

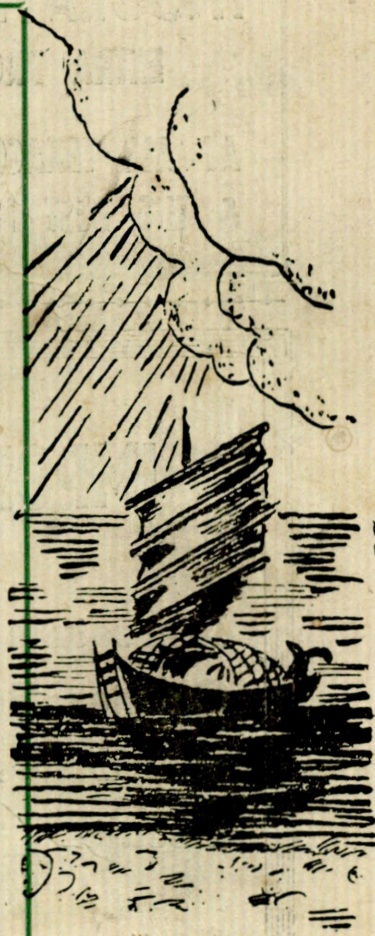
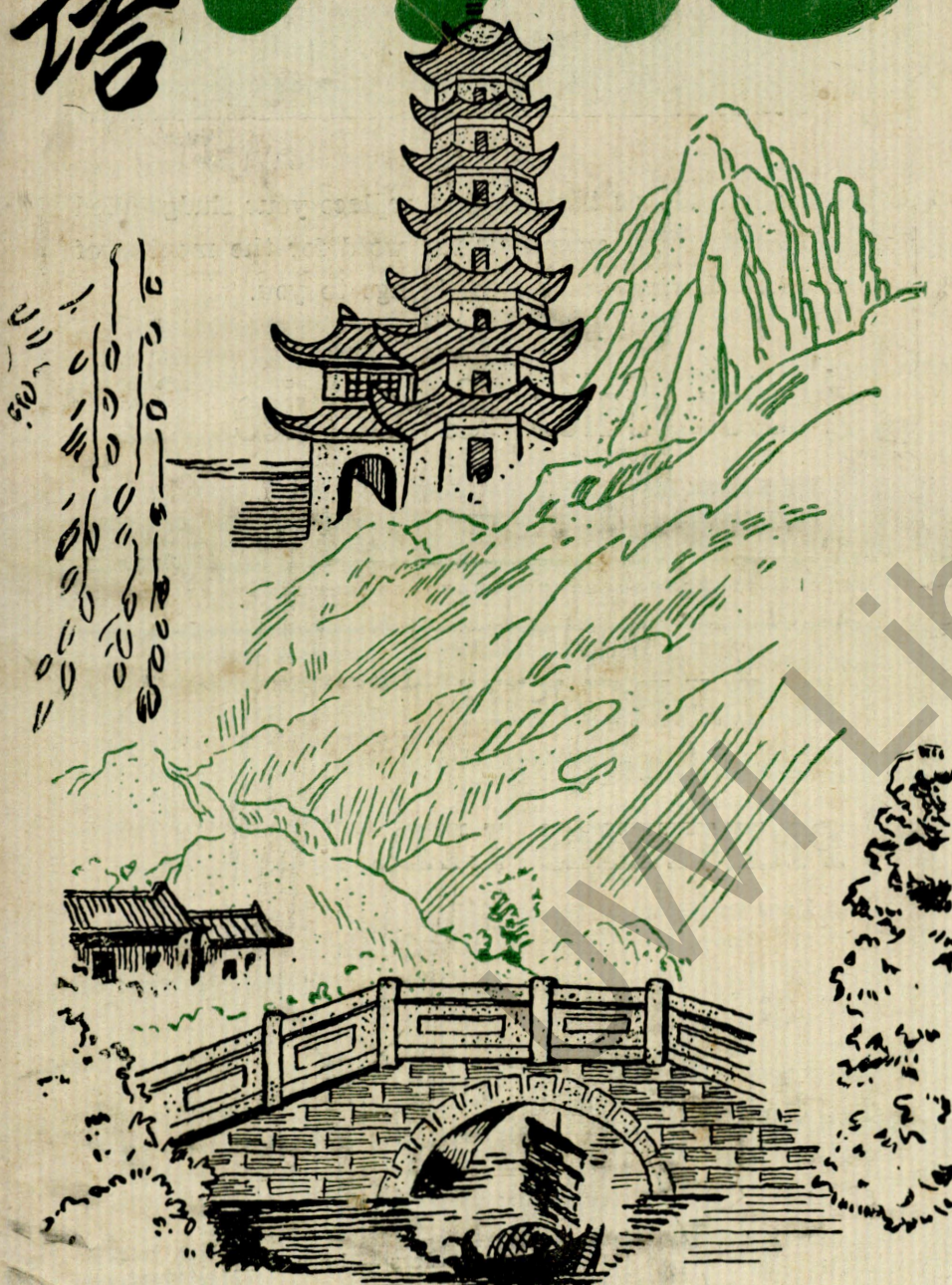
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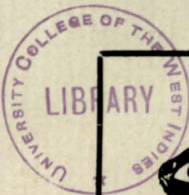
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# AN ADVENTURE IN LANGUAGE TEACHING

by **PIERRETTE BERLIJN**,  
Unesco Staff Writer.

LANGUAGE study, particularly of such "dead languages" as Latin and Greek, has too often been a refined form of torture for generation after generation of students, young and old. Yet, when taught in an interesting manner, the learning of languages becomes an exciting adventure. This is what Professor Charles Pagot has been seeking to prove for the past fifty years, a half-century of work which has been recently commended by the President of the French Republic and by the University of Sorbonne where he lectures.

The traditional method of teaching grammar by making children learn rules by heart kills the child's curiosity and his natural reasoning powers. Professor Pagot, therefore, makes it a point to explain the why and wherefore of each individual rule. "For every rule is human" he says. He encourages his pupils to ask "why": why are there declensions? "Why?" is the child's favourite question, for man seeks from his earliest years not only to know facts but to understand them. A method of teaching which explains the reasons for things can be as interesting to a child as to an adult.

Professor Pagot describes his method in two books: "Le Latin par la Joie" (Latin through Joy) and "Sept langues enseignées en même temps" (Teaching Seven languages at once).

"The memory retains best what is clear to the intelligence". "That is why I decided to "humanize" the Humanities, by extracting the thought behind the words. I try to avoid all that is routine and dull in my method. The teaching of grammar concentrates too much on details of construction, instead of giving a general idea of a language. That is why it is so slow to learn and so difficult to put into practice".

Professor Pagot goes on to show how different grammatical facts and words are related not only to each other but to the whole growth of man's knowledge and the development of civilization. "The origin of the declensions" he writes "lies in an essentially concrete view of life. It dates from the time when a word was closely linked to the object described, in its function, number and gender, and had not acquired an abstract meaning".

In some languages, notably in English, the variety of forms of words has been greatly reduced, but has not been eliminated. Separate singular and plural forms of words still exist — mouse, mice, etc. — with many variations.

The declensions indicate what "happens" to the thing represented by the word or what the thing "does", in the action described. This is indicated in the varying final syllable, as well as by prepositions. Latin words, at the time when the French language evolved, had in speech one syllable which was stressed, just as the words of many modern languages do to-day. The stressed syllable had a tendency to obliterate the others, and since the accent in Latin never fell on the last syllable, the final letters, constituting the "case-ending" tended to disappear. Thus the form of words became constant; *rosa*, a rose no longer changed to *rosam*, *resae* according to whether it was being picked or merely being looked at. This process resulted in a great increase in the use of prepositions — but that is another story.

Languages directly related to Latin and French — Spanish and Italian — also achieved this simplification. English and German, which were derived from Indo-European from which Greek and Latin also drew their origins, evolved in much the same

way. After a time, however, German reverted to case forms, but as the old endings could not be revived, new ones were created. English, on the other hand, retains only one case, the possessive, which is characterized by the "s": the boy's book, the boys' books.

The genders evolved as a result of primitive peoples' idea of the universe. What impressed them most in the world about them was that certain objects were animate and others inanimate. Animate objects were active, while inanimate objects were essentially passive. Thus activity was indicated in the spoken language by the masculine and feminine genders, and and passivity by the neuter.

For example, the Latin word *somnus* (sleep) is masculine because sleep is a force which is stronger than animate beings: it overcomes them. *Somnium* (a dream), on the other hand, is neuter because it is passive, appearing during sleep.

The various parts of the body were similarly classified as active or passive. The external organs which could be seen to move were either masculine or feminine. Thus in Latin *pes*, foot, is masculine and *manus* hand, is feminine. The internal organs, on the other hand, were considered passive, because one could not see them move: thus *cor*, heart, and *jejur*, liver, are neuter.

"Teaching", writes Professor Pagot, "like the evolution of languages or civilizations, should proceed from the concrete to the abstract. For young pupils, classes should consist of conversation in different languages, and lessons describing everyday objects and their use . . . The abstract should follow later, as the child's mind matures. It is a platitude to say that one

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# ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE

By S. H. C.

IT takes all sorts of people to make up the world. All in favour say 'Aye'—

Perhaps the subject of our story is not a particularly inspiring one. It wasn't to be. And don't go looking for a motive behind it. Your quest will be a most barren one. You know that there are times when the mind goes wandering down the byways and lanes, roaming aimlessly, until it hits a usable idea, then 'pop' out comes one, and it becomes the meat and the centre of a grave meditation. This is none of that. My mind isn't wandering, however much the evidence seems to point at it. It possesses no usable idea which came 'pop', and I doubt whether it has, ever. My mind is of the more stable type. It stood still and out of thin air plucked this one idea. And of course it had to be an old one.

I remember reading somewhere that there are a sort of men whose visages do cream and mantle like a standing pond—Oh, that must be Shakespeare, he was always making some clever observations for the cultural development and enlightenment of posterity. I know these chaps like I do the middle of my palm. Look at that fellow who runs the hardware store, two blocks away from this office. Bill Shakespeare said that he maintains a wilful stillness, I've heard tell that our local Yokels indicate in less flowery language, that he is forming fool to catch wise. His remarks are most enigmatic. He never says "yes" if it is at all possible to nod and look as if he is letting on to less than a half of 1 per cent of all that he knows. Clams and the Sphinx are voluble imparters of information when laid alongside him. I remember speaking to him on one of his very voluble days:

"Hey Artie, did you hear about that robbery at Stony Hill last night?"  
 "Hm!"  
 "Remember Old Man Sankie?"  
 "Mm!"  
 "Well, I heard that he was robbed clean out of everything, except his false teeth. He had 'em in!"

"Lots of things a man could tell, but it don't do no good to start talking!"  
 "You mean to say that you

know the insides of the story and you don't mean to tell?"

HE must have felt that he had used up all his vocabulary in the previous comment that he had made, for he merely shrugged and no prompting on my part could make him open up.  
 We had known old man Sankie when he was doing business in town, a likeable old chap who had his heart in the right place. We traded with him, so his blow found an echo in my heart.

## LESSONS IN CHARM

VOICE

William Gladstone, great English statesman and orator in the reign of Queen Victoria, once said that most of the men in every profession never rose above mediocrity because they neglected the speaking voice. I believe that is true.

A fine speaking voice is well worth having. Its power is great. It commands attention and respect; it is always with you; it surpasses physical beauty, for when we are caught in the magic web of a charming voice, physical imperfections are frequently forgotten. Then, too, with the passing of the years faces line, hands wrinkle, and physical strength wanes, but the voice of a beautiful soul does not perish with the flesh. It softens and mellows and is enriched through wisdom gleaned from every experience and the joy of beautiful living. The voice reveals the spirit and mind just as speech reveals one's education.

A good speaking voice will never take the place of character or principle, but it is a symbol of culture, is easy to live with, and anywhere in the world it is a precious possession.

—Agnes McCall Parker. Copyright.

It just happens that Artie's wife was his Jack Spratt counterpart; she was as talkative as he was taciturn—in so much as he was a clam, I knew that he had to talk some time, and I figured that his wife stood a better chance than any of us to be at the hearing end of his talking, so I set my wife on the job.

THE cagy coot, I found a day or two later, hadn't the

faintest idea of what I had been talking about, but was too smart to ask me, since I sought information from him. The net result was his immediate request that his wife get on the job to find out too, for he shared my friendship with the old man.

But the guys I am really scared of are those who smile with you all the time.

You never could meet a nicer fellow than Bill E. He exuded friendliness. Everytime he shook my hand, which he did often—perhaps to keep in practice, I drew a mental picture of an over friendly puppy-dog licking my hands. And his hands were usually cold and clammy.

"You know, old boy, I think that the deal you're trying to put through would be more advantageous if . . . . ."

So I take him on face value and I took advantage of the very advantageous 'if'.

IF I hadn't, then that deal I had been trying to put through would have been an unqualified success.

But how was I to know that under that smiling countenance was a scheming brain? How was I to know that he had immediately started lobbying and underselling me, the moment he had put forth his plan to help me as bait to get more information out of me?

But thank heavens there are fellows like Mike Judd. He was my hired man.

Mike didn't know the first thing about gardening. And now after six months of training with the assistance of illustrated seed catalogues, simple garden tools, leaflets from the Agricultural Society, and cuttings from my neighbours' gardens, you'd be surprised to see the re-conditioned Mike.

He still doesn't know the first thing about gardens. But can he cook!

AFTER I had explained why I wanted some beds weeded, I pulled out some samples and left him on the job. When I returned he had carefully piled up my Zinnias and Marigolds and Gerberas in a nice heap to be buried for mulch, and had carefully loosened the soil around the roots of a dozen varieties of weeds which were visiting in the area.

"Mike, you are the dumbest

clod which ever moved the fertile surface of Mother Earth."

He looked up at me eagerly, and favoured me with a completely toothless grin.

"Yes sir! "Thank you kindly boss!"

"Shut up, you nit wit, you don't know the difference between a hoe and a hole!"

"Quite true master, thank you sir!"

But he'd give his last ounce of strength for the wife or myself.

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# MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

THE debut of our new orchestra was bigger than any of us thought it would be. Heavy showers in the afternoon that threatened to wash it out stopped in time and though the wet lawn dimmed somewhat the pleasure of the evening it did not dampen the spirit of the crowd when the band started playing. It was indeed the best looking band that has ever appeared on the stage and the comeliness of the young ladies in the band enhanced that effect no little bit. They gave it out sweet and they gave it out hot. From the old fashioned waltz to the latest mambo it was all one to them—they played it with equal facility. I look forward to their next appearance with keen anticipation.

WHO we didn't see at the dance perhaps would be easier to recount than who we did see, as the crowd was bigger than any New Year Eve dance. The University boys from Trinidad and BG. added their weight en masse to make the male members at the function predominant. Quite a reverse to what usually happens at parties like that. The next time you have a dance send an SOS to the University and you'll have all the male partners you want.

THE weatherman who predicted the rains last week must have been very red-faced when no rain came at all and not even a post comment in the press. Seems the best way to determine the state of the weather is to know someone who can feel it in their bones.

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DOUBLE TEN passed off quietly this year. The only sign of festivity was a long burst of fire-crackers at a wedding. But the annual meeting of the Society was well attended with vigorous discussions on future plans for the school.

GENERAL consensus of opinion of the last Chinese picture is that it is one of the best of its kind that has ever come out here. It is a very lengthy film taking four hours to screen equalling the classic "Gone With The Wind." It is a real tear jerker and most of the audience left the theatre with handkerchiefs wringing wet. If it is shown again I will certainly try to see it as I understand many who have seen it would like to see it again.

THE softball girls were very disappointed to lose their chance in the Knockout competition. After leading the greater part of the game and to be nosed out in the second-to-last innings is really hard luck.

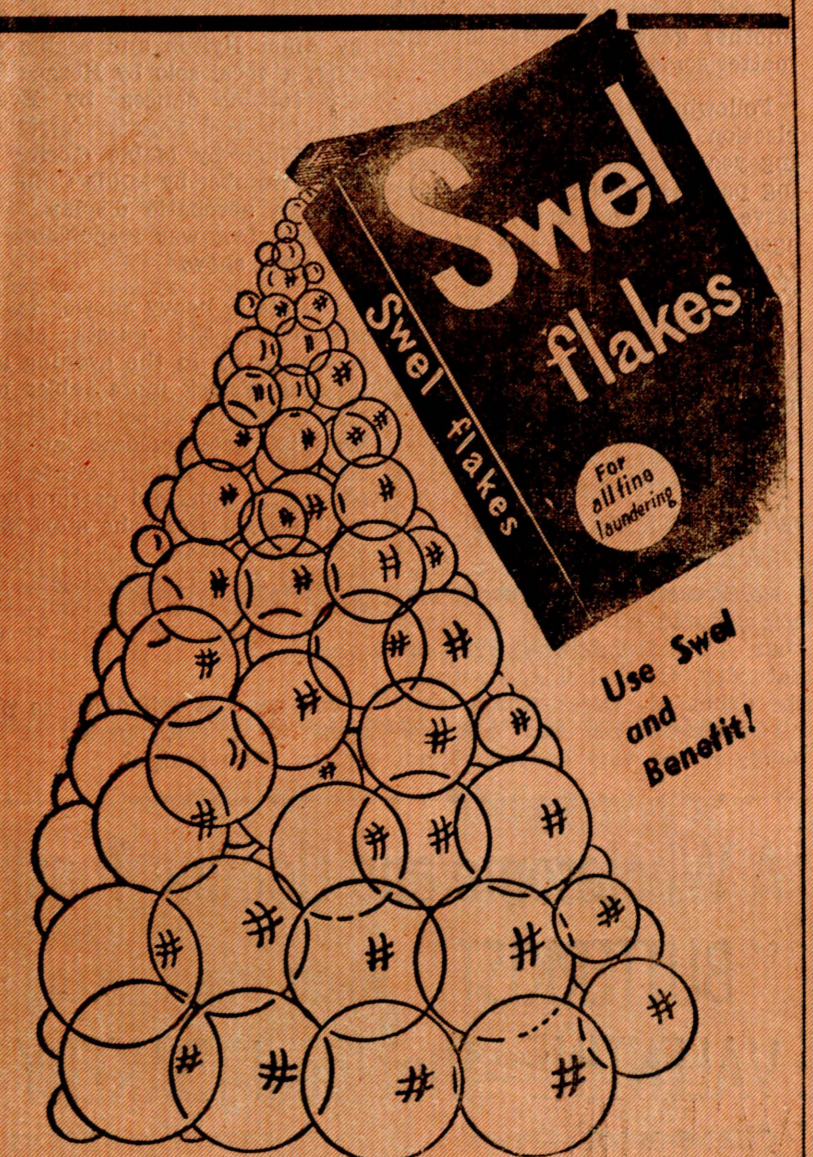
THE Society will have a dinner—a sort of triple function—next week when they will honour a doctor, a dentist and a Justice of the Peace.

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CHINESE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chinese Benevolent Society held their annual General meeting on Wednesday, October 10. A lengthy discussion was held on the curriculum of the Public School. No decision was arrived at and it was decided to hold another general meeting on the matter sometime in the future.

Following the meeting the election of officers for the coming year took place. The following persons have been elected to serve on the committee of management for 1952: Messrs. Walton Lowe Shue Shan, Lennie Chin Yee, Cyril B. Chin, Joseph Lue, Chai Chong, Fred Hugh Sam, James Williams, A. Chin Lenr., A. Tie Ten Quee, H. C. Tai Tenquee, Chin Chun Yee, Oscar Lee and Chang Yuen Sheung.

ORCHESTRA'S DEBUT GREAT SUCCESS

No. 51 Half Way Tree Road accommodated a crowd of more than 700 persons who went on Saturday, October 6, to witness the debut of Derek Chang and his orchestra. It was a very happy crowd who danced round

the clock till the early hours of the morning.

Around midnight a short programme of speeches preceded the floor show. Mr. Joseph Pinchin acted as Master of Ceremonies. Lady Allan congratulated the band leader and his orchestra in the opening speech. Other speakers included Mrs. Gertrude Sherman, Mr. Cecil Lai Fook and Mr. Sidney Chang, J.P.

The floor show following the speeches included a vocal duet by Alma Hylton and Mable Goring, a vocal solo by Horace Saltau, routine dances by Evelyn Andrade and Ronnie Nasralla, a tap dance by Mable Goring, a ballet number by Millie Chin Yee, and an acrobatic display. Mr. Vincent Lyr was responsible for the floor show.

Despite a heavy shower in the afternoon, the guests started coming early in the evening and by nine o'clock more tables and chairs had to be set out on the lawn to accommodate late arrivals. The music started at about 9.30 p.m. and patrons were well pleased from the start with what they heard. Later in the evening Mr. Trevor Bitters assisted with the bass and Mr. Horace Saltau with the maracas.

The band is scheduled to play again for a short period at the Colony Club tonight.

HO LUNG-CHIN LOY NUPTIAL MASS

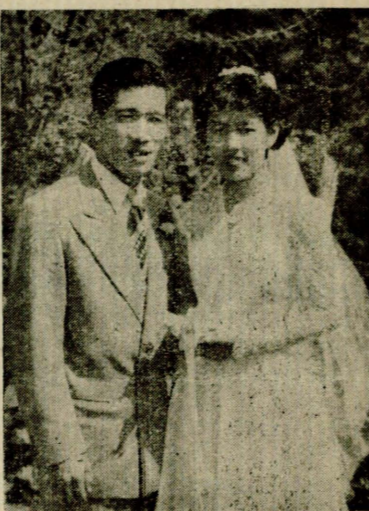
At a very impressive Nuptial Mass ceremony at the Holy Cross Church on Wednesday, October 10. Miss Mona Chin Loy became the bride of Mr. Thomas Ho Lung. Mona is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chin Loy of Constant Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She made a charming picture in her ankle length gown of a gossamer laced bodice showering at the hips over nylon marquisette. From her Juliet Cap, also of lace and flowers, fell thickly gathered tulle. She carried a prayer book with orchids

Her sister, Olwyn, as her only attendant, wore to perfection a gown of lime green nylon marquisette. The bodice which was beautifully shirred with rows of sequins and stones topped a very wide skirt.

Arthur Kong served as bestman. The Rev. Fr. P. J. Brannon, S.J., assisted by the Revs. Frs. Fox, D Tobin, Jackmaugh and Draper officiated at the wedding service.

After the ceremony the guests attended a wedding breakfast at the Holung's residence at Eastbourne Road, Springfield-on-Sea. Among the speakers at the re-



Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS HO LUNG —Photo by Sang Sang

ception were Messrs. Happy Delgado, Capltor Ho Yen, Horace Chang, Dr M. Weiszm and H. Tai Tenquee. Mr. Chas. T. Chang acted as toastmaster.

The young couple spent their honeymoon at Pine Grove.

LAI-YEE BRIDAL

The Kingston Parish Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Sunday, October 14 when Jean Yee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yee Tack Sheung of Chapelton became the bride of Mr. Ernest Ho Lai of St. Andrew. The Rev. Fr. H. C. Bate-man performed the ceremony.

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PANORAMA

TOURIST TRADE DRIVE

It has been pointed out by some of those who comprised the 'Tourist Trade Missions' to the United States of America and who have now returned to the Island, how great a need exists for the missions to be followed by an intensive drive of advertising and publicity if the Island is to benefit by its tourist trade this winter. This opinion was voiced by Mr. Abe Issa of the Tower Isle Hotel, since he had found that in spite of all efforts to put the real state of affairs right in the minds of the American public, the belief still existed that Jamaica had been completely wiped out in the hurricane disaster.

The 'Tell the Truth' teams have done all their power through the aid of the press, radio and television to correct this wrong impression, but there seems to be the need for a great deal more to be done in this direction. Travel agents, airline officials and representatives of all publicity services were got in touch with in all the big cities where the teams visited, but the drive must be continued and Jamaica's tourist trade brought back into full strength without delay.

UNITED STATES NAVAL VESSELS

Five warships of the U.S.N. visited Jamaica early last week, the first of these to arrive being the flagship U.S.S. Monrovia, under the command of Rear Admiral Thomas Brittain, U.S.N. Commander Amphibious Group 2. On training exercises, this vessel called into port on a goodwill visit, and to give her complement shore leave. Official calls were exchanged as is customary.

On the following day four more ships arrived, the Randall, Glynn, Shawell and Lindenwald, and many others are expected to follow in the wake of these first ones, in all, numbering fourteen, one of the number being a submarine. Some of the vessels will also call at Montego Bay and Port Antonio.

UNESCO CONSULTANT

Coming to Jamaica at the invitation of the Government was Miss Ella Griffin, a Consultant in the service of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, who was loaned to this Organisation by

the United States Education Department, for the purpose of conducting what is known abroad as a Literacy Campaign, one which has taken Miss Griffin to many countries all over the world — India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Egypt, British West Africa, England and Haiti.

In Jamaica Miss Griffin is working jointly with the Jamaica Social Welfare Commission, the Education Department and the Extra-mural Department of the University, a fact which made her comment favourably on the co-operative spirit exhibited here. A tea party was held in her honour by the Jamaica Union of Teachers, and in a University broadcast on Thursday last Mr. P. M. Sherlock, Vice-principal of the University College interviewed her on many interesting points in connection with her work. Her visit to us should prove very helpful to all those departments already referred to which have been in consultation with her.

FAO EXPERT

Also coming to Jamaica last week for a three-week stay for the purpose of holding consultations is Mr. Ralph Cummings, (B.Sc., Ph.D.,) representative of the Food and Agriculture Organisation. Director of Research at the Experimental Station, North Carolina, Mr. Cummings was invited by the Jamaica Government to confer with the various agricultural organisations here with a view to advising how FAO can assist Jamaica.

Mr. Cummings got right down to work on arrival here, holding conference with Mr. I. W. A. Barrant, Minister for Agriculture, and Mr. James Wright, Director of Agriculture, who were to arrange the itinerary of his talks with the the various agricultural bodies.

UNIVERSITY'S FOURTH YEAR OPENS

The University College of the West Indies opened its fourth academic year on the 7th of this month, with an increase to a

little over two hundred undergraduates in the three faculties of arts, natural sciences and medicine. In spite of the damages incurred to many of the University's buildings and its communication services, it welcomed the many new undergraduates who have come to join the others of earlier years, and several new additions to the Staff as well, and on Saturday evening last a welcome dance was held at the Irvine Hall for the Freshmen, organised by the senior undergraduates.

The Extra-mural Department has started its new classes with an extensive Programme for the Public Service which will be held at each week end, and which should prove exceedingly helpful to the employers and employees alike in all businesses. Also organised by the Extra-mural Department have been autumn and spring sessions in a course of The Study of West Indian History which will be conducted by Professor J. H. Parry, (M.A., Ph.D.,) M.B.E., Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Professor of History which should prove highly interesting and instructive to all

who participate in them. More and more as time goes by, the University is making its presence felt in our midst as an able, guiding and learned body.

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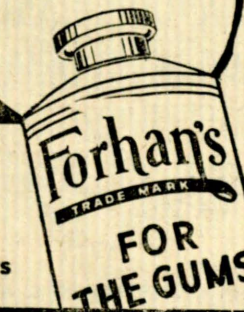
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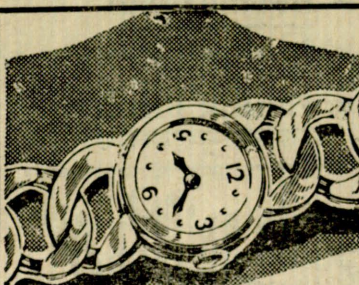
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### Rehousing Schemes

Plans for the rehabilitation of housing for the low-income groups in those areas most severely hit by the recent hurricane have been going apace in the past few weeks and are to be submitted to the British Government shortly by Mr. David Spreull, Town Planning Officer and chairman of the Emergency Housing Committee, under the grant-and-loan assistance of £4,600,000 from the United Kingdom.

Four emergency housing schemes consisting of 500 housing units at a cost of £100,000, are to be undertaken by the Central Housing Authority with the approval of Government and started with all speed. These schemes deal with Lyssons at Morant Bay; Farm near May Pen; Sydenham near Spanish Town and Tower Hill in south-western St. Andrew, which last mentioned has been planned with a view to facilitate the clearance of the last of the squatters from Trench Town. It has been prepared for 350 allotments with reservations for playing fields, a church and commercial sites and other amenities, and the reservation, also, of an industrial area which will fit in with those plans already laid for western metropolitan development. All necessities such as roads and water have been provided for.

In the preparation of schemes which will be put in operation by the new Hurricane Housing Committee being set up, of which Mr. Spreull is to remain chairman and on which Mr. G. A. R. Farquharson, Deputy Director of Public Works will be a full-time executive technician officer, assistance will be given by two experts in Jamaica for a week Mr. Peter C. Pauw, Director of Planning, Puerto Rican Housing Authority in San Juan, and Mr. Emilio Devila, Rural Housing

Planning technician, who have been sent here on a special assignment by Governor Munoz Marin of Puerto Rico following a request to him by the Governor of Jamaica, for such assistance in Jamaica's rehousing schemes. The method of self-aided housing developed in Antigua has been studied by one of these experts and also by Mr. Spreull which should prove of help in working out the present plans for Jamaica, and consideration is being given to the best kinds of materials for the sum available.

Government is to be commended on its schemes for the low-income groups which will rehabilitate the hurricane sufferers, and it is certainly to be hoped that these measures will be carried farther as early as possible in the provision of a housing scheme for the middle-class groups whose housing problems are acute also to the point of suffering in these days of high costs and housing shortage. Their plight may well be relieved by a method of loans from Government run along the lines of those of building societies.

Commendation is due to the Government, too, on the £40,000 rehousing scheme for Port Royal which is to be put in motion without delay, the necessary funds having been made available from the Governor's Hurricane Relief Fund, since it has been felt that Port Royal should be treated as a special case. Port Royal as the entry port to Jamaica's metropolis should not remain a heap of ruins longer than necessary and we would like to see it as a place of greater strength and beauty than ever before, retaining the glory of its historical traditions, for the benefit of all who come and go.

### AN ADVENTURE IN LANGUAGE TEACHING

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should start with the concrete and move towards the abstract, and yet the method is still not applied to teaching".

ALL reality has a concrete and an abstract aspect, and Professor Pagot demonstrates to his pupils how the primitive concrete meaning of words has been modified. For example, the Latin verb *pensare* means to weigh. As one weighs farm produce scales so ideas are weighed in the mind; hence the French *penser* to think and the English word *pensive*.

It is easier to remember words when one realizes how

they reveal, to a certain extent, the character of the people who use them. The peasants of Latium believed that man's greatest benefits came from the earth. To lose contact with the land, with the furrow, was to lose one's reason, to become mad or delirious. The Latin word for furrow is *lira*. Thus *delirare* means to stray from the furrow and hence to "leave the straight and narrow path", lose one's head, to rave, to become delirious. For the peasant to forget his land was the purest madness.

Again the verb *legere* originally meant to collect, to gather. Gradually it acquired other meanings: for instance *legere sermonum*, to listen to a speech, *legere vela*, to reef a sail, *legere granum*, to sort the seed, *legere fila*, to wind thread on a spool, and lastly *legere libros*, to read books; a meaning still retained in the French *lire*, to read.

MANY other examples of this type could be quoted: the word *pecunia*, meaning money or wealth, from which the English *pecuniary* comes direct. *Pecunia* is derived from *pecus*, a flock or herd: in early times a man's riches were his animals.

Professor Pagot traces the relationship between words both in

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### SCIENCE AND YOU

## Confessions Of An Earthquake

by MAURICE GOLDSMITH,  
Unesco Science Editor

The "language" spoken by earthquakes is being studied more intensively than ever before in many parts of the world. As a result of these investigations, man has already derived positive benefits from the earthquake, one of Nature's most dramatically destructive manifestations, much as he has done with fire.

Earthquakes have had a great deal to tell to geologists, oil prospectors and others about the unseen and still mysterious regions lying far beneath the thin crust of earth upon which we live. More and more is known, by those who can read the language of the earthquake, about the nature of this part of the world, after all the greater part of the world, extending down even to the centre of the earth. Bold speculation has already been far advanced as to the possibilities for obtaining incalculable new sources of energy from these unfathomed depths. More immediately, scientists seek to reduce the enormous toll of death and destruction brought about by earth tremors.

One of the most notable indications of this increased interest was the conclusion of a Technical Assistance Agreement in March between Unesco and the Government of Turkey, which provides for the establishment of a four-station Institute of Seismology. Every year, Turkey is the scene of from 300/400 earthquakes, most of them of relatively minor intensity. Among them, however, from 1938 through 1949, were thirteen great earthquakes which cost the lives of 50,000 persons and destroyed more than 100,000 buildings. Even the so-called "minor" tremors destroyed 20,000 homes during this period.

What can be done to reduce such staggering losses? One way is to avoid locating population centres in specific areas where earthquakes are most likely to occur. Another way is to use forms and materials of construction that are earthquake-resistant. Both of these methods are more practical than is commonly understood. Residents of a steel-framed building, or even of a tent, may only be annoyed by a quake which would totally de-

molish a brick structure and destroy all its occupants.

Seismology, or the science of earthquakes, is barely a hundred years old. This term was first introduced in 1858 by the British expert, Robert Mallet, who published the world's first seismic map, and drew up a catalogue of 6,831 earthquakes.

An earthquake is a relatively small, wave-like movement of the earth's crust, reflecting some sudden displacement deep within the earth. It occurs when there is a sudden fracturing, far down in the bedrock, known technically as a "fault". The rock may slip down on one side, or be pushed up on the other. The earthquake travels from its place of origin in all directions as a series of decreasing waves in the solid earth. Greatest damage is done near the point of origin, but rock may continue to slip along a fault for months or years.

Perhaps the most destructive earthquake in recorded history occurred on 1 September 1923, when "the gates of Hell swung open in central Japan". Tokyo and Yokohama were severely damaged, nearly 150,000 people were killed, and damage was done to property to the extent of millions of dollars.

It has been noted that earthquakes originate especially in areas close to and parallel with continental margins. For example, California and Mexico on the west side of North America, the west coast of South America, the islands of Japan and the Philippines, Java and Sumatra, parts of India, Asia Minor and the northern border of the Mediterranean. These are also regions of volcanic activity.

The instrument known as the seismograph tells us where and when the earthquake occurred, and roughly its strength. Some scientists claim that sufficiently accurate and prolonged observations with the seismograph will eventually permit the forecasting of major earthquakes.

"The principle of the instrument which has made a science of seismology possible is simple", writes Dr. J. Harlen Bretz, in his book "Earth Sciences". "Suppose

we hang an iron ball a foot in diameter by a steel wire from a high ceiling. It is a pendulum free to swing in any direction. Projecting down from the under side of the ball is a point just touching the floor. The floor is covered with loose, dry sand an inch deep. Now ensues an earthquake.

"The floor of the room is moved with the vibrations of the earth, the ball is not! Its inertia hold it stationary in space while the horizontal oscillations of the quake move the floor back and forth beneath. The point projecting down in the sand draws lines indicating the direction and amount of movement in the shock. We have constructed a crude seismograph".

The seismograph measure movements of the earth's surface by reference to a steady point affected as little as possible by the earthquake vibrations. The record is made on a seismo gram, a rotating cylinder drum around which there is photographic paper. The clock-driven drum rotates, say, once an hour, and the day's record consists of a long spiral track winding twenty-four times around the drum.

If there is an earthquake "the line drawn reveals the direction and distance to the earthquake source and the magnitude of the quake. A distant quake will be recorded by at least three different kinds of oscillations, occurring in sequence. Thus, there are three kinds of waves or vibrations which arrive at three different times and therefore travel at three different velocities. The first two of these make short oscillations of the pointer, and are known as the P and S waves (Primary and Secondary). The third set of waves to arrive throw the pointer into long swings — L or Long waves — in which the further record of P and S waves is lost.

"Suppose the fault or slip in the rock occurred fifteen miles below the surface. P and S waves spread out in all directions, along fairly direct routes. Those coming to the surface give rise to L waves which proceed to spread out in ever-increasing circles like the water waves around the pebble. P waves are compression rarefaction waves, similar to sound waves. They travel approximately six miles a second. S waves may be compared with light waves in that the direction of vibration is transverse to the direction of travel. Their velocity is about four miles per

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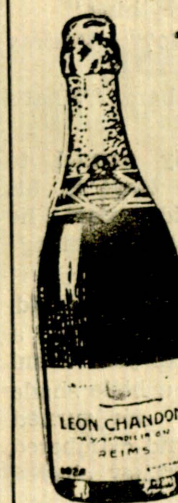
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# BEST OF THREE

By MICHAEL RAYE

THE stillness of the desert placed a heavy hand upon the three men, so that when they spoke they were over-conscious of it and almost whispered. Westray attempted to express the feeling.

"It's like a graveyard," he said.

Clayton's flying-boots sank a little deeper in the sand. His flint-coloured eyes narrowed and he made a wide sweep of his arm, covering a third of the immense saucer of desert.

"It isn't what one expected," Westray thought, "the colours are paler than in paintings and the distances look almost dirty." Then he listened to Clayton.

"Remote," said Clayton. "That's the disadvantage of speed. In the war years here you could locate a lost Valencia bumping along at sixty miles an hour — but with these jet jobs annihilating distance there's near a quarter of the globe to search."

Needham nodded his head towards the fallen Thunder Bird. "No hope there, I suppose?"

"Not an earthly. In addition to the compressor fault which caused us to lose height the filter is choked with sand from the storm we fell into. I expect there's sand in everything."

"What do we do?" Westray asked.

"Yes," said Needham. "What's our best plan?"

They instinctively turned to Clayton. Standing there in his flying kit, legs wide apart, he gave the appearance of challenging the desert.

"I'll think about that," he said. "In the meantime smoke a cigarette. It will take your mind off things. There's a little shade under the wings." He turned his back on them and clambered into the machine. They obeyed and shared a purplish shadow, leaning against the banked sand. "Rotten end to a flight that was going to make history," said Westray.

"There's one consolation," said Needham. "We did our best. It was an attempt. Tomorrow someone will succeed."

"And next year it will be part of the routine," Westray said. "The year after, the pioneers will be forgotten. Very few people remember who first flew the Atlantic."

Needham laughed. "I expect

most of 'em would give the credit to Lindbergh," he said.

NOT long after they had finished their cigarettes, Clayton reappeared. He threw three packages down upon the sand. They stood up as he joined them.

Needham looked at the packages. "So we're not staying," he commented.

"No," said Clayton. "The chances of being found are too slender. Westray, you're navigator. Where do you think we are? Here's the map."

"I'm afraid I can't tell you within less than a couple of hundred miles. There's no knowing how much we drifted in that hellish storm. It lasted for hours — or seemed to. But we're somewhere here." He jabbed a finger at the map. "Nice and barren, isn't it? A few contours — nothing else."

"Our only hope lies in going north," Clayton declared. "It may be possible to fall in with some Arabs. Now—you may not like this idea—but it's wise. We're going to split."

"Split!" cried Westray. "We can't tackle this alone. A few hours of solitude in this wilderness and I should be crazy."

"You won't be alone," said Clayton. "I've the same idea about our position." His finger made a sandy smudge on the map. "I think we might meet some camping Arabs in this region. If we stick together we have one chance. By splitting—we have two. I shall push off alone, heading a little west of north. You two will head east of north."

"I don't like it," said Needham, shaking his head. "We began this together. I feel we should finish it the same way."

"But this doubles our chances of finishing it," said Clayton. "I leave it to you whether you split again later on; but I don't advise it."

"It's not so bad for us," Needham objected, "but you can't tackle it on your own."

"Why not? I've walked back before! Came down in a Hurricane the devil of a way south of Bu Amud in '42, and trugged it to Sollum. The desert and I are old enemies. In fact, I've almost an affection for its ugly, ancient face. Now then, I've left a message inside the cockpit saying

what we are doing, so that if a search does locate the Thunder Bird there'll be little difficulty over following us. I've divided the scanty supplies. Go easy on the water."

He grinned cheerfully. "And don't panic," he added. "Back to the joys of civilisation. And may the best man win."

He shook hands with them and made it appear a mere formality. Then he grabbed one of the packages and started to move off. "Nothing like getting away promptly," he said over his shoulder.

FOR a time they had no inclination to do anything other than watch him. Sometimes he was hidden from sight by the slight curve of the dunes. Then he would be visible again, a dark speck moving at a crawling pace and diminishing in size.

"I'm not surprised," said Needham. "It's so like him. He's the most solitary man I've ever met. He's as difficult to know as — he paused and looked around him—"the desert," he finished.

Westray shuffled his feet.

"Isn't it time we moved?" he suggested.

"I suppose so," said Needham. But he let Westray cover several yards before following him. He seemed reluctant to take his eyes from the crawling speck in the distance.

THE days which followed took on nightmare form. Needham was more conscious of his feet than anything else. Sometimes they were dusty weights sinking into the sand, sometimes a slight hot breeze stirred the face of the desert into a million moving grains, and then his feet were no longer visible as he waded through the stream. He had little

hope of success, especially as Westray soon started to crack up. Westray was splendid so long as he was travelling over a map. But the vastness and the maplessness of the desert was too strange for him. It broke his nerve. He was frightened and he talked wildly.

"Clayton had no right to do this to us!" he cried. "We can't stand up to the desert like he can. He's tough."

"I'm glad he is," said Needham. "All the more chance of him making through."

"He'll make through all right. So would we, if he were with us. I tell you we're lost—hopelessly."

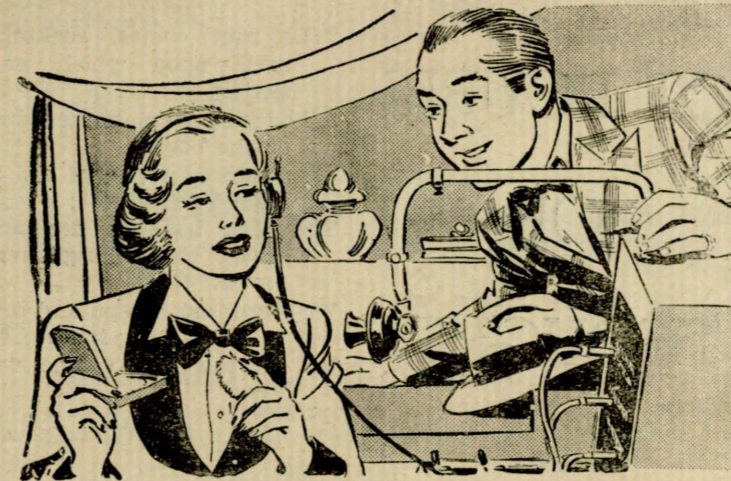
The dryness of their mouths and the swollen state of their lips prevented long arguments. They trudged on, more by instinct than reason, resting during the fiercest heat—making their best progress at night. Needham had the unreal feeling that he had ordered his feet to march and they would go on marching long after he himself was dead. There was nothing to encourage them. The sky was cloudless, there was the inferno-majesty of the sun, the never-ending sand dunes, and the deceitful shimmering of mirage water at inaccessible distances away.

"It's up to Clayton," thought Needham. "We're through. I wonder how far he's travelled by now."

He must have said this last bit aloud for Westray answered him.

"Twice as far as ourselves," he cried. "That's why he went on alone. He didn't want to be burdened with us. We should have slowed him down. Look at our silly, shuffling steps. And remember his long, swinging strides! I tell you, Needham, he wanted to be rid of us—and he eased his conscience by sending us in a reasonably good direction with our shares of the supplies."

# MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Does a "roving eye" imply unfaithfulness?

**Answer:** Not always, at any rate. It may mean only that its possessor is more woman-conscious than the average, and this is not as undesirable a quality in a husband as some wives imagine. After all, it is the man who responds to feminine attractiveness who will notice and appreciate your new hairdo and will be most likely to want to keep your marriage a romance as well as a business partnership. On the whole, the husband who "never looks at another woman"—even when his wife is not around—does not look at his wife, either.



Do "truth drugs" help catch malingerers?

**Answer:** Yes, says Dr. Alfred O. Ludwig in the Bulletin of the U. S. Army Medical Department. Intuition based on long experience helps the doctor to spot many men whose neurotic symptoms are assumed as a means to get out

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# By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

of combat duty but barbiturates unmask such men even more effectively since under the influence of such drugs they can no longer keep up their pretenses. The malingerer is likely also to assume symptoms which are incompatible with one another or "put on an act" which is unmistakably rehearsed. He should be promptly returned to duty.



Is it natural to dodge unpleasant facts?

**Answer:** Yes, in so far as you still cherish, even unconsciously, the childish illusion that you can change things by wishing—or pretending—that they are not what they are. And of course the more a secret sense of guilt makes you feel it would be a disaster for you to "get your just deserts," the more afraid you will be to face what tomorrow may bring. Long ago I read and memorized the wise words: "Things are as they are and the consequences will be what they will be. Why, then, should we wish to be deceived?"

he guessed that there was sufficient to see two of us through. I wonder if he wanted to go out this way. In the desert, like his friends."

He added slowly: "I think that the best man didn't win." Westray's hands dropped helplessly. He lowered his head. Then Needham touched his shoulder. The French lieutenant, standing at attention, was raising his hand in salute.

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He didn't want us! We're too slow. Too slow!"

He broke into a run. He fell within twenty yards and Needham gave him a few drops of the fast falling water. Then he assisted him to his feet, astonished at his own lack of strength.

"If we don't reach somewhere tomorrow," he thought, "we're done." Their meagre water supply would be exhausted by then. He wondered if Clayton had considered speed when he arranged to split the party.

"Clayton's safe by now," croaked Westray.

He kept on in this fashion throughout the night. After a time Needham made no effort to check him. Their progress was so painfully slow and he himself didn't feel certain about anything.

Then came the greenish light of the dawn, and he strained his eyes at the sight of some dark patches ahead. They were patches that did not move, patches that remained still and became slowly larger, assuming at last the shape of queer, squat tents.

It was a timely deliverance, for the water tins, drained, had been cast away six hours before.

WHILE they rested, the Arabs dispatched a fast camel-rider to the east. Within a few hours a balloon-tyred, armoured car arrived in charge of a French lieutenant and two troopers. Fortunately, Needham's French was fluent and there was little delay in starting back for the aircraft.

"Any news of Clayton?" asked Westray.

"He hasn't heard anything. He believes there's an air search in progress, but by his account it's too far north to be any good."

"I expect Clayton's safe," said Westray.

"It's up to us to make sure," said Needham.

THE clear moon helped them and they found the Thunder Bird the following morning. It was Needham's roving eyes which first caught the gleam of sun upon metal. Then, as they came near they saw a dark speck at the side of it.

"Thank God," cried Needham. "He's there!"

"He must have lost himself and returned," whispered Westray.

They raced from the car towards the figure which was stretched against the sand sloping at the side of the machine.

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"Behold the swan  
Riding at her image, anchored  
there  
Complacent, a water-lily upon  
The ornamental water:  
Queen of the mute October air,  
She broods in that unbroken  
Reverie of reed and water.  
Now from the stricken  
Pool she hoists and flurries,  
And passes overhead  
In hoarse, expressive flight:  
Her wings bear hard  
On the vibrant air: unhurried  
The throb and pulse of wings, the  
throat  
Levelled towards the horizon,  
see—  
They are prophecy."

C. Day Lewis:  
"Behold the Swan."

**AMERICA**

"My life closed twice before its  
close;  
It yet remains to see  
If Immortality unveil  
A third event to me,  
So huge, so hopeless to conceive.  
As these that twice befell.  
Parting is all we know of heaven,  
And all we need of hell."

Emily Dickenson:  
"My Life Closed Twice  
Before its Close."

**MEXICO**

"Like a young card damsel, O my  
country,  
On a metal floor, you live for the  
day  
Of miracles, like the lottery  
Your image, the National Palace  
With your same greatness and  
your same childish  
And Tom Thumb stature . . ."

Ramon Lopez Valarde:  
"Gentle Fatherland."

**CHINA**

"The rain comes, soaking the  
mats upon which we are  
sitting,  
A hurrying wind strikes the bow  
of the boat.  
The rose-red rouge of the ladies  
from Yueh is wet;  
The Yen beauties are anxious  
about their kingfisher-eye-  
brows.  
We throw out a rope and draw in  
to the sloping bank.  
We tie the boat to the willow-  
trees . . ."

Tu Fu: "The Excursion."

**PALESTINE**

"Hath the rain a father? or who  
hath begotten the drops of  
dew?  
The waters are hid as with  
a stone, and the face of the  
deep is frozen . . ."

The Book of Job.

**RUSSIA**

"Oh, pause, old world, while  
life still beats in you,  
Oh, weary one, oh, worn, oh,  
wise!  
Halt here, as once did O Edipus  
Before the Sphinx's enigmatic  
eyes.

Yes, Russia is a Sphinx. Exulting,  
grieving,  
And sweating blood, she cannot  
sate  
Her eyes that gaze and gaze and  
gaze  
At you with stone-lipped love for  
you, and hate.  
Go, all of you, to Ural fastnesses.  
We clear the ground for the  
appalling scenes  
Of war between the savage Mongol  
hordes  
And pitiless science with its  
massed machines . . ."

Alexander Blok:  
"The Scythians."

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THOUGHT**

**JAMAICA**

"How the sunshine used to  
glimmer  
On the mountain's breast serene.  
But sometimes they spoke in  
thunder,  
And we trembled at their tone!  
When the mountains spoke in  
thunder  
We were lost in fear and wonder,  
As the clouds were torn asunder,  
And the winds began to moan;  
When the mountains spoke in  
thunder  
How strange were their features  
grown!"

Albinia Catherine Hutton:  
"Up Among the Mountain  
Passes."

**GERMANY**

"A little bird flew through the  
dell,  
And where the failing sunbeams  
fell  
He warbled thus his wondrous  
lay:  
"Adieu! adieu! I go away:  
Far, far,  
Must I voyage ere the twilight  
star!"  
Then, when I saw the drifted  
leaves,  
I said, Already Autumn grieves!.."

Johann Ludwig Tieck:  
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the first class I shall deal with  
men like Hon. Sir William Doorly,  
while Mr. Louis John Bertram is  
typical of the men from abroad.

Hon. Sir Charles William  
Doorly C.B.E., Civil Servant and  
Privy Councillor, was born in  
this Island, January, 1875. Son  
of Mr. J. G. Doorly, and edu-  
cated at Jamaica College, his  
chief avenue of service was in the  
Immigration Department, both  
abroad and in Jamaica; in  
Jamaica from 1892 to 1909;  
abroad in India he was Govern-  
ment Officer, Madras, 1913 to  
1922. Back to Jamaica, on pro-  
motion, he was appointed As-  
sistant Colonial Secretary, which  
position he filled for six years,  
after which he saw service in

St. Lucia as Administrator, and  
Windward Islands as Governor.  
His duties all along were done  
with conscientious devotion,  
which won for him the Knight-  
hood in 1935. He died in Febru-  
ary, 1942.

**PLACES**

Louis John Bertram, C.M.B.,  
Auditor General of Jamaica. He  
died in December, 1940, from a  
heart attack, at 81 years of age.  
Although not born here, his long  
association with the island  
earned for him the respect of  
the inhabitants. The result was  
that he endeared himself to the  
people, who had a very high re-  
gard for his ability and sterling  
qualities. Jamaicans are quick to  
recognise those Englishmen who  
are real and true. Mr. Bertram  
was of this type; so all Jamaica  
adored him. He was tested and  
not found wanting during the  
hurricane of 1903; and as a re-  
sult the C.M.G., was conferred  
on him for services as Officer-in-  
Charge of food-stuffs and other  
supplies. He also rendered valu-  
able service after the great  
earthquake of 1907. He retired  
from the Government Service in  
1920.

Born in Jersey Channel Islands,  
1859, he was educated at Vic-  
toria College, Jersey. After six  
years with the Exchequer and  
Audit Department in London, he  
joined the Colonial Service as  
Assistant in Gold Coast Colony,  
ending up as Auditor in 1888.  
After this he spent six years in  
Lagos and in the Windward  
Islands before coming to Ja-  
maica.

**THINGS**

**WASTEFUL NEGLECT OF LARGE  
PROPERTIES**

About twenty years ago Sir  
Sydney Olivier, in his book,  
"Jamaica: The Blessed Island,"  
made the following statement:—  
"The most unsatisfactory  
feature in the land system of  
Jamaica is the still considerable  
class of decayed properties, the

owners, (or lessees), of which  
make no use of their land ex-  
cept to let grounds to tenants.  
They are worse than unprofitable  
to the island. They are a dis-  
credit to the ownership which  
neglects their proper manage-  
ment, and they are a school of  
bad husbandry, slackness, and  
dishonesty among the people that  
occupy them." To some extent  
this statement is true of condi-  
tions today. The author gave  
example to prove what he had  
stated:— "When Kellits estate  
in Clarendon was taken in hand  
by the Lands Department, the  
rent roll showed 427 tenants  
holding 1025 acres at 24/- an  
acre, that is £1,231 per annum  
gross. Actually there were found  
to be 655 tenants occupying 2,200  
acres, which at 24/- an acre  
would amount to £2,640 per  
annum. The property appeared  
on the Valuation Roll as contain-  
ing 5065 acres, and was valued  
for taxation at £3,200. The price  
paid by the Government was  
£10,500. Obviously the Govern-  
ment was being defrauded of  
taxes, for the property was much  
under-valued; the owners were  
being defrauded of three-fifths  
of their rents, and more than  
one-third of the occupiers were  
evading their obligations of  
either kind with successful im-  
punity.

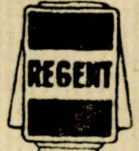
Example two referred to— "A  
similar large property, with good  
soil and rainfall, in the 'Black  
Grounds' of Trelawny . . . a  
scandal, (and an eye sore), for  
many years. It appears on the  
Valuation Roll as containing 4,500  
acres, (rather more than seven  
square miles of land)! Sir Sydney  
Olivier concluded this interesting  
article with the following words:—  
"It is becoming increasingly  
necessary that the island should  
have a properly organised Land  
Department, for the special pur-  
pose of effecting the liquidation

of such misused properties and  
their restitution to profitable  
occupation. The present Lands  
Department has long existed in  
too confused a form, mixed up  
with a technical department for  
surveys. It is now further laden  
with responsibility for increasing  
attention to afforestation; which  
should be under the Department  
of Agriculture. It has func-  
tioned more or less efficiently,  
according to the zeal and capacity  
of its head officer, at different  
periods. For example, Sir John  
Peter Grant (1866) had estab-  
lished the legal machinery for  
forfeiting lands; that machinery,  
practically ceased for a long time,  
and only resumed work when the  
Government contracted to make  
land grants to the promoters of  
the railway extensions, for which  
purpose they had to acquire a  
large area by forfeiture. Now  
again, for some time past, there  
have been few proceedings for  
forfeiture, and there is a sub-  
stantial accumulation of proper-  
ties under notice. The explan-  
ation, no doubt, is that the Sur-  
vey Department has had too much  
work to do, or that money has  
not been provided to cover the  
costs of surveying and forfeiting  
delinquent properties. But that  
is only one division of the work  
that a land department ought to  
be doing, and will have to be  
doing, before long in Jamaica.

"Within a few years' time,  
there may well be an acute de-  
velopment of apparent land-  
scarcity, and the policy of com-  
pulsory controlling the use of  
land and the breaking up of many  
of the larger properties, with  
which only the state can deal,  
may have to be taken in hand;  
as it was many years ago in New  
Zealand. If ever the necessity  
for compulsory land distribution  
policy becomes pressing, the Gov-

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# TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Miss Martin,

My little boy, an only child, is four years old, quite healthy and fit, but for some reason he is extremely slow. He eats slowly, talks slowly. If you tell him to do anything it takes him an age to make up his mind to do it and another age to accomplish it.

Do tell me whether you think he will grow up like this or will he improve as he gets older?

Worried.

Dear Worried,

You are certainly making a mountain out of your mole-hill. But I suppose as he is your only child it is natural for you to worry.

Try to remember it is sometimes hard for quick energetic grown-ups to have patience with the slow movements of a child. We are inclined to say "Hurry!" far too often. It confuses the child, causes it to make hasty, uncertain movements that end in it dropping something, for which it is immediately scolded.

Try to remember that co-ordination between a child's hands and brain is slow. They must be allowed, therefore, to do things at their own pace. If you remember this you will avoid a great deal of fuss and a good many tears.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

Four years ago I met a boy named R and I liked him immediately. I was fourteen then, and believe it or not, Miss Martin, during the following years although I saw him only about four times, (he lives in the country) I have grown to love him very much. He had a girlfriend then, but they broke up and now he has another.

Although I know many boys, I just can't get over my feeling for "R" and I really have tried.

Miss Martin, I love him so much, but I can't go on caring like this for a boy whom, I am sure, has never given me a passing thought. Please tell me what to do.

B. G.

Dear B. G.

It isn't usual for a girl to fall in love like that and if you were just sixteen or so I'd say it was just a schoolgirl fancy.

You will have to get to know this boy better. Can you arrange to spend a holiday in the town where he lives? By getting to

know him one of a few things can happen — but whatever is the result it will be better than the situation as it is now.

1. After knowing him you might find that you really do not care for him as you thought. You have met him only four times and that's hardly enough to know him — his ways, habits and so forth.

2. You might develop a friendship not necessarily based on love but on mutual liking and admiration.

3. Who knows, he might get to care for you the way you do about him, after getting to know you.

But for heaven's sake if you do get near him for any amount of time, don't go around wearing your heart on your sleeves and act as if you were chasing him. Treat him as you would any other boy, and let things take their natural course.

Don't set your heart on this last outcome, because it isn't necessarily the best for you. Whatever happens it will be better than pining after someone you hardly know and spoiling your chances of another romance. The thing is to get it out of your system.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

Is it right for a young lady to smile and nod first to a man when they meet. I always thought she should wait on the man to say "hello".

Teenager.

Dear Teenager:

The lady should always recognize the acquaintance first. It is her privilege to ignore someone she has met only once and whose acquaintance she does not wish to renew.

If it is someone she doesn't know very well she should acknowledge and greet first but if it is a well-known friend the greeting will be spontaneous and there is no rule there about who should greet whom first.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin:

I am engaged to be married shortly. Since my engagement I have had many arguments with my family — my mother and sisters — about the sort of wedding I should have. You see Miss Martin, I don't like too much fuss and bother and I would like

to have a quiet wedding, a morning affair if possible, with just my relatives and close friends.

My mother and sisters are quite averse to this and the usual big affair with three or four bridesmaids and all the other trimmings.

Is it selfish of me to want to have it my way. My fiancé doesn't care which it is — he just wants me to have what will make me happy.

Engaged.

Dear Engaged:

I feel just the way your fiancé does — do just what makes you happy. After all, you are the one who is getting married and not they. If your sisters like a big flashy wedding then when their time comes I'm sure no one will object to their having what they want.

A morning wedding can be very pretty and effective. I have always been in favour of that sort of wedding with just your relatives and close friends. Too often we have weddings where a lot of people are invited whether they know the young couple or not.

Go ahead with plans for the wedding you want and I wish you all the success.

E. M.

Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.—J. R. Lowell.

The only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs or impede their efforts to obtain it.

—John Stuart Mill.

This Age will serve to make a very pretty farce for the next.

—Samuel Butler.

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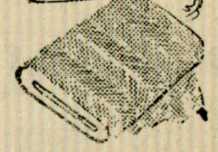
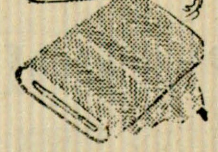
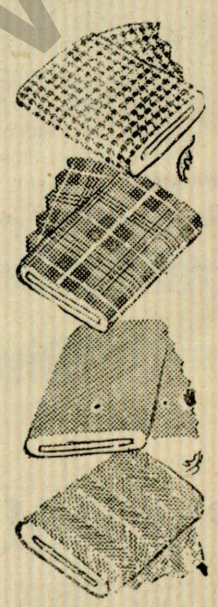
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## IN PARENTHESIS

If they want to cut Britain's meat ration any further they'll have to sharpen the mincer.

Shop assistant to young woman who cannot make up her mind which hat to buy: "Would you like to take it outside miss and try it for whistles."

"You are the sunshine of my life. Your smiles drive my every cloud away. With you at my side, I would defy the storms of life."

"What is this? A proposal or a weather report?"

"What's in a name?"  
"Well, if you take mine, you might get a good home out of it."

Major Gen. D. Dunlop, G.O.C. Singapore District, is telling this story in Singapore. He was to have spoken at a function at which were to be present a number of non-English speaking Chinese children. The children had been previously briefed to wave flags and shout "Hurray!" when he paused.

Unfortunately Gen. Dunlop was ill and Brig. Sparks, deputising for him at the function, began his speech: "I am very sorry to tell you General Dunlop is sick"—(pause) — "Hurray!" and flag waving from the children.

She: How foolish we were when we were young!

He: Yes, and how young we were when we were married!"

"You need a companion. Why not take me for a husband?"

"Thank you, I prefer goldfish. They only have to be fed once in three days."

The soprano, seeking an engagement, was finding the booking agent a trifle dubious.

"How many years in grand opera did you say" he queried.  
"Forty."

"My goodness! You must have sung 'Butterfly' when it was a mere caterpillar."

Lawyers disapprove of lie detectors and truth drugs. As intelligent men they like to leave something to the imagination.

"Anything I can do for you, sir?"

"Yes, steward. Bring me a

continent, if you have one, or an island — anything, steward, so lu-lu-long as it's solid. If you can't sus-sink the ship."

Perry Como likes to tell about the fellow who went into a drug store and asked for a bottle of iodine.

The clerk answered, "Sorry, but this is a drug store. Can't I interest you in an alarm clock, some nice leather goods, a few radio parts, or a toasted cheese sandwich?"

A little girl, aged seven, was asked to explain the difference between pride and vanity. After a little thought she answered, "Pride means 'I don't think much of you,' and vanity means, 'What do you think of me?'"

A Philippines marriage law imposes a cooling-off period between bans and ceremony. They still have a lot to learn about the laws of gravity.

"She's small; isn't she?"

"Precious articles come in a small package, you know."

"Yes, and so does poison."

"Say, do you think you're the best-looking man on the campus?"

"No, I don't; but what's my opinion compared to the opinion of hundreds of women?"

"In case of an atomic bomb explosion in the neighbourhood, the first thing to do, if you are alive, is to determine whether you or your clothing are radioactive." And what do you do if you are not alive?

It's getting that way it's an offence to be an innocent bystander.

Mrs. Newlywed had gone on a visit to her mother for a few days. One morning her husband received the following telegram from her: "Come as soon as you can. Am dying—Kate."

Some hours later, the distracted husband reached his mother-in-law's house, and the first person to greet him on his arrival was his wife, looking in the best of health.

"W-w-w-what did you mean by sending me such a message," he spluttered.

"Oh," his wife answered brightly, "I only wanted to say that I was dying to see you, but the twelve words ran out, and I had to stop."

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# SPORTS PARADE

By GEORGE BECKFORD

The members of the Chinese Athletic Club have decided to remain at their Deanery Road headquarters for a few more summers. This decision was arrived at an Emergency Meeting held at the old club house last Sunday. The committee chaired by Mr. Horace Chang, in the absence of president Hubert Tie Ten Quee, were caught in two deciding opinions — to stay at Deanery Road or start clearing ground at Mr. Alex Tie-Ten Quee's gift-acres between the Molynees and Derrymore Roads in St. Andrew.

As is known, the St. Andrew ground would be the property of C.A.C. members and their heirs while Deanery Road is on lease, but some members philosophized that it was better to repair the leased pavilion and grounds rather than allow others to drift into other clubs or renounce sports.

Money is another absent relation, Secretary Gladstone Chang explained, and the new club would require something in the neighbourhood of £10,000. He thinks that the fund-raising committee could set to work in

the meanwhile and promote Garden Parties, Fairs and Dances. His present plans are for a Moonlight Party and Dance to be staged on the turfy field at Deanery Road.

## FOOTBALL

The Junior League football team, much weaker than in former years, but stronger in spirit and purpose, pulled up their socks after weeks of training and played Y.M.C.A. at Doncaster this week.

Young Lyn centre half captain of Calabar High School would be a good acquisition to the Junior side. He played a stout game in the opening Manning Cup match against St. George's College at Sabina Park. The match was drawn 2-2 after the Calabarians had been leading a minute before the final whistle. Lyn should be one of the outstanding collegian footballers this season.

In fact, he has been a hard toiler for three seasons and in his first year he could hardly be discerned on the field. Lyn has the making of becoming a first class player, because he has grit and pluck, ball sense and con-

trol. His teaming with Gardner, his centre-forward, has been a pattern worth emulating by even his Senior contemporaries.

Another thing conspicuously admirable about Lyn is his unselfishness. His team comes first and I can remember when he discovered that his side needed more defence than attack, he left the front line to help the halves and even the fullbacks. This season he realised that Calabar had been moulded into an understanding combination so he fell back to centre-half where he could offset his opponents and feed his forwards. Good luck to him.

Six teams are now contesting the Manning Cup: Kingston College Cup holders who trounced Wolmer's 4-1, Wolmer's who also lost 1-0 to Jamaica College, St. George's who drew 2-2 with Calabar and Excelsior who have been admitted since their recent rise to Government Endowment.

## ET CETERA

Chung San are still leaders of the Senior Basket Ball League games and this week Community Store's game against Y.M.C.A. was postponed. Important cricket fixture for this week end is Community Store meeting Dacca at Nelson Oval, in a K.O. semi-final. Dacca's won their first match against Jamaica Times.

## Persons, Places, Things

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ernment will no doubt encounter deep-rooted and obstinate resistance to its development, and will experience trouble.

Such resistance at the present time merely takes the form of owners holding out for exorbitant prices, far in excess of their valuation upon the Roll, or of the established value of the incomes obtained from them. Some principle will have to be settled for an equitable assessment of the prices to be paid by Government on compulsory purchase. All properties above the smallest are now under-valued upon the Roll. That does not matter much so long as they are only valued for purposes of taxation, and the valuations are on the whole proportional to one another. It might be better to value more accurately and reduce the rate of the Property Tax; and it would appear fairer towards the smaller properties.

Were we as eloquent as angels yet we should please some men, some women, and some children much more by listening, than by talking.—C. C. Colton

A good memory is one of the secrets of successful business, but to be able to forget is the secret of happiness.—Anon

# SAMOA: Beautiful and Enchanting But Still Attracts Few Tourists

By Stanley Lum,  
From The New Citizen, Vancouver, B.C.

The Samoans are noted for their hospitality. Should a native see you wandering through his village he will invite you into his home for a meal. Their homes, too, are surprisingly clean.

One time we were invited to a native dinner and this was the bill of fare: fried bananas, coconut milk, pineapple, tropical fruits and fish. Such delicacies as cheese, crackers, corned beef and spaghetti were added for us. In addition there were other foods which at first glance looked none too inviting but having tasted them once, we found ourselves asking for more.

Dinner was served on a huge straw mat on the floor where we all sat crosslegged around it. As they have no knives or forks or other eating utensils they brought us basins of water with which to wash our hands before inviting us to dig in.

Another Samoan custom is that the person who prepares the meal does not dine with his guests but waits until they have finished before he eats his dinner.

To thank my hosts I invited them to come aboard the ship for some entertainment. A motion picture show was arranged for them. The natives are extremely fond of western pictures.

During our sojourn at Samoa arrangements were made to take the crew of the HMCS, Ontario for a sight-seeing tour on the island where we visited the world's largest coconut plantation at Mulifanu, watched ceremonial dancing and were asked to attend a dance at the Samoan nurses' residence.

I enjoyed the dance most of all despite the fact that I had chosen a partner who couldn't do the modern steps at all. I in turn refused to learn their dance because my tender soles could not take the pounding on hot pavement which it demanded. The alternative was a walk in the jungle by moonlight with my partner, which was a most agreeable compromise.

In 1914 the New Zealand government which holds mandatory power over the greater part of the Samoan islands, imported some 2,100 Chinese as cheap and efficient labour to work on the

islands' sugar plantations. Before long however, the islanders became alarmed by the rise of a new situation which they worried might lead to "unfortunate social consequences" (a loose term referring to inter-marriage between native women and Chinese men) and the latter's phenomenal rise to dominance by becoming plantation owners and small merchants.

To combat this the government passed a law ordering the repatriation of all Chinese immigrants. This resulted in the record decline of the islands' Chinese population. At the outbreak of the second world war there were no more than 300 Chinese left in this land of beautiful sunset and swaying palm trees.

The lone Chinese on the island of Tutuila is Mr. Ho Ching with whom I have had the pleasure of becoming acquainted during my visit to Pago Pago (American Samoa). He was among the early immigrants landed in 1902 to work on a sugar plantation and has lived there ever since. Manager of a large groceteria and owner of five bus lines operating throughout the island, Mr. Ching is now 74 years old.

Because he has proven himself an exemplary citizen he was permitted to stay when the others were repatriated. He and his Samoan wife live at Coconut Point, about five miles from Pago Pago. Their four sons and one daughter, all married now, are living elsewhere. A son and the daughter live in New Zealand.

There are other Chinese on the Samoan chain but Mr. Ching told me he gets very little chance of either seeing or hearing from them.

When I first met Mr. Ching I tried out my rusty Cantonese for a few sentences with him. He responded with the same difficulty and before either of us realized it we had both surrendered to the less laborious workaday English. Mr. Ching admits he is much more fluent when speaking the native Samoan than he is at either Chinese or English.

Mr. Ching's greatest pride is

his 1950 De Soto sedan, the only one of its kind on the island.

All told there are 10 permanent foreign residents (German, Japanese, Swedish and Chinese) living on the island.

## CONFESSION OF AN EARTHQUAKE

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second. L waves are more like water waves, in which the vibrating particles travel in orbits. They spread out on the surface at about two miles per second".

From these "waves" (or "rays" as some seismologists prefer to call them) we have learned, for example, that the earth body must be made up of different shells, increasing in density towards the centre; that there are deep-focus earthquakes originating 400 miles beneath the surface; and that earthquakes are striking evidence that the earth has not yet settled down and that activity of this kind is as intense today as it has ever been in the past.

Seismographs also record non-earthquake disturbances, known as microseisms. They are tiny waves resulting from small tremors, ranging from a fraction of a second to ten seconds. These waves are a mystery. The general view is that they probably come from many sources. They seem, for example, to be connected with oceanic disturbances. The claim was made about two years ago that study of these microseisms gave the possibility of locating accurately the position of a typhoon.

UNESCO.

## AN ADVENTURE IN LANGUAGE TEACHING

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the sound and in the meaning. He shows how "p" in Greek and Latin words, while retained in French, Italian and Spanish generally changes to "f" or "v" in English and German. Thus *pater*, in Greek, and *pater*, in Latin, become *father* in English, and *Vater* in German. In this connection, he points out that, despite appearances, the French *feu* and German *Feuer*, both meaning fire, do not come from the same root. The German word originated in the Greek *pw* (fire) which gives the French *pyrogravure*; the French word is derived from the Latin *focus*, a hearth and hence fire.

When one compares their meaning, the Latin *hostis*, public enemy, and the words *guest*,

in English and *Gast*, in German do not appear to be related. Actually, they have the same root in the ancient European word *ghost*, meaning stranger. The Latin has retained this idea of stranger, or enemy, while in the English and German it has become *guest*, one who is invited. The words have, however, an obvious relationship in sound.

These explanations are valid whether the languages are taught separately or at the same time. They make the learning of grammar easier for both children and adults, and, by arousing the interest of the pupil, they lead quicker to understanding and to conversation.

It is Professor Pagot's ambition to show that there is no gap between the old classical languages and the modern. The past has formed the present; and the present can only be understood through the past. They must be seen as two parts of a whole. (UNESCO).

## PERSONALIA

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The bride was given in marriage by her father. Bridesmaids were the Misses Neneita Lyn and Truemin Lal. Bestman was Mr. Phillip Lew. After the ceremony a reception was held at 6, Outlook Avenue, Bournemouth Gardens.

## ERNEST HO TAI RETURNS FROM HONGKONG

Mr. Ernest Ho Tai and his two sons, Raphael and Ramson, arrived in the island from Hongkong on Thursday, October 11. Others who arrived at the same time were Mr. William Chen See of Springfield and George and Dorothy Lyn. They travelled by the President Wilson from Hongkong to San Francisco and coming by air the rest of the way to Kingston.

Mr. Ho Tai left here with his sons about four years ago. Raphael, a former student of Kingston College, attended Lingnan College in Canton and finished his Junior year there. He was majoring in economics. Mr. Ho Tai had a business in Hongkong which he sold before returning to Jamaica. Comparing the cost of living with Jamaica, he says that it is much higher in Hongkong. Beef is sold there at the equivalent of 10/6 a pound and everything else is comparatively higher.

## APPOINTED JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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Peace for the Parish of St. Andrew. Mr. Chai is very active in the community and has served for several years on the executive committee of the Chinese Benevolent Society.

**BIRTHS**

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Chin announced the birth of a son on Saturday, October 6.

**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED**

Mr. and Mrs. A. Fung of John's Lane announced the engagement of their daughter, Edna, to Mr. Shaw G. Ghin of New York. Mr. Ghin arrived here two weeks ago and is a guest at the Melrose Hotel. The marriage will take place at an early date.

**BACK FROM THE STATES**

Among those who arrived back recently from Canada and the States were Mrs. Mae Lee, Miss Edna Chin, and Cecil Chuck.

Mrs. Lee left here about three months ago for New York where she spent time with relatives and friends.

Edna also returned from a three month holiday in New York.

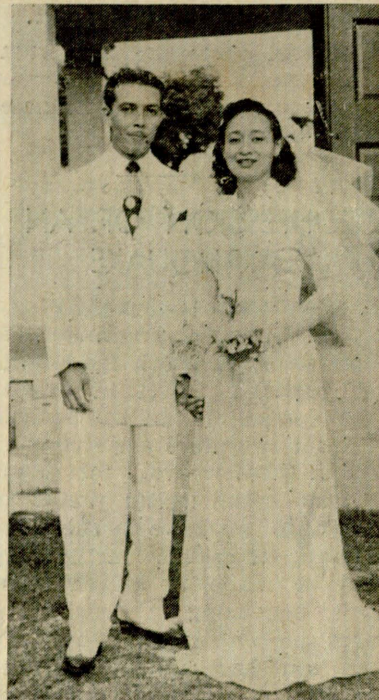
Cecil was away six weeks while attending the National Life Assurance Co. convention in Toronto. He also visited New York on his return trip.

**SOFTBALL TEAM LOSES**

The Primrose Softball team lost their chance at the Knockout Competition Shield when Invaders defeated them by 7-3 in the second round of the Women's competition. The Primrose team was leading in the first three innings by 2 runs to one. In the fourth innings their opponents made two runs leading them by one run. Both teams scored one apiece in the fifth innings but in the sixth Invaders romped home three times and prevented any scoring by Primrose in the final innings.

**CHINESE ATHLETIC CLUB TO BE REBUILT AT DEANERY ROAD**

The Chinese Athletic Club held an emergency general meeting on Sunday, October 14. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that for the present the Club-house should be rebuilt at Deanery Road. The construction of a larger and more substantial building at Derrymore Road was put off for some other time in the future. In the absence of Mr. Hubert Tai, Mr. Horace Chang presided over the meeting.



Mr. and Mrs. EASTON CHONG  
—Photo by James Chong

**ANITA LYM BRIDE OF EASTON CHUNG**

White slipper satin and lace fashioned to create a bridal gown of beauty was worn by Anita Lym, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lym of Darliston, when she became the bride of Easton Chung, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Chung on Sunday, October 7 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. To complement her gown she wore a four tiered finger tip veil falling from a beaded Juliet cap and carried a bouquet of orchids.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Roy Young. Father Oakes officiated, assisted by the Rev. Frs. Fox, McMullen and Donohue.

The bridesmaid was Pat Lym, sister of the bride. She wore a dress of peach net over lavender taffeta and carried a bouquet of gladioli and orchid spray. Her headdress was a coronet of spotted lavender tulle. Bestman was Anthony Chung, brother of the bridegroom.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Headley Hosang at Springfield-on-Sea.

**THE SCOUTS CORNER**

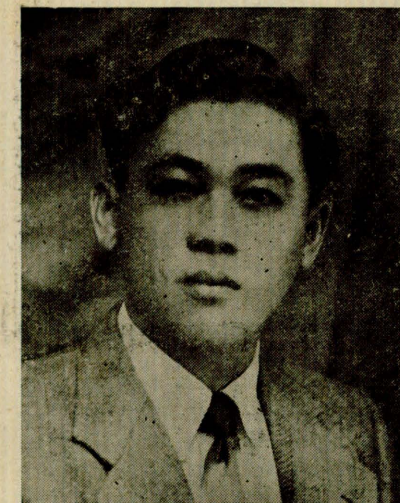
We were very glad to welcome Len Chang home and back to the troop once more. Len was one of Jamaica's representatives at the World Scout Jamboree held in Austria last August. He also attended an eight-day Scoutmaster's course at Gillwell, England, where he met many scout

leaders from all over the world. He said the friendship, the aim of the Jamboree, was most evident among the scouts and scouters both in Austria and in England.

Len has returned with many new experiences and ideas which he intends to put into use for the benefit of the Troop for better Scouting.

Parents of boys in the Troop are kindly asked to encourage their sons to save in preparation for the coming Caribbean Jamboree which will be held in March next.

— E. C. Ho,  
Troop Scribe.

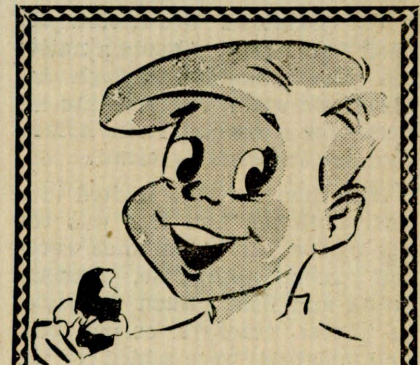


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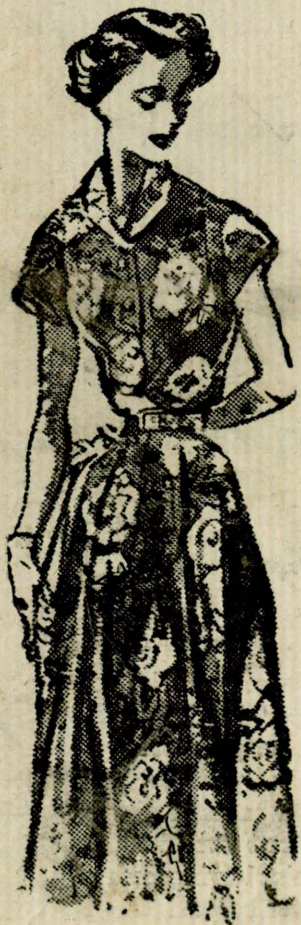


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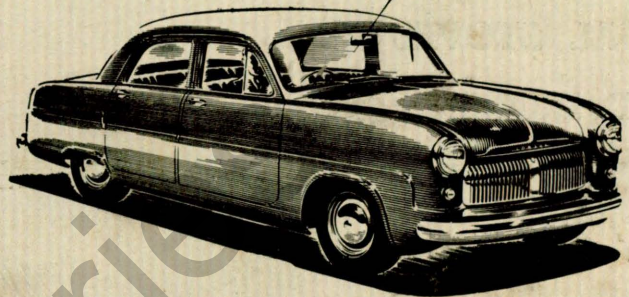


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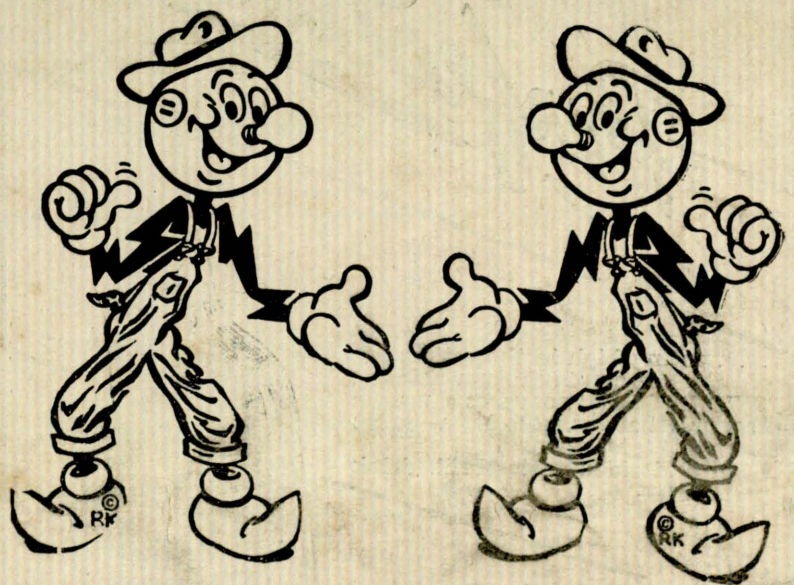
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