

HILL SCHOOL AREA TO BE NEW PLAYGROUND

Organized Playground Work Under Van Winkle Draws 300 Daily

The summer play ground work originally started on two play grounds, Adams and Barnum schools, has met with such immediate success that the Hill school grounds has been included in the program and will receive daily supervision from the play-

ground instructor and coach, Van Winkle, it was announced today. Each day the hours of the instructor will be spent as follows on the three school grounds: Adams 9-10:30 A. M. Hill 10:30-12 M. Barnum 2-5 P. M. According to Van Winkle, each day brings out an increased number of the boys and girls, approximately 300 attending the three schools daily during the last week. "Parents are beginning to see the advantage of instructed play which is offered the children," stated Van Winkle. "Many mothers bring the children and go

away, leaving the care and worry of the children at home on the school when noon or evening comes, the mothers return to get the children." Tennis, baseball, and basketball are the sports offered the older children, while the smaller ones receive instruction in juvenile games, play in the sand, or use the swings. The spirit of sharing with other children, and the sense of responsibility are the features offered under this system. Organization of teams will be started next week and competition will be initiated among the various playgrounds in tennis, baseball, and basketball. Medals will be given the winners as the reward for the summer's activity. This competition will continue until school opens in the fall. "Anybody under 10 is eligible for enjoying the municipal sponsored playgrounds," stated the instructor. Parents, in particular, are urged to take advantage of the opportunity of letting their children enter into community playing which the playgrounds afford.

LEGAL SURVEY SHOWS AUTO TAXES PILING UP

WASHINGTON—A report of the Automobile Legal Association shows that the privilege of owning and operating a motor vehicle costs more in 1926 than in any previous year. The increase in motor vehicle registration the country over was 13 per cent and the taxes on owners increased 32 per cent last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Neal of Charing Cross road will entertain Mrs. George Brown and son George, Jr., Carl Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Neal, and daughter from Lansing.

Just To Make You Smile The White

One freshman received a letter from his mother and this is an extract from it: "Dear Son, I do wish you would not shoot the little crabs. Remember that they love life as well as you do."—Oregon Orange Owl.

Furiously: I want social reform. I want political reform. I want economic reform. I want voice from audience. Chloroform. —Lafayette Lyre.

"That's my trick," objected the highwayman as he watched the grocer measure out sugar.—Brown Jug.

A PIPE DREAM Once there was a plumber who remembered everything.—Blue Ox.

Pale complexion never won fair husband.—Lassar Vagabond.

He: I see you girls are now wearing stockings to cover your knees. She: Can hardly recognize the old joints, eh?—Texas Ranger.

"Mary dear, let's set our wedding date for next Friday." "Oh, but I can't. I've got a date for that night."—Pony Railer.

Student: What's the matter? Were you injured in practice? Limper: No. I went to sit down on a campus seat tonight and it was a shadow.—Chicago Phoenix.

Miner: Were you fired with enthusiasm when you tackled your first job after leaving college? Ology: Was it never saw a man so glad to get rid of me in my life.—Drexler.

Two Scotchmen played a game of pool down at Lem Beasley's Pool Parlor the other afternoon. Lem says the game was close.

Blonde: An obsolete word for a light-headed brunette.—Blue Ox.

"How's your new secretary getting along?" "Just great. Already she has things so tangled up in my office

HINTS TO DRIVERS

Always drive fast out of alley. Always race with locomotive to crossings. Engineers like it; it breaks the monotony of their jobs. Drive fast on wet pavements. There is always something to stop you—flea a heavy truck or a strong curb. Never yield the road to the car behind. The driver may be a "sum-runner" being pursued. Take the shortest route around blind left-hand curves; let the other fellow watch out for himself. Never look around when you back up. There is never anything behind you. Always speed; it shows people you are a man of pep, even though an amateur driver. Never stop, look listen at railroad crossings. It consumes time. Drive confidently, just as though there weren't 20,000-000 other cars in service. In wet weather always drive in trolley tracks. It's smooth going and out of the mud. Always keep your brakes when skidding. It makes the job more arduous. In wet weather drive close to pedestrians. Dry cleaners appreciate it. Always use a cut-out. All snappy drivers do. Never sound your horn on the road; save it for late at night as a door bell.—(Platt County Republican, Monticello, Ill.)

That I can't get along without her.—Olapod.

Straw: What hol my friend! Methinks I see a bit of soot upon thy countenance.

Raccoon: Thou art right, brother, 'tis but from a train of thought that passeth through.—Salt Shaker.

TOONVILLE NOTES: The hollering heard on Main Street yesterday concerning the jail. It seems that Life Tate lost the ticket to the jail and the prisoners hadn't set for two days.

Erry Trink is in Dutch with the postal authorities. It seems that Erry has been using sheets of postage stamps for fly paper.—Brown Jug.

Seth Watkin's prize hound "Morphew" snapped at a fly yesterday. He is being examined by the local horse doctor.

The cowboys in Texas don't catch steers on horseback any more. "And why don't they?" "Because steers don't ride horseback."—California Pelican.

Young bride to husband: "Wake up, dear, it's time to take your somnia medicine."—Wash. Cougar's Paw.

"No grass will ever grow under your feet, Son," said the thief, as he sent his offering to the Sahara.—Colgate Bunter.

"Say, boy friend, why comb your hair just before going to bed?" "Oh, I want to make a good impression on the pillow."—Olapod.

"What you need in an electric bath," said the doctor. "Not for me," said the patient.

"My uncle got drowned in one of those things in Sing Sing."—Ga. Tech. Yellow Jacket.

HOLD HIS HAND Warden (to the man in the chair): Where anything in here for you before I throw the switch? Doomed convict: Yes, take my place.—Brown Jug.

Kindly Old Man: You don't make a practice of snoring, I hope? Co-ed: No, sweet papa, I'm outa that stage!—Carolina Buccaneer.

A man who was sentenced to be hanged was visited by his wife, who said: "My dear, would you like the children to see you executed?" "No," he replied.

"That's just like you," said she. "You never wanted the children to have any enjoyment."—V. M. I. Sniper.

It seems there were two Irishmen until somebody discovered the big butter and egg men.—Michigan Gargyle.

Muriel: The man I marry must be a hero. Dora: Oh, come, dear. You are not as bad looking as all that.—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

"What is a jokesmith?" "A fellow named Blackchazz who gets paid for making wisecracks about the name of Smith."—Michigan Gargyle.

THE HOUSE OF A HUNDRED SORROWS (Editorial printed in the New York Times, December 14, 1925. Awarded Pulitzer Prize for the best editorial written during the year.)

The walls are grimy and discolored. The uneven floor creak and yield under foot. Staircases and landings are rickety and black. The door of every room is open. Walk along these corridors. Walk into this room. Here is a sickly boy of 5, deserted by his mother, unloved, solitary in the awful solitude of starved, neglected childhood. "Seldom talks." Strange isn't it? So many children never "prattle," like your darlings. They are already old. They are full, perhaps, of long, hopeless thoughts. There are plenty of other "kids" in this tenement. Here is one, only three. Never saw his father. A mother spurned and abused him. He is weak and "backward." How wicked of him when he has been so encouraged and coddled! Dozen know no games. How should he? Do children play? Not that! They live to suffer. Mother is crippled with rheumatism. Rose does all the work. You would love Rose if she came out of Dickens. Well, there she is, mothering her mother in room 24. In room 20 she has been tolling for youth. Grandmother has been taking care of three granddaughters who lost their mothers. A brave old woman; but what with rheumatism

Catches Live 'Gators in His Hands



Henry Coppinger, known as the "Alligator Boy" of Miami, Fla., wrapped with 16-foot bull alligators at the bottom of a lake, drag them out here, handled and ties them in knots. The picture shows Coppinger capturing a gator in the waters of the Everglades.

Prison, and ye came unto me," the M. E. Church, is spending a two weeks vacation at the Au Sable. The Rev. R. M. Atkins, pastor of

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