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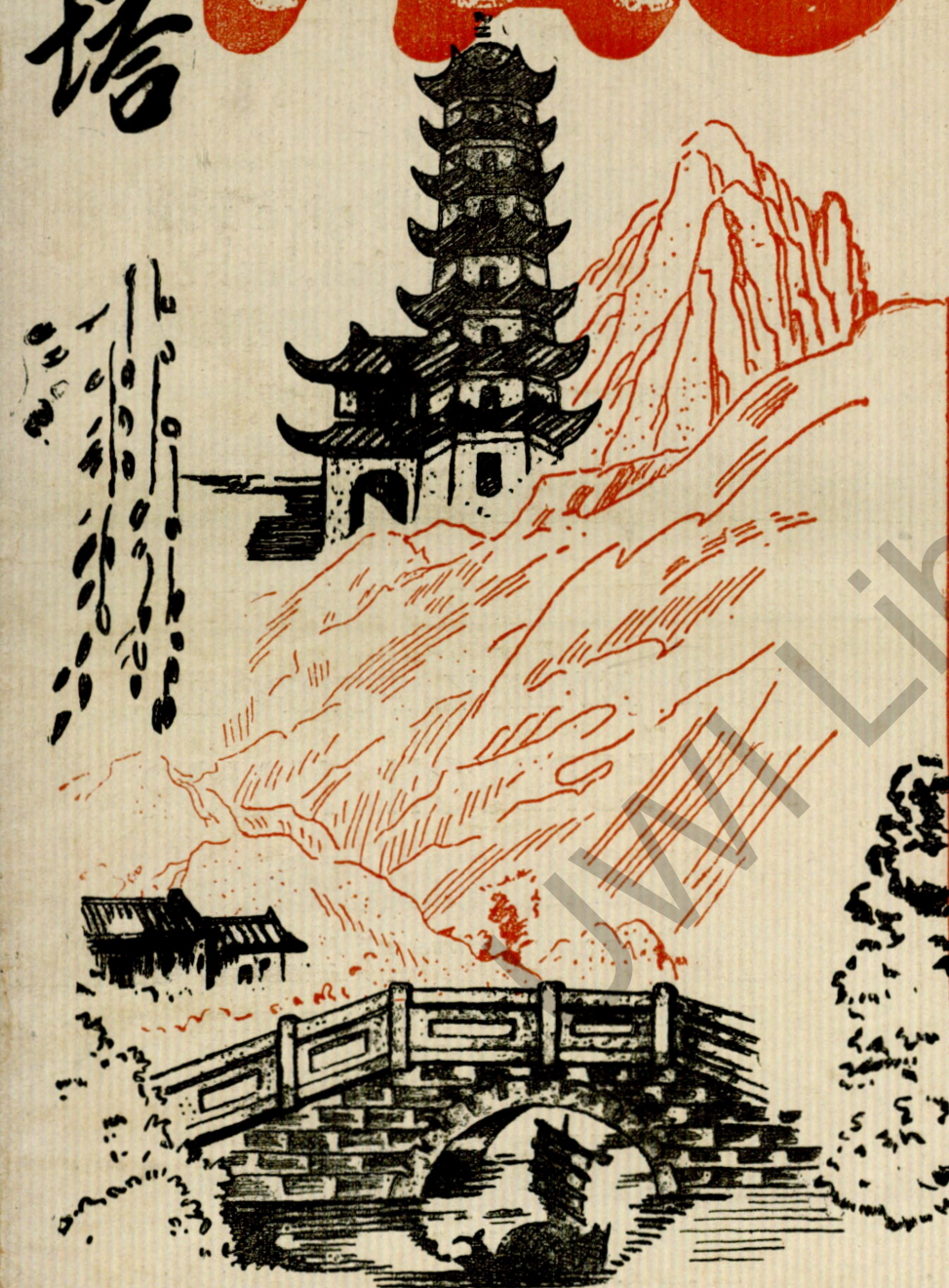
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THE ARTS IN CHINA TODAY

By Peng Fei.

From CHINA MAGAZINE

THE Chinese theatrical world today is working for a revival of modern drama after a lull following its unparalleled wartime popularity.

There has been a general decline in Chinese drama during the transition between wartime and post-war productions. After years of enforced exile in the interior, where only plays of a morale-boosting nature were staged and widely enjoyed, both playwrights and theatrical troupes have to start from scratch again. And, to make the task even more difficult, actors, producers, and playwrights have suffered great economic distress during the rehabilitation period after the war.

"Eventually, most professional groups have been forced to dissolve for the simple reason that they certainly cannot 'act' for a living," said Yui Shang-yuen, playwright and concurrently director of the National Academy of Dramatic Arts. While Government-operated troupes also have a hard time, private enterprises are more handicapped by shortages of funds, suitable plays and good actors, he added. Only the former can carry on in places where professional groups have already gone out of existence.

Wu Jen-tse, director of more than twenty modern dramatic productions and concurrently writer of both plays and motion picture scenarios, considers the scarcity of plays the main factor in the present decline of the spoken drama. "Except for a number of allegoric plays and melodramas, written during the post-war period, less than a handful of serious plays have been published and staged since the war," Mr. Wu said.

Well-known playwrights, such as Tsao Yu, the "best young dramatist in China today," and Jolin Husang, a graduate of Cambridge University and the London Theatre Studio, are now trying their hands at writing motion picture scenarios, not only because they are more lucrative and easier to write, but also because they want to coun-

teract the gradual deterioration of Chinese movies, Mr. Wu said.

"While only a small sum is paid for a scenario, a modern play, which takes more time to write, is paid even less. The remuneration of the latter isn't even enough to cover the typesetting costs," the veteran dramatist pointed out.

THE lack of an adequate stage for the spoken drama performances is another serious problem. Stages in most theatres are either too small and barely furnished or are lacking in acoustic installations. Only the Lyceum Theatre in Shanghai, where most performances by American and Russian amateurs are held, has an ideal stage for spoken drama. "However, the rent for a performance there is terribly high," Mr. Wu added.

With nearly all professional troupes dissolved, modern Chinese drama is only performed occasionally, on a semi-professional basis. In other words, leading actors and actresses — now mostly engaged in the movie business — would in their spare hours pick up a play of high box office appeal and stage it quickly. As soon as the plays are staged, the troupes are disbanded again.

"As we have brilliant and ambitious actors, so have we others whose ability is not adequate. Lack of training is one reason while in some actors indolence is another. As a director of plays, it is most distressing to see the wide span between good and bad actors. The former, such as Shih Hui, know both how to portray character and create the necessary atmosphere, whereas the latter are awkward and affected," Wu said.

Despite all these adverse factors, the drama still has wide appeal and great potentialities, both Yui and Wu agreed. Any worthwhile play will draw a full house from two weeks to one month. These people are the essential audience who instill courage and confidence in most dramatists and actors, the two directors said.

The elimination of the present stagnancy of the drama is the foremost task for the Chinese theatre today, Wu said. Once this is accomplished, it should seek a uniform development of spoken drama, reformed Peking operas, plays in local dialects and modern Chinese operas. To this end, the first requisite will be to acquire a permanent stage to be used exclusively for the production of the type of drama discussed above.

TWO plays which are fairly representative of the present crop, are Tsao Yu's *The Metamorphosis* and Wu Tien's *The Blossoming Hearts*. The first, a serious and true-to-life portrayal of a hospital in the interior, in which the playwright's command of dramatic effects and careful characterization are fully manifest, has evoked considerable interest. The other, however, is little more than a burlesque, and is an indication of the farcical and degenerating trend of present Chinese drama.

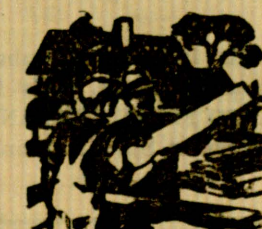
For the resurgence of modern drama, dramatic schools for the training of personnel are essential. The two existing institutions in China today (1) are the National Academy of Dramatic Arts in Nanking with Yui Shang-yuen as director, and the Shanghai Municipal Dramatic School of which Wu Jen-tse was formerly dean. With well-known playwrights, actors and directors on the faculty, these schools offer courses on acting, directing, scene designing, playwriting and theory of dramatic arts. Troupes formed by either students or alumni of these schools often give performances in both cities.

China's modern drama dates back to the years immediately before the Revolution in 1911, when a number of Japanese-returning students, under the guise of acting, gave vent to revolutionary sentiments. Theatrical activities before the war with Japan in 1937, when a number of successful plays were written and professional

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WHOSE BABY ARE YOU?

By S. H. C.

IT is one of the greatest thrills in the world to realise that you are a parent. But if you are going to be a parent, brother, and you have a choice in the matter then take my advice and be the male of the species. Sure the little woman gets the credit, but besides passing around the cigars, acknowledging the congratulations and getting a grip on the dozens of handshakes, you are the bee's knee, the elephant's side whiskers and the pukka sahib.

While a woman draws largely from experience, the male of the species depends almost entirely on the correspondence course he manages to lap up between the time of baby's arrival and Momma's return to home and Daddy's loving care. Strange, but I have yet to see a new father at a loss for the correct answer, whoever his quizmaster may be. It doesn't seem to matter the least bit if his interrogator is a mother of quintts and sextuplets, or the matron in a maternity ward. He can tell to three decimal places the proportion of milk food to the volume of warm water required by a baby so many weeks old, weighing so much, height so much and howling so much. Overnight the new father becomes an expert. He may make an occasional error when he speaks in general of babies as the offspring of human mammal, but where it touches upon his own private and personal little bundle of heaven, he speaks ex cathedra, and is infallible.

Listening in on a brand new father is fun, but brother, hear you me, you haven't begun to enjoy yourself until you tune in on TWO new fathers. They are twice as funny. It's no use my trying to conjure up a scene for you. In your own neighbourhood there may be at this very moment living examples of what I am trying to tell you about.

THE scene is a drawing room — any drawing room. Brand new father No. 1 paces the room; he is obviously the host from the fact that he is in shirtsleeves, his hair is awry, he has on bedroom slippers, and he is holding his baby in his arms. You know right away too that he is not the baby's mother, from the way he holds the child like a rare and fragile piece of china, supporting its spine in approved handbook style, with his free hand. You also know

that it is his first child from the fact that he doesn't appear to be about to catch a train, summon his wife, mow the front lawn, or take the car to the garage. He seems perfectly happy to hold the child indefinitely.

B.N.F. No. 2 is surveying the antics and movements of B.N.F. No. 1, his host, with the condescension of a veteran at the game, whose first child is now entering its second month of existence in this troubled workaday world.

His first words as we enter to eavesdrop upon them unseen witnesses, have no commercial value other than that of providing an opener for the conversation which must ensue when B.N.F.s congregate to compare notes.

"What are you doing man?"

"Why, burping the baby of course!"

The visitor puts his hands to his head, grows pale, trembles visibly, sinks weakly into a conveniently located chair, and quietly prepares to pass out. He fails miserably. He does not pass out.

"Burp the baby?" Incredulity is written in best Spencerian script across his face.

The Brand new father No. 1, withdraws a pace and falls back on the defensive.

"Look old man, your little one might be going on four and a half weeks now, but that doesn't make you an expert on baby care. I can show that chapter on 'burping the baby' in the handbook 'The New Mother' where it definitely states that serious cases of indigestion are likely to occur if one becomes careless in such matters. The book suggests that in some cases it is sheer laziness!"

"What edition is your book?—I have the same handbook!"

"1930!"

"No man! There's a 1933 edition."

"Well —hmm! I didn't know that there was a later edition than the '30'."

"By the way do you give her gripe water?"

"No, I put a little drop of honey in some plain water and she settles down and goes to sleep."

"Little drop my eye!" came from the bedroom, "You put a table-spoonful to a little drop of water!" They both laughed and continued their absorbing discussion.

"I use the honey trick too,

never cared much for the gripe water stunt. Not right, I don't think! When my boy goes to sleep, he's such a sweet kid, you ought to see that cherubic smile come over his face as he slips off."

"Mine too. She has the loveliest smile!"

"Tell me something my little boy seems shorter from the knee to the ankle than from the elbow to the wrist. Is that normal? Some people say that there's nothing wrong with that and others are just as sure that I ought to discuss it with the doctor."

"Well look I think . . . no, she's just the same, both ways. I wonder . . ."

"Oh I don't suppose it matters. But it makes you wonder just the same. Strange that we never give much thought to our physical proportions until we begin to worry about baby's."

THE baby in B.N.F.'s arms stirred faintly, and rallying to a common cause, B.N.F. No. 2 came closer and murmured words of encouragement in the ears of the little one. No doubt he had used them with marvellous results on the home field.

"Ditty Goo-goo-googums! Doo-die-woodie Boom-boom waddums!" The baby gurgled happily and went back to sleep.

He looked in triumph at his host—

"And people say that a baby can't understand when you talk to him. Nonsense!"

"I agree. Whenever I tickle her under the chin and say — 'whose little baby are you? Daddy-bums baby?' she smiles and wiggles in my arms. And at night she's a real little angel. She sleeps right through, she's a perfect little darling."

"I'll bet she is! My little one is quite a heavy sleeper himself. 'Well Ol' man, I must be off, see you soon!'"

But he forgot to mention that

it was his night for sitting up with the baby — the little imp . . . His precious gift was in truth a heavy sleeper, — but only during the daytime. Well, you can't have everything. My boy has the cutest little nose — his girl has none to speak of. Anyway I hope the little devil lets me have some sleep tonight.

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MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

WHAT will go down on record as the race of the century was that of two or our not-too-young athletes who went around the football field last week. The huskier of the two who felt he was at a good advantage wagered that he could beat slim Johnnie once round the field. However, the latter who was not perhaps as good a trackman in his early days was not an easy one to outsmart. The whole pavilion of spectators came out to witness the race and judges and starter were appointed. The air was filled with noisy cheer and merriment when Johnnie finished the race grinning happily while his challenger gave up from sheer exhaustion.

I DON'T know whether our latest addition from the States will take up softball again. The pitching department still has the space open for her but I think our "Dumps" has been doing a lot of other things than playing softball in the States. She has given up blue jeans and the boyish bob and has gone into the glamour department and make us rather think of Vogue and Mademoiselle whenever we see her. I understand she took up nursing while in college so if you feel sick these days you must consider yourself lucky.

AT this time of the year prowlers of the night think nothing of working overtime, and their overtime work is usually in the daytime. Last Sunday a car owner had the back seat of his car taken out while he was only

a few feet away on the verandah engaged in an absorbing card game. Do you know of anyone who may have a spare back seat for a Hillman car?

We haven't got a camera club although we have many camera enthusiasts but we are definitely going to have a harmonica club or a harmonica band soon. You have no doubt heard records or seen in pictures how good a harmonica orchestra can be. It has fired the imagination of our leading scout and his latest acquisition is a really posh instrument that not even the warble of a nightengale could touch.

FOLLOWING the latest interest in tennis one day last week two young ladies brought their kid brother to the courts to give him a few points on the game. After the session was over he observed that he was giving them more hints and coaching than they were giving him.

THE full moon, I understand, is a good time to go fishing. Last week many parties were out on the Palisadoes throwing their lines and must have thrown pounds and pounds of good bait into the sea. Most of the fishermen came home, however, with hardly enough to make a good breakfast. Well, fishes must be fed you know, or they won't grow big. Some found it more profitable catching sea-crabs instead.

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PERSONALIA

Mr. George Chin Loy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chin Loy, left by plane for Chicago on Saturday, October 29. George will take a one-year course in Refrigeration Engineering.

Miss Gladys Lyn Shue, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Lyn Shue of Devon, returned to the island on Monday, October 31. Gladys received her B.Sc. degree from St. Louis University, St. Louis, last Summer. She majored in Biology and also took a full course in Nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cheong announced the birth of a daughter on Tuesday, November 1.

In the Ashenheim Cup Duplicate Bridge Tournament the CAC won their last two matches playing against Melbourne and St. Andrew. They lost their first three matches which was played against Lucas, Kingston and Brenton. The team of four playing for the CAC consists of Messrs. Alfred Kong and Philip

Chang Choong, Caphtor Ho Yen and Victor Chang.

In an Invitation Bridge Tournament held at Melbourne Club last Tuesday Messrs. Cecil Chuck and Maurice Cheong playing East/West won the match for that side.

The CAC football team advanced in the Junior League by defeating their opponents in their last two matches. They defeated Kensington by 10/4 and St. Joseph by 2/1. The team is only 3 points behind St. George's Old Boys who are at present leading in the competition. The line-up for the CAC side is as follows: George Lyn (goal keeper); Dudley Chen/Alfred Lyn (right back), Alfred Chin Fatt (left back), Jerry Lee (right half), Alvin Young (left-half), Alwyn Tai (centre-half, captain); Easton Chong (outside right), Jackie Lyew/Lucian Chen (inside left), Ken Lyew (centre-forward), Lester Chin (inside left), Cecil Chuck (outside-left).

In a friendly football match last Saturday at the CAC the Veterans defeated the Youngsters by 7/4.

The Basketball Season will be officially opened next week in an Exhibition Match at York Park

when YMCA (last champions) will play The Rest. Six teams have so far signified their intention in playing in the league this year—the CAC, YMCA, South China "A", South China "B", Fire Brigade and Community Store.

Kingston will send two teams to Port Antonio on Sunday to play the Chinese Sports Club there.

A Blue Funnel Boat will stop at Kingston sometime in the next fortnight to pick up passengers for Hongkong. The bookings which is usually heavy is not as large as on former sailings.

The ceremony of Gah San was held at the Chinese cemetery on Sunday, October 30

Work on the new building of the Chinese Public School is progressing rapidly and should be completed in another month or so. The headmaster, Mr. Yuan, who left for the States some months ago, is still away.

A Chinese picture was shown at the Ward Theatre on Sunday, October 30. This is the first for a long while that a Chinese picture has been shown here.

There will be a Special General Meeting of the Alpha Academy Alumnae Association on Wednesday November 16, 1949, at 5 p.m. sharp in McAuley Hall, Alpha. All members are urged to attend whether or not they have received circulars.

The Rev. Father Fox, S.J. will conduct a service of the Blessing of the Graves at the Chinese Cemetery on Sunday, the 13th November, 1949 at 11:00 a.m.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Chen See, eldest son of Mr. Arthur Chen See of Pisgah, St. Elizabeth, On October 25, 1949 at Duckenfield, at the age of 24, after a brief illness. He leaves behind Sister Xavier (Convent of Mercy), Veda, Carmen, Sybil, Icy, Elorene, Phyllis, Mavis, Yvonne, Beverly, Brother Trevor and Branford and a stepmother to mourn their loss.

REQUIEM MASS

On Thursday, November 24 at 7 a.m. at the Kingston Parish Church, a Solemn Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Yvonne Taiyoung who died on November 24, 1947.

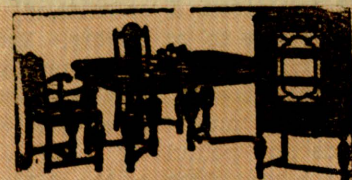
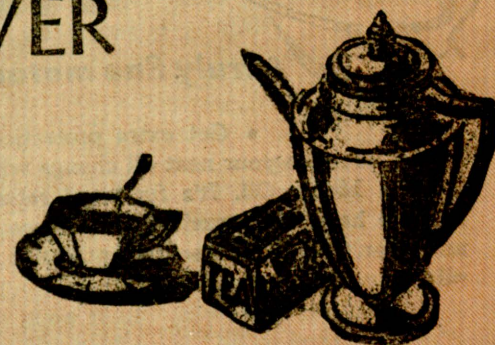
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REMEMBRANCE

The National Day of Remembrance was observed on Sunday last in commemoration of all those who died in both World Wars. The customary service was held at the Cenotaph, which was attended by Government and Church Officials, the Military and other Service personnel, ex-servicemen, and the public outside the special enclosure.

Poppy Day always held in unison with Remembrance Day was observed on Friday last when these little blood-red emblems of sacrifice were sold as an aid to all those who were crippled in one way or another during their time of active service in these wars. Many special appeals were given in the papers and over the radio for the Earl Haig Fund, reminding us that ninety per cent of the proceeds of sales would be coming back to Jamaica to help our own needy ex-servicemen.

JAMAICA LEGION

In keeping with these days of special significance has been the formation of the Jamaica Legion at the end of October, which took place at the Jamaica Club. The Jamaica Legion serves the purpose of protecting the interests of ex-servicemen and women in groups or individuals, and is open to all who have served for a period of three or more months. Area councils and branches will in due course be formed also.

The Legion is headed by His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Huggins, G.C.M.G., M.C., as grand patron and president; first vice president and chairman is Brigadier E. K. Page, D.S.O.; O.B.E., M.C., and other high officials in service personnel. At this first meeting the draft constitution was dealt with and amended in certain respects.

FILM NEWS

In the past week Jamaica has been having an influx of film makers all bent on very special missions. Foremost among these have been two of the executives of Kingswood Films, Mr. David Garber, vice-president and general manager, and Mr. Charles Reed, executive assistant to the president, who have come on business in connection with the company. Mr. Garber is highly experienced in all phases of film production. They have stated that the Kingswood Films are not yet ready to make any public announcement on their plans, but

their coming has at least made us know that the project has not fallen through despite the many obstacles which has been its lot.

A member of the Colonial Film Unit, Mr. W. Sellers, M.B.E., has also been here to investigate the possibility of a local film production for educational purposes. Films may be produced by this Unit at a low cost and also endeavours to train local personnel in the technique of film making. Such a training school may be set up here as has been done in parts of Africa.

Also here, but on a holiday, have been two persons once closely associated with film making, Mr. Emerson Yorke and his wife. He, in his earlier days worked for many leading Film Companies in America, as producer, director and writer of lyrics and scripts, and produced many reels of war training films.

THE Y'S

The Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. have been much in the news last week with the arrival back in the Island of Mr. E. B. Hallet, a former Secretary, who has now come back to replace Mr. Roy Barker who has left the Island to take up residence in Canada. Miss Carmen Lusan, has also returned from a year's training to fill the post of the first General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Jamaica.

A big Welcome Luncheon was given at the Y.M.C.A., for both these parties who travelled from England on the same boat, and a special welcome was also accorded Miss Lusan at the Y.W.C.A. at a function presided over by the Acting President, Mrs. E. A. Foster Davis. Miss Lusan, who has had wide experience through training and travel facilities during her time abroad should be able to handle the job she now assumes with increased capability and in view of her eager interest in the past the "Y" rests in good hands. Mr. Hallet's abilities in his post are already so widely

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known that no more need be said in his connection.

THE CIRCUS IS BACK

The Great American Circus with its performances and animals that delighted Jamaican audiences not so long ago, is once more with us and opened its shows on Tuesday of this week. It has brought back with it this time many new attractions and its acts on the trapeze, the lions and elephants and other animals will be remembered by all who attended on the last occasion as being something truly entertaining and spectacular.

An exhibition of the animals was given on Sunday last, the full proceeds of which were donated to the Wortley Home for Children.

TOURIST DISPLAYS

American magazines and papers have been giving space in recent weeks to special advertisements on Jamaica in the interests of our Tourist Trade. The New York Times of October 23rd devoted two pages to Jamaica, elaborating on the distinguished hotels throughout the special resorts in the Island. In "Redbook" and "Glamour", two literary and fashion publications of the States, Tower Isle is portrayed in both colour and black and white pictorials, a special feature article

appearing in "Glamour" by Jane Pierce, well known travel writer.

The delegates to the recent ASTA convention held in Mexico City have brought back promising accounts of all that took place and are of the opinion that devaluation will prove profitable to us in this trade.

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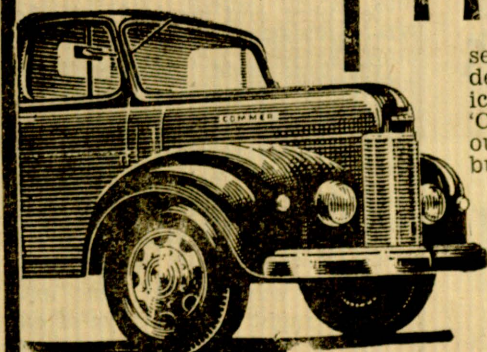
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As a result of an application made by the Rev. Walter Foster, Pastor of the Hanover Street Baptist Church to the Board of Education recently, the Board has formally submitted the application with its full support to Government for its final approval.

The Rev. Foster has seen the great need which exists among city boys who vend candies and newspapers and act as guides to places of ill repute, to receive some educational facilities that may help them to a better way of life, along the lines of some of those employed at Boys' Town.

The need for more educational facilities for all classes who should attend elementary schools is already well known since only about one half of the number can at present be dealt with in the number and space of existing schools. A building in the Hanover Street Baptist Church, erected through the effort of the Church and a grant by the St. Andrew Youth Council, stands ready to be put to such a use.

Education authorities have now been asked to assist in the provision of furniture for the school, teachers, and meals for the boys. It is fully realized that boys of the type under consideration are almost certain to develop into juvenile delinquents through their form of living, and, what is worse, into adult habitual criminals. Their only hope will be if they are taken in hand before it is too late. They must be got off the streets, schooled to some extent and taught honest ways of earning a livelihood in their adult years.

To be taught some trade that is of interest to them is also among the suggestions put forth in connection with what will be known as a Special Area School, and which will be of a specialised type to provide the proper training and environment for its in-

tended scholars. Neglected children are now known to be creating a world problem that is being dealt with by many countries, in particular the United Kingdom, the United States and Sweden, and it is expected that a Children's Authority in connection with the new Juvenile Law will be started in Jamaica under the executive secretaryship of Mr. Edgar Rodgers who has just returned from special tours in this connection.

It has been stressed by many in regard to the schooling of children that their parents are as much to blame for their non-attendance as they are, for many parents are known to keep their children at home to help them in their labours or else to send them on errands or to roam the streets to earn a few pence as best they might. Such conditions must be brought to an end as much as is possible for no good can come of this form of living for children who will be citizens of the future.

The Special Area School is a most commendable step towards solving Jamaica's problem of the neglected child.

THE ARTS IN CHINA TODAY

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troupes formed, paved the way for the great flourishing period of wartime Chinese drama.

DESPITE manifold post-war equipment shortages and other technical difficulties, the 30-year-old Chinese movie industry in the past year had several productions to its credit which augur a bright future. This was the general consensus of a group of motion picture authorities during a recent symposium in Shanghai which was sponsored by the Ta Kung Pao, China's leading independent newspaper.

Technical problems were partly overcome by painstaking and artistic efforts, they said, which accounted in large measure for such successful films as *The Barber Takes a Wife*, a light comedy, and *Tears of the Yangtze*, an epic revealing the various aspects of life during the war. While the former has chalked up the highest box office record of the Grand Theatre in Shanghai, a house usually confined to the showing of foreign-made pictures, the latter, shown in two sections of about two hours each, has been overwhelming considered the best Chinese film production of 1947.

Should the new high standard

in Chinese movie-making attained in these two pictures be kept up, Chinese films probably can be shown regularly abroad, the manager of the Grand Theatre pointed out at the meeting. "The arrival of *The Barber Takes a Wife* in London and the translation of its dialogue indicate that Chinese movies can fit into the European market," he said. "They can take over some of the market left open by the Hollywood film companies, each of which generally produced 60 to 70 films a year, but has now cut its output to around 30."

Serious and true-to-life subject matter in scenario-writing was stressed by Hung Sheng, a well-known playwright, director of plays and professor of dramatic arts. He said that the industry should constantly keep in touch with the common people, depict their conditions and deal with their problems. "While some gloom or pessimism will naturally appear, it is also necessary to instill hope in the suffering masses," he further stated. "The film, *Tears of the Yangtze*, a hit which did this, is a picture notable both for its powerful story and high box office appeal."

PARTICIPANTS in the symposium agreed that, of all post-war difficulties faced by the Chinese movie industry, that of purchasing films and other necessary equipment from abroad is the most serious. "Since Chinese motion pictures have not been an export item, foreign exchange to buy film from abroad has been increasingly hard to

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HOW BRITAIN AIDS CHINA

By V. Elizabeth Moore, M.B.E.,
General Secretary of British United Aid to China.

SINCE 1942, when British United Aid to China was inaugurated under the Presidency of Lady Cripps a constant flow of aid in money and in kind has been going to China. To date over £2,000,000 has been donated to the fund in voluntary contributions from the British people. In addition nearly £40,000 of medical supplies, gifts and equipment have been received at the Headquarters of the Fund in London and this has resulted in 70 tons of gifts, including some 500 miles of bandages and 17,000 garments being shipped to alleviate distress in China. These garments represent the untiring efforts of 811 working parties in the United Kingdom. Impressive as these figures are they do not illustrate the warm kindness and generosity which has expressed itself in this practical gesture of sympathy for the Chinese people. Indeed, the story of the many individual acts of generosity by donors in Britain would fill many volumes. Although one naturally expects to meet with much human kindness while associated with a charitable organization, I have never ceased to be overwhelmed with some new example of unselfishness and sacrifice. Sir Ralph Stevenson, the British Ambassador to China, gave an admirable picture of B.U.A.C.'s work when he spoke to members of the Canton Rotary Club recently. He said, "We have for over a century had a long and close commercial connection with China, which has been to the mutual benefit of the two countries, but the interest and friendship for China nowadays is not limited to those who trade with her, it pervades all classes of people, I think British United Aid to China is a good example of this. Since its inception in the war years it has produced more than £2,000,000 sterling for distribution in China. This has been coined almost entirely from salaries and earnings of ordinary folk in England. Such is the sympathy that village societies, factories, Women's Institutes, social clubs and such organizations scattered all over the British Isles have their penny-a-week collections. I think it is significant that it is so largely from the pennies of the people that this help for China comes."

IN the autumn of 1946 I accompanied our President, Lady Cripps, on a brief but widespread tour of China. We saw many sides of life in that country and we visited many of the institutions which were being either wholly or partly supported by British United Aid to China grants. We were more than satisfied at the way our grants had been used and it was obvious that without our aid many of these institutions would have ceased to function. One of the largest projects we visited and which had received B.U.A.C. support was the Sandan Bailie School. The school was established at Sandan in the winter of 1944-45 and is now the sole surviving Co-operative school. The others, with two exceptions, were dispersed during the war by Japanese occupation. The two exceptions are Paochi, which was bombed, and the Lanchow Bailie School which recently closed down through lack of funds. It is vitally important for Chinese industry that Sandan should remain active.

Assistance has been given by the Fund to Child Welfare projects, T. B. prevention, orthopaedic work, Blind welfare and numerous other worthy causes, many of which I had the opportunity of visiting.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek made it abundantly clear to us that it was absolutely essential that Britain should continue to give assistance to China. As the result of what we had seen and heard in China we were able to formulate plans for the future.

Apart from our moral obligations to China we have to keep faith with the many institutions receiving our support.

In addition to providing assistance to these institutions the General Council of British United Aid to China decided that support should be given to China on a "long term basis." In order to ensure the success of such a scheme it was obvious that a large amount of capital would have to be set aside, but with the numerous demands upon our limited funds, it appeared that the new scheme would rely to a large extent on the response to B.U.A.C.'s new appeal. This new appeal took the form of collections

in over 3,000 cinemas in the British Isles.

DURING the war the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association had promised Lady Cripps that when collections had been completed for home charities, an appeal for British United Aid to China would be considered. Cinema collections to aid China commenced early in January 1947. These collections entailed a considerable amount of organization and we had to enlist the services of voluntary collectors all over the country. In spite of the cruel weather which came upon us that winter (said to be the worst in 70 years) the collectors carried out their allotted tasks conscientiously. In many rural districts voluntary collectors ploughed their way through six feet of snow to attend the performances. In some cases the collectors were cut off from their homes by snowstorms. Later, in March, collectors in one eastern country's town were marooned by floods. They earned the highest commendations for their enthusiasm to gather in the precious coins. My small staff at Headquarters gave a great deal of their time to collect in London cinemas. They set an excellent example and I well remember the Sunday when they turned out in force to collect at a Leicester Square cinema. The response of the cinema going public was magnificent and the net total amounted to over £138,000.

Later in 1947, a meeting of all interested parties, including representatives of supporting organizations and the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association, was called to determine the best means of using the money to benefit China. It was finally decided that our "long term support" should take the form of a Scholarship Trust Fund. British United Aid to China made a supplementary grant to the total collected from the cinemas, thus the capital for the trust fund was assured. Since that initial meeting last year considerable progress has been made and the Trust Fund has been formed on a strong foundation. Scholarships in practical subjects, including Industrial and Social welfare, agriculture, medicine, midwifery, nursing and child welfare, are being offered to Chinese to come to Britain and study.

ANOTHER B.U.A.C. scheme which has attracted much attention both here and in China is the "Manchester Committee's T.B. project." All funds raised in

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE TALES

THE MAGIC PILLOW

By SHEN CHI-CHI

Eighth Century

Translated by Chi-chen Wang

IN the seventh year of K'ai Yuan (917 A.D.) a Taoist priest, by the name of Lu Weng, who had acquired the magic of the immortals, was travelling on the road to Hantan. He stopped at an inn and was sitting and resting with his back against his bag when he was joined in a very genial conversation by a young man named Lu Sheng, who wore a plain, short coat and rode a black colt and who had stopped at the inn on his way to the fields. After a while Lu Sheng suddenly sighed and said, looking at his shabby clothes, "It is because fate is against me that I have been such a failure in life!" "Why do you say that in the midst of such pleasant conversation?" Lu Weng said, "For as far as I can see you suffer from nothing and appear to enjoy the best of health." "This is mere existence," Lu Sheng said. "I do not call this life." "What then do you call life?" asked the priest, whereupon the young man answered, "A man ought to achieve great things and make a name for himself; he should be a general at the head of an expedition or a great minister at court, preside over sumptuous banquets and order the orchestra to play what he likes, and cause his clan to prosper and his own family to wax rich—these things make what I call life. I have devoted myself to study and have enriched myself with travel; I used to think that rank and title were mine for the picking, but now at the prime of life I still have to labour in the fields. What do you call this if not failure?"

After he finished speaking he felt a sudden drowsiness. The innkeeper was steaming some millet at the time. Lu Weng reached into his bag and took out a pillow and gave it to Lu Sheng, saying, "Rest your head on this pillow; it will enable you to fulfill your wishes." The pillow was made of green porcelain and had an opening at each end. Lu Sheng bent his head toward it and as he did so the opening grew large and bright, so that he was able to crawl into it. He found himself back home. A few

months later he married the daughter of the Tsui family of Chingho, who was very beautiful and made him exceedingly happy. His wealth increased and the number of luxuries with which he surrounded himself multiplied day by day. The following year he passed the examinations and thus "discarded his hempen coat" and joined the ranks at court. He was made a member of the imperial secretariat and had the honour of composing occasional poems at the emperor's command. After serving a term as inspector of Weinan, he was promoted to the Censorate, and made secretary in attendance. In the latter capacity he took part in the drafting of important decrees.

THEN followed a succession of provincial posts, in one of which, as the governor of Shensi, he built a canal eighty li in length, which brought so many benefits to the people of the region that they commemorated his achievement upon stone. Next he was made governor of the metropolitan district. In the same year the Emperor's campaigns against the encroaching barbarians reached a critical stage, and when the Turfan and Chulung hordes invested Kuachou and Shachou and menaced the region of the Ho and the Huang, the Emperor, in his search for new talent, made Lu Sheng associate director of the Censorate and governor-general of the Hosi Circuit. Lu Sheng routed the barbarians, killing seven thousand men. He conquered nine hundred li of territory and built three cities to guard the frontier. The people of the frontier-region built a monument on the Chuyen Mountain to commemorate his triumphal honours and was made vice-president of the Board of Civil Service and then president of the Board of Revenue. No name carried so much prestige as his and he had the universal acclaim of popular sentiment, but these incurred the jealousy of the other ministers at court and as a result of their slanderous attacks he was banished to a provincial post. Three years later, however, he was recalled to court and for more than ten years, with Hsiao Sung and P'ei Kuang-ting, he held the reins of government. Sometimes he received as many as three confidential messages from the Emperor in one day and was ever ready to assist His Majesty with his wise counsel.

Then again he fell victim to the jealousy of his colleagues. They charged him with conspiring with frontier generals to overthrow the dynasty and caused him to be thrown into prison. When the guards came to arrest him, he was stricken with terror and perplexity and said to his wife and sons: "Back in Shantung we have five hundred acres of good land, quite sufficient to keep us from cold and hunger. Why should I have sought rank and title, which in the end have only brought calamity? It is now too late to wish that I could again ride back and forth on the Hantan road as I once did, wearing my plain hempen coat!" Thereupon he drew his sword and attempted to kill himself,

but was prevented from doing so by his wife. All those implicated in the plot were executed but Lu Sheng escaped death through the intercession of one of the eunuchs in the confidence of the Emperor. His sentence was commuted to exile to Huanchou. In a few years the Emperor, having ascertained his innocence, recalled him, made him president of the Imperial Council, and gave him the title of Duke of Yenkuo.

HE had five sons, all of whom were gifted and were admitted into official ranks. They all married daughters of influential families of the time and presented him with more than ten grandchildren. And so he lived for over fifty years, during which he was twice banished to the frontier wilds only to be recalled to court, vindicated, and given greater honours than before. He was given to extravagance and was addicted to pleasures. His inner apartments were filled with dancers and beautiful women, and innumerable were the gifts of fertile lands, mansions, fleet horses, and such treasures that

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Jamaican Proverbs

Their Meaning and Significance

The Jamaican Negro in which these proverbs are written is dialect, a form of the English language that is peculiar to the West Indies. The Oxford Dictionary defines dialect in part as "a variety of language differing from the standard." As applied to the English tongue a more correct definition would be "a variety of language differing from after varieties," for apparently there is no standard of English on which any two authorities can agree. The same argument applies to dialect. The nature of any specific dialect is a reflection of group outlook the idiom which best suits a philosophy of life. Even in this our little West Indian Island group we find dialects which differ according to each island. For example, there is a purely Bahamian dialect, a purely British Guianan dialect, just as there is a purely Jamaican dialect.

De worl' ah weel!

The world is like a wheel. That is, it rotates round its axis; so does the wheel, and so too each individual. All things are liable to change in this life as the Latin classic reference to all things being sublunary mutable: (all things earthly are changeable).

When yuh fin' yussell ah bottom, hol' on tight.

When you find yourself at the bottom, hold on tightly.

This proverb is a fitting sequel to the foregoing. Which reminds me of the "Wheel of Fortune" that sometimes turns in your favour, or vice versa. You may be down and out, but never give up. Your chance may come some day. Kipling's lines on "If" have acted as a stimulus to many on the verge of losing heart.

Life lacka guango tree.

Life is like a guango tree. Throughout this island I know of no other tree that is able to withstand the battering and the wear and tear of wind and weather as this tree which was brought to the island long years ago by an unknown hand. The guango tree is found everywhere; in pastures, by the roadside, in forest lands; its towering height rising above all other trees, acting as a shade and wind break to many; its hardy trunk sawn to supply flooring boards, and dropping pods which serve as valuable fodder for animals.

Befo' pra-pra bring fight, mek grung s'nipple.

PLUTO

Pra-pra means to throw by cross step in wrestling. This amounts to a foul; and the wrestler who is found guilty of such wrong play would be liable to a penalty. The exact meaning of this proverb I can never decipher, although I have heard it from my boyhood days.

The proverb also occurs as: Before pra-pra mek quarrel, mek ground s'ripple. (See PAGODA, March 5). The remarks which I made on that occasion are repeated for the benefit of new readers:—"Pra-pra refer to the appropriation of goods; or sometimes used to mean a fall. S'ripple means slippery. Hence the meaning: Rubbing the path of provision ground with ochras to make it slippery, is sometimes resorted to so that the thief will fall down and be discovered."

By hook or by crook ah mus' succeed.

A shepherd's crook has a hook at one end. The crooked man of the nursery rhyme had a bend in his back. By fair means or foul means, I must achieve my aims, may be one meaning of this proverb. I sometimes hear a police constable say to a man under arrest who is troublesome: "Come on, you playing bad man; but by hook or by crook, you's going to jail today."

When poverty knock ah de door neygar s'mody push him in furdur.

Knock ah de door means knocks at the door; neygar s'mody means negro persons; furdur means further.

Inconsideration is one of the failings of some negro characters, due no doubt to lack of proper training. Instead of relieving the poverty-stricken ones the tendency has often been to aggravate the situation in a variety of ways.

Ef yuh hab something yuh wi always fin' something.

If you have (possess) something, you will always find (realize) something. The proverb envisages no chance getting; nor does it encourage idleness or indolence. If it is even a kitchen garden which you make in your backyard, it will prevent you from going without some necessary ingredient for an evening meal and comes in like a "surprise packet," just to mention one homely example.

the Emperor bestowed upon him.

When advanced age made him wish to retire from court life, his petition were repeatedly refused.

When at last he fell ill, emissaries sent by the Emperor to inquire after his condition follow-

ed upon one another's heels and there was nothing left undone that eminent physicians could do. But all was in vain and one night he died, whereupon he woke up with a start and found himself lying as before in the roadside inn, with Lu Weng sitting by his side and the millet that his host was cooking still not yet done. Everything was as it had been before he dozed off. "Could it be that I have been dreaming all this while?" he said, raising to his feet. "Life as you would have it is but like that?" said Lu Weng. For a long while the young man reflected in silence, then he said, "I now know at last the way of honour and disgrace and the meaning of poverty and fortune, the reciprocity of gain and loss and the mystery of life and death, and I owe all this knowledge to you. Since you have thus designed to instruct me in

the vanity of ambition, dare I refuse to profit thereby?" With this he bowed profoundly to Lu Weng and went away.

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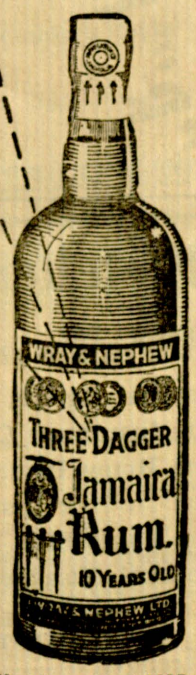
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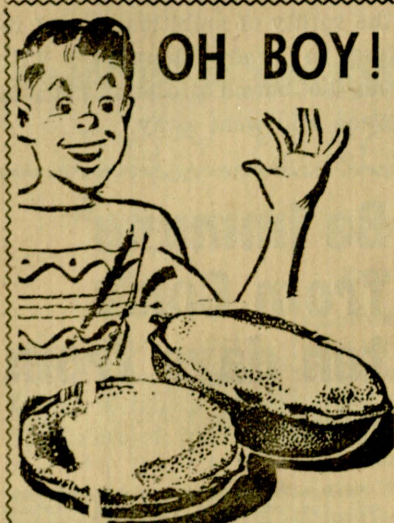
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"Life without freedom is like a body without a spirit
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Which neither vanish nor pass away."

Kahlil Gibran:
"Revelation."

WALES

"Though you are missing from the shelf
Where your family coffins rot in the vault,
Your cross is on the church wall decorated with a button or two from your coat.
So the children coming with the hymn
books in their hands see that you died
for liberty or some cause and hang above where the parish mag is displayed.
Though there is nothing of you but the buttons,
those on the cricket team you taught to bowl
remember you; the girls you looked aside from
lest you became entangled, married now
look beyond their soiled husbands, remember you well.
Though you left no child, nor a wife
nor ploughed land save once on leave
as relaxation; though the parson leaving
his church in a hurry now never sees
your cross, yet given a proper occasion the man
could preach a sermon on your dying that would make
futile in comparison the longest life."

Nigel Heseltine:
"Hero of the Village."

POT POURRI OF THOUGHT

AMERICA

"The soul selects her own society,
Then shuts the door;
On her divine majority
Obtrude no more.
Unmoved, she notes the chariot's pausing
At her low gate,
Unmoved, an emperor is kneeling
Upon her mat.
I've known her from an ample nation
Choose one;
Then close the valves of her attention
Like stone."

Emily Dickenson:
"Exclusion."

FRANCE

"If they want peace, nations
should avoid the pin-pricks that precede cannon-shots"

Napoleon.

ENGLAND

"The war-drum throb'd no longer,
and the battle flags were furl'd,
In the parliament of man, the
federation of the world".

Lord Tennyson:
"Locksley Hall."

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CHINA

"How swiftly it dries,
The dew on the garlic-leaf,
The dew that dries so fast
To-morrow will fall again.
But he whom we carry to the grave
Will never more return."

Anon. 1st Century
"Burial Song."

RUSSIA

I said to the cuckoo: "Till I die
Tell me how many years must pass?"
Pines were waving in the sky,
Yellow light fell on the grass.
Came no answer: all was still
In that leafy place,
As I walked home the wind blew chill
On my burning face.

Anna Akhmatova.

PALESTINE

"They shall beat their swords into
ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning
hooks:
Nation shall not lift up sword
against nation
neither shall they learn war any-
more."

Isaiah. 11.4

JAMAICA

"I look upon the latest land
Where, without pleasant tear or
laugh,
Pacific spirits in armistice stand
Above a cenotaph
The living who made history
Sound the slow bugle and the
drum,
Casting their wreaths before the
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That hangs the world to come."

Louis Simpson:
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PERSONS PLACES THINGS

By Old Joe.

PERSONS

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of nearly a century ago, I now
deal with more drawbacks to pro-
gress in addition to those dealt
with in the issue of October
29th.

Special Note: The date in
bracket following a name refers
to the year in which the Mission-
ary took up work in Jamaica.

The year 1870 was an important
year, as it brought the added re-
lief to the Baptist and the other
Free Churches in the island of
their being placed on a footing of
complete equality with the hither-
to State-endowed Episcopal
Church. The resolutions of the
Baptist Union upon this matter
give so vivid a picture of that event
in its historical setting that they
may suitably be quoted in full.

Resolved—1. "That the atten-
tion of the members of this Board,
(referring to the annual Union
Meeting held in Kingston that
year), having been called to the
fact that since their last annual
meeting the Episcopal Church in
this Colony has been disestablish-
ed and disendowed, they now re-
cord the pleasure they feel in
witnessing the termination of a
contest in which they, in a con-
stitutional manner, have been
engaged during a period of
twenty-six years, a contest pub-
licly commenced in a petition to
the late House of Assembly in the
year 1843, when sentiments were
cherished and language was used
against the petitioners of the
most unjustifiable character. Con-
scious, however, of the rectitude
of their motives and conduct, and
in spite of misrepresentations
and calumnies they persevered in
the use of legitimate means, and
now have the satisfaction of
knowing that they and their
people are not only regarded as
peaceable, obedient and loyal sub-
jects, but they are rewarded in
seeing their efforts crowned with
success."

2. "That the members of this
Board rejoice to know that the
view and sentiments they have
ever entertained, (the holding of
which was preferred against them
as a grave offence at the Colonial

Office), are now cherished and
advocated by the most enlight-
ened and most eminent statesmen
that perhaps Great Britain ever
produced, as may be seen in the
measure of justice on this subject
dealt out toward Ireland, and
they now rejoice that under these
statesmen, and with Sir J. P. P.
Grant as Governor, the question
of the severance of Church and
State is forever settled. That the
grateful thanks of this Board
are most respectfully tendered
to the Right Honourable the Earl
of Granville, Secretary of State
for the Colonies, and to the other
members of Her Majesty's Gov-
ernment in Great Britain; also
to His Excellency Sir J. P. Grant,
Governor of this island for the
great blessings which this act
of justice will confer on Her
Majesty's subjects in this Colony,
and which they believe will pro-
mote harmony and the best in-
terests of true religion."

PLACES

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but hikers who are skilled in
mountain climbing cover this dis-
tance in a much shorter time.
Many people who are new to
beautiful surroundings are in-
clined to linger at shaded spots
below the slopes ahead of them.
Anyone in normal health can ride
or walk to the summit, and no
special clothing or equipment is
necessary apart from strong
shoes, and the warm apparel that
is usual for mountain climbing.
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ston, is reached by motor car
along a spectacular road in de-
lightful scenery. The car can be
garaged at Mavis Bank, where rid-
ing mules or ponies meet the
traveller, and pack mules await his
knapsack. Half-way between
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Peak. It is surely a worthwhile
district for the botanist, geologist
or the holiday-maker. Only one
word can describe the view from
the Peak: it is "wonderful!" The
stiffness and soreness that the
hiker usually experiences for a
few days after, is more than com-
pensated for by this view from
which can be seen both Kingston
Harbour the South coast and
Port Antonio on the North coast.

THINGS

CHARMS AND THE CHARMER
(Continued from last issue)
What follows have been told to

me by one who knows. I have
no personal knowledge of them.

Classes of Charms — A bag of
crow beads worn on the chest
wards off evil influences. Three
feathers from a young parrot's
breast bring luck if tied together
and kept in one's purse. A parch-
ment packet with three grains of
corn, seven grains of black pepper
and some sweet smelling incense
holds one's sweetheart or spouse
for life. Ashes from a pod of
"woman tongue," (a Jamaican
shrub), protects one from gossip-
pers. The shell of the first egg
of a white hen, worn in a pouch
close to the skin, prevents illness.
Hair shorn from a dog's back,
placed in a tin can and buried in
the centre of a field, wards off
thieves.

These are simpler charms which
one can get at little or no cost.
A red bead around the neck of a
small child insures immunity
from ghostly interference. For
babies, a cross made with a bar
of laundry blue serves the same
purpose. A cashew seed in a bit
of string tied around a pup's neck
prevents mumps.

THE ARTS IN CHINA TODAY

(Continued from page 8)

get," H. Shelley Lowe, a movie
producer, pointed out. He urged
that the Government increase
foreign exchange quotas for ne-
cessary materials from abroad,
and that at the same time suc-
cessful Chinese productions be
shown in other countries to get
foreign exchange.

Likewise detrimental to the
proper growth of post-war Chi-
nese movies is the dumping of
Hollywood films on the China
market and the large number of
theatres now under the control
of foreign motion picture com-
panies in Shanghai, the Chinese
movie authorities said. While
the great popularity now enjoyed
by foreign-made films could be
gradually won over through the
production of equally good domes-
tic pictures, theatres at present
confined to the showing of foreign
movies should, through the Gov-
ernment's help, be made ac-
cessible to Chinese films, it was
urged.

"Today, there are less than 200
movie theatres throughout the
country and to place China's mo-
tion picture industry on a firmer
basis, 5,000 theatres are neces-
sary," said Mr. Lo Ching-yu,
director of the China Movie
Studio.

Equally undesirable, it was gen-
erally admitted, is the current
practice of making the appear-
ance of actors and actresses count
more than their acting ability.
The establishment of actor train-
ing classes was recommended,
plus assistance to Chinese spoken
drama now almost stagnant,
which is a good source of acting
talent. The importance of educa-
tional films and those made ex-
clusively for children was also
emphasized.

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TALKING IT OVER

with Elizabeth Martin

Dear Miss Martin:

I am an ardent reader of your column and I am sure many persons must have benefitted from the advice you give them.

I would like you to help me out with what I am about to ask you. If there is any charge please let me know.

I am in love with a nice girl, 20 years of age. I haven't seen her in person but she sent me a snapshot and I judge from it that she is a very charming person. I have been writing her regularly for a few weeks. She has replied to all my letters and she also has spoken of her fondness for me (I sent her my snapshot in return). She has promised to meet me next month (December). I am naturally looking forward to this meeting very much and would like to ask you how I should prepare to meet her. (I am also 20 years of age.)

C. C. L.

Dear C. C. L.

Please do not think that either of you can be seriously in love with the other until you have met and got to really know each other.

There is little that I can suggest that you do to meet this young lady. Perhaps if she is staying in town for a while you might be permitted to take her to dinner, or to a show.

The little hints that you require, I think you will find in one of our recent issues in which I told a young man how to be popular with the ladies. Strict attention to manners dress, courtesy and thoughtfulness is all that is required to make a good impression on anyone.

A last word, just be your own natural self, don't try to put on a show which you cannot keep up, and which may give the lady a wrong impression and probably be a source of disappointment to her later. Good luck.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I wish through your column for some advice to my problem. Mine is an unusual one, but I hope you will help me out.

I am still in my teens, but I'm very thin. Although I eat a lot, do regular exercise every night, I cannot gain any weight.

I would like to develop myself, so I'm writing you for some ad-

vice. Do you think taking "Scott's Emulsion" or "Ferrol" will build me up? I want to add some fat to my skin and bones.

I am,
Thin One.

Dear Thin One,

Your problem has been answered in this column several times. So when you have not a problem of your own read it regularly, for often it contains a hint that may help you.

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—Patience Strong.

that one eats that helps to fatten, but the type of food. Lots of cream, milk and eggs. Butter and porridge. Also make sure that the exercises you do are not too strenuous. They should be slow rhythmic and tend to build up your muscles rather than break them down. Swimming, as I have said before in this column, helps tremendously. Another point, night is not the best time for you to exercise. You need all the rest

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you can get. Exercising when you are tired is not good. Try doing them early in the morning, before an open window, and end up with a few deep breathing exercises. If you look back through the older copies of this column, you will see that I suggested certain exercises and certain foods.

Whatever you do, don't worry as that will only help to keep you thin. You could try taking Cod Liver Oil, or maybe your doctor would suggest some special tonic that might help.

E. M.

Dear Miss E. M.,

I am perplexed very much by an ingrown toenail. I know you are not a physician, but maybe you can help me with any little hint that you know can cure this terrible thing. I would be grateful if you can help me out with this awful pain I am bearing.

W. C.

Dear W. C.

There are just one or two little things that you might try for

that uncomfortable toenail. Try cutting it straight across without curving the corners. Then pack a tiny piece of cotton wool under each corner to keep it away from the flesh. Some people find this very effective. If this does not work, then try cutting a deep V in the middle of the nail so that it will tend to grow that way rather than into the flesh. The nail should be kept as clean as possible, for accumulation of dead skin and cuticle under the nail tends to make it uncomfortable. If you still do not get any relief I suggest that you ask your doctor to attend to it.

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IN PARENTHESIS

Love is the delusion that one girl differs from another.

An open mind is all very well in its way, but it ought not to be so open that here is no keeping anything in or out of it.

In a small town there was a commotion. It appears that a wire had fallen across the main street and holding up all traffic. No one dared to touch it in case it should be "live."

The news reached the editor of the local paper and he acted promptly.

"Send down two reporters," he ordered; "one to touch the wire and the other to write up the story."

"You seem to know a lot about farmers' difficulties," said a voice from the back of the hall. "May I ask you a question?"

"Certainly," replied the candidate.

"How can you tell a bad egg?" went on the voice.

The candidate waited until the laughter had died away, and then replied: "If I had anything to tell a bad egg, I think I should break it gently."

Little Jack Horner,
Sat in a corner,
Waiting his turn to sign.
Not being dumb,
He held out his thumb,
Now he's citizen
One-O-Nine.

"Well, my son, what did you learn in Sunday school today?"

"We learned all about a cross-eyed bear."

"About a what?"

"Yes, sir, named Gladly. We learned a song about him: all about 'Gladly, the cross I'd bear'."

They had plighted their troth and were talking things over. They both decided to be quite unlike other married couple — forbearing and long-suffering and patient with each other.

"No!" said the man. "I shall not be like other husbands, who get cross and bang things about if the coffee is cold!"

"If you ever did," said the girl sweetly, "I would make it hot for you!"

And the man wondered what she meant.

A budget is a method of worrying about money before you spend it.

A man called at a village post office for a registered letter which he knew would be awaiting him. The letter was there, but the clerk demurred at handing it over, as he had no means of identifying the caller. The caller took a photograph of himself from his pocket, remarking:

"I think that ought to satisfy you as to who I am."

The clerk looked long and earnestly at the portrait, and then said:

"Yes, that's you, right enough. Here's your letter."

As the man was twisting his radio dial, he felt a sudden sharp pain in his back.

"Oh," he cried, "I think I'm getting lumbago."

"Why bother to listen?" asked his wife. "You won't be able to understand a word of it."

A pedestrian is a person who failed to keep up payments on his automobile.

He was unaware of the eccentricities to be found in the wild West when he entered what seemed to be the only hotel in the place. After ushering him to a table and giving the stranger a glass of ice water, the waiter inquired: "Will you have sausages on toast?"

"No; I never eat 'em," the guest replied.

"In that case," said the waiter, "dinner is over."

Landlady — "What do you think the poet meant when he said, 'The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen'?"

Boarder — "Hash, probably."

"Waiter!"

"Yes, sir."

"What's this?"

"It's bean soup, sir."

"No matter what it's been. What is it now?"

"Very well, Thomas," said the lady of fashion to a prospective butler, "I shall employ you."

"Thank you, madam."

"Oh, yes — one more thing. I am not accustomed to address members of the staff by their Christian names, Thomas. What did you say your surname was?"

"Darling, madam."

"Er — that will be all for now, Thomas."

Error is very well so long as we are young, but we must not drag it with us into old age.



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REFRESHING WINDS

By Gay.

THE highlights of primitive man's life were always accompanied by spirits of some kind. There were no complicated scientific explanations for events then; there were only good and bad spirits that caused everything. The sun and rain and earth, especially, were brimming with living spirits. What else could make the great mysteries that were able to give or take life? Did you want birth and death and mating and all such vital events to run smoothly? Then, by all means and at any costs, appease the spirits in whose hands they lay.

Today, with all our scientific understanding, there might still be a time when it would be wise to "appease the spirits."

When you know a friend does not like a certain kind of food, would you deliberately serve him that kind of food? Certainly not. Then why don't you take the same pains to appease the things of his mind while you are in his company? If you know his religious and political views are different from yours, then don't

deliberately serve him up a dish full of your own views. He couldn't be forced into accepting your views, anyway, and you might as well let him have his own viewpoint in peace.

If you, yourself, were positive that a certain kind of food made you ill, would you deliberately eat that food? If you were wise, you would not. There is a certain amount of appeasing to be done to your own "spirits." If you know you have been working yourself half to death, give your body and mind a much-needed rest. Have the sense to know when to "appease the spirits" of any events you want to run smoothly. Each person knows his own capacity for work and play, for serious work, for study, for relaxation, and it is foolish to ignore this capacity. When you've had enough play, then appease the spirits of work, when you've worked your fingers or thoughts down to mere nubbins, then by all means find a way to appease the spirits of play.

If you have a legitimate fear—

or perhaps cautious feeling is a better word — regarding some project or some relationship, then appease this impression. Study the thing at hand from all angles, be wary, consider just why you have felt this way, and by all means investigate. You might find there was nothing at all to justify your cautious attitude and then it is quite safe to go ahead with your plans; but on the other hand, your investigation might lead to more firm knowledge of the folly of the plan and you could wisely abandon it. Appease the spirits of your caution and save yourself a great deal of future trouble.

And if you have a legitimate burst of courage — or perhaps an optimistic feeling is a better word for that — concerning something you want very much to do or have, then by all means, appease the spirits of this courage. Study this from all angles, too, and if it measure up, in good part, to your optimistic view, then dash forward with all the strength and ardour of your being to fulfill this wish of yours. This is part of the adventure of living: to the new thing, the different thing, the thing that, secretly, you have been longing to do for ever so long! Even if it shouldn't work out according to your highest plans, never regret it. As long as you were doing the thing you wanted to do, you were living!

If there comes a momentary highlight of philanthropic thoughts to your mind, then appease those spirits of kindness. Go ahead and do the thing you have just idly been considering. Too often we waste these momentary outpourings of beneficence on the human race simply because we don't act at once. Too often we let kindness and love and sympathy slip back within ourselves when the world is crying out for the need of those very things. Appease your own spirit of kindness while at the same time appeasing the needs of the world. Don't wait until a neighbour is dead before telling him nice things about himself, do it now. Don't wait until a loved one has gone away before you start appreciating him or her, do it now.

If you have a sudden spurt of imagination of one kind or another, appease this imagination. If you want to change old habits or you're tired of last year's hair-do or the rut you've gotten into, appease those little spirits of imagination and let them act as bravely as they please. It might bring a whole series of new events to your life, who knows? At any rate, we might learn something from our ancestors we've never learned before if we just appease those active little spirits in whose hands our events lay!

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THE YALLAHS VALLEY

By Wilbert E Hemming

DOWN in the gullet of the hills between the parishes of St. Thomas on the east and St. Andrew westward there is a yawning valley. Similar in nature and physical features to the now voluptuous banks of the Tennessee of America this sprawling tract of land is the Yallahs Valley. Blue marble pebbles, crystal sands and yellow loam from the hillsides lend it a fallowed facial, but by no means make it forever a barren valley.

This broad stretch of land falls flat from way up under the Green River ascent. Its adjacent slopes skate and slide when it rains, and the steep mountainsides jump down by avalanches when it pours, leaving the soil to somersault seaward in turbulent waters of the Yallahs River, reeling onward as a jovial drunkard. There are small villages, thatched, wattled and daubed and stand like meagre sentries on the river bank. These districts are Robertsfield, Penline Castle, Mount Charles and Hagley Gap. Towering above them in majestic eminence, are the shoulders of the Blue Mountain which narrowed up at Abbey Green into a slim statue and sharpened into a pinnacle at the Peak.

The Yallahs Valley and its surrounding slopes are not dead. There are good things to come out of them and Government now has a scheme to make the dry valley as fertile as the TVA of America. Just when this will take shape, depends largely on the colony's financial condition in the coming years. It is proposed to put into operation, a Farm Implement scheme steered by the Jamaica Agricultural Society, and plough-shears will slash the eroded soil into fertile furrows.

BUT this is not all. On the Mahogany Vale, there is standing for ages, a costly iron bridge which spans the Yallahs River at its broadest point. This structure remains unconquerable though all other structures built across its course are carried down stream by Yallahs' swollen waters. For this reason Government, for many years, forfeited its plans to reconstruct the bridge and lead a junction highway from St. Thomas to eastern St. Andrew. But after careful consideration, it has been decided to resuscitate the idea and build the road which is estimated to cost £70,000. This

roadway will be built, reports say, sometime in 1953.

Over this very highway will roll industrial vehicles, passing through the YV-Association's farm-lands, and reaching out to a paper factory which may be erected in the vicinity of Abbey Green, if the road goes through. Of all the proposals, however, is the golden prospects of mining in the Yallahs Valley. Scientists and local engineers have found parts of the hillsides bulging with iron ore, slate and copper. And large portions have already escaped down the course of the river whose prodigious bodies of water are responsible for delivering in the sea, some ninety-nine per cent of eroded soil from that region.

Opinions conflict, nevertheless, that mining of any sort should be recommended for this area. The reason is that denudation for years has left the areas one vast cascade. How well could mining be done without destroying the hillsides and the low-lying land, was one of the subjects put down for consideration at a Mining and Mineral Conference which should have been held two years ago by local Engineers. Behind this move, were Messrs Edward Henry Fagan, MHR for eastern St. Andrew, C. A. Adams and accredited representatives of the Lands Department. The conference did not take place as scheduled, as certain persons in the Government thought it unworkable. But Engineer Adams, is still of the opinion that the mineral wealth in the hills of St. Andrew, concentrating on the Yallahs Valley, ranges from iron to gold, and should be explored and tapped at all cost.

ALL these views did not meet everybody including officials in the Colonial Office. The latest news from sources in London state that it was impossible to do soil erosion in the Blue Mountain hills. In the first instance, it would cost 17 million pounds sterling, so said the Department of Agriculture. Mention of this frightful and fabulous figure drove fear into the hearts of the authorities, and the last suggestion made by the Colonial Office, indicated the cultivation of Black Wattle bark over the whole area. Purpose of this product would be three-fold. It would provide soil conservation measures

on the one hand, dye and, afforestation on the other.

So the Yallahs Valley of Jamaica, will be roped into an association of activities, designed to yield lasting profits. If the dry white stones that ribbed the hillsides, will hug the yellow loam long enough or, until the black wattle bark trees seedlings are imported and planted, the white cascades will fade away beneath clustering black shades. On the flat lands, the squeaking plough blades will turn up the hitherto barren crust of earth into inviting fallow. And into the distant air, smoke stack or chimneys may spire black soot from rural industries. Then will the Yallahs Valley arouse from its years of un-stirred sleep, and shake off its garment of marbles and sand, into an abundant harvest of bran and gold.

HOW BRITAIN
AIDS CHINA

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Manchester to aid China are located to assist this project which is devoted to fighting tuberculosis among Chinese students in China. This is indeed a very worthy cause and Manchester's contribution has been of very great value in China's battle against her "chief enemy."

Sheffield has made a fine contribution by raising sufficient funds to buy two ambulances. The ambulances have already been shipped to China. One has gone to the St. Luke's Hospital in Putien, Fukien, South China have nothing but geniuses.

the other to the Union Hospital in Hankow.

Birmingham too, is making a magnificent effort in providing a seat of learning at the West China Union University. To finance this Birmingham will need to raise £600 annually and it is heartening to know that the first amount of £600 has already been granted. Birmingham's effort is a joint one organized by British United Aid to China and the China Christian Universities Association.

I could go on mentioning examples where support continues and where realization exists that assistance to China must go on. B.U.A.C. frequently receives large sums of money from organizations in Britain who wish the money to be transferred and earmarked for a particular project in China. By taking advantage of B.U.A.C.'s excellent facilities they ensure security and a high rate of exchange. But it is the support of the general public that will determine the amount of aid we can give to China. It is largely in their hands whether the institutions in China which are doing excellent work are permitted to continue or to close down. Yes we rely on the generous "pennies of the people." If their support is given with the same generosity as in the past we have no cause for concern and China's dark present will give way to a bright future to which we in Britain will have made a proud contribution.

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HEALTH FOR ALL

Whooping Cough

Whooping cough causes more deaths in children under five years of age than measles, diphtheria and scarlet fever combined. Dangerous in itself, the aftermath may be even more serious. Bronchitis, bronchopneumonia, pleurisy and pulmonary tuberculosis may follow unless the child is carefully guarded.

Epidemics of whooping cough occur most frequently in winter and early spring. Children from one to 10 are most likely to catch the highly infectious disease, although babies and older people often have very serious and even fatal attacks. The great danger lies in the fact that the early symptoms can easily be mistaken for a simple cold. The child may have a runny nose, a dry cough and only slight fever. Yet in this early stage whooping cough is most infectious. A child with these symptoms should be kept at home and watched closely. If the cold does not soon clear up, a doctor should be consulted. Unrecognized cases in which the characteristic whoop never ap-

pears are the ones which spread the disease.

In a typical case, the cough will become more intense after a week or 10 days. The child does not draw breath between a series of short coughs. He chokes over the thick sputum or phlegm and then draws in the breath deeply, making the whoop. Attacks occur on an average of 20 times a day, most often at night. Paroxysms of sneezing may take the place of coughing.

The child often vomits at the end of a fit of coughing. This may happen so often that he does not get enough food and becomes emaciated. It is well to give food in small amounts immediately after the attack. More serious complications that may occur are haemorrhages and convulsions. These occasionally are so severe that they cause sudden death. The doctor will prescribe the proper treatment or medicines. Fresh air day and night is important, as the paroxysms get worse in a close, dusty or too cold atmosphere. The child should be kept in bed if the coughing is severe or if there is fever.

After three or four weeks the attacks become lighter and stop.

A case of ordinary severity lasts usually about six weeks. However, the cough sometimes persists for months and the child remains weak and delicate. It is in this period that he should be watched with greatest care because of the danger of chest complications due to weakened resistance. Bronchopneumonia may develop suddenly. Exposure to tuberculosis germs may result in a serious, even quickly fatal attack of that disease.

Immunization is the best protection against whooping cough. If given at least three months before exposure, the vaccine will usually prevent the disease in 85 per cent of children. In others who are vaccinated, the attack will be much less severe. Doctors advise that the vaccine be given to all children between four months and three years of age.

In the next article, a recently discovered drug used in treating certain diseases will be discussed.

Policeman (calling up station) — "A man has been robbed down here, and I've got one of them." Chief — "Which one have you?"

Policeman — "The man that was robbed."



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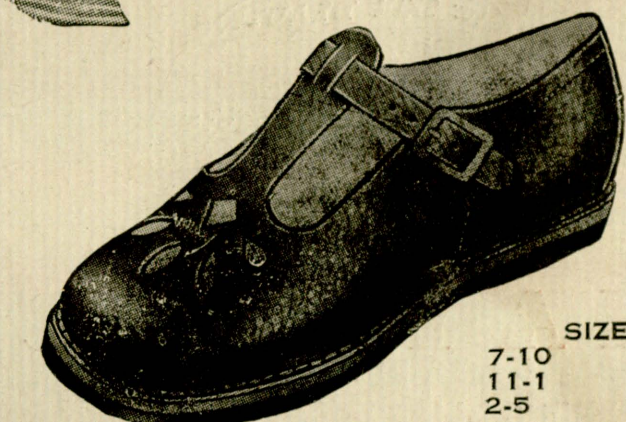
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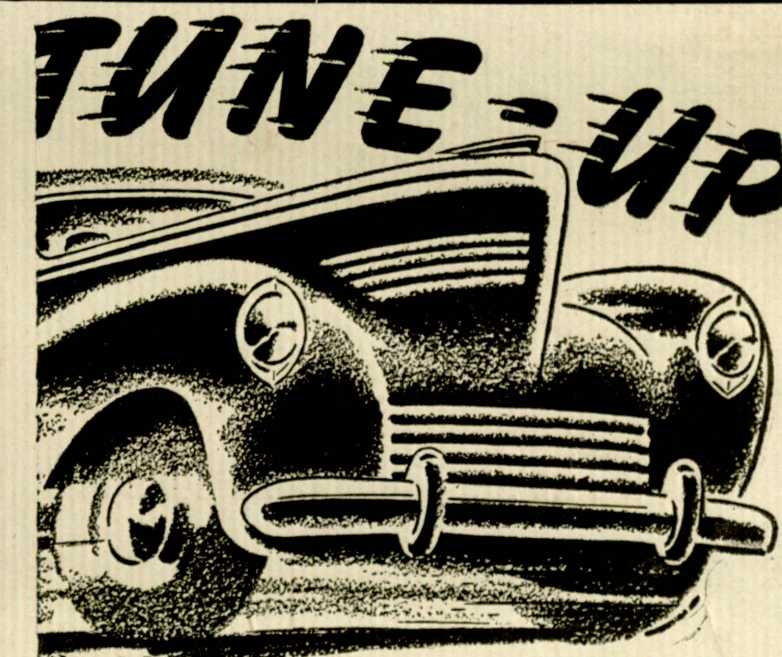


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