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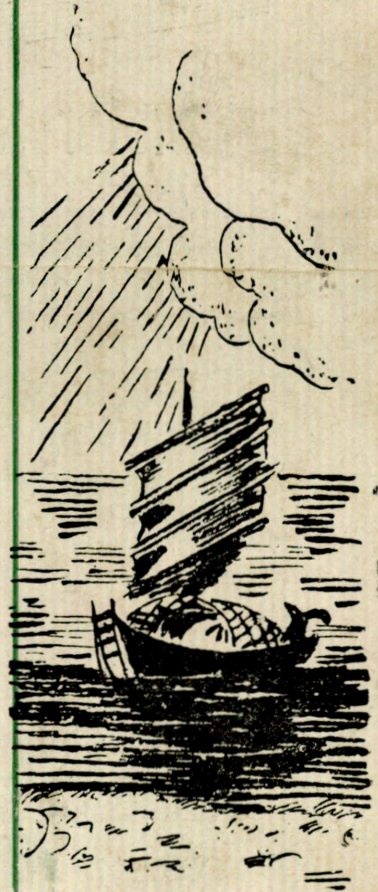
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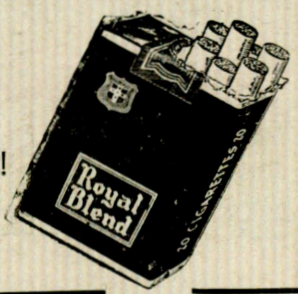
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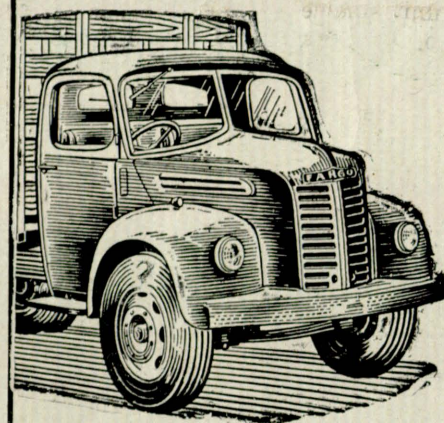
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EXPELLING EVIL SPIRITS

By PIONEER

From South China Morning Post, Hongkong

THE Merry Month of May has its detractors in England, and similar prejudices against it exist in China.

In the west it is considered unlucky to be born in May, and old servants say that kittens ushered into the world in that month are no good. One thing is certain, and that is that Buchan's third cold period falls from the 9th to the 14th and, if the apple blossom is not set, a very poor crop will reward the fruit farmer.

In China, the fifth Moon coincides with the beginning of the summer heat, and the outbreak of epidemics, so all the Ministry of Medicine is propitiated and additional prayers are offered to the Taoist Board of Exorcism, which consists of seven Chief officials whose duty it is to expel evil spirits from dwellings, and curb their malignant influences elsewhere.

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THE most popular of these protective divinities is Chung Kuei, who dates from Ming Huang (A.D. 712-756). The good Emperor, being disturbed at his post-prandial siesta by dreams of a small red devil, whose antics intrigued him, was about to ask his name, and call the guard, when a tall figure entered, and seized the creature.

Plucking out its eyes the tall ghost devoured them, and then proceeded to dismember and devour the first intruder.

Ming Huang then interrogated him, and discovered that he was once a physician of Shensi Province, who considered himself aggrieved because he had not taken a sufficiently high place at the Triennial examination. As a protest against the marking he had committed suicide by dashing his head against the steps of the palace.

The Emperor of the day, the first of the T'angs, ordered him to be buried in a green robe, a special honour reserved for members of the Imperial clan, and he

gained so much face in paradise that he vowed to protect the descendants of the monarch who had befriended him from the annoyances of the imp known as "Emptiness and desolation."

WHEN Ming Huang awoke, the fever which tormented his brain in sleep, had left him, so he ordered the court portrait painter to create a likeness of the person revealed to him in his dream. The likeness was such a striking interpretation of His Majesty's description, that he generously rewarded the artist, and ordered the portrait to be hung in the palace, canonising Chung Kuei with the title of "Great Spiritual Chaser of Demons for the whole Empire," considerably adding to the commitments the hero had undertaken.

Copies of the picture have ever since been pasted on house doors, during the Dangerous Fifth, for his subjects were quick to take advantage of the extension of Chung Kuei's protective activities.

It is considered unlucky to start building a house, or open a business in this month, nor will housewives air their bedding in the sun.

Various herbs are hung on the lintels of doorways as talismans against disease, such as the Judge at an English assize still carries a nosegay of flowers to protect himself against gaol fever. The commonest is mugwort, or Artemisia vulgaris.

Its leaf is one of the Eight Taoist Treasures. The iris or flag leaf, being pointed like a sword, has the power of dispelling demons, which are up to no good anyway, and may introduce sickness into the house.

Garlic is self-explanatory, at any rate if the devils are foreign.

MUGWORT has historical associations with a famous rebel named Huang Ch'ao. The cause of his defection was

identical with that which led Kuei Hsing to commit suicide when denied the Golden Rose of scholarship by the Emperor, on account of his repellent appearance.

The examiner, although the candidate had passed well, refused him a degree on face value alone, which so enraged him that he turned his talents to banditry, a profession in which his mental attainments stood him in good stead. He devastated large areas of the country in much the same manner of the T'ai P'ings in the decline of the Manchus, and his rebellion was equally difficult to suppress.

The Empire was full of displaced persons fleeing before the contending armies, and one unfortunate only made his escape by abandoning all, except his son, and nephew. Finally, being caught up with yet another time, he jettisoned the son, and found a more distant refuge with his last remaining relative.

THE story was told to Huang Ch'ao, who was so touched that he sent for the man, and gave him a sprig of mugwort to hang at his door as a protection against further molestation. There is a saying that the man who, on the Tuan Wu Festival, (Double Fifth) hangs out no mugwort, will eat no new wheat. It seems to have been adopted as a disease dispeller in the period between the Chin and T'ang Dynasties, when it was hung on the gates as a febrifuge, and it was also used for flavouring wine, and seasoning cakes eaten on the Dragon Boat Festival.

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FRAGRANT artemisia has always been credited with ghost stopping properties, and magistrates conducting an inquest invariably concluded the proceedings by stepping over burning mugwort to prevent

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Children's Summer Villages

Written for UNESCO
by OLIVER M. GALE,

Public Relations Director, Children's International Summer Villages

Children will not learn to fear and mistrust the children of other countries unless they are taught to do so. They can, in fact, help their elders to "un-learn" their acquired prejudices.

A unique scientific study of this basic "internationalism" of children was begun last summer at Cincinnati, Ohio, in the United States, when a group of 11-year-old boys and girls from nine countries participated in the first of a series of encampments arranged by a new organization, Children's International Summer Villages.

Two similar "camp-laboratories" are being arranged by CISV for Europe this summer. From June 28 to July 28, children from fifteen countries, and a group of social scientists, will constitute a "village" at Ste-Colombe sur Seine, 200 kilometres from Paris, in co-operation with the Young European's Club of Paris and the French National Commission for Unesco. Another one is planned for Lillsved, near Stockholm.

These and future villages differ from previous international gatherings of young people in that scientific research is an integral part of the programme. Data from the first experience are still being studied, but a number of clear conclusions are already available, involving both children and adults.

The 1951 Village brought fifty-five children from nine cities — Hamburg, Oslo, Copenhagen, Vienna, Paris, Stockholm, Newcastle, Mexico City and Cincinnati. Gathered at a simple camp site outside the Ohio city for a month of life together, they engaged in nature study, sports, arts and crafts, music and drama, and performed many of the simple chores of camp life.

Accompanying them were two adults from each of the countries represented. These formed an Adult Council, where problems of the camp were discussed at regular meetings. In addition, the adult delegates studied such questions as the influence of culture, religion and social customs on international relationships.

The scientific research was planned by a group of the nation's leading psychologists and social scientists, and was

conducted by a large staff of research students. Dr. Doris Twitchell Allen, member of the psychology department at the University of Cincinnati and chief consultant to the Children's Hospital, Cincinnati, was general chairman.

Before-and-after tests, diaries kept by the counsellors and by the children themselves, observations, interviews, and scores of research reports are still under study with the hope that from them, and from similar data collected in future Villages, some fundamental principles of international relationships will be learned.

"When the plan was conceived in 1946", Dr. Allen states, "many people told us that such a camp was impossible. Parents would never let their children go so far away—or if they did, the children themselves would be homesick and would fail to adapt; it was not possible to run a camp in which there was no common language; children would stay in their own tight little national groups and no common experience would be developed.

"The Cincinnati experience demonstrated clearly that these fears were ill-founded. The tears as the camp ended were undeniable evidence of the close ties that had been formed among these young delegates."

"The children's council meetings were unique and most revealing," according to Dr. Allen. "Children sat on the floor and discussed questions of schedule and regulations, the creation of a camp song, the meaning of the CISV symbol appearing on their camp shirts and pins, and plans for future villages. Remarks by one child were immediately translated verbatim by the adult delegates into six different languages before any answer was given by another child.

"The children fell in with my suggestion as adult chairman of these council meetings that they listen and note the sound of the same idea in different languages," Dr. Allen continued. "It was demonstrated that seven different sounds can represent the same idea and that business can be so transacted.

"Attention was held because they all felt the thread of communication running through these varied sounds. This they

will never forget, I think. The assurance that communication can be possible in international situations without a common language must inevitably relax the tensions of uncertainty and open the way for more facile negotiations."

For the most part, however, the children served as their own interpreters or ignored language altogether. Observers were surprised at the little difficulty children had in conducting their games and carrying on their activities together with no common language. It was only when they were sitting together to discuss abstract subjects, such as plans for the conduct at the camp, that interpretation was needed; gestures, facial expressions or sheer action was the medium of expression on the playground.

Differences in customs and traditions were made a source of interest to the children by giving each group an opportunity to entertain the other child delegates at evening exercises. Native dances, folk songs and little plays were staged; usually the entire group wanted to learn the words of the song and by the end of the camp the children were singing half-a-dozen songs together in as many different languages.

With the adult delegates, on the other hand, differences in table manners and in social customs were sources of tension which could be removed only by frank discussion and understanding. Commenting on this observation, Dr. Allen states: "It was clear that problems cannot be solved by logical presentation alone. The logical approach must run hand in hand with emotional forces. Individuals participating must feel free to open themselves up and speak from deep within themselves. Before one gets to the cause of the problem, one is likely to strike deep emotional levels. Answers will not be found in the polite, superficial proceedings of the typical conference."

The founders regard the programme of Children's International Summer Villages as an important stage in the development of a "science of human relations in international situations".

A woman in the midst of divorce proceedings was complaining to a friend about the boring conferences she had to endure with lawyers.

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MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

LIME CAY was by far the most popular spot for picnic this Easter. It was swamped by boat loads of picnickers for the two days. Besides sea-bathing in very calm water I hear there are many pleasant diversions that can keep you occupied the whole day not the least of which is taking out prickles from sea-eggs on the soles of the feet. Our ballet virtuoso literally had her feet swathed in bandages after a few violent contacts with these "animals" of the sea. Other real diversions include spear-fishing, rowing around the island, playing ball on the wide beach, and not the least for everyone just getting a lovely sun-tan.

TENNIS will be very much in the news for the coming week. Rather interesting feature is that three of the teams are captained by Chinese. One of them has the very interesting father and son combination. Father is a veteran and son starts off as Junior champion and going for many more laurels in the tennis world.

EASTER Sunday wedding of our young man from St. Thomas was a very pleasant surprise. The bride has always been of a shy retiring nature that it was rather expected of her.

Another marriage has taken a young man off to Canada. It is not often that a young man travel so far to be married. It sounds very exciting and romantic. What is even more romantic is the young man who sent for a co-ed schoolmate after nine years in Jamaica. He was

so happy when he was telling the news to our reporter that we felt like telling every bit of the story to our readers

MORE on the romantic note is that of one of our young co-ed undergraduates in the States who is well on the high road of romance — that she is quietly engaged and will probably be married this Summer. At the

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—Patience Strong

moment none of her friends can give any definite news about it and it is pretty hard to go all the way there to confirm it.

THE C.A.C. has all the green lights for starting their new Clubhouse on Derrymore Road. Construction will start in two or three months time and so by the end of the year the Club will have a new home all its own. For the time being they are still keeping the old site and there will in all probability be two grounds for all their members.

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CHINESE PUBLIC SCHOOL TO COMPLETE NEW BUILDING

The finishing touches on the new building at the Chinese Public School are at present being made. Lack of funds left it uncompleted for a long time. The teachers' quarters adjoining is also undergoing repairs and alterations.

C.A.C. HOLDS GENERAL MEETING

The Chinese Athletic Club held a special general meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at their Club premises at 3 Deanery Road. A report by the special committee regarding plans in connection with the building of a Clubhouse on Derrymore Road was made at the meeting. The committee reported favourably on the plans for building the new Clubhouse and it is expected that construction will start in two or three months' time.

MYRTLE CHIN YEE-JOSEPH LEE NUPTIALS

The marriage of Miss Myrtle "Puncie" Chin Yee to Mr. Joseph

Lee took place on Easter Sunday at the Holy Cross Church in an early morning wedding. Myrtle is the daughter of Mr. George Chin Yee and Joseph is the son of Mrs. Winnie Lee and the late Jeffrey Lee. The Rev. Fr. Crowley performed the ceremony.

Miss Yvonne Chin Yee, sister of the bride was the bridesmaid and Mr. Gladstone Chang acted as bestman. After the ceremony a luncheon was held at 4a Marescaux Road, home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Chin Yee.

HOUSEWARMING PARTIES IN MORANT BAY

Mr. James Chin Hing of Morant Bay had a large housewarming party at his new home in Morant Bay three weeks ago. A dinner was held and many prominent citizens in the town were present to celebrate with Mr. and Mrs. Chin.

Another house-warming party in Morant Bay was held a week later when Mr. Lee F. Ying, prominent business man moved into his new business premises and home. A large number of prominent guests were present at the dinner given by Mr. Lee for the occasion.

LYGIA HO NOW MRS. KENNETH WONG

The marriage of Miss Lygia Ho

to Mr. Kenneth Wong took place at the Kingston Parish Church on Sunday, April 6. The marriage was performed by the Rev. Fr. H. C. Bateman. The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Cha Fong. Maid of honour was Miss Shirley Cha Fong and bestman was Mr. Eddie Wong. After the ceremony a reception was held at 4 Westlake Avenue, Richmond Park. The young couple spent their honeymoon at Pine Grove.

The next issue of The "Pagoda" will be on Saturday, May 10th, 1952.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Lue Tenn of Morant Bay announced the engagement of their daughter, Mavis, to Mr. Frankie Hue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hue of Trinityville. The wedding will take place sometime this year.

The engagement of Miss Gertrude Lyew to Mr. Winston Yap was also recently announced.

NELLIE CHIN TO WED KARL HENDRICKSON

Mr. Karl Hendrickson left by plane on Tuesday, April 15 for Canada. He will be married to

Miss Nellie Chin, daughter of Mrs. K. B. Chin and the late Charles K. B. Chin of Montreal. The marriage will take place on Saturday, April 26 at the St. Patrick's Cathedral in Montreal. Karl met his bride-to-be while studying at McGill University. She visited Jamaica earlier in the year. After their marriage they will tour Canada and the States before returning to Jamaica.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Hendrickson and his brother Larry will leave here on Sunday, April 20, to attend the wedding.

GUILD ACTIVITIES PLEASE

On Wednesday the 9th April, members of the Chinese Christian Guild met at the Rectory, 22 Upper South Camp Road and listened to an interesting talk by the Rev. Fr. P. L. C. Price. The subject was on Easter Preparation and Obligations and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

On Wednesday the 16th the Guild had what could easily be termed the most pleasant and enjoyable affair of the season in the form of a Basket Party held at 3 Mapletoft Avenue, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Headley Ho Sang. About a hundred persons

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PANORAMA

GOOD FRIDAY

The response to the sacred festival of the Church in the commemoration of the Saviour's death upon the Cross, has been more pronounced than ever this Good Friday. In fact, beginning before this day, there have been plays staged in keeping with the religious trend in Holy Week. THE BETRAYAL, a Passion Drama in three acts, was staged at the Ward Theatre by The Caribbean Thespians, opening on March 29th last, and repeated since that date. It was directed by Vere Johns and received much applause which it well deserved.

The Churches of all denominations rendered sacred cantatas and Passion Plays both on the evening of Holy Thursday, and on that of Good Friday, which drew large crowds that overflowed churches and halls. FROM LIGHT TO DARKNESS with the music by Tschalkowski and with Kathleen Campbell and other well known artists as soloists was held at the North Street Congregational Church; at Christ Church in Vineyard Town the Annual Recital was held under the direction of Mrs. Olga Banks with the Kingston Male Voice Choir participating; on Tuesday night last Sir John Stainer's Oratorio THE CRUCIFIXION was held at the Coke Memorial Church and, and on Thursday evening the same Oratorio was rendered at the St. Andrew Parish Church. At St. George's Church there was the Passion Play in the Hall, and in the country areas many such were also features of the week. The services on Good Friday were also largely attended, this day being entirely set aside in all the year as a sacred one.

AND EASTER

On Easter Sunday, too, the churches were filled to overflowing from the early service before daybreak and at the night services. This day of rejoicing at the resurrection of Christ and the promise this holds for all mankind is also one that is observed in the right spirit by all.

Easter Concerts were held in many places, and on Easter Monday the accent as usual was on Fairs. The two most outstanding on this occasion were those on the grounds of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Rectory on North Street, with its customary attractions, and a Talent Parade thrown in, and that of the Kingston College Carnival on their own

grounds. This latter had a few additional attractions this year, such as Syd Gilmore, famous as a circus star on the flying trapeze, a snake act, and, most enticing of all, an "on-the-spot" nursery, manned by trained nurses and conveniences suited to the little tots whom "mothers" want or are obliged to bring along with them if they can come out to the Carnival with older members of the family. Such an institution is certainly a praiseworthy step in facilitating many persons and enabling them to assist the worthy causes of these Fairs and at the same time be able to enjoy themselves without anxiety for their little ones.

WATER IN THE NEWS

Once again Jamaica is in the grip of a drought which is hitting some of the country areas even harder than the city. The strong winds suffered as usual during March persist, and the rains, although coming nearer, have held off longer than usual this month.

The water at Hermitage Dam is down, and citizens have been asked to be careful in their use of water for the time being in order to avert a restriction of supplies as has to be the case when our water supply gets very low. In the country areas trucks are assisting those who are in the more remote areas. Many large water schemes are now being pushed in an effort to remove the

restrictions which so often have to come upon us in such times of drought.

BEYOND THE TOWNS

Beyond the teeming cities where the huddled houses stand—the skies are broad and beautiful above the quiet land. . . . The world is wide and spacious and the wind blows fresh and clean—The earth is rich and bountiful; the air is pure and keen.

Life moves to a slow and gentle rhythm, day and night—The planting and the harvesting—The darkness and the light. . . . Talk of weather and of crops—of sunshine and of rain—of honey from the hives—eggs from the nest—and garnered grain.

The countryside: the barns and byres, the wagon and the plough—the young foal in the paddock and the fruit upon the bough. . . . Call these things to mind when life seems dark and fortune frowns—There's magic in the thought of that green peace. . . . Beyond the towns.

—Patience Strong.

RECENT VISITORS

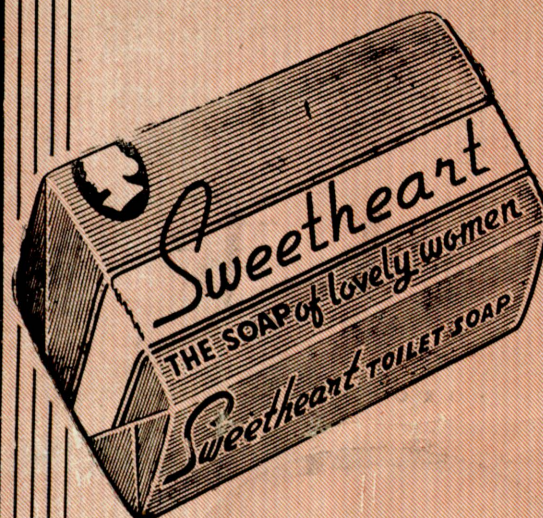
Visitors to our shores in the near past have, as always, comprised persons in many occupa-

tions and walks of life. Coming as a guest of the Roman Catholic Church has been the Rev. Fr. D'Souza of Madras in India, who, besides his religious work, has been representative for India at the General Assembly of the United Nations' Organization in Paris in January. Because of this association with UNO, Fr. D'Souza, who is also an Indian Commissioner to the United Nations, addressed members of the local branch of UNO and attended a lunch given by them in his honour. He also addressed members of the Indian Community at the Varma Hall one evening on THE NEW INDIA.

Also visiting our shores on vacation has been Miss Kay Cavendish of the BBC feature, "Kay on the Keys", well known to us here, for Kay is a musician primarily, though she has tried her hand at other things with success too. Coming, too, has been Haitian medical practitioner, Dr. Paultre-Sagous, who was a student at Westwood High School in childhood, and who has since become a graduate in Medicine of the Faculté de Medicine in Haiti. Now married to Mr. Fred Sagous, an industrialist, Dr. Sagous is the mother of two daughters. She is on vacation which takes her to the United States and Canada also, but was glad to see Jamaica again.

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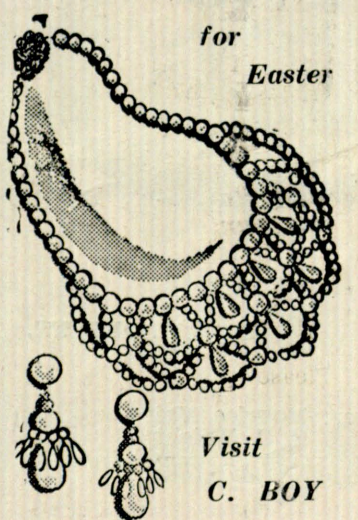
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Facing Austerity

Early this month the Government froze all licenses for imports from dollar areas in order to enable them to review the import policy of the Island. This was done with a view to curtailing imports to keep within the approved dollar ceiling.

Following the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference in January, a statement was issued in which it was declared that "the Conference recognised that the sterling area was faced with a serious crisis, which, if not effectively dealt with, would have far-reaching consequences". This crisis has come about because the sterling area as a whole was spending more than it was earning.

A special Committee has been set up by the B.W.I. Regional Economic Committee which will deal with this sterling crisis with a view to finding a common policy for the Caribbean despite those conditions which may vary in the different Colonies. What is now considered in the light of a handicap to the general scheme is the fact that imports from Canada rests in the hands of that country, a point which may be taken up later.

The present tour of Lord Munster, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, who has recently left Jamaica for the other Colonies is encouraging at this time, for he came purposely to obtain first-hand knowledge of the British West Indies in its agricultural and industrial life. His assurance that the British Government would assist in our expansion notwithstanding the present sterling crisis has been cheering, although he alluded to the many difficulties which would have to be overcome in the importation of essentials from dollar areas. He expressed his concern, too, on the taxation of pioneer investors' capital.

Among other things, freezing will most certainly mean more

imports from the sterling areas in the long run. Of the "other things", too, there is much being said and much being feared, for a general austerity programme is likely to be enforced at the end of this six-week period, for the duration of 18 months in the first instance, in order to enable Government to assess its value to the Island's economic framework. Better this plan, it is felt, than any other enforced in more sudden and dire need later.

The thought of facing such a period, however short, is not a happy one. Life since and during the last war has been austere enough as it is, and the possibility that this austerity programme may be prolonged indefinitely and probably increased with the worldwide existing conditions, looms menacingly before us. But so long as minor wars are being waged in Korea, and situations exist as that in Indo-China which may flare into a war, monetary matters and trade relations cannot improve. With the Communists dominating whole countries and fighting persistently to envelop others, there is little hope of an escape from austerity in living conditions for anyone.

EXPELLING EVIL SPIRITS

(Continued from page 3)

the spirit of the deceased following them to argue about the verdict.

Nearly all the talismans used at this time of year are pungent, and capable of keeping off insects, or neutralising unpleasant odours. On the other hand as far as the demons are concerned Europe is by no means behind China in this respect for St. John's wort was put up, on the Feast of that Evangelist, in Russia, Scandinavia, Belgium, France and England, as a protection against sorcerers and their spells.

An old French peasant belief is that the herb must be gathered on Midsummer Eve, the day before the Feast, when alone it has the power of protecting men and beasts, not only from fever and plague, but also from lightning, and fire.

THE Five poisonous creatures are also an anxiety in the Fifth Moon, and are represented by the viper, scorpion, toad, centipede and spider. They form a powerful combination for the counteraction of pernicious influences.

Sometimes their images are procured and are worshipped by families to whom only a single son has been vouchsafed. Pic-

tures of them are embroidered in black silk on red cloth pockets, worn by children for the first time on one of the first five days of the month.

They are supposed to keep off colic, a complaint not infrequent in the water melon season, as the vendors are not particular about the provenance of the water with which they freshen up the glistening slices.

A TINCTURE of the Five Poisons can be concocted by infusing snakes, centipedes, scorpions and at least two more venomous creatures in Chinese wine. It is prescribed for catarrh, coughs, malaria, and rheumatism. Chang T'ien shih (Master of Heaven) the original Taoist Pope compounded the true elixir of life by imprisoning the Five Poisonous creatures till they yielded up their vernon in a magic casket, to form the Dragon-Tiger balm.

The Taoist Papacy is hereditary, and the present incumbent is the sixty-third descendant of Chang Tao-ling, the evangelist of modern Taoism.

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SCIENCE AND YOU

Krilium-A New Chemical Fertilizer

By Maurice Goldsmith, Unesco Science Editor

Every farmer knows the importance of "keeping his land in good heart." Now comes the announcement of a new substance which has raised high the hope that even the impoverished soils of the world—in which Unesco through its Arid Zone programme is so vitally interested—may once again be made fertile and kept in good heart.

The substance is "a synthetic chemical soil conditioner," to which the name **krilium** has been given by an American chemical company which developed it. Two principal claims are made on its behalf: that it is the first product of its kind to achieve effective and economic control of rain erosion; that it is one hundred to one thousand times more effective in improving soil structure than compost, manures or peat moss. The product is still in the development stage, being produced only in pilot plant quantities for research, and will not be available for general sale before some time in 1953.

The soil which supports our life is not an inert mass of earth. It teems with bacteria, tiny plants, fungi, moulds, insects and other animals. In a single particle of surface loam it is estimated that there may be as many as 60 million bacteria. In a typical acre of English soil there are to be found no less than 50,000 earthworms; in an acre of Maryland meadow, just below the surface, there are 13,500,000 invertebrates; and in a square kilometre of the Russian steppe about 415,500 ant nests.

These myriad forms of life flourish and help to produce conditions in which good crops are secured only when there is a good soil structure. But what makes for a good soil structure?

This was a problem which puzzled Dr. Charles Allen Thomas, research chemist and head of the Monsanto Chemical Company. He owns some farmland in Ohio, and he found that there was an uneven return from the same field: some parts gave him good yield, others did not. Why? He knew that chemically all parts of the field were getting the same plant nutrients.

He knew also that the basic factors to ensure good plant growth are: a favourable water supply, the rapid removal of excess

water, good soil aeration, a favourable temperature, an abundant supply of plant nutrients, and conditions favourable for the germs, worms, ants and other living things essential to plant life.

These factors are all greatly affected by soil structure. With a well developed structure, the soil can retain the fertilisers fed to it, and can hold the moisture, whether it be a light or a heavy soil, in such a way that the soil is continually workable.

When a soil has a good structure, its tiny, primary particles cling together in crumb like aggregates—with an optimum size ranging from a pinhead to a pea—which are not dispersed or slaked by water. In soil with a poor structure, the aggregates have a very low stability in water and are completely dissolved by rain. As the soil dries, it tends to slake down to a shiny, smooth, crusty surface. This is a sign of soil-sickness, for the crust keeps out air and water and makes it difficult for the plants, crops or flowers to break through.

The normal way of meeting this situation is to add farmyard manure. This organic material decays and some part of it turns into natural gums called polyuronides, which bind the soil into aggregates. This is, however, a costly practice, and the gums tend to be destroyed by soil bacteria.

It is claimed that krilium will do the work of polyuronides and also resist the attacking bacteria. "The product is a chemical soil conditioner which for the first time radically and immediately improves soil structure," says Dr. C. A. Hochwalt, in charge of research for the chemical concern. "It is not a fertilizer."

Krilium is a complex compound which, when dissolved in water, dissociates to yield poly-anions—ions or particles carrying many electrical charges. Aluminium ions are well-known soil improvers, but they carry only a triple charge, which renders them far less effective than the new product. Krilium is in fact a man-made substitute for the natural polyuronide resins present in humus. These are normally plentiful in virgin, fertile soils, but scarce in silt and clay

soils of poor structure which exist in very many parts of the world. Krilium is said to be ten times more resistant to bacterial decomposition than the natural substance.

One pound of krilium, at a present cost of about \$2 a pound, is said to have essentially the same effect on soil structure as 200 pounds of peat moss or 500 pounds of commercial compost. The rate of application ranges from ½ lb to 2½ lb per ton of soil. This means—because of its price—that its immediate applicability is to crops grown under glass-house or intensive market gardening conditions. Later, when the price falls, extension to large-scale farming may be possible.

Krilium may, it is claimed, also be an effective agent in control of erosion by rain. It can be spread evenly over the bare soil. After it becomes wet, it forms a water-permeable film on the surface of the ground during the period necessary for the establishment of a permanent cover crop in erosion control. This surface treatment is said to increase water penetration and to reduce run-off.

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Cawcaw Believed In Spells

by Bernard J. Farmer

IT was a day when everything seemed to go wrong. Corporal Sherrick, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, gazed ruefully at his sled, the left runner of which had split from end to end. Coming on top of bad conditions for travelling: loose snow and an icy head-wind, this seemed to crown all.

"Well, we shall have to fix it," he said to his Eskimo driver, Akatooga.

The native agreed and set to work. Presently he remarked: "Someone put a spell on us. I think."

"Spell!" said Sherrick. "Who could put a spell on us?" He gazed round at the lonely white wastes of the south eastern corner of Baffin Island. Then he remembered to rub his cheeks. The temperature was about forty degrees below zero.

"Someone put a spell on us," repeated the native, with unalterable superstition.

Sherrick made no reply. He saved his breath for other purposes. An hour it took to mend the broken runner, then once more they pushed on into the icy head-wind that was turning to a blizzard.

He wanted to make Sinigiyah, if he could, before camping; and he reckoned he was about four miles away. Half an hour later one of the traces broke. They repaired that. Then the broken runner again gave trouble.

"Someone put a spell on us," said Akatooga, almost with triumph.

Sherrick, nearly exhausted with the effort of travelling, forced himself to say nothing. Akatooga was a good driver; he was competent as an interpreter; he was loyal and courageous and a good hunter to boot; but sometimes he could be an absolute Job!

Once more Akatooga cracked the whip and the dogs struggled on in the teeth of the storm, Sherrick assisting to keep the komitik, as Eskimos call the sled, right-side up in the loose drifting snow.

At long last they came in sight of Sinigiyah, a small Eskimo village of about forty inhabitants, and at this season of the year completely out of touch with the outside world.

Sherrick was greeted cordially enough by the headman; but the

man seemed a bit shifty and evasive in his look, and Sherrick wondered if some monkey-business was going on. He ate his supper, then, tired as he was, decided to hold an inspection — for as a policeman he represented the government — before replacing the broken sled runner.

HE dosed an old woman who complained of stomach-pains and treated with the best surgery he could manage a frost-bitten finger which had become gangrenous. From one igloo (snow-house) to another he went with Akatooga; and presently he came on a big husky Eskimo lying down.

"What's the matter with you?" said Sherrick; and Akatooga translated.

The big Eskimo muttered something, and Akatooga turned to Sherrick.

"This man is called Eenoosil. He says he is dying."

Sherrick examined the big native with the aid of what medical knowledge he had, which was not perhaps very great, but was certainly enough to tell him one thing, — that there was nothing the matter with Eenoosil!

"You're no more dying than I am," said Sherrick. "Get up and do some work and you'll soon feel better."

Akatooga interpreted, listened to Eenoosil's reply, and turned to Sherrick. "He still says he is dying."

"How come?" said Sherrick impatiently.

Another colloquy between the two; then Akatooga said: "Great medicine man Cawcaw put a bad spell on Eenoosil because Eenoosil no give him a seal he wanted."

"Ah," said Sherrick, "another spell, eh? We are having a day of spells. Tell him the whole thing is nonsense!"

With a wooden countenance the interpreter faithfully did so; but Sherrick could see that Eenoosil was not convinced. He merely muttered the same words; and Akatooga said as before: "He says he is dying."

SHERRICK knew then that no amount of argument would avail; and, in fact, the man might actually die — with nothing organically wrong with him at

all. He would just lie on his bed of skins and pine away.

"I'll see the medicine man," said Sherrick; and found that gentleman squatting comfortably, contemplating the smoke from his pipe. There was an expression on his face uncommonly like a smirk. He knew his power.

Sherrick came to the point at once. "What's this I hear about your putting a bad spell on Eenoosil?"

"I have done it."

"Why?"

"He offend me. I punish him."

"Oh," said Sherrick, "and who gave you authority to punish anyone?"

"The great spirits that are in me tell me what to do."

"Complain to me," said Sherrick; "and if you have just cause for offence I will put the matter right."

But the medicine man was loath to do this. The policeman of the government might take a different view about the seal.

"I do what I do," he said stolidly. And then he spat.

Sherrick kept his temper. "I have a great spirit in me," he said, "the spirit of the mighty King; and that spirit tells me to put a bad spell on you."

"You cannot do that," said Cawcaw, "I am too great. The spirits of the Land and Water love Cawcaw."

"Then you had better call on the spirits of the Land and Water to help you," said Sherrick, "for you will surely die within the next hour unless you publicly take the spell off Eenoosil."

Cawcaw merely spat again and continued to smoke his pipe. Tobacco was short in the settlement, but he had plenty.

Sherrick left him and entered the igloo placed at his disposal

by the headman. Akatooga followed him in some agitation.

"Oh, master," he said as tactfully as possible, "you have been unwise. You can't put a spell on Cawcaw. He is much too powerful!"

"Ask him if he feels thirsty," said Sherrick.

In a minute or two Akatooga returned. "Cawcaw no feel thirsty."

"Ask him if he feels thirsty," said Sherrick. And for the next half-hour Akatooga (certainly thirsty himself) was kept running backwards and forwards, asking always the same question.

AT the fourth time Cawcaw decided to take a small drink of water. At the sixth time he drank a little more. At the eighth time he drank a little more. At the tenth time he drank a little more. At the twelfth time he drank a little more. At the fourteenth time he drank a little more. At the sixteenth time he drank a little more. At the eighteenth time he drank a little more. At the twentieth time he drank a little more. At the twenty-second time he drank a little more. At the twenty-fourth time he drank a little more. At the twenty-sixth time he drank a little more. At the twenty-eighth time he drank a little more. At the thirtieth time he drank a little more. At the thirty-second time he drank a little more. At the thirty-fourth time he drank a little more. At the thirty-sixth time he drank a little more. At the thirty-eighth time he drank a little more. At the fortieth time he drank a little more. At the forty-second time he drank a little more. At the forty-fourth time he drank a little more. At the forty-sixth time he drank a little more. At the forty-eighth time he drank a little more. At the fiftieth time he drank a little more. At the fifty-second time he drank a little more. At the fifty-fourth time he drank a little more. At the fifty-sixth time he drank a little more. At the fifty-eighth time he drank a little more. At the sixtieth time he drank a little more. At the sixty-second time he drank a little more. At the sixty-fourth time he drank a little more. At the sixty-sixth time he drank a little more. At the sixty-eighth time he drank a little more. At the seventieth time he drank a little more. At the seventy-second time he drank a little more. At the seventy-fourth time he drank a little more. At the seventy-sixth time he drank a little more. At the seventy-eighth time he drank a little more. At the eightieth time he drank a little more. At the eighty-second time he drank a little more. At the eighty-fourth time he drank a little more. At the eighty-sixth time he drank a little more. At the eighty-eighth time he drank a little more. At the ninetieth time he drank a little more. At the ninety-second time he drank a little more. At the ninety-fourth time he drank a little more. At the ninety-sixth time he drank a little more. At the ninety-eighth time he drank a little more. At the hundredth time he drank a little more.

At the twelfth time Cawcaw shrieked out: "That cursed policeman has put a spell on me, but I will outwit him. There is plenty of water and I will drink and drink and drink!"

When this was told to him Sherrick merely remarked: "Ask him if he feels thirsty."

At the thirtieth time, just five minutes to the hour, Cawcaw gave in. "I am ill," he gasped, "I am dying. I will take the bad spell off Eenoosil."

Sherrick ordered him to go to Eenoosil's igloo; and there the spell was publicly revoked. But Eenoosil, miraculously recovered, voiced an objection.

"When you leave," he said, "Cawcaw will put the bad spell back again."

"Ka, ka," said the other natives present, "that is so."

"No," replied Sherrick, "for I

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are "pacifiers" bad for babies?

Answer: On the contrary, they may be the best method of preventing or relieving colic, report Drs. Milton I. Levine, pediatrician, and Anita I. Bell, psychiatrist of Cornell University Medical Centre, New York. Experiments showed that the use of these unperforated nipples produced "dramatic" results in the great majority of cases and had no observably bad effects. The baby's intense urge to gain pleasure through the use of his mouth may not be satisfied by a few minutes' nursing, and the frustration of this urge may be a cause of colic.



Is colitis a "personality disorder"?

Answer: At least in its ulcerative form it is most likely to occur in certain types of people, report University of Pennsylvania researchers in Gastroenterology. Psychiatric interviews and Rorschach (ink-blot) tests of 20 sufferers from this ailment

have thought of a very powerful spell indeed for you to put on Cawcaw if he tries any more tricks.

"And what is that?"

"A good strong punch on the nose. Go out hunting, Eenoosil. A fine strong man like you should be too busy to worry about spells. Give nothing to Cawcaw. Let him hunt for himself. I have shown you he is not to be feared."

Eenoosil remembered many seals given to the rapacious medicine man. "I think—" he began, lifting a mittled fist as big as a ham; but Cawcaw waited for no more. He fled from the igloo.

Later that evening, when Sherrick and Akatooga were in their sleeping bags, the interpreter said: "What did you do to Cawcaw, master? I thought you said spells are nonsense."

"So they are. I did nothing. It was just suggestion, but Cawcaw believes in spells, so it worked. Also he smokes too much. I expect he did feel thirsty. And after drinking all that water no wonder he felt ill."

Akatooga thought this over. "I think," he announced, "I no longer believe in spells."

"Thank heaven for that," said

Sherrick. Then he turned over and went to sleep.

(The End)

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BOOK REVIEWS

SIX GREAT JAMAICANS

Two new publications released by the Pioneer Press on March 29th, 1952. Price 3/6d. Reviewed by H. V. Ormsby Marshall.

The Pioneer Press has recently released its first two publications for this year, SIX GREAT JAMAICANS by W. Adolphe Roberts, and TALES OF OLD JAMAICA by Clinton V. Black.

Of the two, SIX GREAT JAMAICANS is the heavier work. It is comprised of biographical sketches of six men, four of whom were Jamaican-born, Edward Jordon, George William Gordon, Thomas Henry MacDermot and Herbert George deLisser; and two, Archbishop Enos Nuttall and Dr. Robert Love, who although born in England and the Bahamas respectively, so long and so effectively identified themselves with the life of the Island that they have become one with it. As Mr. Roberts himself explains in his Foreword to the book, "the six have not been chosen haphazardly.

By LAWRENCE GOULD
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showed substantially similar personality characteristics: emotional immaturity, lack of normal self-assertiveness, repressed hostility, anxiety and indecision. Most of these patients came from families in which there had been considerable emotional illness and disturbance.



Should you be "prepared for the worst"?

Answer: Not if what you mean by preparing is expecting or anticipating. For what you expect already has become real in your imagination and creates an emotional reaction that tends to make it come true in the objective world. Expecting to fail, for instance, cannot help but keep you from trying your hardest, since so far as your emotions are concerned, your efforts have already become useless. Expecting someone to dislike you will make you dislike him in advance, and behave in ways that will irritate him. Expecting the best won't always bring it, but it usually will help.

Considered together their lives exemplify the chief trends in Jamaican history for a century and a quarter, from the fight for the abolition of slavery to the eve of the present self-government movement". The century and a quarter covered in the lives of these men falls between the dates 1820 and 1944.

Apart from the historical interest of the book in its political and general trends, there is another point which lends it a special attractiveness in the eyes of many in Jamaica, who, still living knew the three great men mentioned in it. In the biographies of the late Archbishop of the West Indies, Enos Nuttall; Thomas Henry MacDermot and Herbert George deLisser. Mr. Roberts has been able to introduce the personal touch in a manner which few authors could have done, has written purely from records of one sort or another, for he knew these men well, and undoubtedly loved and respected them for those same qualities which made him number them among the six great men he chose to write about.

SIX GREAT JAMAICANS has been given by the Pioneer Press the most attractive cover to date, a design in dark blue colouring of the statue of Edward Jordon, the first mentioned in the biographical sketches and it contains por-

traits in illustration of the six sketches. It is a book of informative value and varied interests from the pen of one of Jamaica's greatest writers.

TALES OF OLD JAMAICA by Clinton V. Black, Island Archivist, has, most appropriately, been given a cover design of an old Great House, which immediately intrigues one, though in colouring it is not so distinguished in appearance as SIX GREAT JAMAICANS. The volume contains nine tales of some of Jamaica's most notorious historic characters during the first two hundred years of British rule, including such terror as Lewis Hutchinson of Edinburgh Castle; Three-fingered Jack; and Anne Palmer of Rose Hall. Other of the tales deal with accounts of strange happenings in those long-ago days such as what we hear of in connection with the "shark" papers; the "Mistress of the Revels"; the women pirates; the mission that failed, and the "Golden Table."

As is readily understandable because of the long centuries, these tales in general, and some in particular, are closely shrouded in legend which lend them a glamour that excels the ordinary story, for, after all, these are tales that are true, and that happened in our own land. The author points out in his Foreword that the stories, "although true to history have not been selected to prove a thesis nor are they a history of the Island." Actually, they are stories founded on facts available from wide historical research, filled with the elements of legendary and supplemented at times with those touches of the fictional necessary to make a finished tale of what neither history nor legend has completed to the satisfaction of their compiler.

TALES OF OLD JAMAICA is a collection of stories entertainingly written and so intriguing that they should inspire readers with the desire to learn more of Jamaica's exciting past. The book contains seven illustrations which add to the interest of the work. The Pioneer Press is to be congratulated on adding works of the nature of these two books to their already interesting list.

Strong and bitter words indicate a weak cause.

Victor Hugo.

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"Came the Spring with all its splendour,
All its birds and all its blossoms,
All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses . . ."

Longfellow:
"Hiawatha"

SCOTLAND

"Is death the last sleep?
No, it is the last final awakening."

Sir Walter Scott

ENGLAND

"The curly childhood of the year,
These days of dancing blood—
Is Spring the proper time for breath
To be resigned for good?"

William Henry Davies:
"No Place or Time."

GREECE

"Shepherds that on this mountain ridge abide,
Tending your goats and fleecy flocks away,
A little favour, but most grateful, pay
Cleitagoras, nor be the boon denied!
Ah! but in early spring, cul' meadowsweet,
Neighbour, and weave a garland for my tomb;
And with ewe's milk be the stone edge bedewed
When the lambs play about their mother's feet.
So shall you honour well the shades from whom
Are thanks—and from the dead is gratitude."

Leonidas of Tarentum:
"Cleitagoras."

JAMAICA

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THOUGHT

"Rabboni! Master! Thou art here,
In resurrection power—
As Mary knew, beside the tomb,
In that sweet dew-drenched hour . . ."

Victor of death! New life, new hopes
From Thy great triumph spring:
My Lord and Saviour, Thee I own,
My Guide, my Friend, my King."

Joyce M. Ramson:
"An Easter Hymn."

FRANCE

"The year has changed his mantle cold
Of wind, of rain, of bitter air;
And he goes clad in cloth of gold,
Of laughing suns and seasons fair;

No bird or beast of wood or wold
But doth with cry or song declare
The year lays down his mantle cold.

All founts, all rivers, seaward rolled,
The pleasant summer livery wear,
With silver studs on brodered vair;

The world puts off its raiment old,
The year lays down his mantle cold."

Charles d'Orleans:
"Spring."

CHINA

"On a throne of new gold the Son of the Sky
is sitting among his Mandarins.
He shines
with jewels and is like a sun
surrounded by stars . . ."

Tu Fu: "The Emperor."

PALESTINE

"O death, where is thy sting?
O grave, where is thy victory?"

1st Corinthians. XV. 55

SPAIN

"Gladness of being alive for that eternal day,

Knowing yourself in the water, in the sun, and in the grass.
Among the clouds you shall make nativities of silver
And you shall discover your nest in a tree of stars."

Eugenio Florit:
"Elegy for your Absence."

GERMANY

"Unto a heavenly course decreed,
Star of the darkness take no heed.

Roll onward through this time and range!

Its woe to thee be far and strange!

To utmost worlds thy light secure;

No pity shall thy soul endure!
But one command is thine: be pure!"

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche:
"Star Morals."

PERSONS PLACES

THINGS

By Old Joe

PERSONS

MEN OF MERIT

Charles Edward Johnston. There are so many sterling features concerning Mr. Johnston, that I am at a loss to know which are the best. When in 1919 the Jamaica Government wanted a man to go to Canada and the United States of America to organize the co-operative marketing of Jamaica bananas, Charles Johnston was leader of the small deputation, and again they went in 1929; the result being the formation of the Jamaica Banana Producers' Association. The important negotiations included Tariff Measures that have been applicable up to the present time, so watertight were the conclusions arrived at. The qualities that manifested themselves during all these negotiations were the following. He was considered one of the soundest business men in Jamaica. He was a deep thinker, convincing speaker, modest and reserved. In debate he pressed his points home, and yet he yielded any point that was favourable to his opponent. As a planter his match was not known. No wonder that he was Managing Director of the Jamaica Banana Producers' Association Ltd. from 1929 till the time of his death in 1943. For the same reason he was the Director of the Jamaica Fruit and Shipping Co. Ltd. He also served as Director of Messrs. Adolph Levy & Bro. Ltd., and of Kingston Wharves Ltd. The Island Government made use of his service on several Commissions, Boards and Committees. Born in Lucea, Hanover, on the 20th December, 1871, he was the son of Patrick Johnston, a man who put his hand to everything that was called "business". He was educated at Elementary Schools. His first job was Junior Clerk at Messrs. Kerr & Co., Montego Bay. Following this he served as Assistant to his father who was Banana Buying Agent in Portland; next we hear of him as a retail provision merchant; Senior partner, C. E. Johnston & Co., wholesale Merchants and Chain Store, Grocers; next came his association with the Atlantic Fruit Co., Co-Managing Director Jamaica Fruit & Shipping Co., from 1919 to 1929. He was married in 1903 to Miss Martha

Seaton, and one son. Of his three daughters, Hazel Johnston was noted as one who organised and conducted Concerts. He passed on, on April 8, 1943.

RANDALL, Rev. John Ebenezer. Rev. John Ebenezer Randall was born in Jamaica on the 16th July, 1874, and was educated at Jamaica College. After serving for some years in the Civil Service, he entered the Ministry of the Christian Church, and was after a short time, appointed pastor of the Duke Street Church, Kingston. He was for over thirty years Secretary and an ardent worker in the Christian Endeavour Union. He was also Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Society. In 1922 he left Jamaica and became a pastor at Morning Road Christian Church at Southport.

He died at sea in July (1927) while on a voyage to revisit his native land.

Tit-Bits from Old Note Books Land Settlement Schemes

There were Land Settlement Schemes in Jamaica prior to 1832. It is on record that the Rev. George Blyth, a Presbyterian Minister, procured seven small properties in the neighbourhood of Sugar Estates, and sold out the lands in small lots to purchasers. This was "during the continuance of slavery." One of the villages which sprung out of this Land Settlement Scheme is Goodwill in Trelawny, and is one of the finest in the Island. Houses neat and substantial, covered with shingles, and two-thirds of them consisting of two flats. They are built in regular rows and are handsomely finished. "The inhabitants of this and other villages are supported by working on the neighbouring properties." So runs the record as written by the Missionary.

TOURISTS AND HOTELS

It may not be generally known that some years ago the owners of the Titchfield Hotel in Port Antonio offered to sell buildings and grounds for £7,000. Led by a prominent citizen steps were taken—advantage of what looked like a good deal. Kingston businessmen were approached, some of the same ones who some time after, figured in the opposition to the sale of Constant Spring to the Roman Catholic sisters. It was not considered, however, to have been a profitable venture so far as the Tourist trade was concerned, and the capital could not be raised. In respect to Constant Spring, some readers will doubtless recall the attempts made by Mr. William Read, the English racing man together with local financiers to interest outside

capitalists in its purchase for the purchase of a hotel. That was on one of the occasions when it was put up for sale. The best offer made then was £30,000, with a down payment of £5,000 only. The Roman Catholics had been after these premises for a little while in order to extend their work in this territory. Another interesting fact is that in 1935 all out three members of the Hon. Legislative Council voted in favour of its sale.

FR. BUTLER GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Rev. Father Leo. T. Butler, S.J., M.A., former Headmaster of St. George's College was feted at a Social, held at The Holy Trinity Cathedral Rectory last month. A very large and representative gathering of Chinese Catholics and their friends were there to honour the beloved Jesuit, who celebrated his 50th anniversary as a Jesuit recently. He was presented with a purse as well as a beautifully hand embroidered Chinese Art-work, suitably inscribed with his name in Chinese characters as a token of appreciation for his work among the Chinese in Jamaica, and the great esteem in which he is held by them.

The Rev. Father Raymond Fox, S.J. Moderator of the Chinese Catholic Action Association, acted as Chairman on this happy occasion. Mr. Aston Chen spoke on behalf of the older members of the Chinese Mission, so fruitfully begun by Father Butler. He told us of how from a small beginning of only five members, the Chinese Catholics in Jamaica now numbered over five thousand — no mean indication of the success with which the beloved Jubiliarian planted the tiny Mustard Seed of the Faith in the fertile soil of the Chinese Community in Jamaica.

Mr. Leonard Chang, M.Sc., President of the Chinese Catholic Association, dealt with the work of Father Butler in the educational field. Mr. Stephen Yap and Mr. Wong Chew Onn, who made the presentation expressed the deep appreciation and gratitude of the Chinese for the interest, kindness and unselfishness of Father Butler in bringing the faith—its joys and its blessings—to their countrymen. Miss Ena Lowe, last year's Convent of Mercy Academy's Valedictorian, in a moving speech spoke of Catholic Action among the younger generation of growth in Christ and the need of a genuine Catholic background, which the youth of today must provide for the future generations. She also asked them to remember in their prayers their

fellow Chinese countrymen, who are now suffering under the heels of Communism.

Our beloved Jubiliarian, with his characteristic modesty told of how he started the mission, and thanked them all for their kindness, appreciation and co-operation, so indispensable to the work he so happily begun.

His Lordship John J. McEleney, S.J., D.D., of Jamaica, who was present brought this part of the programme to an end with a brief address.

Adding to the happy informality of the occasion was Mr. Phillip Chen, who graciously obliged with a solo, accompanied by Miss Joy Chen, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aston Chen. The children also contributed to the evenings entertainment in no small way. Little Yvette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Chang accompanied by her sister Lois at the piano gave us delightful rendering of "The Loveliest Night of the Year", while Carla Yap gave us a beautiful ballet number. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Chang's daughter Thalia recited "The Three Little Fishes", and Miss Phyllis Chung played some piano selections.

T. H.

PERFECTION

We can never reach perfection — No mere mortal man — ever lived a faultless life. We do the best we can — But when we look back down the years, we see we've fallen short—in many ways—in word and effort, deed and creed and thought.

God alone is perfect, look around and you will see—evidences of His flawless work; bird, flower and tree—proclaim His perfect workmanship—It's there in everything — pod and pollen, fur and feather, seed and leaf and wing.

See them through a microscope—Examine every part—root and stalk and bud; the fish's scale—the rose's heart . . . We can't create a common weed — or make a single tree—But we can strive to do our duties conscientiously.

Humble and obscure may be the work we have to do. But we ought to keep the pattern of His work in view . . . Turning out a perfect job, whatever it may be —Doing every task Life sets us well and faithfully.

—Patience Strong

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TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Miss Martin,

I am eighteen years old and live with my parents. I haven't got a boy of my own and consequently never get to go places although I am very fond of dancing and things like that.

There is an old friend of the family — a man about 35 years old, unmarried—who has offered to take me wherever I want to go. I am not in love with him and I do not think he is with me. Do you think I should accept his offer? I would appreciate your suggestions.

"Too Young".

Dear "Too Young",

It is very nice and considerate of this man to make this offer. I hope you will show your appreciation whether you accept it or not.

I do not think it would be wise to be seen too often with him though. It might spoil your chances of meeting a boy nearer your own age. This is a small place and people often jump to conclusions before knowing the true facts.

If you can, arrange to go in a party when you go out with this friend. He will understand if he has no interest in you apart from friendship.

Do not be impatient to step out. You are still young and there is still plenty of time to meet boys your own age.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I am the only child of my mother and she is dependent on me as my father died several years ago.

Two years ago I married a man whom I am very much in love with. He has always been very good to me and it was at his suggestion that my mother came to live with us. I continued with my job after we were married but recently had to give it up as I am pregnant. Of course, whilst I was earning money of my own I took care of my mother's needs as far as was necessary but now I must depend on my husband to do so entirely.

He has not complained but for some time now even before I stopped working he is always hinting that my mother is antagonistic towards him and is always criticising him. I feel that this is not so as she has always impressed me as being

very fond of him. If he continues to feel that way I am sure that our marriage will be adversely affected and I am seriously worried about it. Please tell me what I should do.

"Worried".

Dear Worried,

Yours is one of the commonest of human problems and must be bravely and squarely faced. I am afraid that you will have to have a serious talk with your husband. In your present condition you should have as little worry as possible.

You have not mentioned the financial standing of your husband but I trust that it is such that you will be able to follow my advice.

Few couples are able to live successfully with their in-laws, and the only practical solution as far as I can see is for you to arrange for your mother to live apart from you. If that is not possible you must be tactful in handling the matter. Watch keenly for the faults of which he complains in your mother as perhaps they have been passing you unnoticed. If he is justified ask your mother to try and cooperate towards maintaining harmonious relationships in the home. If you find that your husband is being unjust, try to let him see his error and ask him to be less critical of her and more tolerant.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I recently met a man whom I like very much but in a platonic way. He is 10 years older than I am and I like talking to him and being in his company. But honestly I regard him as an elder brother and feel that I could never fall in love with him. He has just been friendly so far but has hinted that he is not immune to good looks and charm and he is always complimenting me in that direction. Do you think I should continue seeing him? Please tell me what to do.

"Friendly".

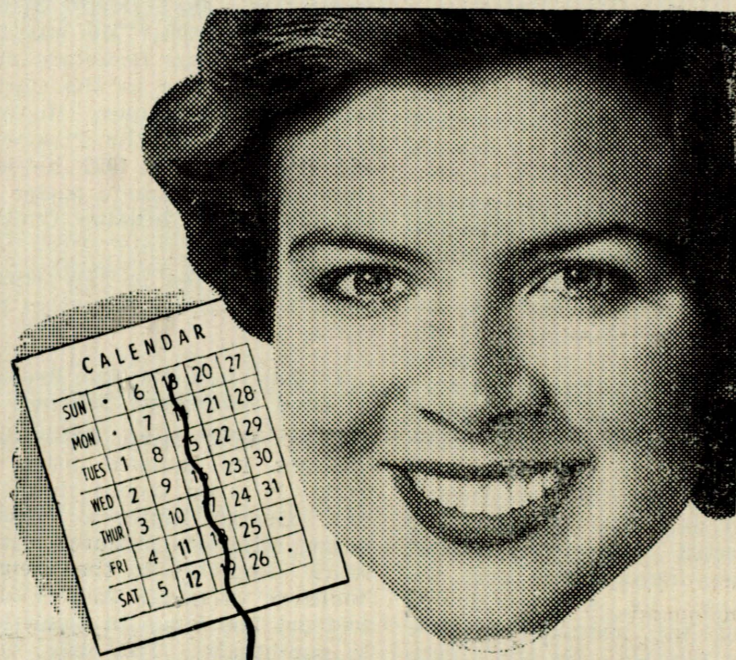
Dear "Friendly",

Unfortunately most men find it extremely difficult to maintain friendship with the opposite sex on a platonic basis. After all men will be men. Although you have not said so it would seem to me that you are an attractive girl and that only aggravates the

position. You would also appear to be a sensible girl and will readily understand when I say that you should make a clean breast of the position with him. Tell him quite frankly how you regard him and that in the circumstances it would be best if you discontinued seeing too much of each other. If he insists that no harm will come of it in so far

as he is concerned you must decide whether you should take a firm stand or not. Of course, there is every possibility of your falling in love with him eventually; perhaps it might be worth the chance for as you say he is a likeable fellow and your feeling towards him may deepen with time.

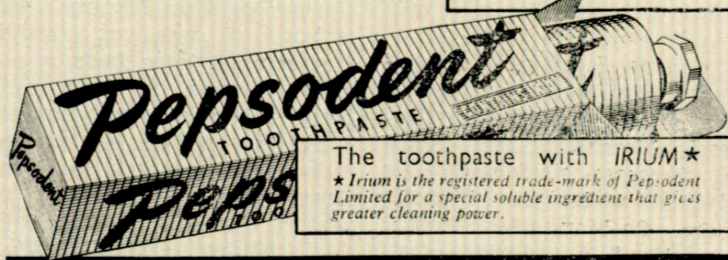
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IN PARENTHESIS

The discouraging thing about some people is that they are here to-day and still here to-morrow.

A farmer bought a watch guaranteed for a year. At the end of nine months he reappeared at the shop and complained that the watch had stopped six months earlier when it had fallen into a pigs' trough.

"But why didn't you bring it back immediately?" asked the jeweller.

"How could I? We only killed the pig a few days ago."

Stalin is reported to have married for the third time. Presently we shall learn that it was a Russian who invented Hollywood.

Notice under situations wanted column in Sao Paulo, Brazil, local paper: "Office boy, well-educated youth, good knowledge of City. Only first-class firms need apply."

A New York beauty parlour has a sign outside, reading: "Don't whistle at any girl here—it might be your grandmother."

A city girl spent a farming holiday during which time the young farmer fell very much in love with her. Taking her for a walk one evening he pointed out to her a cow and calf rubbing noses in affectionate fashion.

"Ah!" sighed the farmer. "That makes me want to do the same."

"Well, why don't you?" said the girl calmly. "It's your cow, isn't it?"

"My! Hasn't she got on in the world?"

"Yes, I knew her when her toes were showing through her shoes—and it wasn't the fashion."

"Daddy, what is a critic?"

"A critic, my boy, is a man who would do everything better—if he could."

"I've got the quickest shootin' cousin in the West."

"Yeah? Well my cousin is so fast he's shootin' his gun before it's even out of the holster."

"Oh? What's his name?"

"Toeless Mike."

A statistician is described as a

man who draws a straight line from an unfounded assumption to a foregone conclusion.

A well-sprung gent, breathing bonhomie and strong liquor all over the place, was sticking stamps on a couple of letters at the GPO in Sydney.

With the slow, deliberate way of the drunk he licked one stamp; it fell on the counter.

The character breathed heavily; reached to pick it up.

As he did so, the stamp moved across the counter, made a circle and started to come back again.

The drunk drew his hot, heavy fingers across his eyes, looked around and made a dart for the door.

The stamp had fallen on a half-dead blowfly.

Must a woman tell her fiance her correct age? Well, does a fly care what year the sugar was made?

"I wonder why men join clubs?"

"Some join because they have no homes—and others because they have!"

"Foul pest Menaces U.K. Egg Industry." Hens the smelling?

Then there was the man who died of a typographical error. It was on a patent medicine label.

A woman returned a smart pair of shoes to the exclusive shop where she had bought them.

"They won't do," she said. "I just can't walk in them."

"Madam," the salesman replied, looking down his nose, "people who have to walk don't shop here."

"She found out her husband had an affliction after they were married."

"Yes, after he married he developed club feet."

A Magistrate advised a 19-year old youth to learn to hold his liquor. Best way, of course, at that age, is to hold it in abhorrence.

What's the matter—you look mournful?

That's just it—I've just finished a big dinner and I am more'n full.

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SPORTS PARADE

By GEORGE BECKFORD

LAWN TENNIS flutters on to the sports scene this week as fascinating as a prima-donna high-noting among a group of elocutionists. This command performance is for the Brandon trophy to be contested by Trinidad, Jamaica, British Guiana and Barbados at St. Andrew Club, and should attract many Pagodians for the fact that six Chinese players—a third of the total number of representatives from the four countries will be playing.

RON & DON FOR DOUBLES

THE BIG QUESTION SIGN is who will win the series. As it stands, it is anybody's guess, but strongest opinion is that the championship will be fought out between Trinidad and Jamaica. Some critics concede Jamaica the edge because we are more accustomed to playing on grass and it was under these conditions that we became the first holders of the trophy in 1947. Trinidadians play on clay and showed their power when they trounced us last year. A popular view is that Aris, Farquharson and Kirkcaldy should be strong in the singles, but then it will not be so easy against Legall a power-player with abounding versatility and Gunn-Munro.

Somehow I think that the singles are open, and the deciding event will be the doubles. Trinidad have had the foresight to send Nothnagel who ruled the Caribbean for 14 years along with Thavenot before Leahong and Sturdy ended their reign by a score of 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 here in 1949. Nothnagel an experienced tactician may therefore, pair with the wily Ho and this plan should open the eyes of our selection com-

mittee to match Ron and Don against them. We have been hearing a lot of talk lately by folk who are swept away by the thrills of a moment that Farquharson and Aris should hold the doubles fort, because of their youth and triumph over the older champions. Anyway I still say Leahong and Sturdy would be retained.

B.G. has an intriguing role and much depends on how the youngsters play. Tang is well known here to be capable, Derek Phang is promising and has entered the semi finals and finals in B.G. several times during the past few years. He barely lost B.G.'s open title last year to Readwin; Jo Chin is a south paw doubles player with many strokes and will pair dapper Ivan Phillips against Jamaica.

TANG AND HO

PAVILION CAPTAIN PETER TANG loves tennis dearly as our Teacher Isaac Henry likes cricket. Mr. Tang has been playing for the past 30 years and was a force in B.G. 15 years back when he ranked second and third and won several club championships. He is now a useful sideline mentor, is 5ft 7ins. tall, or should I say short, and weighs 180 lbs. His business is the proprietorship managership of Tang's Drug Store.

JIN HO IMPROVES with the years. Before the last world war he represented China in Davis

Cup matches in France, New Zealand and India. When peace came he migrated to Trinidad in 1946 and began an era of prosperity to enrich that country of calypsoes and pitch lakes. Ho whipped Willie Coke then Jamaica's No. 1-7-5, 6-1, and Lester Kirkcaldy by a similar score at Port-of-Spain, in 1948. In 1949, he drew with Coke 11-13, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 and defeated Clinton Nunes 10-8, 6-0, 2-6, 6-0 at St. Andrew Club. Since that time he has been the dread of Jamaica. Ho recently won Trinidad's Country Club title with a score of 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 over his hard serving team mate Gunn-Munro and shared the doubles with Arthur Skinner against Gunn-Munro and Archer in three sets.

THIS TOURNAMENT promises to be successful and I expect many Pagodians will endeavour to offer the visitors Jamaica's traditional hospitality. C.A.C.'s Vice-President, Horace Chang, always in the front rank, has been showing the tourists around and it is a pity that the club is not on its feet to house them.

SOFTBALLERS BUSY

MEANWHILE, SILENCE has fallen on the Deanery Road club house which may well pass in the same manner from summer

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PERSONALIA

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were present and participated in many interesting games, and dancing. Although it was planned to cease at 10.30 p.m., the party never ended until midnight.

On Sunday the 4th May, the Guild will have its regular Corporate Communion at 7.30 a.m. and afterwards will proceed to Marine Villa, home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Tai Tenque for Communion Breakfast — those wishing to join in please submit names to the Secretary by Wednesday the 30th instant.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Easton Chung (nee Anita Lyn) announced the birth of a daughter recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Lue (nee Norma Chai) announced the birth of a son on Tuesday, April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chung announced the birth of a son on Easter Sunday.

CHINESE TENNIS ACES FROM TRINIDAD AND B.G.

The British Guiana Brandon Cup Tennis Team has three of its four players members of the Chinese community there as well as their non-playing captain, Mr. Peter W. Tang, a veteran of the game in B.G. The three are Messrs. Derek Phang, Joseph Chin and Keith Tang. Keith is a student of the West Indies University and son of Mr. Peter W. Tang. Mr. Peter W. Tang captained the Chinese Sports Club in B.G. to win the Inter-club Tennis Tournament there last year.

Mr. Jin Hean Ho again leads the Trinidad tennis team in the Brandon Cup Tennis Competition. Tennis is also very popular among the Chinese community in Trinidad. The Colonial Tennis Club in Trinidad which consists mainly of Chinese won the inter-club tennis Tournament last year.

SIU-LEE BRIDAL

Miss Colleen Siu Shiu Yung arrived here from Hongkong on Wednesday, April 9. On the following Sunday her engagement to Mr. Phillip Lee Shue was announced. They were schoolmates many years ago in China. Colleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Siu Yuck Lau of Hongkong.

They will be married on Sunday, May 4 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. After the ceremony a reception will be held at 10 Latham Avenue, the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wong.

VISITOR FROM PANAMA

Miss Rita Ng arrived here on Easter Sunday from Panama. She is on a visit and holiday here and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Chang of Constant Spring Road. She is a relative of Mrs. Victor Chang.

LIME CAY POPULAR PICNIC SPOT

Lime Cay was the popular spot for picnicking for the Easter holidays. On Easter Sunday a large group of 35 went there for a day's outing. Among them were Peggy, Mavis, Kathleen, Bunny, Keith and Albert Chung; Aston and George Wong, Corinne Lyn Fook; Noel, George, Albert, Earle, Sadie, Patricia, Daphne Lyn; Gilbert, Rose, and David Kong; Shirley Lee, Daisy Lyew, Monica and James Chung; Ruby Hugh Far; William Lue, Gloria Fong, Donald Maxwell, Cynthia Lee, S. Yap, and Willie Lee.

On Easter Monday the Chinese Student Association went there on a picnic. On the same day Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chin Fen also brought a small party there which included the Youngs from May Pen. The Students Association party included Norma, Joyce, and Roy Chin; Donnie Chen, Karlene Chen, Millie, Verna, and Ronnie Chin Yee, Annie Wong, Freddie and Maurice Kong, Dorothy Lee, Vera and Sylvia Shim, Arnold and Archie Chang, Dalton and Phillip Young, John Tai Pow, Karl Lyn, Ronnie Tai Tenquee, Joe Tai, Derrick Moo Young, Cecile Chin Loy, Yu Kee Chin, Carl Chen, Dorothy Chin Fook, Carlton Wong, Margery and Beverly Chai and Marie Lee.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Mr. and Mrs. Chang Chu Yu of Arnold Road gave a birthday party for their daughter Barbara, on Monday, April 14 on the occasion of her 15th birthday.

Another birthday party was that of Mr. Ronald Chen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aston Chen on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

SCOUT CORNER

Within the last fortnight we have had four new recruits. They are Basil Chen, Leonard Hew, Alfred Lowe and Noel Wong. The Troop heartily welcome you all!

Since the Jamboree, Patrol and Troop meetings have been well attended and quite regular. The Jamboree spirit is still alive—it cannot die.

Mr. Gilbert Kong has been helping the Troop a great deal by visiting Troop meetings and taking us in quarter of an hour or

more of brisk and snappy drilling. The Troop's drilling has been greatly improved, and many new turns have been learnt.

Sunday, the 20th inst., is St. George's Day and the Scouts of Kingston will be having a special service in the form of a Scouts' Own at Doncaster.

On Saturday afternoon, the 19th inst. 8 members of the Troop will be taking their Swimmers' and Master Swimmers' Proficiency Badges at Bournemouth Pool.

King Scout Lee of St. George's Church Troop has been helping the Troop with the First Class Mapping and Tracking tests.

ECHO,
Troop Scribe,
1st Chinese Troop.

BEAUTY SPECIALIST ON VISIT

PHYLLIS RABONE, an attractive visitor to Latin America and the West Indies, arrived in Kingston on April 14th, bringing the latest information about cosmetics from YARDLEY, Bond Street, London.

She plans mainly to visit Retailers, and to give talks and lectures to salesgirls, but those of the general public who are lucky enough to have the opportunity of a chat with her will find her specialised knowledge invaluable, both in helping them to select their Beauty aids and in showing them how to use them correctly.

Phyllis Rabone stresses that every woman needs to know the correct beauty products for her particular skin-type and colouring, and that there is a right way and a wrong way to use every one of them to get maximum results. The methods she recommends are simple, and do not call for the purchase of an enormous range of cosmetics, but have been proved by long practical experience on the part of the famous Beauty House which she represents, to have the best results.

However, no patient is better off in a sanatorium if he does not follow the rules. It is the daily routine, the rest, that is important. The "spoiled child" who

HEALTH FOR ALL

GETTING WELL FROM TB

Any person who learns that he has pulmonary tuberculosis is up against a big, tough enemy. Defeating it is no part-time job. Resting, following the doctor's orders implicitly and keeping a calm and hopeful mind can be the hardest kind of work.

Often one of the most difficult parts of the job is accepting the doctor's diagnosis of tuberculosis, especially if the disease is discovered in the early stage. The patient has no symptoms that he recognises. He does not feel very

sick. He sees no reason why he should go to hospital. He may decide to "shop around" for a doctor who will tell him something different. He may try some quack "sure cure." He may decide to gamble on just staying home for a while and taking a little rest.

Within six months to a year the disease will usually have progressed so far that the patient cannot avoid seeing the error of his ways. At last he feels sick and eagerly seeks sanatorium care. Valuable time has been lost. The disease is so much worse that recovery will cost him more in time and money. He may lose his earning capacity and usefulness permanently and have to be supported by his family or the taxpayers.

The gambling habit is bad enough when the stakes are merely money, but when one gambles with his health, he is risking his entire future. The modern, well-equipped sanatorium or tuberculosis hospital, with its specially trained doctors and nurses has facilities for every type of treatment, and the best place for recovery from TB. It is usually unnecessary to seek a change in climate.

There is no short cut to recovery from tuberculosis. The patient must make up his mind to a long period of rest, probably many months. The sanatorium will teach him how to live in the present and future, so that his TB will remain under control. Almost all modern TB hospitals have rehabilitation workers to guide the patient's activities and, in some cases, to help him develop a new vocation suited to his physical capacities.

However, no patient is better off in a sanatorium if he does not follow the rules. It is the daily routine, the rest, that is important. The "spoiled child" who

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JANE POWELL, ON AND OFF THE SCREEN

by Brian Young



In the space of a few short years, diminutive Jane Powell has won a top spot among Hollywood's singing stars. Young, talented and ambitious, Jane began her career in teen-age roles and has since graduated to the stature of a mature leading lady.

Possessor of one of film-land's more melodious voices, she is probably the only living soprano—in a show world where comedians want to play Hamlet and tragediennes turn to slapstick—who does not want to sing grand opera.

Some five years ago, Jane Powell visited Hollywood on a holiday to see the celebrities, a wide-eyed teen-ager who had achieved some success in Portland, Oregon, radio circles. Overnight, instead of seeing stars, she became one.

Attending a radio talent show ("Hollywood Show Case"), with Janet Gaynor as mistress of ceremonies, Miss Powell sang, received an ovation, and almost before she had finished her encore she was signed to a long-term contract by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Her first Technicolor film there, "Holiday in Mexico," was a hit. Her most recent was "Rich, Young and Pretty." Jane really leads two completely separate and different lives. In one, she is Jane Powell, screen star, in the other, she is Mrs. Geary Staffen, wife and homemaker.

As soon as a picture is finished, Jane Powell, the seriously earnest and ambitious screen star, disappears and gay, little Mrs. Geary Staffen, the pretty young wife in the white house on the corner, takes her place. Studios and cameras, dance routines and songs are completely forgotten. Mrs. Staffen is interested only in her husband, her home, her garden and her child.

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pital staff and from his doctor as much as possible about his disease. Knowing the "why" of his treatment will help him carry it out more cheerfully and successfully.

SPORTS PARADE

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to autumn. I understand anyway, that a Committee meeting was held there on Wednesday

evening. The girls of Primrose softball team have however, been keeping the flag flying. They have played two friendly exhibition matches against Melbourne during the past fortnight. Melbourne won the first match 9-7 at the University grounds at Mona. Lila Lee captained Primrose and Monica Forbes-Taylor piloted Melbourne. The Primroses were not at their best, but the loosening was good for pitcher Lee who gave several of her team mates a turn on the mound, Hermine Chance whacked a fine home run and Phyllis Hew, elder of the difficult-to-distinguish twin sisters, made a grand double-play at 2nd base. The next match was staged before a big holiday gallery at Monymusk Estate on Easter Monday. Primrose evened the games by a 7-4 victory. Fielding improved with the players chief of whom were Gwendolyn Chang at 1st base, Celeste Hew at 3rd base, Babs Chang at centre field, and Terry Chang at short stop. Melbourne's Joy Clemetson hit a three-bagger, and Hyacinth Gutzmer took a brilliant catch. Primrose are playing a lot of matches away from home in preparation for the Major League competition which should begin sometime next month.

CRICKETERS will take their play from home, too, to far off country places. Skipper Horace Chang is planning these tours; the first will be to Montego Bay on April 27, when they will tackle Montego Bay Chinese. Charlie Lee, Vernon Cheong, Phillip Powe, and Minna Chang will be among the old faithfuls. And by the way Tom Young is now playing for St. Catherine and Bernard Lodge in

the Senior Competition. He hit a sparkling century against Melbourne in his first match. Noel Lvn is keeping wicket splendidly for St. George's Old Boys. In a Junior Cup match against Kingston Police, Lyn did not allow a bye in 243 runs. Let's hope they will keep in form until the reunion.

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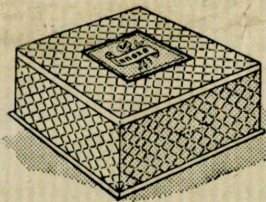
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