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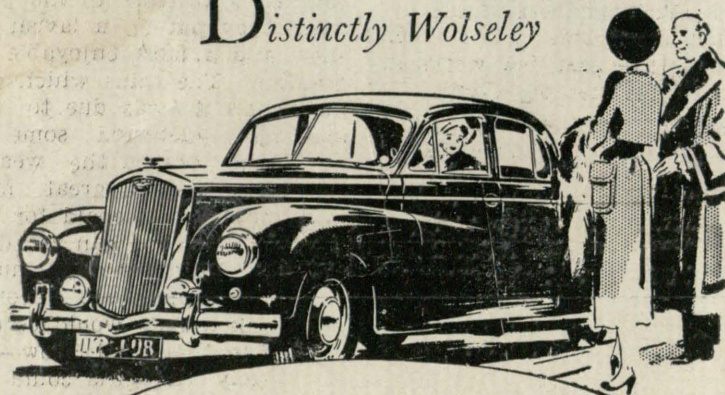
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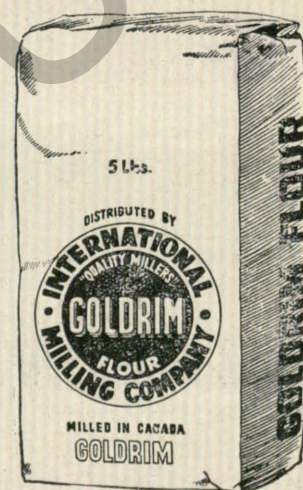
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ESSE LEE SANG BRIDE OF WILLIAM WONG

Gowned in traditional white satin, Esse Lee Sang walked up the aisle of the Holy Trinity Cathedral on North Street, on Sunday, July 13, to exchange wedding vows with William Wong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Constantine

bridesmaids were the Misses Sylvia Shim and Gloria Wong. Best-man was Mr. Wong Mook and ushers Messrs. Egerton Chin Loy and Aston Shim.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Cathay Club



MRS. WILLIAM WONG
—Photo by Sang Sang.

Wong Choy. The Rev. Fr. Fox officiated at the wedding assisted by Fr. Watson. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Lee Yit Sang.

Chief bridesmaid was Miss Evelyn Tai and the two other

where more than 400 guests attended. Mr. Lauriston Lyn performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies.

The young couple spent their honeymoon at Pine Grove.

CAMERA CLUB PICTURE TAKING TRIP

A group of camera enthusiasts led by Mr. James Chong are planning a trip to St. Ann's Bay and Tower Isle tomorrow for a picture-taking expedition. A few young ladies will go with them to act as models. Camera enthusiasts are invited to join the group which will aim at the individual improvement of each member.

PARTY FOR HAZEL AND MAYLING WONG

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chin Yee gave a very delightful party on Wednesday, July 16 for the Misses Hazel and Mayling Wong, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Wong of Trinidad, who were leaving the next day for England. The guests spent a happy evening dancing to the music of Ignatius Chong Yen the Cathayan orchestra.

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CARNIVAL AT C.P.S.

August 3 will be a festive day at the C.P.S. when a Carnival to raise funds for the reopening of the School in September will be staged. The members of the organizing committee have been very busy the past few weeks in preparing for the big event.

The Fair grounds will have stalls for games-of-chance, Fancy Goods, Novelties, Penny Sale and Refreshments. Added to these there are other featured attractions like the Ferris Wheel and Miniature Train rides. Feminine interest in the Fair will be high in the Beauty Contest that will be carried out. The Judges will mix with the spectators and choose from among them their candidates for the evening.

A Concert programme will feature a ballet dance staged by Miss Millie Chin Yee and her group of ballerinas and trained by Madame Soohih of the Soohih School of Dancing. The stage attractions will also feature a Fashion Show organised by Miss Alma Hyton. The Fashion Parade will include bathing suit, beach and sportswear and evening dresses. The dresses are displayed by the leading stores in Kingston. Mrs. Mercedes Kirkwood-Williams, prominent radio artist, will render a few songs.

The function will also mark the formal opening of the Albert Chang Memorial Hall. After the concert a dance will be held on the Upper Floor of the building, with music supplied by Ignatius Chong Yen and the Cathayans.

BINGO PARTY FOR OPTIMISTS

The Optimist Club held an impromptu Bingo party on Friday, July 18 and members spent a very pleasant evening playing the game, many of them for the first time.

The cricket team of the Club won their return engagement against the Chinese Scouts Troop last Sunday, July 20.

The next meeting of the Club is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30th. Members are asked to bring as many new members as possible.

GUILD DANCE RARE TREAT

The Committee which promoted the big Dance on the 12th fulfilled a promise to the public when they put on a lavish floor show and a most enjoyable programme. The rains which came just when it was due to start may have deterred some but those who braved the weather, and there were a great many, were more than repaid for their effort. . . . If you can recall any show in which every number without exception was encored—then such a show would be comparable to the Guild Show—unfortunately, the girls could not accede to the public's demand for an encore in the last number, being a really strenuous dance and having done an encore for the previous routine. A repeat performance has been requested and two numbers are being done at the Concert at the Chinese Public School on August 3. The Star of the Show was, of course, our own little ballerina Millie (Cover Girl) Chin Yee—but the girls were all so good and so beautiful that many a manly heart must have fluttered at an even more rapid pace than their dancing feet—The music of the Cathayans put everyone in a dancing mood—and not until after 4 a.m. when the Band played "God Save The Queen" did the customers leave, obviously very reluctantly.

The Ballet Routine is still the talk of the town and the credit must go to Madame Soohih of the Soohih School of Dancing, for arranging the dances so expertly and for teaching the girls some of whom were absolute newcomers to Ballet.

"AGAMNENNON" BRINGS PASSENGERS FROM HONGKONG

The Blue Funnel Liner M/V "Agamemnon" arrived here recently from Hongkong with 22 passengers, most of whom were children. Among them were Mrs. Wong Wai Chun and two children, Miss Marjorie Elaine Hoo, Misses Eugenie, Carmen and Inez

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GUILD ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday the 23rd members and their friends met at Cathay and indulged in Bingo, Dancing and a variety of games. So amusing were these games that the sound of laughter was heard a block away and two other parties who may have been attracted to Cathay because of the laughter, became positively infected with it. The games evenings are becoming more and more enjoyable and are attracting bigger attendance. The Badminton Court is being well used and several parties have been seen on it at different times. Last Tuesday quite a few long absent faces were noticed and it is hoped others will also turn out soon.

Father Price with his family left for Munro on Thursday the 24th for a well-earned vacation.

He will return on the 9th August.

Sunday August 3, will be the Chinese Corporate Communion and all members of the Guild are specially asked to attend.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Mrs. Hubert Chen returned to the Island on Saturday, July 12 after a three-week holiday in the States, mainly Milwaukee, visiting her eldest son, Keith, and his family.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chen also returned from a three-week honeymoon trip to the States, on July 12th.

Mr. Richard Tie Ten Quee arrived in the Island on Wednesday, July 23 to spend a month's holiday in Jamaica.

Mrs. Eddie Wong Pow and her sister Miss Elsie Lyn Ah Woo left by plane on Sunday, July 13, for a month's holiday in the States.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The marriage of Miss Greta Hosang and Mr. Geddes Tom-Quong will take place on Saturday, August 2 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Greta is the daughter of Mrs. Ruby Ho Sang and Mr. Dudley Ho Sang. Following the wedding a reception will be held at "Cressington."

East Avenue, Swallowfield, home of the bride's mother.

The marriage of Miss Carmen Chin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chin Pin and Mr. Cleveland Chin Lyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Chin Lyn will take place at Christ Church, Vineyard Town on Wednesday July 30. After the wedding a reception will be held at 6 Blake Road.

MONTEGO BAY PICNIC

Sunday, July 19, was a very gay day for the members of the Chinese Community Club in Spanish Town. The occasion was a diesel train trip to Montego Bay and back. The diesel train left Spanish Town at 5.45 a.m. and arrived in Montego Bay at 10.30 a.m.

The party then went to the Cornwall Beach Club and enjoyed themselves on the White Sands beach. The weather was particularly fine throughout the day.

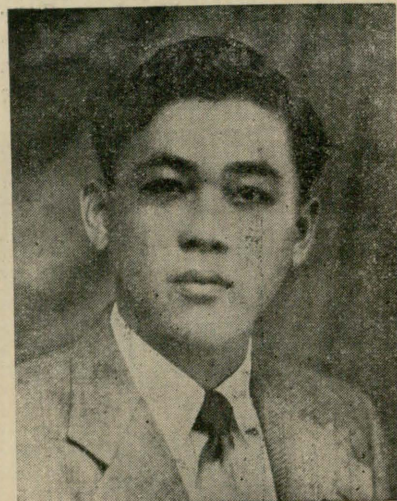
After the beach the party went to the Chinese Social and Athletic Club where they played games and spent the rest of the day there, returning by the diesel train at 6.05 p.m.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Chin Yee announced the birth of a son on Monday, June 30th.

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"Wake! For the sun who scatter'd into flight
The stars before him from the field of night,
Drives night along with them from heav'n and strikes
The sultan's turret with a shaft of light . . ."

Omar Khayyam:
"Rubaiyat."

CHINA

"In her pavilion of porcelain the Empress is sitting
among her women. She is like a bright flower among leaves.
She dreams that her beloved stays too long at council,
and wearily she moves her fan.
A breathing of perfumed air kisses the face of the Emperor . . ."

Tu Fu: "The Emperor."

GERMANY

"I heard a brooklet gushing
From its rocky fountain near,
Down into the valley rushing,
So fresh and wondrous clear . . .
Is this the way I was going?
Whither, O brooklet, say!
Thou hast, with thy soft murmur,
Murmured my senses away . . ."

Wilhelm Muller:
"Whither?"

INDIA

"Yet Love can never fall asleep;
For he is waked to-day
By songs that all their sweetness keep
And lutes that softly play,
By fans that andal-water wet
That bring us drowsy rest,
By strings of pearls that gently fret
Full many a lovely breast . . ."

Kalidasa:
"The Seasons: Summer."

AMERICA

"The iridescent vibrations of mid-summer light
Dancing, dancing, suddenly flickering and quivering
Like little feet or the movement of quick hands clapping,
Or the rustle of furbelows or the clash of polished gems.
The palpitant mosaic of the midday light
Colliding, sliding, leaping and lingering.
Oh, I could lie on my back all day,
And mark the mad ballet of the midsummer sky."

John Gould Fletcher:
"Irradiations."

JAMAICA

"O'er hoary hills through a rifting cloud,
Sunbursts of glory shed sheaves of gold—
Summer sheen spread far over the wold;
Ringing the woodlands with music loud,
Canticles carolled by songsters around;
Tinkling streams,
Capricious as dreams,
Daintily glide where the rushes abound . . ."

H. Gillies Clerk:
"A Summer Idyll."

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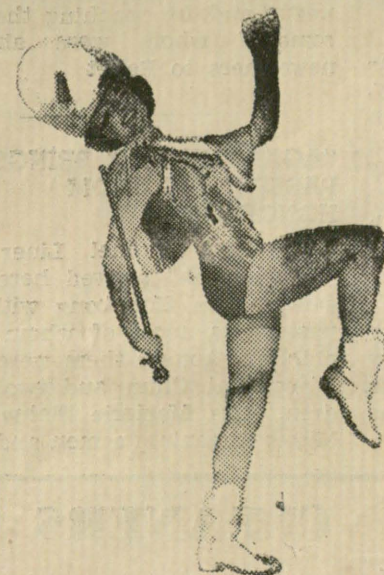
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PANORAMA

VOMITING SICKNESS

As decided upon last year during the annual vomiting sickness epidemic that hits Jamaica, a medical team for investigating the whole matter from every angle has been formed for active work this year. Undertaken by the Department of Physiology at the UCWI, and with the aid of the local Department of Health, the team has settled itself in the area which has hitherto been the most severely afflicted by this strange malady, that of Salt Spring, a district six miles from Montego Bay.

The team is headed by Dr. Cicely Williams, an internationally famous doctor on nutritional diseases, who has recently retired from the post of Consultant to the World Health Organisation in south-east Asia, who has with her Dr. Elizabeth Wills, also of the University, and as an observer and help, Dr. John Waterlow who is engaged in research work at the University. It is certainly to be hoped that with the plans for a most minute and careful observation of the foods in the district and the ways in which they are cooked and partaken of that something helpful in the prevention of this dangerous malady will be found by this accomplished team of medical experts.

MUSIC AND SONG

The outstanding film "Of Men and Music" has been "the talk of the town" in the recent fortnight, and it has certainly been understandable for a most entertaining film it certainly is. The two great artists, Rubenstein and Heifetz who have both graced the stage of the Carib Theatre in earlier years, appeared in the film, and together with the Orchestra and other artists it proved something above the ordinary.

Jamaica's own lyric-tenor, Edgar Stephenson, gave a song recital at St. Luke's Hall recently under the auspices of the Ivory Club, and this, too, proved a most enjoyable experience, and so well did this newcomer to the stage or song in Jamaica do, that one feels he has much farther to go alone the road of his career. The Ivory Club is to be congratulated for bringing into the limelight the talented musicians of Jamaica.

THREE NEW VENTURES

In the course of this month there have been three new ventures of different sorts in Jamaica, one of these having just commenced on Thursday of this week. First of these was the Schools French Drama Festival organised by the Alliance Francaise along the lines of that of the English Drama Festival held annually in Jamaica, with which the British Council associates itself. To participate in plays written in their own language is one thing, but for children to attempt to act in

those in which they have to master both the ability to act and to speak in a foreign language with the expression necessary in such association, is another matter. That the French Drama Festival was so outstanding a success is a credit to its promoters as well as to the youthful actors. It is hoped that now this has at last been instituted the value of it as a means of promoting the acquirement of the French language in practical form will be realised by all the schools and better utilised by them next year and in the future.

The second venture was in connection with Scout Indaba which was held locally at the University College (Welfare Hut) for a brief period during the time between July 15th and 24th when the First World Scouters' Indaba was being held near London. An Indaba is a meeting of the chiefs (the word is South African) of the Scout Movement from various places in the world, and our local Indaba was arranged for Scout leaders to meet and discuss matters of importance to the Movement in Jamaica.

The third venture, still in progress, is that of the first Educational Retreat of its kind to be held here, one which was planned by Mr. G. H. Owen of the Department of Education for Head Teachers and the senior assistants of elementary schools for the western parishes of the Island. It is being held at Knockalva Prac-

tical Training Centre and a panel of 15 lecturers will be participating. The theme of the Retreat is "Individuality is the Ideal of Life", and some of the subjects of lectures to be delivered will be "The Child of the Community," "The Adolescent at School," "The Craftsmanship of Jesus' Teaching" and "School Discipline". This should prove very instructive and refreshing to teachers.

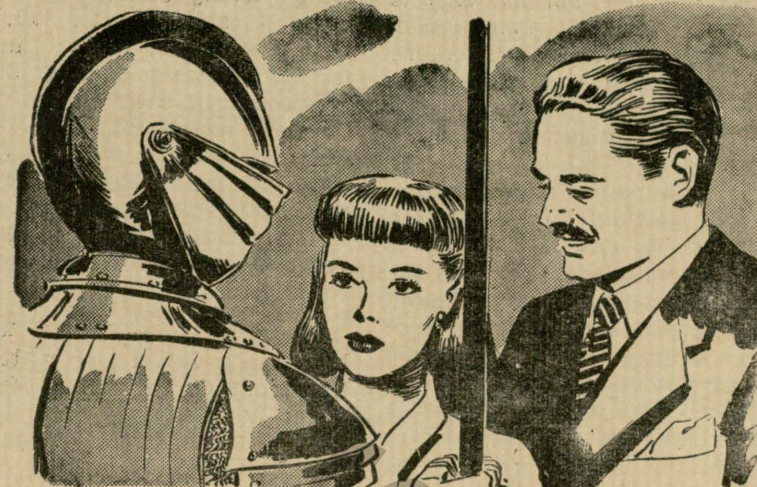
SPANISH TREASURE

Somewhat as a coincidence, there have been three items of news relative to sunken treasure in the West Indies in the last week or two. First of these was the news that the film "Sunken Treasure" which had been partially produced in Jamaica by Kings-

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MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is pride of ancestry a "weakness"?

ANSWER: Yes, if it is used to bolster a false sense of superiority. Whatever superiority in education, breeding or even intelligence you have achieved is due to the kind of parents you were fortunate enough to have rather than the "blood" that flows in your veins or theirs. But there is a pride of ancestry or "race" which can be a powerful incentive to good citizenship. It is the feeling expressed in the ancient motto, "Noblesse Oblige." Confucius based his system of morality on the desire to become a "superior person," and many a Westerner has resisted the temptation to dishonorable actions on the ground that "people like me just don't do such things."

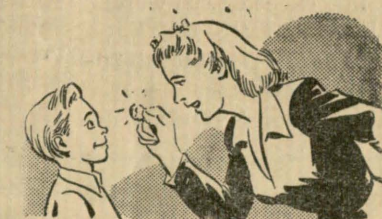


May an actor know too much psychology?

ANSWER: Yes, says Dr. Theodor Reik, noted psychoanalyst in Complex. He offers the interesting criticism of Sir Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet" that "The trouble was that this Hamlet had read Freud's and Jones' explanation of his conflict and personality. . . . More than this, he had accepted and absorbed it—not wisely but too

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

well." Human beings are not aware of their own unconscious feelings, and to "play" them as if they were gives a false impression of them and their problems. Admitting—as the psychoanalysts believe—that Hamlet was unconsciously in love with his mother, he did not know it and would not have shown it as clearly as Olivier did.



Should training in "Do's" and "Don'ts" be the same?

ANSWER: No, writes Franz Hamburger in the Vienna Journal of Practical Psychology. In the first place, while children from one and a half to two years of age learn to obey prohibitions, it is not until from four to six years that the average child obeys positive commands. Dr. Hamburger thinks "punishment involving pain" is most effective in making children realize what they should not do and that this is "accepted without ill will" if the child knows it comes from someone who loves him. But in training for obedience to positive commands, punishment is a hindrance. In this case, parents should make use of rewards in the form of praise and "goodies."

wood Films Ltd., will now be completed by Errol Flynn's Enterprises, a company owned by Errol Flynn and his wife, who have agreed to purchase the film for completion here. This has been due to the enterprising work of two of the Kingswood Films investors, Mrs. Blackman and Mrs. Buchanan. Jamaicans who were so much interested in the production of this film will all be happy at this news.

Then we learn that a native of the British Virgin Islands, Mr. Wilfred Irwin Hatchette, poet, song-writer and traveller, has come to Jamaica to gather some historical data on the lost treasures here, for inclusion in a book he is writing entitled "Spanish Treasures of Jamaica." He has also brought with him a divining instrument which is an advanced scientific development in electronics used for locating buried objects. It will be of interest to natives of Jamaica to learn in due course the results of Mr. Hatchette's researches.

The news that a Spanish galleon laden with treasure worth 50,000,000 francs has been located encased in coral in shallow water near to the coast of Santo Domin-

go sounds as if there is a good deal of truth in the constant rumours of sunken treasure in the West Indies. Finders of this galleon is Sergei Korganoff, a Russian lawyer living in Paris, and his son Alex. They will return to work on their find after the hurricane season is past.

Observer

All people are offensive when they give advice.

—John Galsworthy.

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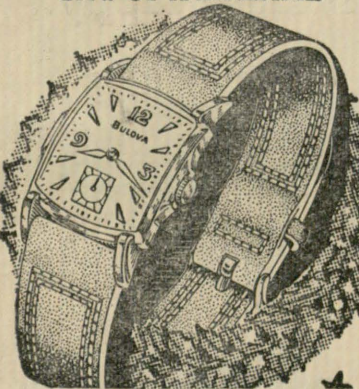
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Improving Village Life

In recent years much consideration has been given to the need for the improvement of village life in various parts of the world, and the conclusions arrived at after a close study of the several aspects surrounding this need have enabled much progress of a practical nature to be attained.

In the last war the exodus from large towns and cities to rural areas as a safety measure, no doubt helped to create in the minds of many how backward such areas were and in more recent times the exodus has been from the villages to larger and brighter scenes where more prosperous livelihoods may be obtained and life be more pleasant. All this has helped to accentuate the real need for making of every village a centre of economic soundness and social attractiveness.

Much has already been done in Jamaica along social welfare lines for village improvement by the institution of cottage industries, the showing of films, the establishment of community centres and so on and the island-wide library service, drama and music festivals, increased attention to education and the like, have all contributed to the betterment of rural living. This community development has been pronounced scientifically sound by Professor Roger Marrier of Canada who visited the Island on a welfare work mission for UNESCO. Although in his travels around the Island he had found that some of our problems had not yet been tackled, those which had were being handled in an efficient manner.

The hurricane disaster of August last brought to light the need which exists in all rural areas for considerable improvement in the whole general set up of village life. One outcome of this has been the conference on Housing which has been in progress the last nine days. Opened by the Hon. Donald Sangster, Minister for Social Welfare, the

conference was led by Messrs Hector Garcia and Donald Hanson Point-4 housing experts of the Caribbean Commission. The purpose of the conference was to enable the representatives of all the organizations concerned with housing, to enter carefully into the matter of a way of building houses which may be usefully introduced into Jamaica. A new technique, it was felt, would help to solve the housing problem in the Island made so much more acute since the hurricane. Some 200 model cottage and 38 community centres have recently been erected for sugar workers on the estates under the housing programme assisted by the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Board, a fact which was under discussion by the meeting.

With improved health measures being enforced throughout the Island; agricultural and farming schemes being promoted and cultural living being instituted everywhere villagers should soon find no need to leave their native areas to seek their fortunes elsewhere. The need for villagers to be given the power to deal with matters which affect them was pointed out recently by the Governor during his visit to Knockalva Training Centre and this would naturally tend to create a civic pride and interest in one's own region which would make for a happier and more prosperous village life.

SCOUTS' CORNER

The last fortnight was another historic one for the Troop, as on Saturday the 19th inst. we won the Annual Scout Swimming Meet, held at Doncaster, and so won the Scout Swimming Cup for the first time! Last year's winner, Calabar H. S. Troop, did not compete in this year's meet. By the brilliant performances of Joe Chen, who was the Over 15 Champ and the Champion of the Meet, Arnold Chin and Everard Hoo, we amassed the total of 38 points; Doncaster Troop was second with 17 points; Loyola, third with 11; K.C., fourth with 4; St. G. C. fifth with 2; and the other Troops failed to score. On behalf of our team and Troop, Everard Hoo, our Team Captain, at the end of the Meet, went up and received the Cup from Mr. D. Jones, Chairman of the Scouters Pow Wow.

On the following Sunday, we lost our return cricket match, which was played at the C.A.C., with the Optimist Club, by 4 runs. Captained by Albert Lyn, we declared our innings at 129 for 7: Lester Chin 52 (his second

50 in series, previously he made 53 retired including a 6 and 8 fours), Henry Chang 21, James Chuck 14 and A. Hoo 12; L. Young 3 for 22, L. Ho Lung 2 for 25. Showing a marked improvement in their cricket, the Optimist scored 133 all out: Joe Chin 37, including 3 sixes; Lloyd Chung 25, Honey Ho Sang 24 and Carl Chin Loy 15; Al. Lyn 5 for 13, Joe Chen 3 for 41 and Everard Hoo 2 for 15. Our heartiest congrats to the Optimists!

Previously our Junior Troop had won a Junior Cup match in the Scout Competition. Scores were: Loyola Jr. 37 all out (A. Allen 9, P. Owens 7, Henriques 6; Eric Hoo 5 for 24 and A. Hoo 4 for 8). 1st Chinese Jr. 53 for 7 (Eric Hoo 31, Al. Hoo 11; Henriques 2 for 8 and P. Cunningham 2 for 13). Our Juniors, along with Doncaster Juniors, are in the lead in the Junior Cup. They will be playing Doncaster Juniors in key match on Saturday the 26th inst. at Doncaster.

Our Seniors, on the other hand, are in a tight position against All Saints Seniors, the best team in Senior Competition. At the moment of writing they are batting and has so far scored 75 for 6 (Eric Hoo 21, Andrew Hoo 17, Lester Chin 12; B. Ro- (Continued on page 10)

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A REPORT ON RED CHINA TODAY

By Leslie R. Chin

After more than two years of Communism what are conditions like in Red China. How impenetrable is the "Bamboo Curtain"? Do the Chinese people enjoy freedom of speech, of movement and the right to worship God? Are the Communist leaders lifting the country from the mire of want and poverty, or are they plunging the nation into disaster?

In attempting to answer these questions, we must recognise one outstanding fact: The leaders of Red China are not "agrarian reformers"; they are die-hard Communists who take their orders from Moscow, and level on the Chinese people those conditions of abject misery that prevail only in the Soviet Union and its satellites.

When the Communists came to power, they immediately pursued a policy which aimed at the extinction of landlords. At the same time, their propaganda machine opened up at full blast. The landlords, they claimed, were unjust, for they were taking away 40 per cent of the farmers crop. For a moment it seemed as if the plight of the farmers was receiving attention, but when the confiscated lands of the landlords were distributed among the poor, the Communist tax-collectors asked for 60 per cent of the crop.

And that was not all. The farmers were required to buy worthless Government bonds, and to support countless other so-called patriotic movements, which included donating money for the purchase of planes and guns to assist the North Koreans in their war against the U.N. forces.

Red China is also emulating "Iron Curtain" countries in Europe for the wholesale destruction of human beings. In the first two weeks of March, 1951, the Red authorities executed more than two hundred persons in one of the biggest mass executions conducted in Canton. Also, hundreds of able-bodied men were sent to Korea as "walking blood banks" to supply the field hospitals with blood for transfusion.

"Purges" among the rank and file of the Communists are not uncommon, and high officials are frequently sent to the firing-squad when they refuse to toe the Party line. Corruption is also on the increase, and public funds have a way of vanishing

under the greedy fingers of Red administrators.

Knowing fully well that if news of the existing deplorable situation should reach the outside world it would not be to their advantage, the Communist government has closed its border to visitors. No one is permitted to leave the country without a travelling permit, and even visits to one's relatives in a neighbouring village are greatly restricted. The border between Red China and Hong Kong is also being patrolled by armed guards, but despite these elaborate precautions, many managed to escape into Hong Kong.

The closed door of Red China is now a symbol of retrogression, closed to trade, to Western ideas, and to foreign newspapers. No one is permitted to criticise the government. To do so is to tread on the path that leads to the firing-squad.

Among the things foreign, the Church has undoubtedly suffered most. Crosses are torn down from all religious structures, Catholic orphanages, schools and hospitals are confiscated, and the missionaries who direct them are being driven across the border, expelled forever from the soil of China.

The Catholic Sunday Examiner, printed in Hong Kong, in commenting upon the imprisonment of the five Canadian nuns falsely charged in a mob-dominated court in Canton on December 2, 1951, with maltreating and murdering the children placed in their care, makes this eloquent plea:

"Don't weep for the five Canadians sisters still imprisoned in the Canton gaol—or for Bishop Ford and his secretary, a Maryknoll sister, who is with them—or any one of the other nineteen Archbishops and Bishops in the hands of the Communists.

"Despite their tribulation, they are bearing the mark of Christ's special favour, they are being His witnesses, they are being 'shining lights' in the hour of darkness.

"But weep for the Chinese people, for those who have been robbed of the Mass and the Sacraments and the chance of hearing the Gospel preached to them.

"Weep for the Communists crucifying Christ again, because they know not what they do."

Communism, with all its revolting elements, also pollutes the youth of a nation. In Red China, children are encouraged to spy on their parents, to scorn the ancestral traditions of respect for the old, and to act as informers against anyone whom the Party may designate. They are coaxed into supporting emulation drives by the subtle method of conferring honorary titles upon them such as models, and heroes and patriots, and by issuing of worthless scraps of paper with flattering praises designed to create that feeling of self-importance.

It is not surprising therefore that the Communist Party receives solid support from the students in the schools and colleges. It strengthens that support through political indoctrination and thought regimentation, while Stalinist ideology and class hatred keeps the mind in the state of constant activity.

Finally, what is the attitude of the people towards the Red regime? Dissatisfied at first with the incompetence of the Koumintang, they had hoped for a better form of government under the Communist. The swift passage of time has, however, convinced them that the lofty ideals which the Communists had propagated were merely designed for the seduction of the masses and that Communist promises of a Utopia means exactly the opposite—slavery and oppression. This is something that we Chinese in Jamaica need desperately to understand.

To keep China in a state of bondage, the Red leaders have organised a vast army; they have launched upon a gigantic programme of regimentation, and have formed a huge network of spies which act as a watchdog over the discontented masses.

Yet for all their strength, Communism cannot flourish on Chinese soil forever. Many have tried to conquer China, to change her way of life, but none have succeeded. They failed because China will forever be China. And despite the rushing tempo of modern technology, the Chinese will always return to the fields. Tranquillity has always been and will always be an inalienable part of his character, and because of this, freedom and peace will always return to the land, for that is the code of life by which all true Chinese live and die.

The deepest truths are best read between the lines, and, for the most part, refuse to be written.

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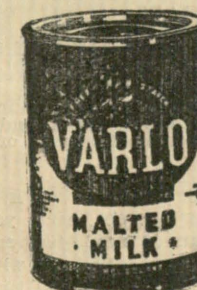
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TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Miss Martin,

I am rather worried about my sixteen year old daughter. Until not so long ago she was most obedient and my wife and I felt that we were lucky to have such a fine girl of whom we would justly be proud, as she really is an attractive girl, if I do say so myself. However, she has now become rude, unruly and definitely rebellious. She will not entertain discipline from either of us and I have had to lay down the law in no uncertain terms. The result is that she sulks all day, confines herself to her room as much as possible, slams doors, and is most uncivil in her general manner.

I feel sure that this has resulted from the mixed parties she has been attending in the past six months. I frankly do not believe in dating at such an early date, nor do I believe in girls wearing lipstick and nail polish too soon. After all there is ample time to lead an adult's life without rushing it and I am writing you in the hope that you will uphold my convictions.

"Father".

Dear "Father",

I quite appreciate your good intentions for the careful upbringing of your daughter. But you must not forget that progress has marched on considerably since your grandfather's time. I am afraid that you have a problem and must exercise the greatest of wisdom in the guidance of your child's life.

From the several letters which I have received from time to time I have come to the conclusion that serious trouble is more often caused by too unyielding and unloving discipline instead of wise guidance.

Endeavour to strike the happy medium. Give your daughter honest affection. Explain to her completely the channels of parental rule. Above all give her your trust and confidence within sensible limits. Only by offering these three ingredients and endeavouring to understand and appreciate the teen-age world of today, can any parent successfully guide their children and develop them into worthy citizens.

Why do you not have a frank discussion with your daughter and get her to explain her feelings and viewpoint. This would give you a splendid opportunity of getting close to her instead of transforming her into a stranger as she seems to be developing. Explain to her that you do not wish to be tyrannical and ask for her co-operation towards harmony in the home.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I plan to get married quietly in a pale pastel dress and would be glad if you would tell me whether ception is over or can I go away I should change after the re-in my wedding outfit as I would prefer to do.

"Happy".

Dear "Happy",

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arrival at a hotel as you may not wish to be.

E. M.

SCOUTS' CORNER

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A hike to Blue Mountain Peak is being planned, so is a Troop Camp for the second week in August.

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Soviet scientist says inter-planetary travel will soon be here. Liberation for Mars is something Lenin forgot to leave directions on.

A vicar got a call to a more desirable parish, but his congregation were very unwilling to let him go. A sidesman called at the vicarage. The vicar's little daughter opened the door.

"I hope," said the councillor, "your father is not going to leave us."

"I don't know," said the girl. "Father is upstairs asking Divine guidance, but mother is packing."

An ostrich egg weighs 4lb. So the actor turned down a chance of a South African tour and tried his luck at television instead.

For the first time in history, females predominate numerically in the United States. It's a sobering thought that some hat-check girl may be the future President.

"Why is Steve pacing back and forth so frantically?" "He is awfully worried about his wife."

"Why? What has she got?" "The car."

A London woman saw a queue form. When told that the crowd was waiting for the "Tales of Hoffmann" she joined on the end. "My husband will eat anything," she said.

"I suppose you're pretty mad with me coming home with this black eye last night, my dear?" "No, John. You didn't have it when you arrived home."

"I think it's wrong for a married man to gamble."

"It's worse than wrong—it's idiotic. His wife gives him hell if he loses, and confiscates the proceeds if he wins."

Old lady to drunken student: Young man, don't you know when you have had enough?

Student: Madam, I don't know anything when I've had enough. I'm unconscious.

It isn't that a woman always gets the last word that bothers a man. It's her delay in finally reaching it.

The game was that the man who asked a question which he was unable to answer himself should buy the drinks.

Smithy asked: Why doesn't a ground squirrel leave any dirt round the top of his hole when he digs it?

After some deliberation he was called upon to answer his own question.

"That's easy," he said. "The squirrel starts at the bottom and digs up."

"All very nice," snorted a member, "but how does it get to the bottom?"

"That's your question," answered Smithy. "Now you answer it."

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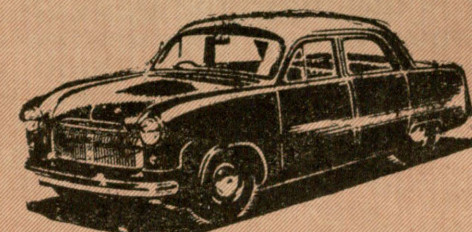


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SPORTS PARADE

By George Beckford

CURRIED GOAT VS CHOP SUEY

THE FIELD AND DISHES are being prepared for the annual Indo-China cricket match which is calendared to be played mid-month next. Dunoon Park has been secured for the test as the Deanery Road pitch is in a harrowing state and would offer a lot of breaks including parts of a player's anatomy. This annual international match has as much significance to both members of the community as well as their friends. Incidentally, the Indians and Chinese once rivals for the Carib Cup, are outside the competition and this match should give us an idea of their comparative strength and as to what they may be like when they return. Horace Chang is expected to lead CAC and the traditional feast — chop suey and curried goat should tempt palates for precedence.

PARA ABOUT POWE

RAIN HAS BEEN SWAMPING and retarding cricket in some parts of Lancashire, England. Aston Powe, once run-getting all-rounder for CAC, Wembley, Railway, Lucas and Jamaica, is experiencing a famine in runs this season. He is professional at

Leyland Motors in Lancashire. But despite the weather, Aston has hit nearly 400 runs and taken almost 30 wickets. Last year he played in Scotland where he did very well. When winter came he went to the United States.

We hope he will come this way even for Auld Lang Syne this winter.

ABE STILL ABLE

ABE CHIN, that evergreen left arm spinner who used to baffle local batsmen before Alfred Valentine arrived, is still taking wickets. Abe is still young anyway. In a recent Junior Cup match for Melbourne he dismissed six policemen; the cops won however, by skitting out Melbourne for under 50 runs on Saturday last. Many cricket critics and cricketers have always wondered why Abe does not play Senior cricket often instead of making occasional appearances on and off Melbourne's top team.

At the moment his club is without a left arm slow bowler in the Senior Competition, and although they are chockful of right arm twirlers, one feels that a left hander is a useful asset.

Perhaps, Abe prefers the more lighthearted and less critical atmosphere of the junior competitions.

TWO CLUBS ARE SHOWING

BRIDGE-BRILLIANT Alfred Kong would probably describe the possibility of having club houses—one at Derrymore Road and another at Deanery Road next season as two clubs are showing in the CAC's committee's hands. The present position is that provisional government, so called since no election has been held since the hurricane, headed by president Hubert Tie Ten

Quee, are anxious to begin building at Derrymore Road but have to await the passing of the plan by the KSAC. This may take some time, for residents in the area may throw a foul ball into the project by objecting, which we hope they will not do. In the meanwhile the CSA tennis tournament at Deanery Road where there are three lovely hard courts for tennis, has beckoned many old members who have been sentimentally lured as cats returning to their homes. Some of these folk live in surrounding areas and think it more accessible since they haven't got motor cars to get up to Derrymore which is nearer St. Andrew than Kingston. I suggested that distance should not mean much when members become used to their new surroundings, but it still appears as if the McCarthy leased lands at

Deanery Road will be populated by one section of the Chinese Community while others will be at Derrymore Road, or that many will become members of both clubs. Anyway, a philosophical British Guianese Chinese recalled the holy book this week and warned that a house divided against itself cannot stand. A word from the wise is enough.

Still, both clubs could serve the community; only it would be embarrassing and too great a draw on what scant material there is for football and cricket to field separate Chinese teams at the same time. Although, once upon a time, I mean two years ago, Carib Cup and Junior sides played independently of each other. And by the way, Gladstone Chang, reigning Secretary of CAC, intends to shed his robes of office soon.

PARTY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

MENTION OF PARTIES NOWADAYS seems to leave a black-out in the minds of people in view of the political scene. But when the scene is the Chinese Public School, then everyone thinks of glorious enjoyment, social intermingling, meeting, and entertainment. Well, please set aside August 3 as an afternoon and night for jollification at Chinese Public School, North Street, where the Garden Party will be held to aid the school. There will also be an official

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THE PAGODA

opening of the Albert Chang Hall in memory of the eminent businessman, sportsman and philanthropist who donated a lot of money to erect the school. His son, Horace, is still carrying on the good work.

Some features of the Garden Party are: a concert by front rank artistes, a ballet performance by the fairy-footed students of Madame Soohih who are rehearsing their Nijinskis at Cathay Club; there will also be a fashion show with glamorous shapely girls parading the latest creations from Issa's, Milady's, Hanna's and Babs. Remember, tell him or her "I'll be seeing you there!"

IT SOUNDS INCREDIBLE in trying to beat the heat by playing games in the sunny hours of summer, but tennis contestants in the Chinese Students Association's tournament have proved this paradox since the past fortnight. This, I discovered, was caused by the cool breezes, zephyrs as they are called, which rush up from the sea in the afternoons when the games are in progress. So this week, the tournament, like the lamented last rose, moved towards its close. In fact only one final, the mixed doubles, was completed before this journal went to press. but we shall have the complete results in our next issue.

REAPERS OF THE FIRST FRUITS of victory were Jackie Lyew and Kay Wong Ken who defeated Harry Kong and Mrs. Sidney Chang in straight, stub-

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born setts, 6/4, 6/3. The vanquished began brilliantly by winning the first two games of the first sett, but lost their hold when their opponents drew level although Mrs. Chang amazed the gallery by winning the 4th game on her service after being down 15-40. Harry Kong displayed resourcefulness and chivalry in doubling up often for his partner and he must have been exhausted by playing so often during the tournament. Before going to press the prophets had forecasted that Kay Wong Ken would win the ladies singles, but they would not risk a bet on the men's crown.

OTHER TENNIS TALES of interest are that Yu Fatt Chin led St. George's College to victory in the final against Munro College by 3 games to 2. Munro, spearheaded by Hew, were considered to walk away with the trophy, but the Georgians played well and were somewhat scared when up 5/0 in the deciding doubles, the Munronians won 3 straight games. Yu Fatt Chin has entered the Junior Championships on the Rectory hard courts; so have Millie Chin Yee Kay Wong Ken, Dorothy Chin Fook, N. Cha Fang, and Eunice Williams. Surely this upsurge of enthusiasm should inspire a champion or champions.

RICHARD TAI TEN QUEE, sports loving nephew of Donald Leahong, appears to be playing at changing the guards with Ronnie. Richard returned home from England Tuesday for a month's holiday while Ronnie is now in the "Merrie" land. On Wednesday, Richard visited the CSA tourney and renewed old acquaintances after two years' absence. He is studying Accountancy at Kingston Technical College, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey. During that time cricket, and tennis attracted him at intervals. He said he saw the magnificent Sedgeman overwhelm Drobny at Wimbledon and television Mankad making his century against England at Lord's in the 2nd Test.

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SCIENCE AND YOU

Nonsense Makes Sense

by Maurice Goldsmith
Unesco Science Editor

IN the shadow of the Invalides, the imposing tomb of the first Napoleon, in Paris, his presence seems very real. Yet, there was once a French abbé who sought to demonstrate that Napoleon Bonaparte had never lived, that he was a mythical figment of the imagination. His argument was as follows:

The name Napoleon is made up of two French words—né and apollo, which means born of Apollo. Bona parte clearly derives from the fact that the sun reigns over the good part of the day. It is known that both Napoleon and Apollo were born on islands in the Mediterranean. The rise and fall of Napoleon's career, rising on an island (Corsica) in the east and setting on an island in the west (St. Helena), is clearly an interpretation of the daily motion of the sun.

Napoleon had three sisters, corresponding to Apollo's three sisters, the Graces. He had four brothers who represent the four seasons. The final retreat of the Grand Army from Moscow is clearly based on the winter solstice.

It is possible to go on, in imitation of the mythologist, building up a convincing case for the thesis that Napoleon was a pure myth. But there is only one thing wrong—it was all nonsense, a deliberate parody by the abbé of conclusions arrived at through superstition.

Scientists are persons who get a lot of pleasure out of nonsense. The English politician, William Pitt, once said: "Don't tell me of a man's being able to talk sense; everyone can talk sense. Can he talk nonsense?" Nonsense is something more than an escape from workaday routine. It also provides profit. That is the viewpoint of the British mathematician,

M. G. Kendall, Professor of Statistics at the London School of Economics, who in a recent talk on the B.B.C.* examined this question of "Science and Nonsense."

By nonsense, Kendall means "something which is really absurd but does not sound like it the first time you hear it—the kind of thing which is sufficiently like sense to give you at first impression the feeling of being soundly argued and properly expressed."

Given the volume and temperature of a given mass of gas we can find its pressure almost exactly. But outside of the natural sciences, there are few such exact laws, so that such accuracy is rarely possible. Insurance companies collect life expectancy figures. They can tell you how long on the average persons aged x years can be expected to live. But they do not pretend to predict the exact date on which an individual's

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death is likely to occur, because they recognize this would be nonsense.

Many false conclusions have been drawn, however, from failure to recognize nonsense—and to recognize it means we must first make its acquaintance. In teaching the theory of statistical dependence to students, Dr. Kendall finds that nonsense relationships can play a very large part in giving a real understanding of the subject.

The students are given a few examples where what they have learned leads to nonsense. For instance, it was noticed at one time that stylish women's skirts were highest during a period of prosperity—and that they came down shortly before an economic slump. From these statistically true facts, various nonsense theories were evolved, by which business conditions could be "forecast" or "determined" by a study of skirt lengths. "It is not until the student knows how to recognize and explain nonsense situations that he can be relied upon to draw scientific

conclusions from the situations which do make sense," concludes Kendall.

An interesting comment on the laws of probability was supplied by Sir Arthur Eddington with the following verse:

There once was a brainy baboon
Who always breathed down a
bassoon,

For he said, "It appears
That in billions of years

I shall certainly hit on a tune."

Zeno, the Greek mathematician and philosopher, invented some nonsense concerning motion which has exercised great brains for many centuries. His paradox was concerned with a race between Achilles and the tortoise. The tortoise has a 100 yards' start, and although Achilles runs ten times as fast as the tortoise, when he has run that 100 yards the tortoise has gone an extra ten and so on.

Whenever Achilles gets to the point which the tortoise has just left, the tortoise is ahead—and this is just nonsense. Some philosophers proved from this paradox that all motion is an illusion. Attempts to explain how and when Achilles did pass the tortoise led to the development of the differential and integral calculus.

Professor Kendall quite rightly points out that in dealing with nonsense pride of place must be given to the great master of nonsense the Oxford mathematician Lewis Carroll:

"His Hunting of the Snark, so far as I know, is unique in literature in 'having not only nonsense sequences but a nonsense plot. A number of characters whose names all begin with a B set out to hunt for an animal of dangerous habits called a Snark. One of the party the Baker, is particularly susceptible to a sub-species of snark called a boojum, for if he sees one he must softly and suddenly vanish away. The whole interest of the chase depends on the question whether the snark they find will turn out to be a boojum—a completely nonsensical proposition...

"And if you think all this is ridiculous and beneath the notice of grave and serious-minded adults, you may care to know that the students of the theory of probability are still discussing the question whether one can take an even chance on the truth of any proposition whose meaning is not known. The proposition that the snark was a boojum has been specifically mentioned in these discussions."

Pascal said that there was no opinion so absurd that it has not been held by some philosopher. Dr. Kendall adds that only by studying the absurd can we hope to obtain a complete understanding of sound thought. (UNESCO)

The same object seen from three different points of view—the Past, the Present, and the Future—often exhibits three different faces to us; like those sign-boards over the shop doors, which represent the face of a lion as we approach, of a man

when we are in front, and of an ass when we have passed.

—Longfellow.

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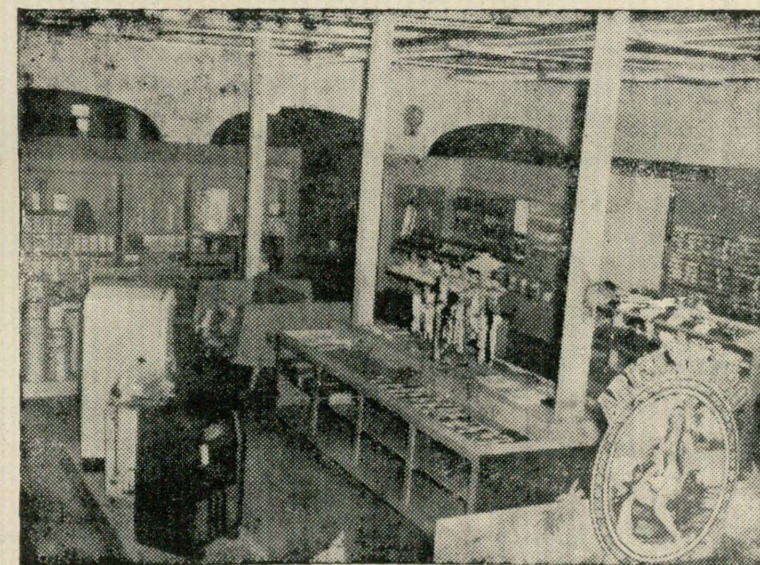
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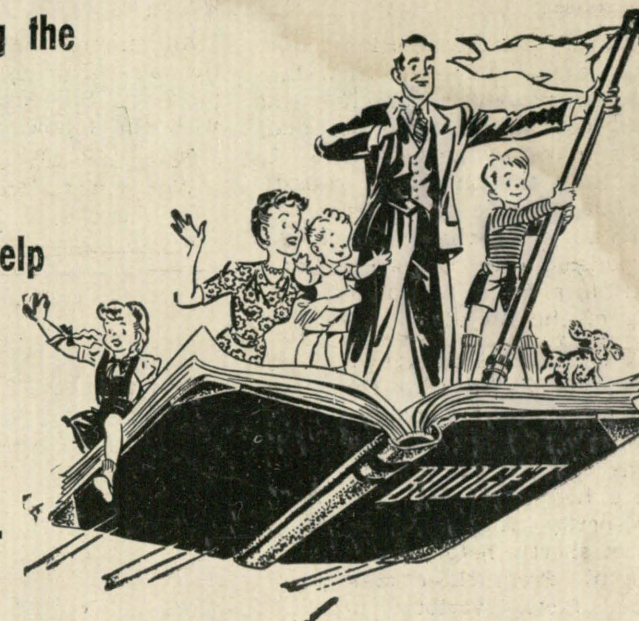
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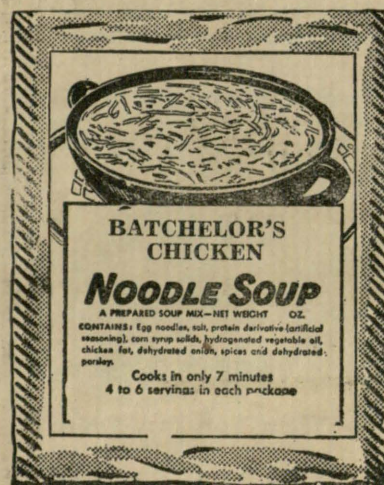
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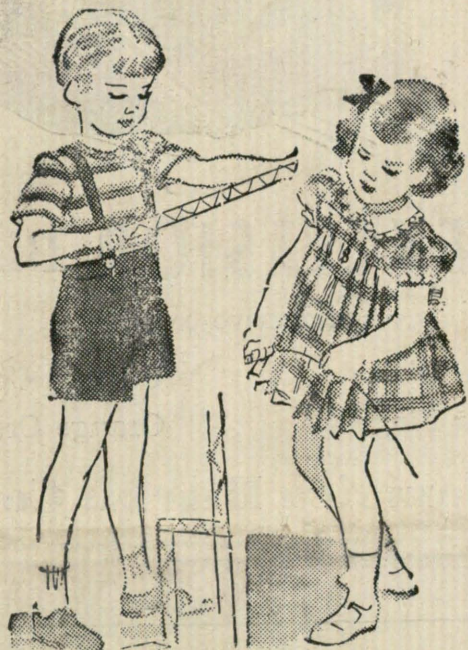
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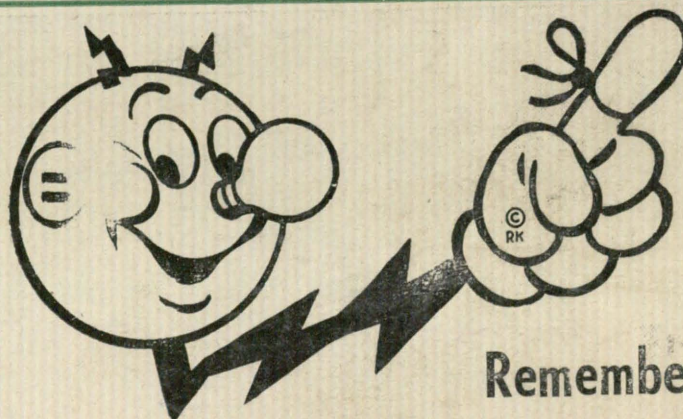
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