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# BIRTHDAY CUSTOMS IN CHINA

By PIONEER.

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AS geographical circumstances isolated China till the XVI Century from the rest of the world, it is not surprising that her civilisation frequently developed conventions diametrically opposite to those obtaining in the West.

When the foreigners finally contacted her from the sea they discovered a country where the men wore skirts, and the women trousers, a horse was mounted on the off, and not the rear side, and the guest of honour was placed on the left, and not the right of his host.

The missionaries of the XIX Century were horrified with the abandon of their female converts and hastily made them don 'Mother Hubbards' which were considered immodest by those who were exhibiting a mild interest in the new religion.

In the west, children's anniversaries are celebrated, whereas in China little notice is taken of the event until marriage makes an individual a potential ancestor.

A child has no official existence until it is a month old, when it makes its debut in the world. The first anniversary of the birthday is also kept in Canton, when presents are given by the parents, and sometimes by friends, these, however are usually of a transient nature, consisting mainly of food, of more interest to the donor than the recipient, who is hardly of an age to appreciate a birthday feast.

OCCASIONALLY the proceedings are enlivened by speculations as to the child's profession on attaining maturity, and an assortment of objects is placed before him to discover which he will select as an indication of his tastes. Thus a pen, or book will show a scholarly bent, and abacus a head for figure, and a tool the inclination to a craftsman's career.

No notice is taken of the coming of age of a youth or maiden which is usually a great occasion in western countries. All Chinese add a year to their lives on New

Year's day, regardless of the actual date of birth.

Thus a child coming into the world on New Year's eve is two years of age on the following day, and every one of the four hundred and fifty millions who constitute the population have a birthday at the end of our January, or the beginning of February.

THE exact number of years a Chinese has lived can only be ascertained by inquiring the year, month, day and hour when he was born.

As these data are necessary for the casting of horoscopes, every Chinese has them at his fingers' tips. They also determine affinities, or incompatibles when it comes to the selection of a consort.

AFTER a man is married his birthday takes on a certain importance. His father-in-law, and mother-in-law send presents of food and clothing, though these gifts are optional for his own parents.

Near relatives are not supposed to make presents, as there is a ritual significance in the act and, according to their saying "There is no ceremony between those who are closely related."

All sons and daughters must kow tow to their parents on their birthday, and the ceremony is repeated at Chinese New Year.

In certain districts the children club together to buy sweet-meats which they boil in water and offer to their parents to drink. Sometimes clothes are given, but there is no fixed rule. When the children are grown up they give a feast to mark the day, and relatives are invited.

A foreigner is always embarrassed the first time a Chinese accords him the ceremonial prostration, and is at his wits' ends to know how to respond.

It occasionally occurs in the interior, where a son announces the death of some old servant of the family to his master.

There is no response. When a disciple of K'ang Yu-wei came north to offer his services to the Manchu Emperor, he made the triple Kow Tow on introduction. The Emperor, stood impassively and, at the last bow, gave a flick of his fan, and turned his back. As soon as the man arose, he strolls round the table to meet him casually, and entered into an animated conversation as if with an old friend.

OWING to the importance of the Yang, or male principle, which is symbolised by odd numbers, the 21st, 31st etc. years are considered more important than the others, as on them a man enters the first year of a new decade.

In certain districts in China this applies also to women, but there are exceptions where the important dates follow the Yin principle, and the birthdays are celebrated for the 20th, 30th, and 40th year. To achieve the age of 60 is a red letter day for it means that the individual has lived in each year of the sexagenary cycle.

Each year of this is denoted by two characters; the first a celestial stem, and the second a horary character. As the least common multiple of ten and twelve is sixty, the cycle repeats itself after that lapse of years.

All the Gods, both Buddhist and Taoists, have been provided with birthdays by their sponsors, and it is on these days that the temples derive the greater part of their revenue.

EACH has a patron Saint to whom the edifice is dedicated, and must house a certain number of subsidiaries to cater for a catholicity of tastes. New Year's Day is everybody's birthday, and the Household Gods then claim their share of attention. The God of Wealth is propitiated on the 3rd Day of the First Moon, as his attitude during the year may make all the difference between affluence and penury.

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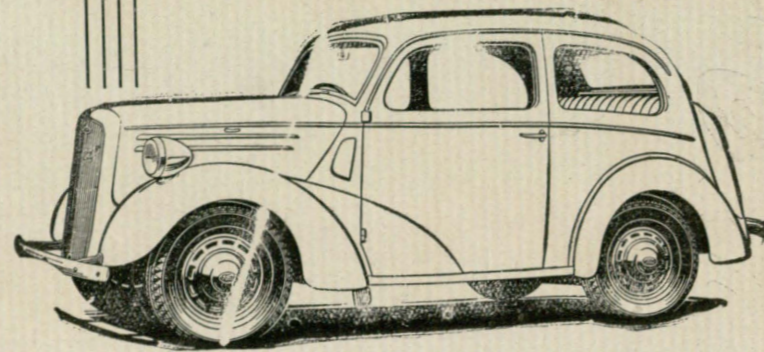
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# THE BRAINS OF THE OUTFIT

By S. H. C.

I could put a simple question before you, which I am reasonably sure would prove a poser for many.

"Who really, is the brains of your outfit? Your own immediate family?"

The Wife? Big hearted modest men would probably concede this point to the little woman, who performs all the tricks of a magician sans magic wand. In support of their candidate, they will probably point out the well-known fact that whereas she may make the silliest and costliest decisions on the matter of purchasing a hat or a new shoe, she just can't be beat when it comes to making the pound sit up and bow twenty times.

Or is it you? I wonder. Perhaps you are the unsung genius who takes to big finance like a duck to water. Perhaps you are the office manager, to end all office managers. Or maybe you're just a darn good statistician whose calculations and records are quoted a hundred times over, while you remain just a cipher in the scheme of things. But whatever you are and whoever you are, I would be very reluctant to give you full marks.

The fellow who gets my vote is a stranger to high finance, cares nothing at all about statistics and furthermore, has not a care in the world.

My hero starts off confounding the adult world from the time his little brain grasps the fact that the key to learning everything about everything is a monosyllabic, three letter word spelt W-H-Y and pronounced easily, briefly and readily, "Y".

It seems that the source of much deep learning lies within that simple word, so perhaps it is no small wonder that we instinctively begin to learn its use and magic power in our tender years. Knowing the 'why' of everything frees the mind from all curiosity. In our later years, we use this little key to unlock dim passages of knowledge drawing therefrom to fill our own storehouse in the hope that we shall always be found carrying adequate stocks. We progress, some of us so successfully, that in despair, learned men regroup the alphabet to form little suffixes after our names as a tribute to our diligence. It is not a simple thing to gain the School Certifi-

cate. It requires a certain amount of plugging away at textbooks. It is a far more difficult task to wrestle with the Higher Schools Certificate and come out a winner, still in full possession of your faculties. Then there are the degrees of learning which are the massive stone pillars of mental advancement pyramiding upwards to the lofty skies.

It is not a simple thing to rise head and shoulders above our fellow man when new systems of education seem to make things much simpler, and the acquisition of knowledge almost a scientific thing. So one can be justly proud. But all that considered, I still laugh at the sage who is stopped, so easily and completely floored by the simple "Why" of a two-year old. You may smile at the thought of it, but you may also recollect the truth of it, that a child has always just one more "WHY" up his sleeve than an adult can answer. Now I ask you, why is this?

It is really amusing to hear adults trying even to this day to stem the tide of infantile interrogation by the insertion of platitudes like:

"Little children should be seen and not heard!"

What, in this modern age. You just try and stop them; or,

"Don't ask too many questions!"

How can a child ever know that he has exhausted his quota.

Then there is this case of my neighbour's little boy whose little brain once registered a word which, although from force of repetition and from its apparent popularity may yet worm its way into our dictionary, bearing a full definition of its accepted meaning, will nevertheless remain punishable by the chewing on a bar of soap, and barred from the language of the drawing room. The patient mother upon being asked to define the word, sought to explain it away by telling her little boy that it was the term used to describe either the action of enclosing a certain bit of scenery in order to imprison a flow of water, or the enclosure itself.

The little man was happy with this explanation intending to display it to his chums as stock in trade, complete with the vehemence and tonic inflection with which it was first presented to

his ears. The mother suddenly saw this possibility, and told him not to use the word. Immediately he shot back a poisoned dart that soon paralysed her tongue.

"Why, Mummy?"

"Well, because Daddy wouldn't like to hear you use it!"

"But why shouldn't Daddy like it, is it a bad word?"

"No, darling . . . I mean yes, . . . what I mean to say . . ." the poison began to have its deadly effect. She stole a glance at the clock but disappointment stared her in the face; Daddy would be at office for another hour yet!

"Yes, Mummy, you were telling me . . ."

"Yes Darling, but mummy is very busy. Mummy has to cook Daddy's supper. Some other time—or, when Daddy comes home ask him."

And so it goes, the age old game of passing the buck.

When Daddy does come home, he pleads weariness and asks for his pipe and slippers. As if that solved anything. Junior slinks away, his mind more athirst now than even before for what he

knew was yet to be given him—the true interpretation of the word.

But the worst is yet to come. Just you wait until he grows up.

You relax in the deep armchair, by special privilege you are even allowed to stick your feet up on one of the drawing room chairs. You sigh a sigh of deepest contentment, and you reach out for your pipe.

After the first few puffs, the worry lines disappear from your forehead and you really have begun to relax.

"Daddy!"

"Yes Son?"

"Did you like Geometry?"

"Sure, it was one of my best subjects, son!" Like fun it was, but it's no good telling the truth in a case like that. Who ever liked Geometry anyway except some mouldy old Greek mathematicians. But you had to master the mysteries of Pythagoras et al. before you could take up surveying, or any kindred profession. And who knows, the deductive reasoning in which you are trained while unravelling the

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## MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

ALL roads led to May Pen two Sundays ago when a young lady had a party celebrating her coming of age. Carloads of friends from far and near converged at the lively country township and a bunch of teenagers made merry and gay for a few hours. Whether they have not seen each other for weeks or only a few hours our teenagers greet one another like long lost brothers and make merry the hours away as if they won't be seeing one another for another age. So this particular party kept up at a merry clip until someone realised that they were some forty miles from home. For the fun of it, perhaps, one car was jampacked with a dozer, young adults who felt like they wanted to sing their way back to town.

MOST ironical story of the month concerns a former Chinese Air Force pilot who recently came here to reside. During the war years he carried out almost daily combat missions against the Japanese and came out without a scratch. One day last month, however, riding in a car on a quiet country road the driver had to step on his brakes suddenly. He fell forward with such force that he knocked out all his front teeth. Guns and aerial dog-fight did not trouble him but a jolt in a motor car knocked him out. Such is fate.

ONE of our shy young ladies must be a real songbird and we didn't know it. In a song contest she hit the jackpot for a £5 prize. Now when will this shy songbird favour us with a song?

TWO of our Trinidad trippers

came home this week. They were full of praises for the very warm reception they got there. The Mardi Gras, they said, is the most exciting thing ever. As a result quite a few have made up their minds to go next year. I hear one very energetic travel agent, a young lady with plenty of go, is taking bookings for next year.

A young man who seems to do a lot of travelling turned in his old car for a new one this week. The same day he also received quite a few congratulatory telegrams. What all the messages were about only a few select persons seem to know.

I do not know what fires she has been playing with, but young ladies do have a propensity to play with fire. This young lady who should know better got badly burnt.

WHENEVER folks arrive by boat or plane there always seem to be a hold-up that keeps relatives and friends waiting in the hot sun. They are worried and wonder what may be the matter. For the officials it is no easy matter either and they are as anxious to get everything done just as much as the scores of people waiting outside. In the last arrivals from Hongkong, the Immigration Officer checked and rechecked the passenger list and could not account for one. After quite some time and hours of exasperating search they found that the passenger for whom they were looking was a little girl who was directly in front of them all the while.

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## PERSONALIA

Words have just been received that Archbishop Paul Yu Pin will arrive in Jamaica on Thursday, March 15 by BOAC plane. He will be accompanied by Madame T'Souei Hou, member of the Chinese Senate and Director of the Catholic Girls' Academy, Chungking, China. Archbishop Yu Pin will be here for about three weeks and plans are being made for him to visit every part of the island. His first appearance will be at the Marian Holy Hour on Friday the sixteenth at 7.00 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Cathedral.

On Sunday, March 18, Archbishop Yu Pin will celebrate Pontifical Mass at Holy Trinity Cathedral at 9.00 a.m. to which members of the Chinese community are invited to participate.

Mr. Wong Chew Onn is chairman of the reception committee representing the Catholic community in the island.

The Blue Funnel liner m/v Ajax arrived here on Thursday, March 1, with 31 passengers from Hongkong, eleven of which were intransit for Barranquilla, British Guiana and Paramaribo. The twenty passengers landing in Jamaica were Young Ken Ching, Albert Chin, Miss Sylvia Eradnae

Chin, Miss Norma Veronica Chang, Thompson Chin, Edgar Chin, Roy Ho Chong, Edwin Wilston Hugh, Windsland Loveland, Miss Thelma Lee, Miss Edna Ilde Lee, Lloyd Chin Quee, Chin Jin Sang, James Leslie Hugh Sam, Miss Cheong Hun Tai, Miss Shirley Williams, Tang So Wai, Tang Shu Wah, Lee Fah, and Headley George Young.

The next Blue Funnel line, with passengers from Hongkong will be the m/v Agammennon which will arrive in Jamaica on or about March 31.

Wedding bells will ring for Miss Mavis Nuke Kin Chong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chung of Kingston to Mr. Wilford Chal on Sunday, March 25 at the Kingston Parish Church. After the ceremony a reception will be held at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Chong, 14 Seabreeze Avenue, Bournemouth.

Another bumper Garden Party sponsored by the Chinese Benevolent Society will take place on Easter Sunday at the Chinese Public School. Proceeds of the function will be for Chinese charities.

At the first meeting of the Managing Board of the Chinese Public News for the year, Mr. Joseph Lue was elected chairman. The Managing Board is appointed at the beginning of each year

by the Chinese Benevolent Society. This year the following will serve on the Committee of Management: Messrs. Joseph Lue (chairman), Philip Fung, Yap Sam, Fred Hugh Sam, Chai Chong, A. Chin Lenn, H. C. Tai Tenquee, L. Chin Yee, and Horace Chang.

The Board of Directors of the Chinese Sanitarium appointed by the Chinese Benevolent Society are: Messrs H C. Tai Tenquee, Leonard Chang, A. Chin Lenn, Fred Hugh Sam, Ngui Chun Fen, Leung Ping Lue, Yap Sam, Dr. Herma Lyn, and Dr. A. G. Lee.

The Sun Yat Sen Recreational Centre will hold a Garden Party on their Club grounds at Rockfort on Sunday, April 1st. The function is the start of a drive for funds for the Sunday Chinese classes for children attending the different secondary schools in the city.

A very enjoyable birthday party was held in May Pen on Sunday, February 25, when Miss Phyllis Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Young, entertained friends from Kingston, Mandeville and Maggotty. It was Phyllis' twenty-first birthday and the young folks who numbered more than 60 joined in merry singing and happy dancing. The miniature "talent parade" started off with the bashful boys' rendition of "Mona

Lisa"; this gave way to Miss Sonia Chung of Mandeville singing 'Again,' and Derrick Chang playing the sax with apparent enjoyment, accompanied by Doreen Young at the piano. With no more aplomb than an ostrich, Miss Margaret Young offered to sing a ballad, "Alice Blue Gown" and had the house join in "John Brown's Baby" afterwards. Miss Babs Chang tinkled Chopin and the grand finale was highlighted with a dance number by Miss Millie Chin Yee who pirouetted bravely with tight skirts and flat pumps.

Before the lighting of the candles and the cutting of the birthday cake which climaxed the events of the evening there was a lively game of musical arms which was won by Ronnie Chang in the boys' game while Millie Chin Yee triumphed in the ladies' bout.

Among the guests were Father Francis J. Osbourne, S.J., Dr. and Mrs. John Guilfoyle, Mfs. Mary Lyn Kee Chow, Miss Iris Lyn Kee Chow, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cheong, Mr. Paul Cho, the Misses Marión and Mae Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Chang, Mrs. Ivy Chung and daughters, Mrs. Edna Moosie and daughters, Miss Betty Chen, Miss Vera Shim, Miss Annie Wong, Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Chang, Messrs. Louis Chang, Ronnie Chin Yee, Victor Chin Loy, Herbert Chin Loy,

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## PANORAMA

## "THINKING DAY."

During the last week in February in which the birthdays of the late Chief Scout, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, and of his wife Lady Baden-Powell fall, Scout Week is observed throughout the world by the Scouts and Guides. Several meetings were held in this Island to celebrate the week, and on the 23rd and 24th Scouts devoted themselves to doing jobs for householders and others for the purpose of earning money with which to carry through necessary repairs at their Island Headquarters, and for equipment in various districts.

A special service was held on Thursday, the 22nd, which was the "Thinking Day" of the week, being the actual date of the birthdays of both leaders. This service was arranged at St. Luke's Church by the Girl Guides, and Scouts were also present. The special preacher at this service was His Lordship Bishop Dale, who gave a most impressive sermon on the use to which one's individual talents should be placed, exhorting the Guides to use theirs for the benefit of mankind.

The Scouts received a message from the Overseas Scouts Commissioner, Colonel G. Walton, stating that Jamaica's Governor-designate, Sir Hugh Foot, K.C.M.G. O.B.E., has accepted the Deputy Chief Scout's invitation to become Patron and Chief Scout of Jamaica, which was good news for the organisation.

## VICTORIA LEAGUE'S TEA PARTY

In honour of some visitors from New Zealand who, as members also of the Victoria League in their country, the branch in Jamaica held a tea party on the afternoon of February 26th, at the residence of Mrs. G. Stiven, a Vice-president of the League here. The New Zealand members were en route from their homeland to London as delegates at the Victoria League's Golden Jubilee celebrations which opens shortly.

The guests were given a hearty welcome by the President of the League, Sir Noel Livingston, and present also, at the party was the Hon. Mr. Sangster who has so lately returned from a visit to New Zealand, and who was able to provide a link between the countries by his knowledge of the two. Miss Jessica Baxter told the gathering of her work for the League since 1938, and of the undertaking she carried through during the war

of supplying countless food parcels to Britain.

## DACOSTA SALESROOM

On February 19th last, the Salesroom at the DaCosta Institute was opened to the public by Mrs. Arthur R. Hendriks who was introduced to the gathering by the Hon. H. Houghton, Director of Education. There was a select gathering present to witness this historic event in the interest of the Jamaica School of Arts and Crafts which is now run at the DaCosta Institute, and which is playing so serviceable a role in the native industry of the Island.

On sale both on this occasion and regularly are the works of Mr. C. A. Baugh, whose ceramics are so well liked by all; Jamaican wood products, and basket work of all kinds. Electric lamps with pottery bases, one of the latest innovations in this field of work, were also in evidence. The work of skilled artists such as Mrs. Edna Manley and Mr. Albert Huie will also be procurable from the Salesroom, and the public should bear in mind its whereabouts.

## RADIO PIONEER

Everyone in Jamaica should feel happy at the news of the award which has been made to Mr. John F. Grinan, the pioneer of radio in this Island, for it is he who gave the original station ZQI to us. The award which has been made him is the Edwin H. Armstrong Medal, of the Radio Club of America, which was cast in honour of Professor Armstrong, one of the greatest radio scientists in the world. It was he who discovered regeneration, super-regeneration, and invented the super-heterodyne and frequency modulation. Mr. Grinan has been given the medal because of the leading part he played in sending the first wireless message across the Atlantic on December 11, 1921, over the amateur transmitter IBCG at Greenwich, Connecticut. A monument has been erected at Greenwich marking the spot from which this message was sent to Ardrossan, Scotland.

Mr. Grinan has received a letter of congratulations from Professor Armstrong on his being a winner of his award. Jamaica-born, Mr. Grinan is at present on a visit to the Island.

## MORE RADIO NEWS

Two more items of news in the radio world are of special interest to us in Jamaica. These are in connection with radio recordings, the first of which is that of Lady Huggins' lecture to the Women's Canadian Club in Montreal, excerpts from which were recorded and rebroadcast over Radio Jamaica a fortnight ago from the

international service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Lady Huggins was interviewed by Stephen Brock of CBC at the first part of the programme and all who listened in here must have enjoyed hearing her Ladyship's cheery voice once again, and have felt proud of the good work she is carrying through on our behalf in her lecture tour.

The other recordings are a number which were made here in Jamaica by a member of the American Broadcasting Company, a Chicago magazine writer and a public relations officer for Chicago and Southern Airlines in collaboration with the Tourist Board and hotels here. These recordings, fourteen altogether were made mostly at the Tower Isle Hotel, and comprised music by the Jamaica Military Band, calypso music by the Tower Islanders, and interviews with visitors to the Island and residents here. These should prove of great interest in the States and elsewhere.

Observer.

## THE SCOUTS CORNER

We must start off this week's notes with a big thank you to the Pagoda. We find that many of our friends are keeping in touch with our activities through this column. Our membership has also been 'jet-assisted' until now our membership has almost reached the maximum. Twelve new boys have joined our ranks in recent weeks and enquiries have been received from old scouts interested in the Rovering move.

Tests are underway for the three 'grade' badges, this week's resulting in seven passes in the first section of the Second Class tests.

The Catholic Scouts will camp under the S.M. and ASM Lyn at Kintyre next week-end, at the Camp sponsored by the Catholic Scouters and Guiders Conference.

Scout sports will also be held on the 16th inst. at Doncaster. The greater portion of the troop will take part in the Sports day, and all parents and friends are invited.

On Wednesday next, commencing at 4.00 p.m. the boys will take part in the procession from HOLY ROSARY CHURCH to the HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. Scouts will parade under Patrol Leader Albert Lyn. Archbishop Paul Yu Pin the Chinese Prelate will take part in the parade.

On account of the above, next week's meeting will be held on

MONDAY, at 4.30 p.m. instead of on Wednesday.

Parents are invited to send their boys over nine years of age to join the Cub Section which is being re-organised.

The Savings Scheme for Camp funds is off to a good start. Total contributions so far has gone to 18/-. Many boys have not yet started saving, so we ask the co-operation of the parents in this effort which will ease the strain of handing out the full fee for the camp in one lump sum.

## MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

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WITH the impending arrival of an eminent cleric from China there should be quite a lot of activity the next few weeks in our little community. It should be a memorable visit as it is not everyday that we meet a Chinese archbishop in this part of the world. The person or persons who made possible the trip of this prominent figure to our Island should be commended.

Constant success shows us but one side of the world; adversity brings out the reverse of the picture.

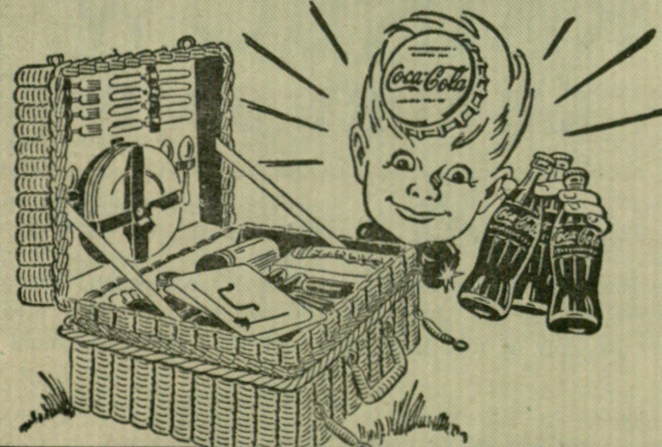
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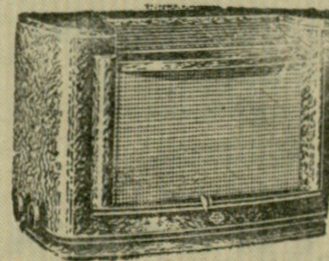
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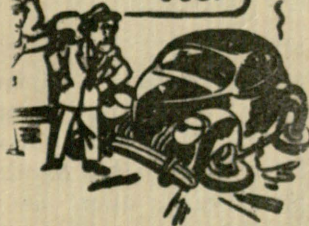
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### Technical Education Scheme

The lack of opportunity in Jamaica for technical education has been more keenly felt since the war ended. Many of those who served with the Forces in Britain remained abroad for the purpose of study of one kind or another which would fit them for some civilian post. This lack has become more pronounced, for with the development of the Island's industrial life those who are not skilled realize the difficulty of obtaining positions of a permanent or profitable nature.

As the need for technical education became more apparent, the Kingston Technical School became more and more inadequate. In 1948 a scheme was devised by an Exploratory Committee on Technical Education the recommendations of which, in the form of a report, have recently been under consideration by the Government. When the motion was placed before the House a short time ago by the Minister for Education, he stressed the great need which exists for the improvement of technical education in this country. The decision was reached that a free grant of £20,000 under Colonial Development and Welfare Acts be asked for from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. This sum will be used for re-equipping the Kingston Technical School on modern lines at its present site. Mr. Malcolm the Minister for Education, pointed out that about 1,500 students can now be trained in one or another of the following departments: Commercial, Trades, Technical, Domestic Science and Matriculation.

In the report prepared by the Exploratory Committee it was proposed that subsidiary Technical Schools each to accommodate 100 to 150 students for 3-year courses, be established

and further part-time and evening classes to the standard of the Ordinary National Certificate of England. Such a standard would make the student exempt from the first of the 3-year course necessary to Associate Membership of professional institutions. This training could be taken between the ages of 13 and 16 years, and on leaving school. Nine branches of study are numbered in this scheme, viz. commerce, domestic economy, mechanical engineering, architecture and building, electrical engineering, printing, applied science, industrial art and design and navigation. The Principal of the Kingston Technical School, Mr. R. S. Anderton, has been given credit in the report for having devised much of this scheme.

Qualified persons can both obtain and retain work far more readily, and, in these days of competitive skilled labour this is of importance to every individual. Those whose abilities or aptitude are marked can benefit from such a scheme to the full. To avoid over-crowding, the scheme for subsidiary schools is an excellent one, and with the ever-increasing need for technicians in domestic industrialisation and the increasing demand for skilled workmen abroad, the scheme for better technical education in Jamaica should be speedily put into effect.

### BIRTHDAY CUSTOMS IN CHINA

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Generally speaking, the more primitive of the divinities are worked off at this time. The first day of the New Year is dedicated to the chickens, the second to the watch dogs, the third to the pigs, and the fourth to the ducks. Cattle celebrate their birthdays on the fifth, and horses on the sixth. The Stars, having a powerful influence over the horoscopes of man, are accorded a festival on the 18th, in most provinces, though in some the date is put back to the 8th.

IN Hongkong, with its large population of fisher folk, and Boat people, the Queen of Heaven (T'ien Hou) is of paramount importance.

Her birthday is on the 23rd of the Third Moon and numbers of decorated junks converge of her shrine in Joss House Bay, on Tung Lung Island at the eastern entrance to the harbour.

A fortnight later, on the 8th of the Fourth Moon, the boatman's male deity, Tam Kung,

holds his festival on the quay-side at Shaukiwan.

Monkey, the "Great Sage equal to Heaven" has his official birthday on the 23rd of the Second Moon, but it is always appropriate to give him a new suit of clothes, and a pair of cloud stepping slippers.

Other festivals are easy to remember, as the day of the month is the same as the number of the Moon. Thus the "Double Fifth," or Dragon Boat Festival commemorates the birthday of the virtuous official Ch'u Yuan. On the "Double Seventh" unmarried girls worship the Seven Sisters, and the two Star Gods the weaver and the Cowherd.

THE Eighth Moon is marked by the festival of that planet, naturally when she is at the full, and the "Double Ninth" is the birthday of the virtuous scholar who, like Lot, ascended a high place and escaped the calamity which overtook his village.

Confucius has two birthdays, one according to the modern calendar, introduced by the Republic, which is fixed for the 27th August, and the other on the same day of the Eighth Moon whenever that falls.

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## A FREE WORLD NEEDS A FREE CHINA

A PHILOSOPHER LOOKS AT THE CRISIS

By HU SHIH

*The text of an address by Dr. Hu at the Commonwealth Club of California. Dr. Hu who was Chinese Ambassador to the United States (1933-1942) is a world renowned historian and philosopher.*

UNDER the Chinese Communist regime, there is absolutely no freedom for the non-conformist of any kind: there is no freedom of speaking out, and there is no freedom of silence. At any moment, a man may be called upon to make positive statements of his own belief and disbelief.

But it is not the Chinese people alone who are not free. It is more important for the free world to understand that the Chinese Communist regime itself is not free. Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist Party, and the entire Chinese Communist Government are not free: they are all under the bondage which the USSR imposes on her satellite countries. They have always taken orders from the Kremlin, and they must continue to take such orders because they are fully conscious that Communist China has been and will long continue to be dependent on the military and industrial power of the Soviet Union.

All this indebtedness to the USSR has been openly acknowledged by the leaders of Chinese Communism. Mao Tse-tung in the article on "The People's Democratic Dictatorship" declared that Communist-led China must "lean to one side," must "ally with the Soviet Union, with the new People's Democracies, and with the proletariat and masses of the people (that is, the Communists) in other countries, to form an international united front."

This allegiance has been formally stipulated into the "Common Programme" which is the Constitution of the Communist State in China.

COMMUNIST China must lean to one side and must consider itself bound to ally with the USSR and her satellites. There is no freedom of choice. "Internationally," says Mao, "we belong to the anti-imperialist front headed by the USSR, and we can only look for genuine friendly aid from that front, and

not from the imperialist front."

What has been happening in Tibet and Korea, and what is now happening in Korea, on a stupendous scale, are best evidences that Communist China has no choice but to march on wherever it is ordered to move.

What could be more foolish than for the Chinese Communists to send an army to invade Tibet, thereby alienating the undoubted sympathy and support of a most friendly and accommodating India? The only possible explanation is that Communist China was under orders to do so.

And what could be more insane and suicidal than for the new state of Communist China to embark on the certain path of war with the forces of one of the two greatest powers in the world? The only possible and logical explanation is that the great prestige of World Communism is at stake if the Communist state of North Korea is allowed to be wiped out by United States and United Nations forces and that therefore Communist China has been ordered to come to the rescue of North Korea regardless of all possible consequences.

My subject for this talk was announced weeks ago—"The free world needs a free China." But the events of the world have moved with such terrific speed in the last few weeks that today I find it almost unnecessary to develop this thesis.

IT becomes self-evident now that the real cause of all the trouble in Korea and in the Far East which the free nations are facing is that China is no longer free and that it has become a captive nation of World Communism. The free world is at war with Captive China.

If China had remained free, all this would have been absolutely impossible. Indeed it would have been absolutely impossible even to imagine a free China fighting the United States!

Communist China is Captive

China which has no free choice but to fight the free world which World Communism considers as an enemy that must be destroyed.

It is very important for the free world constantly to keep in mind this distinction between Free China and Captive China. Captive China is attacking you, but Free China is still your friend ever-ready to help you and fight shoulder to shoulder with you.

By "Free China," I do not mean merely the 600,000 well-trained soldiers and the 7 million population in the island bastion of Formosa. Nor do I mean merely the vast numbers of Chinese guerrilla units now fighting in various parts of the Chinese mainland against the Communists.

By "Free China" I mean the vast majority of the Chinese people who are mentally and emotionally anti-Communist even though they are physically living and suffering under the iron yoke and behind the Iron Curtain.

My friends, let me assure you that a Free China still exists and growing in number and in strength. Let me assure you that a free China exists as a peace-loving pro-Western force, which has not been and cannot be destroyed by the short period of Communist conquest and control.

FREE China exists as a reality because, of all the peoples conquered by World Communism so far, my people are the most civilized and have lived under a civilization noted for its individualism and its century-long fights for intellectual, religious and political freedom. My people cannot long remain captive.

This is no wishful thinking on the part of a Chinese philosopher who has been called the incurable optimist of China. No, this conclusion is the studied, sober judgement of a life-long student of Chinese thought and history. If history and civilization mean anything at all, there shall always be a free China.

And I can assure you that this free China is pro-democracy, pro-American and pro-West. Because, as a historian, I am firmly convinced that the one hundred years of China's contact with modern Western ideas and institutions has not been in vain; because the over one hundred years of Christian missionary work in China has not been in vain; because the 75 years of intensive education and training of thousands of Chinese youths in the American univer-

sities and colleges has not been and cannot be in vain. As the Buddhists used to say, "No effort is ever in vain." A free China exists as real as day and night.

Let the free world make it  
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## UNDER HIS HAT

By Rudge Appleby.

Now, sir, I'll take your order, if you please. Had to polish off the other gentleman first. Looks quite a character, don't he — swell check suit, fawn bowler, and what a cravat! Take my tip and go for the stewed lamb: the chicken being a bit on the senior side.

Very sporty gent, is Mr. Simkin, as you could tell by his face: brown, ripe and polished. One of the lucky ones. Me, in forty years I've never even won the mug's prize in a tuppenny raffle.

Your soup, sir Yes, it takes all sorts to make even the miniature world you find in a by-street restaurant. We got 'em all taped: the gobblers and the pickers; the knife-squeakers and the whisker-whiffers.

And the readers. They're the oddest to watch. That young lady in the corner, she's reading a book of poetry; judging from the steady way she's knocking back the sausages and chips . . . a roll, sir? Pleasure.

The little tale I've been saving for you, sir, concerns a customer who managed to juggle with philosophy and spaghetti at the same time; and that takes some doing. Very quiet, easily-satisfied young chap he was, with glasses; and I felt a fatherly interest, like. So one evening I says:

"What, spaghetti again, sir?" For in a few weeks he'd swallowed enough to put a girdle round the earth, as the poet says.

He came up out of his book like a deep-sea diver. "Eh? Oh Spag —" He gazed at his plate, surprised. "Do I always eat it?"

"Always? That, sir," I replied, with jocularly, "is not for me to state. Whether you nibble a fathom or two in bed, or take a few spaghetti sandwiches to keep body and soul together at a dance—"

"Oh, no," said the studios young man, blinking. "Not spaghetti at a dance. Because I was at a dance last night, and I distinctly remember not eating any spaghetti—"

It astonished me considerably to hear he'd been to anything so warm and human as a dance. And maybe my young friend was still feeling a bit astonished at himself; for his book, I noticed, was upside down. Yet he'd always read it right way up before.

He continued his meal, thoughtfully; and later said, "Yes. I see your point, waiter. Bring me a lot of meat, or fish, or something—"

I pointed out patiently, that he'd had his meal now. "I'll see you try a change tomorrow, sir." Then he paid his bill and walked over to the row of coat-hooks. And now he'd left his book on a chair. I went after him with it. He was staring, puzzled, at the hooks.

"My hat!"

"Not there, sir?" Though I could see that for myself; knowing all the regulars' hats by heart. "Been taken by mistake. It'll be returned—"

He gave me his name — Jim Harris — and walked on towards the door; telling me not to make any bother: he didn't usually wear a hat anyway. A few seconds I was clearing his table when back came Jim Harris, looking bothered. "I say — my hat — it's gone!"

A waiter tries to wait patiently, but there's a limit. "Now look, Mr. Harris, not a minute ago you said—"

"I know, I know. You don't understand. I don't want the hat. But the ticket I left in the lining — hat's priceless — my whole future's at stake—"

He hustled me around, disturbing everybody; and I brought in the boss and Barbara to help with the search. Barbara was with us to learn the restaurant business; and acting as spare waitress at the time. But of course the ticket by now was floating around London on somebody's head.

"Was it a lottery ticket?" asked the boss, with some excitement.

"No, just a dance cloak-room ticket," said Jim. "Blue. Number 43. I'd give the earth to get it back."

The boss and Barbara dealt him a hard look and went off to their duties; but I went with the customer to the pavement and managed to get some more of his story.

An old school pal, it appeared, had turned up the evening before and insisted on lugging him along to the annual ball. "I went unwillingly, you understand," said Jim, "being deep in an important aspect of Glotscut's interpretation of Berkelian Idealism."

"Quite understandable, sir."

"But after three dances with a certain young lady," Jim went on, "I remember remarking, with sudden insight, that Glotscut was a twirp; and the young lady, who'd never heard of him, agreed. She was most intelligent. And beautiful. Unique."

"Indeed, sir?"

Yes, like all these quiet ones, young Harris had fallen very suddenly and very hard. Unfortunately, after the ball, the young lady's party had a car waiting and all he got was her 'phone number, which he scribbled quickly on the first bit of scrap that came to hand—

"Mr. Harris, sir," I assured him, "the hat and ticket will turn up, mark my words. There's special Fate what smiles on such as you." He didn't seem convinced.

Your stewed lamb, sir. Easy with the pepper, if I may take the liberty. Where was I? Ah, well, young Mr. Harris came for lunch and dinner, unfailingly regular; staring with a proper wolfish look at every other customer's hat; but without success. And he got gloomier and gloomier, and wrapped himself up in his philosophy book when he wasn't staring at hats; and I hadn't the heart to bother him about changing his food so he went on eating spaghetti, mile after mile. One evening, trying to cheer him up, I ventured to suggest he might trace the young lady some other way. I had to say it three times before he swam up out of his reading.

"Eh? Oh. Impossible," he sighed. "Not a clue; not a shred — except her lovely face, which I'll never forget; and her 'phone number which I forgot as soon as I'd scribbled it." And lacerating himself, as despairing lovers do, he added, "Some go-getting type has found that number and married her by now."

After that we took to shunting him across to one of Barbara's tables; for she's as pretty to the

eye as a goblet of champagne. But no. I reckon by that time he'd phantom hats floating before his eyes, and didn't even notice the change — which I'd hoped might cheer him up. Barbara was quite annoyed about it.

"I'm not angling," she said, "but I do like to make an impression." She was coming through the service-door, bringing his usual repeat. "One of these evenings," she declared, "I'll rub this stuff in his hair!"

We glanced across at our customer. With one finger and both eyes in his tome he was groping around for the spaghetti that wasn't yet there. "What Jim wants," she murmured, "is a darn good shaking-up."

Our customer might have been slightly shaken to hear himself referred to, by the waitress, as "Jim" in tones which might be described, sir, as modestly affectionate. But a bigger shaking was entered on Fate's menu for the evening. Mr. Simkin — that sporty gent — rolled in, looking as genial as a cat with a kipper lining; and planted himself opposite young Harris. And on the chair beside him he parked a trilby hat.

"My hat!" "Indeed? Then allow me" — Mr. Simkin handed over the hat, with a flourish — and accept my apologies. Came in the other day without a tile, and took one absent-mindedly. No name in it, so —

Jim was tearing at the lining-band. "The ticket — gone!" Don't catch me missing a good thing. Too late for you to do anything, laddie —

Young Jim's face was an arrangement in white and red, just like his plate of spaghetti and tomato. "You — you? —" he he'd convinced himself, sir, that whoever found that 'phone number would snatch his dream girl. "You vulpine snurge!" "Eh?"

## Jamaican Proverbs

### Their Meaning and Significance

The examination of the folk-lore of a people, their superstitions and customs will enable us to gain some knowledge of their history and their character. Just as we may read the history of man in the succeeding strata of rock and soil so in a people's folk-lore we may find traces of those influences which have swept over them from time to time. The same argument applies to our Jamaican Proverbs, which are closely allied to Folk-lore. Solomon spoke of the "dark sayings of the wise," but he neglected to mention the wise sayings of the dark. Certainly, had Solomon been guided by these latter, he, one of the most married men, of antiquity, would have learned time that "marriage hab teet," and that "teet hab toothache." I have already referred in this column to the debt we owe to the late Mr. Frank Cundall, who applied the Historical method to these proverbs. He pointed out that in the West Indies. European proverbs are turned into meanings more readily understood of the people. For example, "A cat may look at a king" becomes "Darg hab liberty fe watch gubnor." Similarly, "Hard words break no bones" becomes "Cuss-cuss nebbber hab hole in a 'kin." "Honesty among thieves is rendered "Darg noh nyam darg." Ebery man know where him own house a leak' obviously is a rendering of the English proverb dating from a time when negroes wore no shoes to pinch their feet. "He laughs loudest who laughs last" becomes "Fus laugh a no de ending." "All is not gold that glitters" becomes "Noh ebery ting wh' got sugar is sweet." — which is specially applicable to the land of the Sugar-cane. But, as Mr. Cundall points out, in Demerara there are proverbs that contain references to elephants, while in Jamaica there are many that speak of monkeys, though there are no monkeys in Jamaica. Such proverbs are: — "If you back monkey, him will fight tiger" and "Monkey play de fiddle

mek baboon dance" and "Monkey say wha' ina him mout' no fe him, wha' ina belly a fe him." Proverbs of this description are obviously of African origin; and addition there are sayings closely paralleled by West African proverbs. We say, "Pickney nyam mumma, but mumma no nyam pickney," where as the Swahill (Africa) proverb says, "The child kills the parent, but the parent does not kill the child." Here then we have traces of the influence of Africa. In these lands the influences of England and of Africa mingle even as the waters around our shores were once empurpled by the blood of African slaves and English seamen.

But these proverbs do more than show us our history; they also reveal the characteristics of our people — of ourselves. Here is crystallised the wisdom of countless generations; here is enshrined the experience of a race; here are revealed the humour and insight of our people; here are ridiculed their weaknesses and faults. How picturesque and how vivid these sayings! The European is content to say: "Don't play with edged tools," but we know that "Darg don't chaw razor," instead of the prosaic statement that we do not attempt great deeds with small weapons, we say: "You nebbber see pop-gun kill alligator." And who can deny that "Cock-roach ever so drunk him no walk pass fowl yard," or that "The higher monkey climb, the plainer him tail show," or that "Stone at river bottom never feel sun hot." Truly these Jamaican proverbs are sayings fashioned in a land of sunshine, and the very phrases reflect the tropic brightness. But they can also flash with malevolent light as when the hypocrite is depicted.

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**Drink me milk, but doant count me cow, yuh yerrie.**

You may drink my milk, but you must not count my cows: do you hear? An incisive corrective to the audacious person.

PLUTO.

"You transcendental polyglot!" "Lovely", said Mr. Simkin. "Write 'em down." But what else d'you expect? As soon as I read that scribble I jumped for the 'phone and—"

It was too much. The rest of his sentence was gurbled through a wad of spaghetti planted firmly by Jim on Mr. Simkin's ruddy face. Barbara and I rushed forward; but Mr. Simkin was keeping his temper in a most commendable way. "I call this tough," he complained, mildly, "when I've come here specially to share the takings. I'm a sport, and fifty-fifty's my motto. Half of three thousand three hundred quid for you — here's the cheque—"

"What are you talking about?" yelled Jim.

"The win, you cuckoo" bawled Mr. Simkin. "Here's the tip — your tip — hottest I ever had—" He took a crumpled cloak-room ticket from his waistcoat pocket. "Lodestone, 33 to 1, and it romped home—"

"That isn't 33 to 1, it's 3361!" Then Jim began to laugh. And so did I. And Mr. Simkin. And then Barbara. And it was when Barbara began to laugh that Jim stared at her: seeing her for the first time as a real person, not just a spaghetti-bearer. No; not quite the first time; but you know, sir, a dance dress makes a young lady look very different . . .

Your bill, sir. Pardon? Oh, yes, Miss Barbara understood the situation all along; but she wanted to be sure Jim hadn't just fallen in love with a dance-frock. Wisdom in that. Anyway he doesn't forget her 'phone number now. It's the same as his own. Your hat, sir? Not at all. Thank you.

THE END.

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## HEALTH FOR ALL

### KEEPING COOL

Keeping cool in the summer is an art. It's an art well worth cultivating when the rays of the sun beat down at their hottest in mid-summer. It's an art which can be learned if one thing is kept in mind — moderation.

Moderation in eating, in play, in all types of physical exertion will make the summer heat spells

more bearable. Getting all "het up" about the weather will only make us more uncomfortable. Since we cannot change the weather and many of us cannot move on to cooler climes, when hot days approach, it is just as well to resign ourselves to the heat and to try to be as comfortable as possible.

Here are a few simple rules which, if followed, may help make the summer more pleasant.

1—Dress comfortably. Light clothes that are not too confining should be worn on hot days.

2—Eat sensibly. Heavy foods, difficult to digest, should be avoided. This does not mean living on sandwiches and salads throughout the summer. A well balanced diet is necessary at all times, and hot meals, if well planned, will not add to the discomfort of summer. Rich, heavy foods, however, cause the body to work overtime in the digestive process and should be omitted from the diet in hot weather.

3—Drink plenty of water and fruit juices. Because the body perspires more in the summer than in the winter, it is necessary to consume an extra amount of liquids. Cool water and lemonade are particularly good on hot days. Extra salt is needed, too, because the body loses much salt in perspiration. This salt may be obtained by adding it to fruit drinks or by eating salt tablets.

4—Be careful to avoid over-exposure to the sun.

Many people look forward to getting extra doses of sunshine during the summer, but too much sun may prove a health hazard. It may cause a painful sunburn or it may lead to sunstroke, which swiftly brings on unconsciousness and may cause death.

Sunstroke occurs most frequently among people exposed to the direct heat of the sun and who are too heavily clad. It is more common among men than among women and children. It may come on suddenly, but usually it is the result of long exposure and may come on gradually. The symptoms are a pain in the head, dizziness, a feeling of oppression, the absence of perspiration and, sometimes, nausea and vomiting.

While a doctor is being summoned, the patient should be removed to a cool spot. His cloth-

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The agonised groan  
Of the river emptying into the sea  
The turbulent cry  
Of the sea waves journeying shoreward  
Forty days and forty nights  
In the wind's voice  
Will I call forth unto thee.  
O Divine Glory  
If to find thee  
Is to call thee  
No sound apprehensible  
Will I not utter."

Wesley Levy: "Lenten Praise."

**PALESTINE**

"...He maketh wars to cease  
unto the end of the earth;  
he breaketh the bow, and  
cutteth the spear in sunder;  
he burneth the chariot in the fire.  
Be still; and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the  
heathen, I will be exalted in  
the earth..."

From: Psalm 46.

**ENGLAND**

"You came back over these familiar fields  
a minstrel long forgotten, bearing  
in your hands your broken lyre  
and your eyes telling the sad tale  
that your lyre can tell no longer.  
You have wandered where many  
dared,  
where many fell, and now return  
to cast your bitterness like  
dragons' teeth over the fields  
of love and furrows from whence  
you sprang  
nursing your heart's ambition,  
reaching from your cradle for the  
stars..."

Phillip Martin: "A Song of Returning."

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"Christ washed the feet of Judas!  
The dark and evil passions of his  
soul,  
His secret plot, and sordidness  
complete,  
His hate, his purposing, Christ  
knew the whole,  
And still in love He stooped and  
washed his feet.  
And so if we have ever felt the  
way  
Of trampled rights, of caste, it  
matters not,  
Whate'er the soul has felt or  
suffered long,  
Oh, heart! this one thing should  
not be forgot;  
Christ washed the feet of Judas."  
George Marion McClellan: "The  
Feet of Judas"

**CHINA**

"Green rushes with red shoots  
Long leaves bending to the wind—  
You and I in the same boat  
Plucking rushes at the Five Lakes.  
We started at dawn from the  
orchid island.  
We rested under the elms till  
noon.  
You and I plucking rushes  
Had not plucked a handful when  
night came!"

Chan Fang-sheng: 4th Century  
A.D. "Plucking the Rushes."

**KOREA**

"On the bridge below the Water  
Gate  
I saw his shadow lying aslant the  
stones.  
Amidst a thousand flickering  
leaves  
How still he seemed!  
I asked him what he sought  
among these mountains.  
He answered not but pointed  
with his staff  
To formless clouds beyond the  
farthest peak.  
His spirit listening and his yearning  
eyes  
Straining to seek those things  
they may not see."

Hong Yang How: "Meeting a  
Priest on a Bridge in the Mountains."

**ECUADOR**

"Vertical pools  
With diagonals of ice.  
Twins with the real,  
The virginal breasts of the fruit  
bowl.  
World, animated  
With a glittering consciousness.  
Trigonometry of light.  
Visual ideas..."

Jorge Carrera Andrade:  
"Dining-room Mirror."

**RUSSIA**

"Now has the third day's red sail  
come  
To haven on its westering way;  
In the sould—Golgotha, the tomb,  
Dispute, and riot, and dismay...  
Death, the inexorable, gapes;  
The heart is stifled in the  
graves...  
Somewhere are white and shirring  
shapes,  
Gold on the gloom, wrath on the  
wave!  
Someone, a stranger, on the road,  
Stopping to speak to us, proclaims  
A sacrifice and a dead God...  
And the heart breathes again,  
and flames."

Vyacheslav Ivanov: "The Road to  
Emmaus."

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**PERSONS  
PLACES  
THINGS**

By OLD JOE

**PERSONS**

Joseph Frederick Brennan, Associate Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers; Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society Government Meteorologist and Observer from 1920 to 1942 when he retired in the same year that he retired from the position of Pilot Balloon Service. This brief description referred to a Jamaican who had won distinction in his line of work, and who was then approaching the ninth decade of his life; yet his intellectual faculties were undimmed, his mental alertness was unimpaired; and he had a rich fund of instructive and entertaining memories, as I found to my extreme pleasure and profit when I called to interview him nearly 10 years ago.

Born in Kingston, on the 12th September, 1857, he was educated at the Collegiate School from 1864 to 1871, following, some years of private tuition. He entered the Public Works Department June 7, 1874 as Assistant Draughtsman to the District Engineer for Kingston. Promotions came rapidly for the young man: Assistant Superintendent of Works October 1883, he was promoted Superintendent of Works in February, 1887, and Assistant to the Government Meteorologist from 1891 to 1895. From 1907 to 1919 he acted as Meteorological Observer (with other duties). His next appointment was that of Inspecting Engineer for the Eastern Division in February 1915—which position he held till his retirement from the Public Works Department in April 1919. The period of service with the P.W.D. was really a preparation for wider service for all Jamaica. This began in 1920 when he succeeded Mr. Maxwell Hall as Government Meteorologist and Observer; and it continued till 1942; nearly 23 years of faithful and efficient service, testimony to which was fully borne out by the thousands who benefited by the published treatises on the meteorology of Jamaica, especially in connection with the abnormally heavy rains that had

been falling in the northern part of the island during that period.

Mr. Brennan was not much in the public eye, for he was of retiring a disposition. His considerable and important day-to-day activities were quite unknown to the man in the street. In the cool, sequestered corner of his laboratory in upper East Street, he kept the noiseless tenor of his way. But when the hurricane was in the offing, at whatever point of the compass, he was obliged to submit to publicity. Then the daily press printed the news he gave out, so that one and all might know what to expect. On such occasions his telephone line was the busiest in the whole system. He had hundreds of calls to answer; and this he, and also his sister, who helped him, did with unflagging patience and never-failing courtesy. Impatience would have been quite excusable in these circumstances, but never had the press known Mr. Brennan to yield to this human weakness; never had they heard anyone say that he or she had had any but a most polite and helpful answer to an enquiry made of Mr. Brennan's home by telephone or otherwise. This itself is a remarkable record. He died September, 1948. From the end of 1942 the Jamaica weather Service has been performed by the Admiralty on the behalf of the Air Ministry.

**PLACES**

**PARISHES OF JAMAICA**

**WESTMORELAND**

Savanna-la-Mar, the capital, is incorrectly spelt by people who have an itch for contracting the names of persons or places. Thus Sav-la-mar is wrong, because the name of Westmoreland's chief town is apparently born of the Arawak word Savanna, which the Spaniards incorporated into their language, for the reason that the Spanish word savannah answers to the description of "a treeless plain by the sea," especially in tropical Caribbean countries, such as Jamaica. Long Bay, which is midway between N. Negril Point and S. Negril Point is so far away westward that the people refer to this region as "Back-a-beyond." The name Negril is Spanish, and comes from the same root as negro, black; negrito, a diminutive word. The Chief town of Westmoreland was formerly called Queen's Town, (now Cross Path), and contained a church and many inhabitants; but in 1730 Savanna-la-mar rose into fame. Among other Spanish names in this region is Oristan: There is an Oristan some distance

inland from Bluefields. Near Bluefields also there was another place called Oristana, on the site of which were remains of an old fort. For Beckford Town in this parish, now little more than a name, the land was given by Richard Beckford, one of the family of that name which numbered in it some of Jamaica's most wealthy planters.

HANOVER parish lies to the north of Westmoreland. Its chief town is Lucea. Green Island, second in importance, is further west, and was so named on account of its natural features. Petersfield may have been named after Peter Beckford, (1702), for it belonged to Francis Beckford of London 1837.

**THINGS**

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# TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Miss Martin,  
I have a problem very unusual to those of your column, but I hope you will be able to help me out.

I'm the eldest boy of a very large family. My parents are both poor, and their income is small, so always not enough to cover the expenses.

I want to pitch in and help out with some of their expenses too, so I've been seeking for a job. I've tried but in vain.

I don't know what I'm to do now, but before I give up hope, I'm taking this chance in writing you, and hope through your column you will be able to help me

C. K. L.

Dear C. K. L.

Well laddie, you've got the right spirit and I sincerely wish you the best of luck and success in life, but you know the story of Robert Bruce and the Spider, — try, try again, if you don't succeed at first try, try again.

This is by no means an employment bureau but we will be very grateful to any reader who could offer this deserving youngster a job, which may prove for him a stepping stone to success.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I have a problem and I hope very much you can help me. I have a pen-pal abroad, a young man of 22. It may sound queer, but even though we are of different nationalities and have never seen each other nor hear each other's voice, we are sure that we are in love. He has asked me to marry him and naturally I want to, but the problem that bothers me is that I can't see any way in which I could tell my parents about us without any unpleasantness. Like all parents they believe that a marriage is built only upon security and if I should tell them they would probably say—why worry to go so far to marry a man you have never seen when there are lots of other men in Jamaica who would marry me. I do hope you understand me. He has suggested writing to my parents but I prevented him because it would only cause my parents to rush me into a marriage with someone I may not like

Yours sincerely,  
"Lonesome".

Dear Lonesome,  
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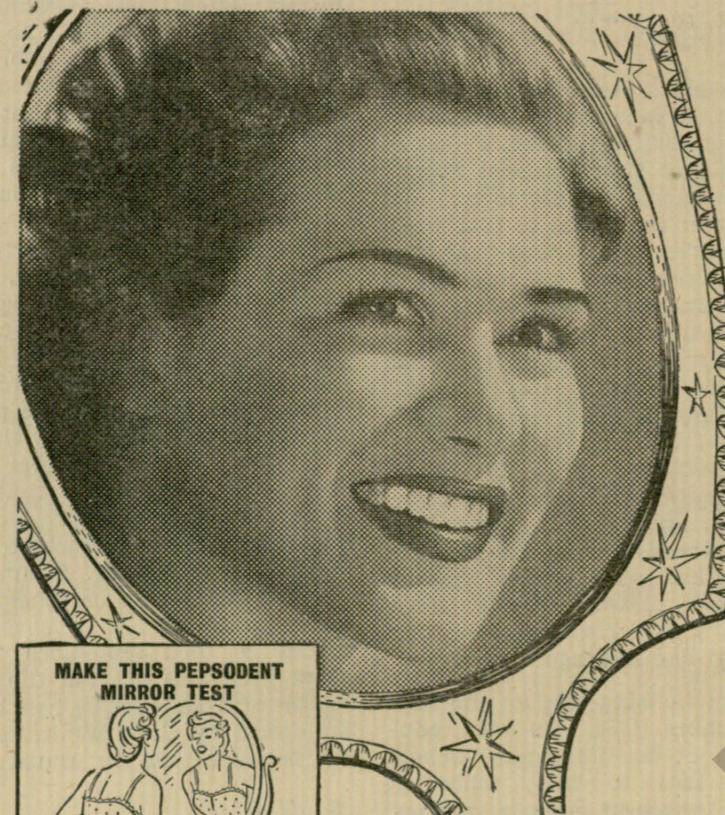
Dear "Anxious"  
Your problem is indeed a difficult one, there is so much that

of love until you know the young man better and he has had a chance to know you. It would therefore be very unmaidenly to let him know your feelings, and if he should get to know them before he has made any advances to you I am sure he would be scared and keep far from you.

The only thing to do is to try and overcome your shyness and the next time you say a bright

good-morning follow it up with some little remark. As you say that he also is of the quiet type perhaps all he needs is a little encouragement to stop and talk to you. In this way you will get to know each other and each other's likes and dislikes, and later on when the newness of your friendship has worn off, he will no doubt ask you for a date.

E. M.



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## IN PARENTHESIS

Be it ever so mortgaged, there's no place like home.

The weakness of public opinion is that so many people express it only in private.

People are always complaining about the germs that cling to paper money: but no one stops to advise us how to cling to ours.

"Why do they call language the mother tongue? Do you know?"

"No. Why?"  
"Because father never gets a chance to use it."

"What marks is he getting at college?"

"He got one long one over his left eye where a whiskey bottle hit him."

One so seldom hears the expression, "She's an accomplished listener."

A thief pleads he took a piano in a weak moment. Wonder what he'd have stolen in a moment of strength.

"Let me kiss you good night."  
"I'm saving my kisses."  
"Let me add one to your collection."

Ben: Women are like tooth paste tubes.

Fred: How is that?  
Ben: You've got to give them a squeeze before you can get anything out of them.

"Where did you get that cigar?"

"Some one gave it to me."  
"A friend?"  
"I don't know yet."

Two Cockney boys were discussing their future. Said one: "I'm going in the Navy."  
"Garn!" retorted the other. "The Navy won't take you. They wants oak, not plywood."

"There is great wealth to be found in the moon," states an astronomer. Song writers have known that for a long time now.

"I've changed my mind."  
"Does the new one work any better?"

"I wonder what would happen if you and I ever agreed on anything?"

"I'd be wrong."

With the cost of living up the way it is, my wife's become so economical she does without practically everything I need.

"Why is he so sad?"  
"Didn't you know he had gone bankrupt?"  
"Yes, but I didn't know he had lost money over it."

British hatters say that heads are getting bigger. Thirty years ago most men wore 6. After the first World War size 7 was most popular. Now there is an increasing demand for 7½. Feminists deny that the increase is in brain size.

"And so at twenty, I faced the world with fifty cents and a clear conscience."

"And what happened to the conscience?"

"Thinking of me?"  
"Oh, was I laughing? Pardon me!"

A female octopus gives birth to 250,000 little ones at a time. No wonder the eyes of the papa octopus stick out so far.

When a man has the last word in an argument with his wife it's generally an apology.

Add prophetic last words: "If it's the last thing I do . . ."

"Why did they break off their engagement?"

"Because he stole a kiss."  
"How ridiculous of a girl to object to her fiance's stealing a kiss from her!"

"Oh, but you see he didn't steal it from her."

The employer had lost a pound note and an office boy took it to him.

"You are an honest lad," said the employer, "but the pound I lost was a note and not silver."

"I know sir," replied the boy; "but the last time I found a pound note the owner didn't have any change."

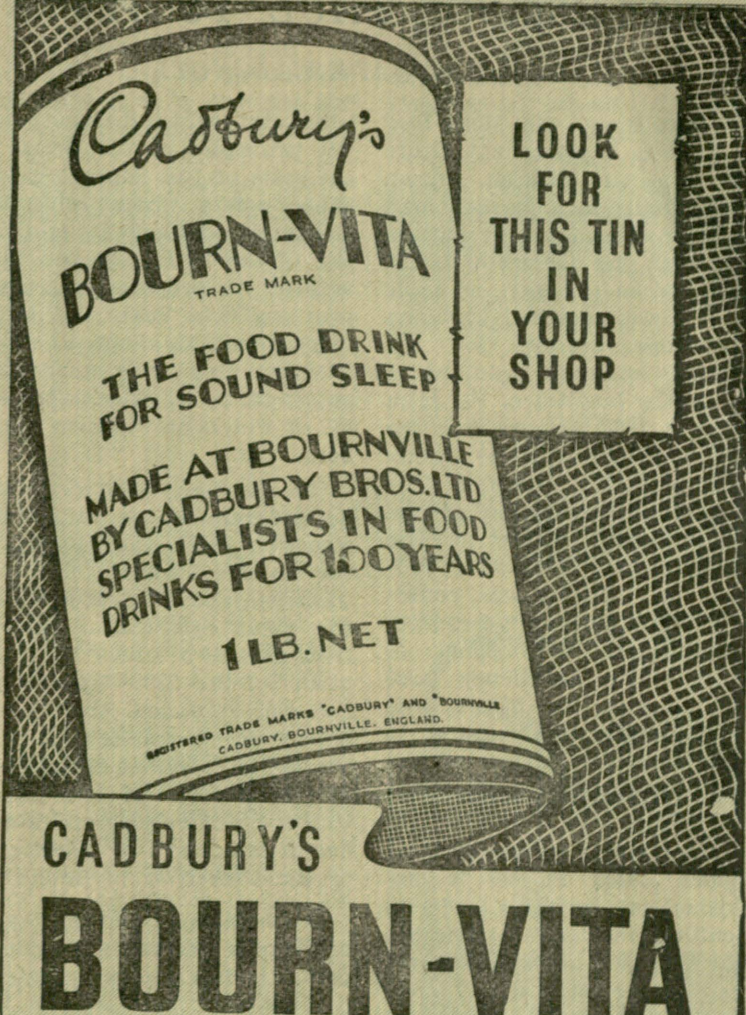
Beulah: Say, you look kinda unhappy today.

Endicott: I am, I left my wife this mornin'.

Beulah: For good  
Endicott: No. I'm goin' home to lunch now. That's why I'm unhappy!

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—Arnold Bennett.



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## ARCHBISHOP PAUL YU PIN

### A BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Paul Yu-Pin, a prominent figure of the Catholic Church, known internationally as a learned man of letters, diplomat and author, was born in the district of Lansi, Manchuria, on the 13th. of April, 1901. He was educated in China and Europe, studied for the Priesthood and was ordained in Rome at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in 1928, and received his Doctorate in Theology the following year from the Pontifical College of the Propagation of the Faith in Rome, where he also served for some time as a Professor. In 1936 he was consecrated Bishop, and ten years later was appointed Archbishop of Nanking. His Excellency also served for some time in the Vatican Diplomatic service, and in 1945 he was the adviser of the Chinese delegation during the Conference at San Francisco.

As the leader of the Chinese Catholics Mons. Yu-Pin is distinguished as a vigorous leader in the cultural, social and civic life of his country; he is highly respected in the government circle as also by the political leaders of China.

Mons. Yu-Pin helped to prepare and signed the present Constitution of the Republic of

China, into which he incorporated the principles of the Social Encyclicals of the Popes, especially those points which referred to the fundamental rights and liberties of the individual and to the worker; his proposal that Christmas day (The Feast of the Nativity) should be adopted as "Constitution Day" was unanimously approved by the General Assembly of which he was also a member.

His Excellency started a Catholic programme for rural reconstruction under the patronage of the Chinese Catholic Cultural Association, and from which sprang the great agricultural co-operatives as also a school for the orphans of the Sino-Japanese war. He also founded the Catholic School for Journalists at Tientsin and is President of the Economic Committee of the Catholic University of Peiping and a member of the Board of Management of the University of Shanghai.

Archbishop Yu-Pin is a symbol of China's freedom and independence, he has always struggled for the cause of the Catholic Faith and the liberty of the Church in China; as a consequence of this, his six daily papers in China and two radio stations, one in Nanking and the other in Shanghai

were confiscated by the Communists, and His Excellency is now at the head of the list of 'war criminals' which was published on February 11, 1949 by the Chinese Communist Party.

The Archbishop is well known in the religious circles of the U.S.A. as also to government officials, diplomats and educational authorities of America. During his first visit to Washington he was a frequent visitor to the White House in company with his intimate friend Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, U.S.A. His Excellency has started a Cultural Institute of China in Washington, D.C., which is a centre of educational and cultural activities, and the work of the Archbishop in the educational field is known throughout the United States and he is the recipient of many Honorary Degrees from several American Universities.

### PERSONALIA

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Thomas Ho Lung, Carl Lyn, J. Tai Pow, Ronnie Chang, Teddy Wong, Selly Mahwingkee, and Arnold Chung.

The marriage of Miss Lena Chin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Chin of Christiana to Mr.

Victor Chang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chang Ka Tchin of Cross Roads will take place on Sunday, April 1 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. The reception will be held afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wong of 20 Haining Road.

Miss Gloria Chang and Miss Avis Chin Yee arrived on the s/s "Colombie" on Tuesday, March 7. Gloria and Avis left here early in February to attend the Mardi Gras in Trinidad. They enjoyed themselves very much with the sights, the music and the dancing of Trinidad's gayest carnival time. They were also very impressed with the keen hospitality of the people there who were always anxious to see that the visitors enjoyed every moment of their stay. While in Trinidad they were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Chai, parents of Mrs. Cecil Lai Fook of Eden Gardens.

Among those who passed the Higher School Exams held last year were H. M. Chung, Cornwall College; V. L. A. Chin, Excelsior College; J. Tai Pow, Munro College; A. A. Lee, St. George's College; M. R. Mooyoung, St. George's College; V. A. Chung, Titchfield School; N. L. Chang, Private; Miss J. M. Chin, Hamp-

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## JOAN BENNETT IS BOTH GLAMOROUS AND VERSATILE

By Brian Young



Joan Bennett's beauty is renowned all over the world. Her deftness and versatility as an actress have brought her success in a wide variety of roles. She is the author of a charm book, "How To Be Attractive," which has been translated into 15 languages. Yet, she started out in life with an ugly duckling complex.

Daughter of the stage stars, Richard and Adrienne Morrison Bennett, Joan, as a child, found herself completely overshadowed by her older sisters, Constance and Barbara. In this volatile, outspoken theatrical family with a tradition dating back to the early 19th Century, the girls' "possibilities" were openly appraised and somehow Joan always seemed to come out last. She got the feeling that she didn't have a chance against the competition and decided to by-pass the stage for a career as an interior decorator.

But, like so many others, she soon found that building up a clientele for decorating is a slow process. When her father asked her to give the stage a try by appearing with him in "Jarnegan," she accepted gratefully.

Almost overnight, Joan Bennett became a personality in her own right. Her fresh blonde beauty and vibrant voice brought her screen offers and she made her film debut in 1929 with Ronald Colman in "Bulldog Drummond."

Immediately in demand for ingenue leads with everyone from Harry Richman to George Arliss, she decided to cast her lot with motion pictures. Except for a season in 1937 with the road company of "Stage Door," she has been in films ever since. Her most recent are Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Father Of The Bride" and "Father's Little Dividend," in which she co-stars with Spencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor.

Off-screen, Joan's life is devoted entirely to her family. As she puts it, her daughters are her only hobbies. She lists swimming, skeet shooting, tennis and ice skating among her favourite pastimes.

### A FREE WORLD

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abundantly clear to the people of China that it is fighting the Communist dictatorship in China and not the vast majority of the people of China; that any movement on the part of the people of China to sabotage the Communist conquerors or to rid themselves of their Stalinist puppet dictators, will have the moral support and, whenever possible, the material support of democratic and peace-loving peoples of the world.

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### HEALTH FOR ALL

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ing should be loosened and an effort made to reduce his temperature rapidly. If he is conscious, he should be given salt and water to drink or fruit juices. Moderation practised during the summer months will make these months pass more pleasantly and comfortably.

In the next article, the responsibility of the family to the TB patient will be discussed.

### Persons, Places, Things

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or any examination of similar standard. In the Governor has been vested full power and authority to decide finally in all cases of the conditions under which the Scholarship is awarded, and the payments attached to the scholarship.

CORRECTION: In the issue of January 27th. there appeared in this column certain references to the prices paid for PIMENTO. I regret the typographical error in the prices quoted. It should read "for February the figures were 1,107,769 and £61,166. March figures were 128,380 and £5,829."

### PERSONALIA

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ton School; Miss D. M. Lowe, St. Hugh's High School and Miss I.

P. Chen, Wolmer's Girls' School. In the A.I.B. examination held in Jamaica last December, two students from the Chinese Commercial school were among the successful candidates. They were Miss Mildred Chen and Mr. George Chen. They both passed the LCC examination with distinction last year. Mildred is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chen and George is the son of Mrs. Chen Chu Pui.

Mr. Aston Powe left on the s/s Jamaica Producer for Scotland on Wednesday, March 7. Mr. Powe returns to Scotland to continue his services as a professional cricketer at Strathmore club.

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# AROUND THE TOWN

By KEITH CLARKE

## THE PEACEMAKER

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of the Lord" and so, like everybody else, I have been very busy thinking about Easter but I have decided in my mind never to be a peacemaker again because they are called lots of ugly names besides children of the Lord. I have discovered that from practical experiences. I believe the children of the Lord must look to heaven for their reward. They must not expect anything on earth in the way of congratulations.

If Tom and Dick are quarrelling and you, as a peacemaker, come along to part them, you will approach either of them in the first instance and speak words of comfort to both. In many instances you get the worse of it.

## A SERIOUS LESSON

Last week I learnt a very serious lesson as I walked downtown, as to the practical effects of peacemaking. I saw two men fighting, and being adverse to bloodshed, I courageously rushed them, spoke soothing words of comfort to both and warned them of the danger of injuries. I thought I was doing a good turn and was pleased when one of the men drew off. I thought he had taken my word and renounced hostilities so I stepped off to continue my way. Suddenly a stone burst through the air and hit me in the back of my head. Whether the stone was flung at me or not I don't know, but it caught me. The stonethrower was pursued by a special constable who was nearby, caught and arrested. My clothes were all over in blood but I refused to prosecute as I could not say for certain that the stone was flung at me. After all, I said to myself, why did I interfere with these men? They did not ask me to and perhaps they were only enjoying themselves. The more I think of it, the more I realise that peacemakers can be really nuisances.

## NAMES

Friday night of last week, I thought I would go to a show something of a light nature, so I went to the Carib theatre. I did not even take the trouble to see what was showing. I just made my way into the theatre and settled down to enjoy the "Share The Wealth". I thought my number would be called so that I could go up on the stage to take part in the answering of questions, but I was disappoint-

ed. Then, for the first time, I noticed the title of the show was "Destination Moon". At once I started to blame myself for having come to see a picture with such a name, I figured it was certain to be poor. It turned out that I liked it very much, as did everybody else. The audience was not large. "Destination Moon" suggested nothing in particular, so several people stayed away.

Some parents are very careful in selecting names for their children. Some instinct warns them that they may hamper their children's future by unwise choice, but in their anxiety not to do so and in their very laudable desire to give their child a name which he will carry with pride through life, they sometimes go to extreme pretentiousness and then we have an anti-climax. "What is your name?" asked the mistress of a maid who was learning housework with her. "Gwendolyn Antoinette Cytherea Bims, ma'am." That does not sound true, it is too good to be true, said the mistress. We admit that little Bims had a right to any name with which she was christened, but somehow we feel that Bims' mother was not playing the game. Cytherea means goodness, Antoinette, a celebrated queen of France, and Gwen, usually a pretty girl—and then Bims. . . . It is not fair to Bims, I know, but the lady may be forgiven if she decides to call the youthful servant Janey. But I presume Gwen will have her revenge one day. She will always allude to her mistress as that wretch.

## THE BRAINS OF THE FAMILY

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tangled knots of Geometry would do the lad no harm.

"Well, would you please help me with this theorem on Isosceles Triangles Daddy?"

"There was nothing else to do but put away the papers, lay the pipe aside, pull your feet from off the chair, grab the proffered pencil and start on a course of explanation.

But the ageing brain with that little cubbyhole labelled 'geometry' cobwebby and dismal with disuse, had accumulated more than a little dust, over the wide gap between schooldays and breadwinning efforts.

"Well, it goes like this—" that's a good enough start anyway, even if you don't have the foggiest idea of what you are going to say next.

"First you draw an Isosceles triangle . . ." safe enough up to this point, "then you label the points—A, B, and C." that's done in most geometrical problems so there's nothing lost there, "and then draw a line from the point B, to the centre of the line A, C." Uh-huh, or is it from C to line A, B. You remember that there was something about halving the triangle but just how, and where does one go from there. Your best subject, eh, well old man, you must be quite a bellywhopper of a flop in school in your day. Maybe you'd better play it safe.

"Well you see, son, it used to be done like that anyhow in my day, but with modern teaching methods and all, there's the chance that I will show you how to do it my way, and then find that the system has changed." That seems to me a safe bulwark of defence against such a situation.

And of course you know the danger of doing a lad's sums for him. How many over-zealous fathers have had their efforts marked with the horrifying red cross. I guess maybe the safest thing for you, to keep out of trouble, would be to keep your big mouth shut. Or, better still, since you have to find the answers, send the child to mama.

There are no acts of treachery more deeply concealed than those which lie under the pretence of duty, or under some profession of necessity.—Cicero.

## NATIONAL ARTS FOUNDATION NAMES ALBERT SCHWEITZER "MAN OF THE CENTURY"

Albert Schweitzer, theologian, philosopher, musician and doctor, has been named "man of the century" by the National Arts Foundation, a philanthropic organization of the United States.

For almost thirty years, Albert Schweitzer has lived in Gabon, where he runs a hospital he founded at Lambaréné. This former Alsatian pastor, by his expositions of the Scriptures and philosophy, his works on Goethe and Jean Sebastian Bach, his talent as an organist and the reputation acquired during a life consecrated to medicine, is one of the most remarkable men, and one of the most universal minds of our times. Up to the present, Albert Schweitzer, now 75 years of age, was known only among musicians and philosophers. But recently his reputation has extended beyond the small circle of his old admirers. Some months ago, the American revue "Life" named him "the greatest man in the world".

No doubt Dr. Schweitzer will be grateful for this recognition if only because the books he has written, the records he has made, will have a renewed success, and the royalties from them can be devoted entirely, as usual, to improving the hospital at Lambaréné, where he specialises in the treatment of sleeping sickness. . . a hospital he was able to build by playing the works of Jean Sebastian Bach on all the organs of Europe. (UNESCO)

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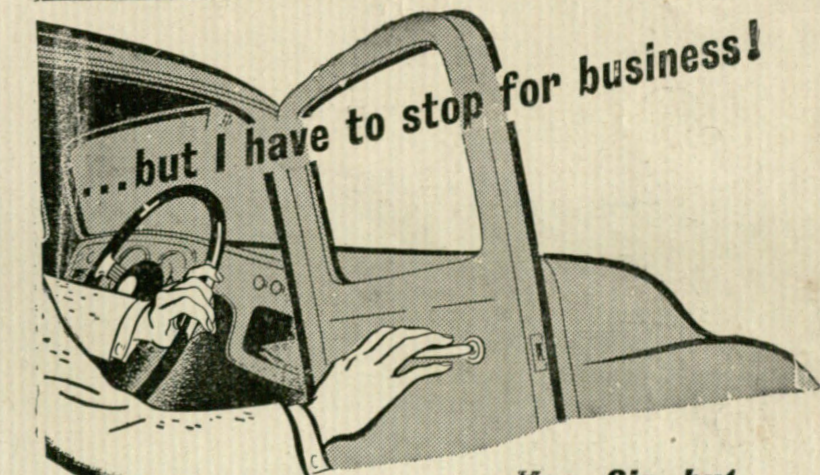
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