

8 Playgrounds Ordered Closed

Will Reopen Soon After New Supervisors Get Board Approval

Pending approval of additional supervisors by the relief administration, eight summer playgrounds in the county will close today. They are Laidley field, Chamberlain at Kanawha City, Tait school, Lincoln

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school, Park avenue, Dunbar high school, East Bank and Clendenin. Miss Elizabeth Jane Goodall, county superintendent of schools, and G. A. Garner, playground director, announced last night the playgrounds would be reopened as soon as the approved names are received from the relief administration. Twenty-five applicants are under consideration for the jobs. Seven remain open.

Playgrounds remaining open and their supervisors are: Fruts school, Mrs. Merle Rinehart and Mrs. Vernon Courtney; Kanawha park, Miss Ola Porter; Boyd school, Earl Carter and James Phillips; Bigley avenue, Mrs. E. Norton; Glenwood school, Oden Goshorn and Maurice Norton; Tait school, Mrs. Penny McCook and Herbert Ford, and Dunbar school, James Jarrett and Miss Ruth Thomas.

Trusty Tallman, new West Virginia grid coach, hopes to build up the team's morale more than any other thing else this season. He claims this has been a major fault of Mountaineer teams in recent years.

Purvis Relates "Killer" Slaying

Youthful Justice Head Nearest When Shot Was Fired

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Activist Purvis, 127-pound college graduate who led federal agents in the slaying of John Dillinger, today revealed for the first time full details of the killing of public enemy No. 1. As Purvis, 5 feet 8 inches tall, with a smooth boyish face, spoke in a deep scholarly voice—almost Oxonian—the fingered an inch-wide link chain holding a watch to a wrist which seemed abnormally thick for a man so small. Purvis always pronounced Dillinger with a hard "G," he said. "I received word about 4 p. m. Sunday that Dillinger would go to the Biograph theater so I went

there with one agent and waited. It was 8:40 p. m. when he came. I knew him instantly by his unmistakable eyes. The glasses did not prevent identification. The mistake meant nothing—these things are superficial, frequently artificial. Sends For Aides. "I sent the agent to phone my office for other men and I went into the theater to see if Dillinger had become suspicious and gone out an exit. I could not find him. The reinforcements arrived and I stationed them at various spots. "I told them to take Dillinger alive if they could, but I added that whatever you take, take no chances." He came out after two hours and four minutes in the theater in a group of people, some women, some men. I do not know whether they were actually with him, or just happened to come out as he did. "He tried to pull a gun and he was shot. That was all. An avalanche of questions was fired at Purvis at this effort to cut short his story. The justice agent ruffed his al-

ways disorderly light brown hair and adjusted his gray, high-crowned black-tie. After a few moments of snapping rubber bands, he continued sullenly and without hesitation. "Oh, details? What I remembered most vividly about that wait for Dillinger was an old gray-haired woman leaning out second story window. I noticed her again as Dillinger approached, and wondered who she was and why she stood so long and so silently. "As Dillinger neared me I gave the signal—I don't like to say what it was. We may use it again, but I wasn't sure. I saw the men closing in. "Suddenly Dillinger looked back. I don't know why. He may have heard something. He may have felt something. It is hard to say. His head turned quickly to the right and to the left. His hand reached for his right trousers pocket and came out with a gun. He was directly abreast of me. Then he was killed. "Purvis stopped, came this question: "How close were you to Dillinger?" Purvis hesitated, looked at Stanley as if wondering whether to answer. Seconds of silence. Then he said: "At the most I was three feet from him when he was shot. "Purvis demonstrated exactly his position and Dillinger's. Purvis was on Dillinger's right. A sweeping drawing of the revolver might almost have hit the justice agent. Under agreement, there was no way to ask Purvis he himself fired the shot. Continuing, more slowly and more solemnly, Purvis answered questions with: "He had his gun out of his pocket when we shot him—a .38 small, .38 caliber automatic which made no bulge in his pocket. There was no barrel fracture of a second to spare—if we had been the flicker of an eye slower in pressing triggers, Dillinger would have opened fire. "As the gun flashed he fell—his head in an alley toward which he had turned in hope of escape. His feet on the sidewalk. "He never spoke. Never even uttered an exclamation, so far as I know. "Barely Catch Off. Purvis said the safety catch was off on Dillinger's gun. He added: "I was ready to shoot and would have, if we had been a bit slower. "Purvis said Dillinger stared directly at him as he went into the theater. He added: "I had never seen him and he had never seen me to my knowledge—but the unmistakable eyes gave him away. I don't think he knew me at all. I consider at one time trying to get behind him in the theater and punning his arms. "At one" someone asked, improving the 127-pound agent. "There would have been others nearby, but I would have pinned his arms alone. "Stanley explained that no reward heretofore had been offered for Hamilton because money was not available. Of \$25,000 appropriated for reward, \$22,000 had been placed on Dillinger and George "Baby Face" Nelson, Dillinger side. With \$10,000 of the Dillinger reward released through inefficiency of federal agents to claim it, \$5,000 probably will be offered for information leading to Hamilton's capture.

Youngstown to Get Carnegie Strip Mill PITTSBURGH, July 26.—The Carnegie Steel company announced today it will build a new continuous strip mill at Youngstown, O. An appropriation for the project has been made but the amount was not disclosed. Reports current the last two months were, however, that the mill would cost approximately \$10,000,000. It will be equipped with the most modern equipment and machinery of the steel industry, and will replace the company's old mill at Youngstown. No request has been made yet for bids on the construction work but it is understood the project will be undertaken immediately.

A number of West Virginia high school athletes are reported to be on their way to Richmond university. Dave Miller, graduate manager of the school, spent quite a while talking up his school in this state. Squint Phares and Jack Cooke, rivals in the finals of the state high school basketball tournament in 1933, will be teammates this season for Coach Marshall Glenn's Mountaineers. Phares is an Elkins graduate and Cooke a Victory product.

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