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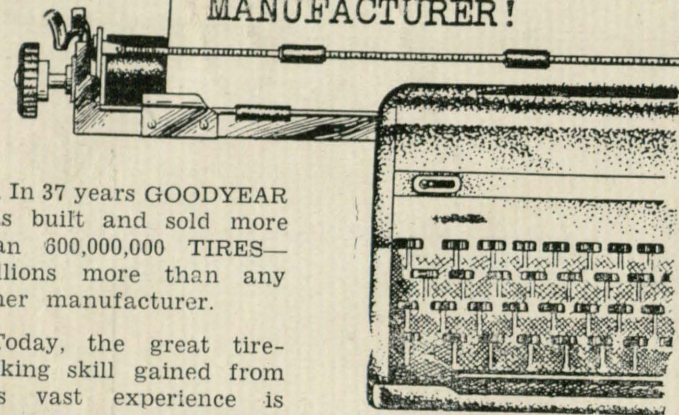


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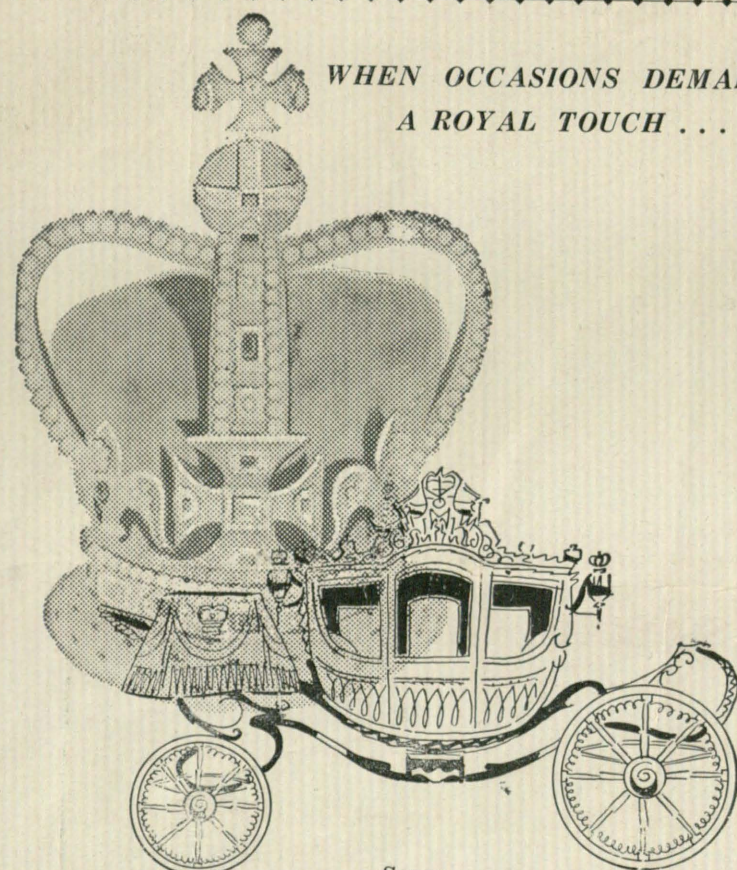
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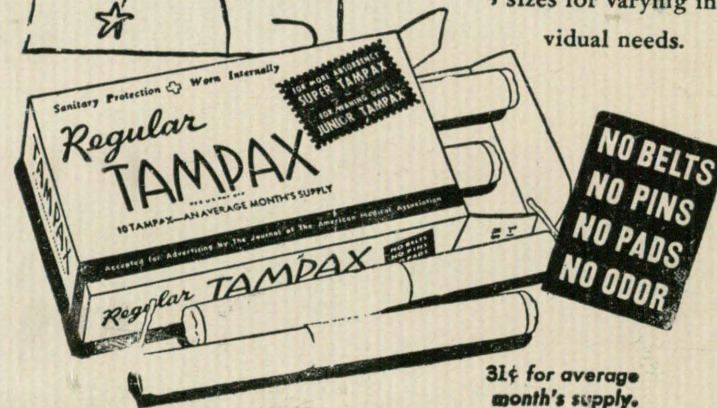
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## CHINA'S UNCROWNED EMPEROR

By Leslie R. Chin

IN the intricate web of mystery that crowns China's past, the life of Confucius, the nation's "uncrowned Emperor", adds to the puzzling riddle of the country's history. Born a frustrated school teacher, Confucius nevertheless commands the respect of millions of Chinese, and his teachings on propriety, righteousness, integrity and honour have become the firm moral basis which has guided generations of his countrymen.

Today, this great Sage who has wielded a cohesive influence among the Chinese, is still the undisputed symbol of Chinese wisdom and virtues. Incense is burned in thousands of homes and temples on the anniversary of his birthday as a token of respect.

But how could this common, frustrated school teacher become the idol of one of the world's oldest civilizations?

Master Kung, as Confucius is popularly known, was a brilliant student. He mastered the six classics and the proper conduct of individual early in life, but, it was in a period of political unrest and social disorder that he made his appearance as a man of letters.

Thus armed, he set out to conquer the existing social and political instability. His political pronouncements attracted the admiration of the royal house of Chi and Lu, and years later he managed to secure a government post. His services with the government ended when he became involved in an abortive plot to oust three rebellious ministers.

Confucius then decided to enter the political arena. With but a handful of disciples, he set out to propagate his ideals. Several feudal lords listened to him, but none accepted his advice. The lords were more interested in building a strong army, for it was then a time of political expansion.

THERE followed years of fruitless wandering. At the age of sixty-eight, he returned to his native home, disappointed and exhausted. Old age was already making itself felt, and he had no alternative but to resume teaching.

It was then that Confucius began to create a new class of people. He taught anyone regardless of his social status and profession, never realizing that this system was revolutionary in nature, and that his new product — the scholar-official — would generate the force that would help change the social and political order of his time.

Confucius himself did not profit much by the new system which he initiated, but in later years, that system became the foundation of Chinese education. The government too, could not resist the inroads of Confucian principle and ideology, and soon Confucian scholar-officials dominated the imperial Government and established social stability in the nation.

All this Confucius never foresaw. Neither did he realize that his scholar-officials were destined to rule the nation for almost two thousand years, and that the new system which sparked the social and political changes of his time would make him the idol of the nation.

CONFUCIAN scholars had often claimed that the Great Teacher had written six books, but this does not enlist the support of recent historical research which found that Chinese classics were not the work of Confucius. The Great Sage had himself confessed that he could only talk and had never written anything in his life.

Confucius was also credited with having maintained a school of three thousand students. Actually, that figure was greatly exaggerated, for the state in which Confucius lived had a population no larger than that of a small modern town, and

could not possibly accommodate a school several times the size of the West Indies University College with only one professor.

Yet, despite all this, Confucius enjoys the distinction of being the first outstanding educationist China produced. He personifies knowledge and wisdom, and free Chinese all over the world still peruse Confucian classics in search of guidance that would bring meaning to life out of the prevailing complex pattern of international disharmony.

Confucianism has always been a potent force among the Chinese. It has held China together for more than two thousand years, and at this moment when the nation is enslaved under a vicious system of government, the best means of saving the country seems to lie in a revival of China's old virtues.

THUS, Confucius must once again come to the forefront of national attention. Perhaps he never dreamed of Communism, but the moral forces which the Great Sage generated centuries ago, is still the strongest antidote of Communist propaganda.

For while the Communists are bent upon destroying the family system, Confucianism insists upon preserving love and respect for the elders. When the Communists glorify the "abysmal brute", Confucius propagates the brotherhood of man. Where the Communists seek to make men slaves of the state, the Confucian system of government makes the state the servants of the people.

In the quiet dignity of Confucius then, the characteristic of the Chinese race has found an eloquent expression. A poor school teacher all through his life, he ended up as "China's uncrowned Emperor", enriching Chinese classics and taking his place in the rich fabric that is China's past.

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## Retailers' Assn. and The Sugar Question

"The control of the retail price of sugar to the local consumer is not new, as this has been going on for the past seventeen years" a representative of this paper was told by the Secretary of the Chinese Retailers' Association in an interview this week. He further stated that "The Association made representations to Government to regularise the position and also control the wholesale price of sugar, as the position of controlling the retail price, only opens itself to abuses by certain sections of the trade." "We cannot see how the Sugar Manufacturers' Association can categorically state that the margins allowed to both sections of the trade are fair and reasonable, when the margins allowed are so small as to become almost invisible".

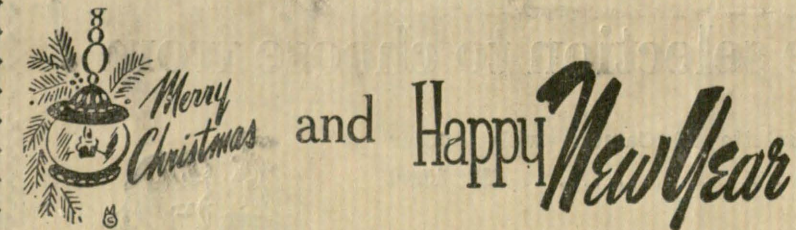
The Secretary then went on to say that the gross profit on a 75 lb bag of icing sugar is only 2/6 out of which the retailer is expected to pay 6d. for transportation; 1/6 for wrapping, leaving a balance of 6d. to cover his overhead expenses, such as rent, light, trade licence, interest and staff.

He ended by saying "Does this profit seem fair and reasonable to you?"

The Retailers' Association have made representations to both Government and the Sugar Manufacturers' Association for increase in the profit margin of sugar.

## "AGAMEMNON" ARRIVES FROM HONG KONG

The Blue Funnel M.V. "Agamemnon" arrived on Friday, December 12, with twenty three passengers from Hong Kong direct. Some of these are in transit passengers. The Agamemnon left Hong Kong on November 7.



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## Basket Ball Presentation at CPS

Another year of basketball was brought to a successful close on Wednesday, December 3, when the presentation of trophies was made at the Chinese Public School, in the presence of a large and representative gathering of basketball players and lovers of the game. Mr. Horace Chang, President of the Basketball Association, who was Chairman, introduced the Captains of the winning teams for the year to Mr. G. M. DaCosta who distributed the coveted trophies.

## Announcement

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tributed the coveted trophies.

Mr. DaCosta extolled the merits of the game describing it as a game only for the fittest. He commended the president of the Association for his zeal, and tireless efforts in promoting such an excellent form of sport in the island over the years. He felt, however, that the game could be more widely known here and promised to introduce it to other clubs whenever he had the opportunity to do so.

Mr. H. White, Secretary of the Basketball Association moved the vote of thanks. Champions for the year were Min Chi team captained by Lincoln Ho, in the Senior League matches; Community Store captained by Simon Yuen in the Junior League, Y.M.C.A. in the Senior Knockout captained by F. Walker and the Keow Yu team in the Junior Knockout captained by Neville Chuck. Incidentally, this occasion marks the twentieth anniversary of the Junior and Senior League Basketball competitions.

## Community Store Celebrates at Cathay Club

Cathay was the chosen locale for a special feast given in honour of Community Store's victorious team in the Junior League Basketball Competition this year. Community's Junior League champions, the entire staff of Albert Chang & Co Ltd. and friends gathered there on Thursday December 4th to dine, drink and make merry—a fitting climax to a successful year of strenuous basketball engagements.

Sportman — boss Horace Chang was genial host on this convivial occasion. Speakers included Mr. Frank McLaren, a basketball veteran — still active on the field; Mr. H. White, Secretary of the Basketball Association; Mr. Frank Walker, captain of the Y.M.C.A. team, winners of the Senior Knockout competition, and Mr. Headley Ho Sang.

The day before Simon Yuen, keen, cool popular Captain of Community team received the coveted trophy from the hands of another sportsman—businessman, Mr. G. M. DaCosta.

## Guild's Christmas Party

Only four days more and Guild Members and their friends will be making Cathay the merriest spot in town. The long awaited Fancy Costume Party comes off on Wednesday the 17th and if you wish to see the authentic dress of the buccaneers, the Greeks, gypsies and the noblemen of yester-year, the dancing girls of the sultans' harems, the cowgirls of the untamed west — then be sure to be at the Cathay on Wednesday. Two prizes are being offered for the most realistic costumes, one gentleman, one lady. The judges will be Fr. Phillip Price, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Ramcharan. Music will be supplied by Maestro Iggy Chong Yen and his Cathayans — and in their cresent form and the setting and mood of Cathay in her Yuletide dress — a really gay time is

promised to all. The Party begins at 8 p.m. Judging at 10.30 p.m. and all are asked to be on time since the party ends at midnight. There will be many interesting games and Carol Singing.

Members are asked to send their subscription to the Secretary, c/o Cathay, 80-84 Princess Street early, so that ample preparations can be made. Remember nothing will be on sale — 10/- subscription covers everything.

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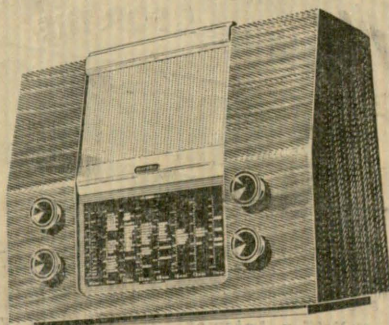
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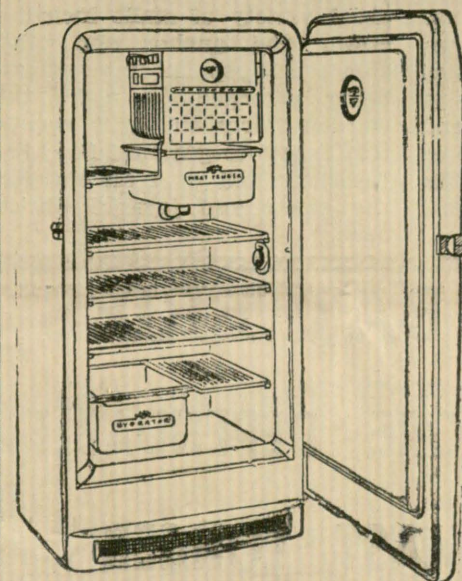
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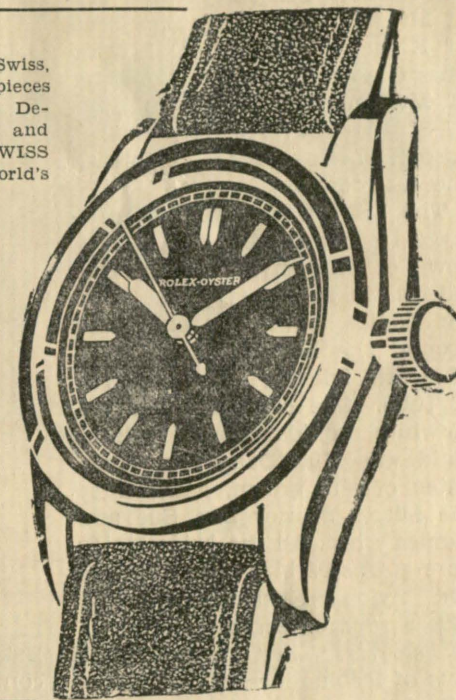
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### Lim-Lue Bridal

On Sunday, Nov. 30, the St. Peter and St. Paul's church, Hope Road was the scene of a beautiful twilight wedding when Mr. Herman Lim Hing, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lim Hing of Kingston, took as his bride Miss Gladys Maria Lue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lue Man Fung of St. Andrew. The Rev. Father Joseph LeRoy S.J. performed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of white nylon marquisette with satin flowers appliqued on the bodice, down the skirt and around the hem. From a tiara of pearls fell her finger tip veil of tulle. She carried a bouquet of white orchids. Chief bridesmaid was Miss Daisy Lim Hing, sister of the groom, assisted by the Misses Shirley Lim Sue and Monica Chin. All the bridesmaids wore gowns of blue chantilly lace and nylon marquisettes made with a square neckline and puffed sleeves. They wore Juliet caps of iceblue lace in their hair.

Bestman was Mr. George Lue, brother of the bride. A reception was held afterwards at the Rainbow Room, Half-Way Tree where over 300 friends and relatives of the couple joined in wishing them long life and happiness.

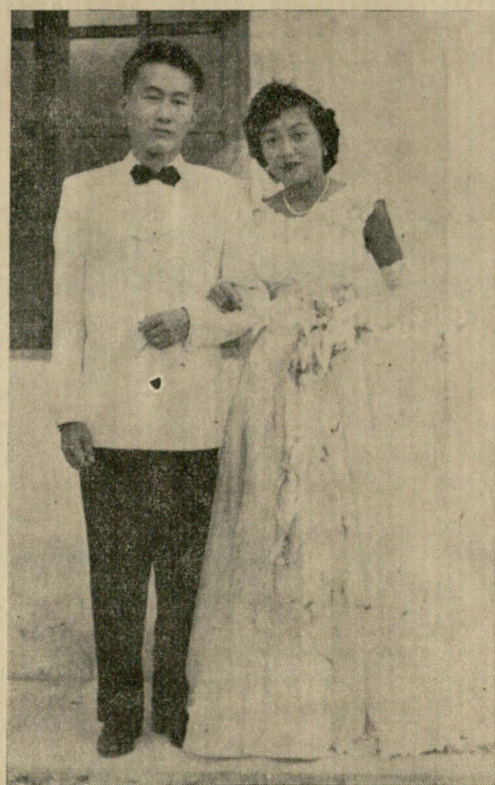
Mr. Joseph Pinchin was master of ceremonies. Speakers were: Rev. Fr. Joseph LeRoy, S.J., Messrs. L. Ramson, Jim Solomon, Ivan Levy, Carlton Alexander and Miss Daisy Lim Hing.

The cake cutting ceremony was followed by dancing which continued until midnight. Music was supplied by Eric Deans and his orchestra.

### Baking Flour To Be Decontrolled

Government has at last yielded to the representations of various sections of the food trade, Food Trade Committee and

Mr. and Mrs.  
Herman Lim Hing  
— Photo by  
Gilbert Kong



Bakers and has decided to decontrol Baking Flour. With the decontrol of Baking Flour, Government will no longer make bulk purchases of this item and traders are now free to import Baking Flour from whatever source they can get this commodity.

The results of the decontrol are not yet certain, but Government has reserved the right to restrict the trade once again if it does not see any benefit either to the trade or public within a reasonable period, and issue quotas on the basis of performance during the free trading period.

The present system of control gave rise to certain irregularities and the decontrol is bound to put a stop to this.

For the last two years, traders and bakers have been asking for the decontrol, but Government did not see fit to do so until recently when a meeting of the

Trade Control Board was held and the representations from various sections of the trade and bakers were discussed.

Once again bakers may enter into free competition and this must eventually bring benefits to both the traders and public, as production will no longer be controlled.

With the decontrol of Baking Flour traders are hoping that Government would soon also decontrol Counter flour.

### CSA Notes

Owing to the rainy weather and exams we have not been able to get a large number of members attending meetings. However, plans have been drawn up for our annual Christmas social. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend the next meeting (Dec. 14) so as to hear their duties for the Social and to discuss new business of great importance.

DECEMBER 13, 1952.

### JOTTINGS ON THE XMAS SOCIAL.

PLACE: Home of V. P. Millie Chin Yee at 5, Stanton Terrace, off the Old Hope Road.

TIME: 7 p.m. (And please be prompt as the orchestra has to stop early!)

DATE: December 21.

CHARGE: Only 2/6 which will go towards paying off the orchestra.

DRESS: Semi formal. (In case you mightn't understand that — an ordinary suit or party dress will be fine.)

FOOD: Lots of it.

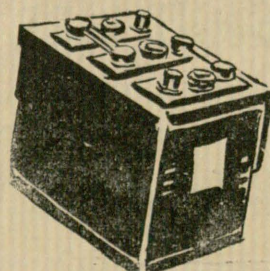
All old members (in age and otherwise) honorary members, and friends are cordially invited to attend so that this year it will be a real reunion Association party. By the way: Each active member is entitled to invite one friend to this social. Please try to come.

M.C.Y.

### Min Chi Tong Xmas Garden Party

The Min Chi Tong will be having a Christmas Garden Party on the Chinese Public School grounds on Thursday December 25th to raise funds in aid of various Chinese charities. Special feature will be a Unicorn Dance (Moo Kee Lim) which has not been seen in Jamaica for over a decade and a half. Another great attraction will be a truly traditional Chinese play entitled "Peach Blossom" for which there has been repeated rehearsals over the past several weeks. There will also be a grand display of fireworks that will warm the hearts of young and old alike. Refreshments and the usual variety of stalls including crown and anchor and other games of popular interest are being arranged to make this Garden Party the best ever—a real honest-to-goodness festive occasion filled with all the fun, the gaiety and joys of Christmas.

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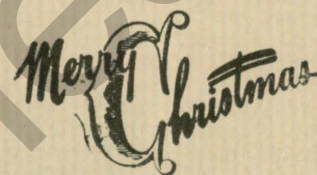
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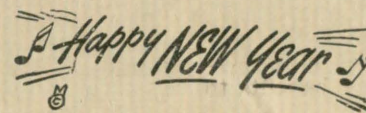
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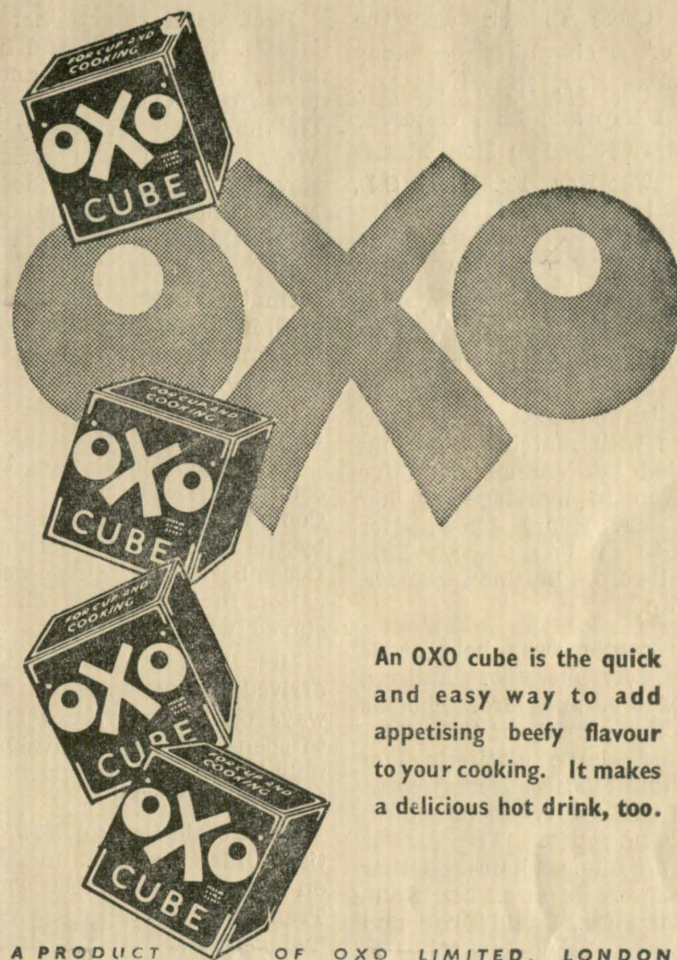


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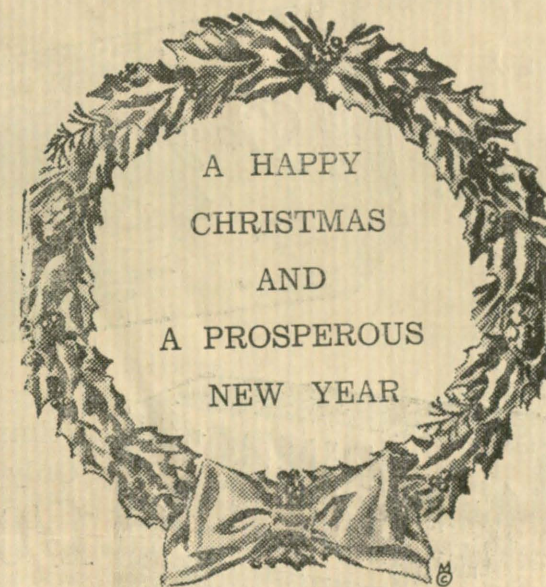
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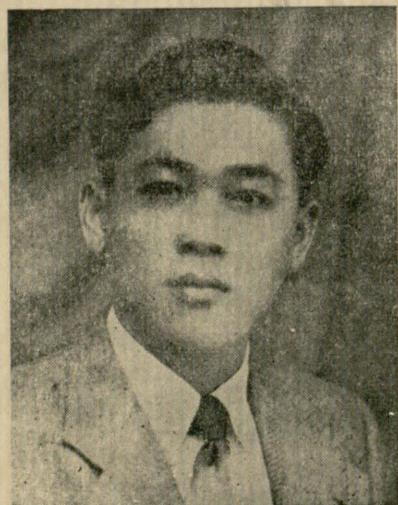


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## Yap-Lyew Nuptial

Holy Cross Church was the scene of a charming ceremony on Sunday Nov. 30, when Mr. Winston Yap and Miss Gertrude Lyew were joined in Holy Matrimony. The Rev. Fr. Kiely, S.J., officiated.

The Bride's dress was of white slipper satin the bodice of which was beautifully trimmed with chantilly lace. Her veil of tulle fell from a coronet of white milk beads. She carried a bouquet of arum lilies and asters. A pearl necklace with matching earrings completed her ensemble. She was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Henry Lyew. Her only attendant was Miss Antoinette Ho. Bestman was Mr. Cecil Yap.

The reception was held at 85 Barbican Avenue, St. Andrew, home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yap Chang, parents of the bridegroom. A large gathering of friends and relatives were present to wish the newlyweds happiness in their new life. Toastmaster was Mr. Sydney Chang. Other speakers were Messrs. Yap Sam, Yap Man Fung, David Chen and Mr. Victor Yap Chung. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lyew Chong Fen of 51 Hope Road, St. Andrew.

## Comings and Goings

Back on a visit to her family is Mrs. Vincent Foo and her two lovely children Mikey and Merley from Georgetown, British Guiana. They arrived by British West Indian Airways on Saturday Nov. 29th. Mrs. Foo is the former Nellie Chang, daughter of Mrs. I. L. Chang of Renfrew Road, Half Way Tree.

On two weeks vacation here are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lowe of Panama who arrived here on Friday Nov. 28th. Mr. Lowe is the son of Mrs. Doris Lowe who is also vacationing in Jamaica.

Mr. Leslie Lue Pow of the Accounting Department of Shell Company returned to the island by the Aviana on Wednesday, December 3 after a five-week vacation in New York where he stayed with relatives.

Mrs. H. Merrick and son Kerry arrived by Pan American Airways on Saturday, November 29 to spend Christmas with her family here before joining her husband in Iowa, U.S.A.

Mr. Gerald Ewing-Chow of British Guiana arrived in Jamaica on Sunday, December 7th by Trans-Continental Airways. Mr. Ewing-Chow is the engineer at Sproston Ltd. in British Guiana and is a brother of Mr. Nathaniel Ewing-Chow of Bookers Drug

Stores Ltd. who visited Jamaica in September of this year. A guest of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Manson-Hing of 18 Third Ave., Mountain View Gardens, Mr. Ewing-Chow will be here for three weeks.

Mr. Wally Yun of Grass Valley, California, who has been on a two-month vacation in Jamaica left the island on Monday, December 8th by Pan American Airways. He was the guest of the Lyn Kee Chows in Mandeville. Mr. Yun who attended the University of California, Berkely, is a school-mate of Warrick Lyn, Kee Chow, Victor Chin Loy, Lloyd Chang and Smith Wong. A dinner was given in his honour on Friday December 5th.

Mr. Abraham Chin returned to the island by British West Indian Airways on Tuesday November 2, after an enjoyable holiday in Trinidad and British Guiana.

## Montego Bay Notes

On the morn of Sunday, Nov. 30, we lost a very dear friend, when Mr. Vincent Chin 34, died in the hospital here, after he underwent an operation for appendicitis on Friday morning.

Funeral services were held at the St. James Parish Church and he was laid to rest at the Pye Road Cemetery. Hundreds of friends turned out to pay their last tributes to a man who liked everyone and was liked by everyone. Pall Bearers were

Messrs. Henry R. Chin, Ethelbert and James Chin (brothers) and Messrs. Stanley Hew, Herbert Wong Sui and Bobby Chin.

Through this medium we wish to express our deepest sympathies to his wife Gloria, their two young daughters Jean and Pat, his four brothers Henry, Ethelbert, James and David, his sister Daisy and all his relatives.

G. E. C.

## Daisy Lyew Bride of Noel 'King' Lyn

At a simple ceremony held in the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, December 7, Mr. Noel 'King' Lyn, well known St. George's Old Boy's inside right, exchanged nuptial vows with Miss Daisy Lyew daughter of, Mrs. Lyew Ho Shee and the late Mr. Lyew of Kingston. The Rev. Fr. Joseph Donohue, S.J., officiated.

The bride made a lovely picture in a delicately figured white gown. The close fitting bodice of chantilly lace supported a full gathered tulle skirt which fell over white slipper satin. Her fingertip veil of tulle was caught up by a coronet of lilies of the valley. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley. Her only attendant was Miss Daphne Lyn, sister of the groom. Bestman was Mr. Albert Chung. Mr. Vincent Lyew gave the bride away.

The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lyn, parents of the bridegroom. Mr. Eustace Shim was master of ceremonies. Speakers were: Rev. Fr. Joseph Donohue, S.J., Messrs. Albert Chung and Noel Lyn.

## PANORAMA

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Once again the gay festive season of Christmas is near at hand, bringing with it the usual round of gaieties and good will and cheer. Drawing the whole Commonwealth of Nations together will be the Queen's broadcast on Christmas Day, at 3 p.m., a Message which her loyal subjects the world over always make every effort to listen to from the reigning sovereign, this time the first by our young Queen Elizabeth II.

In Jamaica the customary efforts have been made for the collection of funds with which the poor in our midst may join in the good things of our land. There is the Mayor's Xmas Dinner Fund for both Kingston and St. Andrew, and others, and the Maxfield Park Children's Home annual treat for which both money and toys are needed. Little Miss Sarah Foot, daughter of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Foot, has been active in collecting toys from other children who, like herself, are willing to give some to this cause.

The Woman's Club has held its Annual Xmas Sale in aid of many worthy local charities. Many other Fairs have been held which have all been very successful. Special jobs for the Christmas season have also been put in operation through the agency of the K.S.A.C. which obtained a grant from the Government to meet this expenditure so that the unemployed might benefit in this way for the season.

## AND CHRISTMAS SEALS AND JOHN CANOES

Two other aspects of Christmas in Jamaica must also be touched on although they fall in very different categories. First of these is the Anti-T.B. Sale of Christmas Seals in aid of the After-Care of tubercular cases which has become an annual feature. This most needed cause is helped each year by the sale of these little seals with which we can brighten our Christmas mail and packages, and Lady

Foot issued a special appeal in the Press for generous donations in this connection, for this is one of those charities for which we get something for our money, and which even the smallest number of pennies can purchase so that one and all can help.

The other special feature is that of the John Canoe contest organised by the Gleaner Company Ltd., which was so successful last year that it is being carried through this year with even more spectacular success. This contest revives an old custom which has been sadly missed in recent years, one which provides enjoyment for those who compete as well as for those who witness the masquerading scenes throughout the Island.

## "QUO VADIS".

One of the most spectacular and inspiring films ever to be shown has had a two-week run at the Tropical Theatre during this past couple of weeks. A film which took three years to complete, much of which was taken in the actual setting of the story — Rome — and in which the direction is competently handled and the acting superb, is certainly an event to have been taken in and on which to dwell in mind for many a long day yet.

The scenery in technicolour was lovely to look upon, and blood-curdling indeed, were those which were enacted in the arena. Inspiring were those in the catacombs and the humble dwelling of those early Christians whose great faith triumphed over the horrors of the Rome of Nero's day. Peter Ustinov as Nero showed his great ability as an actor of note, and indeed, all played their parts to perfection.

## CERAMICS AND ETCHINGS

An Exhibition of ceramics by Cecil Baugh and etchings by Phillip Kappell, an outstanding American engraver, was opened at the Art Gallery of the Institute of Jamaica on December 1st, by Mrs. C. M. Deverill, wife of the Colonial Secretary, in the presence of an interested gathering of invited guests.

Enhancing the attractive aspect of the exhibits were the artistic arrangements of the white coralilla (the Christmas carol

bush) draped from wall vases, and other lovely flowers which filled prettily shaped vases and bowls. The pottery now being done by the accomplished Cecil Baugh is beautifully toned in colouring and gracefully shaped, and the designs are all very attractive. Tea sets, cruet sets and the like make for a variety of exhibits. Mr. Baugh deserves the greatest support from the public of Jamaica in his work, for his is a gift that can utilise one of Jamaica's natural products of the soil and which can bring to our land the attention of overseas visitors.

A word must be said about the etchings which are truly excellent work and provided a very interesting and attractive contrast to the pottery exhibition. The scenes of old New Orleans, Cartagena and the like hold a special charm in them.

## TWO NEW STAMPS

On the 5th and the 10th of this month two new issues of stamps appeared on the world scene. First of these was the first issue of English stamps bearing the likeness of Queen Elizabeth II in two denominations, the magenta-red 2½d stamp, and the green 1½d. The likeness used on these stamps was taken from a photograph made by a professional studio and they will be certain to attract all philatelists who like to add new stamps to their collection, as well as all who are interested in seeing our young Queen appear in this guise for the first time.

The other stamp is that of the United Nations Postal Administration which has issued a commemorative stamp in honour of Human Rights Day, adopted by the U.N. General Assembly four years ago. This stamp will be issued in three and five cent denominations in green and azure blue respectively. The design is of the flame surrounded by the words "Human Rights" in the five official languages of the U.N. against a background of the two hemispheres. This symbolizes the light of equality and freedom inherent in the Declaration.

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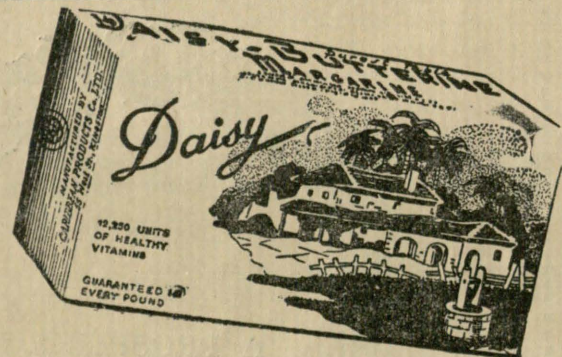
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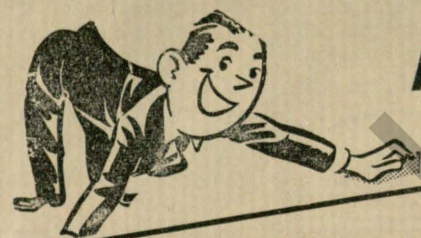


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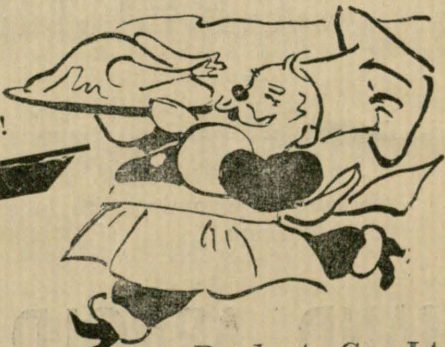


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### Message Of Christmas

The Season of Christmas has once more come around, bringing with it a reminder of its great message to the world—the Message of Peace and Good Will—in the midst of the widespread difficulties and chaos that it has become our lot to bear. At this Season family reunions invariably take place, differences are smoothed out and the glow of the Christmas candles shines over all. Carols are sung in the churches and in the streets; there is happiness and benevolence everywhere for at this time the poor and the under-privileged are tended as at no other time in all the year, and the sufferings of the sick are alleviated by the atmosphere of cheer around them. Christmas is a time of unity of thought and purpose among all peoples, a unity that it would be well to maintain throughout the year in all aspects of our lives.

In the past few weeks the meeting of the Caribbean Commission has augured well for the unification of living conditions in the Caribbean. Pending the political federation which may come eventually, a true spirit of unity is being fostered in the area in all things social, economic and cultural. In London, the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers for the purpose of threshing out many problems has also been acting in the interests of a Commonwealth unity that augurs well for the future, for where there is unity, there is good will, and there is peace.

Farther afield there have been two recent developments of importance in the furtherance of a peaceful ending to the war in Korea. One of these has been the visit to the Far East of the United States President-Elect, Dwight D. Eisenhower, together with some of his Cabinet designates and military leaders, for the purpose of charting U.S. policy in the Orient, and in

order to try to bring about a settlement of the Korean conflict. The other development has been the acceptance by the United Nations of the proposals by India for a peaceful settlement of the prisoner-of-war issue in the Korean peace talks, which should tend to bring about a termination of the war by other means than a military victory. With the irritant of the Korean war at an end, a deeper sense of peace would come to the world than it now enjoys.

In the lowly Manger the Holy Saviour of the world was born on that first Christmas Day, and the Heavenly Hosts chanted those words of praise which still gladden the heart of man and bring to all who believe in Him a message of comfort and joy:

"Glory to God in the Highest,  
On Earth Peace and Good  
Will toward Men."

### The Struggle For Lasting Peace

At this time of the year when peace and goodwill is everywhere it is good time to take stock and to appraise the work of the United Nations Organization which is doing so much to further accord among the nations. For, though these past years have been years crowded with action and with achievements of various kinds, many people in many lands feel a keen sense of disappointment that these accomplishments have not been greater.

There are probably as many reasons for this feeling as there are individuals who harbour it, but three closely connected ones appear to stand out. The first is failure to realize the hampering effect which the international tensions, fears and disagreements have upon the work of the United Nations. The second is lack of appreciation of the true nature of the Organization which is too often wrongly regarded as an entity with a volition of its own separate from that of the Member Nations, instead of as the means or the machinery through which these separate nations can co-operate to attain a lasting peace. The third stems directly from the others. It is impatience—impatience based upon the false expectation that the machinery for co-operation once set up would of itself quickly settle the world's problems.

These are the reasons why one so often hears the question "Why does not the United Nations do something about it?" The "it", of course, may be any one of a number of problems that confront the world—a problem for

which the United Nations or, rather, the nations working together in the United Nations, may be striving hard to find an acceptable solution. It is the question which is wrong in this case. In place of it each individual should ask himself "Can I and my country do more to assure co-operation in the Councils of the United Nations and so help make it what the world wants it to be—the means for lasting peace?"

Surely it is time to appraise the work of the United Nations in terms both of its accomplishments and of the reasons why it has not been able to do more. Such an appraisal, though, if it is to have any value at all, must be made against the background of the real world in which the United Nations is forced to operate. We must start with people as they are and with nations as they are and work from there. No magic wand will serve to dissipate the fears and hatreds that distract the world. Rather than look for political miracles, it is necessary to search for ways to overcome these difficulties one by one.

The struggle for lasting peace is not only a military or political struggle. It is also a matter of working together to remove the causes of war—hunger, starvation, ignorance, disease, destitution, injustice and oppression—the widespread disabilities that nourish the roots of political unrest, revolution and war. Lasting peace requires political, economic and social action in a triple-stranded programme.

There is no easy course in any of these broad types of action. Each problem, whatever its nature, has deep roots in the past. All have plagued man since the beginning of his time on earth, yet the attempt to solve them can no longer be deferred. And, if it is true that the most important lesson man must learn is how to keep peace on earth, then it is also true that he must learn that lesson as he has learned all other lessons—step by step. He must accomplish the simple, the understandable, the possible first. On these steps he will be able to build up to a completed whole.

The task then appears plain. It is to find the steps that can be taken now one by one—economic, political or social—the steps upon which the majority can agree and co-operate. These points of agreement must be the stepping stones leading to an enlargement of the areas of co-operation and the search for new ones.

## AMERICA CALLING . . . .

By Edward W. Chew

Exclusive to The Pagoda Magazine

The following article was released for publication in America on December 6—eve of the anniversary of Pearl Harbour.

"We are of that generation which had the rendezvous with destiny . . . . If any from our generation can consider himself completely divorced from the forces that took shape eleven years ago, he does not need our pity."

A telling reminiscence of momentous events that can change the pattern of life of a generation.

### DATE WITH DESTINY

The children of this generation, Chinese-Americans included, have had our date with destiny. And our lives today are for the most part a result of our entanglement with the precarious crosswinds of fate.

The ever widening circles of the day that lives in infamy eleven years ago tomorrow morning, which plunged the nation into forty-four months of terrible warfare, continues to shape our personal beings today.

The final story of that dawn attack of December 7, 1941 awaits revelation. The truth will one day be known why no adequate measures were taken despite warnings, and despite the fact that the danger of the Japanese move had been known and discussed for years; in fact the Pearl Harbour attack was a copy of a manoeuvre executed some years before in war games.

The American public has been given much scattered information, but the nebula of suspicion continues to hover over the Pearl Harbour files, and the Senate Committee "white wash" report of it.

In our mind, as in the minds of many, individual scenes stand sharp and clear; indelible marks etched upon our souls.

We remember the winter of 1941, along the California coast, was cold, harsh and stormy. On December 7, the weather was cold, but turning mild. Along the Pacific Coast, it was church-going time, the hour of eleven. When church was out, the story was history.

The first "black out" occurred that night. It was a failure.

Two days before we were in an ROTC classroom at Oakland Tech, and the Professor of Military Science and Tactics had evaluated the world situation with these words: "We may be at war with Japan before next Monday!"

At the time no one thought the declaration too emotionally startling. Nevertheless, that Sunday evening, as we sat in our pews for an interchurch fellowship of the Bay Area Chinese churches, the prediction returned to us, and awed us, even as we were joining others in asking, "Where is Pearl Harbour?"

War is the masterful teacher of geography. Soon we not only knew the longitude and latitude of "Pearl", but the locations of other Pacific atolls became familiar.

There are some names that haunt us, even today, with the

faces and stilled voices of friends we knew: Bataan, Lingayen Bay, Wake Island, Bismarck Sea, the Kurile Islands, Okinawa, Guadalcanal, and bloody Iwo Jima.

Which of us who had an appointment with destiny will ever forget the sense of grimness which welded national unity.

A guest, we remember, calmly said, "Well, they've done it." And our lives were juggled to meet the emergency.

"Hostilities exist," Franklin D. Roosevelt told Congress and the American people. And the dreams and ambitions of our generation were temporarily set aside. For some, they were never picked up again.

We then are of that generation which had the rendezvous with destiny. We had no voice in the government before December 7, 1941. We graduated from schools with a diploma in our left hand, and a "greetings from the president" letter in our right hand.

If any from our generation can consider himself completely divorced from the forces that took shape eleven years ago, he does not need our pity. Let him be. He lives in a fool's paradise, and yet, sometimes, we envy him.

We often wish we might live in that fool's paradise. We might settle down, marry a girl, raise a family, own a car, mortgage a house, and let the dreamers and idealists try to better an unrelenting world. Let others knock themselves out, we'll enjoy the fruits of their crusade.

But we know we cannot conscientiously do it.

We bare deep scars from our date with cruel destiny. And we see children around us going up the road for their appointment with fate. And we remember our own journey, and we long to help.

Are our neighbour's children equal to their task? Cannot we, who have had the experience, teach them to be done with lesser things. Can we teach them that they are children of God; that with strong heart, and mind, soul and strength, they can bring forth the day of brotherhood, and end the night of wrong?

The past eleven years have taught us, if nothing then, this: John Donne was as right in the 1600's as he is today, when he said "No man is an island, entire of itself; Everyman a piece of the continent, a part of the main."

" . . . I am involved in mankind, and therefore never say to me for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee."

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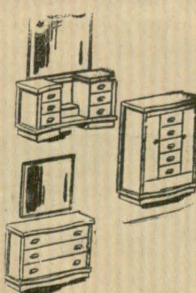
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# Christmas Allright

By Shirley Maynier Burke

"BIG one Three and Six—little B one Two Shillin'", he said in his broken sing-song English. Elvira hardly heard the price of the big one, nor did she even look. Baby Sweetie and herself had all attention centred on the smaller doll, she with apprehension, and Baby Sweetie with longing. The child pressed one small finger against the glass of the showcase and said "Is the prettiest dolly I ever see".

It was only another piece of cheap Christmas gee-gaw, a baby image made of inferior celluloid, with arms and legs strung across inside with a rubber band; the legs were too long and the features too small, and it was dusty as if it had been in and out of the showcase the Christmas before. Not much of a doll—to adult eyes; but to Baby Sweetie it was all her little world, it was a real live baby, and she wanted it with a longing so intense that it hurt the mother, because she knew the money would not stretch.... and Sweetie's father was not working.

Elvira watched carefully as Mr. Chin measured out the rice, then the sugar, and poured them into paper bags; she looked anxiously at her precious little pile of groceries. No; there was nothing there that she could do without, every ounce of that little heap on the counter was needed at home, and the money would not go far enough. She did not have to wait for Mr. Chin to add it up, she herself could add very quickly; she used to sell in the Kingston markets.

HALF-HOPING that her memory had served her wrongly, she opened the sweaty little change purse which had been clutched in her hand; she looked again and counted again; it was still eight shillings and sixpence. The clean crisp five shilling note which she had been saving, the silver, and the coppers were there just as she had remembered them. Her simple little household supplies for the week were going to cost eight shillings and one penny.

Slowly she counted out the money to Mr. Chin and took her things off the counter. "What 'bout the dolly for the baby" he asked. "No thank you Mr. Chin" she said proudly, and as she saw

Melissa come into the shop, she added, "I will buy a better one for her when I go to Kingston". She knew that Melissa's mouth was not her own, and she did not want it said in the District that she could not even buy her baby one little "fool fool" doll. The shopkeeper knew and understood the life. People who could afford to go to Kingston for Christmas did not watch pounds and half pounds of flour and sugar as anxiously as Elvira did; and he had seen the big black eyes in the little brown face turn liquid as the child looked at her mother with a resignation which showed that she had already learned the hard lesson of how to do without.



ELVIRA had a tight bitter feeling in her heart. Christmas was allright for the backra people down in the Bay who could drive big cars. Christmas was allright for the rich people in Kingston who could spend such plenty money on things nobody needed, and did not care if other people starved. Christmas was allright for Mr. Chin who made his money from poor people like herself to put it in a barrel and send back to China (her father had told her that when she was a child.) Christmas was even allright for Melissa because her children's father was working. Elvira hated all of them, because she knew how much Sweetie wanted the doll. She hardly heard what Mr. Chin was saying. "Take home dolly give the baby" he said, and seeing that she did not understand and was about to refuse again, he said "I give baby for Christmas".

Elvira did not care if Melissa saw what happened. She and Mr. Chin both watched Sweetie's happy face as she held the doll, and saw her little lips form an unbelieving "Thanks". Suddenly Elvira knew that Christmas would be allright for her, and for Sweetie too. Christmas would be very happy for Baby Sweetie.

## Parties

A delightful Sweet Sixteen Birthday Party was given for Miss Hope Yap on Sunday, November 16, when a large number of friends gathered at her home on Beeston Street to wish her all the happiness and joys of a charming "Sweet Sixteen". Among those present were: Rev. Fr. Brasset, Rev. Fr. Munzie and the Rev. Fr. Ochs, S.J., who blessed the cake; the Misses Marlene Fung, June Young, Patricia Lyn, Daisy Lyew, Daphne Lyn, Gloria Chen, Merle and Sonia Moo Young, Messrs. Albert Chung, Vincent Chin, Harold Wong, and Calvin Moo Young.

Dancing to radiophone music which lasted until 1 a.m. was the order of the evening. Hope is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Yap of the Royal House Bakery and is a student of Immaculate Conception High School. She plans to take up a commercial course next year.

Mrs. Teresa Chang, popularly known as "Blossom", celebrated her 21st birthday at her home on 9½ Outlook Avenue, on Saturday November 29th. Among those present were: Rev. Fr. Richard Watson who blessed the cake, Rev. Fr. B. Reilly, S.J., Messrs. Wallace Nam, Byron Kong, Alwyn Tai, A. Henriques, Sydney Abrahams, the Misses Norma and Prudence Lue Sang, Louis Yap Sam, Victoria Chang, Juliet Chong Yen and many others. Dancing to orchestra music brought this very enjoyable function to a close at 3 a.m.

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"...And so the seasons sped;  
weak autumn languished,  
A small wind woke the cold.  
And now with rearing of rein-horse,  
Plunging of the tracer, round I fetched  
My high-roofed chariot to westward..."

Chang Heng:  
"The Bones of Chuang Tzu."

### INDIA

"The vines, remembering summer,  
shiver  
In frosty winds, and gain  
A fuller life from mere endeavour  
To live through all that pain:  
Then may these winter days show forth

To you each known delight,  
Bring all that women count as worth  
Pure happiness and bright;  
While villages with bustling cry,  
Bring home the ripened corn,  
And herons wheel through wintry sky,

Forget sad thoughts forlorn..."

Kalidasa: "Winter."

### JAMAICA

"Beautiful star,  
Wondrous sight,  
Shining clear  
Out of the night,  
Leading the wise men from afar—  
Softly the Baby sleeps.

Glorious song  
In the air,  
Angel host  
Surpassing fair:  
Terrified shepherds townward throng—  
Gently the Baby sleeps..."

Joyce M. Ramson:  
"A Christmas Lullaby".

### CANADA

"Suddenly light shone out from the dark window  
and he moved more cautiously over the creaking snow.  
Low boughs laid on his lips a cold finger  
and sprang back, as the silence dropped, with a soft whirl..."

L. A. MacKay: "Snow Story."

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# THE MAGI'S QUEST

By Francis Gerald Ho Lung.

AS Christmas draws nearer and nearer with its vibrant message of Faith, and hope and charity thoughtful men pause, if ever so briefly, to meditate awhile on the meaning and significance of an event that is all but taken for granted in the world we live in.

Around this time nearly two thousand years ago, the Three Wise Men were on their way to Bethlehem following the star that would guide them to Him

who was to be born a King; and as we look down through the crowded vistas of time, many thoughts steal in upon us. Thoughts, for instance, of the centuries and centuries before the coming of Christ when sages and saints were struggling through the tangled twists and folds of darkness into the pale glimmerings of light to make this world a fit and better place to live in; of man's ceaseless efforts to master his environment, his crude and primitive battle with the elements; his inventions, his military campaigns, his conquests.

And as we move closer to our own times our feeble minds strained with the memory of the past, the cares and demands of the present, go back to the second world war in which the nations of the world were locked in a deadly combat that cast a darkness and a gloom over the face of the earth like a pall. We think of Korea and the dread shadow of international communism that hovers threateningly over us; of the United Nations and its dedicated efforts in the service of peace; of Free China and the hope she symbolizes.

BUT far and above them all towers the memory of that first Christmas long ago and the immortal quest of the Three Wise Men following a star that would lead them to a manger which cradled the Infant Jesus — the Eternal World made flesh—He it was who brought to the world its only hope of peace, Who alone could give true, lasting peace; and did give to the world its only living design for world peace. And, for it, made the supreme sacrifice—the sacrifice of His life on the Cross—Greater love than this no man hath that he lay down his life for his friend. This

He exemplified in superabundant measure no less in His life than in His death and resurrection.

It was in order that He may give to mankind that peace which it craves, that peace which the world cannot give, that He came on that first and joyful Christmas morn centuries ago. Supreme Exemplar of all the virtues, He came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. He came to teach frail, erring man the great lesson of love. He told them in simple language how man was to love God above all things; and his neighbour as himself. He taught as no man ever taught. The humblest of men, He told His contemporaries: "Before Abraham was, I am." In other words He was telling them that He and the Father were one, that He was God. He calmed the tempest, cured the sick, gave sight to the blind; brought the dead back to life. He could read the innermost secrets of man's thoughts. Distance was no obstacle to the miracles he performed. And finally after He was crucified, He rose from the dead to substantiate His claims.

His life and personality is still fresh in the minds and hearts of men throughout the civilised world; and His teachings live on. In fact, He is with us still, even at this distance of nearly two thousand years.

It was for Him that the Angels sang their first Noel on the hills of Bethlehem at that crowning moment of humanity's greatest joy. And it was for Him that the Three Wise Men were following a star, bringing with them gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh in humble acknowledgment of His divine, eternal Kingship.

In this sun kissed island of ours where the light of freedom is not yet dimmed, we too are on our way, wafted as it were, on the wings of time. And if, amidst our musings and tender thoughts

of family, friends and loved ones during these few brief days before Christmas, we follow the example of the Magi and joining them, draw nearer to the Christ-child, then Christmas will be Christmas indeed. For then we shall kneel at the feet of the Little Babe of Bethlehem in silent adoration and know, even as the Three Wise Men of old knew, the Peace and the Joy that Christmas brings.

Life comes before literature, as the material always comes before the work. The hills are full of marble before the world blooms with statues.—Phillips Brooks.

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# Yellow Dawn Of Yesterday

by Michael Hastings.

Standing on the escarpment was like hovering between two worlds. You looked ahead, and stars were level with your eyes. Below was depth, frightening because there was no bottom to it.

The first time that Gordon Summers had stood there—thirty years back, before the first diamond was found at Kimberley—he'd looked down at what men called the Low Veldt and known a tingling fear. Because he was much younger then, and more imaginative, he'd felt that it was like being suddenly transported to the moon.

Now, there was still the same unearthly element to disturb him, even though the land was more familiar. For all that, there was a sense of relief in being away from the two shadows which, at that period, slanted across Africa—Rhodes and Kruger.

Immediately below there were kloofs, filled to the brim with living green, beyond was the red earth and the miles of bushland, with the Lembembo hills staining the distance. Further still—seen by the imagination only—was the sea. Delagoa Bay.

Standing there, watching the shadows gingering their way across the land beneath, Summers found his memory whisking him back to Kimberley and his last argument with his brother. There was nothing serious about the disagreement. He never quarrelled with Eric; it was just that their views were so divergent.

"Gold again!" Eric had cried. "Man, it's a fever inside you. Look at yourself. After searching for thirty years you're not rich—yet this is a country where every level-headed man can make a fortune. Times without number you've gone off to the back of beyond looking for gold. You've returned—sometimes broke, sometimes with enough yellow dust to just cover your expenses—looking like a collection of old bones in a parchment bag. You hang around, between life and death, until you hear that some equally miserable wretch has chattered the magic word 'gold' in his delirium. And that's your signal for going through the body-and-mind-shattering business again."

"There's no knowing. One of these days I may strike it rich. In the meantime—there's the adventure," Gordon had said.

He could still see Eric's hands thrown up in despair.

"Will you never learn anything, man? Suppose you do strike—who's going to make the money? I'll tell you. The transport men who'll bring necessities to you in their wagons. The smart boys who'll sell you machinery. You'll be a prey to every human locust. And, as if that isn't enough, there'll be a jackal pack ready to tear you to bits in order to grab your claim."

"I can look after myself."

Eric Summers had not been convinced. "There's more to it. There are still old men who can tell you what Dingaan did to Piet Retief. Those murdering Zulus

set the pattern. Mark my words, Dingaan will have his imitators. Another thing, you'll be in Transvaal. Paul Kruger's the power now. I don't have to tell you what he thinks of gold—and of the foreigners who go after it. No, brother—there's only one thing certain about gold. That is, if you find it, you're still the loser."

There were other things, Gordon Summers thought, as he stood on the escarpment. Things which Eric would never understand. The sense of being uplifted, which came from the solitude and the grand surroundings. By comparison, the growing Kimberley was an offence to the eye, a sore on the earth's beauty. Again, there was something hard to define, like feeling the pulse of the real Africa, breathing the same air and sharing, though only for a brief period, its immortality.

He turned abruptly, as if fearing to prolong the ecstasy of thought. He could see the red glow of the fire which Hendricks, the Hottentot, had lit. Beyond was the white shape of the wagon. As he moved towards it he could hear the almost luscious breathing of the outspanned oxen.

He dropped down, removed his veldskoene and wriggled his tired toes. His mind turned to more practical considerations. Soon after dawn they'd make the descent. It was a long and dangerous business, with much of the trail no more than a narrow ledge with a nausea-creating drop. There'd be boulders to be moved, and at times it might be necessary to unload the wagon in order to get it safely around one of the worst bends. Perhaps there was something to be said for Eric's viewpoint after all!

He smiled as he fumbled for his pipe and lit it. This was something that Eric would never know—the joy of a pipe-smoke by the open fire, with the Low Veldt lying a few thousand feet

below the rim of the rocky horizon. And gold hidden somewhere beyond.

It was an hour later that Hendricks disturbed Gordon Summers. "Baas!" he cried excitedly, "I hear another wagon—coming slowly—with tired oxen."

Summers looked up irritably. The loneliness of the escarpment was peculiarly restful, and he resented the thought of an intrusion. He was not averse to meeting, or to joining forces.

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# ROMANCE OF SILK

By Alfredo Graham

CHINESE history is extraordinarily rich in romantic tales and fascinating characters who have embellished the grandeur of Old China. Few stories in Chinese story, however, can surpass in pride of place the story of the Chinese Empress Hsi Ling Shi and the fabulous story of Chinese connection with the origin of silk.

It was the Empress Hsi Ling Shi who bestowed royal favours upon the silk industry way back in the year 2640 B.C. and enabled it to make China a great trading country in the early days when caravans from far away Europe made the long trek to China for the cargoes of silk, so precious in those days that only kings and princes could wear them.

The Empress wisely encouraged the cultivation of the mulberry tree, the rearing of the worms and the reeling of the silk. Like any of her subjects she devoted herself personally to the care of the silkworms. She was indeed the celebrated patroness of sericulture; and her connection with the silk industry was mentioned from the earliest times by historians and chroniclers who sought to establish the antiquity of silk.

The Chinese word for silk is "sse" and from it the Greeks took their name 'ser' which other European languages have since adapted to their own forms.

But as fascinating as is the story of the fabulous Empress Hsi Ling Shi, the story of how the Chinese maintained a tight monopoly on silk for thousands of years has always intrigued historians and romantists. For it is quite true that not only were the Chinese the first to develop silk, but they were successful in maintaining their monopoly for over 3,000 years. This is con-

sidered a very remarkable achievement; which is even more astonishing when it is considered how desperate the other nations went after learning the secrets of the industry.

CHINA with the aid of her silk industry grew rich; the trade was highly lucrative. During the time of the Roman Empire when considerable wealth were amassed by the Romans, silk, the sign of wealth and prestige, brought its Chinese manufacturers any fancy price they asked. And great silk cargoes followed the caravan routes to Persia, Rome and the countries of Europe.

Then the monopoly was broken. The stories vary. Some historians claim that the rift came when a flight of refugees took the secrets to Korea, from where it spread to Japan. There is also the fascinating cloak-and-dagger story of how a secret mission which travelled to Korea in the third century succeeded in capturing four girls and a supply of silkworm eggs.

Another story concerns its introduction into India by a princess who hid some eggs in her headdress when given in marriage to an Indian prince.

KINGS, Popes and princes were all interested in stealing the secrets of silk from China, and the story of its introduction to the West concerns two Persian monks who penetrated into China as Christian missionaries, with the assistance and encouragement of the Emperor Justinian. When they came back to Constantinople they had a small supply of silk worm hidden in a hollow cane. They were lavishly rewarded by the Emperor for their exploit. Soon the secrets of the industry spread throughout the Byzantine Em-

pire; the Arabs learned about it and through them it passes to Spain. It was introduced to Sicily and so to Italy, but it was the Renaissance that stimulated the extension of both the culture and use of silk through Europe.

All that was long ago and the Empress Hsi Ling would today open her eyes very wide to see to what a vast and complex industry her simple experiments have led. She could, however, congratulate herself on observing that the simple practices which she evolved forty-six centuries ago still provide the essentials both of sericulture and raw silk reeling. To-day silk, because of its outstanding beauty and fineness, has passed into the language as a descriptive word implying admirable qualities; and we must salute another great Chinese, the Empress Hsi Ling.

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# Christmas Thoughts

By Leslie R. Chin

NEXT week as the cool, captivating climate of the Tropics reaches its height, homes, the stores and the dressmakers will be buzzing with activity. Store windows and doorways will be adorned with colourful decorations, and homes will be rendered gay by the presence of mistletoes and conical-shaped trees. For it will again be Christmas, and these are eternal signs that, like the rest of the world, Jamaica too is prepared to usher in Christmas with colour, gaiety and merriment.

The festivity will begin on Christmas Eve when families will lay out on their tables their cherished chinaware and serve specially cooked turkeys and hams, cakes and ice cream. And at midnight, many will trek to the churches to pray, to give thanks in their humble way for the blessings they have received throughout the year.

This then is Christmas — the day to which all look forward with eagerness and joy, the day on which all appear in their best attire, the day on which human relationship overpours with brotherly love. But to everyone, Christmas has its own special meaning. To the child, it is the thrill of receiving toys, to the teenager, it is the joy of dancing to soft music with a sweetheart, and to the married man, it is the pleasure, the inner comfort, that comes from seeing his son's or daughter's face aflame with satisfaction.

CHRISTMAS, too, possesses that magical power to evoke memories from the past. The mind travels over the preceding year, selecting those happy moments that make life a wonderful experience, rejecting those that only burden the heart. And soon, amidst this reverie, curiosity is born. We begin to wonder if the coming Christmas will be as enjoyable as the one which had gone before.

But added to this array of interpretations, Christmas has yet another meaning — a deeper, vibrant meaning that centres around the story of God who became man, of an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Born in a stable in Bethlehem, Jesus made his appearance into the world when Herod sat on the throne of Judea. As a child, He helped His foster father in carpentry, and once, when He wandered off into the synagogue and found Himself amidst a group of erudite men, He amazed them by His knowledge and wisdom.

AS He grew into manhood, He lived among the poor, moving from one section of Palestine to another, and bearing witness to the true Light. He healed the sick, restored the cripple, and revived the dead. In the corrupt materialism of His age, He taught men to love, and told them of a new Faith, of a new life. In short, He showed mankind its only route to Salvation.

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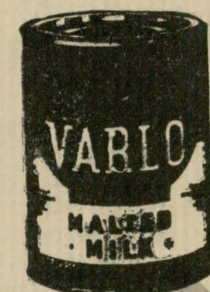
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possessed an infinite capacity to love without any distinction of colour, creed or social status. He knew Himself to be the son of God, and He so loved His fellow men that He died for them. And having died, He resurrected and ascended into heaven.

The many preparations then, that come at each Christmas season — the laughs, the joy, the fun that accompany the Christ-masses of each circling year—all are eloquent testimony of the eternal endurance of the Christmas spirit; all are connected with the deeper, vibrant meaning of the miraculous birth of a man who was both man and God, who left behind a dynamic doctrine of Love, Faith and Hope, whose message was, and still is, Peace on Earth and to all men of Good-will.

There are, or there certainly should be, loyalties in every man's life. They are something more than an interest, they are a compelling influence. It may

be his Church, his "School," his Masonic Lodge, his hobby, or indeed anything that enters largely into his life.—J. B. Sandback, K.C.

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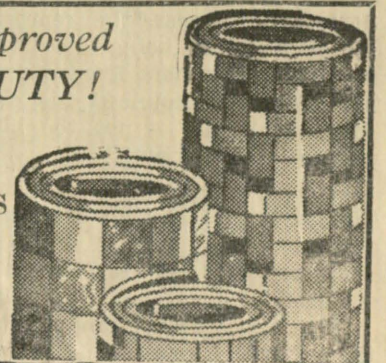
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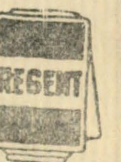


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## YELLOW DAWN OF YESTERDAY

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with a genuine prospector. But seven out of ten wagons were driven by disreputable characters who were after loot, rather than gold. Men who set thieving above working. So he sent the Hottentot back to the wagon for the Westley-Richards rifle, and then told him to keep in the shadows with his elephant gun.

"Ja, baas," said Hendricks, and dissolved into the darkness.

Summers placed the rifle conveniently near and, swearing softly, imprisoned his aching feet again in the *veldskoene*. After that, it was a matter of waiting. For some time his ears could not pick up the sounds which had alarmed the Hottentot; but at last he heard them and nodded his head. He judged it to be one wagon, moving pitifully slowly.

Nearer and nearer it came, drawn by oxen too weary to heed the crackings of the long whip played about their flanks. Without moving, he heard the heavy wheels crunch to a standstill, heard the oxen being outspanned, even heard them drop down near to their yokes in tiredness.

Then he looked up slowly as steps approached, glancing to the side to reassure himself about his weapon. The next minute he was embarrassed and ashamed of his caution, for there was no menace in the rather slender young figure which came into the dancing, reddish circle of the firelight.

"My name's Trent," the newcomer announced. "Philip Trent." Some churlishness, the remnant of irritation at being disturbed, prevented Summers from rising. He nodded, announced his own name and said — not too hospitably — "Sit down?"

Trent dropped rather than sat. "I'm about all in," he said with a sigh.

"So are your oxen by the sound of them."

"Poor beasts, we've had to drive them hard. You see, I'd heard

you were ahead of me and I wanted to catch up."

Summers looked at him sharply. "Why? A message from my brother?"

Trent shook his head. "I didn't know you had one," he confessed. "No—a very different reason. I heard about you when I called at an isolated farm run by a man named Byjel."

"I'm glad he helped somebody. I had no welcome from him."

"He didn't exactly welcome me. I wanted to buy a yoke of oxen—you see, I lost two beasts crossing the fly belt. They were sold me as 'salted' too. Well, he wouldn't sell; but he told me of you, and said you had two spares. You'd tried to sell to him."

Summers looked grim. He remembered the surly Byjel — the fellow would love to score off an *Uitlander*. "Mean trick," he said. "I've no spare oxen."

Trent stared at him. "No spare oxen," he repeated.

Summers felt instantly sorry for him; but he spoke briskly, for all that. Probably because he was speaking from hard experience.

"You need eight yoke—sixteen beasts. You'll never make the climb back with less. You see, I've done this before—many times—and I know how it goes. You lose some—down there in the Low Veld. I've been there three times, and each time I've left the best part of my gear behind—because of the climb and the oxen I've lost. This time, I'd arranged to pick up four extra beasts; but when I came to them, they weren't salted. Meant a sure loss, so I refused them."

"Then you can't help me out?" Summers closed his ears to the plaintive note in the voice, and shook his head.

"I'm not selling," he said. Trent seemed to wilt under the blow; then he squared his shoulders.

"Looks as though I'll have to go back." Bitterly, he added: "I'm going to look a simpleton. First time out—and I don't even set foot on the Low Veld! And I promised Lucy Warrender the gold for a ring! That's what fine talk does for one. I was a fool; but it all seemed so different then. I was sure I'd make good. I might not have come back rich; but I'd have proved myself." He jumped up and laughed. "There was a pleasant note in his laughter, in spite of the bitterness. "Sorry! That was wrong of me. Being alone—apart from the Hottentot driver—I've drifted into the way of speaking my thoughts aloud. Bad habit." He moved from the fire, almost reluctantly. Then he paused, to ask: "You wouldn't think of changing your mind about the two oxen?"

"I'm not selling," Summers said, obstinately.

"No, I didn't think you'd change your mind. Not really. But it seemed the thing to do—to ask."

Gordon Summers listened to him walking away. Then, slowly and thoughtfully, he released his feet from the *veldskoene*. And sat there a long time, staring into the fire.

Dawn was another miracle. Summers was up early so as not to miss it. Looking down from the escarpment rim he was able to see the land below coming to life as the long beams of the sun slanted across it. Although it was too far to see, he could imagine the countless black specks of the birds rising from the trees in the kloofs, rising from the streams which lost themselves in the red earth. Far away, the Lembembo hills were sharper defined in deep shadow. Soon, the sky was yellow with dawn.

A yellow dawn! Was that prophetic? He remembered another such dawn — the first time, years back, that he'd stared and stared, fascinated at the first sight of the Low Veld. Adventure

and gold, yellow dawn and youth...

His thoughts jerked to a standstill.

Slowly, he walked back to his wagon and stirred the sleeping Hottentot with his foot.

"Ja, baas?"

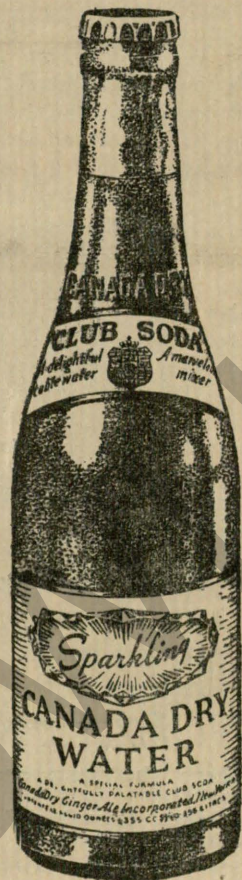
"Take two of the oxen over to that other wagon. Leave them there quietly. Then we'll inspan and go back."

Hendricks scrambled up, staring. "Go back, baas?"

"Yes. I think I'm too old to be searching for gold. That — like the dawn — belongs to youth." And slowly, Gordon Summers turned his back on the escarpment ridge — and the Low Veld.

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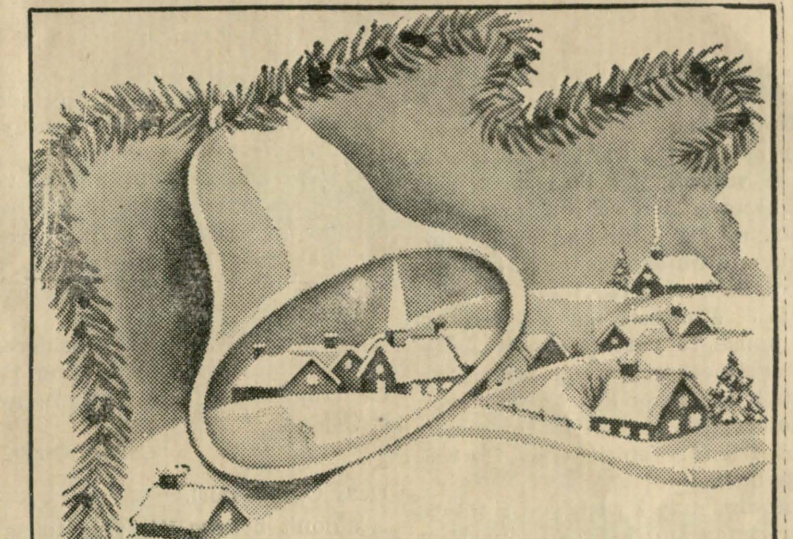
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# TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Readers,

Now that Christmas is fast approaching, I want to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

I know that throughout the year, we have all had our problems and difficulties, but at Yuletide let's forget them for a while. Whatever our worries, let us pause to extend good wishes to each other; let us remember that it is a poor heart that never rejoices; let us join in the warm and friendly spirit that Christmas brings.

Again, may I wish you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

A few weeks ago I had a very good friend, strictly sentimentless, but nevertheless a charming companion. Then my birthday came and he peeled off a few notes and said to buy myself a present. I got so mad that before I realised what I was doing, I was at home bawling.

I have not seen him since.

His birthday is very near and I should like exceedingly to give him a present. Do you think it will be accepted, seeing that I was so ungracious when he could only have meant well?

"Puzzled."

Dear "Puzzled,"

Undoubtedly your friend's conduct is not above reproach, but you should remember, my dear, that men are not always considerate. You mentioned that he was a charming companion, and I take this to mean that you enjoyed his company and got along quite nicely with him. From your short letter, I also concluded that you are extremely eager to renew the acquaintance.

My advice to you then is this; since you are sure that his generous but tactless offer of cash on your birthday could only have meant well, and granted that you are willing to forgive him, go right ahead and get him a present. It should be something inexpensive and nice. Enclose a note with it, wishing him a happy birthday.

In time as you get to know him better, you will be in a more favourable position to give him a few points in etiquette.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

Is it a fact that men never fail for clever women? I am eager to

a dance without an escort. Perhaps the other girls know more boys than you do, or, they may go in parties and dance among themselves.

I think the best thing for you to do is to arrange a party of say four to five girls and equal number of boys, so that you can find partners in your own little set.

E. M.

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Dear Miss Martin,

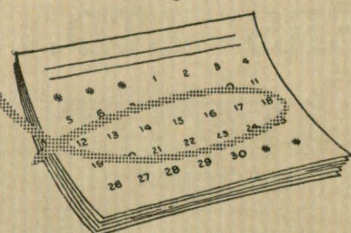
I am nearly seventeen but my parents object to my going to the movies with a boy friend alone. There are few girls here I could go out with, and when Saturday comes around I feel rather lost.

I am still at school, but do you think I am too young to have a little freedom?

"Teenager".

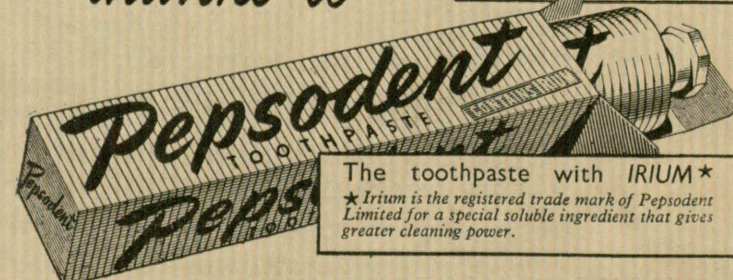


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### IN PARENTHESIS

Education is what is left after you have forgotten everything you have been taught.

Asked to explain the difference between a journalist and an editor, a schoolboy wrote: "A journalist is a man who writes for the newspaper. An editor is a man who leaves out what the journalist writes."

Money does not always bring happiness. A man with three million pounds may be no happier than a man with only two million.

"Now, Clarke," said the history teacher, "what do you consider the greatest accomplishments of the Romans?"

"Learning Latin, Sir."

So far we have had sixty inches of rain this year. Now you can amuse yourself calculating how many gallons to the mile.

"Waiter, I want two boiled eggs."

"Yes, Sir. How will you have them?"

"Have them boiled exactly three minutes—no more, and no less."

"Yes, Sir. Hard, soft or medium Sir?"

A young bridegroom, after the wedding was over and the bride's father had gone off to the club, began to search anxiously among the wedding gifts.

"What are you looking for, Darling?" asked the bride.

"That fifty pound cheque of your father's," he said. "I don't see it anywhere."

"Poor Dad is so absentminded," said the bride. "He lit his cigar with it."

It happened in a superduper movie palace in New York. Entering the elevator on his way to take up his daily duties, the gorgeously uniformed captain of ushers solemnly intoned, "Good morning."

"You said 'Good morning' down

in the locker room," the lift operator reminded him.

"I know," the captain acknowledged, "but this is official." —  
Wall Street Journal.

"So far as the wife is concerned it's just a case of mind over matter, old man. She doesn't mind and I don't matter!"

Old maid calling the Fire Brigade exclaimed excitedly, "A man is trying to get into my room."

Fireman: "You don't want the Fire Brigade, Madam, you want the Police."

Old maid: "I don't want the Police. I want the Fire Brigade. A man is trying to get into my room, and we're on the second floor. He needs a ladder."

You can't push yourself forward by patting yourself on the back.

A man looking at some neckties tossed one or two aside contemptuously and then noticed that the assistant put those rejected in a separate box.

"We have orders to keep such ties apart from the others," the assistant explained; "that is, after they have been turned down by several customers, as these have been."

"What becomes of them?" inquired the customer.

"We sell them to the women who come in here to buy ties for men," was the reply.

As a motorist I think that I shall never see a tree I'd like to collide with.

An American industrialist met an Israeli. "I'm very much impressed with what I've seen here and I'd like to make some investments. But tell me, how can I best make a small fortune here?"

"The only safe way to end up with a small fortune here," replied the Israeli, "is to come with a large one."

Men and women, in marrying, make a vow to love one another. Would it not be better for their happiness if they made a vow to please one another?—Stanislaus Leszcynski.

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# SPORTS PARADE

(By George Beckford)

SOMETIMES the lump of regret rises in one's throat to form a tasteless sort of Adam's Apple and the best we can do is swallow it much in the same manner as the blues singer of the current craze song "Wish You Were Here". Many must have been the times that members of CAC were scattered in alien clubs and performing outstanding feats which would have been creditable to the mother club.

Cricket is, perhaps, the chief field of endeavour. Think of what a combination of players like Johnny Wongsam, Yu Fatt Chin, Abe Chin, Vernon Cheong, Tom Young, Charlie Lee and Chance would be in Junior Cup cricket. The weak link, of course, would be fast bowling although Minna Chang could supply long spells of swingers with the new ball.

A search will have to be made for young pace men for they could be groomed into employing that little more energy of which even West Indies cricket is lacking now. Captaincy should be at hand in either Horace Chang or Vernon Cheong who are both experienced. Wicket-keeping, another unwelcome task, can be provided by Noel Lyn who kept brilliantly for St. George's Old Boys last season. Surely, all these splendid assets are available to return the past glories which shone before the hurricane.

FOOTBALL is another game which ought to place the CAC within shooting distance of cup-capturing next season. The fine attempts in the Junior League and Knock Out are examples of what greater things can be accomplished with extra effort and enthusiasm. Cecil Chuck tried his best as far as leadership goes and I think he should be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting in March. Ali Lyn, Jackie Lyew, Lincoln Ho have enough youth to last for several seasons, and there is the prospect of Byron Lee and his brother, Noel, of St. George's. Lyew of Calabar and Hew of Munro.

INCIDENTALLY, there are many players strewn about the country parts who could strengthen the metropolitan team such as Tai of St. Ann's Bay and Ken Lee of Spanish Town. Hew is also far from the City, and it

would be too tiring to drive over once or twice a week for matches, but Lee is only 14 miles away and could easily be a regular member of the Juniors.

Byron Lee is just at the peak of schoolboy soccer and is now on the forward line of St. George's Old Boys. There is great scope for recognition by playing for his Alam Mater and so next year he might be a brighter star on their forward line. On the other hand he may cast in his artillery with CAC if they are more seriously bent towards competition. Catholic Opinion in its round up of the Manning Cup season pays him this tribute "The best shot we saw all season was Byron Lee's sixth goal against Beckford and Smith. It was not only taken from an impossible angle but its accuracy and finesse were such that we doubt it will be equalled for a long time to come."

"Byron will always be a centre forward who will be a source of constant worry to any defence."

A fine tribute indeed! We hope that Byron will live up to those expectations and we are predicting a place for him on the Jamaica forward line in a short while. The centre position is especially open for some one with craft, skill and shooting power.

HEIGH ho, sportsmen! hang up your stockings! even football ones, even if you have past the stage, not age, in believing in Santa Claus, for Christmas will have passed by a full week before Pagoda returns to wish its readers happiness and all the traditional sentiment for the New Year. I believe that Christmas was specially meant

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for sportsmen, for it is a season of cheer and goodwill, when we try to gulp down fortunes and misfortunes, victory and defeat in the same glass.

I have come to discover that the sporting examples and ethics are to be found in the spirit of comradeship and even the sharing of liquid spirits with friends and even those whom we had considered our foes at Christmas time. The playing fields are forgotten for a while and the pursuits are social abandonment. In Jamaica we have learnt to enjoy the fun and frivolity of the John Canoe mummings. Yes, it's Christmas and what do we care if the fellow gyrating and gesticulating behind a grotesque mask is one of our worst enemies? On the play field or in the club house at other times of the year one might probably shun him. But why should one bother to exercise one's right as referee, umpire, judge and jury? Surely not, it's Christmas!

If you have decided to hang up your stockings you may wish for prosperity in games and above all the erection of the club house at Derrymore Road. Well, Secretary Cecil Lai Fook has promised that he will toil to see that the club pavilion is set on its feet by next August. Secretary Cecil was not wearing Santa's scarlet and snow starred costume when he revealed his intentions. CAC members and their friends should, therefore, make every effort to assist the committee by attending the New Year's dance which will be held at the Chinese Public School.

And now as we approach the happy time, let me congratulate Noel Lyn on his taking Daisy Lyew to the marriage altar at Holy Trinity Cathedral and may happiness attend all of us throughout the festive season and future years to come. Happy

Christmas! and try to attend the International athletic meeting at Sabina Park, where some of the world's starriest will perform from Christmas Day until Jan. 3.

The whole world has its eye focussed on the Canal not only from the Port Said but also from the starboard side. Whoever perpetuated this corny remark should really commit Suezicide.

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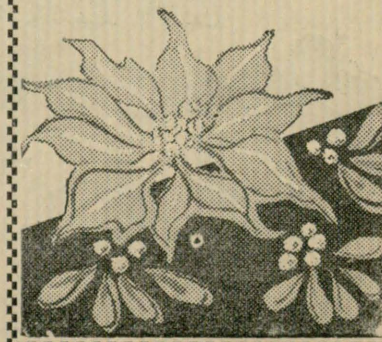
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## Port Antonio Notes

Encouraged by the success which attended their efforts, the Chinese of this town are constantly charting new plans to ensure that their ambitious project to erect a pavilion and school will be fulfilled.

At a meeting held on the 30th of last month, the following members of the School Board were elected to push forward the various phases of the project: Messrs. Edward Chen, Albert Chung, Aired Chung, Wilson Lee Sang, Jackson Chung, Kenneth Chung, Lai Tiam, James Chin, Cecil Chung, Young Tenn, Willie Chin. Unofficial members are Messrs. Jimmy Lowe and Osmond Chung.

The following Sunday the elected members held their first official meeting, and those hoisted to office were: Mr. Edward Chen, President; Mr. Young Tenn, Vice President, Mr. Albert Chung, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurers are Messrs. Wilson Lee-sang, Alfred Chung. The Chinese Secretaries are Messrs. Jackson Chung and Cecil Chung; English Secretaries are Messrs. Willie Chin and Jimmy Lowe; Erection Committee, Young Tenn, Kenneth Chung, James Chin and Cecil Chung, while Auditors are Willie Chin and Lai Tiam.

On Sunday the 7th, the CSC's Basket Ball Team clashed with the crew of the U.S. submarine "Chiro" which was in port at the time. Captained by W. Reid, the visitors proved to be tough opponents, yielding victory to the home team by a narrow margin of 34 to 33.

After the match, Mr. Reid, on behalf of himself and his men, presented the C.S.C. with a Basketball in appreciation of the hospitality they received during their brief visit.

Mr. Sydney Phangsang has donated one-third of all transportation costs for the Chinese School and Sports Hall building. The School Board is grateful for this generous offer which will go a long way towards making both ends meet.

Mr. Victor Chung of Kingston P.W.D., who is popular both in the city and this town, spent his week's leave here with his parents.

The Christmas and its attendant warm, festive spirit is already making itself felt. Plans are now afoot for a Party at which the tinkling of champagne glasses will mingle with laughter

to make this Christmas a really enjoyable one.

J.A.L.

## St. Thomas Notes

On Saturday, 29th November, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin Chang of Stokes Hall. Both mother and son are in the best of health.

Some months ago Miss Mavis Lue vacated her job at the Morant Bay Power House to keep a date at the altar. Miss Lue is now Mrs. Hue. Apparently, on the strength of her good record and undisputed efficiency Miss Joyce Lee was chosen as her successor. The latter left after working for a week to fill an open position at the Barclay's Bank. Next, Miss Vera Lowe was chosen as Miss Lee's successor.

Though the sporting activities are always at a low ebb in the parish, the main factor contributing to this adverse position is the pressure from business, and this caused only a few to participate in football matches. Of these few, they comprise the best shooting forwards on the Morant Bay Team. This was clearly shown in a match played on Thursday, Dec. 4th, between Morant Bay and Serge Island team.

The game throughout was vigorously played and the final whistle saw Morant Bay winning by 5 goals to nil. Eric Chung and Louis Lee scored three and two respectively.

Alfonso Chin, a tower of strength in any team's vanguard, was unavoidably absent on the Morant Bay team.

By now the Cambridge Examination fever must be subsiding somewhat. This year's three candidates are Myrna Ying of Happy Grove, Barrington Chong of St. George's College who sat for the School Certificate and Vernon Chong who went up for the Higher Schools.

A.A.Y.

## PARTIES

Mrs. Yang who recently arrived here from Hongkong, was guest of honour at a welcome party given by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Yang of Spanish Town on Sunday, December 7. Friends of the family who were present to share in the joy of this happy reunion of mother and son were: Mr. and Mrs. Simon Yuen, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wong, Mrs. Albert Chin Yee, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Chin, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Chang, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chin, Messrs. John Chin, C. T. Chang, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chang, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Chin Yee, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wong.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lyn of Beach Avenue, Springfield-on-sea gave a delightful party on Thursday 4th of December for their nephew Kerry who arrived by plane from Trinidad only the Saturday before, accompanied by his mother Mrs. H. Merrick. It was a warm and joyful welcome home for both mother and son but especially for little Kerry who was showered with lovely presents by his sixty odd kiddy friends who joined him on this happy occasion.

In the midst of this gay carnival of tiny tots, were the many friends of Mrs. Merrick who linked up with the kids to add an air of mystery and pleasant surprise to a very very enjoyable evening. Among them were: The Rev. Fr. R. Fox, S.J., Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Chin, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Chong, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kong, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chin Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Chang, Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, Messrs. Herman Shim, Gladstone Ho Lung, Leslie Shim, Carl Clunies, Sydney Abrahams and H. C. Tai Ten Quee.

Mr. and Mrs. Chai Yin Fen gave a delightful house-warming party at their new home, 8 Friendship Park Road, Mountain View Gardens on Friday, Nov. 14. Over a hundred friends and relatives were present to wish the Chai Family happiness and God's blessing in their new home. Dancing to radiophone music brought the happy function to a close.

On the Sunday following, November 16, they also gave a dinner in true Chinese style for the older folks. Over a hundred and fifty guests were present.



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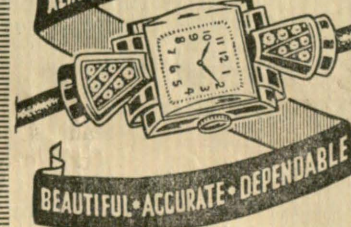
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By BRIAN YOUNG



Eleanor Parker owes her film success to a very simple theory — that to succeed in one's chosen profession requires study and effort, a plan she began to put into effect almost from the time she could read and write.

She persuaded her father, a mathematics instructor, to let her join a play group. Inspired by the usual childhood pangs of wanting to be an actress, Miss Parker followed with summer repertory at Martha's Vineyard, and the inevitable Pasadena Community Playhouse in California. Only she wasn't on the stage. A film talent scout saw her in the audience.

She spent her first two years at the studio working with drama coaches, posing for photographs, and making rare, brief appearances before the cameras. She was not discouraged. At Martha's Vineyard, while studying to be an actress, she had waited on tables. She could wait a little longer, having no desire to be an "overnight" discovery.

Away from the screen, she is completely unaffected by her film success. When not working, she usually spends her spare time at the home of her parents, near Toluca Lake, California. Eleanor is not an in-between girl. She has definite tastes and ideas, likes and dislikes. The only unladylike things about her are her enthusiasm for prize-fights and the blue jeans she wears at home.

## Physical Culture Takes Holiday Recess

The Physical Culture Classes at the Cathay Club are giving themselves a Christmas break and will resume early in January.

## Optimist Notes

Attention all Optimists! Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 27 at 8 Milford Road, Springfield. All members are asked to attend and to contribute 10/- so that expenses can be met.

For the purpose of collection, special meetings will be held at Cathay Club on Saturday, December 13, and on Saturday December 20, when, it is hoped, all members will be inclined to be gener-

ous. For those who are philanthropic minded and who wish to contribute more than the 10/- requested of each member, special arrangements have been made by the President to accommodate any person with such a generous disposition.

The 10/- is payable to the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer, and remember fellow Optimists, that the deadline is Saturday, December 20.

For the past few weeks, the Executive Committee has been busy drawing up plans which will make this Christmas Party the best ever held. Highlight of the Party will be a Mambo contest, and prizes will be awarded to the best Mambo Dancers.

So turn out all Optimists. This is a night you can't, you mustn't miss, because there will be fun, laughter, and eatings for all.

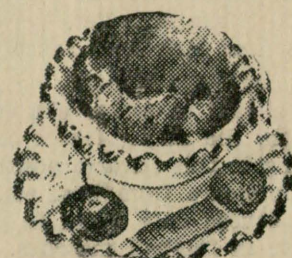
E. L.

## Loretta Neon Betrothed

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Mr. Wally Ho Sang and Miss Loretta Neon, whose engagement was announced at a party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ho Sang on Wednesday, November 26. Miss Neon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neon Choy and is a sister of Mrs. Louis Fung Sang of Kingston.

## CRA Annual General Meeting and Dinner

The Chinese Retailers' Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 4th January at 12 noon. This will be followed by the Annual Dinner of the Association at 3.30 p.m.



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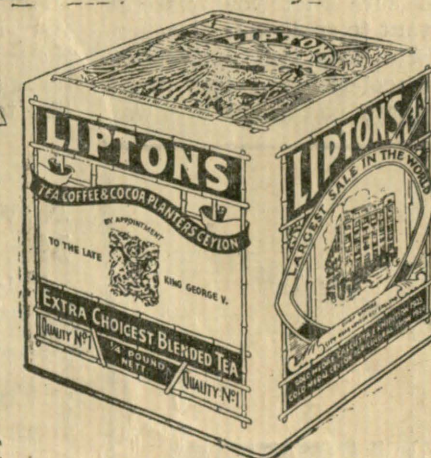
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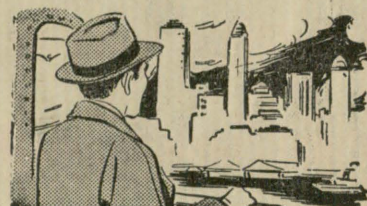


# MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is "I'm sorry" a kind of "magic phrase"?

Answer: Yes, writes Dr. Edmund Bergler in Diseases of the Nervous System. When someone steps on your toe in the subway, he will generally turn and say "Sorry!" and expect you to accept the "magic phrase" as full compensation for his having hurt you. In fact, if you show resentment, he will protest. "I said I'm sorry, didn't I?" and act as if it were you who are now in the wrong. Convention requires you to let it go at that and brands you uncivilized if you do not. Unfair as this may be theoretically, it is practically necessary to keep life from becoming a series of small quarrels. If you cannot accept an apology, you are an "injustice collector."



May talent suffer from "erosion"?

Answer: Yes, writes A. J. Greenhalgh in the Australian Journal of Psychology. Just as precious topsoil may be stripped from the land when there are no longer trees to hold it in place, so the easy mobility of modern life creates "talent erosion," with the people of the

By LAWRENCE GOULD  
Consulting Psychologist

greatest ability "tending to be removed from some areas and concentrated, perhaps wastefully, in others, leaving the denuded areas with a greater proportion of duller children to meet the problems that the area has to solve." The cult of "success" is probably the basic explanation, but in any case the problem of "decentralization" has its psychological as well as its economic side.



Do shock treatments shorten life?

Answer: I do not believe these treatments have been given long enough (they have been in general use only for some ten or fifteen years) to make possible an authoritative answer. One psychiatrist to whom I put the question said that on the one hand, anything which damages bodily tissue, as shock treatments do, tends to shorten life, but on the other hand, the mental illness which they cure or relieve might shorten it still more. For example, a severe depression — the condition in which "shock" has proved most effective — may encourage physical disease, or even suicide. But leading psychiatrists still feel that shock treatments are resorted to too often.

New York City announced the birth of a baby girl on Saturday, November 22. Mrs. Lee is the former Lily Ho of Jamaica and the sister of Mrs. Egerton Chin Loy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chin of St. Ann's Bay the charming gift of another daughter on Saturday, December 6. Mother and baby fine.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wong of 4 Westlake Ave., Half Way Tree, God's precious gift of a daughter, on Monday, December 1, at St. Joseph's Sanatorium. Mrs. Wong is the former Lygia Ho, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kee Seung of Spanish Town and was previously on the staff of the Bacteriological Laboratory in the Medical Department.

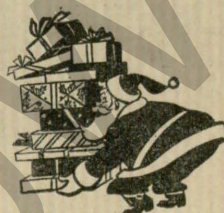
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with what promises to be a history making event in the annals of the Chinese Free Mason Hall. It will be the first New Year's Eve dance ever to be held there and this time the accommodation will be almost doubled by the additional space provided by the new pavilion recently completed. The pavilion alone can accommodate five hundred persons.

Arrangements are moving ahead for this big event on New Year's Eve. Music will be supplied by Redver Cooke and his orchestra. Proceeds of this dance will also be in aid of charities.

## Births

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## TALKING IT OVER

(Continued on page 12)

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they can, but when you leave school they will feel differently about you.

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E. M.

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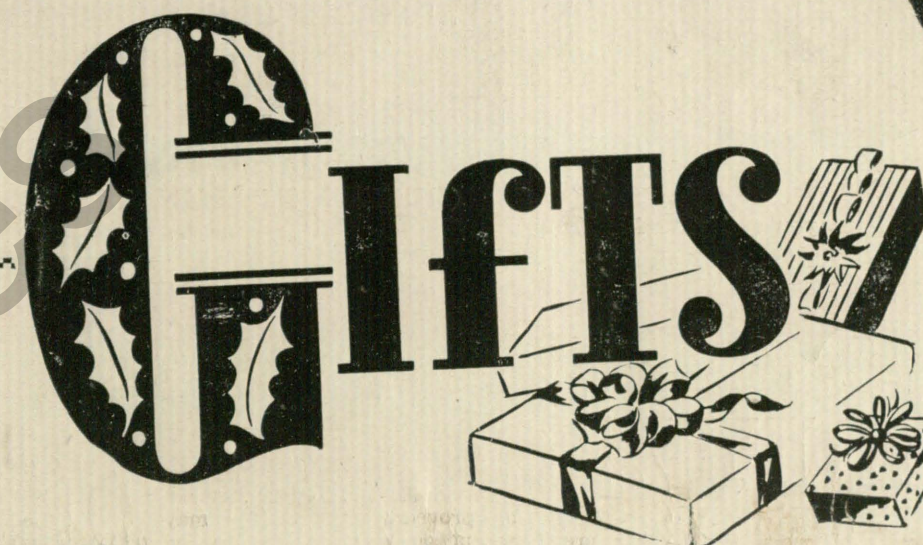
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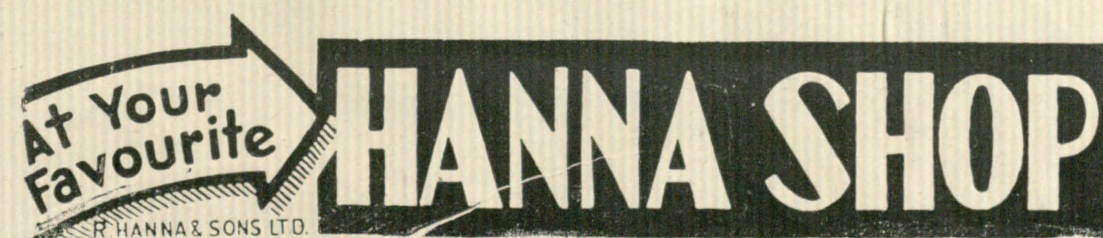
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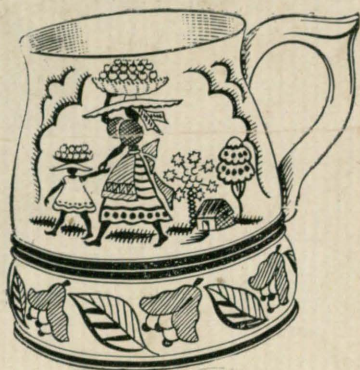


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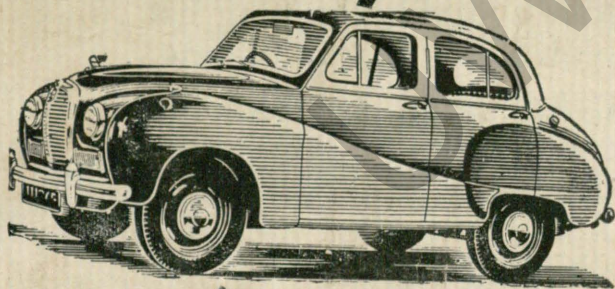
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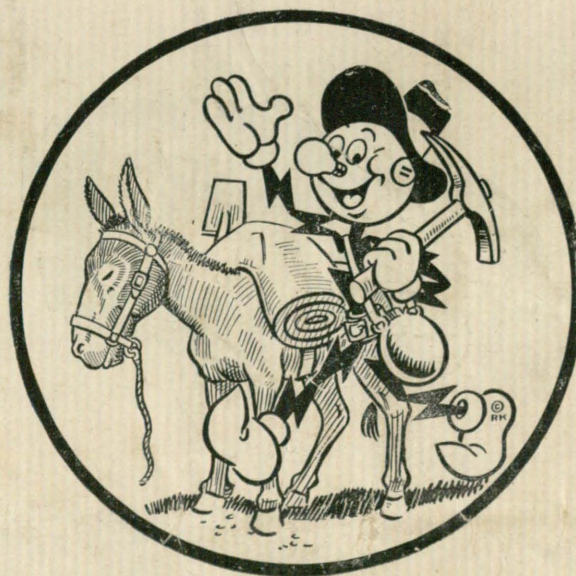
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