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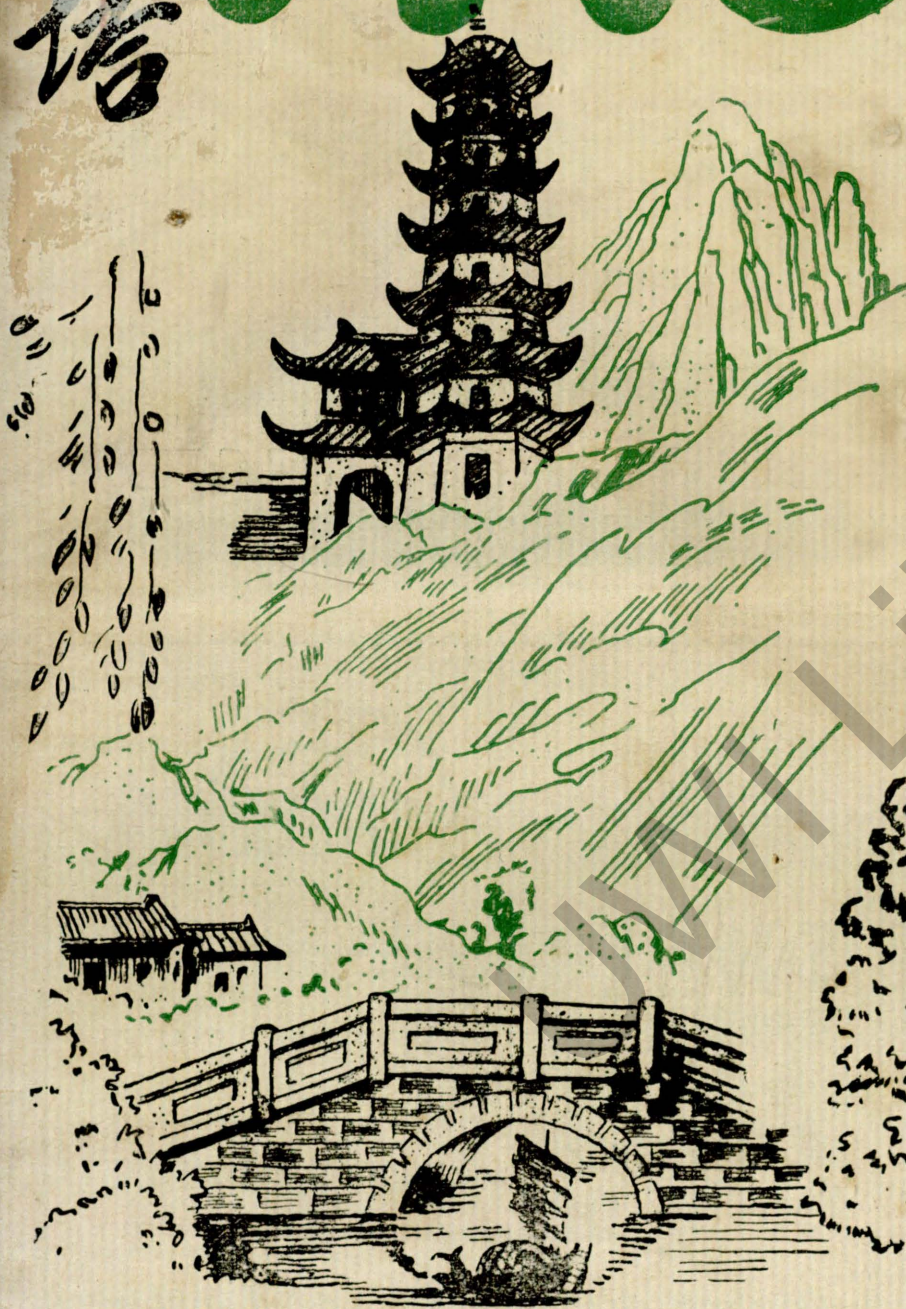
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THE DOUBLE SEVENTH

By PIONEER

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THE Chinese arrange their seasons more logically than Westerners do, as the latter seem dependent on the time lag of the heating of the earth by the sun's rays. Their midsummer is six weeks after the conclusion of the Spring, whilst the longest day is June 23, only two days after summer officially begins. The "Double Seventh," which falls this year on August 20, is the Li Chiu or beginning of Autumn, when in the north the first cool breeze comes as a relief after the intolerable heat of the Dog Days. This, in ancient days was the signal for women in temperate climates to start preparing warm clothing against the winter, and the return of cattle to the barns from the summer grazing grounds.

Prior to undertaking any fresh enterprise it is customary in China to make prayers, and oblations to the Patron Saint, who in this case is the Star Goddess in Lyra, who lives separated from her cowherd husband in the constellation Aquila, by the broad channel of the Milky Way. On this night they are permitted by the Gods to reunite, by means of a bridge formed by magpies, and crows, and the annual meeting of the lovers is celebrated on earth by services in which only women may take part.

Weaving Lady, who is enshrined in Lyra, was the most beautiful of the seven daughters of the Kitchen God. She it was who wove the cloud garments for the Celestial Hierarchy and, as these were transient, her services were indispensable. The only alternative conclusion is that the divinities were as much the slaves of fashion as their earthly subjects. She was a spinster, in more senses than one and, on one of her descents from Heaven, she fell in love. The object of her adoration was a lad who, not being high up in his profession, was only entrusted with the care of a single cow. The beast, however, was not without merits, for she was a magical cow, with hair like spun gold, and the gift of speech. Seeing the Seven Sisters bathing she revealed their identity to the cowherd, and counselled him to steal the clothes of the best looking, which would make her earth-bound, and an eligible consort.

A promise of immortality decided the cowherd to follow the advice of his charge, and he succeeded in securing the red robe of the President of the Weaving Guild. On emerging from the water, the lady's natural modesty precluded her from

following her sisters' flight through space, and the attractions of the lad decided her to cut her loss, and stay where she was. They married, and would have lived happily ever afterwards, had not the Queen of Heaven taken a hand in their affairs. This lady, deprived of a new dress for three years, ordered the Weaver back to her loom, and the task of designing the "New Look" for the Gods, who were getting rather shabby.

The Cowherd, left with two star children (small stars close to Vega), got tired of baby sitting, and mourned so bitterly that the cow laid down her life for him and, wrapped in her skin, he ascended into Heaven as the Star Altar. This reunion was by no means pleasing to the Queen of Heaven, who scented further clothes rationing from restrictive practices in the industry, so she took her hairpin and traced in the skies a broad river between them. This is the Milky Way, the source of the Yellow River.

The two lovers, separated by the impassable stream, submitted a petition to the Jade Emperor who, having a man's affection for an old coat, decreed that they might meet once a year on the seventh night of the seventh moon. The Queen of Heaven declined to do anything about the river, so the lovers would have been no better off had not the magpies taken pity on them and flown to form a bridge of wings across the raging torrent. Their tears on parting are the heavy showers usually prevalent at this time of year. It is alleged that no magpies are seen after 12 o'clock on this date, and that those who refuse to take part in the bridging operation are afflicted with scabies.

THE festival is observed only by women, and, in the south at all events, only by those who are unmarried. In the olden days, when expense was no object, elaborate offering tables were spread for the Star Goddess, with clay figures of men, beasts, and fruit. In modern usage water-melons, cakes, and paper replicas of feminine toilet articles are substituted. These are laid out on table in the hall which is brightly illuminated. After a series of bows, the paper objects are thrown on the roof for the use of the Goddess, and the cakes and fruit are distributed among the children. Women, especially the unmarried girls, embroidered slippers, and silk garments as offerings at this festival, and some lay a threaded needle among the gifts.

At midnight the unmarried girls go to draw water, which is poured into large earthenware vessels, arranged round the mouth of the well. After an invocation to the Goddess to bestow on it medicinal properties, the jars are sealed and set aside to be opened only in case of illness. A bonfire of richly embroidered garments terminates the festival.

The Weaver is emblematic of happy married life, and the gift of sons, what petitions for these blessings are remarkably efficacious. She is also the protectress of orphaned girls.

THERE are many variants of the tale, which, resembles a Hans Andersen Fairy story, the above being from the account of the philosopher Hual Nan Tzu, and it is the theme of many paintings. It has also been dramatised under the name of Tien Ho P'ei, which is played frequently during the first days of the Seventh Moon.

If rain falls just before the time due for the meeting, the magpies are unable to form the bridge, and the Chinese believe that the heavenly pair, Niu Lang, and Chih Nu, are weeping because their reunion is delayed for another year.

The day is one of omens for the seamstress, and girls are wont to lay a needle on the surface of a bowl of pure water at dawn in the open air of the courtyard.

The shadow, cast by the oblique rays of the sun on the curved surface, indicate whether she will be skilful or not at her embroidery. Proficiency is indicated by the form of a leaf or a flower, whilst clumsiness is portrayed by a streak, thick at one end, and thin at the other.

Spiders, caught and imprisoned in boxes, indicate by their industry, or lack of it, whether the omens are propitious. A web like a cloud, or blossom is an emblem of success. It would seem that a knowledge of entomology would be desirable for such a test, as many hunting spiders would stage a sit-down strike till they were due for the Old Age pension. The Japanese, who borrowed the myth from China, like everything else they did not steal, call the Weaver the "Spider Princess."

THE toilet offerings consist of hair flowers, a powder puff, mirror, comb, and a pair of bangles. In Peking only Chih Nu herself is honoured, but in the south no risks

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THE COMMON TOUCH

By S. H. C.

FEW of us escape the common touch. There was a time when you would have to search high and low to find it. Today you recognise it by a gleam in the eye, a twitch of the hand or a bit of nervousness in the approach. Indeed, you may walk with king's, but brother, you don't stand a duck's chance of losing the common touch. Like the air you breathe, it is around you. With the certainty of income tax, it comes one day knocking at your door. And you can't escape it by running away.

The common touch is more commonly known, simply, as the 'touch'. Translated into our modern vernacular, it is the name applied to our system of approaching our fellow man with a view to temporarily sharing with him his hard-earned portion of this World's goods. There is a certain ritual that must precede the request. Courtesy demands it.

If a straight line is the acknowledged shortest distance between two points, then, I would suggest that the longest distance between any two points, is payday. The thin pay envelope has a way of evaporating with a rapidity that makes even methylated spirits seem like a very stable product. For the common or garden man the pay check is the very thin wall that separates him from his creditors. It is a frail means of staving off the hungry hordes, and an accepted plan for stalling off the little men who wave little slips of paper while he is on his way back to his desk, checking the money.

IN return for what had seemed a fairly fat roll, to look at things for a moment with the unprejudiced eye of an employer, the poor chap seems to have but one well worn, dog-eared picture in this mind's eye. The portrait of two slips of paper, properly stamped. A receipt for the mortgage instalment, and one for the income tax. Fluttering, but with growing insistency in the immediate background, are little slips which are identifiable as receipts too; for the grocer, for the trades people who deal with you at your doorstep, for the Light and Power, for the Furniture, for the Water. And these are only visions, for where hard cash is concerned, they never seem to come close

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enough to the pay check, to get paid. So what's a fellow to do?

Well, you can hardly creep upon a man on payday. Not when he's just, like yourself, been paid. No fair, chum! But what about Saturday morning? Are you crazy? Just when he's had to send to the market, and straighten out the little financial odds and ends which were hanging like untidy thread ends from the hem of the past week's little jaunts and flutters? Man, be your age. But then, Sunday's out. So Monday? Alright! If he's got so much money that there's still some left over for the week ahead, then he deserves to have it taken off him. The idea now begins to take on stature. The chin goes out in determination. There now, that familiar gleam steals to the eyes. A mental straightening of the shoulders, and they're off! Down the stretch he goes. Pacing the last half-mile. The spring dies out of his step after the first four or so. Soon the pace lags, until you get somehow, a picture of diver's boots in your mind. Anyway, you see he's got to have that loan to pay Ted, who borrowed it from Mike, who got it off George, who by some misfortune had it on him then. Well, it can't be helped, I guess.

NOW he's there. And there's no turning back. Get the job over with pal, and hop it! But this brings to his heart, no corresponding lightness. He carefully defrosts his tongue which seems frozen to the roof of his mouth, and he makes a few practice motions with his jaw to see that it is in proper working condition, P.S. It is!

The steps forward:
"Hi, Jerry! Spare a minute?"
"Sure!"
"Great game, that last test!"
"That was cricket, son! That was the real goods!"
"Some bowling, eh?"
"Some batting!"

The conversation swings neatly along, into well ordered channels. It was doing fine as far as ascertaining the condition of the weather, the current price of foodstuffs, and so on. But the word—"Money!"—never heard tell of it, pod'ner.

By this time Jerry has got the wind up! His sensitive proboscis detects the odour of the rodent and he begins a slow backtrack

that would confuse a crab with his heart in the business.

"Well, I must be running along! Got to see a man about a loan. Things are pretty tight on the home front. Pretty tight. Well, old man, anytime you want to discuss CRICKET, I'm your man. So long!"

Our friend digs deep into his pocket, fighting off the wave of shame which threatens to engulf him, as a consequence of the rather blunt refusal. He ponders his next victim. He meditates upon his approach. Perhaps the other was too obvious, for all the misleading pre-amble.

"Hi, Alex!"
"Long time no see, ol' scout!"
"Many moons, first-born!"
"Brother, you can say that again!"

"Hi, Alex! Can you loan me some negotiable metal until next payday?"

"The approach direct. That's

the way I like 'um! Out with it everytime, and off your chest, brother. "Well, to tell you the truth, things are a bit 'thin' and what with my car license due, water rates, telephone bills—well, you know old man, sorry but..."
"Oh, that's all right."

Eventually he finds a fellow who is liberally endowed with the wherewithal. The musical tinkle of the shekels changing hands drowns out the overtone of insistent voices in his subconscious mind. A quick handshake. "Thanks a million, old man!" and it's all over but the repayment.

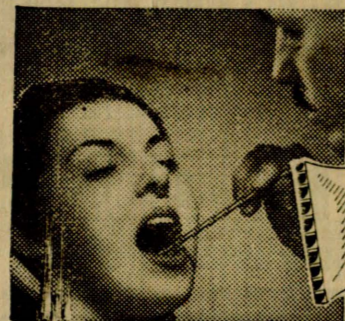
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MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

OUR visitors from the States were given a farewell party by their genial hosts at their charming St. Andrew home on the eve of their departure. The party was a very lively one with Mary initiating the shy ones in the more intricate movements of the Jitterbug. Everything was going on at a merry clip when someone found a handbag on the lawn and realised that a burglar had helped himself to its content. The intruder had made a quick haul and getaway which dampened the spirit of the party as the loss was not a small one and brought it to an abrupt end.

THOSE who went for a bebopper's hayride found it was indeed quite a lot of fun. The beboppers were all out in their fineries which meant gaily coloured shirts for the boys and pretty blouses and handsome blue jeans for the girls. Such colours almost made it look like a masquerade party. Teenagers were at their liveliest and happiest. Those who were not (teenagers) found themselves transported back to the days when they put on their first pair of long pants or for the ladies when they just cut off their girlish pig-tails. The party began earlier than usual and gained such momentum that it ended later than usual. Many a ma and pa must have been worried over their wandering child.

OVER the holidays our Scouts went over to Port Antonio to take part in the All-Island Camp. They did well in the competitions and came in a close second which made many of them happy as they had only six weeks' training. The Scoutmaster is so pleased that he breaks a button off his shirt everytime he talks about it.

OUR Port Antonio cousins are also quite stirred up the past few weeks over the fine work that their committee have been doing in raising funds for a new Recreational Hall they propose to build in the near future. They have probably passed the amount they had hoped to collect. More power to them and we look forward to more interchange of sport and social activities between the parishes in the near future.

KINGSTON drove out en masse to a party at Mandeville last week-end. Some folks dashed there after the races and did it in one hour and a half. The cool Mandeville air was a delightful setting for a party and although some folks did some non-stop dancing I didn't notice anyone ringing their handkerchief or even getting hot around the collar.

ANOTHER informal dance, this time sponsored by the Club along the nature of their last "Surprise" Night is set for Saturday, fortnight away. The organisers are calling it a Jewel Night and every lady who attends will get a present of the latest in costume jewellery. That should really attract the ladies and the men, even if they do not feel inclined to step out, will just have to be there.

THE weeks ahead will see quite a few more weddings and to many the calendar for Sundays is quite full. I hear at least one couple who are planning to spend their honeymoon in the States. In a few years this sort of thing, honeymoon abroad I mean, will perhaps be just the ordinary thing to do. Quite a change from the old days.

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On Sunday, July 30, the wedding of Miss Lilian Chin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Chin Chong and Mr. Leonard Lyn took place at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. The Rev. Fr. Fox, S.J. officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Chief bridesmaid was Miss Carole Chin, assisted by Miss Barbara Wong and Miss Elaine Hutcheson. Bestman was Mr. Raymond Lyn and groomsmen, Mr. Sydney Yap and Mr. Charles Chin.

After the ceremony a reception was held at No. 1, Nor' Anderson Crescent.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Fong, daughter of Mrs. Hilda Fong of 74 Lady Musgrave Road and the late George Fong, to Mr. Victor Yap Chung will take place on Sunday, September 3 at 2.30 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church. There will be a reception at the Chinese Freemason Hall following the ceremony.

The engagement was recently announced of Miss Rita M. Lyn to Mr. Neville Chen. Rita is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lyn Kee of Cave Valley, St. Ann and Neville is the

second son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chen of St. Andrew.

Former students of the Chinese Public Schools have recently organised an Old Students' Association and the following are the officers elected to start off the activities of the association:

Chairman: Daniel Kong
Vice-chairman: V. Lee
Secretary: Miss Ivy Leow
Assistant Secretary: Mr. A. Yap
Treasurers: Byron Kong and Hubert Lew
Advisor and Director: Chen Koon Yee.

As their first venture the association plans to put on a Chinese play sometimes later this year. This will be in aid of the School Funds.

Mr. and Mrs. Egerton Chin Loy gave a farewell party for Miss Marcella Chin, Miss Helen Kranz and Miss Mary Young on Saturday, July 29 at their home at 8 Montrose Road, St. Andrew. The function marked the end of a three week holiday for their guests from the States. After a buffet supper the guests enjoyed themselves dancing.

Marcella and Helen left for Haiti the next day while Mary left on Wednesday, August 2, for Havana.

The happy party was unfortunately interrupted by the entry of burglars who made away with

a lady's handbag containing valuables.

The Chinese Students' Association's dance at the C.A.C. on July 31 for members and friends was a most successful function. The dance was highlighted by the many colourful, light and informal summer wear. The boys wore mainly Tower Isle shirts while the girls wore slacks and plaid blouses. An elimination dance started off the many interesting and entertaining items of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lyn were hosts at an informal party at their home in Mandeville on Saturday, August 5. Many carloads of guests journeyed from Kingston to attend it. A buffet supper was served during the course of the evening which was filled with dancing by a large number of the younger set.

Their son, Reggie, who is studying dental surgery at McGill University returned to the island about a fortnight ago to spend the Summer holidays here.

Words have been received that Miss Ena B. Lue Sang has been successful in Part I of the Trinity Bar Exams taken last May. Miss Lue Sang is a Grade I Assistant Clerk of the R. M. Court in Kingston. She is at present acting Deputy Clerk of Courts, Kingston Civil Division.

There will be another big dance at the C.A.C. on Saturday, August 26 for members and friends. Feature of the evening will be a distribution to all the ladies present of glistening imitation jewellery which is popular in the States at the moment. Subscription will be only 3/- and an orchestra will supply music for dancing.

The C.A.C. Table Tennis Team continued to win all their engagements the past fortnight and among the teams who have fallen to them are Rockets "B", losing by 4 games to 3, Y.M.C.A. "B" and X.L.C.R. both losing by 7 matches to nil.

Mr. and Mrs. Joscelyn Mooly announced the birth of a daughter on Saturday, August 5.

PORT ANTONIO NOTES

On Sunday, July 30, a party of over 30 from St. Thomas came to Port Antonio and picnicked at Fairy Hill Beach. They were later entertained at a dinner given by Messrs. Albert Chung, Alfred Chung, Cecil Chung and Edward Chung. Among the guests were the Misses Pearl Chang, Violet Chin, Cynthia Lee, Mavis Chin, Lena Chin, Myrna Ying, Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chong, Messrs. Y. M. Chong, Anthony Chong, Victor Chong, Albert Chin, Nelson Chin, William Chong, Mack Lue, Donald Chung,

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PANORAMA

EMANCIPATION DAY

August 1 this year was remembered by a large variety of celebrations, foremost among which were the spectacular marches in the city staged by the rival political parties.

There were numbers of Fairs held in many parts of the Island, that at Linstead being much in prominence through the large number of valuable prizes which were offered in connection with tickets on sale previous to the day of the Fair. In addition to these 26 prizes Messrs. E. A. Issa and Bros. offered 100 Tower Isle dresses on the tickets sold at their shops. Messrs. Cow & Gate offered a special Cup in a Baby Competition won by Margerite Hall, and there was also a Costume Award. Needless to say with so many attractions there was a large attendance, a fact much appreciated since the proceeds are in aid of the replacement of the St. Helen's Church, recently destroyed by fire.

In the city more Fairs were the order of the day. At the Ward Theatre Eric Coverley put on a Midsummer Musicano which was a period of sheer fun and laughter for all those who attended. Altogether, the holiday passed off with a big bang!

THE JAMAICA FEDERATION OF WOMEN

Last week the spotlight turned on the JFW which held its annual general meeting together with a farewell function for Lady Huggins, founder and president of this Islandwide organisation. The customary sessions were carried through at the Ward Theatre and at King's House where a farewell teaparty was given at which Sir John and Lady Huggins were present, together with their daughters the Misses Cherry and Ruth, and their eldest daughter Mrs. McKinney and her husband who are on a visit to Jamaica.

Lady Huggins gave a very touching farewell address to the women with whom she has worked so ably and so constructively for many years. She will hold the position as Life President of the Federation and that of President it is hoped will be filled by the next Governor's wife. At the

farewell function held at the Ward Theatre a presentation was made to Lady Huggins of a gold compact embossed with a map of Jamaica set with diamonds and other precious stones and suitably inscribed. An address was also given her.

Participating in these historic celebrations were two delegates of Women's organisations in Trinidad, Mrs. Teshea, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Federation of Women's Institutes and Groups, and Mrs. Thorpe, Correspondence Secretary, both of whom addressed the JFW during their sessions. Lady Huggins will be deeply missed by all those with whom she has been in such close contact during her time here in the promotion of the general welfare of the women of Jamaica.

MORE WOMEN IN THE NEWS

Coinciding with the big news of the JFW has been that of the formation of a special sub-committee of the members of the Woman's Club for the purpose of raising funds to help the aged women in four Homes for the Aged who are badly in need of such assistance. These Homes are situated at 10 Malvern Avenue, 35 James Street, 97 Rose Lane and the Seymour Home. The funds of the Poor Relief are inadequate to meet the necessities of these folk.

This committee aims to establish a National Welfare Committee and eventually an Old Age Pension Scheme. Chairman of this new venture is Mrs. Eric Cockell, formerly of the nursing staff of St. Thomas' Hospital, London, who has already identified herself with social welfare work in the Island. Those of us who know something of the needs of these aged genteel women who reside in such Homes will appreciate to the full this worthwhile new effort of the members of the Woman's Club and wish it Godspeed.

BBC SPECIAL FEATURE

At present in Jamaica on a special feature hunting tour are two of the most prominent members of the BBC Staff, Mr. Wynford Vaughan Thomas, British Radio Commentator, whose voice is so well known to us here, and Mr. Leonard Cottrell, senior feature writer and programme producer who paid a visit here last year. They have come to produce a programme for broadcast of the Island, possibly by September, which should prove

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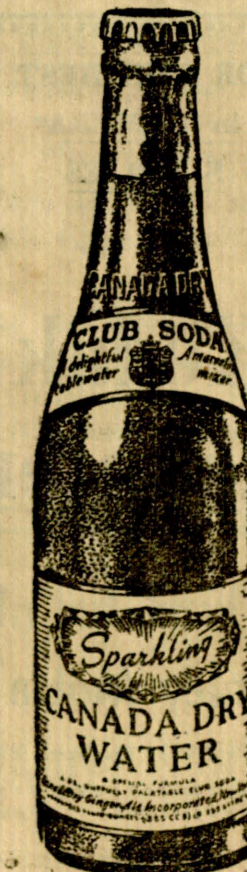
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VISITORS OF PROMINENCE

Many writers have been arriving in the Island recently in addition to other visitors of prominence. Among these have been Mr. Howard Pierce, author of "Lone Ranger"; Dr. Anne Cooke, Professor and head of the Department of Drama at Howard University; Miss Jerry Adams, travel writer for the Herald Tribune; Mr. Leo Miller, managing Editor of The Herald newspaper; Lieut. Col. Tuteur, War Veteran and businessman, who received two high French awards for his services during the war, and Mrs. Moya Woodside, Social worker of Ireland.

Observer.

"Samuel!"
"Mumm-wmpf."
"Samuel! Wake up!"
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Russia Returns To To U.N.

Mr. Jakob Malik, Soviet delegate of the UNO, who has attended no meetings of this Organisation since January suddenly took his seat again at the session which opened at the beginning of this month. The agenda on this occasion contained only the American motion condemning North Korean aggression, but Mr. Malik, Russian chairman of the Council, introduced a draft resolution proposing that the Security Council (1) invite a representative of Communist China; (2) hear a North Korean representative; (3) halt military action in Korea; and (4) withdraw foreign troops from the peninsula.

A month ago Mr. Malik was said to have got himself into trouble for having advising his government that a Korean push would bring no more than denunciations from the United Nations and the United States. No doubt, his return to the UNO with the above proposal is an effort devised to bring the unhappy incident to a more favourable termination for his Government.

America's delegate declared the Russian proposal to be irregular and termed it another Russian move to delay the debate on the only issue before the Council, that of the aggression of North Korea. On the eve of Russia's return to the UNO it was stated that the Communist Government of China had proposed to find a settlement of the Korean conflict through mediation by Asiatic nations only, and they also suggested a cease-fire.

These proposals have all been turned down by the UNO. Russia's tactics of obstruction are too well known for the other nations to be any longer blinded. Her proposals if carried out would have only one ending, — South Korea would be taken over peacefully

by North Korea, backed by Russia and Communist China. With Soviet invaders poised at the border of several other countries at this moment, and the Russian anxiety to create a solid front facing Japan, it is more than evident that she is only temporizing.

It is also fairly well known that this move in Korea, which no one anticipated would have created such a stir, was a diplomatic one to clear the way for a greater hold on Japan and the U.S. forces there, before the final Communist attack against Formosa. The position in Formosa has been now altered by aid from the U.S., and it has been learned that the planned attack is scheduled to materialise by September 15. To settle the Korean affair quickly and advantageously at this juncture would therefore greatly aid a Formosa attack, and later perhaps another one of larger proportions on Japan.

THE DOUBLE SEVENTH

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of offending relations are taken, so similar gifts are offered to the other six, and the Festival is known as that of the Seven Sisters.

The "Paper Shops" offerings for the seven Sisters are probably the prettiest of the year. The trays, containing the requisites are mounted on bamboo frames, the largest being eight feet in diameter. The tray itself is bright green, with a red centre, and round it are the sets of toilet articles with an outer border of flutes, each with a white paper tassel. The next circle is composed of seven pairs of golden scissors, then jade bracelets and combs. Black and arid white feather fans and a circle of rouge pots and powder puffs. Against a bowl, covered with silver foil are seven make-up cabinets each with its square mirror in the open position. The bowl holds a tableau of the legend of the Weaver and the Cowherd. In the background are the six sisters on a stone bridge across a stream in which his stood the Magic Cow, attached by a golden cord to her guardian. The lad stands on a rock, under a pine tree, facing another rock, on which his sweet heart is dancing under a bush of white roses. The figures are beautifully modelled, and about four inches high. These trays are only made for wealthy clients of whom few remain, but there is a descending scale to suit all purses.

AS a show piece the paper clothing for life size figures is displayed on hangers round the shop. The Cowherd has a black suit, with gold characters, and a petunia under garment. Each of the Seven Sisters dresses is hand painted, with a different design fore and aft. The dragon, orchid, goldfish,

kingfisher, crane and phoenix are most delicately drawn in colour. The designs are in the Ming tradition, and the proprietor is justly proud of the craftsmanship, which is a welcome relief in days of mass production.

The time to visit the Paper Shop is when dusk is falling, and its sombre interior blazes with Neons, in which the colours register as in daylight. Little vehicular traffic is in the streets, but the pavements are even more congested than usual. Children sit against the walls, with their bowls in one hand, and the nimble chopsticks in the other. Pedlars are then beginning to spread their wares on the curb between the arches. An occasional whiff of incense betrays the fact that some Tu Ti is being imported, or requisited for his services. Behind a steel grille, two candles flare, the sole lights in a money changer's who, after a successful day, is making his thank-offering to the shop Gods who have brought him fortune.

NEWSPAPERS FROM SUGAR CANES

A new use has been found for "bagasse", the waste material of the sugar cane after the sugar has been extracted. The entire edition of the Daily Transcript Telegram of Holyoke, Massachusetts (U.S.A.) was recently printed on paper made from "bagasse". This is believed to be the first attempt yet made to use this material for newsprint.

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Children And 'Junk Playgrounds'

By ANNETTE WILCOX

"CHILDREN should have things to wreck," said the judge of a juvenile court in London recently, suggesting the wider development of "junk playgrounds" like those in Denmark, New Zealand and Australia, in which children can harmlessly express aggressive impulses and learn the properties—and the fun and use—to be found in the most ordinary materials.

The word "junk" doesn't exist in the bright lexicon of childhood. With a sawed-off broom handle, Konrad rolls a worn out tire like a hoop. Mary cuddles her favourite doll, a clothes-pin wrapped in calico. Lolita concocts a special meal for imaginary guests, using a sea shell to churn the batter of mud, pebbles and leaves in an empty tin can.

Adults with limited funds for toys and equipment, whether in class room or home, can learn much from these youngsters. One man who did is Mr. C. T. Sorensen, a landscape gardener, charged with laying out playgrounds in Copenhagen, Denmark.

When neighbourhood children thought no one was watching, he saw them swarming over the fences to play with the piles of lumber, rubble and brick which lay about during the construction period. Why not a playground designed to satisfy this urge, he thought, a junk playground?

In 1943, one was set up in Copenhagen. Used now by about 200 children a day, the play area of 7,000 square yards is surrounded by a six-foot earth embankment on which grows a wind-break hedge of wild rose bushes. Scattered about are stacks of bricks, logs, tin tubs and pans, assorted odds and ends of building lumber.

The children dig caves or build houses. As their "architectural" skills develop, they elaborate on the first simple structure. A complicated roof may be designed, a decorative fence or a fireplace in which to cook may be added.

The playground is under the guidance of an adult who is consulted as an older friend rather than as an authority. There is no compulsion and no direct education.

Working with structural materials, children not only develop physical and creative skills but also learn to cooperate with different age groups on common projects. The same principle is increasingly being put to work in classrooms and homes, as well as in public playgrounds.

INSTEAD of discouraging the natural instinct of children to collect odds and ends, adults can guide the process wisely. Articles can be cleaned, rough edges sand-papered or filed. An indirect lesson in safety is implicit in the elimi-

nation of dangerous things like splintering wood, poisonous paint, rusty cans, jagged glass. The articles can be sorted and, in a general way, classified for storage in space accessible to the children.

By searching among their discards, even the poorest home can contribute to such a collection. Or they can donate objects found in nature which cost nothing but the effort to gather them.

An excellent little pamphlet, "Uses of Waste Materials", lists a condensed summary of suggestions based on experience. Published by the Association for Childhood Education International of 1200 Fifteenth St. Northwest, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., this valuable tool cost 50c plus postage. As it states in the foreword, "The use of what might otherwise be waste material not only helps the budget but stimulates the imagination and initiative of both child and teacher." Of the parent, too, it might have added,

The following suggestions, most of them culled from the pamphlet, can be used as springboards to other ways to solve specific problems.

WHAT can a teacher do, for instance, if she has no money with which to buy musical instruments?

Hollowed out gourds, empty tin cans or boxes filled with pebbles, chinquapin seeds, cherry or date pits make good rattles for infants or rhythm instruments for older children.

Drums of various sizes and tone qualities are easy to make. For the body, use coconut shells, clay flower pots, large empty tin cans or oil drums, nail kegs or wooden bowls. For the drumhead, try heavy wrapping paper, a piece of window shade or part of an inner tubing.

For drumsticks take any straight piece of wood, pad one end and cover with a finger tip cut from an old glove or a bit of rubber tubing. Make musical triangles out of horse shoes, whistles from corn stalks or reeds. Stretch wire across a hole cut in a cigar box for a stringed instrument.

A series of empty bottles filled with water to varying depths can be "tuned" by the amount of water to ring out a musical scale when struck by a wooden mallet.

The youngsters will not only have instruments but increase their knowledge of materials while making them.

Counters for use in arithmetic lessons and for various games can be made of pine cones or bottle caps. Unpainted bottle tops gleam like headlights on toy engines built of other odds and ends.

Commercial calendars, posters, catalogues can serve many purposes. The cut out numbers are useful in teaching arithmetic. Large size pictures back-

ed with cardboard can be cut up into puzzles. Smaller illustrations cut out and pasted in scrap books or mounted on cards, help in word study and reading. The blank backs of big posters make a sturdy ground for home-made charts and maps or can be used for easel painting.

Artful cutting of paper or wooden boxes and containers can make the main body of toys like trains, doll cradles, and so forth.

Make animals and people out of corks or spools. Join several spools with wire for animals and people that stand or sit. Spools and reels for adhesive tape or camera film serve as wheels on toys or as pulleys on construction projects.

Stuffing for dolls, puppets or pillows doesn't have to be cotton or wool fleece, it can also be old newspapers, sawdust, packing excelsior or dried moss.

SEVERAL thicknesses of newspaper, covered with heavy brown paper, serve as rest mats for the youngsters. A snug sleeping bag can be made from heavy large-sized paper bags by lining them with about ten sheets of newspaper and sewing one end.

Small paper bags or flour sacks are fine bases for masks, with holes on one side for eyes, nose and mouth and cotton wool, yarn or moss for hair, moustache and eyebrows.

For embryonic sculptors, mix salt, flour and water. Or mix equal parts of sawdust and plaster and moisten with just enough thin glue to hold them together.

Dyes from the juice of polk berries, beets or black walnut shells will lead to an investigation of other natural sources of colour. Incidentally, starch is not only a base for paste but also for finger paint.

The most accessible materials are those which cost nothing because they are found in nature: bark, berries, local clay, barnyard feathers, leaves, stones, moss, seeds, shells, straws, reeds, grasses and vegetables. Valuable as subjects for nature study they can be put to use later in combination with other materials. Children in collective farm kindergartens in Russia make little baskets, carpets, pine-bark boats and dolls from the wood, birch-bark and dried grasses which they go out and collect with their teachers.

In the United States, exchanges are often arranged between children in different parts of that huge country, which results in a geography lesson as well as new natural materials not available in their own locality.

Even adults are not averse to making things from junk. Last fall, a small Paris art gallery displayed sculpture made entirely of so-called junk: buttons, bottle tops, wire mesh, a hundred discarded items no longer always recognizable because the artist had welded them together with glue, paste and melted wax to shape and paint them to fit his fantasy.

The sculpture, perhaps was not world-shaking. But obviously it had been fun to make.

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VILLAGE WITHOUT ANY BEDS

By CHARLES HUGH

THERE was a hint of snow on the wind, an exciting tang that reminded me of the high peaks although I was not yet above the tree line. I was sublimely happy, with that eager, feeling which always comes to me from mountains. Below me, the hillside was dark with deodars. I could hear the bells of my baggage mules although I had overtaken them an hour earlier; the shouts of the mule-teers rose faintly from far down in the valley. The Himalays rolled into the distance, wave after gigantic wave. The scrape of my shoelaces on the rocky track emphasized the solitude.

I had come to the hills to be alone, and I was very angry when a turn in the track showed me another European ahead of me. I could not ignore the man, so I caught up with him.

I had supposed him to be the usual type of Englishman one met in the hills; an army officer on leave, or perhaps a civil servant. But this man was different. He wore a white topee, shorts rather narrow in the leg, walking shoes with pointed toes. He was a heavy man, puffy and obviously out of condition. His face, when he turned at my greeting, was an unhealthy colour.

"Well," I thought: "You're in no condition to be walking at ten thousand feet!"

He answered me civilly enough, but he was obviously not pleased to see me. I asked him where he was going, and the tone of his reply bade me mind my own business.

"Shooting," he told me curtly.

"Good show!" I said inanely. It was late in the year for the shooting, the passes would soon be closed and he certainly didn't look the type. I didn't believe him; the lie became an immediate barrier between us.

IT was an awkward situation. The path was only a few feet wide, and I knew that it did not branch for many miles. Above us, the trees clung precariously to the almost vertical slope; on our right, the gaze launched itself into the shining air. I could hardly shoulder my way past the stranger and leave him behind me. Besides, he looked unwell and I felt I ought not to desert him.

Undecided, I walked along with him. He seemed politer now: I formed the impression that he was on the defensive, not truculent as I had at first supposed. And he was making cruelly hard work of the march. I felt sure that his feet were a mass of blisters.

After a while, I said: "I suppose that you will camp tonight at Sangla?"

He seemed preoccupied. "Sangla?" he said vaguely: "Oh, yes, of course." It was obvious that he had never heard of the

place. But surely he had a map?

As we walked on, he tried to say the right things. "The mountains are very beautiful," he remarked, pointing across the valley: "I always try to take my leave among them."

I agreed. "I always think that they repay any effort."

He told me that that was his view also, and I knew that he lied. He was hating every mile, and hardly ever raised his eyes from the track that was tormenting his feet. Yet he was walking fast—too fast for an unfit man at that height. It seemed that he was in a hurry, drawn by something (or was it driven?) which made him press on in spite of his discomfort.

After a while, we didn't try talk. It was better to walk in single file along the narrow track, so I followed behind my companion, regretting the chance that had brought us together, and wondering who he was. In the end, I decided that here was a middle aged man who had the mind but not the body of a mountaineer. He had always longed to travel in the Himalayas, but had been prevented from doing so until now. He had not reckoned with the physical effort required. Now weariness and sore feet had proved too much for him, had blinded him to the magnificence with which he was surrounded. He could not see the mighty thrust of the hills; hardly lifted his eyes when a mule train from Tibet crowded past us, the drivers wild-eyed in their fur caps and gaudy boots, the plodding animals bedizened with scarlet plumes and beadwork, the sound of the mule bells borne out across the mile-wide valley. Pity was added to my annoyance.

WHEN we reached our camping ground, the valley was beginning to fill with shadow. We found a small level space, fouled by the herde of goats that had rested there before us. Everywhere the hillside was precipitous; the village was built on terraces a hundred feet below. The villagers were ripening their maize on the flat roofs of their hovels: in the level afternoon light each rooftop was a square of red gold. The smoke of cooking fires reminded me that I had not eaten since dawn.

"We might eat something while we wait for our baggage," I suggested. But my companion had nothing with him, so we shared the food I had brought. I gave him a cigarette, and said: "My mules should be here soon. Are yours far behind?"

He hesitated, then with an effort said: "I think they may be delayed. I rather fear they have taken the wrong road."

I began to suspect that he had no baggage. My temper rose in me: I resented being

bothered by this elderly crank who had wandered into the hills to become an incubus to people like myself. Why, I asked myself savagely, should I have to ruin my leave by looking after this idiot? Maliciously, I remarked: "You'll have an uncomfortable night on this bit of ground."

"I shall manage," he said. He sounded as if he was past caring, and I relented.

"Maybe," I suggested: "we could borrow a bed from the village. You'd have to risk the bugs, though. I'll lend you some blankets." His gratitude embarrassed me: when he had done thanking me, we sat on in silence until my baggage arrived.

By then I had had time to become ashamed of my churlishness. When I saw my servant, I said to him: "The Sahib has lost his baggage, he has no bed for the night. Go to the village and ask the headman for a charpoy, but be sure it's a clean one. Provide the Sahib with blankets, and put up the store tent for his use."

When Mahomet Ali had gone away, the stranger said: "It's very kind of you, but I'd prefer not to use the tent."

"It'll be cold tonight."

"Not too cold. Really, I'd rather not." He added, as if to himself: "I shall feel free, under the stars."

My mull runner had come in with my letters, and I read them by the light of the camp

fire. The other man sat quietly on the far side of the blaze, half hidden from me by the smoke. The letters were a fortnight old; there was one from my fiancée, who was staying in Simla.

Toward the end of her letter, she wrote: "We have had a lot of excitement here, for there's been a double murder. A week ago, a European killed his wife and her lover, and disappeared. I enclose a cutting, in case you're interested." I wasn't very interested with the silent hills all around me. I looked up to see my servant.

"Sahib," he said: "There are no beds."

I thrust the letter into my pockets, and jumped up. I was tired, furious at meeting obstructiveness. "Don't talk nonsense," I exclaimed.

Mahomet Ali looked sheepish, and shuffled his feet. "There is a story."

"I don't want stories, I want a bed! Go at once."

"The headman has come himself to explain," he told me hastily.

I went into the darkness outside the circle of firelight, and found a bent old man with a white beard. "What is this," I asked. "My friend is tired, he is in need of a bed. You will be paid—"

THE old man ignored my proffered money. He said: "Sahib, there are no beds in the village, else would I give you my own. No man in my

Jamaican Proverbs

Their Meaning and Significance

Him go lacka Johny cake an' come back lacka dumplin. Johny Cake means journey cake; dumplin means dumpling, a round pudding of paste containing fruit, etc. Both are alike in their composition, can be either boiled or fried, and are handy morsels for carrying on a journey. Hence the meaning of the proverb: He comes as he goes, being unsuccessful in his mission.

The proverb also occurs as, Him get a bulla; and has the same meaning as the foregoing. N.B. A bulla is a flour cake baked in an oven. It is also known as bi-bap.

Manners due to darg. Manners means behaviour in social intercourse. The proverb means that even a dog, (that is, an underling or subordinate), deserves to be treated with the same polite behaviour as is meted out to one of a higher status in life. The English equivalent is "Manners make the man."

A man give him darg name Stan' an' see.

Stand-and-see is the name which a man has given to his dog. That is, the future will reveal all things. Compare with the following proverb dealt with on a former occasion namely: Stand still and you will see by-and-by talk.

That is, Time and patience will solve all our ills.

A Laziness Proverb. In the issue of June 17, the following appeared as bolstering laziness: "The Bible says, one man sows and the other reaps" etc. The correct rendering should have been as follows:—

"One man sows and another eats," as being more explicit (Job 31, v. 8).

Man an' darg, hog an' pot water, brown man an' rum. The man and his dog; the hog and pot water; the brown man and his rum: these are affinities; that is, each subject is related to the object opposite to its name. The man loves his dog as one of his best friends. The hog loves the pot water, upon which it thrives. The brown man loves his rum as he loves his life; and when the rum is in, he thinks little of life, for by that time the "wit is out." Not that he swallows plenty of it, but a couple of drinks is enough to "boil" him over. In this respect, he is unlike his black brother who can swallow quarts of rum without being seriously

affected, except that he becomes rather talkative and is very unsteady in his gait.

When de quart pot full 'i wi' run over.

When the quart pot is full it will run over: Said of a naughty youngster who will not heed the warnings of parents or guardian. The simile is based upon a vessel that overflows as soon as it is filled to the brim.

That is the youngster can not go beyond his or her depth without feeling the consequences: "It is hard to kick against the pricks."

Noh ebery ting good fe yuh hear, good fe yuh talk.

It is not every thing that is good for you to hear that is good for you to talk.

One should always use his discretion. There is some wisdom in the following lines which I quote in this connection:

"Think all you speak; but speak not all you think.

Thoughts are your own; your words are so no more."

Anybody yuh see caant shut a door caan shut dem mout'.

Those who cannot shut a door cannot shut their mouths. A warning to the "Chatterbox," not to talk everything that you see or hear; a matter of habit which, if indulged in, will be hard to break off. See the foregoing proverb.

Packey go, packey come.

Packey is kitchen utensil made from the gourd, a fleshy fruit which when dried and hollowed out forms a vessel known as packey or calabash. The exchange of packey or calabash, with its contents, is a friendly act, and shows that you are at peace with your neighbour.

The proverb also occurs as Calabash go, calabash come.

Me an' yuh noh nyam eena de same calabash.

You and I do not eat from the same calabash, for a disruption of friendship has taken place.

Compare with the foregoing proverb.

Yuh caan tek milk from coffee.

You cannot take milk from coffee. Once you have *cafe can leche*, coffee with milk, as the Spaniards say, it is impossible to separate them.

That is, you cannot make the impossible. The English equivalent is, "You cannot make blood out of stone."

PLUTO.

village dares sleep on a bed. Many years ago, before my father's father, there came a stranger to the village asking for food and rest. Sahib, the crops had failed and there was little food. Moreover, the people were wicked, and drove the stranger away."

"Well"

"Ever since that day it has been as the stranger said it would be, and no man dares sleep on a bed."

"But what did he say?"

He gave me a steady look. "That no man who has sinned shall sleep on a bed in this village and wake to see the sun's rising. Sahib, what man is there without sin?"

Exasperated though I was, I knew it was useless to argue against superstition. I bade the headman goodnight, and called for Mahomet Ali. "The other Sahib shall use my camp bed tonight," I told him. "I will have my sleeping bag on the ground."

The stranger heard me, and remonstrated. "It's no use, I told him: 'You're an older man than I am, and tired. Maybe I'm doing you no kindness.'" I added, "There's a superstition against using beds in this village. I hope you don't mind?"

He laughed, for the first time since I had met him. When we had finished our meal, he walked painfully to where Mahomet Ali had arranged the camp bed, and almost collapsed on it. I sat on, wondering why it was so difficult to hold any conversa-

tion with my fellow-traveller. Then I thought of my fiancée, and started to read her letter again.

It was when I read the newspaper cutting that the thought—the realization, rather—came to me. I read the cutting again: time, distance, the man's appearance—all fitted! I found myself standing, staring into the darkness toward the camp bed, holding my breath.

I couldn't be certain, I told myself; if I was wrong I should look a fool. Then, what business was it of mine, Poor devil, why should I join in the hunt? But murder? My duty as a citizen? I sat thinking until the fire was only glowing embers; at last I went to my sleeping bag, only to lie awake and wonder what I should do in the morning. But I had walked far that day; in the end sleep overtook me.

It was dawn when I awoke. I sat up and looked out of my tent toward the place where my camp bed stood. I could not see it; it was surrounded by a motionless and silent circle of ragged villagers. I pushed my way through the crowd, and reached the bed.

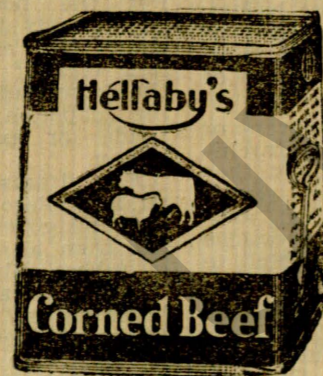
It was heart failure, I assured myself. The sun's edge was just appearing above the dark shoulder of a mountain, and birds were calling in the valley. Somehow, I felt glad.

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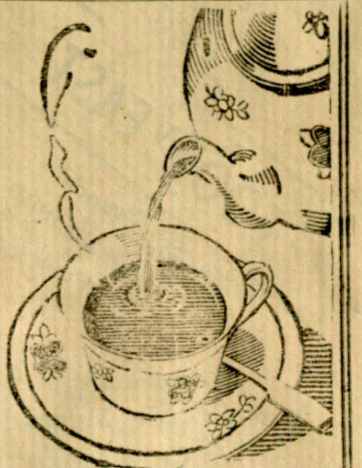
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Frost on the flowers
Silver and still by the pond
The solitaire's dusk-song
Lingers among the leaves
Oh blue silver dusk of lovers
How strangely my old heart grieves."

M. G. Smith: "Song."

RUSSIA

"Behind me you must go, behind me,
My slave obedient and true;
The sparkling mountain-ridges hid me
In flight unfaltering with you.
Above abysses I shall take you,
Bottomless pits my mystery,
And there, while futile terrors shake you,
Is inspiration's strength for me..."

Alexander Blok: "Demon."

JAPAN

"My love
Is like the grasses
Hidden in the deep mountain:
Though its abundance increases,
There is none that knows."

Ono No Yoshiki:
9th Century: "Kokin Shu."

SYRIA

"Let us go into the fields, my beloved, for the
Time of harvest approaches, and the sun's eyes
Are ripening the grain.
Let us tend the fruit of the earth, as the
Spirit nourisheth the grains of joy from the
Seeds of Love, sowed deep in our hearts."

Kahlil Gibran: "Summer."

CHINA

"There was not a peck of rice in the bin:
There was not a coat hanging on the pegs.
So I took the sword and went towards the gate.
My wife and child clutched at my coat and wept:
"Some people want to be rich and grand:
I only want to share my porridge with you.
Above we have the blue waves of the sky:
Below, the yellow face of this little child."

Anon. 1st Century B.C.
"The Eastern Gate."

POT POURRI OF THOUGHT

AMERICA

"A Poem should be palpable and mute
As a globed fruit . . .
A poem should be wordless
As the flight of birds
A poem should be motionless in time
As the moon climbs
Leaving, as the moon releases
Twig by twig the night-entangled trees
For love
The leaning grasses and two lights above the sea—
A poem should not mean
But be."

Archibald MacLeish:
"Ars Poetica."

KOREA

"Three moons have faded since I told my soul
'This sorrow cannot see another moon'.
But Spring came and the withered grass was green,
Came yellow violets and a later moon.
The great rains fell. The mountain torrents roared.
Then in the hush that follows after rain,
Green frogs sang shrilly in my garden well.
But still tears fall."

Yi-I: "Thinking of his Country's Woes."

ENGLAND

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate;
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.
Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or nature's changing course untrimmed."

William Shakespeare:
"Sonnet."

PERSONS PLACES THINGS

By Old Joe

PERSONS

Alexander Bedward
(Continued from last issue)

The circumstances surrounding the Flight of Bedward is my next task. As a matter of fact the flight heavenward of the Prophet of Mona did not take place; but it was the culminating point of his eventful career. Many unsuccessful court actions as regards his sanity which had preceded this scene only helped to increase the Prophet's popularity, and to further establish "Mona Ribba" as the "Lourdes in Jamaica."
Zealots in thousands flocked to August Town to witness the miraculous ascent. About half a mile away from Camp Mona, I heard weird sounds suggestive of African jungles. As I came nearer, I heard voices chanting familiar airs from Sankey's selection, to the accompaniment of Bodies swaying to and fro. A Shepherd blew the whistle to stop singing as Bedward arrived looking grave and stern. He was led to a chair, from which he addressed the multitude. "Brethren"—his voice lacked its usual resonance and firmness "the time draweth nigh. Soon I shall go upward. I shall be sitting in this chair, just like now. Then a big clap of thunder, and I shall ascend gradually, up in the clouds. You will see me. Then I shall see you far away: see Africa, Europe, England and all those places."
"Amen, amen," came from many Sheherds.
"Mother," bracing herself for the ordeal, looked on with stoic calm, awaiting the end.
"It is the Lord's will" came from Shepherd Amos, and more "Amens" from all the worshippers.
Bedward said no more; he was led back to the house; the singing was resumed, and the curtain fell on the preflight scene.

About a fortnight later all Jamaica was startled by the Press announcement of the detention of Bedward, as an alleged lunatic. There was confusion at August Town. The Master was taken; the disciples had fled—all but a few devout and fearless ones. Barrister Philip Stern's efforts did not avail to convince the authorities that the man was not a maniac, and so he spent his last years in the Lunatic Asylum, (now Mental Hospital), where he died in 1930 at the age of 75; but "Bedwardism" has entered into our vocabulary as a noun—if not as a recognised cult. Bedward was a religious maniac, and his cult was akin to Pocomania. Both are born of superstition and ignorance. The ignorant masses followed Bedward blindly, being lured by the mysterious and the occult; and pure superstition caused the more intelligent to follow him. At the August Town scenes described above I saw only an ordinary man, manifesting extraordinary powers, however, which drew people from all over the island, many of whom have continued to live at August Town to the present day. Bedward was a leader. He possessed the leader's qualifications, personal magnetism that sways crowds; an intense emotionalism and belief in his "cause"; a passionate and unshakable self-confidence; a ruthless desire to get his own way; and that something known as personality which has nothing to do with good looks or any easily recognised quality, but is summarised in the indefinable word "charm".

One incident more ere the final fall of the curtain:
Mongoose went into Bedward's kitchen.
Took out one or his righteous chicken
Put it inna him waistcoat pocket.
Run Mongoose
Your name is gone abroad.
The origin of this song is unknown. Some say Mongoose was one of the Shepherds in disguise who had yield to the tempter's allurements. Others lay the blame on a rank outsider who intruded himself into the sacred precincts and carried off, as did Young Lochinvar, a gay damsel. Be this as it may, there is no questioning the value of this air to the dance halls. When the music seems to lack inspiration; when the dancing seems to lack pep; then it is the "Run Mon-

goose, Run" comes to invigorate the occasion.

PLACES

SIDELIGHTS OF PARISHES
(Continued from last issue)

Note on the places in parishes dealt with before: In St. Catherine—Bog Walk or Bogue Walk as known by the Spaniards, is supposed to be the Spanish Boca de Agua, for which there is no early authority. The old English name was Sixteen Mile Walk; and the walk of Bog Walk must have been suggested by the older Spanish name which may have been bogua, and the same as Bogue. Most Bogues are near the sea, however, and probably are connected with the Arawak bogua, 'sea'. The accent and the existence of the "g" suggested Bocagua which is actually found as Bacagua, the Spanish name for Old House Point. Possibly the meaning is "house" or territory of the Cagua. The old Arawak name of the Rio Cobre was Cagua, a name also applied to Passage Fort (corrupted to Cagway by the English).

In his extensive work entitled "To Jamaica and Back" written in 1874, Sir Sibbald Scott makes the following reference: "We are entering a gorge, crossing a bridge called Flat Bridge, and just beyond, there are some ancient walls, erected, according to the tradition, by the Spaniards—the remains no doubt of a fortress which guarded the defile—This is Bogue Walk." As regards the Cobre, Sir Sibbald Scott says the name is Spanish and Portuguese for copper. "It

has been imagined that the Spaniards gave it that name from its passing through the vein of that metal.

Concerning Spanish Town, the following from an eyewitness in 1740 adds to what appears before:—"They have frequent balls, and lately have got a play house where they retain a set of extraordinarily good actors."

I enquire the name of a peculiar looking tree in the Square, and was told it was a Sandbox—(Hura crepitans), and I was afterwards presented with one of the seeds or pods, which are round, parted into most symmetrical divisions like those, of an orange. When ripe the pod bursts, exploding with the noise of a pistol shot, and scatter its seeds all about. Why called Sandbox I cannot imagine, unless from its similarity to those boxes from which sand was powdered to draw up ink, (instead of using blotting paper) such as we still (1874) have in France."

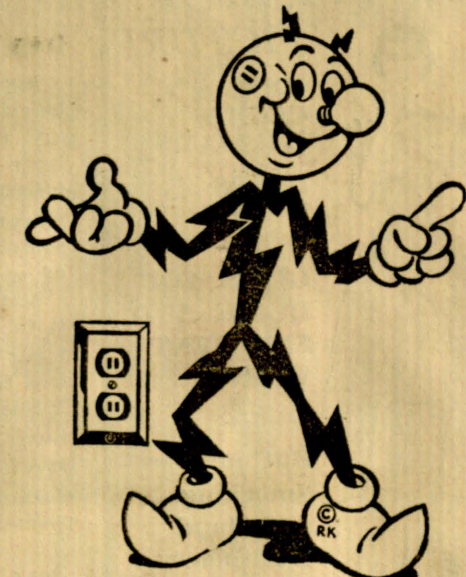


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TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Miss Martin.

Surely real love can withstand such trivial matters as broken finger nails, little mannerisms. Young couples I know have broken off their engagements for such trifling things that one begins to wonder whether there is such a thing as true enduring love. What do you think?

S. S.

Dear S. S.

What do I think? I don't think, I know there is such a thing as true, enduring love. But even if we are idealists we must realise that we live in a world of realism, and it's the little things that count.

The little, kind understanding word at the moment when it is most needed; the little gesture of love; the little thoughtful action; these are the things that count. Take care of these and your love will grow.

But be very careful of the little irritating habits and things that make life miserable. You remember the history you learned at school? Tales of weak men who faced with great odds

turned out heroes, and of gallant men who under torture could stand everything but the drip, drip, drip of tiny drops of water. The little irritating pin-pricks of life can become more than we can bear, they can wear down the greatest love.

So don't think it strange that young couples fall out about such trivial matters. It is far wiser for a man to realise before marriage that he cannot stand a woman with broken nails, or for a woman to know that she cannot stand her fiance's jokes.

The wise ones are those who can face up to these little annoying habits in each other, talk them out, and try to understand and mend their ways. Far fewer marriages would go on the rocks if young couples would develop this habit of talking things over, and thrashing them out before marriage, and then carry it on into their married life.

Many a little habit would not annoy us half as much if we understood the reason for it. Yes, my dear, there is such a thing as true, enduring love, but not many of us are patient enough to seek diligently for it.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin.

My boy friend and I have decided to become engaged and we are very fond of each other. I have always trusted him implicitly, but the other day he was searching in his wallet for something and I caught a glimpse of a girl's photograph.

Naturally, I asked him to show it to me and to tell me who she was. He only laughed and said I was too inquisitive.

Now, Miss Martin I am awfully hurt and jealous, and I really can't be happy until I find out why he carries that picture about with him. What shall I do?

Jealous.

Dear Jealous,

Perhaps your boy friend knows that you have a jealous nature and is trying to cure you of it. He is probably teasing you and the girl may be only a relative or someone he knew before, who means nothing to him now, or he would not be asking you to marry him.

Instead of torturing yourself in silence. Tell him that you are hurt and jealous and that it is making you unhappy. He loves you so I am sure he will reward you by telling you all about it.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin.

I am very distressed, I am rather shy and quiet and it worries me that I cannot seem to think of anything to say when I am talking to boys.

My chum is not as clever as I am in school, I always get higher marks, but somehow she can always answer the boys with a snappy retort.

I can never think of a smart reply until long after, when it is too late, and so the boys are not very keen on me. What can I do to improve this failing?

Shy One.

Dear Shy One,

I know that many of our younger generation today, think that all conversation with the opposite sex should consist of wise-cracks or slangs such as "But def!", "That's sharp" "He's

solid"! "You're telling me!" and so on.

That's all very well for those that can think of nothing else to say. They appear quite bright and intelligent, but if you dig down you will often find that their minds are blank, and the catchy slangs that they hear about them are used parrot-fashion.

You may be shy and timid and it may take you a little longer to get acquainted with the boys, but

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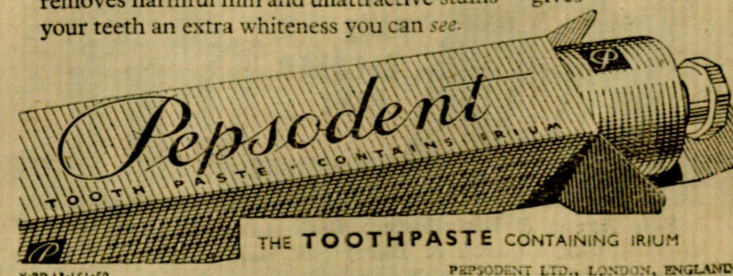
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"There was also a large contingent of British soldiers returning home to be demobilised." Drink it up and have another.

The little fellow was asking his brother, a big boy already in the second grade, about the wonders of science.

"How does the telegraph work?"

"Oh, sort of... well, like a long, long dog, and if you stepped on his tail in New York he would bark in Chicago."

"Then how does the radio work?"

"Oh, it's just the same, only without the dog."

"Whenever I look at you, I'm reminded of a famous man," murmured the co-ed.

"You flatter me," said her boy friend. "Who was he?"

"Darwin."

"Sir, I have a question of great importance to ask you — have I your consent to marry your daughter?"

"Do you drink, young man?"

"Thanks, Pop — but let's settle this other thing first."

In Managua, Nicaragua, Volunteer Fireman Ruben Arroliga heard an alarm while standing

at the altar with his prospective bride, told her to wait for him, dashed off to help put out the fire.

—TIME

"You know," Henry was telling his wife at breakfast, "a funny thing happened at the lodge last night. Our president offered a quart of scotch to the brother who could stand up and truthfully say that throughout his married life he had never kissed any but his own wife. And, no kidding, not one man stood up."

"Henry," said his wife ominously, "why didn't you stand up?"

"Why, my dear, I was going to, but you know my stomach won't take that stuff any more."

"YOU TELL 'EM" PUNS

You tell 'em, Church Bell, I told you.

You tell 'em, Cigarette, You're lit up.

You tell 'em, Clock, You've got the time.

You tell 'em, Crystal, You're on the watch.

You tell 'em, Cucumber, I've been pickled.

You tell 'em, Custard Pie, You have a crust.

You tell 'em, Dentist, You've got the pull.

A minister, meeting a woman member of his congregation after he had had the pulpit for a month, wanted to know what she thought of his sermons.

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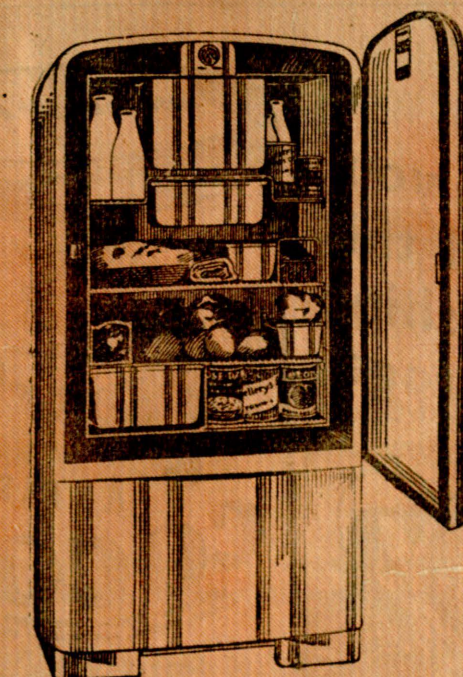
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PERSONALIA

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Barrington Chong and Basil Ying.

In their drive for funds for a new Social and Recreational Hall three groups of delegates were appointed to seek for funds at home, St. Thomas and Montego Bay. The committee appointed consist of Messrs. Thomas Lee, Albert Chung, Joseph Lee, Lee Ginkin, Chin Mooksin, Lai Tiam, Chung Im-mien, Vincent Chung and Wilson Leesang.

The committee started their campaigning around Port Antonio on August 2 and although the total figure is not yet available they expect to get at least £200.

On August 3 another group of delegates went to St. Thomas and the result of their efforts is a sum of £55. 12s added to the "Hall Fund." Mr. Chung Sang of Morant Bay and Mr. Neville Chung of Bowen gave very valuable assistance to the committee.

On August 7, a third group went to Montego Bay and at the time of going to press no report has been received. With such favourable response from the community around the island the committee hope to reach their goal of £800 in a very short time.

News from the All Island Scout

Camp at Folly in Port Antonio tell of the impressive Chinese troop of Kingston obtaining almost all the prize awarded.

A little scout Vernon Wong of Cornwall College fell sick and was taken to the General Hospital but recovered two days after for his father Mr. Kelly. Wong to take him home to Montego Bay.

Miss Cynthia Lai of Spanish Town had a narrow escape from drowning on August 1, when she lost grip of the motor boat that was towing her from the "Navy Island" pool to the shore. Brave little Horace Chin rescued her.

The C.A.C. Junior Cup cricket team closed their season's fixtures by defeating Y.M.C.A. in a match played at Doncaster on successive Saturdays.

Tom Young was chief contributor to the Chinese total of 191 runs, scoring 123 in brilliant fashion. He gained most of his runs by powerful drives and square-cuts to the boundary.

In reply, Y.M.C.A. could muster only 120 runs, due to some effective bowling by N. Lee Yune who captured 6 wickets for 37 runs. Abe Chin supported with 2 for 46.

The Carib Cup team also showed belated improvement, as they compiled their largest total for the season in a drawn match against Kensington on the 23rd. July.

Chinese batted first, and skipper Herbie Chin Loy found himself in the unusual position of being able to declare, with the team's total at 182 for 8. Alvin Chung played a patient and

chanceless innings for 73 runs and received strong support from Arthur Wong 48, and Lee Yune 29.

In their turn, Kensington score 123 for 5, as E. Lee captured 3 wickets for 47 runs.

On the following Sunday the Carib team were defeated in a closely contested match against Indians Recreation Club at Chinese Oval.

C.A.C. batting first scored 154 runs. Vernon Cheong was unlucky in not reaching his half-century as he played a patient innings for 48 runs. Alvin Chong again batted well for 35 and E. Lee aided with 20.

Indians secured victory with 10 minutes to spare and 3 wickets in hand as their batsmen went after the runs in businesslike fashion. Archie Chong and Alvin Chong shared the wickets that fell.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Pagoda Magazine

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D. B. Wong

Assistant Secretary

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HEALTH FOR ALL

APPENDICITIS

There are stomachaches and stomachaches. Some are the "green apple" type—indigestion due to unwise eating, which may pass away without serious consequences. Others may warn of grave stomach disturbances, such as ulcers. Still others may not really be stomachaches at all but pain caused by inflammation of the appendix.

The appendix is a small structure located on the right side of the lower abdomen, which is of no use to man. If it becomes infected, a condition known as appendicitis results. Appendicitis causes severe pain which is usually first noticed, not where the appendix is located, but in the upper abdomen. The pain is usually accompanied by nausea and fever and the right side of the abdomen becomes tender.

While appendicitis may be either chronic or acute, the latter is more common and almost always necessitates an operation. The operation is necessary to remove the diseased appendix lest it break and cause peritonitis, which greatly endangers life.

If appendicitis is suspected, the doctor should be called immediately. Meanwhile, the patient should be kept quiet. He should not be given anything to eat or drink, not even water, and above all things he should not be given a laxative. A laxative, which may be helpful in case of a plain stomachache, can prove fatal in case of appendicitis.

With appendicitis, never apply a hot water bottle to soothe the pain. If the pain is so acute that the patient must have relief, an ice pack may be applied until the doctor arrives, makes a diagnosis and recommends treatment.

No home remedies, certainly not rubbing the stomach, should be tried in case of appendicitis. There are only two things to do—get the patient to lie quietly and call the doctor. The doctor will make certain tests to determine if the pain is due to appendicitis and, if so, whether an operation is necessary. There is no reason to be alarmed about an appendectomy. It is one of the most common of all operations and, if performed in time, is usually successful.

Mass X-raying to find unknown cases of tuberculosis will be discussed in the next article.

TALKING IT OVER

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you will find that when they really want to talk intelligently, which they do more often than

What A Smile



For Elaine Riley modelling a bathing suit like this is as much as she can bare. When she isn't at the beach, Miss Riley is at the RKO Radio studios where she recently did a glamor stint in "Where Danger Lives," which stars Robert Mitchum, Faith Domergue, Claude Rains.

one is led to believe, you are the one they will turn to, it is your opinion that they will value.

So don't worry shy one, try to come out of yourself, by giving your undivided attention to the subject under discussion, but don't try to ape the others. If you are not given to the quick, catchy repartee, then it would be unnatural coming from you. After all the world would be a very dull place if we were all alike.

The quiet golden thread woven among the bright scarlets and blues and purples of life help to make the pattern more beautiful. E. M.

THE SCOUTS CORNER

We entered Port Antonio by a Railway Crossing, bowled merrily through the town, and as we left the last house in the town proper, we found ourselves dashing along with the sea once more by our side. Then we saw Folly. It is a fair sized peninsula, identified at once by the lighthouse at its tip. The ruined masonry of a little summer house next popped out

master's stores tent. Circling it were the Canteen and headquarters tents. Spread out over the broad acres of Folly were scores of brown and white tents, nestled under the protection of troop flags and Union Jacks fluttering merrily against the backdrop of limitless blue skies. Stealing away much of the skies' blueness and adding soft undertones of its own, flecked its waves here and there with white foam, was the broad Caribbean. And just across from Folly was "Monkey" Island profusely covered with coconut palms.

It was an ideal place for Camping, and the boys were all grateful to the Land's Department for placing this site at their disposal. Along with troops from almost every parish in the Island, our boys pitched tents at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26th. The scouts were allocated to districts, ours being made up of two other troops with our sixteen boys and two scouters. The district which embraced the 1st Chinese, Kingston College, and Montego Bay, were under the leadership of Mr. Vernon Hall, Kingston District Commissioner, Mr. Robert Gardner, SM for Kingston College, and Chaplain for Scouts, with Akela Len Chang and ASM Noel Lyn as Scoutmasters for the two troops into which the district was subdivided.

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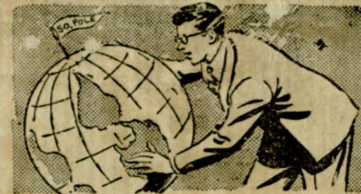
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MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Do "marriage counselors" oppose divorce?

cept for "in principle," except for religious reasons. If you consult the average expert in this field, you need not be afraid that all he or she will do will be to try to persuade you to stay married under any and all circumstances. A competent counselor will help you realize whatever mistakes you have made and how they can be corrected, but will mainly try to see what will create the greatest happiness—and involve the least damage—for all concerned.



Should "campus radicals" be taken seriously?

Answer: They should not be confused with the confirmed adult revolutionary, writes Eugene E. Levitt, former Brooklyn College student editor, in *Persona*. Many adolescents who have

By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist

chafed under parental discipline tend unconsciously to identify the social order with an autocratic parent and attempt to show their independence by trying to turn the world upside down. If tactfully treated, most of them outgrow such notions when they get a little older, whereas trying to suppress them too completely only strengthens their rebellion.



Will a "safe job" kill ambition?

Answer: Only if you didn't have much to begin with. There's a type of person whose early experiences made life seem so insecure that his natural craving for happiness was crushed by the overwhelming need to "play safe." If he can get a secure job, all he'll think of will be to avoid "sticking his neck out." But a job that offers no chance either of advancement or of recognition, even though safe, tends to smother both ambition and interest in doing good work, and a healthy-minded person would quit it.

tical course outside the atmosphere. As it curved down toward the earth, it would meet the air again and turn into a none-powered glider. Coasting through the air for another 1,800 miles, it would land at 150. mph—not much more than the landing speed of many modern fighter craft.

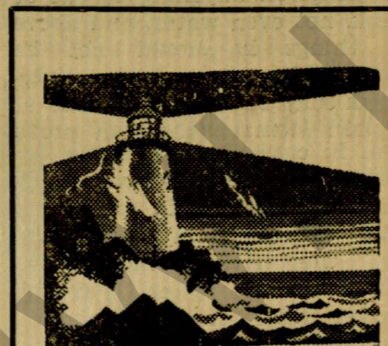


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BERKELEY.—Caught in a political dilemma are Chinese students at the University of California. The 133 students on the Berkeley campus under scholarships granted by the Nationalist government are wondering about their position now that the Communists occupy China.

Most asked is the question how long they will be able to continue their study here. On the other hand, many are also trying to decide the philosophical question of whether to return home after graduation or declare themselves political refugees.

Most of the students have applied or are being financed from Marshall Plan funds for China relief.

Dr. Huse-Shen Tsien, rocket expert at Caltech, believes that some day man can fly from Los Angeles to New York in one hour.

Dr. Tsien recently read a report before the Manhattan Society of Mechanical Engineers in which he described, in technical terms, a rocket liner which is capable of making such a trip. He had taken into consideration such technical details as how to keep the walls of combustion chambers from melting, etc.

The Chinese-born rocket expert said that his liner would be 78.9 ft. long and 8.86 ft. in diameter, with a loaded weight of 96,500 lbs. It would have small wings and a ram-jet as well as a rocket motor. Its maximum speed, 9,140 m.p.h. would carry the ship 1,200 miles on an ellip-

ins, Inspection, Badge Work, Tests, Exploration, Games, Swimming and later in the evening, either campfires or Movie shows.

At no time in the camp did our boys ever fall below third place. On the other hand, they came first three days in succession, proving quite a threat to the Loyola Cayman Island combination who quite often felt that they were sitting pretty and having things very much their own way. This was a rather exceptional showing when it is realised that over 75 percent of our boys were camping out under canvas for the first time and most of these had been in uniform only a matter of six weeks. As things turned out, we ended up at a very close 2nd place for the Camp trophy.

A brief meeting was held on Wednesday of this week for a chinwag on the Camp, which according to popular opinion was really good fun.

Again our thanks must go to the parents who were so generous to let their boys share this very important phase of scouting with boys from all over the Island.

The troop is on holidays now, and will be until mid-September.

THE COMMON TOUCH

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one most commonly used is that of paying off the most hostile first. But that does not savour of fair play. After all chums, we must play the game, and that would not be cricket. You could

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Miss Norma Lue Sang models a beautiful black and white bathing suit which earned her a second prize at the Beach Wear Parade last month at the Woman's Club. The creation was made by Mr. Thomas Lyn.



ON A BOPPER'S HAYRIDE A group of teenagers who made the most of the Chinese Students' Association function at the C.A.C. on last pre-holiday night. Left to right) George Wong, Ernest Yap Chong. (In rear) Arnold Chang, Noel Ho, Lena Chin, Louise Yap Sam, Victor Chang; (in rear) Betty Chin; (sitting in front) Victor Wong.



Some executive members of the Chinese Students' Association in a gala mood with the happy throng of be-boppers at their annual dance. (Left to right) H. Tai Tenquee, Secretary, Vera Shim, Annie Wong (Secretary), Theodore Wong (Treasurer) Ronn, Tai Noel Lyn (President), Joe Tai (Assistant)



Young Miss Karlene Chen is modeling here a white embroidered pique sun-dress which won a second prize at the recent Summer Wear Parade. The dress was made by Mrs. Robert Chin.

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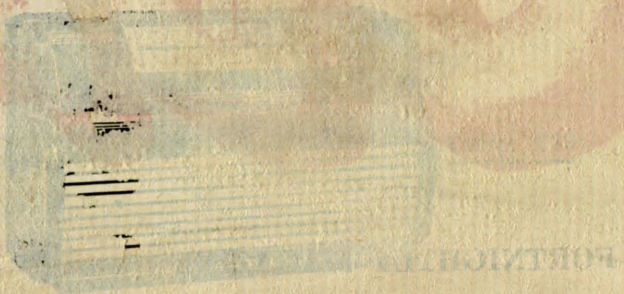
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