

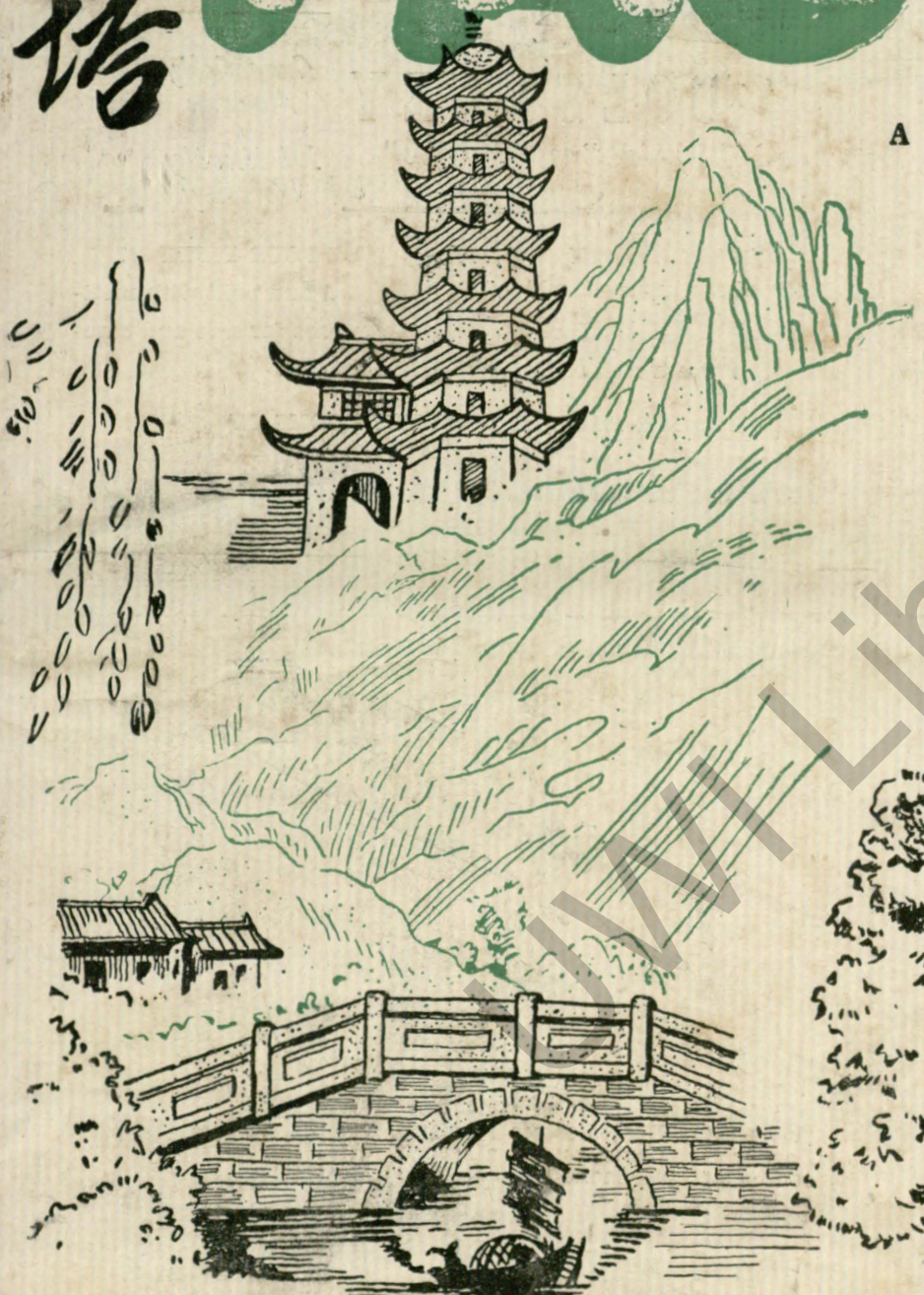
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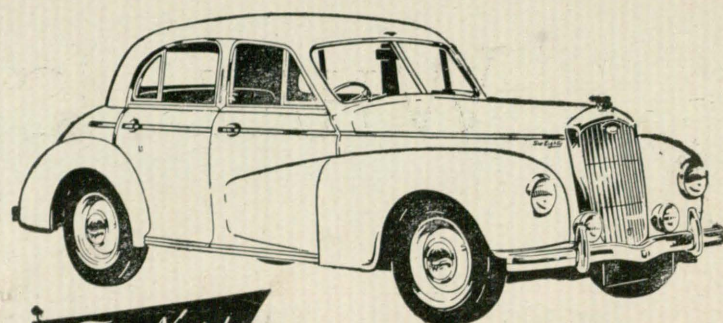


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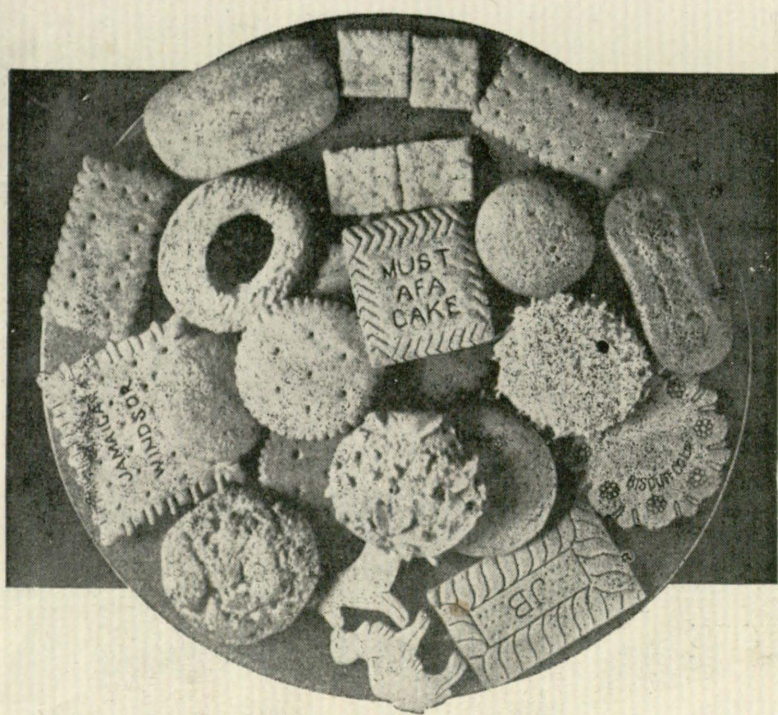
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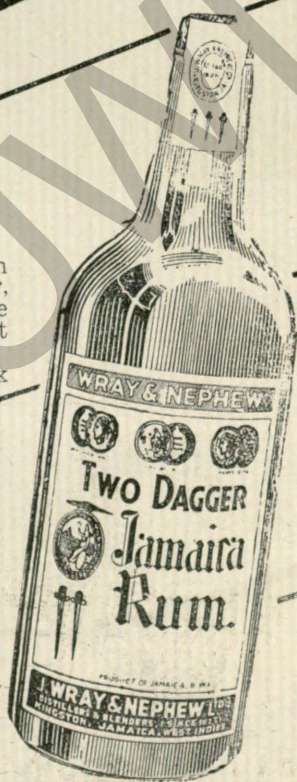
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WHAT IS LIBERALISM ?

By Dr. Hu Shih

"THERE are fifty-seven kinds of socialism," Dr. Sun Yat-sen once quoted a saying current in the West, "but nobody knows which is the true one." Of course, there are also various ways of interpreting "Liberalism," and everybody is entitled to claim his own interpretation to be the true one. My attempt to answer the question, "What is liberalism," naturally reflects my own view of the concept, and I would like to set it down briefly here.

Liberalism, obviously, places a strong emphasis on respects for liberty (freedom). Nowadays there are some people who deny the value of freedom at the same time they claim to be liberals. To have a liberalism without freedom is like staging the drama *Strategy of the Empty City* without the hero, Chuke Liang (or Hamlet without the Melancholy Dane)—it just does not seem quite right.

To my mind, liberalism is that movement in human history which has promoted freedom, worshipped freedom, struggled for freedom, and which has given substance to and extended the scope of freedom. In this great movement the peoples of the world have striven, some earlier and some later, and with varying degrees of success. In this great movement are all who love freedom, all who acknowledge freedom to be the fundamental requirement of individual development and social progress, and all who recognize that freedom is hard-won and easily lost and therefore are ever diligent in fostering it—and these people are known as liberals.

The word "tsu yu" (freedom) in the ancient Chinese language means a way that is "willed by oneself," or in other words, "not willed by some external force." In the word "freedom" connotes "Liberation," or

Dr. Hu Shih, who embodies the best in Chinese and Western culture and learning, is qualified as none other to elucidate the true meaning of liberalism and trace its traditional manifestation in China and modern application in Western democracy. The present article is based on a broadcast which Dr. Hu made as president of the Peking National University, Peiping, in 1948, almost on the eve of Communist occupation. The original text was widely reprinted at the time in newspapers and publications in China.

the state of being liberated from the sanction of external force. The Chinese Ch'an Buddhists were fond of using the phrase, "to cure a man's illness and liberate him from bondage"; this liberation from bondage is freedom in its historical sense; only through liberation from one's bondage can one exercise one's own free will.

This great liberal movement in man's history has been a whole series of efforts toward liberation from human bondage. Freedom of worship is only liberation from the bondage of some particular religious authority; freedom of thought is only liberation from the bondage of orthodoxy in a certain system of thought.

So far as these freedoms are concerned, of faith and thought, there have been no lack of bold dissenters and rebels in Eastern history: from Mo Ti and Yang Chu to Yuan Tan and Wang Chung, from Fan Cheng, Fu Yi and Han Yu to Li Chi, Yen Yuan and Li Kung. These may all be regarded as heroic fighters for the freedom of worship and thought in our own past. They merit comparison with many like minds and spirits of the West.

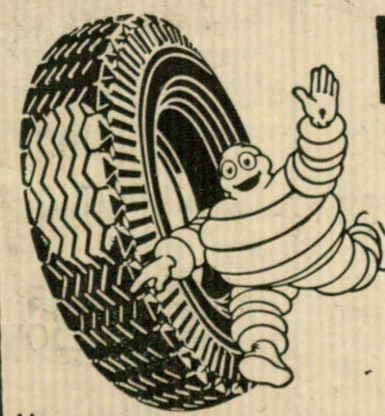
HOWEVER, the liberal movement in the East never did discover the special importance of political freedom; with the result that we have failed until now to get on the road toward establishment of political democracy. This happens to be the great and unique contribution of Western liberalism, for they have awakened to the truth that only democratic government can protect the people's fundamental freedoms.

The political significance of liberalism lies in its emphatic support of democracy: that is to say, that the ruling power of a nation must be lodged in the hands of the majority of the people. The Anglo-Saxon peoples have contributed more than any other to the development of modern democratic government. The system of representative govt. contributed by the British; the written and amenable Constitution initiated by the British and the Americans; the secret ballot invented by the British in Australia; these are all institutions that ought to be implied in the meaning of political liberalism.

In the evolution of liberalism for the past two hundred years it has had another political expression that is characteristic and unprecedented; namely, toleration of the opposition, or protection of the rights and liberties of the minority. Previously, in all political struggles it was invariably a case of one party holding down another and the party that was down always had a hard time of it. But modern western democratic government has gradually fostered a capacity and tradition for toleration of the opposition.

Because the ruling power is endowed by the majority of the people, once the ruling party which has control of the govern-

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A WARM ARGUMENT

By S. H. C.

MUCH is written and much more said about man's predilection for things edible. It is even admitted in many circles that the high point of the day, is the main meal of the day when the whole family sits down to meat, and relaxes into conversation that embraces, more often than not, every subject under the sun. How vastly different is this to the hurried snacks at the down-town lunch counter where one spends the begrudged lunch period gobbling mass-produced and often hastily cooked food only as an accepted method of checking hunger.

But before the subject of food really gets underway in the discussion, we should go first to the root of the matter. In this case, if we pause for a moment, by the stove, we would have chosen a fair jumping off spot.

Now, for the benefit of those who are led to believe that the generic term 'STOVE' amply covers and describes the apparatus so essential to efficient culinary operations, let me introduce a note of disillusionment by explaining that there are stoves, and STOVES.

A stove is a gadget or apparatus for producing and sustaining heat. A stove, properly functioning, should never be competitive as a smoke producer, with the Gold Street chimney, at peak hours. A good stove would be quiet and unassuming, doing its work with a minimum of fuss, but with a maximum of efficiency. A stove should be easily set into operation and easy to put out.

With this very clear picture of what I require in my mind, I set out to purchase a stove. Lest I start up heated rivalry among the brethren, I shall tell you of the type of stove which drove me to this decision.

I set out early one Saturday morning and consulting my notes which represented a cross section of the opinion of all my friends who were in possessions of stoves of different types and manufacture, I began shuttling in and out of the hardware stores from Parade on the North, and working downwards. I even attempted to take samples as I went along, but this was not an accepted policy on the part of any of the stores. Apparently I had to buy a pig in a poke, and the prospects did not appeal to me.

THERE were hundreds of different types of stoves, ranging from tiny methylated spirit stoves through White Gas, Kerosine, Coal, Coke, Wood, Electric, Liquid Gas. And each store assured me that the type they vended was the best. For economy my strong point, I made careful enquiries as to fuel consumption and costs. The sum total of my findings was, that of all these already described, the cheapest to operate were not necessarily in order of priority, perhaps more truthfully, on par, were the Methylated Spirit Stoves, the White Gas, the Kerosene Pressure type, the Kerosene range, the Kerosene two-burner, the Kerosene three burner, the Coal, Coke, Wood, Electric and the Liquid Gas.

Well, that narrowed the field down a little. And it was simpler now for me to choose. For some reason I decided to concentrate on the Kerosene type. Even in the heights of the last war I found that this fuel was readily available, so I felt that the risk on this type was rather slight. I ran down the list of the various types of Kerosene oil stoves and bypassed the rather expensive ones. I ducked a nifty 4-burner range with a built-in oven. I side-stepped a neat looking three-burner pedestal type. I even pretended not to notice a very serviceable looking table model. From all the ads and from the sales talk, I had decided that a pressure model was the thing. Besides, each stove only cost a couple of quid. I smoothed out my money on the barrel head and took one home—you know, just for to see. I explained to the fellow at the counter, that I really wanted two, but that I would try one first—and if satisfied. Well, I wasn't committing myself too far.

I slung the little packet under my arm, drawing mental pictures of a nice cabinet in which I would place this unit. I saw operation costs sagging downward, and I could see the quality and tastiness of my meals rising in a steady curve.

ON arriving home I set up the stove. I read the instructions twice through, primed the stove with methylated spirits and sat back to listen to the merry roar of the intense blue flame.

I patted myself on the back, and complimented myself on my wise selection. In an incredibly short time it boiled a full kettle

of water. I modestly accepted praise from the rest of the family.

I watched this stove with an eagle eye for a whole week, and being very satisfied, I invested in the second.

On Sunday morning, I heard shouts of alarm coming from the kitchen.

"The stove sah! The stove!"

I grabbed up the instruction booklet and prepared myself for any emergency.

I entered the kitchen whence the smoke issued most densely, knowing that there was where the door would be. I had no other means of identifying it. I recognised the location of the stove from the soot rimmed orange flames. I bent down to examine the cause of the trouble. Instead of an invisible vapourised stream of kerosene oil shooting up from the nipple to the burner section, there was a thin and very visible stream of pure oil, unmingled with air, pouring out of the nipple. I released the air valve and set to cleaning the stove. I followed the directions to the letter, and wiping the unit dry, I started it up again. I met with immediate success. Riding on the crest of this success, I was soon making a platform speech on the care, operation and general management of the stove, kerosene, pressure type, single burner unit. At the termination of my lecture, I made a courtly bow and turned to go out of the kitchen, leaving a much subdued and humble kitchen staff in my wake.

I was just about to cross the threshold into the dining room when—

"The stove sah! The stove..."

Kind reader, would you spare me the agony.

It developed that the oil should have been filtered, that the stoves were both leaking at the filler end and were therefore unable to maintain the pressure necessary to vapourise the oil, no matter how many times they were pumped.

Me, I am a confirmed coal burner now! Viva, local industry.

HEALTH FOR ALL INFANTILE PARALYSIS

During the late summer, parents are apt to think, with fear in their hearts, of infantile paralysis or, as it is often called, polio. Epidemics of the disease are most apt to break out from June to September. In this country, the disease reaches its peak in the latter month.

Infantile paralysis is feared,

not only because of the deaths it causes—many other diseases take more lives—but because it so frequently leaves its victims crippled for life and because little is known about the virus which causes the disease. Therefore, few preventive measures can be taken against it.

Infantile paralysis is caused by a virus so small it cannot be seen through the most powerful microscope. As yet no means of prevention or cure has been discovered. There have, however, been advances in treatment. This, with the creation of additional facilities for aiding the victim's recovery, has done much to allay fear of the disease.

Although its name would seem to indicate that infantile paralysis strikes only young children, this is by no means true. It may attack older age groups, even adults, and may cripple them as well as young children.

Panic never cured a disease or prevented its spread. If there is danger of a polio epidemic in the community, parents and

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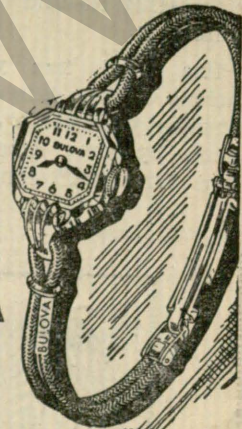


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MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

OUR community is getting very travel-minded these days, especially about far places. After making one or two trips to Hongkong, going to London is a mere hop to some of them. We have our girls going to England to make the start of an interesting career, and we have our business men who would like to see all the latest developments in industry and production. By all indication our little community is really keeping up with the times.

FROM England too, there is the news that we have another doctor. He is anxious to serve in the community and is making an early trip home. We are fortunate, as more often than not some of our students, after graduation, prefer the wider field that a big city affords them.

RUMOUR is very strong that our very popular college grad, whose engagement was announced recently, is planning a surprise wedding to take place some time next week. Only a few intimate friends will be invited, but I feel sure that it will be a pretty big affair by the time it gets around, and more friends hear about it.

WHAT must be a pleasant surprise to their many friends here is the marriage of a romantic college pair in the States. They used to be very active organisers of the Students' Association and their romance must have started way back then. They were a very popular couple, and if they were here their schoolmates and friends would raise the roof to celebrate with them.

EVERYTHING that is good is not always practical, so the Club

has decided to put aside the idea of a Bowling Alley. There is more to it than simply putting the pieces together, so a lot of money will have to go into it. But we are going to have some consolation in having a billiard table or two instead of a Bowling Alley.

THE softball girls started out their season very timorously. Not till the last innings did they start swinging out and it was a bit too late. However they did give their opponents a good fright when they filled the bases and sent in their pinch hitter. It was a very tense and exciting moment and the outcome could have been an entirely different one. One spectator, who was all keyed up, said he would spend five pounds on a dinner for the girls if May made a home run, and he meant every word of it.

FISHING is still a popular night sport. Some bring home nice catches, but many of course have their disappointments. Whenever they come home with something it is good fish dinner. With our community consuming so much brain food, surely we should see some good results from it.

HAVE you ever sat in a Jam Session? Our music boys have acquired a set of drums and they have started practicing in earnest. I hear that whenever they get together they don't disperse till some 7 or 8 hours later and then they do so very reluctantly. They would play all day and all night if their host or their neighbours would allow it. They expect to make their debut in two or three months time.

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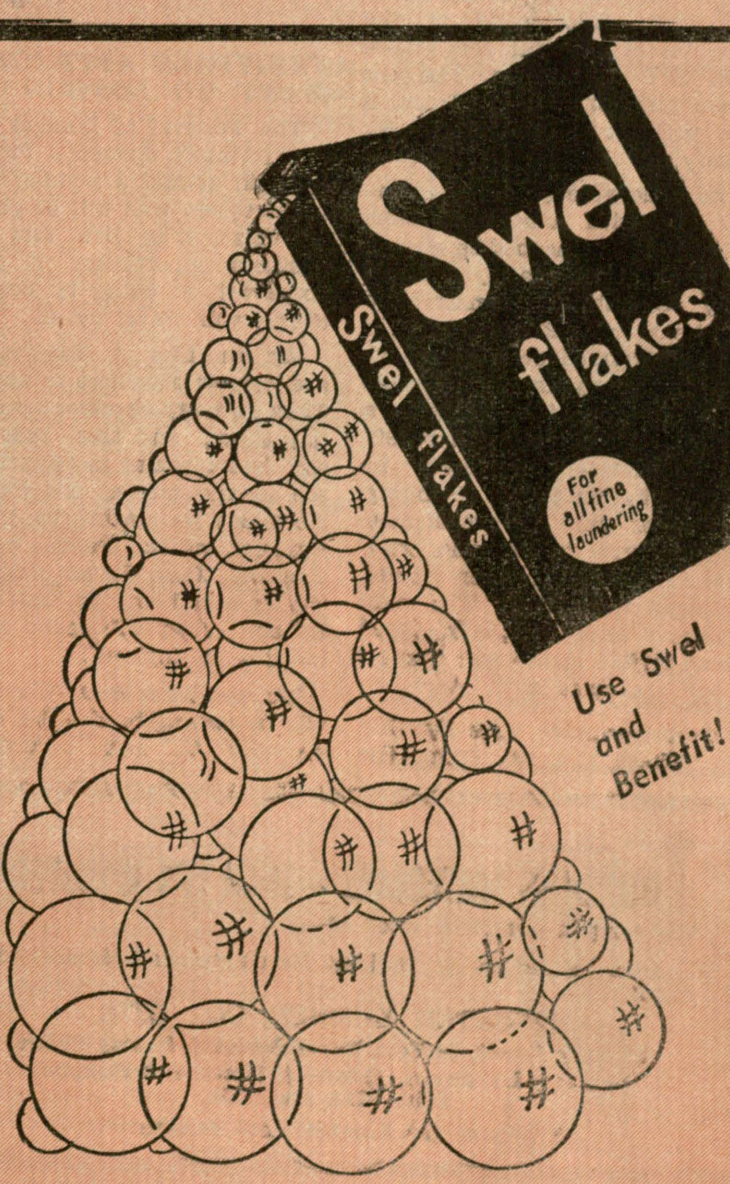
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ANITA LOWE-UKEN WONG SHUE WEDDING AT HOLY TRINITY

A beautiful ceremony at the Holy Trinity Cathedral united Anita Lowe and Uken Wong Shue in marriage, on Sunday, May 6, the Rev. Fr. Leroy, S. J. officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Chin of Gordon Town, and the groom also of Gordon Town, is the proprietor of the U. K. Bakery.

The bride wore a gown of chantilly lace with a gathered skirt and a close fitting bodice ending in a peak at the waist. Resting softly beneath a conservative sweetheart neckline hung a double stranded pearl necklace with earrings to match. The bride walked up the aisle carrying a bouquet of orchids in her left hand, and was given away in marriage by her father. Bringing up the rear were the groomsmen and the bridesmaids who were attired in pink taffeta ensembles appliqued with stars. The maid of honour, Mavis Lue, was attired in blue taffeta bodice with a skirt of net appliqued with stars.

The bridesmaids were Cynthia Lue, Theresa Lowe Chin the

bride's sister, Joyce Lim and Gwendolyn Wan. The bestman was Wilfred Lue, and ushers were Joseph Lue, George Ho, Roy Shim Quee and Hue Choy Wong Shue.

The reception was held at the Free Mason Hall and was started off with the usual setting off of firecrackers. Master of Ceremonies was Ferdie Wong of Wonder Bakery. The reception was followed by a dance which continued till a very late hour.

FESTIVALS ATTRACTS MANY TO LONDON

The Festival of London which was formally opened a fortnight ago will attract a number of our businessmen who will be going to see what it is like and what business opportunity it offers. Some will be going by boat and others will travel by air.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Tai Ten Quee are no new travellers to England. They go every Summer for a holiday there, and this year there will be something more exciting to see in the way of the Festival. They will be leaving by the S/S Bayano which leaves here on Tuesday, June 5. Mr. and Mrs. Tie have a home in Teddington, London. They will spend about 3 months in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Wong Chew Onn will be leaving by the S/S Cavina on May 21 and according to

their present plans will be staying about six weeks in England.

The others who will be leaving by air at various times are Arthur Chin Lenn, Fred Hugh Sam of Central Trading Co., Richard Kong of Kong's Commercial Agency, and Mr. Yap Sam of the Diamond Mineral Water Factory.

Mr. Arthur Chin Lenn expects to go on to Singapore after visiting the Festival of Britain. Mr. Richard Kong plans to spend some time in New York on his return trip from England.

ALBERT GEORGE CHONG APPOINTED J.P.

Mr. Albert George Chong was one of the eleven new Justices of the Peace recently appointed to the parish of Kingston. Mr. Chong is a shopkeeper of 6 Rose Lane, Kingston. He has been in business in that area for the past 15 years and is a well known and prominent figure in that very busy section of Spanish Town Road.

Mr. Chong was born in Westmoreland. His father is Mr. Chong You of Braes River, St. Elizabeth, where he is a planter. His mother is at present in Panama. Mr. Chong who is only 34 years of age spent his early years in Milk River and later when he came to Kingston studied at the Kingston Commercial College. He is married and has a family of six children. He lives at 30 Pem-

broke Road, Springfield-On-Sea. Mr. Chong's appointment is a very popular one in the area which he serves.

JOYCE TAI-VICTOR CHEN SEE MARRY IN ST. LOUIS

From St. Louis comes the happy wedding announcement of Joyce Tai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Tai, of Windsor Avenue, St. Andrew to Victor Chen See, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chen See of Springfield. The wedding will take place at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, May 19 at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church, St. Louis.

Joyce went to the States to study at Bryn Mawr University in 1948. The next year she transferred to St. Louis University where she is taking a course in Liberal Arts. Victor went to St. Louis University two years earlier where he enrolled in the dental college. Joyce will graduate next year while Victor will receive his D.D.S. next month.

Both of them were very active in the founding of the Chinese Students' Association and were very popular officers of the Association at one time. Joyce was a former student of St. Hugh's High School while Victor was a student at St. Simon's College.

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PANORAMA

MOTHERS

Questions concerning mothers have been in the news in the past fortnight. First there was a talk on 'Civic Pride' given by Mrs. H. R. Ballysingh for the Child Welfare Association, at the Creche in connection with Baby Week. In this talk Mrs. Ballysingh made special mention of the importance of individual effort in the home, in connection with the general tone of the neighbourhood and of the nation. Films on subjects helpful to mothers were shown after this talk by Miss Ivy Kong Quee of the Bureau of Health Education.

Next came the Baby Show also held at the Creche, at which 150 babies were entered. Ten doctors, Public Health nurses and Midwives were the judges, who decided finally on little Master Franz Gayle as Champion. The prizes were presented by Mrs. John O'Regan, wife of the Assistant Colonial Secretary, some of which were given to the parents of babies. This Show has been most successful from many standpoints this year, and all credit is due to the organisers and to the entrants.

Then, too, there has been Mother's Day, kept up on Sunday last, when mothers were given a little extra care and thought by those children who realise all that a mother's care and affection has or is still doing for them. Mothers, the most unselfish of beings, are the first consideration on this annual day set aside for them.

HELPFUL ACTIVITIES

Lady Foot has been participating in two very helpful activities in the past week, when she opened the Jebb Play Centre on behalf of the Jamaica Save the Children Fund, and attended the 'End-of-the-Season Sale' of the Anti-T.B. League's After-care Workroom.

The Jebb Play Centre is the first building to be erected and owned by the Save the Children Fund, which is situated at 158 Spanish Town Road. The Centre is a memorial to Miss Eglantine Jebb who was the founder of the British Save the Children Fund, which gave a large grant towards its erection for the Jamaica branch. A large contribution was also made by the Education Department of Jamaica. As Patron of the Fund in Jamaica, Lady Foot performed the opening ceremony of this Play Centre which will be so great a Many other persons of note were also present at the ceremony, and

the Stony Hill Band was in attendance.

In the work of the Anti-T.B. League's Sale, Lady Foot showed tangible interest as she not only admired but purchased several articles, and the Sale was a successful one for a needy cause.

FRENCH ART

Two of the four French personages who are on tour of the Caribbean in the yacht Copula at the present time exhibited their paintings and photographic work at the Junior Centre last fortnight while they were in Jamaica, a show which was very interesting and efficient.

M. Claude Graf, the painter, is of the Parisian school and presented some excellent paintings of scenery of the Canary islands, St. Lucia and Martinique, and several of places in France. This artist has exhibited his work in Paris, and also held an exhibition in Martinique during his time there. M. Jean Filloux put on some excellent photographic studies and his photographs of the Copula in the harbour of Fort de France in Martinique and in the waters of the Canaries are exquisitely beautiful. These artists are both young men, and judging by their work at this time should journey much further on the road to fame as they continue their world tour after they leave the waters of the Caribbean.

IN THE THEATRE WORLD

A variety of entertainments have been taking place on many of the city stages, the most outstanding of these being the dePaur Infantry Chorus from America, comprised of thirty-five coloured singers under direction of Leonard dePaur, one of whom is a Jamaican. This Chorus has been a great treat for us in Jamaica, and something new in the way of performances.

The Theatre Arts Club's production of Shaw's play—Arms and the Man—staged at the Garrison Theatre, has also been well put on and well appreciated. With plenty of comedy and quick moving, it provided an excellent setting for some of Jamaica's ablest actors and actresses at the present time. On the stage of Wolmer's Girls' School Mrs. Greta Lyons put on "Scenes from Quality Street" and "Mirror for Elizabeth" with the aid of some of the members of the Old Girls' Association, in aid of the Association's Scholarship Fund. She herself played the leading roles and all credit is due to her for the able work and talent shown in these efforts.

Along more musical lines have been the Edward Gordon String Orchestra performance at St. Luke's Hall, with Tom Murray,

Music Officer of the British Council as Conductor, which proved a most satisfying and enjoyable entertainment; and the Lunch Hour Concert of Chamber Music, for which Tom Murray was also responsible, was also a source of enjoyment and encouragement to music lovers in Jamaica.

PRESS ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES

The Jamaica Press Association has been active in the past fortnight from the entertainment angle, as it has held three functions of different kinds. A Cocktail Party was held at the Press Club in honour of the two Gall brothers, members of the Alliance Francaise in France who were on a visit to Jamaica at the invitation of the branch here. Francois Gall is a journalist, and his brother Jacques an actor.

On the 5th inst. the Association feted its president, Mr. T. E. Sealy at a luncheon at the Myrtle Bank Hotel, on the occasion of his promotion to editorship of The Daily Gleaner, and on Thursday last week the Association bade welcome to our new Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, K.C.M.G. at a Cocktail Party held at the Myrtle Bank Hotel, at which were present all the leading officials of the Press and Publishers' Associations.

Observer.

HEALTH FOR ALL

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public officials should keep calm. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, through its national office in New York and through county chapters, is ready to assist communities where outbreaks occur and to help individuals who get the disease.

The Foundation emphasizes that, although there is no known cure for polio, quick action may prevent crippling and urges that medical advice be sought immediately if polio is suspected. The first symptoms are often a headache, unexplained fever, a cold or an upset stomach. If any of these symptoms appear, a doctor should be called.

People who are very tired are more apt to get the disease than those who get sufficient rest. Chills may weaken resistance to the disease—so do not stay in water too long. And do not swim in water polluted by sewage or other filth.

Since waste and uncovered garbage may be sources of infection, the community should be kept clean and every effort should be made to protect food from flies and other insects.

The Foundation warns against having tonsils or adenoids re-

moved during the polio epidemic season, since it is believed that children are more susceptible to polio infection after these operations.

Further information about infantile paralysis and its treatment may be obtained from local chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis or by writing the national office, 120 Broadway, New York 5, N.Y.

In the next article, understanding the TB patient will be discussed.

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Food Shortage

To the ever-rising cost of living in recent months food shortages have laid a heavy burden on the peoples of this island. The lack of beef supplies over a period of weeks made worse by the lack of small stock while Government authorities and butchers thresh out their differences in the interests of the public and of themselves respectively, coupled with the acute shortage of milk, have been harassing in the extreme to all housewives and public caterers. Substitutes which have to be used, cost considerably more, prices being higher either through importation costs, or the rise as a result of the demands.

As though these shortages were not sufficient, the Island has now become menaced by a general shortage of home-grown food-stuffs, a condition which affects both town and country dwellers alike, and which also occasions a swift rise in the prices of what little is available. Much of what is often on sale is, too, far from usable, a fact which entails considerable loss to the buyer.

There are said to be several reasons for these shortages, some of which are due to natural calamities; first, the flood rains in October last, and then the drought throughout the earlier months of this year. Poor soil, lack of proper irrigation, proper and well-timed cultivating in some instances may be considerations worth summing up. Shortage of cash among the small farmers for re-planting when necessary, and for meeting the demands in wage rises for their assistants are said to be two more reasons, another being the expectation among so many, to obtain farm work in the United States. Yet another is the lessening in the cultivation of ground and other provisions for home consumption, in order to grow canes and other exportable products

The recent increase in markets abroad for many more Jamaican products is an excellent long-term progressive development, but for a time, at least, tends to create a shortage for home consumers, until larger crops can be raised to meet both demands. Better prices abroad naturally have to be the producers' first consideration.

With world conditions what they are today, and with prospects of war becoming more general in Europe and Asia at any moment, thus affecting condition in other parts of the world, the situation in local food shortages is all the more serious. The tendency in Jamaica to wait and see what turns up should be overcome, and every step should be taken to rectify this state of affairs as quickly and permanently as possible.

WHAT IS LIBERALISM?

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ment loses the support of the majority it is immediately out. Thus, individuals who hold in their hands the reins of government have to be prepared for a life of the ordinary citizen whenever they step down from the political stage. Every minority party is capable of gradually becoming the majority party, even the beliefs and views held by a very few, "like to a grain of mustard seed . . . which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." (Matthew VIII).

If we look at it this way, we cannot help but adopt an attitude of toleration of others, and we cannot help but respect the fundamental freedoms of the few. In the modern democratic countries, toleration of opposition parties and protection of minority rights are taken for granted as a political custom. This is the most admirable and most fundamental aspect of modern liberalism.

PROFESSOR Allan Nevins of Columbia University has said: "With true liberals — including the orthodox socialists — although they differ in their various views, they all agree on one thing: that a principle of majority rule is the respect for minority rights." As a product of a liberal society, Nevins is used to the fortunate environment created by liberalism and only points out the final aim of true liberalism, "the principle that majority rule should be based on a respect for minority rights." By fundamental human rights is meant freedom, by majority rule is meant democracy. That major-

ity rule should be based on respect for minority rights reflects the spirit of true liberalism.

Why is it that modern scholars like Prof. Nevins should pay such special attention to this "respect for minority rights?" My answer is: it is just because toleration of opposition parties and respect for minority rights are the basic requirements for peace, and form the only basis for peaceful political and social change.

The function of the opposition party is, first, to constitute a severest critical and supervisory organ for the government; and, secondly, to afford the people an opportunity to choose and the nation a legal and peaceful formula whereby to effect a change in the ruling power. A severely critical opposition and a peaceful change of government — these are the highway to peace and reform on the modern democratic nation.

The assumption of power of the British Labour Party is one of the most important political changes in recent years. Fifty-odd years ago the Labour Party in England was able to elect only less than a score of its members to Parliament. Thirty years later the Labourites twice formed the government, though each time they did not last long. It was not until the year of victory in the Second

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LIFE IN PEKING: RED CHINA'S CAPITAL

IN the early days of Peiping's "liberation", huge sales banners announcing sacrifice discounts hung outside piece-goods and fur stores. They fluttered unnoticed in the wintry winds along the austere city's main thoroughfares. Business in these shops is picking up today, thanks to the patronage of the women-folk of top-bracket Chinese Reds, large arrivals of Third International comrades (Russians), democratic leaders and "national capitalists."

Sales signs disappeared while foreign-style tailor shops which not long ago were heading for the rocks now have more orders on hand than they can handle.

Citizens of the "People's capital" are somewhat astonished at this turn for the better of the city's piece-goods and clothing trade and at the cause of it. Why, they wonder, do people of a supposedly progressive, socialistic state (Russia) choose to replenish their clothing in such a backward, semi-feudal and semi-colonial country? The papers and magazines say that socialistic countries are materially the most plentiful in the world.

The Reds do their utmost to convince the people that Russia is trading with China only because it wishes to assist backward China. "With a score of chickens, we can get a small car from Russia," the Reds would say by way of illustration. "Do you notice all the soya beans that we have shipped to Russia? Now, Russia simply has no use for it. But she accepts it to help us."

Recently a customs official at Tientsin griped to the writer about the lack of credit on the part of Russian shippers. What the Russians ship and what they say in their invoices are entirely different things. When the cargoes did not correspond with the invoice, Peking was asked what to do. The reply was: "Just unload what is on the ship."

RUSSIAN commodities are not only short on specifications, but their qualities and appearance are inferior. Russian-made bicycles are cheaper than British or American makes, and they break down after a couple of trips. Most of the bicycles used by Red government offices are Russian-made. That probably is why Red cadres maintain "We

must wipe out capitalism, but we must also acquire their technical know-how."

After a long absence as "an amusement of the decaying capitalistic class," ballroom dancing is making a vigorous comeback. The Russian comrades are found to be most enthusiastic dancers, and so, dancing returned with widespread popularity. Government offices and schools these days regularly hold dance parties, while cabarets once again are doing a flourishing business.

Girl students in Peiping have always been known for their frugal clothes and indifference to make-up. They usually wear a blue cloth gown, or a white cotton shirt, black cotton skirt, tennis shoes and short hair. The female Red cadres are even more simply attired. In the winter, like their male counter-parts, they wear grey-coloured cotton-padded coats and trousers, a leather belt, a thickly padded hat and a pair of cotton-padded or brown leather shoes. Their hair is always cut short. In the summer they wear grey Lenin suits.

The people nickname them as "the big dumplings," but many feel that these "dumplings" are much more preferable than the well-dressed, glamorous officials of yesterday who did nothing for the people but "squeeze" them of the little worldly possessions they had.

The Russian comrades, however, looked at them from another angle. "We can't," they pointed out, "tell the difference between your males and females and we have no way of telling whether or not they are married." They probably meant, "We don't think your women party members are dressed the way they should."

Soon the Chinese Communist authorities announced that new uniforms of different appearance for men and women have been designed and will be ready for distribution by the coming autumn. Recently at the Support-the-World-Peace Meeting, held jointly with Russian comrades at the Chung Shan Park, it was ordered that students attending the meeting should be encouraged to appear in their best clothes.

The Yanko dance, extensively popularized by the Reds, is be-

ginning to give way to the new or Russian visitors. The Government pastime listening to Beethoven's music for which the Russians have shown a marked preference. Chinese Reds used to brand Shakespearean plays a product of "capitalist interests," but the Russians have come and told everyone that Shakespeare enjoys wide popularity in Soviet Russia.

Foreign movies are becoming scarce, though this does not apply to those imported from Russia and Russian stars are gaining popularity among the Chinese.

SIDEWALK stalls and street vendors have been ordered off the main thoroughfares of the city. The government started a publicity campaign on the desirability of the removal. At first the stall keepers and vendors, knowing well that they would have little business when moved to remote corners of the town, ignored such a persuasion. But soon the streets were empty of these vendors and newspapers reported their "voluntary" removal to the government-designated market place.

On the street, armies of workers are seen digging ditches to repair the city's sewage system with their bare feet soaking in filthy mud. These workers are refugees from the hinterland, whose daily wages for such work is barely enough for them to pay for their two meals every day.

A tree-canopied boulevard is being planned in the eastern section of the city. To test the students' viewpoint on the esteem for labour, they were mobilized to take part in the road construction and tree planting.

Housing, renovating and reconstruction are going on full blast in liberated Peiping, and deviation from habitual austerity is increasingly discernible. Government offices are not only white-washed but also painted with Chinese murals. Regulations have been promulgated to keep civilian houses under proper maintenance. Tenants are in turn required to pay their rentals promptly. Housing disputes are thus greatly lessened. However, owners of dilapidated houses or stately mansions are having a tough time. Many of the owners simply have no means to finance the extensive repairs on broken-down houses that are required.

Houses conspicuous for their fine appearances invariably come under the attention of the Reds. They would inspect these residences on pretexts of official inspections or survey missions, followed by families of Red officials

would then offer to purchase these houses or, if the owners so desire, rent these houses to accommodate "government employees."

Real estate owners know well that once they sell their houses, the Reds would bully them into investing their money in government bonds and thus usually prefer to rent the houses to the Government. (China News Feature Service, Hongkong.)

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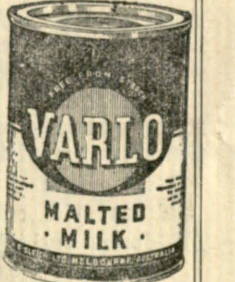
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BETTER VALUE

By WILFRID ROBERTSON

BY the light of a paraffin lamp, for the Rhodesian darkness had already fallen, two men bent over the balance. In one pan lay a small ingot of roughly-cast gold, and to the other weights were being added.

The scale tipped, and both men gave grunts of satisfaction. "A hundred and forty-one ounces I make it," commented Jackson. "May not be exact to a pennyweight, but the assay people at the bank will check up on that when we send it in."

His companion, Baker, nodded. "Far and away the best month's output we've had so far. If we can keep it up we're going to make something out of this proposition."

The speaker straightened himself. As he did so he gave an exclamation and pointed through the glassless window of the rough building in which they were working. From the thatch of an old store—hut some twenty yards away a tongue of flame had sprung into being, dispelling the darkness that covered the little mining property gleaming redly on the dumps of rubble round the shaft, the corrugated-iron erection that housed the two-stamp crushing-mill, and vaguely outlining the roofs of the native huts beyond it.

Jackson and Baker sprang to the door. Some rubbish had been burned that evening not far from the hut in question, and no doubt the wind had blown the smouldering ashes against it.

They raced towards the conflagration, shouting and with answering calls and a patter of bare feet their native workers came hurrying up from their quarters. But already it was too late, for by the time they reached it the dry thatch was a sheet of flame. As there was no hope of saving the building, both white men and black confined their efforts to preventing the flying sparks from igniting anything in the vicinity.

AT last the conflagration died down and the glowing embers were extinguished. The natives were dismissed to resume their interrupted supper. Thirsty and smoke-grimed, the two white men returned to their own dwelling, thankful that the building had been old and almost empty, and that nothing of importance had been destroyed.

They entered the building in which they had been working. The lamp still burned on the

table beside the balance, but the little gold ingot was no longer visible.

Jackson glanced round. "Where did you put it, Baker?"

"I didn't put it anywhere. It was lying just there when we ran out." He touched the top of the deal table.

"Well, it isn't there now. Perhaps it got knocked on to the floor." The two men went down on their hands and knees and began searching, but there was no sign of the gold. They widened their hunt, examining everything in the barely furnished room, but without result. At last they both rose to their feet and looked at each other.

"There's no doubt about it—it's been pinched."

"But who can have done so? Not our boys—they were all helping with the fire," Baker replied.

"Were they all? In the smoke and excitement neither of us specially noticed who was there and who wasn't. It's my belief—"

Jackson paused.

"What?"

"It's my belief that fire was deliberate. Someone put a match to the thatch to draw us off, hoping we'd leave the stuff lying, which was exactly what we did. There are no strangers about, and our own lot knew well what we were doing this evening. It's one of them for a cert."

"But what good would it be to a native?" Baker objected. "Bar gold can only be handled through a bank."

"There are ways and means," Jackson answered with a shrug. "Probably the thief knows of some native rogue in the employ of a white principal who knows how to negotiate it at a fat profit. Meanwhile we'd better rout out all our gang at once, see if there are any absentees, and search every hut. Not that I expect we'll have any luck."

HE was right. Nobody was missing and nothing could be found, while every native indignantly denied all knowledge of the theft. "What now?" Baker asked as the two white men returned to their dwelling. "Get in touch with the police."

Jackson snorted. "Police? You know as well as I do they'd be no more use than a sick-head-ache. They'd come out, eat our skoff, arrest half a dozen of our best boys, but not a trace of

that gold would they find. Whoever pinched it has parked it in the bush or down some crevice between the rocks, and there it'll lie till he thinks it safe to remove. We've got to think up something better than that. As we can't do anything more at the moment. I'm going to bed!"

Next morning the natives turned up diffidently to work, expecting to find their employers in a thoroughly disgruntled mood, but neither seemed in any way out of temper. More surprising still, no troopers arrived from the police post twenty miles away, nor was any reference made to the events of the previous night. The white men had said they had been robbed, yet they were doing nothing about it!

Work went on much as usual, except that Baker did most of the superintending, for Jackson, taking his rifle, had gone off into the bush. The sight raised the natives' spirits considerably. Supposing he shot something big, the bulk of the meat would no doubt be handed over to them, and they visualized a heavenly gorge that would fill them to repletion.

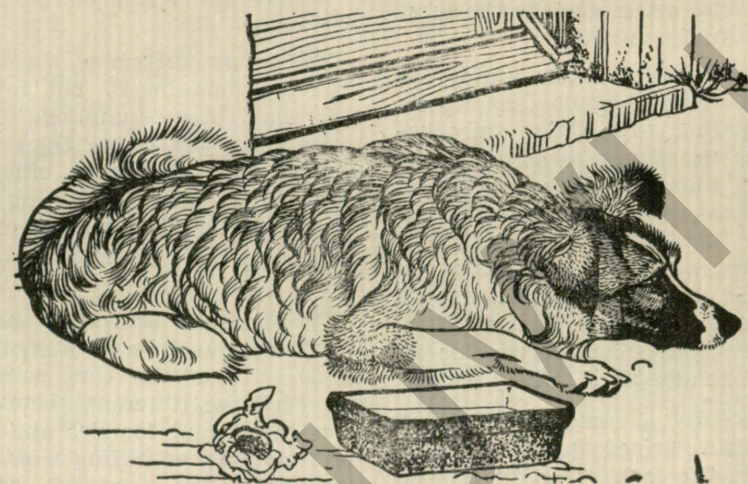
At sunset Jackson returned, announcing that he had shot a sable antelope, a beast about the size of a donkey, and that he would want half a dozen of them in the morning to cut up and carry it in. There was joy in the native quarters that night, and the whole business of the previous night's accusation was quite forgotten.

By mid-morning on the next day the spoil had been brought in, and by Jackson's orders put down on the grass in front of the white men's abode. He and Baker selected the joint they needed for their own use, while the natives clustered round, chattering and grinning, waiting for the word to take the rest.

Jackson straightened himself, wiping his knife. "This meat will lie here for the present," he announced. "And unless—unless," he repeated, "you find and produce the gold and the thief before sunset, I shall drag off this meat into the bush and poison it for the benefit of the hyenas."

THERE was a wall of protest and indignant denials of any knowledge of the thief, but Jackson was adamant. "You get

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Jamaican Proverbs

Their Meaning and Significance

The nest of an industrious bird is clean and tidy; that of a lazy bird is foul and dirty

That is, industry and cleanliness go hand in hand, while laziness leads to squalor and dirt. In the case of the birds, the former is too busy in work abroad to spend much time in the nest. First of all it goes in search of food for its birdlings, and then to clear the fields of pests that are harmful to crops, and even to pick ticks from cattle. Meanwhile Mr. or Miss lazy bird lounges in the nest, and makes it foul by depositing dung.

Ah long fe see yuh lacka money.

I am longing to see you as I long to see money. The proverb is an exchange of greeting between one friend and another. The simile is well timed in these days of the high cost of living.

De chile barn fe nacey; him mus' ah ketch i' from him mumma.

The child is born nasty—a fault that she has inherited from her mother. That is, like mother, like daughter; like father, like son. Note: Physiology teaches that an offspring shares the nature of each parent; and the stronger of the two impresses its nature in a stronger degree. In the proverb, the mother must have been the guilty one.

Ef iron nebbu ben know how him face tan, him wouldn'tek fire heat.

If iron did not know how tough he is, he never would have faced the fire.

"Look before you leap" is the nearest English equivalent to a commonsense proverb.

Needle an' t'read mek de worl' fine an' gay.

Needle and thread make the world fine and gay. That is, labour is the foundation of every social structure. All must work; some with the hand; some with the brain; some with the union of both.

Godamighty know wh' him

noh mek all tree fe bear fruit.

God Almighty knows why He does not make all trees to bear fruit. The Almighty Creator of the world and all that therein is, does everything right; and it is not in us to question His ruling.

The goat says he does not come upon the ground during the rainy season, because he does not want his shoes to get dryrot; so he keeps to the rocks.

That is, "Prevention is better than cure," as the English rendering puts it.

If you cannot laugh with youth your place is among ghosts in tombs

Mirth is natural to a healthy human being, man being the only animal that do not laugh like the Demoniak of Gadara, described in Scripture history, who lived among the tombs, because he was mad. When the un-clean spirit was driven out of him, his madness changed to gladness.

laughs. The man who can-

Ef hog nebbu did know say him snout tough, him wouldn't dig dutty.

If the hog did not know that his snout was tough, he would not dig earth. That is, make sure you are able to complete a task before you begin it.

Senca any shop quattie wort' sell, quattie wort' dey-day fi me.

Quattie was an old Jamaica silver coin, worth 1½d. The correct rendering is: Since in any shop it is possible for me to get a quattie worth, it is possible for me to get a quattie worth also. The original proverb refers to contagious diseases.

Ef mout' nebbu ben know say him hab belly fe contain bickle, him wouldn't eat it.

If the mouth did not know that it had the belly to hold victuals, it would not eat any. That is, make sure of results before you start to act.

PLUTO

back to work", he ordered, "and remember—at sundown I get busy with the strychnine bottle!"

As the natives left Jackson and Baker grinned at each other. "That should do the trick", commented the former.

"Sure thing," the other agreed. "In their dinner-hour they'll be doing some detective work that'll beat any C.I.D. to a frazzle!"

Meanwhile the meat, red, juicy, and tempting, lay on the grass under the glare of the sun, and hardly a minute passed without some longing eye being turned in its direction. Flies buzzed above it, and presently a lean native dog emerged from the bushes beyond, sniffing hungrily.

Seeing the beast, one of the men left his work to drive it away, but before he had gone three steps, Baker ordered him back to his job. The dog crept nearer, seized a small piece and bolted, while others with the same intent became visible in the offing.

The suspense was terrible. Sweat dripped from black faces that was not altogether caused by physical exertion. Each man glared at his neighbour—was he the cause of this mental agony? When the gang knocked off at noon they gathered in fiercely arguing groups, forgetful of their simmering porridge-pots.

The hours passed and the sun sank westwards. Jackson, strychnine-bottle in hand, watched it nearing the horizon. Just before its lower rim touched he heard a patter of bare feet. The entire gang was approaching, dragging a small and weakly-looking colleague, while in front marched the head native bearing the missing gold in his hand.

"Do you think that chap was really the thief?" Baker asked as the natives joyfully withdrew bearing their precious meat.

"I very much doubt it," Jackson replied with a shrug.

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"Probably he's just a scapegoat for one of the bigger fellows, or even for the head-boy himself! But we've got back what we wanted, and that's all that matters to us. Better than bringing the police into it, eh Baker?"

THE END

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LESSONS IN CHARM

When a man loves a woman, he singles her out from all others for his very special attention and protection. He places her in the inner castle of his heart, where nobody else ever goes. Sometimes a woman forgets this and becomes slightly suspicious that somebody is sharing her husband's affections, simply because she notices his gallantry to another member of her sex. This mild suspicion grows into jealousy, which reveals fear and uncertainty; and charm takes wing.

Instead of resenting it, every woman should encourage gallantry in her husband. She should be wise enough to see that in expecting the maximum of attention herself, and being indifferent to how other women are treated, she is lowering her sex.

A truly gallant man is respectful and polite to all women irrespective of their social position. Let us hope that further advancement of women's rights will not lead to the banishment of gallantry. What a dull world it would be then!

—Agnes, McCall Parker
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"The flowers have heard
That June is near
The little bird
With plumage fair
Has told the flowers
To beware
And deck their bowers,
And prepare
For June draws near . . ."

Una Marson:
"The Approach."

FLORIDA

"Among the cities of the earth
you stand
A golden thing upon a golden
strand:
More beautiful than Troy upon
that day
When Helen's glory held the world
in sway.
You are a melody the winds re-
peat,
A symphony of petals wild and
sweet,
O, City of a thousand songs un-
sung,
At fifty you are breathless, death-
less, young . . ."

Vivian Y Laramore:
"Miami."

RUSSIA

"As ocean's stream girdles the
ball of earth,
From circling seas of dream
man's life emerges,
And as night moves in silence up
the firth
The secret tide around our main-
land surges . . .
And the wide heavens, starred
and luminous,
Out of the deep in mystery
aspire.
The strange abyss is burning
under us;
And we sail onward, and our wake
is fire."

Fyodor Tyutchev:
"As Ocean's Stream."

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.. "Not for greater gifts of
genius,
Not for thoughts more grandly
bright,
All the dying poet whispers
Is a prayer for light, more
light . . .
Gracious Saviour, when life's day-
dreams
Melt and vanish from the sight,
May our dim and longing vision
Then be blessed with light, more
light."

Frances E. W. Harper:
"Let the Light Enter."

BELGIUM

"We should be able to recreate
ourselves at every moment.
Some day we may succeed."

Maurice Maeterlinck:
"The Great Beyond."

JAPAN

"Dreamy peace dwelt with me,
whose magic
Vapours enclosed me, softly as
lovers' shadow.
I ever nod upon the graves of
Silence
I ever loll upon waves of white-
ness, wrapping
Mists about my breasts.
I ever roam around the unsettled
land of
Dawn, where the ruins
Moulder into their rest."

Ione Noguchi:
"Dreamy Peace Dwelt
with me."

CHINA

"Even as a young man
I was out of tune with ordinary
pleasures.
It was my nature to love the
rooted hills,
The high hills which look upon
the four edges of Heaven.
What folly to spend one's life like
a dropped leaf
Snared under the dust of streets,
But for thirteen years it was so
I lived.
The caged bird longs for the
fluttering of high leaves.
The fish in the garden pool
languishes for the whirled
water
Of meeting streams.
So I desired to clear and seed a
patch of the wild Southern
moor.
. . . For a long time I lived in a
cage;
Now I have returned.
For one must return
To fulfil one's nature."

T'ao Ch'ien:
"Once More Fields and
Gardens."

ENGLAND

"I wonder not the Poets love the
brooks
And throughout life seek their
society,
I think there's scarcely one of
their rich books
But has its stream that runs there
merrily . . .
Of all things young the brooks
are not loved least,
So sparkling from their birth
and dancing so,
Their happy solitude has never
ceased
To call the wise to wander where
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Edmund Blunden:
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**PERSONS
PLACES
THINGS**

By OLD JOE

PERSONS

HAROLD LEOPOLD BROWN, Fraternal Official and Co-oper-ator. H. Leo. Brown, (to use his usual signature), who died in Kingston March 9, 1946, was an outstanding Officer of a number of Fraternal Societies. He was also keen on Co-operative ventures. As proof of this, while he was in England, returning from active service in World War I, he made himself acquainted with the co-operative movement, which he studied at Holyoak in Manchester, so that he came to Jamaica with all the literature needed for introducing the idea into the Island. The Service co-operative Society was the product of Brown's fertile brain. After a few years of activity, the society died for want of support. Mr. Brown's interest in fraternal activities was so keen, that when the combined societies of Jamaica wanted a man to visit the Republic of Panama to start branches there, he was selected; and the visit was so successful, that on his return, he was given the job of organizing the Fraternal Association of Jamaica, which is still in existence.

Mr. Brown was also associated with the Jamaica Burial Scheme Society, a semi-fraternal movement founded in 1901, which as the name implies, is intended to help in the burial of poor persons, and to render assistance in other distressing circumstances. A staunch member of the Baptist denomination, he was a member of Baptist Laymen's Asscn., and a Local Preacher. His contributions to the Island Press were many and varied. He wrote on almost every subject of public interest. He believed in Jamaica and Jamaicans, and the possibilities of an Island of which all true Jamaicans will be proud, irrespective of colour, class, or creed. Brown was a great admirer of Marcus Garvey.

PLACES

**ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY
OF JAMAICA**

The economic geography of the island refers to the interchange of commodities between Jamaica and other countries. Jamaica being a tropical island its main

products are agricultural, which we send away in exchange for manufactured goods. Under agriculture sugar holds first place because this was the product to which the island owed its early importance. Clarendon and St. Catherine are the two most important sugar parishes; although in the past Trelawny was one of the wealthiest, due to sugar cane cultivation. The emancipation of the slaves brought ruin to many large sugar estate owners. Bananas come next in importance, the main areas of production being the north and east. It is an article of food for many people here; but it is grown chiefly for exportation to America and Europe. The future of the industry is threatened by the Panama Disease; and steps are being taken to produce a banana plant which is immune from disease. Coconuts are grown very largely for export, but factories have been established to manufacture soap from coconut oil. Other products exported are Oranges and all citrus fruits. Jamaica is world-famous for its Blue Mountain Coffee, and some coffee berries are exported. Efforts are also being made to export, on a large scale, mangoes and pineapples. In some parts with a dry thin soil, Sisal Hemp is grown, and the ropes made from sisal compare very favourably in strength and endurance with those made from hemp and jute, which are dearer in price. Tobacco could be more extensively grown, and right now the Minister of Agriculture and Lands is devising plans to stabilise and export this product. The peasantry is very largely dependent on Ground Provisions, such as yams, tomatoes, potatoes, cocoes, green vegetables etc. Lucea has given its name to a favourite variety of yams.

The Government of Jamaica, having come into possession of certain areas of land, is prepared to sell them to small settlers upon very easy terms; and from time to time fresh lands are purchased for this purpose, thus developing a system of Peasant Ownership, which promises well for the future.

As regards Animal Life, we have no wild animals. There are few Song Birds. The Scavenger of the countryside is the John Crow, a species of vulture, one of the ugliest birds on the ground, but graceful in flight. Domestic birds include hens, ducks and turkeys,—common in all parts of the island. Of reptiles, a few harmless snakes have survived the attacks of the mongoose. Lizards are numerous. A large type of lizard, the Iguana, which

was an article of food among the Arawaks, is now found only on Goat Island, and in the back lands of Trelawny; though the name of the Liguanea Plain is probably due to the number of these reptiles that once lived in that part of the Island.

From the foregoing it can be seen that the goods which the Island exports to other countries are chiefly the tropical fruits which it grows. Some of the parishes provide excellent pasture land. Stock rearing is an important industry of St. Ann, where there are many well kept "pens." Cattle rearing is also a prominent industry in Manchester, St. Catherine, Westmoreland and Hanover. St. Elizabeth is perhaps the best stock rearing district. The sea breezes which blow over the south-eastern savannahs are said to put a check on the tick pest which causes disease in cattle.

THINGS

**BOOT AND SHOE
MANUFACTURING**

"Every cloud has a silver lining." Supporting evidence to the veracity of this statement is given, to some extent, when the effects of World War II upon Jamaica are closely examined. During the war, all available shipping was used for military purposes. The result was that lack of shipping space made it absolutely impossible for Jamaica to receive the amount of goods desired by its inhabitants; and, to a certain extent, this had a beneficial effect, for it provided the necessity for us to manufacture certain articles for ourselves, if we were to have them any at all. Thus it was that, during the war years, numerous native industries sprang up, and among them was the manufacture of boots and shoes on a much larger scale than hitherto. In 1943, a total of 1,682 dozen pairs of footwear were produced by the industry, and of these 375 dozen pairs were purchased by Government at 33/6 a pair, which fetched £7,530; and the total cost of material used in their making was £5,400. Other types of production were predominantly ladies shoes, with a small proportion of shoes for men. Approximately 650 pairs of ladies shoes were sold in the retail market at prices varying from 45/- to 60/- a pair.

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It is of interest to note that Jamaica has entered the export trade in footwear. During the month of February last year there were exported from this island boots, shoes and slippers to the value of £426. The figures for March were 56,540 pairs of boots and shoes at a c.i.f. value of £31,776. The figures in both cases being preliminary.

Beware of ambition for wealth: for there is nothing so characteristic of narrowness and littleness of soul as the love of riches; and there is nothing more honourable and noble than indifference to money.

—Cicero

If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world.—
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TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Miss Martin,

Sometime ago I met a boy at a friend's home. It was an informal party and he danced with me quite a lot and was very talkative, but not in the romantic way. We haven't seen or heard of each other since, as he lives in the country

I'm planning to have a party at my home—my 21st birthday. Would it be all right for me to invite him.

"Impressed".

Dear Impressed,

I think it will be all right for you to invite this boy. If you are shy about doing this, why not ask your friend, at whose house you met, to bring him along in her party.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

For four months I've been going steady with a boy who is two years older than I. He is a nice boy in most every way—generous, considerate and he has a charming personality. But, Miss Martin, he hasn't had much training and so lacks some of the finer things which I admire in a man. For example, he doesn't know to help me with my coat when we're out, to stand when ladies leave a table at a party and when they return to help them with their chair, to hold a light when a lady takes out a cigarette, and many little things like these.

How can I teach him these things without hurting him or making him self-conscious when we go out.

Interested.

Dear Interested,

Many girls complain of their escorts not knowing these little



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courtesies. Little do the men know how much a woman appreciates and values them, and how much more she admires a man for them.

With a little tact, you can help your boy friend without hurting his pride. When you are out together and you are ready to wear your coat, casually hand it to him and ask him to help you with it. By doing this everytime, he'll soon do it without your asking him. And so with the cigarette and things like that.

You can also tell him in a nice way if you think you know him well enough. A good idea would be for both of you to read a book on Etiquette, together.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I am engaged to be married sometime during the latter part of this year. My family wants me to have a big reception and both my fiance and I would rather a quiet affair. We think it impractical to spend so much money on a reception when we really could put the money to better use after we're married.

What do you think?

"Engaged"

Dear Engaged,

I quite agree with you that a large reception with all the time, trouble and money which it entails is a bit impractical. And yet most every girl would rather have one than not.

If you are the type who doesn't care for it then go ahead and have the reception which would please you most. After all, it's your wedding and you should know what you want.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I have two children, a girl aged two-and-a-half years and a boy aged nine months. The girl is very jealous of her baby brother and is inclined to ill-treat him so that I have to be always on the watch. I am very worried about this state of affairs as I hoped so much that she would love the baby and be inclined to take care of him. I don't know what to do about the attitude she has adopted. Can you advise me?

"Worried Mother."

Dear "Worried Mother",

The state of affairs you complain of is a very common one among small children for the first-born has already got into

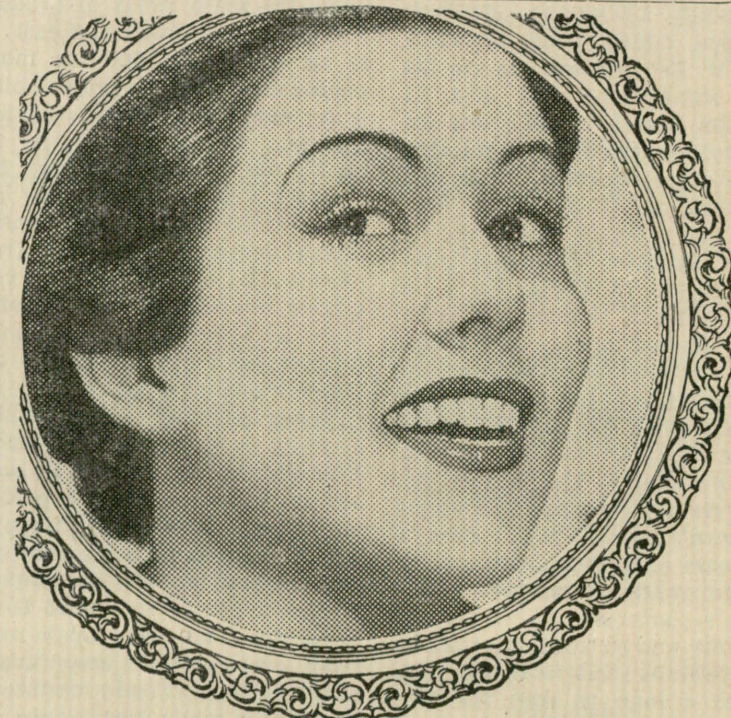
the way of having all the attention. I would advise you to appeal to the "mother instinct" born in all females, to help you take care of the baby. Let her feel both you and he are dependent on her, and that you trust her. Give him to her as a special gift, and let her feel that he is her baby just as much as he is yours. Soon, I think, you will find a difference in her attitude, she will begin to show pride and real affection where before there was only

jealousy and dislike born of jealousy.

E. M.

The three things most difficult are — to keep a secret, to forget an injury, and to make good use of leisure.—Chilo

It is better to be despised for too-anxious apprehensions than ruined by too-confident a security.—Burke



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IN PARENTHESIS

There are two sides to every question — unless a woman holds one of them.

There appears to be a movement in Great Britain in favour of abolishing passports. But think of the millions who would become unemployed!

No, Willie, you're not really paying more for your meals: they simply give you one course less for the same price.

"I would go through fire for you."

"Don't put yourself out."

"Poor Jones! He's gone over to the silent majority."

"Why—I—is he dead?"

"No—married!"

"Just see how inefficient that girl's dancing is. Terrible!"

"What's the matter with it? I don't see anything wrong."

"Too much waist motion."

The birthday party was drawing to a close and the cook triumphantly brought in the piece de resistance — a heaping dish of jelly. As she put it on the table, it quivered and shook. Most of the children exclaimed with delight, but one started to leave the table.

"None of that for me," he said firmly, "it's not dead yet."

Don't dare disgrace the human race

But with good grace take your fit place

And do each day some bit of good—

Say half of what you know you should.

At an examination one of the questions was: "Who formed the first company?"

A certain bright youth was a little puzzled at this, but he was not to be floored. He wrote: "Noah successfully floated a company while the rest of the world was in liquidation."

"Tell me what to do in case I get seasick."

"That isn't necessary. You'll do it."

Flim: My wife won five hundred dollars at poker last night and split with me.

Flam: You got half?

Flim: No, she packed her bag and left me.

A note received by the teacher of a class of juveniles read: "Dear teacher, please don't give our Willie any more sums about whisky at 3s. a bottle. His father hasn't slept a wink all night."

As we see it, if it is not a record it is not worth printing or playing.

A little leap year now and then Makes husbands of the single men.

"What brings dark circles under a person's eyes? Too much high life?"

"No; it's usually too much low life."

"I'm looking for a little man with one eye."

"Well, if he's a very small man, wouldn't it be better for you to use both of them?"

"You have no right to kiss me like that."

"All right. I'll try it another way."

An educationist asserts that girls absorb knowledge more easily than boys. When it comes to swimming, we know some girls who take a heck a lot of teaching.

Carolyn was very annoyed. "Oh, that William," she complained, "makes me so tired."

"Well, dear," her friend purred prettily, "you shouldn't chase him so much."

In a small rural community an unlettered farmer took over the management of the failing General Store in the face of blunt warnings from his friends that he would never be able to make it pay. In a few months he had the enterprise humming with profitable business. An Inquisitive acquaintance asked how he had accomplished the miracle.

"Wall," the former farmer replied. "I guess it's because I believe in 'live and let live.' I buy an article for one dollar and sell it for two dollars. I'm satisfied with a one per cent profit." —Wall Street Journal.

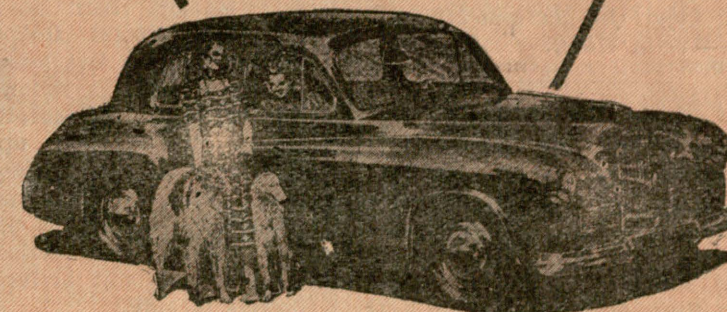
"And now, Farmer Jurkins, how do you manage to get on these hard times?"

Farmer. Oh, last year we lived upon faith, this year we are living on hope, and next year, if all goes well, we'll be living on charity.

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PERSONALIA

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WEDDING BELLS

Wedding bells will ring for popular Barbara "Cherry" Lee, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Wong to George Shim at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, June 24. A reception will be held afterwards at 55 Windward Road, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Wong.

NUPTIAL MASS FOR MONEAGUE COUPLE

Yvonne Lyn, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chin See of Barbican, will exchange marriage vows with Melvin Sydney Chin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Chin of Moneague at 8.00 a.m. Nuptial Mass ceremony at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, June 3. The reception will be held at the home of the bridegroom's parents in Moneague.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hugh Choy of Bournemouth Gardens announced the engagement of their daughter Gloria to Richard Yap, nephew of Mr. Stephen Yap on Friday, May 18. Gloria is a former student of Alpha Academy and is now with the Central Trading Co. Richard is an old Wolmer's boy and is now

with the Jamaica Ice Cream Industries. The wedding will take place some time next year.

VICTOR CHUCK GETS DOCTOR'S DEGREE

Words has just been received that Victor Chuck has passed his finals for his doctor's degree. Victor is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Chuck of Balaclava. He left here to study medicine at McGill University, Montreal. After two years of study, he received a scholarship for St. Bartholomew Hospital in London. He finished up his medical studies at this Hospital and is now a qualified medical practitioner. Victor is making plans to return to Jamaica immediately, and will arrive here sometime in July.

RETAILERS' ASSOCIATION FUNCTION

The Retailers' Association is planning a Garden Party for the entertainment of their members on Sunday, June 17. The function will be held at the Sun Yat Sen Recreational Centre at Rockfort. The proceeds of the affair will be shared by the Sanatorium, the Public School and the Association.

SURPRISE PARTY

Members of the Chinese Boy Scout Troop gave a surprise party on Sunday, May 6, for their for-

mer scoutmaster, Mr. Eustace Shim, who has been recently promoted to District Commissioner. The scouts assembled at the home of their former chief and surprised him when he came home. They had a camp fire ready in no time, and each patrol contributed an item on the programme for the evening's entertainment. After three hours around the camp fire, the scouts called it a night, and gave a final cheer for their old scoutmaster before wending their way home.

SPANISH TOWN BURGLARLY

The shop of Mrs. Nina Lee in Spanish Town was broken into last week Friday. The burglars gained entrance by auguring the back door and got away with about £170 of cigarettes and a cash register. The cash register was later recovered intact.

UNA CHYNN-PAUL CHO ENGAGEMENT

The engagement of Una Chynn daughter of Mr. Mook S. Chynn of Spaldings and the late Mrs. Luna Chynn, to Paul Cho, was announced on Thursday, May 10. The wedding will take place later this year.

NEW CLUB EXTENSION FOR C.A.C.

At a meeting of the executive

committee of the Chinese Athletic Club on Monday, May 14 it was decided, among many other things, to extend the Club facilities by erecting an enclosure from the north side of the building to the tennis court. The committee met primarily to discuss the erection of the bowling alley which they bought from Vernam Field some months ago. After much discussion it was decided that the erection of the Bowling Alley would be too costly a venture and that a Club extension with the additional amenities of a billiard table would be more feasible. Consequently the decision to improve on the Club grounds was agreed upon, and a committee appointed to look into the planning and erection of the building.

BINGO NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Next week Friday, May 25, will be the first of a series of Bingo nights at the Club. These games' nights will provide both entertainment and funds for the Club. Cash prizes as well as presentation prizes will be awarded to winners. Messrs. Horace Chang, Donald Leahong and Robert Chin will present the way it is run in the States and Trinidad where it is a popular pastime among all age groups.

Key To The Situation



One of the lovelier of the Hollywood lovelies, Terry Moore holds the key to the romantic situation in RKO Radio's dramatic thriller, "Gambling House." Co-starring with Miss Moore are Victor Mature and William Bendix.

PRIMROSE LOSES IN SOFTBALL

The Primrose Softball team met Eastern Flames in their first game of the season on Tuesday, May 15. The former team lost in a score of 3-0. All 3 runs were scored in the second innings, Eastern Flames taking advantage of errors made by their opponents. The rest of the match was close as no runs were scored by either side. In the final innings the Primrose girls had a chance of winning the game when all the bases were full and their star hitter May Phillips went up to bat with Gwendolyn Chang, another hard hitter, next at bat. May's hit between first and second, however, was stopped and thrown to first before she reached there.

NURSE SUN TO STUDY PEDIATRICS

Dorothy Sun, well known nurse in Kingston and St. Andrew, left for England via New York recently to take up a course in Pediatrics in a hospital in Lancaster, England. Pediatrics is the study of the hygiene and diseases of children. Miss Sun has been for some time engaged in child care while with the Jamaica Milk Products Co. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mirian Sun and the late John Sun. Dorothy finished her nurse's training at the Nuttall Hospital several years ago.

NUPTIALS VOWS

The marriage of Gloria Chin, daughter of Mr. Herbert Chin Sue, to Victor Chen, son of Vin-

cent Chen of Kingston, will take place on Sunday, June 17, at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. A reception will be held afterwards at the Chinese Freemason Hall.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Chin Sue. She returned from China to Jamaica two years ago. The bridegroom is also a recent arrival to the Island after spending several years in China.

The next issue of The "Pagoda" will be on Saturday, June 9.

DUNN'S RIVER PARTIES

For these hot days a picnic is always a pleasant affair, and two parties went to Dunn's River last Sunday, May 13, and spent an enjoyable day in the country. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wong were hosts of one party which included Mr. and Mrs. James L. Chin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Yang, Arthur and Reginald Yang, Mesdames A. C. Wang, Hubert Chen, Cyril Chen, John Chin and David Lyew.

Another party headed by Mr. E. H. Young went to Ocho Rios and White River as well. It included Mr. and Mrs. Headley Hosang, Mr. and Mrs. Capthor Ho Yen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yap, Miss Joyce Hosang, Miss Daphne Wong, Miss Maisie Young, Kenneth Wong, Mrs. Albert Wong and Roy Young.

PORT ANTONIO NOTES

On Sunday, May 6, members of the C.S.C. went on a "Cycle Picnic" to Blue Hole. The journey to and fro was pleasant and enjoyable with not a single puncture to retard any of the cyclists. Those who participated were Mrs. Claire Chung, Diane Chung, Colleen Chung, Monica Chen, Pearl Chung, Vincent Lee Sang, Ralph Moo Young, Victor Chung, Sheila Hamilton, Claude Chung, Sheila Dyball, Winnie Chung and Kenneth Chung.

TWO FOR LEICESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND

Two young ladies will venture far afield when they leave Jamaica for Leicestershire, England on the Reina del Pacifico on Tuesday, May 29. The two are Dorothy Young and Eva Kong.

Dorothy is the daughter of Mr.

William Young of the Jubilee Restaurant and Eva is the sister of Mrs. Charles Chuck Keow. Both of them will go to schools in Leicester, Leicestershire, England. Dorothy will study Dress Designing and Eva will take up Home Economics. After two years of study there, they will finish their studies in the States.

It will be Eva's first trip abroad, but Dorothy visited Windsor, Canada, and Detroit, Michigan in 1948 when she went there for a 8 months holiday. It was on this visit that she became interested in Dress Designing. They are both looking forward to their stay in England especially visiting the Festival of Britain which they will be in time to attend.

PRE-HOLIDAY DANCE

The girls of the Primrose Softball team are sponsoring a gala pre-holiday dance set for Wednesday, June 6. This is their annual dance and as usual the venue is the Chinese Athletic Club. Tickets will be on sale as soon as they are off the press and it is hoped that friends and well-wishers will take part in their annual dance as they have done so often in the past to make it a success.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Fong announced the birth of a son on Monday, May 14.

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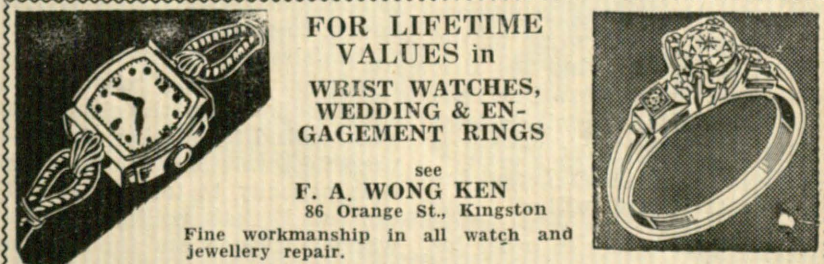
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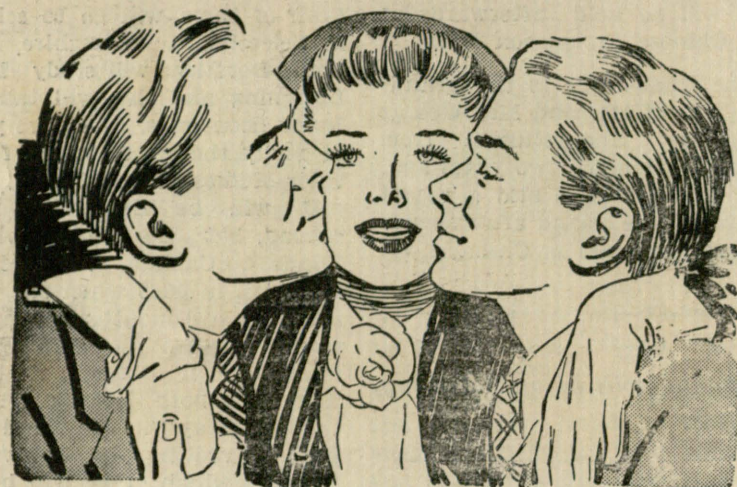
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MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can you possibly "like everybody"?

Answer: I doubt it. For your likes and dislikes are emotional reactions that are automatic and beyond your control. You can be sufficiently "understanding" so that you do not blame anyone for being what he is, and the more so you are, the less hostility you are likely to arouse in others. But however clearly you see why a person acts as he does, you can't help disliking anyone who threatens your happiness or security and wanting to cripple his ability to hurt you. To deny you have "unfriendly" feelings is sheer self-deception.



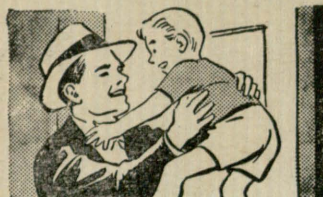
Does being a "stoic" prove you are brave?

Answer: Not always, by any means. The ability to endure pain and hardship without complaint may grow out of an adult realization that complaint is useless. But it also may reflect a morbid idea

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By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist

that it's "good for you to suffer," or an effort to win admiration and approval by showing your courage. The Spartan youth of the legend who let a fox gnaw his vitals rather than show signs of weakness was far from being the hero tradition has made him. He was a neurotic exhibitionist for whom no price was too high to pay for his neighbor's applause.



Should adopted children "forget" real parents?

Answer: They will automatically tend to do this if their foster parents give them the love and security they should have. But to forbid an adopted child to speak of his "own" parents is the surest way to fix their memories in his mind and make him cherish them in secret. For this gives him the impression that there's something about himself which he ought to be ashamed of, and in self-defense he will be driven to ignore whatever painful recollections he has of his parents and idealize them to justify himself in his own eyes.

letting revolution. But the greatest achievements of the liberal movement in the last hundred years — such as the British political reforms since 1832, down to the Labour Government of today — have been bloodless, peaceful revolutions. Therefore, in the eyes of many, "liberalism" has become the "doctrine of peaceful change," and it is for the same reason that some have regarded it as the "non-revolutionary doctrine."

I personally acknowledge that modern liberalism should embrace the concept of "peaceful change," because in countries in which democratic government is already in working order, freedom and toleration have paved a broad road to peaceful reforms, making liberals feel that there is no need for violent revolutions.

The first farmers' bulletin on record was discovered recently at Nippur, in Iraq. Written on a clay tablet in the Sumerian language, the 3,700-year-old inscription tells the farmers how to sow, irrigate and harvest their crops.

The problem of pests was also dealt with. "On the day when the seed breaks through the ground", the farmer was advised to say a prayer to the goddess of the field mice and other vermin that might harm the grain.

The Sumerians, founders of the oldest civilization in Mesopotamia, were principally an agricultural people, with their religious capital at Nippur, 100 miles south of modern Baghdad. (UNESCO)

tinest mustard seed was not wantonly destroyed, and in fifty years it has verily grown up to be a big tree.

Liberalism in history has served the function of liberating mankind from bondage, that is why at times it could not avoid a blood-

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With the reorganisation of three Junior Patrols, and an increased membership in the troop activities are hitting a new high. An investiture, to which all parents and friends are invited will be held on the afternoon of June 13th, at the Chinese Public School, headquarters of the Troop. Parents are asked to see that the boys to be invested are outfitted with their complete new uniforms in good time.

Progress is especially marked in Tenderfoot and 2nd Class Badge Work, 12 boys are now being prepared for investiture. Patrol Leaders Alex Lee and Clinton Wong, have been successful in their 2nd class tests and are now entitled to wear the badge.

Patrol competition has begun. A shield will be awarded to the leading patrol at the end of each school term. The District Commissioner, the former Scoutmaster, has awarded a prize to the P/L whose patrol wins the first round. At the present time Peacock Patrol is leading with a total of 8 points, while close behind is the Horse Patrol with 7, and the Woodpecker Patrol with 5.

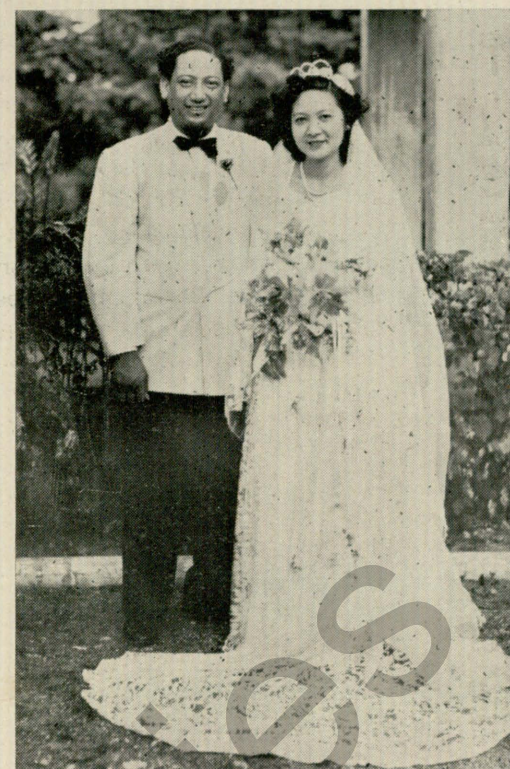
A reminder is now in order for parents. The Annual District

Camp which will be held in Mo-Bay this year, will cost 25/- per boy. It is not too late to have your boy join the Saving Scheme for Camp Fees. Many have already saved the required amount. The camp will take place in Mid-July.

WHAT IS LIBERALISM?

World War (1945) that the Labour Party achieved an overwhelming majority of votes. The present British Labour Government has a solid foundation for its ruling power, unchallenged within a term of five years, to enable it to go ahead with wholesale reforms in British industry and commerce and in the British economic system.

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Mr. and Mrs. Uken Wong Shue who were married at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, May 6.

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Miss "Alpha" (1950) are these two charming young ladies, Miss Ena Lowe (left) and Miss Sheila Chong.

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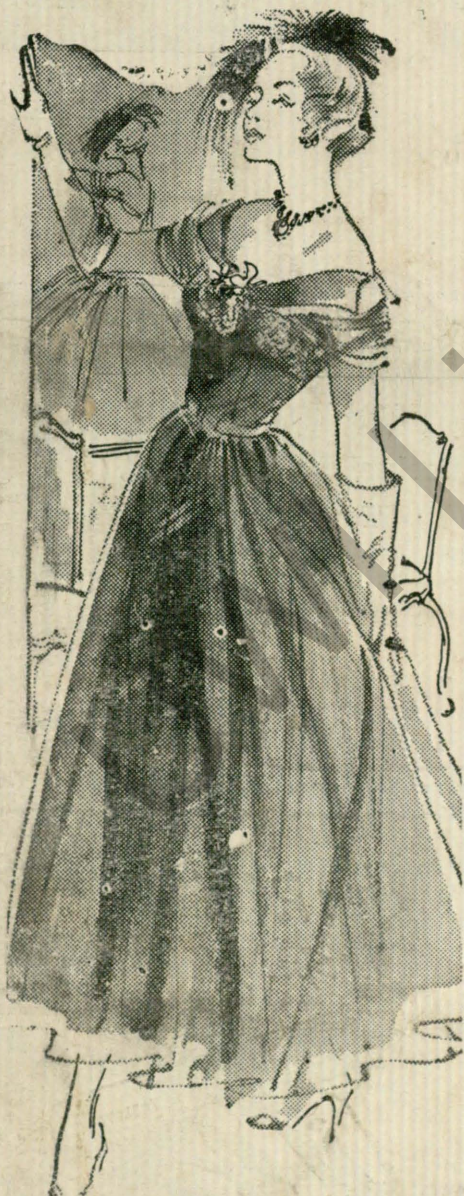
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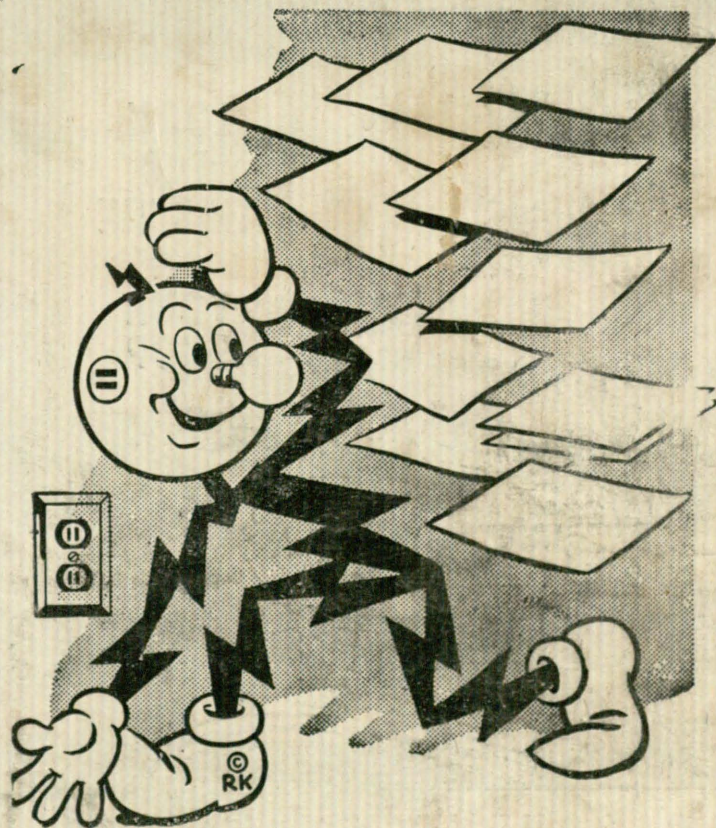
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