

MODERN BEGGING IS TECHNICAL VOCATION

SOCIOLOGISTS DESCRIBES

Tricks of Mendicants Exposed in Article in March Issue of Welfare Magazine; Types

"Beggings is a specialized vocation and there are regular training schools for the purpose of educating the personnel."

In this way Kay Norton, sociologist, writes of the "profession" of mendicancy in the March issue of the Welfare Magazine, published by the Illinois Department of Public Welfare.

"The technique of begging is taught quite as thoroughly as is the technique of many another line of business," the author continues. "The 'approach' of a beggar is by all odds as important as the 'touch,' and are to become satisfying on the neither must be bungled if results are to be obtained."

Describes Fakirs

The author then describes various fakirs and their individual methods of "approach."

"Official sanction—for that is what it really amounts to—extended to one branch of the begging cult has resulted in the adoption of a technique blatantly crude," he declares, speaking of the begging "fraternity." "Because of the ability to obtain licenses of a sort for the purposes of allowing its members to sell certain kinds of merchandise on the streets and elsewhere, it is in reality a public nuisance, while it plays safe and within the law. The halt, the lame and the blind, real or faked, are the subjects of this toleration and they ply their trade unmolested by interference from police or special squad attaches."

The article explains that faking physical defects is probably the most highly specialized training of the beggar's curriculum. It tells how these mendicants apply the tactics of a contortionist to prey upon the sympathies of a gullible public.

Panhandler Passing

But the author believes that the panhandler is fast disappearing as a neighborhood fixture and is becoming an itinerant beggar. This is due partly to the fact that "hitching" onto motor cars and trucks has made traveling a simple matter and to the need for eluding the police department of the various cities.

"Likewise, if he fancies palm tree, the southern smilax instead of bleak winds and slushy streets, he has only to choose."

ILLINOIS PROGRESS IN DAIRYING EXTENSIVE

In closing a series of seven dairy meetings in as many central Illinois communities, W. S. O'Hair, president of the Illinois State Dairymen's association, reported that Illinois is recording greater progress in the dairy industry at this time than it ever has had within his knowledge and added that he had been engaged in the dairy promotional service for nearly twenty years.

Red Hair and Blue Sea

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ing to make this big man trouble. He will be something like when the prize fighter gets knocked to sleep on the jaw."

At his first sentence Palmyra's lips had parted in a gasp of relief. Now, in the reaction, she wavered, closed her eyes dizzily, put out toward Thurston a groping hand.

John caught her to him once more to uphold her. His heart was aflame with the knowledge that that pathetic blind groping had been for him. With her face upturned to his, appealing, close, Thurston, in that great yearning so long denied, could not resist; would, despite the grinning audience, have kissed her again and again.

But Commander Sakamoto, of an ever tactful race was quick with a command which forced his unwilling men to the right-about; then chased the giggling villagers home with the sword of a samurai.

A burial detail had carried Ponape Burke forever away; Ponape, who had staked all—and lost all.

"And when," demanded John of Palmyra on the third day after; "and when shall the wedding be?"

"The wedding," ordained this girl, "must take place before we leave the island. I insist, for one thing, despite your protest, because I think I should always now be a little afraid—alone. But the real reason—" her voice vibrated with feeling—"is that then Olive, who saved me for you, who made it possible for me to understand, to realize my own true love:

that then Olive can be your—can be our—best man."

And so it was that O-lee-vay, commonly called Olive, who speaks no language known to civilized man, who eats fat pork with his fingers and anoints himself copiously with scented coconut oil and turmeric, stood up with John Thurston, the embodiment of civilization at its finest.

Thurston could not give his best man a stick pin for Olive seldom if ever wears a shirt.

But he could see that the islander got Ponape Burke's swift schooner, the Lupe-a-Noa, trusted for the brown man's protection by the American mission and the Japanese navy, and manned by an already eager and worshipping crew.

THE END

OUR NEW SERIAL — "The Tiger Trail" — mysterious, intriguing and —you must read it! — Next week!

SORORITIES HAVE GOOD SCHOLARSHIP RECORDS

Scholarship averages of the sororities at the University of Illinois are higher than those of the fraternities as listed in the house averages published a few days ago.

Every sorority house on the campus was above the 3 point average, eliminating the necessity of placing any on scholastic probation. Delta Delta Delta sorority led the list with a house average of 3.704, slightly below the average set by the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity last week.

PAY LARGE SUM FOR FIRE LOSS IN STATE

More than twenty millions of dollars were paid out by insurance companies in Illinois during the year of 1927 for fire losses. This was brought out in the official report of statistics as compiled for the Illinois Firemen's association by Elmer W. Weidler, Mt. Olive, state historian. The exact amount paid out by the companies totaled \$20,212,635.96, the report said.

Blind Chicken Doctor Relies on Sense of Touch

Alexander Kisch is known as the best chicken doctor in San Joaquin Valley. He makes his diagnoses by listening to the feeble cluck of a sick fowl or passing his fingers over the feathers. He cannot look the chicken over, for he is blind, but he has developed the sense of touch to an astounding degree.

A sudden explosion left him sightless twelve years ago, when he held the best job in a California sugar mill. He now moves about his small

farm without a guide. The plant he designed is capable of producing a thousand fat broilers at a clip, and dozens of eggs daily. He is competing with poultrymen who can see, and many who come to him for advice think him a leader in his field.

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