

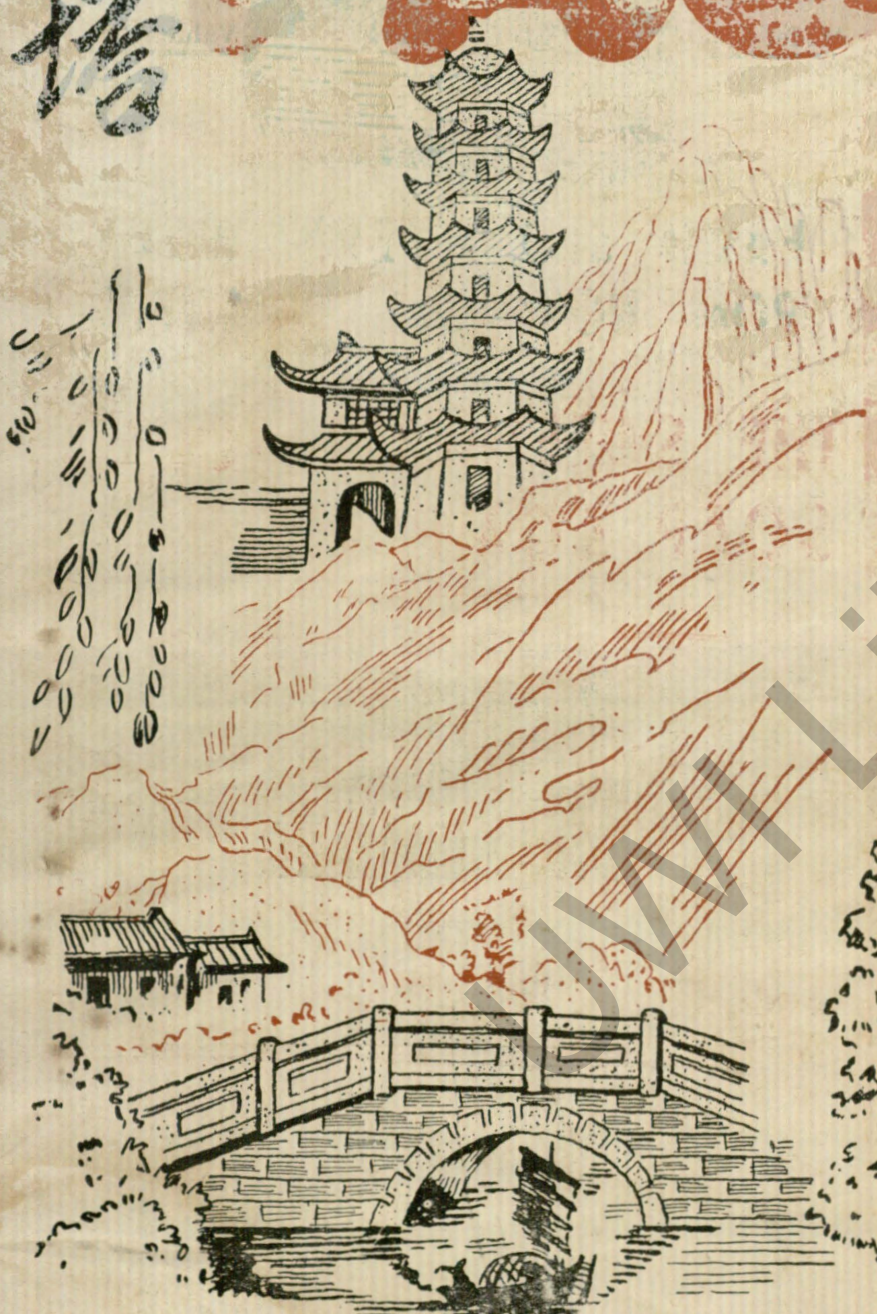
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# CHINESE FESTIVALS

By T. F. WEI

(Continued from last issue)

**E**XACTLY one month after the All Souls' Day arrives the Mid-Autumn Festival. This second Festival of the Living may be more appropriately called the Moon Festival as all the myths told of the Festivals, carried down to our own days by the flowing stream of tradition, are associated with this luminary. In contrast with the light and heat, symbolic of the Sun, the Moon, typifying softness and cold, early came to be regarded by most peoples of the world as a feminine deity. Hence the Chinese story of the Lady of the Moon who is celebrated for her rare beauty.

Known as **Chang O** in Chinese, the Lady used to live with her husband **Hou Yi** in the reign of Emperor Yao, about 2,000 B.C. One day ten suns appeared in the sky giving forth so much heat that the earth dwellers could not endure it. Being a skilful archer, **Hou Yi** was ordered by the Emperor to shoot down with his enchanted bow the 9 false suns. This **Hou Yi** did. Before long, the Queen Mother of the Western Heaven was also pleased with **Hou Yi's** meritorious service and a precious reward in the form of the Pill of Immortality was given him. The Pill, however, was by a stroke of luck, taken instead by his wife **Chang O** who immediately found herself soaring high to the blue! Finding her husband at her heels, she hastily took refuge in the Palace of Moon and there, being breathless, coughed up the outer coating of the pill, which immediately turned into the Jade Rabbit, while she herself was metamorphosed into the **Ch'an** or the three-legged toad.

Another one of the moon-divinities in human shape is the Wood-cutter **Wu Kang** who is subjected to a punishment of cutting down the stubborn Cassia Tree. In spite of his continuous efforts, the tree remains intact except that in the night of the Moon Festival one of the leaves is chopped down. Anyone who is lucky enough to be the recipient of the leaf will be most successful in whatever walk of life he prefers to choose.

Speaking of the celebration of the Festival itself, the moon cakes are the distinctive offerings of the Feast. Just when the moon sails into the high heavens, the service begins. On the altar, plates are set out filled with moon cakes and round fruits like apples, peaches and grapes—all symbolising the full moon. In the province of Kiangsu, an elaborately made "Incense-

Measure" called **Hsiang Tou** is also offered. The "Measure" is embellished with a paper **Pai-Lou**, symbolising the Moon Palace, which rises from the centre around a pillar of incense-sticks. The tip of this pillar is burned early in the morning, and throughout the day it slowly smoulders till, by midnight, the whole structure is burned when the religious rites proper to the Moon Festival come to an end. A figure of the Patron Saint of Literature named **Kuei Sin** is placed in the Palace, because according to one authority he is supposed to inhabit one of the stars of the Northern Measure, the Great Bear Constellation."

**N**OW coming to the social pleasures, the feast is usually started in the evening and lasts to mid-night—the hour when the moon is at the zenith of her brilliancy. In Ningpo the Festival falls instead on the sixteenth. Legend has it that a high official of the Sung Dynasty, **Sze Mi Yuan**, was coming to his native place Ningpo to celebrate the Festival, but having been unexpectedly delayed on the way, only reached his destination one day too late for the celebration. In honour of his presence the country folks, however, decided to continue the "fiesta" for another day and the Festival has been postponed one day ever since.

The first of the 10th moon or **Shih Yueh Choa** is the last of the three Festivals of the Dead and decidedly the least celebrated of all the "Big Festivals." Visits are again paid to the ancestors' graves, and the way of offering sacrifices including food, burning incense and candles and paper money, is the same as seen at the **Ch'ing Ming**. Now that the autumn harvest is gathered, opportunity is taken of the comparative leisure of the men to inspect lonely graveyards and provide coffins and grave-sites for the poor. Among the families recently bereaved, the ceremony known as "burning the clothes" is observed. Paper imitations of warm garments and other household necessities are packed into parcels with paper money and carefully addressed to the ghosts for whom they are intended. In rich families, paper figures of man-servants and maid-servants and imitations of almost all the luxuries of life, e.g. automobiles and houses, etc., are burned together with the other offerings so that the worshippers feel

confident that the ghosts received all the comforts of this world.

**B**Y far the greatest, longest, happiest, and noisiest of all Chinese festivals is the New Year. As much preparation is required for the prolonged festivities to come with the New Year, the season normally starts with the 20th, of the 12th, moon, when a regular house-cleaning takes place in every home. On the 23rd, (or in South China the 24th) sacrifice to **Tsao Chun**, the "Kitchen God" is offered as he is leaving that night to report on the behaviour of each family during the past year to the Jade Emperor or **Yu Wang**. Being a messenger between Gods and men, he commands the greatest respect of the household, especially the more superstitious old folks. However, notwithstanding the important position he holds, his shrine in every Chinese kitchen is usually a little niche behind the cooking stove, blackened with dust and smoke. Inside the flimsy reliquary a printed picture of the Hearth God is pasted and is only to be renewed on the New Year Eve after the old one is sent off to heaven on the night under reference. Prior to his departure, food-offerings are presented. A special sweet candy made of sticky rice is served in the hope that with this his lips will be stuck close so that he will not talk too freely or make unfavourable report against the household whose hospitality he should appreciate. After his feast **Tsao Chun's** portrait is carried to the court-yard, either in a miniature sedan chair or on a paper horse. Facing the flames of burning candles and incense-sticks, the image is set alight and sent off skyward to the "Precious-Throne" of the Jade Emperor.

About a week after comes the last day of the year, the greatest paying and settling day among the Chinese. The custom requires that any one who is in debt must by now liquidate the outstanding account with his creditor. His failure to do so is considered a matter of great disgrace. However if he sees no way of paying up, he hides till the New Year morning when he is immune, at least during the New Year Holidays, from the bothering of his

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# EAGER BEAVER

By S. H. C.

LIFE ran on placidly and smoothly until that day when Henry moved in next door. Disastrous fate moved in, right next door to me, and I didn't know it, just because he was disguised as a friendly neighbour. I tell you pal, you would have been fooled yourself. No, don't get me wrong. I don't mean that he was malicious, inquisitive, gossipy or anything like that. I simply mean that he—well, let us start at the beginning again.

Paradoxically, Henry was a good sort. He was a nice sort of person to sit and chat to over a range of innumerable subjects. He played a good hand at bridge, he played a fair game of ping pong, he read a good deal. His wife and mine took to each other like long lost sisters. Really, our hearts went out to the new family next door. But you can have too much of a good thing.

Whenever a loan of the good old helping hand was indicated, Henry's was first over the line. Generous—why, he was the soul of generosity. For a guy, any guy, to be more generous than Henry was, he'd have to quit his job and make a career out of it. Honestly, Henry's face was a living advertisement for the Scout Movement. His cheery grin measured a yard across in Winter, and slightly more in Summer — you know, heat causes expansion and so on and so on.

And now let us get down to cold facts. There was the very first case of the Adjustable lawnmower.

Henry looked upon tradesmen and craftsmen as a brood of leeches whose sole justification for existence is their ability to suck the last coin from the thinly lined pockets of the householder. If they turn a screw for you, insists Henry, it's a bob. If they screw a bolt on to your pantry door it's a ten bob. And the trouble is, that many of us call them in, because we just can't be bothered.

IT was as a result of this over-the-fence lecture on economy that I set about adjusting the blade of the lawn mower one bright Sunday morning. It was really a simple matter, as Henry said, to get down to the thing itself. Here for instance, was a case where all I need do to fix the thing was to loosen a bolt — either side of the blade, tighten up two screws, tighten back the bolts, and presto — no trip to the Mechanical Wizard, no delving into the pocket after scanty bobs. I gave Henry a mental pat on the back, fished out my screwdriver, and bent down to the task.

"Hullo there!"  
"Hi, Henry!"  
"Labouring away on the Lord's Day?" Henry was always like that, cheerful, and with a new slant on things.  
"Nothing much Henri, mon ami!"  
"Here, lemme have that screwdriver. Want to let down a bit?"

"Yes, but it's nothing, I can..."  
"Nonsense, let the old genius fix it for you."

Suited the action to the word, he pulled the screwdriver from my none too unwilling grasp — for physical exertion of any sort, I find most undesirable.

"But Henry—" I was alarmed at seeing him pulling out the cotter pin which held the wheel on to the axle... "there's nothing wrong there! All you need adjust is the blade."

"Tell daddy now, honestly, have you ever pulled down your lawn mower, have you ever before now, lifted a finger to help this great mechanical friend of hard-pressed husbands?"

"No, but..."  
"But me no buts!" And he proceeded to separate each and every part of the unit, so that when he was through, and they were stacked out neatly on the ground beside him, they looked like a display from a catalogue of replacement parts.  
"Henry?" I was thoroughly alarmed now.

"Never mind old son, these parts all needed cleaning anyway. Got some oil? If you haven't, I'll just nip over for a sec."

"No, no, I have oil—but..."  
"Fine, will you sprint inside for it old boy?" I did. I was as incapable of thinking as my new lawnmower was at that instant unable to mow. I moved like a robot and was obedient to the wishes of the master-craftsman.

NINE hours, seventeen minutes and three seconds later we gave it up as a job beyond our powers. We had stopped only for lunch, tea and supper, and for an occasional look at the picture on the cover of the little tool kit which had been supplied with the machine.

"Henry," I asked, as a wicked thought struck me, "Where is your lawnmower?"

"Oh," he confessed airily, "at the repairers, they are welding a bar on it for me. It broke off while I was adjusting the blade."

Then it was I realised that things could indeed have been worse.

Then there was the case of the leaking oil stove.

Again, I knew just what the trouble was. It was one of these Kerosene Oil ranges. There was a slow drip at the bung end of the lines. All I had to do was pull the bung, wrap it with fibre and daub it with a little Litharge. With the memory of the case of the Adjustable Lawnmower lying on top of my mental files, I furtively tried to fix this little job myself.

I locked myself in, allowing only a tiny crack for ventilation. I moved around in rubber soled shoes. I gave the household the impression that I had gone away on a fishing trip. I adjusted the monkey wrench and put the claw over the bung. I straightened up to tug at it when—

"Mon cher, mon ami, mon amigo! What gives in the galley-house of this charming domicile! Emerge old bean, emerge, and cater to the wants of your long lost friend!" I threw up my arms in resignation and emerged as instructed.

"Spare a match!" I reached over and took a new box off the shelf.

"Aha, what find I here! A new challenge to the mental genius of Professor Henri of the Salon du Fixtures Mecanique!"

Alarmed at the possibilities of such assistance, I gushed:

"No such luck old son! I was merely filling the fuel tank!"

"What my merry spirit! With a money wrench! Hahaha!"

"Well... the bung drips just a little bit. I don't think I need bother to trouble it after all."

"Nonsense, with two tried men and true, it will only take a brace of shakes."

"Well, alright." It never does to buck one's fate.

In a few seconds we pulled the entire stove down to framework and component parts — Wick, knobs, burner drums, piping etc. It was the wicked spirit in me which said:

"Henry, are you sure the frame is alright. That it doesn't need to be pulled down?"

After three hours, four minutes and seventeen seconds, we re-assembled the unit.

Henry suggested that I light it up to try it.

"Your privilege old man, after all, you fixed it."

With a gracious bow, he struck the match and touched the flame to the wick.

Sometime after the sound of falling crockery had ceased and we had scraped the various parts of the stove into a corner I looked around the kitchen to assess the damage. Even now I find it difficult to imagine that the upper half had at one stage been cream and the lower half, green.

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# MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

THE Carnival affair at the Club was a lively function that quite lived up to its advance publicity. A light shower just before the opening threatened to break it up entirely. Opener was a friendly football match that was too friendly. Next came the Baby Show which caught the sponsors unprepared—there were many more babies than they expected. It was a very interesting show for the parents and spectators and the winners of the different age groups were roundly applauded. With so many visits from the stork every month a Baby Show could very well be a semi-annual event.

FORTUNE telling was an unexpected feature and there was a long line patiently waiting to have their fortune told. One young man look very puzzled as the seer told him that he had four loves and that was three too many. I like the young couple who went at different times and then spent an earnest fifteen minutes afterwards comparing notes.

HIGHLIGHT of the function was the choosing of the Carnival Queen. Suspense was sustained when the Judges put off their decision until the concert was over. The judges must have had quite a task as they looked their notes over and over again and knitted and crossed their brows. However, the choice was a popular one judging from the applause she received.

THE concert provided entertainment of a very high order. Most hilarious was the ballet comedie

and indeed we are not lacking in talent. Despite the comeliness of the high kicking chorus girls there were no stage door Johnnies. How odd?

THE only unfinished part of the Carnival was the raffle of the Refrigerator. Being one of the most attractive displays at the Carnival it naturally sold nearly its worth in chances that night alone. Many must have been disappointed to discover afterwards that the drawing was some time away. Well if its something worth waiting for we can all afford to be patient.

A FOOTBALL team from Kingston travelled to Mandeville last weekend. The captain could not muster all the persons he wanted and was still short of men. Two insurance men who might have made up the number drove in all haste to get there in time but failed to make it. I doubt if they could have added more to the strength of the team anyway. The trouncing they received in the field was forgotten by the warm reception they received afterwards at a dance given in their honour.

ONE of our young salesmen, I hear, is having a hard time expressing himself despite his volubility at other times. It is to a young lady recently from the homeland who does not speak a word of English. These days he is spending most of his time teaching her English but I understand that in the meantime he has picked up quite a bit of Chinese himself.

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## PERSONALIA

The bride's uncle, Mr. Chin See Kin, gave her hand in marriage. Chief bridesmaid was Miss Cynthia Ho Tseung, assisted by the Misses Nettie Ho Tseung and Eunice Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ho of St. Andrew have announced the marriage of their elder daughter, Lily, to Mr. Jack W. Lee of New York. The ceremony was performed at Bethany Chapel, Brooklyn, N.Y. on Saturday, November 4.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr. C. K. Kao. Matron of honour was Mrs. Ina Kao and Miss Marcella Chin was the other attendant.

Mr. Charles Lee, brother of the groom, was bestman and Mr. Moody Chin completed the bridal party.

Among those present at the dinner reception held afterwards were Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Chin Loy and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Chen (nee Imogene Chin Loy).

The couple spent their honeymoon in Washington.

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On Sunday, November 26 at 5 p.m. the marriage of Miss Alice Eugenie Chin and Mr. Aston Ho took place at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. The bride who was born in Surinam, D.G., received her education in Canton, China. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ho Len Shue. Rev. Fr. Fox performed the ceremony.

Mr. George Yap Chung acted as bestman and the ushers were Messrs. Lucien Ho Tom and Ernest Young.

A reception followed at No. 13 Belmont Road, St. Andrew, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ho Len Shue.

The Carnival and Fair held by the Chinese Athletic Club on their grounds on Sunday, November 19, was a huge success. Gates were opened at 4:15. The first item on the programme was a football match played between a team from the Chinese Social and Athletic Club from Montego Bay and a C.A.C. team. The latter team won by 2 goals to 1. Playing for the Montego Bay team were Bobby Chin (capt.), Arthur Chin, Lipton Chin, Benjamin Chin, Karl Young, Leslie Chen See, Victor Chin, D. Carvalho, George Hew, Milton Chin and Stanley D. Chin.

At about 5 o'clock Lady Allan declared the Fair open. Shortly after the results of the Baby Show, sponsored by the Jamaica Milk Company, were announced. Winner of the first group of 6 months to a year old was Baby Peter Liu, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Liu of May



— Photo by Pierre Chong  
Mr. A. Tie Ten Quee crowns Miss Sheila Chong, Queen of the C.A.C. Carnival. Looking on are Mr. Vernon Cheong, Master of Ceremonies and Miss Irma Jarrett, one of the Judges.

Pen. Taking second place in that group was Anna Maria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pinchin.

In the second group of one year to two years, Shelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Chang took first place. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wong Pow's little boy, Wayne, came second.

Other attractions on the grounds were the Penny Sale, Games of Chance, Toys Stall, Grab Bag, Fancy Stall, Fortune Telling, Hoopla and an Electric Train Display. Fortune telling by cards was read by Mrs. G. Woodham and was one of the

popular attractions of the evening.

Before the concert programme the young ladies who were chosen for the Carnival Queen contest were presented to the audience. While the Judges interviewed the contestants the concert programme began. A very entertaining programme of songs and dances included vocal solos by Miss Colleen Hoo, Mr. Keith Tang, and Miss Irma Jarrett, a vocal duet by George and Johnny Lee, a vocal quartette by the Misses Marie Richards, A.

## PANORAMA

## CONSTITUTION DAY

November 20th last, Jamaica's Constitution Day, was celebrated with a number of various kinds of celebrations, all of which drew large attendances. Foremost among these was the Frome Show and Fair organised by the West Indies Sugar Company Ltd., and the Jamaica Agricultural Society.

This Show was opened by His Excellency the Acting Governor the Hon. D. C. MacGillivray, C.M.G. at 11 a.m. and the whole proceedings of the Show was covered by Radio Jamaica, recordings of which were broadcast on Sunday last. The Show has been deemed the biggest and best yet put on and attracted some 10,000 persons. The cattle exhibits were magnificent, and, all praise is due to those who worked so indefatigably to show Jamaicans some of those things which are our assets.

The Morning Concert at the Ward Theatre held on the same date was also an outstanding success, featuring such artistes as Amos and Andy, Gene McDonald, Ben Bowers, and the Jamaica All Star Band.

There were many dances at various clubs, and the usual round of sporting events, and in all these celebrations the poor were not forgotten. On their behalf the Kingston Charity Organisation gave a treat for them at which 2,000 persons received gifts of cash and foodstuffs. This function was presided over by Mr.

C. B. Facey, president of the Society, principal speaker being the Hon. John O'Regan, the Acting Colonial Secretary.

SALVATION ARMY  
TERRITORIAL CONGRESS

The Salvation Army held its 63rd Territorial Congress comprising Central America and the West Indies, in Jamaica, from November 23rd—27th, at which the special speakers were Commissioner and Mrs. Norman Marshall of Chicago. Commissioner Marshall is the Territorial Commander of the eleven Central States, with his headquarters in Chicago, and both he and his wife have given stirring addresses during the Congress period.

On Friday last new wings to the Institute for the Blind were opened by His Excellency the Acting Governor, in the presence of a large and interested gathering who fully realise the benefits to our Island of such an institution. A brief service opened the proceedings and afterwards tea was served on the lawn. His Excellency was introduced to the methods of reading by Braille and touch typing by the blind, and gave a most appropriate address as he declared the new part of the buildings open.

Delegates from the other parts of the Caribbean and Central America also attended the Congress.

EXHIBITIONS OF CRAFTS  
AND PAINTINGS

Two Exhibitions are current at the Institute of Jamaica and the Junior Centre, the former is of Jamaican Crafts, the latter of 27 paintings by Miss Violet Taylor, well known artist and photographer of Kingston.

The crafts on show are of a high standard and delightfully attractive, those by the Salvation Army for the Blind holding their own against all competitors and claiming the attention of all visitors in no uncertain manner. The clay works of Mr. Baugh are most striking, and artistically displayed, and the embroidery done by the After-care Anti-T.B. League is worth seeing. Mr. Raymond Lindo's plastic costume jewellery struck a new note on this occasion, although it was not on a large scale. The display of Cottage Industries and other such centres seems to improve each year though on each occasion the casual observer can find no room for improvement. Altogether, Jamaicans have every reason to be proud of their handiwork.

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She is gifted in her ability to portray detail, a quality often absent from modern art when things are portrayed in that same sense of confusion and obscurity of meaning that people live in today. Miss Taylor's gift for catching the true beauty of Jamaican scenery is also most noticeable. Her paintings are certainly worth the trouble of a visit to the Junior Centre even if one has to make the journey on foot.

## NEW CONSULS

Within the past fortnight or so two new Consuls General have come to Jamaica, in the persons of Mr. Robert Y. Brown, American Consul General who succeeds Mr. Nelson R. Park; and Mr. Georges Halim Bey Shoucair, Consul General for Lebanon. Mr. Shoucair is a brother of Mrs. Joe Issa and already visited Jamaica in 1940. He was called upon to take part in a broadcast last week when the Lebanese marked the seventh anniversary of their Day of Independence.

The departure of the Colombian Consul, Mr. Eduardo Escovar has also coincided with the arrival of these new Consuls, and, no doubt, his departure will create a vacancy for new Consul in the near future. A farewell Dinner was held by the Consular Corps in honour of the Consuls the week before their departure.

PRESS ASSOCIATION  
FUNCTIONS

In the past fortnight also, the Jamaica Press Association has been in the news, first, in holding a welcome function in honour of Mr. Calvin Bowen, a member of the Gleaner Editorial Staff, who has just returned to the Island from a year's scholarship in Journalism awarded him last year by the Colonial Office. Mr. T. E. Sealy, President of the Association, paid tribute to Mr. Bowen's performances during his time abroad. This has certainly been a credit to Jamaica.

On Friday evening last Mr. S. G. Fletcher, Managing Director of the Gleaner, addressed members on the two Press Conferences he recently participated in, that of the Imperial Press Conference in Canada, and that of the Inter-American Press Conference. Both these conferences have been of profound importance to the Press throughout the world, and it is as well for Jamaica's Press to have learned something about them.

Observer.

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### News From Red China

Developments in the Far East situation in Korea have created a new problem for the United Nations. The entry of Communist China into the Korean War with their pretext is characteristic of all Communistic acts. This, coupled with their invasion of Tibet, has complicated the whole situation.

Normally, the intervention of Red China at the Manchurian border, might have been considered an act of self-defence, but the fact that other similar acts of aggression have been prompted and planned by the Soviet Union leaves no doubt as to the true position. Delegates from the Peking Government are now at U.N. headquarters and in this respect they have made some definite gains which could not be denied them in the face of these new developments.

In the period since the entry of Red Chinese into Korea, news have filtered through Nationalist sources and others which have given rise to much speculation as to the existing conditions in Red China. First, there were the unexpected releases of American prisoners by the Chinese Communists. One batch it was stated, had come with the verbal message that China does not want to fight America.

Again, Nationalist agents who are said to have pierced the iron curtain have expressed the sentiment that this act of aggression has not been voluntary on the part of the Chinese on the mainland. Revolts have been taking place in the military ranks it has been said because the Chinese have no wish to be the enemies of the United States or the United Nations.

While vast numbers of Red Chinese forces may still be thrown into the Korean conflict, voluntarily or otherwise, the fact that all is not well in Red China

cannot be ignored. It is not possible for the Communist regime to subject the peoples of China to their will to any great extent at the moment, nor have they built up any sort of economic foundations to support China's millions, especially since the country has been closed to nearly all external contacts. The people will not give in entirely to the Reds so easily. A new tide is rising in Red China. It may likely grow stronger and envelop the whole vast land in a short time if the discontent of the masses we hear of is true.

### CHINESE FESTIVALS

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creditor. But a vigilant creditor will search for him with a lantern till the small hours in the New Year morning, for by a polite fiction, the light indicates that it is still dark, therefore, still yesterday so that the debt may yet be collected without violating the New Year, when monetary dealings are tabooed.

ON the New Year eve the busiest souls on earth are the housewives. They must be responsible for the preparation of scores of dishes and seasonings to satisfy the appetites of both Gods and guests. Among the thousands and one things they have to prepare is the re-installation of the Kitchen God, although the ceremony itself must be conducted by the head of the family. Being the Hearth Guardian and Heavenly Censor, Tsao Chun's presence is of course required on such an important occasion as the New Year Eve.

When the hour arrives for the offering of sacrifices to the ancestors and Gods, the master of the household, on behalf of his dependents, a ko'tou before the altar and ancestral tablets to express his deep gratitude for all the blessings they have so graciously bestowed upon the family during the past year.

After the religious rites are completed, the New Year Eve supper is served to which all members of the family must try their best to attend. Presently, salvoes of fire-crackers announce the arrival of New Year and the noise will continue till the dawn of the next morning.

The first day of the year is usually spent at home. The streets are practically deserted and shops tightly shut. It is purely a day of family re-union. After the first day, people begin to make a series of calls on their blood relations and intimate friends. Greetings are exchanged in stereotyped phrases such as Kung Ksi Fa Ts'ai "May you make a good fortune," Hsin Nien Ru Yi "May you have every satisfaction in the New Year," etc. Token money is given to the youngsters by their elder relatives to wish them long life and good luck. Among the conservative families, the younger generations must first prostrate

themselves and ko'tou before the elders who remained home to receive visitors. But among the more modernistic homes mere deep bowing will serve the purpose.

Feastings, games and amusements complete the pictures of the New Year celebrations, which usually last from 4 to 5 days in the cities but much longer in the country districts.

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## FRONTIER IN THE SEA

by William A. Rutherford,

Special Unesco Writer

IN Holland, the most densely populated country in the world, a new frontier territory is opening up, as the Dutch people work slowly and methodically to push back the boundaries of their crowded territory. This expansion is peaceful and calm, and no one opposes it, for their land is expanding only in the direction of the sea.

The Dutch are carrying out one of the largest reclamation projects of modern times and have started a new land rush in the ocean. This project consists of walling off 915,000 acres in the sea and pumping them dry. This will increase the area of arable land in Holland by 10 per cent and will eventually provide land for 350,000 of Holland's population.

Their long famous dikes have always served to keep the ocean out and to permit them to cultivate their little country which lies below the level of the sea. The dikes are now serving as a ram with which to push the sea back. The resulting land is perhaps the richest on earth. Crops grown on it have matured faster and been larger than those produced any place else in the world.

This is the culmination of a battle between the inhabitants of the Netherlands and the ocean which has lasted for almost 3,000 years. The original settlers in these lowlands built long walls of mud and branches behind which they crouched trying to hold off the sea while they raised their crops. Often enough the sea was the stronger and swept the flimsy dikes away and claimed the fields as its domain again. The dikes or sea walls early became a national affair, a matter of life and death for the nation and produced the story of Holland's legendary national hero, Peter, the little Dutch boy who plugged a hole in the dike first with his thumb and then with his fist and saved his country.

Naturally enough the Dutch soon became the world's greatest hydraulic engineers, expert at walling out the sea. They finally gained the offensive and bit by bit pushed the ocean back, gaining new land to live on and creating the saying that, "no matter who created the earth, the Dutch created Holland". Today, 30 percent of Holland's population lives on land wrested from

the sea. Many of their farms were once covered by more than 20 feet of sea water. The present undertaking, known as the Zuider Zee project, will completely remove that arm of the North Sea which used to reach more than 200 miles along Holland's coast line.

A dike, 20 miles long, has been built across the mouth of the Zuider Zee and it is being pumped dry. Several thousand acres will be left for a fresh water lake, but the rest of the land will be farms. The entire project is being financed by the Dutch government which will have spent \$2,500,000 before the work is finished. This is approximately \$5,000 an acre and makes this flat expanse of rich plain land perhaps the most expensive in the world.

THE high initial cost has proven to be more than justified. The newly exposed soil is treated to remove its salt and then promptly produces some of the most fruitful crops ever known. The wheat crop, for example, yields 77 bushels an acre, five times more than the average in the United States. Potatoes average 481 bushels an acre, against 204 in America; peas average a ton and a half an acre—150 per cent more than usual. This super-production is true of other crops that have been planted in this "new" earth which has not been tilled since the beginning of time.

These gargantuan returns plus the pressure of Holland's crowded population have resulted in a full sized land rush, but the costly, hard-won earth is much too precious to be given up indiscriminately and at random to all corners. After a section is pumped dry it is allowed to stand for a while until it is solid enough to be turned over, aerated and treated chemically to remove the salt. This period of the operation is one that is carried out exclusively by the government on its state run farms. It is these farms which employ most of the project's workers and at the moment comprise 85,000 of the project's 120,000 acres. For three years the state farms work at bringing the soil to its highest productivity. When the land is ready to be farmed, it is broken up into smaller plots and actual plant cultivation by individual farmers

begins. Today, there are only about 150 individual farms in operation on the project; this figure will be increased to 2,000 in the next few years.

IN spite of the revolutionary nature of the Zuider Zee project, apart from the disappearance of a vast expanse of water, the project will preserve the traditional topographical picture of Holland. Its area stretches away in uninterrupted flatness, broken only by an occasional windmill, and criss-crossed by the canals which help to keep it drained. The canals are jammed with house-boats which hold the workers, scientists, farmers and store-keepers who labour on the project. Helter-skelter building is forbidden by law. Villages are planned in orderly fashion by experts. Attempting to anticipate all possible future problems, the villages are planned with plenty of space for expansion, yet comprise compact units with schools, churches, broad lawns, and brick walks around a central square with enough parking space for all the automobiles for miles around. This extensive planning is an earmark of every phase of the project. Laboratories with skilled agricultural scientists are maintained by the government and regulate planting, crop rotation, and production. As one Dutch official said, "We're making our treasure in the sea, but it's a treasure that can't be made twice, so it's got to last".

Energetic measures are being taken to see that it does last. For some time to come, none of this new land will belong to an individual; the government rents the land for a maximum of \$28 a year per acre on leases which can be renewed every twelve years. A government official on the project explains it this way:

"We'll have to rent the land for a long time to come in order to get back the tremendous cost of reclaiming it. The government has already paid out \$5,000 an acre. And we want to make sure we get good farmers who will take care of the land so that it can take care of them. If a man neglects his land we cancel his lease. So far, that hasn't happened".

Nor does it seem likely to happen. The earnest men who will work this fabulous land are the most interested of all in guarding it. They recognize its significance and importance. The majority of the workers on the project are young farmers from all over Holland who have a direct interest in their work. They live in barracks and on house-boats and

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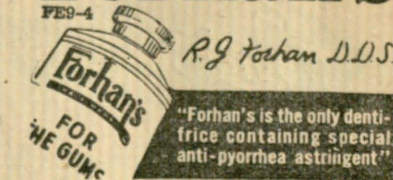
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# LOCAL COLOUR

by GEOFFREY MORGAN

I'VE been a camera artist long enough to know not to mix my models with pleasure, so I should have been more sensible than to rashly agree to do Miss Stenson a favour.

Margaret Stenson is not a model; she's a junior executive in an advertising agency and sometimes commissions me to take pictures. When she breezed into my office saying that she knew I would do her a personal favour, I begun visualising a regular flow of commissions, and readily agreed.

She came straight to the point. "It concerns my sister", she said. "She used to be a model but when she married Leslie Sparks, the artist, he made her give it up. He's a very jealous man, and though she usually models for him he won't let anyone else reproduce her either on canvas or in any other medium. He's extremely unreasonable."

"Sounds reasonable enough to me", I smiled, thinking of Cecille. "Most men are too possessive", she shot at me, "but that's by the way. What I wanted to tell you is that Jean, my sister, is worried about her husband on account of a job he is doing now. The publicity committee of Braydon Beach has commissioned him to do a holiday poster but they insisted that it had to feature a local girl. Apparently the girl they have sent up is very beautiful and Jean is sure she is vamping Leslie. It's upsetting her no end, so I've promised to do something about it."

"I see", I commented, thoughtfully. "I might be able to help. I expect you're aware that I live in the resort and I know one or two members of the publicity committee vaguely. Perhaps I could drop a few hints and get the girl severely reprimanded or something."

Margaret shook her head emphatically. "I see", I commented, thoughtfully. "I might be able to help. I expect you're aware that I live in the resort and I know one or two members of the publicity committee vaguely. Perhaps I could drop a few hints and get the girl severely reprimanded or something."

"That would be poor consolation for Jean. There's always the possibility of a similar job happening again later. My brother-in-law is the type of young man who needs a good mental shaking from time to time. I think this is one of those times. I'm determined to teach him a lesson for worrying the life out of Jean."

I began to get worried myself. "Where does the favour come in?" I inquired, reluctantly.

"Right now", she returned. "I want you to photograph Jean in various holiday moods on the sands of Braydon."

"Braydon! Must it be Braydon?" I groaned.

"It has to be Braydon", she said, decisively, "because I'm going to submit the pictures to their publicity committee with a suggested layout for a brochure."

"But they won't touch it", I objected, "if they've decided to publicise a local girl."

"I'm not trying to do a business deal", she explained, calmly. "All I'm aiming at is getting young Sparks to realise that his dutiful wife can neglect her duties when she's neglected herself. It'll bring him to his senses."

"And I shall probably lose mine if he is the jealous type", I countered. "And what about my domestic affairs? It may surprise you to know that I've just become engaged to the daughter of the proprietor of Braydon's Imperial Hotel. I can't afford to upset her."

"There's no reason why you should. Your name won't appear on the prints — or anywhere else. There's no need to tell anybody."

"But I'm not the only photographer", I argued.

"You're the only one I know well enough to ask a favour. You'll do it for me, Richard, won't you?"

I stared out of the window and tried to imagine what life would be like without Cecille.

"By the way, Richard", Margaret's voice cooed, "the Maddison Account is developing wonderfully. They want a whole series of pictures next week for their new fashion catalogues..."

I looked at her and grinned. "All right", I said, "but this is blackmail!"

It was arranged that I should meet Jean Sparks in the Cliff Hotel at ten-thirty the next morning. I chose the Cliff because there was little likelihood of being seen by the few people I knew in Braydon, owing to its isolated position from the town. And I knew that Cecille was staying with an aunt in Berkshire for a fortnight.

Next morning I made my way towards the hotel skilfully avoiding anyone who was likely to know me. Jean had arrived on the early train from London and was waiting for me in the lounge in a smart two-piece swim suit and a gaily-coloured wrap. Margaret had briefed her carefully, so we went down the steps and across the Cliff promenade and ran through a routine series of shots on the beach in record time.

I got Jean back to the hotel in time for lunch, arranged for a taxi to drive her to the station afterwards, and then I returned to my flat. There I developed the pictures and sent them off by registered post to Margaret enclosing a brief note reminding her about the Maddison Account. I was careful not to sign it.

I didn't hear anything for three days—and then the news wasn't pleasant. And it didn't come from Margaret Stenson. Cecille delivered it herself. She telephoned to say that she had returned unexpectedly and would I go and see her immediately. Her voice sounded shaky.

I left my evening meal unfinished and must have broken all speed records in my dash to the Imperial. I found her in the empty bar knocking back some nerve tonic. She didn't look well—and neither did I a few minutes later when she returned my ring.

"I'm terribly sorry—Dick—but I've fallen in love with someone else—" she began softly.

I couldn't say anything.

"I haven't been staying with my aunt", she went on. "I've been modelling for an artist."

"Modelling!" I echoed, astonished.

"I thought I was only doing Daddy a favour", she protested.

## Jamaican Proverbs Their Meaning and Significance

In this collection of Jamaican Negro Proverbs the astute Negro mind is reflected in their domestic animals. African negroes, and their descendants in this island, have all had a fondness for these animals; and this love is reciprocated, inasmuch that they let cats, dogs, fowls, hogs, horses, donkeys, and even monkeys tell their stories concerning the manner in which humans ought to behave and conduct themselves. As regards proverbs in general, Canon (Dean) Farrar very aptly referred to them as the store-house of the reflection of the ages. And now for some specimens of domestic animals proverbs:—

**Behind darg it is "darg"; befo' darg it is "Mr. Darg."**

Behind the dog it is "dog" only; but before the dog it is "Mr. Dog." That is to say, before the face and behind the back are not the same thing. Which is the meaning of this proverb. Examples of deceitful conduct are numerous in daily life.

**Barkin' save a bitin'.**

Barking saves a biting: True in reference to the dog that does more barking than biting. In human life the proverb is applicable to the braggart who is full of boasting, but who accomplishes little or nothing.

A variant meaning of the proverb is, that even a biting dog which barks before doing so gives some warning to the object of his attack, and in this way, puts the later on its guard. Such a dog is unlike the cowardly human who "hits in the dark," or "hits below the belt," as the English saying puts it.

**When puss belly full him say ratta bitter.**

For the meaning of the proverb I refer to the English proverb which runs this way:—"The well-fed cat says the rats' bones are bitter." Applied to humans it is, when you are satisfied, you are over particular; if you are hungry, you ignore

trifles. "Hunger is the best sauce," is another English rendering which is apt.

**Ef bee noh been hab 'ting, him nebba woulda keep him honey.**

If the bee was not provided with that sharp-pointed weapon, connected with a poison gland, he never would keep his honey. Self protection is a law of Nature, and should be applied in all the affairs of life.

**Massa God know why him ben mek cow wid horn.**

Massa God means the Almighty God; why him ben mek means why he has supplied; cow wid horn means the cow with horns. The cow is so equipped for the same reasons as the bee in the foregoing proverb, namely, for self preservation and protection. With this sharp projection on the head, the cow can defend itself if attacked.

**Tek time ride; tek kyar yuh fall dung.**

Take time ride; take care lest you fall down, is the correct English phrasing. That is, A warning against over-confidence: Which reminds me of the following proverbs dealt with previously:—

**Ef de pass long, tek time wid de harse.** If the way is long take time with the horse.

**Tek kyar de modda of safety.** Take care is the mother of safety.

**Darg go tief, darg noh shame when dem catch him; ah darg massa shame.**

Darg means dog; tief means steal; darg massa means dog's owner. Here is a proverb which places the responsibility for doing an act not on the immediate actor, but on a party far removed. Compare with the following maxims:—"As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined" (English); "A bad ting hab noh owner." (Negro Proverb).

PLUTO

"and it's turned out like this! You know Daddy's a member of the publicity committee here? They wanted a painting of a local girl for their holiday poster, but the girl they chose fell ill at the last minute and Daddy asked me if I'd step in."

"I see", I muttered, "and you fell in love with the artist?"

"We just couldn't help it, Dick." "But it isn't much use when he's already married, is it?"

"But Archie isn't married!" she gaped at me.

"Archie?" I gasped. "Archie who?"

"Crabtree."

"But I thought a fellow called Leslie Sparks was commissioned to do the poster?"

"So he was", she said, "but he's the temperamental type. He had only just begun the job when he had an awful row with his wife because some silly photographer had taken pictures of her in a swim suit. He was so mad he slashed the canvas to pieces. I was terribly upset and his wife was so kind. She said she thought she could fix me up with another artist—a more docile one than her husband."

"So she fixed you up with Crabtree?" I said miserably.

"Well, not exactly. It was her sister, Margaret Stenson, who

arranged it. It seems she sometimes commission Archie to do illustrations..."

### FRONTIER IN THE SEA

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work on the state farms during the day or help lay the 8,000 miles of drainage pipes which help keep the land dry. At night they play or rest in the barrack-like recreation rooms and study agricultural textbooks for the day when their number will come up on the the list of applicants for a farm in the sea.

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"There's a barrel-organ caroling across a golden street  
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And fulfilled it with the sunset glow;  
And it pulses through the pleasures of the City and the pain  
That surround the singing organ like a large eternal light;  
And they've given it a glory and a part to play again  
In the Symphony that rules the day and night."

Alfred Noyes:  
"The Barrel-organ."

AMERICA

"Salvation comes by Christ alone,  
The only Son of God;  
Redemption now to every one,  
That love His holy Word.  
Dear Jesus we would fly to Thee,  
And leave off every Sin,  
Thy tender mercy well agree,  
Salvation from our King . . . ."

Jupiter Hammon:  
"An Evening Thought."

RUSSIA

"There a king once went in dancing  
Jagged diadem crowned.  
Jester went in winged cloak prancing  
With his bells around,  
Dames with pages and long trains  
In the roses' shade,  
Knight-at-arms, whose gloomy chains  
On his steel limbs played."

Alexander Blok:  
"Shadows on the Wall."

DENMARK

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"It is a bitter evening in December,  
in vain the moon fights murkily contacting  
dusk's murk, the massy clouds of misty rains . . .  
But in the cabin I yet have light and fire, . . .  
and dream all griefs and wintry murks away . . .  
and if I am alone I dream me friends  
and pattern them as far as Space extends.  
Thus it may hap I mix Now and Before  
and old dream-figures knock upon my door.  
My door bell starts to ring; who made the alarm  
and sits upon my table is a lad . . .  
That silly little lad! It's so damned easy  
to set the goal too high when one is young.  
I still plod on, though heavy, tired, oft queasy.  
No-one can say all roads are closed me yet."

JAMAICA

"Across the snow fields of Eternity  
The bells of Time ring out their shy delight  
Waking a flame of rose in the white night  
That veils all things in its Infinity . . .  
Within this cosmic night we bend the knee  
Before each occult shrine of history—  
Glad that for us, one lustral angel sings."

Constance Hollar:  
"Sleigh Bells."

CHINA

"In the north-west there is a floating cloud  
Stretched on high, like a chariot's canvas awning.  
Alas that I was born in these times,  
To be blown along like a cloud puffed by the wind  
It has blown me away far to the South-east.  
On and on till I came to Wu-hui.  
Wu-hui is not my country.  
Why should I go on staying here?  
I will give it up and never speak of it again,—  
This being abroad and always living in dread."

Wei-Wen-tu:  
"The Campaign against Wu." 100 B.C.

Earle Birney:  
"Biography."

PERSONS PLACES THINGS

By Old Joe

PERSONS

Uriah Theodore McKay was an outstanding personality. He once told me that his recreations were Reading, Writing, Agricultural Pursuits, Political and Economic Discussions. This was the order in which U. Theo. McKay, (his usual signature), placed them. If I were asked to describe him in a single phrase, it would be "The Apostle of Agriculture." He was commonly known as "The Mayor of Frankfield," in the parish of Clarendon, where he died in his 77th year. He was born at James Hill in the same parish, on the 23rd. March, 1872. His parents, Thomas Francis and Hannah Elizabeth, were hardworking and industrious Middle-class folk. After some private tuition, Bunyan Elementary School was responsible for the foundation of his early education. He selected Teaching as his life work, so his parents, at much sacrifice, sent him to the Mico Training College from 1891 to 1896. For four years he taught as an Elementary School Master at Rock River, where his ability as a writer began to show itself. Many readers will remember his graphic sketches to a Weekly newspaper, under the caption of "Rock River Ripples," also his letters and articles to the dailies of the day. The variety of the subjects on which he wrote showed the wide range of his reading. He delighted in a controversy, oral or written, and he was always a fair fighter. His love for the soil was pronounced; and he was proud to be regarded as a Planter. While at Rock River he started to deal in Produce, and took every opportunity of showing the people how to improve both the growing and the curing of their

crops, in order to insure the best prices for them.

By this time others than those of his immediate surroundings began to take notice of the young man, with the result that he was drafted to Boards, Committee, and bodies outside his parish. The first to make use of his talents and abilities was the Jamaica Agricultural Society with its many ramifications. A foundation member of the Society, that was founded in 1896, McKay was elected a member of the Board of Management at an early stage of the Society's existence; and as a recompense for service rendered in, and out of this body, he was made a Life Member from 1946 to the time of his death. Among other organisations to which he was attached were the following:—Member of the Central Managing Committee of the 4-H Clubs; Member of the Leaf Spot (Banana) Control Board; Member of the Clarendon Land Settlement Committee; Member of the Sugar Control Board, representing the Cane Farmers; Member of the Central Lands Advisory Board; Director of Jamaica Welfare Ltd.; Member of the Board of Visitors of Chapelton Public Hospital from 1944; Member of the Executive Committee All-Island Cane Farmers' Association from 1945; Director of the All-Island Banana Growers' Association from 1946; Chairman of the Frankfield Branch Citrus Growers' Association from 1945. The wonder was that he was able to attend to all these duties; but he did give them all ample service chiefly on account of his methodical habit. He was most punctual at attendance at meetings. Proof that the general public appreciated his endeavours was shown by the Ward Theatre in 1938 when he was presented with an address and purse.

Toward the end of his career, Mr. McKay assumed some voluntary duties outside of his regular programme, by paying visits to many districts of the island and addressing meetings on topical subjects, chiefly in relation to new phases of agricultural advancement. As regards practical politics, he was content to pass on to others the benefit of his store of knowledge culled from his vast and varied library; and so he never saw his way to accept the appeal from all classes in his parish to allow himself to stand for election as Member of the Legislative Council for Clarendon. He was however, a Member of the Parochial Board of Clarendon from 1912 to 1943.

U. Theo. McKay was very kindly disposed to all with whom he came into contact. He had many friends. In his home life he was loving and affectionate. He is survived by his wife and two daughters; also a brother, Claude McKay the well-known Poet and Author; and who no doubt is best known for his book, Constab Ballads and other Poems.

THINGS

RAT AND MONGOOSE

The European black and brown rats probably reached Jamaica by the earliest ships. In any case these prolific rodents, along with the equally prolific cane-peece


rat, have always been a tremendous problem on sugar estates; and for several hundred years estate owners have found it necessary for rat-catching. In 1762, Thomas Raffle introduced the ant to prey upon young rats; but instead of doing so, they became an additional pest. The bull frog was brought by Mr. Anthony Davis in 1844 for the purpose also of destroying the rats; but this attempt was even more ineffective. Another attempt was made by the introduction of the European ferret, but this animal was itself overcome by the attacks of the jiggers. In 1816, it was suggested that the mongoose should be imported, as it was thought that this animal, with its natural antipathy to rats, might probably extirpate the whole race of vermin. Around 1872, many of these animals, London-bred in captivity, were imported; but all to no avail.

Mr. W. B. Espeut of the parish of Portland was the first Jamaican to import the mongoose direct from India. In 1872, he liberated 4 males and 5 females on his estate. By 1882, ten years after, the mongoose had spread

to all parts of the island; and the question then arose as to whether the benefit which a particular class had derived from the mongoose had not been more than counter-balanced by the damage which it had visited upon native wild life; for while the mongoose had definitely lessened the number of rats in the cane-field, cocoa walks, and coffee plantation, where previously the damage had been estimated to be £15,000 per annum, many rats had now taken to the coconut trees instead. The mongoose, quickly adopting itself, took to low branching trees. They had also become omnivorous, taking fruits of all kinds, poultry, fish, and also young coney. The mongoose also brought about the extinction of the native iguana, and are blamed for the rapidly decreasing number of land crabs. The unfortunate introduction of the mongoose into the West Indian Islands is cited the world over, and will continue to be cited, as an example of ill-advised tampering with established natural conditions. "Think twice before upsetting Nature's balance," is an adage well worth remembering.

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# TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Philatelist,  
My sincere apologies for my mistake in our issue of November 18th. The Stamp Collectors programme comes over the voice of America at 8.45 p.m. on Thursdays and not at 8.30 as I stated. I do hope you will be able to tune in next Thursday.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,  
My youngsters, a boy and a girl, are teenagers and I am most worried about their tendency to hero-worship older boys and girls at their schools.

I do not think it is wise to allow it for I feel they will be more inclined to grow like the people they admire than develop their own characteristics. What do you think?

Mrs. X.

Dear Mrs. X.  
I think that "hero-worship" is, to a certain extent, helpful to youngsters, if it urges them on to greater efforts in their studies and better habits, but unfortunately children are apt to ape not only the good qualities of those they admire, but also the bad.

This is a very controversial subject and many well-known writers feel that "hero-worship" stimulates the young to deeds of heroism and "gives the masses models that tend to lift humanity above the commonplace meanness of ordinary everyday life." Others feel that it is both unhealthy and wrong.

However, you will find that you cannot forbid this "hero-worship" of your children. No amount of jeering, scolding, or arguing will deter them. They will, unfortunately, have to learn from experience that many of their "heroes" have feet of clay.

All we can do is to develop their sense of judgment. Teach them right and wrong, so that they can see for themselves what is good and what is bad.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,  
I am in a quandary. I am en-



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gaged to a very nice boy, who has quite a good job, that is, a job on which he can keep us comfortably after we are married. I also have a good job and would like to keep it.

He wants to marry me now. But he says that as soon as he can find a good opening abroad anywhere he means to take it, and he expects me to go with him and make my home wherever it may be.

## LESSONS IN CHARM

### ASPIRATION

Life is a ladder we are all climbing. Some of us are on one rung, and some on another. Often the people nearest the top have climbed there through vision, hard work, persistence. We salute them! Sometimes through good luck they have been skyrocketed to the top. We congratulate them! Many have not mounted at all, because they have failed to organize their lives, had no goal, met nobody who could give them the necessary push, or perhaps were physically handicapped. We sympathize with them.

The higher we are on the ladder of life, financially and socially, the greater is our mental and spiritual responsibility; the deeper should be our understanding of those less fortunate. How can people be charming who feel and reveal that the only worthwhile folks are those in their own small social circle, or the circle above?

The really worthwhile people of this world are kind, thoughtful, understanding creatures who realize that countless hordes of human beings who are at present low on the ladder may one day climb far beyond. Mount steadily, the vision of the top constantly before you. If you have arrived, look back occasionally, thankful, compassionately.

— Agnes McCall Parker  
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I hate the idea of giving up my job and having no money of my own. I also hate the idea of living in a strange country with no friends of our own. What do you advise me to do?

Callie.

Dear Callie,  
First of all, my dear, make up your mind—do you love this man or not? If you really love him you will not hesitate when it comes to the final decision. You are young and you will more than likely find life in a new country a great adventure.

I know how you feel about giving up your independence—but try to remember that most men take a great deal of pride in giving their wives lovely things and seeing them well-dressed. So talk it over wisely with him and I am sure you will find that he is more than willing to allow you a special allowance of your own. Where friends are concerned, a lot depends on you. If you are a good mixer you will not find it hard to make new friends wherever you go.

E. M.

## HEALTH FOR ALL

### WHY "SEARCH" FOR HEALTH?

Not so long ago people used to travel far and wide "in search of health." This was particularly true if they had tuberculosis. They thought their only hope lay in a change of climate.

Today we know that a high, dry climate is not essential to recovery from tuberculosis. In fact, time spent in travelling around in search of a magic climate may delay recovery.

Increased knowledge about tuberculosis has taught us that recovery depends, not on climate, but on rest. The most important thing for the tuberculous patient

is to obtain complete bed rest. The best place to obtain this complete rest is in a tuberculosis hospital. A tuberculosis hospital near the patient's home is as good—and often better—than one at a distance, regardless of the climate.

A hospital near the patient's home has several advantages. It means that the patient will not be too far removed from his family to receive visits from his relatives from time to time. Usually, the patient is less inclined to worry about home conditions if he can see members of his family occasionally. And when a doctor recommends complete bed rest, he knows that, regardless of the physical position of the patient in bed, rest is not possible unless the mind is at ease.

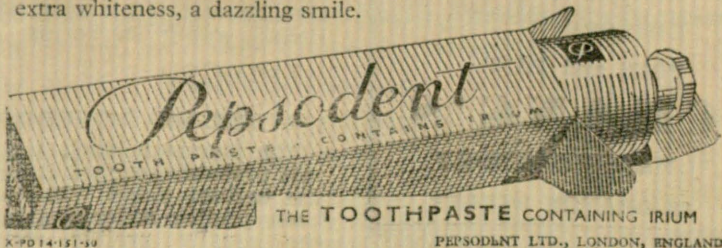
Since recovery from tuberculosis depends upon treatment, and not climate, and the essence of treatment is rest, there is no reason for the tuberculous patient to "search for health" by travelling to a far away place where, someone has said, the cli-

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## IN PARENTHESIS

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She wrote: "This is my photograph; do I look as if I would run away?"

Allowing the extension and returning the picture, she was told: "If your face is your fortune, an additional assessment must be raised."

Manager: I'm afraid you are ignoring our efficiency system, Andersen.

Andersen: Perhaps so, Sir. But somebody has to get the work done.

A Greek millionaire had left a fortune to the Communist movement. As the Reds say, Capitalism strews the seeds of its own destruction.

At the end of his first day in prison, Snoops presented himself before the governor.

"It's nearly eight o'clock," he said, "so can I go home now?" "What!" barked the official. "Your sentence was for thirty days, wasn't it?"

"Sure!" returned Snoops "but the judge didn't say nights too, did he?"

In the midst of her first driving lesson, she complained to her husband: "George, that little mirror up there isn't set right."

"You think not?" George rejoined.

"No," the harassed student protested. "I can't see a thing in it but the car behind!"

To jazz-hounds it's turning Bach the hands of the clock.

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"I liked the drinkin', card-playin', and wimmin right well," he replied, "but the fightin' was plumb dangerous."

"In the Neolithic age holes were bored in skulls to drive out devils." It's still the only way to get anything into some heads.

A prohibition enthusiast was explaining the evils of drink and to prove his point he brought out a glass of water and dropped into it a worm. "Now look," he declared, "how pleasingly the worm plays about in this water." Next he took it out and dropped it into a glass containing whisky and said: "Now see how uneasy the worm moves—and here it dies."

There was silence as he took out the dead thing. Suddenly a fellow from the back got up and asked: "Sir, will you tell me what brand of whisky it is?" "Why?" asked the prohibitionist.

"I suffer from worms." A Russian, named Malik, said, "UNO, my dear, I signed the Charter, that's why I'm here, But my ruling is "Niet!" And I'll get myself Viet —nam as well as Korea.

"It's not much good going to the meeting if you're prejudiced." "I'm not prejudiced. I'm going with an unbiased and open mind to listen to what I'm convinced will be absolute rubbish."

After preaching a powerful sermon against betting, the Vicar was dismayed to learn that one of his wardens was a heavy gambler, and at once hurried round to apologize.

"Oh, don't worry about it," said the warden. "After all, it's a poor sermon that doesn't hit me somewhere."

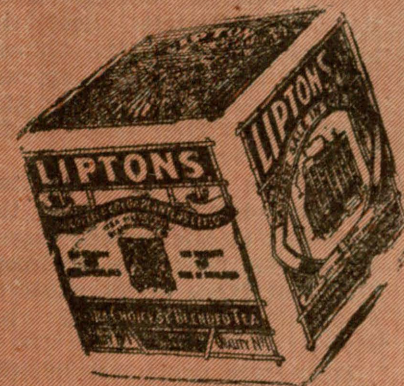
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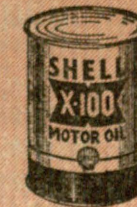


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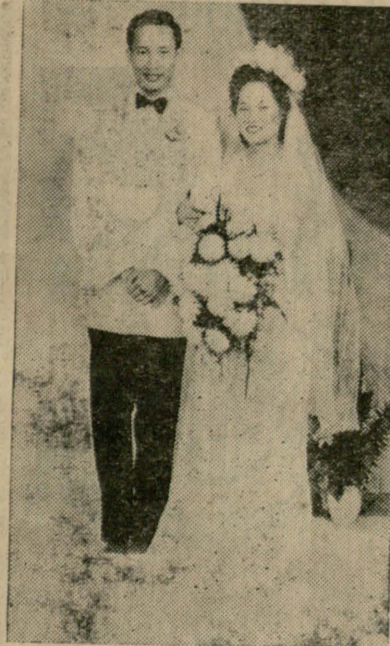
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PERSONALIA  
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Mr. and Mrs. Aston Ho who were married last Sunday at the Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Issasas, C. McMorris and E. Garel. A piano medley by Capt. Evans, a solo dance by Miss Alma Hylton and a ballet comedie by the Students Association concluded the programme.

The announcement of the Carnival Queen climaxed the proceedings. Judges were Miss Irma Jarrett, Madame Barovier-Riel, and Capt. Nicki Evans. On the stage the Carnival Queens

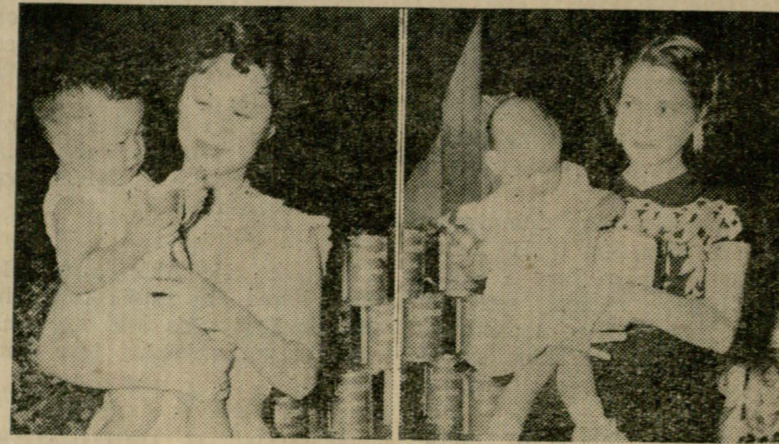
were the Misses Barbara Wong, Daphne Wong, Rita Lyn, Shelia Chong, Annie Wong, Barbara Chang, Inez Lee, Verna Lee and Mrs. Leonie Myers. Miss Sheila Chong was announced the winner and was crowned Queen by Mr. A. Tie Ten Quee. Second place was awarded Mrs. Leonie Myers and third place to Miss Barbara Chang.

The winners of the Body Beautiful Contest held the previous Sunday at the Chinese Public School made an appearance and were introduced by Mr. Lucien Chen. They were roundly applauded by the audience.

After the concert the pavilion was cleared for dancing and the majority of the crowd stayed behind to pack the ballroom floor and dance to the music of Mapletoft Poulle and his orchestra.

There are two prizes in the Penny Sale waiting to be claimed. The ticket numbers are 326 and 95.

Miss Ruby Fong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fong of Ewarton, returned to the island on Saturday, November 18. Ruby won a scholarship to Nazareth Junior College in Kentucky after finishing her studies at the Immaculate Conception High School. She received her B.Sc. degree in the Summer of last year, majoring in Chemistry and Biology. After her graduation she took an advanced course in Medical Technology, interning at



— Flash by James Chong  
Mrs. A. Liu and her son, Peter, who is proudly holding the cup which was the first prize for babies from six months to one year old.

St. Joseph's Infirmiry, Louisville. She took the State Board Examinations early last month and received news of her success after she arrived here. She is now a Medical Technologist of the American Society of Clinical Pathologist.

Miss Betty Chin returned from Trinidad on Saturday, November 25 after spending a 3 week holiday with friends there.

The Chinese Benevolent Society will hold a Special General meeting on Sunday, December 17. Matters concerning the Chinese Public News and the School will be discussed.

— Flash by James Chong  
Anna Maria Pinchin who won the second prize in the younger age group is seen in the arms of her mother, Mrs. Joseph Pinchin.

Mr. David Hew, Solicitor, formerly of Montego Bay is now in partnership with Mr. Lennie Chin Yee in the firm of Chin Yee and Hew. Their offices are at 11 Duke Street.

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyew Sang at 15 Altamont Crescent, St. Andrew on Saturday, November 25. The occasion was the birthday of their daughter, Dorothy. A large gathering of the younger set were present and enjoyed themselves dancing to the music of the Tropicana Orchestra.

The Chung Shan Club at Rockfort will open their new

Girl In Demand



Sweater weather will soon be here and so will Mala Powers who is introduced with Tod Andrews in "Outrage," an Ida Lupino production released by RKO Radio. On the basis of her fine performance in "Outrage" Samuel Goldwyn assigned her an important role in "Edge of Doom" and Stanley Kramer selected her to portray Roxanne in "Cyrano de Bergerac."

beach by the end of the month when it is expected that the building now in construction will be completed.

Mr. A. Tie Ten Quee has recently made the magnificent gift of a portion of land in St. Andrew to the Chinese Athletic Club for the site of a Clubhouse and grounds. The land is situated at Derrymore Road.

Mr. Noel Lyn captained a

football team from Kingston to play in Mandeville last Saturday, November 25. Playing with only nine men they lost by the score of 6 goals to 1. In the evening the visitors were invited to a dance given in their honour.

BIRTHS

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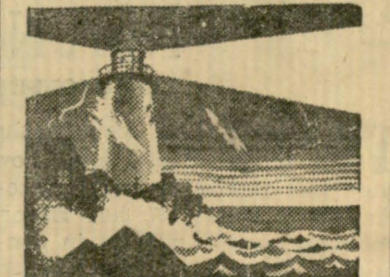


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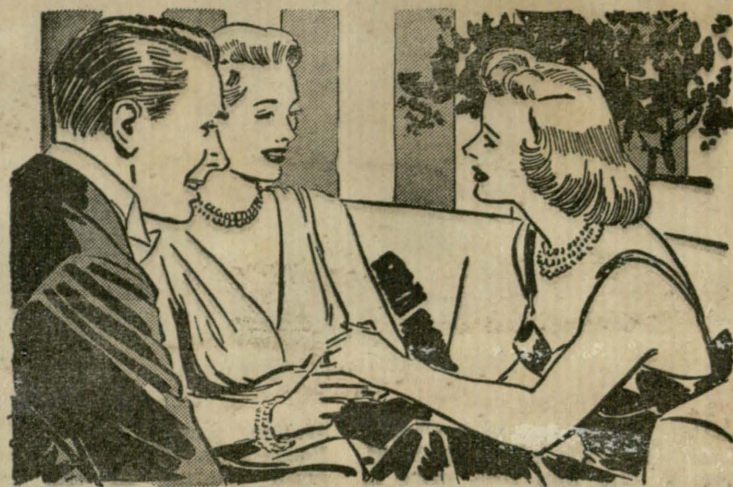
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## MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Do long engagements make for happy marriage?

**Answer:** As a rule, no, though of course there are exceptions—mainly among people whose natural impulses are sternly repressed. The desire for marriage and its satisfactions naturally become stronger, the more two people who love each other are together, and thus "waiting" becomes an increasingly painful frustration. The result is apt to be either resentment at the person with whom you come to associate your frustration, or the setting up of inhibitions, so stern that it's hard to overcome them, even after you are married.



Do psychiatrists use "tape recordings"?

**Answer:** As far as I know, the practice is comparatively rare, and is used mainly for the purpose of recalling to a patient what he has said under the influence of hypnosis or of a narcotic. For it's more convincing to hear things

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## By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

said in your own voice than to have someone else tell you that you've expressed feelings you did not know you had, or remembered events which you thought had been forgotten. But no honorable doctor would make such recordings without the patient's consent, or use them without his permission.



Can animals become "alcoholics"?

**Answer:** Yes, if they have first deliberately been made neurotic. Experiments with cats in whom neurosis had been induced by confusing and frustrating experiences in the laboratory showed that they reached a point at which they preferred drinks with alcohol in them, and could do tricks when intoxicated which they could no longer do when sober. The need to anesthetize neurotic fear gives liquor its hold on the human alcoholic, and a truly healthy-minded person will have little natural interest in drinking, and no "problem" with it.

centre of public attention. From time to time she would stifle a sob and give him a brave smile, which he returned. The defence counsel was brilliant. He tore the evidence to pieces, and when the jury retired they came back in 10 minutes with the verdict "Not guilty."

Enid was astounded. She waited for him outside and they were photographed for the last time, arm in arm on the pavement.

"So you're innocent," she said to him. "What were you on the run for then?"

"I was just scared," Edgar smiled. "I thought they'd pin it on me."

HE went back with her to the shop. The news was already there, and Mabel hardly looked up from her film paper. Enid realised that all interest in them would now cease.

"Tell you what I could do with, darling," Edgar whispered. "A nice packet of twenty."

"I can only let you have Turkish," she said.

## HEALTH FOR ALL

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mate is ideal for "curing" tuberculosis.

No climate will of itself "cure" tuberculosis. Treatment for tuberculosis can be undertaken in any climate. The chances of arresting the disease and restoring the patient to normal living are best when treatment is begun early. Instead of searching for a "magic" climate, the tuberculous patient will save valuable time, and also money, by placing himself under competent medical care near his own home.

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He was a good dancer, nothing spectacular, but lovely to follow, though he wouldn't go on the floor unless it was crowded.

A chill came over Enid as she noticed the detectives watching him and she held him tightly. All at once she realised that she loved him. She thought she would die when the two men came up as they left the floor at the end of the number.

"You are Edgar Arthur Barns?"

"You can't take him away!" Enid screamed, trying to pull him from them. "I love him! He didn't do anything!"

It was a five-minute sensation in the Palais. They had to hold Enid back, she was treated for hysterics in the ladies' room and later, weeping, she was taken to the station, where she made a statement. She was photographed outside and she went home excited and happy.

The next morning there she was in the paper just below him. It gave her name and address and the shop was crowded all day. Mabel treated her with an entirely new respect.

WHEN the case was heard at the Old Bailey, Enid went every day, and she was quite a

## MAN-HUNT

By GEOFFREY COTTERELL

THE murder had been in the paper for days, and now they had published the photograph of Edgar Arthur Barns, the young man wanted in connection with it.

Enid Davenham, who worked in a small tobacconist's, recognised him as soon as he came into the shop.

"What cigs have you got," he asked.

"What you can see," Enid said. All the same she was feeling quite thrilled. It was like meeting a film star.

"Twenty," he said.

Enid glanced sideways along the counter. Mabel, the other girl, was busy reading a film paper. They were only supposed to give Turkish to ordinary customers, but she passed him over 20 Virginian from under the counter.

"I might have another packet for you when you come in again," she said.

He nodded and went out. Enid hummed to herself, thinking happily. The old woman had been killed with a poker, so it

was possible he was the sort they hanged. If only she could become his friend, she might have her picture in the paper as well. No doubt about it, it was her chance.

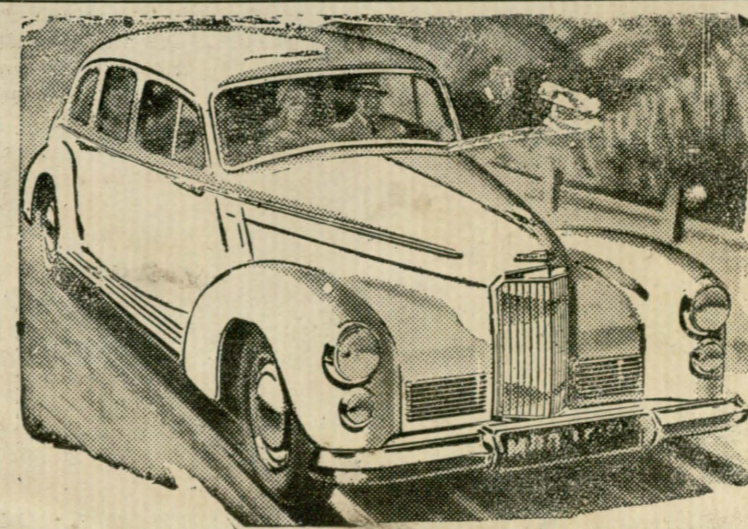
SHE grew desperate when he didn't turn up for the whole of the next week. She was just resigning herself to the old monotony when he came in again.

"Been wondering where you were," she said idly, handing him his twenty. She knew he could only have come back because he wanted to see her.

"Like the pictures?" he asked. "Sooner go dancing," she said firmly. "Meet you outside the Palais at seven."

He had a struggle, but he gave in. "O.K."

HE was waiting for her. He had a dark suit and a quiet refined tie. Enid had never felt so self-important. He was struck on her all right. There was no denying the possessive look in his eyes.



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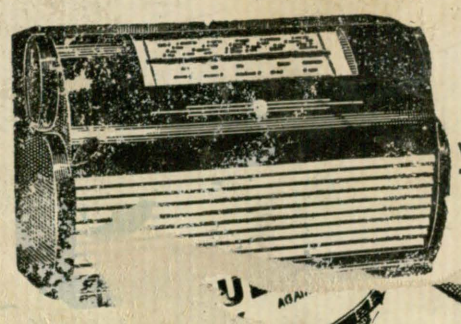
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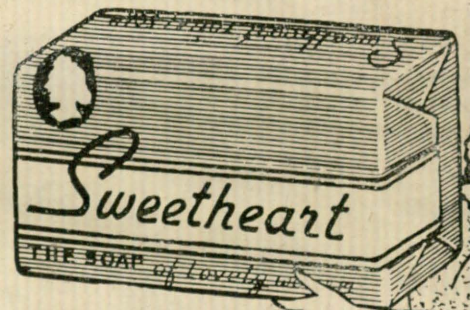
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