owenton News, Lex. Herald.

MRS. J. H. SPILMAN ON GEORGETOWN PROGRAM

Mrs. J. H. Spilman was the main speaker at the service Sunday night at the Georgetown Methodist church, which was in charge of the women of the congregation. Various church groups are conducting pre-Easter services during Lent and the one Sunday night was part of the series. Mrs. Spilman's subject was "Fellowship in the Suffering of Jesus." A full congregation heard her excellent talk. She was introduced by Mrs. E. L. Porter. Rev. E. M. Fossett is pastor of the church.

MRS. LUCIEN BECKNER'S POEM IN 'POETRY STUDIES'

Friends in Harrodsburg of Mrs. Lucien Beckner, of Louisville, will be interested that one of her poems will be included in "Poetry Studies," which is edited by Mary Davis Warren Beckner, and published in England with King Edward VIII as a patron. Mrs. Beckner's poem which is to appear in the publication is "Goodnight, My Beloved." Mrs. Beckner, who has many relatives here, is president of the Louisville branch of the National League of American Pen Women.

WHAT'S 'LEISURE CLASS' TO DO?

The leisure class to which Mr. Morgan refers does really get quite a raw deal. When the leisure class loaf, it is charged with idleness; when it works, it is accused of taking work away from the people "that really need it." When it spends money, it is charged with extravagance; and when it doesn't spend money, it is censured for "hoarding." —Boston Evening Transcript.

We could plow under about 50 per cent of the crop of false prophets and still have far too many.

Social and Personal

Mother Rifle Champ



ALAMEDA, Calif. . . . Shirley Turner (above), is the women's rifle champion of California, scoring 613 out of 620 bull-eyes. She is 21, weighs 102 pounds and shoots a 14 pound rifle. She is also mother of a 2-year-old daughter.

Ransdell-Whitehouse Marriage

A wedding of interest to many friends is that of Mrs. Dorothy Ransdell, of Bohon to Mr. Russell Whitehouse, who resides on the Cornishville road. The officiating minister was the Rev. T. Hassell Bowen, of the Harrodsburg Christian church. The bride is a popular woman and a daughter of Mr. J. C. Jenkins. Mr. Whitehouse is a well known farmer.

Knoxville Guest

Mr. W. G. Polk, of Knoxville, Tenn., has returned home after a short visit with his sisters, Mrs. H. A. Evans and Miss Margaret Polk, Lexington street.

Returned From Lexington

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cleveland Wood have returned from a few days visit with Misses Elizabeth and Louise Waller, Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dunlap, also of Lexington.

Guests At Manse

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dickinson, Mr. John Dickinson and Miss Mary Price Dickinson, of Malden, West Va., were overnight guests of Dr. and Mrs. John W. Carpenter, the latter part of the week. They were en route home from a stay in New Orleans and Florida.

Birthdays Celebrated

The birthdays of Mrs. John Baker and her little granddaughter, Beatrice Sheperson, were celebrated jointly with a dinner Sunday, March 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker. Those present were Mrs. Baker's six children and their families: Mr. and Mrs. James A. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Minks, all of Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sheperson, Messrs. Matt Curry Carr and Lawrence Carr. The number present was 37 and the honor guests received a number of gifts.

Guests Of Mrs. Kreiner

Mrs. Charles Geffinger, Mrs. Hazel Geffinger Donovan and Mr. James Donovan spent Sunday in Junction City with Mrs. Louis Kreiner, who expected to be permitted to walk this week with the use of crutches. Mrs. Kreiner had been fifteen weeks recovering from a fall in Harrodsburg in which she suffered a broken hip. The fall occurred as she stepped from her car in front of the home of her mother, Mrs. Geffinger.

Bright Little Boy Improving

Mrs. J. B. Mitchell was in Louisville last week to be with her little son, Master Lynn Mitchell, while his tonsils and adenoids were removed at Norton Infirmary. He is doing nicely.

Chambers-Faunce Wedding

Miss Katharine Scott Chambers, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Wilson Vivion and the late Brent Chambers, of Bardstown, and Mr. John H. Faunce, of Philadelphia, were united in marriage in Lexington Friday afternoon, March 13.

Miss Chambers, a student at the University of Kentucky, is a member of Delta Delta Delta social sorority and is recognized as one of the most attractive and most popular coeds on that campus. She is the step-daughter of Mr. Lewis Vivion, Harrodsburg, and formerly lived here. Since moving from Harrodsburg

Miss Chambers has often visited here where she has many friends.

Mr. Faunce is a senior in the College of Engineering, University of Kentucky, and a member of Triangle social fraternity. He is prominent on the campus, having received many honors while a student at the University.

Honored On 69th Birthday

The children of Mr. A. J. Sallee surprised him with a birthday dinner at his home on the Cornishville pike, March 15. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Carter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sallee and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Peavler and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Sallee, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guiley, Cornishville; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robinson and children, Sharpville; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sallee and son, Bohon; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sallee and children, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meriman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Birdwhistle, Rose Hill.

Recovering From Operation

Mrs. Billy Alford is recovering at the A. B. Price Memorial hospital from an appendicitis operation which she underwent last Wednesday night.

Surprise Dinner On Birthday

Mrs. Carl Weddle was the honor guest at a surprise birthday dinner given by her mother, Mrs. H. S. Ball at her home on the Burgin pike Thursday night. Besides the hostess and guest of honor, guests included Mr. Carl Weddle, Miss Dorothea Burton, Harrodsburg, and Miss Alice Burton and Mrs. W. C. Tapscott, Hustonville.

Miss Katherine King spent the week end with Miss Bessie Wright at Shelbyville.

Mr. T. S. Marimon, of Lexington, spent last Wednesday in Harrodsburg, his former home town.

Miss Ruby Tröwer and Miss Anna Lee Herzog have returned from a week end with friends in Louisville.

Miss Mary Elizabeth May spent the week end with friends in Mt. Sterling.

Miss Virginia Bush spent the week end in Winchester with relatives.

Mrs. Lynn Mayfield has returned from a visit with her parents at Bellbuckie, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Smith and Miss Emma McClure, of Louisville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davis, Beaumont avenue.

Mrs. M. L. Ransdell has returned

from Cincinnati where she visited her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Montgomery, and Mr. Montgomery.

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FEW FUNDS HAMPER BRAILLE BIBLE OUTPUT

With orders on hand for 2,300 Bibles in Braille, only 532 volumes were distributed from the Braille Bible Society, Los Angeles, in 1935.

While the society recently reported that it had sent more than 13,000 Bibles for the English reading blind to many parts of the world in the past 12 years—over 1000 Braille Bibles a year—the directors revealed that the low output for 1935 was due to insufficient funds.

An non-profit, non-sectarian corporation, the society is engaged in the distribution of the Bible in Braille free or at a fraction of production costs. The Bible, complete in Braille, is printed in 21 volumes. Its cost to the society averages \$134.19 a set or \$6.39 a volume. The average price received was 81 cents a volume, or a total loss in 1935 for the Society of \$2,963.56. The Braille Bible Society is located on North Vermont Avenue at Los Angeles.

\$10,000 TO WOODFORD HOSPITAL FROM MRS. HAGGIN

The board of the Woodford Memorial hospital has authorized an announcement of a gift by Mrs. James B. Haggin of \$10,000 to the hospital's endowment fund.

The gift was made some weeks ago, at that time Mrs. Haggin gave a large sum to Margaret Hall School to pay off its debt and purchase a new heating plant.

In 1930, Mrs. Haggin gave the splendid Amsden Memorial addition to the Woodford Memorial hospital, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Laura E. Amsden; also, a fine X-ray equipment. The main building of Margaret Hall School, erected a number of years ago, is another of Mrs. Haggin's generous benefactions to the community.—Woodford Sun.

MRS. ROOSEVELT URGES SACRIFICES FOR PEACE

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt told an audience at Toledo, Ohio, that "when nations recognize that no one of them can prosper alone, a great step will have been made toward eliminating war." She spoke on the "way to peace."

Wars, she said, are of economic origin and can be eradicated only when the economic factor is eliminated. She suggested as one phase of this process that the manufacture of munitions be carried on by private corporations. She listed among the "ways to peace" a necessary change in human nature to the point where "we will be as ready to sacrifice for peace as we have been ready in the past to sacrifice for war."

The theatre of Dionysius at Athens held nearly 30,000 persons.



TAKING STOCK

I believe in taking stock Every morning by the clock, Finding out just how I stand— How much Soul I've got on hand; How much Nerve to meet the day; How much Courage for the fray; How much Heart I've got to spare For my grieving Brother's care. How much Love and Charity, How much human Sympathy— What indeed do I control In the Assets of the Soul? —John Kendrick Bangs.

NICHOLASVILLE BANK STOCK GIVEN TO SCHOOL

A former Nicholasville woman, Mrs. Josephine Mann Kurrie, now a resident of Philadelphia, has just made a gift to the Hindman Settlement School at Hindman, Knott county, Kentucky, of twenty-four shares of the capital stock of the Farmers Bank of Nicholasville, a gift of approximately \$1,600.

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