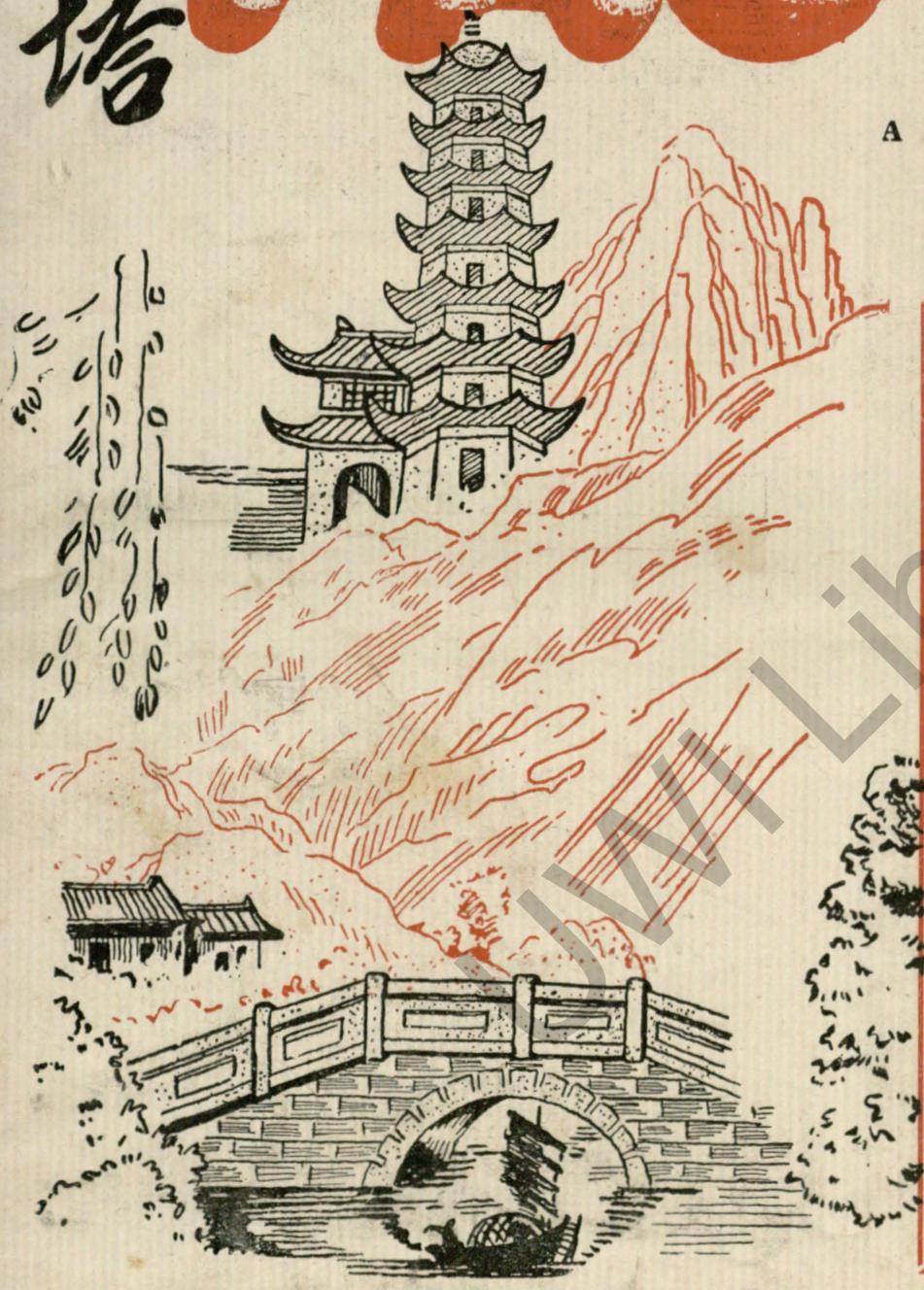


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**CHINESE NEW YEAR CUSTOMS**

By PIONEER

From SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, Hongkong

ALTHOUGH the Chinese never pay a visit empty-handed, and invariably contribute to the welcoming feast, New Year is essentially the season for giving, and receiving presents.

The catalogues, issued at this time of year by western Stores purporting to suggest all kinds of useless trash under the guise of novelty, as Christmas presents, would have no appeal for them, as tradition is utilitarian in the extreme.

Presents take the form of food to enhance the festivity of the occasion, or clothing, for material is regarded as capital.

The Chinese are free from the box of unsmokeable cigars from the maiden aunt, and the appalling dust-traps which cluttered the Victorian parlour. Members of the family may give silks, or even jewels.

This indicates symbolically that the donor's circumstance permit him to be lavish in bestowing his superfluity, even though the settling day with his creditors taxed him to the utmost, and left him on the ragged edge of bankruptcy.

It is a question of face, and appearances have to be maintained, though it may entail hardship in other directions.

SERVANTS are usually sent with the contributions, and invariably receive a "lucky penny" for their trouble. The distribution of "Lucky Money" at this time of the year accounts for the seasonal shortage of small change.

The tip is enclosed in a red envelope with a gilt design, bearing the Chinese character "Fu" for luck, or "Hsi" for joy. They are obtainable at the paper shops, and there are invariably a number of stalls at the New Year Fair, at which housewives may be seen making their choice of a variety of patterns.

The Lotus, and pair of Mandarin Ducks, signifying connubial bliss is appropriate for lucky money on the occasion of a wedding, or betrothal.

It is a pretty way of presenting a tip and, in a country where face counts for so much, saves embarrassment to the donor of limited means.

CHINESE are expected to manifest diffidence over the acceptance of the whole gift, and a part of it should be returned by the bearer, tipping being commensurate with the amount retained. A message is conveyed to the effect that the sender was far too generous.

This system is most advantageous to the donor, who can then despatch the rejected portion to one of his less-deserving acquaintances.

The 29th day of the last Moon is set apart for visits to parents, and relatives who do not live within the family compound.

This was always regarded as an essential duty, particularly in the old Capital. It was known as the Chu-hsi, or day of "close visits."

Pupils called on their masters, to take leave of the year as the respect due to them came only after that which custom accorded to parents. In the many conflicts between the War Lords, which rent China from the dawn of the Republican era, loyalty to old Commanders was generally observed, with one or two notable exceptions, which proved the rule.

After the obligatory visits have been paid the rest of the day may be devoted to charity, a philanthropist used to go round the poorer quarters accompanied by servants furnished with money. Should sounds of a woman's weeping be heard from a house, custom conferred the right to enter, and relieve her distress.

NEW Year's Eve is a day of unremitting toil for the distaff side of the household, as preparations have to be made for the Gods' as well as human necessities, and the use of any sharp implement on the morrow is

forbidden, lest it may "cut luck." As far as possible cooking is avoided on the holiday, so everything must be prepared in advance.

The Chinese bring their food to the table in such a manner that it can be dealt with without sub-division, and regard western methods as barbarous. The idea of the host strenuously dissecting a turkey, in full view of his hungry guests is to them abhorrent. It is also unpractical, as the last served have to be content with a tepid portion, whilst a knowledge of anatomy is not considered an essential qualification for the scholar and gentleman.

The Chinese in London would be puzzled to find Toad in the hole on a restaurant Bill of Fare, but his own dishes masquerade under such fantastic soubriquets that only those with local knowledge can be certain what they are ordering.

A northerner arriving in Hongkong is obliged to sit waiting till a neighbouring table is served with a dish he fancies before telling the waiter he'd like some of that.

STRANGERS may go through a whole meal in this fashion, though they are likely to lose the continuity if their choice falls upon a course requiring long preparation. "Gold Cash" chicken, "Fairy" chicken, and "Kidney" flowers are appropriate for the season in Peking, and even the poorest family, which can rarely afford meat, regales itself with Chu Po Po, or pork dumplings.

When the cooking is finished, every available receptacle is filled with water, as, for the next forty-eight hours, the wells are closed. The spirit of the Well is one of the household Gods, and in as much need of a holiday as anybody else.

Water from the main, in the Colony (Hongkong) does not come under the ban, as the reservoirs are the foreigner's affair, but the wells in the New Territories are

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## EXPERIENCES OF A DEEP SEA FISHERMAN

By S. H. C.

JIM and I are still saying that the idea really originated in Jeepers' fertile mind on Tuesday night last, when we dined at Jim's place. Anne had donned the Kitchen apron and dished up for our spiritual pleasure and physical benefit a beautiful platter of Baked Mutton Snapper, basted with butter and smothered in onions.

It was a dish that would send thrills of delight shooting through the fussiest palate on earth.

"Nice cooking, cookie!"

"Oh, thanks, Jim!"

"May my vulgar display of a hefty appetite be accepted in the spirit in which it is intended."

Anne smiled and bowed deeply at my offering.

Then we all looked at Jeepers.

"I say, what's wrong, old man?"

"Nothing, Jim, nothing at all!"

"But you were in a brown study, a minute back. Didn't you like the fish?"

"Fish? . . . Oh, the fish! Sure, sure it was lovely."

"Well, don't be a boor, why didn't you say so! Are you purely animal?"

"Why, I, I don't understand!"

Now, at last, as Jim and I exchanged glances, we were certain that we knew wherein lay all the trouble.

Jeepers had begun to show some semblance of life. His eyes grew brighter, his pulse beat faster and we knew that the idea which had been all this while stirring uneasily within him had taken definite form and at long last come to life.

OH, all the symptoms were there. The anguished look, the appearance of the body, the feeble movement of the lips, all were signs very familiar to Jim and myself.

"Look fellows! I was thinking . . ."

We shook his hand warmly, Jim felt his pulse, Anne ran for a cold towel, while I chafed his wrist.

He completely ignored us.

"Let's go fishing!"

"What, now?" We looked at each other. Our faces were thickly coated with anxiety.

"No dopes, tomorrow night, the night after, any night, but soon!"

We were stuck, and we knew it. We sat and listened.

Apparently he knew a fellow who knew a fellow who knew a fisherman. This fisherman in his turn, as is common among fishermen who fish

for fish in the briny deep, knew other fishermen. Then he let out the magic name: "Grant's Pen!"

We knew now what he was talking about, without the shadow of a doubt, for the name crops up in all fishing circles whenever the big 'uns start biting out there near Yallahs. Only this week we had heard magic tales of 20 and 30 lb King Fish being lured from the deep, and stories of 8 and 10 lb Mutton snappers nibbling away at shrimp bait.

For once an idea of Jeepers' took root in Jim's mind and mine without 24 hours' coaxing and two days' notice.

We were game and told him so. We outfitted ourselves and piled into Jim's bus.

We were there, fourteen miles out of the St. Thomas road in a matter of forty-five minutes. This friend of Jeepers' had arranged with three fishermen to take us out. I looked on the frail craft which was to be for the next few hours my only insurance for a safe return, the sole obstacle between myself and a very salt, wet end.

The canoe was no more than 10 ft. long. It was no more than four feet high. I took my seat in the stern with a much exaggerated show of confidence.

I took a glance at the others and was much relieved to see that they were not very happy in their anticipation of the trip out. Some of the confidence I showed grew real.

The fisherman who rowed me out did it with a calmness and precision which buoyed up my spirits. I mean, that after a while, I had really begun to enjoy slipping over the calm surface of the sea to the quiet rhythm of the oars biting and sucking at the water.

ALL around was darkness and A silence broken only by the soft wash and slap of the oars propelling the other two boats. Directly above, the stars were but pinholes in the vast quilt of the sky. I recognised the forms of a few old friends. I saw the Big Dipper, Scorpio who has just returned to the early night sky after a long Spring absence; I recognised the Southern Cross, seen nowhere so clearly as at sea; the Seven Sisters with tiny little sister at times invisible.

All too soon it seemed the "Kellit"—iron was being lowered, and we had come to our 'drop'

for the night. Nearby, the oars of the other boats were hushed, and they too dropped their anchors of heavy rock.

The lamps were now lit, and our hooks were baited.

Fishing there was done at some twenty five fathoms, which means a lot of line has to be hauled out of the briny, before the hook will re-appear.

The fish were not biting very eagerly that night.

In fishing, when such a condition exists, there is a lot of room for thought; superabundant time for meditation. Perhaps, that is why, when a man really wants to think things out, it is recommended that he go fishing. There is much wisdom in that.

A thousand and one thoughts forced entry into my consciousness. I covered, I think, in that brief period, nearly every subject under the sun. I felt a pull on the line. I jerked it. There was no resistance. I let the line down again.

There now followed a long period of waiting which proved very disastrous. I had no chance. There was not the distraction of snagging a big 'un, of playing him, of bringing him to the surface, of flipping him over the side of the boat. There was just the waiting—the patient, at times agonizing waiting while he tasted the shrimp

and left only to come back, barely touching it.

It was in this waiting that I became conscious of it. As before, I looked across at the other boats for comfort, and again I found same. The gentle swell of the open sea which we found pleasant coming out, was now, from its rhythm and monotonous regularity, becoming a threat.

If you've ever been in a swing as a kid, and been affected by the downward movement, then you will have a poor idea of the feeling which was creeping like a drug over us. As in the swing, it started as a very pleasant experience, and then things begin to happen to your tummy.

THE line overboard was receiving less and less of my attention, while I concentrated more and more on preserving within me the spirit of life. I felt that it was a losing battle, but remembering the precepts of previous victims of the 'mal de mer' I breathed deeply inwards on the downward plunge of the swell and exhaled freely on the up.

Bit by bit my interest in the line became equal to my interest in a bit of seaweed floating somewhere out in the Japanese Sea. It didn't matter one little bit whether it was there or not.

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## MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

LAST fortnight was Graduation Day for our College boys and girls. On the boys' side one student made the remarkable record of getting "A's" in no less than half a dozen subjects and top honours in his class for all of them. No need to add that he was voted the one most likely to succeed. On the girls' side our last year's C.A.C. Carnival Queen showed that she has not only beauty but brains. She was one of two Queens selected by the staff whose decision was based on scholastic achievement.

TWO birthday parties kept our teen-agers very party-minded during the past two weeks. There was a good deal of hep-dancing approaching the Cugat variety. Let's have more birthday parties and heaps of fun with them.

A YOUNG country fisherman got a new spear and went spearing fish in the river. He had a good night of fishing and by the middle of the night he had a hundred odd pounds of fish to his credit. To make an impression on his folks he went through a great deal of trouble finding a big truck to take home his haul, a matter of a few hundred yards.

WHOEVER would have thought a derelict boat could be a romantic spot. But to two young people it was very much so, until a party quite unintentionally intruded and shattered the romantic atmosphere.

OUR pretty college lass who for the past six months had everyone guessing as to whose ring she was wearing at one time, has at last told her friends the facts. The

wedding I hear is sometime this year. There were also other engagements that were a bit of a surprise to many of us. Our active Guild secretary for one did not give many of us a hint of just what was going to happen. The one at McGill is of course too far for many of us to know about. We are happy to have our first real link with Canada when their marriage, which will link two well-known families together, takes place.

UNDOUBTEDLY one of the biggest if not the biggest wedding here was the one two Sundays ago at the Freemason Hall. There were 120 dinner tables laid out, so that gives them the prize. At the speech-making our young insurance salesmen seem to be well on the way to earn a reputation as the talkingest lot in the community. At the other end of the city the quiet wedding of a very popular couple took place.

NOTHING could be worse luck for our tennis captain than to be ill in bed for two weeks away from home. It not only prevented his finishing the tournament but spoiled what would otherwise have been a very pleasant holiday for his wife and himself in that very charming land of the calypsos.

OUR one time pitching star who led a quiet life in the country raising a family came into the spotlight recently when she defeated the Trinidad table tennis star. To hold her own after several years of retirement shows that our Mary has the stuff that make champions.

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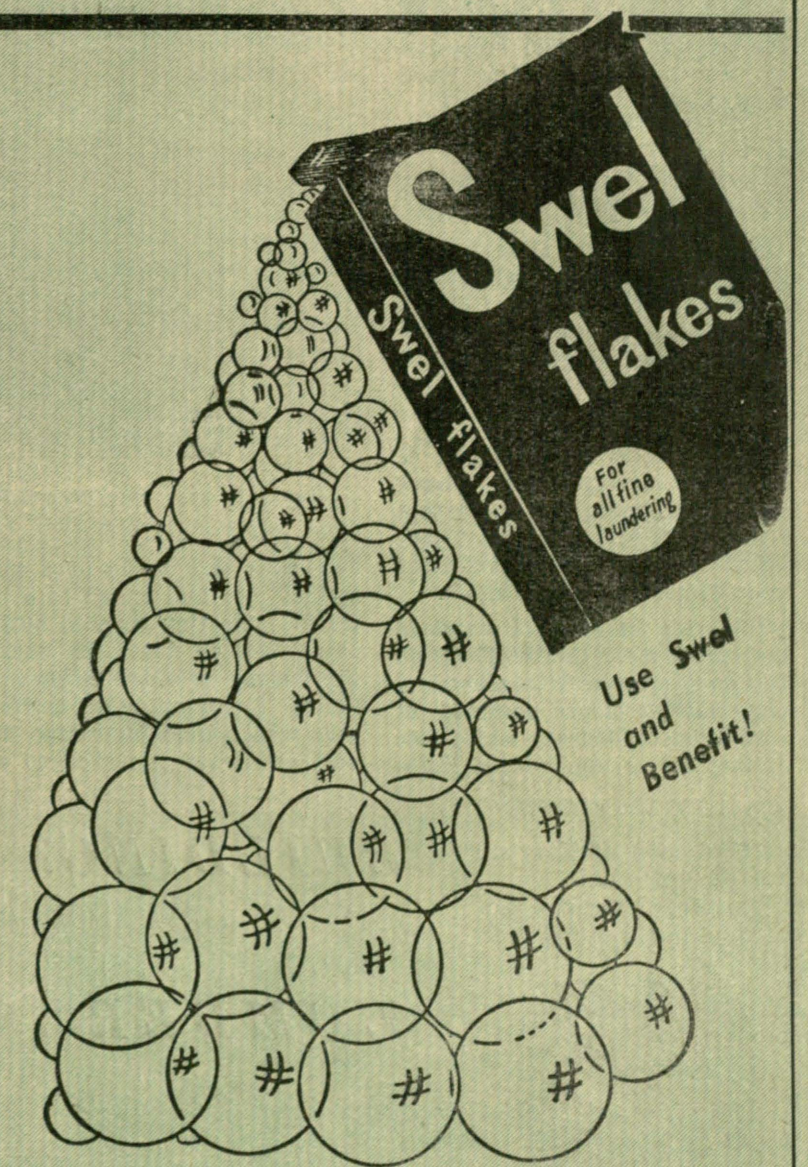
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CORRECTION

Mr. Walton Loshushan is chairman of the executive committee of the Chinese Benevolent Society and not the Chinese Freemason Society as was erroneously announced in our last issue. It was in that capacity that he was invited by the Mayor, William Seivright, to take part in the civic reception for the Governor at the Ward Theatre.

LARGE FUNCTION MARKS CHUCK-CHEN BRIDAL

Before the high altar of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, North Street, Vilma Margaret Chuck and Cedric Charles Chen exchanged vows on Sunday, April 22, the Rev. Fr. Fox, S.J. officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chuck Keow of Kingston and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus Chen. The bride returned from China two years ago.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She was attired in a long sleeved dress having a long waisted blouse designed of a material of delicate white lace trailing in an applique of lilies.



Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Charles Chen. —Photo by James Chung.

The skirt was made of a misty looking net and ended in a long train. The tiny covered buttons closely placed down the back of the blouse accentuated her tall figure. Surrounding her coiffured hair was a halo of orange blossom length veil of net edged with

a delicate lace motif. She carried a shower bouquet of asters and orchids.

June Chuck, sister of the bride, was the maid of honour. Attendees included Verna Lee, Icy somes from which fell a short-el-

Lee and Eva Kong. The bridesmaids wore pink, blue, yellow and aqua spotted net over strapless taffeta slips. The wide flowing skirts were designed with shimmering satin tubings. The bodices were made with tiny puffed sleeves and peterpan collars. They wore a cluster of carnations in their hair and carried matching posies.

The bestman was Percy Chuck and ushers were Dudley Shim, Frank Lee and Kenneth Chong. Train-bearer was little Elinor Chuck and page boy master George Chuck.

The arrival of the couple at the reception which was held at the Chinese Freemason Hall, was the signal for the setting off of a long series of firecrackers. At the reception, Mr. W. A. Bunny Chen acted as Master of Ceremonies and after the blessing of the cake he called on several persons to toast the bride and bridegroom, the bridesmaids, the bride's family, and the guests. Among the speakers were Mr. F. A. Glasspole, M.H.R., Mr. David Hew, Mr. T. S. Phillipson, Mr. Jimmy Lowe, Mr. Charles Chuck and Mr. D. G. Chung.

The reception dinner was attended by over 300 persons, and a large number stayed behind for the orchestral dance that followed in the evening.

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PANORAMA

THE L.T.M.

On April 16th, the Little Theatre Movement opened its new theatre at the Rainbow Gardens at Halfway Tree, which materialised a dream of years, if not as completely as had been wished, at least a fulfilment that time can further. The theatre is an open-air one, ideally situated and suitable to the productions of the enterprising Little Theatre Movement's Company which is under the stage direction of Noel Vaz.

At the opening many members of the Arts were present, and most of those who have helped, in one way or another, to promote the cause of the L.T.M. since its inauguration. Gracing this historic event with their presence were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Hugh Foot and Lady Foot, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Seivright and other prominent people.

A preview of the first play to be staged at this open-air theatre, Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan" was then given the guests. The play has been shown several times since that evening, and has been a credit to the L.T.M. Some feel it has been too venturesome an undertaking but if one does not aim high one never gets there in the long run.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS

In the education sphere the opening of two new school buildings, badly needed in recent times, those of St. Michael's Church School and the Denham Town School, has been noteworthy events. That of St. Michael's was opened by His Lordship Bishop Dale, practically one hundred years after the school had originally been founded by Bishop Christopher Lipscombe, and it is a most suitable modern building with two storeys. Gifts to the school were also unveiled, and portraits of those connected with its activities are to be found on its walls.

The Denham Town School was opened by the Rev. M. E. W. Sawyers and numbers of educationists and Government officials were present on this encouraging occasion. Built to accommodate 1000 children there were 300 in excess of this number on the rolls, and the headmaster, Mr. Hawthorne appealed to the generosity of the public to help them in acquiring the various supplementary needs for games, music and the like to complete

the new educational centre. These two schools define all the more clearly the need which exists for more and larger buildings to accommodate the children who have to be educated today.

LADY HUGGINS VISIT

Paying a brief visit back to Jamaica following her lecture tour in the United States and Canada has been Lady Huggins, en route to her daughter Diana in Nassau. Lady Huggins was the guest of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Foot at her own former abode King's House, for one week, from which centre she paid a brief visit to Ocho Rios, and attended many dinner parties in her honour.

In addition to private functions Lady Huggins participated in many connected with the Federation of Women and the Woman's Club, and was Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Jamaica Branch of the Red Cross Society of which she was President during her time here as the wife of Jamaica's Governor, Sir John Huggins. During her address she spoke of how often she had mentioned in her lectures in the States, the ideals of the Jamaica Red Cross, and expressed the hope that it would continue its good service in the future. The many friends of Lady Huggins have been happy indeed to welcome her back here if even for so brief a time, and look forward to having her with us from time to time.

ON BEHALF OF NURSING

Making a tour of the West Indies under the auspices of the Colonial Development and Welfare Corporation is Miss Florence Udell, Chief Nursing Adviser to the Colonial Office in London, who, in the course of her tour called here a week or so ago.

Miss Udell is working towards the standardisation of nurses' training in the West Indies and after discussing the matter with each colony pointing out deficiencies and any need for improvement, she will, in all probability, arrange a conference of medical authorities to discuss and standardise training in the West Indies. The Colonial Office wishes to admit nurses from the colonies who were not recognised formerly because they were not registered in Britain. Nurses who can attain a sufficiently high standard will be recommended for the Colonial Nursing Service, which is now known as the Queen Elizabeth Nursing Service.

VISITORS EN BLOC

Jamaica is becoming accustomed now, to having visitors

from various countries arrive in groups, all bent to some special mission. This method of coming en bloc is a very good one from many standpoints, as it enables the discussion of the parties' views on the spot and Jamaica benefits by this variety of opinions.

There have been many groups of visitors in recent weeks, among these being a group of statesmen from Santo Domingo who were the delegation en route to Nicaragua for the inauguration of that country's new President.

A small party of French researchers, members of the Marine Research Centre of France, called here in their twin yacht Copula for a three-week visit. They are on a mission for the French National Meteorological Department, carry out experiments aboard the vessel, and collect samples of underwater soil for analysis with special equipment for such purpose.

A group of Miami clubwomen once again called to say "Hullo!" to members of the Woman's Club in Jamaica, and were entertained at a Luncheon Party in their honour, at which, as already stated, Lady Huggins was present. Lady Foot was the guest of honour on this occasion.

Two more "Know Jamaica" parties have also been here, one arriving in Kingston, were ten travel agents, the other at Montego Bay comprised a party of 26 tourists who came in their own private aircraft, having heard so many nice accounts of Jamaica.

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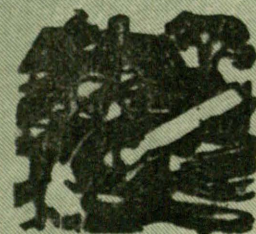
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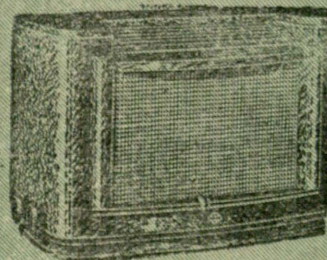
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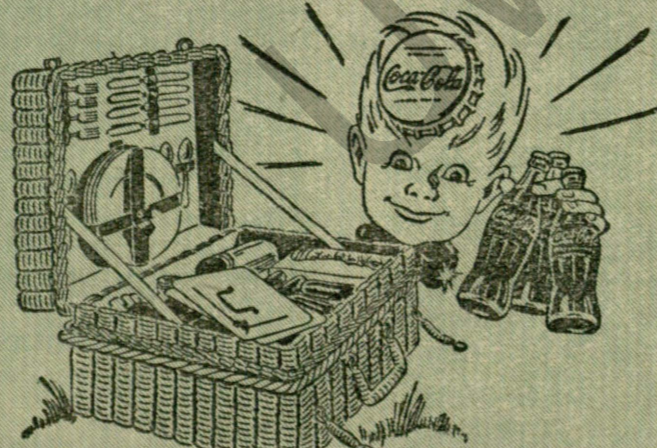
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The Festival of Britain was opened on Thursday, May 3, by His Majesty the King, at the conclusion of a dedicatory service at St. Paul's Cathedral. Their Majesties drove in semi-State to the Cathedral for this ceremony, which was broadcast by the B.B.C. The Festival of Britain also features the British Industries Fair which was opened on April 30.

At the Fair is a West Indies window where a Jamaica Stall is presided over by Mrs. Douglas Manley and Nurse Enid Douglas. Jamaican products, industries and handicrafts are given pleasing and wide publicity.

The Festival of Britain has been planned over a long period of time, and will last many months, during which time visitors from every part of the world will flock to view the advances made by Great Britain in agricultural products, industrial works, craftsmanship, drama, music, the arts and literature.

From Jamaica has gone an interesting work of art by artist Claude deSouza, which depicts all vital aspects of Jamaican life: agriculture, industry, politics, social services, culture and art. A display of the craftsmanship of the Jamaica Welfare Cottage Industries Agency, done in miniature, also by the same artist has been sent to the Fair.

In conjunction with the Festival it has been decided by the British Government to hold informal meetings between Ministers of the State and representatives of British Colonial territories, at which United Kingdom policy in relation to the current world situation and the major problems common to both will be discussed. For this purpose the Colonies were invited by the British Government to send representatives to be their guests at these informal talks for a period of three weeks, from July 9 to July 30, and to participate in the Festival celebrations.

The House of Representatives here have elected the Hon. Sir Harold Allan, Leader of the House, and the Hon. L. L. Simmonds, Member for Western St. Mary, as their representatives; the Legislative Council has elected the Hon. Douglas Judah. These three able representatives will be Jamaica's unofficial delegates to Britain as guests of H.M. Government.

There is much to be learned, and much to be told in our interests, and Jamaica places its confidence in these three men in this most valuable and interesting pilgrimage.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR CUSTOMS**

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decked with religious paintings, and felicitous inscriptions.

The final preparations include a last sweep round, and the arrangement of the family treasures. Gift flower pots, containing camellias, oranges and lemons, that curious citrus known as Buddha's Hand (*Citrus medica* var. *sacrodactylis*) and, above all in Hongkong the Bell, or New Year flowers, are placed in the most commanding positions. Everyone then takes a final bath to rid themselves of the last traces of the Old Year, and the men patronise a barber.

A common custom in South China is for the boys to walk through the deserted streets, after darkness has fallen, chanting "Mi Sow," or "I sell my folly," indicative of turning over a new leaf, and putting childish things behind them.

**A**NOTHER custom for taking the omens for the coming season, much practiced in Kuangtung and Fukien, was to place a sieve on the now extinct stove, and on it to superimpose a bowl of water and a mirror.

Having made this magic, the operator stole out to the gate, and listened for the speech of the first passer-by. Good words portended a prosperous year, and bad the reverse. The ceremony had to take place before eight o'clock, and after dusk had fallen.

Eight o'clock is the dead line for the performance for, after

that, the household needs some sort of rest before the all night vigil which ushers in the New Year. In the very early hours of the morning the Kitchen God is welcomed back and installed in his new shrine, with a salute of crackers which lasts till daylight.

They contrive to fulfil a dual role of honouring the protective Deity, and scaring any evil spirits which may intrude on the premises. They also render sleep impossible for the inmates of the compound. At about 2 or 3 in the morning the family sits down to a meal of pork patties, and in all but the poorest families, a sweet meat called "Nien Kao" is eaten.

This is made of sticky-rice flour, dates and bean flour. "Nien" has the double meaning of "sticky," and "year", whilst "Kao" means "lofty," or "cake." Whilst partaking of the glutinous bun, it is in order to wish the coming year may be more prosperous than its predecessor.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast. Man never is, but always to be blest."

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**Last Look At China's Christian Colleges**

*A Report by the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, New York.*

Many forces are now affecting academic work in the 12 American Christian-endowed colleges in China, reported the December issue of "The China Colleges," quarterly bulletin of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

An article based on letters from the field and first-hand reports from individuals recently returned to the U.S., mentions the falling off of middle (high) school standards, the substitution of Russian for English as a second language, and "thought control" as some of the factors.

It says, however, that the situation is not the same on any two campuses and that standards are reported still high in the natural sciences.

In an editorial in the same issue, the Board urges continued financial support of the Christian Colleges in Communist China as "avenues of friendly contact even in times like these" and in spite of "reports of participation, by students and teachers of the Christian Colleges, in villification of America."

"Cutting off support from our end would only confirm charges of 'cultural imperialism' and would throw the colleges irrevocably into other hands with no respect of re-establishing Christian institutions which have been so patiently built," the editorial states.

The report is admittedly based on incomplete data and is also presumed to have been compiled before the recent Chinese Communist large-scale intervention in Korea.

Letters from the field and first-hand reports from individuals who have recently returned to this country have thrown some helpful light on the question of academic standards in the Christian Colleges. Although the situation is not the same on any two campuses, it is possible to see more clearly the favourable and unfavourable forces at work. The three main factors to be borne in mind seem to be: middle school preparation, quality of students admitted, and effect on academic work of government

Since this article appeared the Communist Peiping radio has announced that all American subsidized religious, medical, educational and relief organizations in China would become state-owned or completely operated by Chinese.

restrictions, faculty losses, students interference, and political activities.

Middle schools suffered in the spring of 1949 from the new freedom and enthusiasm and from interference in school administration, though the departure of many restless students proved something of a stabilizing factor. Since then, interference has greatly decreased, and emphasis is increasingly on hard study. Substitution by many middle-school students of Russian for English as a second language may handicap college courses where there is as yet no adequate Chinese texts.

It is probable that, in the summer of 1949, all of the Colleges were forced to dip somewhat deeper for freshmen than had been their practice. In some cases the quality of 1950's freshmen appears to be somewhat higher. President Luh, for example, has reported no difficulty in maintaining Yen-ching's status as a Grade A institution.

However, there has almost certainly been increased discrepancy between the high standards maintained in natural sciences, medicine, and engineering and those for the less attractive courses in arts and public affairs. It seems likely that most Colleges share the feeling of Huachung University that entrance levels are a bit lower and that the new students are not fully up to traditional standards, though "a good lot and eager to learn."

Quality of faculty has apparently not been affected at Yen-ching. There were few losses, and gains were of about the usual standard. The University of Nanking, however, reports that a number of its best men, particularly in the College of Agriculture, have been drawn off by the Government.

Lingnan appears to have benefited from early migration of scholars from north to south. Other institutions have not reported any great changes in personnel.

Language constitutes a very great problem. When middle schools begin graduating students who have taken only Russian, the Christian Colleges will have to decide how to handle them in courses where adequate Chinese texts are unavailable.

It may be that the Colleges will become increasingly outstanding in English and gain heavily from this in fields where the use of English is necessary. But the loss to academic work in China through lowering of the general standard of English may prove serious for some years.

"Thought Control" exists but in most places is not at present felt to be a serious problem. "Chinese students want to consider for themselves the 'old' and the 'new' genetics, and to learn of both." Curriculum changes have not as yet been of a drastic character, though in some places courses in history and the social sciences are being refashioned to conform to the new ideology.

The 12 Christian colleges in China founded and supported mainly by American funds, are listed as follows, with their locations and enrolments for the fall term 1950. According to the bulletin, "The China Colleges", the total enrolment is more than 25 per cent higher than last Spring's, and less than 5 per cent under the figure for 1948, the last pre-Communist year.

Cheeloo (Tsinan)	815
Fukien (Foochow)	375
Ginling (Nanking)	215
Hangchow (Hangchow)	906
Huachung (Wuchang)	488
Hwa Nan (Foochow)	178
Lingnan (Canton)	1,347
Nanking (Nanking)	853
St. John's (Shanghai)	1,600
Soochow (Soochow)	1,470
West China (Chengtu)	1,061
Yen-ching (Peiping)	1,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,566</b>

Political education continues, but its courses no longer dominate students' programmes.

Emphasis on the practical is everywhere apparent, but it is "directed more against informational material that is felt to be irrelevant than toward theory, the necessity for which is accepted. In the natural science departments there seems to be special desire to stress high-class

theory rather than more technique."

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# "I Don't Intend To Be Murdered"

By A. F. Daniels

WHEN the 'Montrose King' entered the Bay of Biscay it found the sea wild and angry. The little ship began to weave and bob like a piece of cork in a bath tub. But the crew handled the boat well. They had been there before, they knew what to do, it simply meant working a little harder.

But down in the Captain's cabin three men were not a bit concerned about the storm. They were seated round the table holding on to it, grimly. The captain was talking. He was a big, brawny man, compared to his two companions; his face was rough and wrinkled, his eyes were hard.

"I've got you two here because I have plenty to say and I mean plenty. One of you thinks that he can fool me. Me, the Captain of this ship. You must be a fool—a real fool!" He was shouting and his face was red.

"I don't know what you are talking about," said Sinclair the wireless operator. "What is it all about, sir?"

Captain Gabb laughed, but it was mirthless. "What is it all about, sir?" he mimicked. Then his face changed, went hard again and he glared menacingly at the two men.

"I am going to tell you," he said, "that is the very reason why I sent for you. You see, I don't intend to be murdered."

"Murdered!" shouted Larkins, the second mate. "What the devil are you talking about?"

The Captain leaned forward gloatingly. "I am talking about murder." Then he shouted, "Murder, d'yer hear?"

Larkins was just staring in horror at his Captain but a curious frown had settled on the forehead of Sinclair.

"I think you had better explain, sir," he said.

"Of course I am going to explain. That's why I sent for you," Gabb snapped back. "Now listen. First we are going to talk about Crook."

"But Crook is dead," said Larkins, more to himself than to the others, for the conversation was beyond him, or so it appeared to Sinclair.

"Yes," went on Gabb, "Crook is dead. He was swept overboard two nights ago. The best mate a ship ever had was swept clean over the side in a storm that was

like a dribble of rain over a two months old baby. That never struck you two before, did it? That man would have kept his two feet on deck in the biggest storm the Devil could fetch up. Yet he went over when the ship was rolling like a pleasure steamer off the Isle of Man. Crook was the best sailor on two legs that—"

"Just what are you suggesting?" said Sinclair.

"What do you think?" sneered the Captain.

"I think," returned the Operator, "that you are making out Crook's death was no accident."

"You're dead right," said Gabb, "that is just what I was making out. Crook going overboard was no accident. It was plain murder! D'yer hear; plain murder!"

"Are you quite sure, sir?" said Sinclair. "After all, why should anyone want to kill Crook?"

Gabb laughed again. "One of you knows. I'll stake me own life on that. And so what I am going to say is not going to be a surprise to one of you; only that I know, that's going to be a surprise. Yes, I know all right. A man like Crook is killed because he has something—something that is worth a lot of money, a devil of a lot of money. Crook had a small bag of pearls. Real beauties they were and worth a nice little parcel in the right market. How he got them I don't know. Crook was always clever at getting stuff. I reckon he did some poor mutt. But that is no matter. That he had the parcel of pearls is a certainty. I saw them. That will shake you I bet. Yes, Crook told me all about it. He always carried them with him in a small pocket on his belt.

"Crook had figured on retirin' after this trip and taking a farm somewhere in Essex. I think those pearls would have fetched him a pretty big farm. But Crook died—he was pushed overboard deliberately.

"I didn't do it," said Larkins, whose face was white and drawn.

"That is your word," said the Captain brutally.

"Do you know who did it?" asked Sinclair.

"No!" roared Gabb. "If I did he would be in the cell right now." He leered over the table, "But I have drawn the obvious conclusion, if that means anything to you."

"No, it doesn't," snapped back Sinclair who was beginning to lose patience. Instinctively, he dropped the use of "Sir", which he thought in the circumstances was now not necessary. A Captain did not speak to his staff in that manner. He was afraid that the Captain was either mad or drunk. They were the only two solutions he could see.

"Oh, it doesn't," roared Gabb. "Well, let me tell you this and maybe you will see it my way. First, Crook was not the sort of man to take the crew into his confidence. He was too good a mate for that. And you all know that he didn't have any friends among the crew. Right then, that rules the crew out."

"One of them might have found out", put in Larkins tentatively.

"You're making out that Crook was a fool," roared the Captain back at him, "and Crook was no fool. As I was saying, that rules out the crew. That leaves we three. Pretty isn't it? Just we three men on board this boat who were familiar enough with Crook for him to have shown us the pearls."

"He did not show them to me," said Sinclair.

"Nor me," Larkins said in a weak voice that almost went unheard. They knew he said it for both men were watching his quivering lips.

Gabb laughed again. He fairly roared. Then he stopped just as suddenly as he had begun and on his face spread a big ugly leer. "I've only your word for it," he said. "He did show them to me. And I'd stake my life that he gave one of you two a peep at them. Damm it, I know he did."

"Just a minute," said Sinclair. "Where does all this get us? Suppose it is right what you say. Suppose one of us did murder Crook and take his pearls. Why have you taken the trouble to tell us? Why didn't you wait until

we strike port and inform the police?"

"Very good Sinclair. That is a nice bit of thinking. I've been doing a bit of thinking meself over the self-same question. And it brought me to one conclusion. And this is it. You see, I figured out that if one of you two knocked Crook overboard for the pearls it is likely that you also know that Crook showed them to me. Now you can see what I am getting at, can't you? It puts me on a spot. One of you is thinking about doing me in, so that I won't be talking when we reach port, eh? One more body overboard and you're safe. Well, I can tell you this. Nobody is goin' to do me in see? I am taking mighty good care of meself for the rest of this trip." He leaned back in his chair. "I thought my telling you would save a good deal of trouble on someone's part. Now get out!"

Neither of the men moved; they were concentrating on the last words of the Captain.

"Get out!" he roared again.

Sinclair was the first to get up. Without a word he rose and made for the door. Larkins followed him swaying drunkenly with the roll of the ship. Outside, Sinclair beckoned to the second mate to follow him. They walked unsteadily along the slippery deck, down a hatchway and into the Operator's cabin.

"Sit down," he said. "Help yourself to a drink. I've got work to do". He sat down at his machine and began to tune in his set.

Finally, he started to use his Morse key and kept on sending for some ten minutes. Then he would stop and listen. After a moment he began to send again. This went on for about half an hour.

Larkins sat still, watching, fascinated. Occasionally he took a sip from his glass. Then he felt better.

At last Sinclair looked up with a smile on his face.

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## Jamaican Proverbs

### Their Meaning and Significance

Animal proverbs figure prominently in this selection. They are of sound common-sense with moral lessons which may be copied by some humans.

**Betta fe plant potato dan carn.**

It is better to plant potato than to plant corn. That is, permanent results are more profitable than transient ones, even though the latter may be more showy.

The corn grows quickly, gives a good crop, and dies down. The potato is a vine that runs along the ground, and bears a bulb which provides a starchy food. But it also develops a new root system, and continues to produce as before, until all the plant food in that area of land is exhausted.

**What's bred in the Bush is easily spoilt.**

What is born and brought up in the bush is easily spoilt, that is, away from civilized environment, owing to a lack of early training which it is not possible to get as a "Bushman." Compare the native Australian with the English settlers who migrate to this self-governing British possession.

**John Crow waan fe go dung ah Moveland, any breeze wi' carry him go.**

John Crow wants to go down to Moveland, any breeze will take him there: If a person is against you, he will make a big fuss at the least provocation.

The Jamaican Crow, scavenger of the country-side, is one of the ugliest birds on the ground, but graceful in flight; They never seem to flap their wings in flying. The John Crow is also very cunning, as is illustrated in the following proverb:—

**John Crow say ah doant work on Sunday, ef yuh think ah lie, mek yuh mauger cow die**

The John Crow says I do not work on a Sunday; if you think I am lying, let your meagre cow die. The proverb also occurs as—

**John-Crow say ah doant walk on Sunday.**

Compare the foregoing with

the following dealt with formerly:

**John Crow da roast plantin fe mauger cow.**

As descriptive of this animal, it means that the cow is so emaciated that the next stage is death. The proverb is sometimes used as an abuse of a person who looks as though he is in a very bad state of health, suffering from some malignant disease.

**Ah nebba display my goods for poppy-show, but for show.**

Poppy-show means a puppet show. Thus the meaning is, that I never display my goods for fun, but for business.

**No cuss alligator long mou' till you cross river.**

Do not curse the alligator long mouth until you have crossed the river.

**Ah noh de same day leaf go a ribba battam i' rotten.**

It is not the same day that the leaf reaches the bottom of the river that it gets rotten. As a matter of fact decomposition of the leaf takes place while it is in the water, floating about; and it does not reach the bottom until this decadent process is complete. Applied to human life the proverb means that the fall from virtue, as a rule, takes place gradually.

**Noh mock de shoemaker because ah him black thum'.**

Do not mock the shoemaker because of his black thumb. That is, do not despise a man for his work, so long as it is an honest one.

It is to be noted also that there is in some proverbs a hint of resentment bred of social injustice—in the veiled threat of the weak against the strong, as in the following:—

**A no every day rain come light.**

It is not every day that the rain falls lightly; or

**Lizard neber know wh' him deh till him find himself in a puss mou'.**

The lizard does not know where he is until he finds himself in the cat's mouth.

PLUTO.

"Got it?" he said. "Got what?" asked the second mate, who was completely bewildered. The last hour or so had been too much for his small brain. Give him a job to do, a sea-going job, and he was all right. But any fardango with words was Greek to him; his brain wasn't capable of taking in any concentrated thought.

"I've just sent for help", announced Sinclair, going over to get himself a drink.

"Help," echoed the other. "Why do we need help?"

Sinclair laughed, but his wasn't a brutal laugh but one from the heart full of gaiety, relief and sympathy.

"Larkins me boyo," he said, "I tell you this. Crook did show me the pearls. A pretty fine lot they are too. That is point number one. Secondly, I got to thinking about the day Crook went overboard. And I soon realised that on that very same evening you were asleep in your bunk, off duty. For I was the one who came down to tell you the news. And if anyone was fast asleep, you were. Now then, I know that I didn't push him over the top; no sir! So by a little mental arithmetic two from three leaves....."

"Captain Gabb", said Larkins who was able to do that small sum without any effort. "But...why?"

"The pearls, the pearls! That makes the scene this evening quite interesting. You see, he knew I had seen the pearls. He must have known that. So, he was preparing for my demise over the top. Yes, I am the next to go over. Only this time you know all about it. So what will our dear Captain say to you? He will say, my friend, that Mr. Sinclair the Operator has jumped overboard to save being caught by the police. And the dear Captain will have the pearls, ah nice and

legal without anyone the wiser." Larkins grunted. It was the only expression he could give at that precise moment. "Now what?" he said some time later. "So we wait for one of His Majesty's cutters to come alongside. Meanwhile you and I will stick very close together—very close."

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

## LESSONS IN CHARM

### POPULARITY

For a woman to be popular with the opposite sex is important. Who would question that! But I think it is a catastrophe for a woman to be liked by men and disliked by women.

There are women who make a great mistake through constantly showing that they derive real pleasure from masculine company, but that cannot be bothered making any effort to attract or please their own sex, — even women who are gay and attractive and marvellously good company. Many women cannot enjoy men's company more; but when a woman cannot "get along" with her sex, it is frequently a symptom of a defective personality. How can you expect a woman to think you are — in popular language — "adorable," if you have been half asleep while talking to her, and suddenly burst into fullest vivacity and charm upon the advent of a member of the opposite sex. Charming women do not neglect their own sex. They are kind to each other; and when you have gained the admiration and sometimes the love of other women, it is rather a sure sign that you are sweet and kind and tactful and thoughtful — in fact, all the things that a lovely woman ought to be.

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**JAMAICA**

"Where the pink rose-apples ripen  
on the bough hung low;  
Where the solitaires are calling;  
where the gold ferns grow  
And the reed-fringed river mur-  
murs, in its age-long flow,  
(Rolling downward, ever down-  
ward to a far off sea):  
There my fancy loves to wander—  
as the roving bee  
Seeks the unforgotten blossoms  
of the Logwood tree."

Lena Kent:  
"Where the Pink Rose-  
Apples Ripen."

**HAITI**

"Oh, my Beauty of light!—close,  
close quick your robe  
For the moon has grown pale on  
the edge of the dusk,  
Waste not the rich sweetness of  
your censer so pure,  
The morning blooms soon and  
Dawn's eyes are wide."

Ignace Nau:  
"Belle de Nuit."

**BELGIUM**

"As in the guileless, golden age,  
my heart  
I gave thee, even like an ample  
flower  
That opens in the dew's bright  
morning hour;  
My lips have rested where the  
frail leaves part  
I plucked the flower—it came  
From meadows whereon grow the  
flowers of flame.  
Speak to it not—'tis best that we  
control  
Words, since they needs are trivial  
twixt us two;  
All words are hazardous, for it is  
through  
The eyes that soul doth hearken  
unto soul . . ."

Emile Verhaeren:  
"Les Heures Claires."

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**AMERICA**

"I know not which I love the  
most,  
Nor which the comeliest shows,  
The timid bashful violet  
Or the royal-hearted rose:  
The pansy in her purple dress,  
The pink with cheek of red,  
Or the faint, fair heliotrope, who  
hangs,  
Like a bashful maid her head."

Phoebe Cary:  
"Spring Flowers."

**NEW ZEALAND**

"To the great expectation of joy  
I offer  
The care of the leaf, the pride of  
the morning  
Flirting with power in the sun,  
and the luck  
Of the freely trusting wind.  
Embodied in waiting's stolen ex-  
citement  
Each is meticulous, pride is no  
secret,  
All is the perfect demand.  
To the extreme anticipation of  
joy  
I offer the blatant colours of the  
fool,  
And the soft silk of his wishes."

P. S. Wilson:  
"A New Group."

**CHINA**

"A pot of wine among flowers.  
I alone, drinking, without a com-  
panion.  
I lift the cup and invite the  
bright moon.  
My shadow opposite certainly  
makes us three.  
But the moon cannot drink,  
And my shadow follows the  
motions of my body in vain  
For the briefest time are the moon  
and my shadow my com-  
panions.  
Oh, be joyful! One must make  
the most of Spring."

**Li T'ai-po:**

"Drinking Alone in the  
Moonlight."

**DENMARK**

"There is a charming land  
Where grow the wide-armed  
beeches  
By the salt eastern Strand.  
Old Denmark, so we call  
These rolling hills and valleys,  
And this is Freia's Hall . . .  
The land is lovely still,  
With blue engirding ocean  
And verdant vale and hill, . . ."

**Adam Ochleschlager:**

"There is a Charming  
Land."

**RUSSIA**

"A golden cloud slept for her  
pleasure  
All night on the gaunt hill's  
breast;  
Light-heart to her play-ground  
of azure,  
How early she sped from the nest.  
But the soft moist trace of her  
sleeping  
Lay in the folds of the hill.  
He pondered; his tears are creep-  
ing  
Down to the desert still."

Mikhail Y. Lermontov:  
"The Mountain."

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**PERSONS  
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THINGS**

By OLD JOE

**PERSONS**

Andrew Duffus Mowatt founder  
of the Jamaica Burial Scheme  
Society, was born in St. Thomas  
September 1854. He died in April,  
1934. Of humble origin, he was  
apprenticed to a relative who  
adopted; and later, when he left  
Morant Bay for St. Catherine,  
he worked as Master Cooper at  
Bybrook Estate, near Bog Walk;  
then later at the West Indies  
Chemical Works, Spanish Town.  
The object of the Society was to  
help, first of all, in the burial of  
poor persons. After many dis-  
appointments he succeeded in  
forming the first branch near  
Linstead in February, 1901, with  
a membership of 40. In numbers  
and in influence, the scheme  
grew, and by 1930 there were  
over 133 branches at Spanish  
Town, Clarendon, St. Mary and  
St. Ann. Subsequently, Jamaica  
Burial Scheme Society spread to  
almost every village of the island,  
with a total membership of  
50,000 dependents, for all of  
whom the Society was responsible  
in case of death, illness or  
other distressing circumstance.  
Branches were also established in  
Cuba, Panama and Costa Rico.  
"Mowatt's Day," 23rd. September,  
was set aside by the Supreme  
Council as a day of rejoicing, in  
remembrance of the man who  
lived to see his dream come true.  
He died at the advanced age of  
80.

Correction and Apology. In the  
issue of March 10, the notes on  
Joseph Francis Brennan ended  
with a record of his death;  
whereas, urbane and courteous,  
he is very much alive at 93 years  
of age, and in his right place in  
God's world, still expressing him-  
self in satisfying and fulfilling  
ways.

**THINGS**

**JUVENILE DEMORALISATION**

A century ago things were so  
demoralised in Jamaica that the  
Board of Visitors of Government  
Reformatories presented to the  
Acting Governor, Edward E. Rush-  
worth Esq., an alarming Report  
calling attention to "the existing  
juvenile destitution, which is  
the prolific source of future

crime and misery, and is well  
known to be increasing rather  
than diminishing throughout the  
Island." In accordance with this  
report, Mr. Rusworth appointed  
a well-balanced Commission with  
a view to devising remedial  
measures. Public enquiries were  
held at Kingston, Montego Bay,  
Falmouth, St. Ann's Bay, Morant  
Bay and Bath. This was in May,  
1877; and not withstanding the  
extremely disquieting state of af-  
fairs which impressed them as  
prevalent, their report was not  
rendered until October, 1879, their  
last session having been held 1st.  
November, 1877. They reported  
that there was a tendency among  
parts of the rural population to  
drift into the towns, especially  
Kingston, in the hope of getting  
casual employment at high rates  
of wages; but, finding no con-  
stant demand for their services,  
these newcomers fell into idlen-  
ess, their characters degenerat-  
ed, and they became "unfitted  
for agricultural labour." They  
begot illegitimate children, for  
whom the fathers made no pro-  
vision and the mothers could  
make very little.

In every town, and particu-  
larly in Kingston and Spanish  
Town, there were many women-  
unmarried, deserted, or widows,  
with no support for themselves  
or their offspring. Some of them  
were able to obtain occasional  
doles of poor relief, or help from  
charity; but there was no law to  
compel fathers to support their  
children, lawful or bastard. "The  
old Assembly would never con-  
sent", the chronicler stated, "to  
pass such a law; it would have  
been too inconvenient for the  
members of their constituents.  
Moreover, it was held that the  
testimony of women as to the  
paternity of their children could  
not be relied on." The process for  
obtaining maintenance provided  
by a Bastardy Law which had  
been enacted under Sir John  
Peter Grant in 1869 was prac-  
tically unworkable. Poor relief  
drawn by a mother allowed no  
maintenance for their children.  
The country people coming to  
market had no shelter to sleep  
in, and crowded together, prom-  
iscuously on the piazzas of houses  
or in the yards. Parents of this  
class did not send their children  
to school, and would not do so  
without compulsion of Law; nor  
was there any provision for the  
apprenticeship of older boys or  
girls to any trade or industry.  
Estate labour was being supplied  
in parts of the Island by "Roving  
Gangs" of lads and their "sweet-  
hearts from sixteen and fourteen  
years old and upwards, who  
wandered from place to place,

ing under poor conditions, so that  
the recklessness and idleness of  
the class described were en-  
couraged, and the resulting evils  
exaggerated by the abuses pre-  
vailing in the administration of  
poor relief.

The Commissioners finally ad-  
vised health legislation to pre-  
vent overcrowding; to require  
proper accommodation to be  
given for migrant labourers; the  
provision of public shelters for  
the market people in towns; the  
amendment of the Bastardy and  
Maintenance Law; establishment  
of Industrial Schools for ne-  
glected and vagrant children;  
amendments of the Apprentice-  
ship Law, and of the system of  
poor relief; the provision of alms  
houses in all parishes, and the  
introduction of compulsory at-  
tendance in elementary educa-  
tion. A great deal of their exam-  
ination of witness and much of  
their report was directed to the  
question of improved education,  
reformatory training, and the  
means of providing them. They  
expressed themselves as prepared  
to admit that the naturally idle  
disposition of the population . . .  
is a main hindrance to pros-  
perity, and one of the principal  
sources of crime; but they de-  
clined to recommend a Vagrancy  
Law to compel the idle to work  
on estates, not withstanding the  
persistency with which some of  
the planting body urged the pro-  
posal. The report did produce  
some effect in the direction in  
which it advised action, especial-  
ly in regard to poor relief, pro-  
vision for destitute children, and  
interest in the extension of ele-  
mentary education.

**HURRICANES IN JAMAICA**

Hurricanes originate as cyclo-  
nic storms in the Caribbean Sea,  
usually somewhere between Trin-  
idad and the south of Santo  
Domingo. Their inception is  
promptly recorded by the meteor-  
ological stations with which the  
Caribbean region is widely sup-  
plied, and their subsequent course  
forms a subject of intense anxiety  
here. Will they turn north, and

go across Hayti, or will they just  
brush the east end of Jamaica  
and go north through the pass-  
age between Hayti and Cuba,  
Will they cross Jamaica itself or  
pass to the west and ruffle the  
western end, or miss Jamaica  
entirely and only harry her small  
coconut growing dependency of  
the Cayman Islands? The later in  
the hurricane season—from July  
to September—these tornadoes

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# TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Miss Martin,

I've been in love with a girl for the past three years, and although we're not officially engaged, we've been going out together during all this time. The trouble is, I don't know where I really stand with her, Miss Martin. Whereas she is the only girl I take out, she always goes out with other boys. It makes me mad at times but there's nothing I can do about it as I'm afraid of losing her altogether. I've spoken to her about this but she seems to think it's all right to do that sort of thing. What do you think I should do about it, Miss Martin.

"Despondent"

Dear Despondent,

If you have been dating this girl steadily for three years and you aren't even secretly engaged, then it may be your fault.

Have you asked her to marry you some day? If you haven't spoken of marriage that may be the reason why she won't stick to you alone. In that case she wouldn't be wrong.

On the other hand if you have "popped the question" and she won't give you a definite "yes", the chances are she doesn't love you enough and may be just going with you either to be nice to you or to use you at her convenience.

I'd suggest that you keep away for a while. You will be unhappy but it might help to find out how she feels about you. Start dating other girls and see what her reaction is. If she cares for you she will resent it and then you can explain how you feel when she goes out with other boys. If she doesn't seem to mind then I'd suggest you take your mind off her and try to meet some other girl.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I have a friend who is three years older than I. Before her marriage she was very close to me, but lately we've been drifting apart. It really started when I refused to mix with her friends. The friends she keeps are sort of shallow and never seem to talk about anything else but other people's affairs, clothes and petty things. I like people with whom I can talk about more interesting things. Consequently I don't mix well with her friends and never go to her parties or outings anymore. She thinks I should learn

to mix with them. What do you think.

"Sis".

Dear Sis,

If you don't like certain people because you do not think they're up to your intellectual standards, you don't have to keep them as your friends. But it certainly won't hurt you to mix with them once in a while. By snobbing her friends, you will certainly hurt your friend's feelings. What you could do is try to introduce her to some of your friends. Get her out more often in your crowd and show her how much nicer it is to spend the time talking about things other than the trivial things her friends talk about.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

My little girl of fourteen is very tom-boyish. It worries me a great deal as I think a girl of her age should be more conscious of her sex now, taking pride in her clothes, her hair and acting a little lady-like. Instead she likes to read comics, play with boys, and is very careless about her appearance. How do you think I can help her to change.

Mother

Dear Mother,

A girl of fourteen is at that awkward stage. Don't worry about her. Give her another year or two and you'll be surprised in the change. I think you should be thankful that she is like that. So many parents have trouble with their little girls who like to primp at an early age and get foolish ideas about boys. Let her mix with the boys now in that way and you won't have to worry about her when she gets older.

How often haven't we seen tom-boys developing into the most feminine young ladies. You can guide her now but don't try to force her. In another year or so she will become conscious of herself and you'll be pleased with the change.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I would love to be able to sew my own dresses. How can I learn without going out as an apprentice.

"Anxious"

Dear Anxious,

If you really like sewing and have an aptitude for it you'll learn quickly. Everything improves with practice.

First, you must have confidence in yourself. Try cutting something very simple and what you do not know, ask someone. There must be someone among your friends who will be able to give you a few hints.

Then you could buy a dress pattern — you can get "Simplicity," "McCall's," or "Vogue," in the stores. Read the directions properly and go ahead and try cutting it. It would be wise to

start on something cheap and a material that's easy to sew — cotton would be good.

Best of luck.

E. M.

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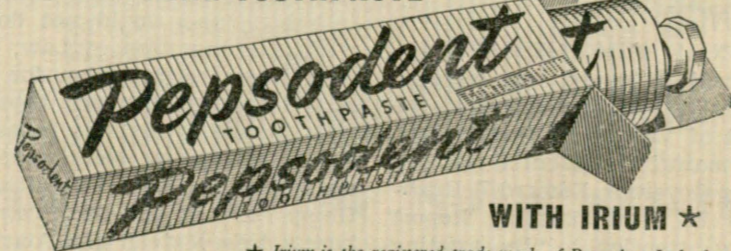


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## IN PARENTHESIS

A girl can look more spic, if she has less span.

Some people persist in sticking stamps to the top left hand corner of envelopes. The Post Office regards this as carrying ideological differences a little too far.

What we seem to need for the convenience of busy people are police courts operated on the Correspondence School system.

Lady: Will my false teeth look natural?

Dentist: Lady, I make 'em so natural they ache.

"How happy Mrs. Smith looks." "No doubt she's thinking of the silver fox fur she's just got."

"And how sad her husband looks."

"No doubt he's thinking of the same thing!"

America is described as a land flowing with silk and money.

Pat was one day employed by an old lady in the country. At tea time, when the old lady was serving the tea, she laid a small morsel of honey on the plate. "Begorra, ma'am," said Pat, "I see you keep a bee."

"Go out with you?" she said with blistering scorn. "Why, you'd fit into a sausage skin." And, giving him another bleak look, added: "A cocktail sausage skin"

Ransom: I wonder if that plain woman over there is really trying to flirt with me?

Handsom: I can easily find out by asking her; she is my wife.

A girl's face is a thing of beauty and a job forever.

Husband (dressing): Give me that Gruyere singlet.

Wife: What is your greyer singlet?

Husband: That one with the holes in it.

The Australian Government is warned that more wages for women will discourage them from marrying. It's getting that way that only governments worry any more about this sort of thing.

Once it was all the news that's fit to print. Now it's all the news that will fit the print.

This story from Broadway columnist Earl Wilson, about a Russian traveller passing through the Swedish Customs.

A bottle of medicine was found in his kit. "A seasickness cure," explained the Russian.

Next item was a box of pills. "For airsickness," said the traveller.

At the bottom of the case was an enormous picture of Stalin. "In case of homesickness," said the Russian.

"Some wives are made to order." And do.

The most difficult form of hill-climbing is to get out of the rut.

"Yes, he's been in a mental home."

"But he looks quite sane to me."

"Oh, he's sane enough. And he's the only chap in the district that's got a paper to say he is sane."

"Increasing demand for tin is given as the reason for soaring prices." We may also safely predict that with less demand prices will return to what they were.

Ralph: "How do you like the cigar I just gave you? Mine is fine. I think they're good for the price—two for a 25c."

Big Joe: "Yes; you must have the twenty-four cent one."

A cartoon in the New Yorker, showed two clergymen watching rain beating against a window. One of them is saying: "I wonder if it's theirs or ours" — a reference to the fact that prayers for rain had been offered in many churches.

Bo: I'm afraid to go down this street. It's too dark.

Jay: A counterfeiter, eh?

Gay: No, a pretzel manufacturer.

Mee: You should have your head examined.

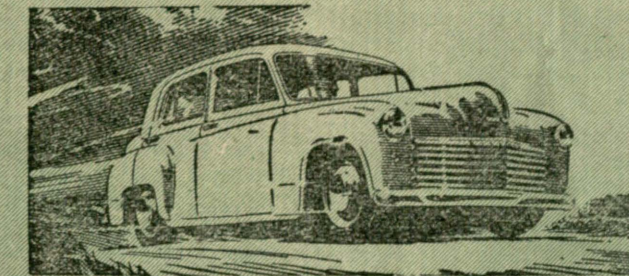
Lee: I did, but they found nothing there.

An air travel company in India has to pay damages for vexation, annoyance, discomfort, physical and mental injury, spoiling a judge's holiday. Air lines seem to need tickets with a lot of fine print on the back.

If instead of a gem or even a flower, we could place the gift of a lovely thought in the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give.—George Mac Donald.

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PERSONALIA

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BETTY CHIN YEE

ENGAGED TO NEIL LAU

The engagement of Betty Chin Yee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chin Yee to Neil Lau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Lau of Trinidad, was disclosed to intimate friends this week. Betty chose her birthday, May 1, to announce it to a small circle of friends. Afterwards a party of them went to the Glass Bucket Club to celebrate the double occasion of Betty's birthday and her engagement. Included in the party were Enid Tai-Ainsley Mooyoung, Phyllis Lyn, Avis Chin Yee, Mabel Tenn, Lloyd Chang Noel Chin and Jerry Atteck.

Betty is a graduate of Indiana University after attending Freshman year at Grinnel College. Neil is a graduate of McGill University, Montreal where he studied Engineering. He is at present with the firm of General Investment and Agencies Co., in Trinidad. Betty first met Neil in July, 1950 when he came on a business trip to this Island.

ALPHA ACADEMY HOLDS GRADUATION EXERCISES

The Convent of Mercy Academy, Alpha, held their graduation exercises at McAuley Hall on

Tuesday, May 1, 1951. The hall was crowded with parents of the students and friends. The graduating class this year consisted of 67 girls, 22 of which were Chinese. The Most Rev. John J. McEleney, S.J. D.D., distributed the diplomas to the graduates. The items on the programme included Greetings by Sheila Sadler, a Welcome speech (in Latin) by Pansy Mooyoung, words of Appreciation (in Chinese) by Eunice Williams, School Days by Yvonne Hollar, Valedictory by Ena Lowe, and an Address to the graduates by the Right Rev. Mg. G. Wilson. There were also items of songs and music contributed by the students.

Among those who received their diplomas were Shirley Chai Onn, Chelsie Chung, Pansy Moo Young, Lillian Yap, Barbara Chang, Cecilia Ho Lung, Essie Wong, Margarita Young, Mary Chin, Ivy Loshusan, Daisy Lee, Barbara Lowe, Ena Lowe, Cecelyn Chin, Cynthia Tenn, Gloria Young, Cynthia Lee, Eunice Williams, Nina Yap, Sheila Chong, Ruby Wee Tom (now Sister M. Antionnette) and Gloria Wong.

On the prizewinners lists were Sheila Chong and Ena Lowe as Miss "Alpha" (1950). Miss Alpha is chosen by the Staff, from a list of nominations made by the Headmistress of girls who have shown the true Alpha spirit of

cheerful co-operation and helpfulness, together with a sense of duty and diligent study. Ruby Wee Tom received a prize for Religious Knowledge, Barbara Lowe for Latin, and Eunice Williams for Science.

Bishop McEleney Addresses St. George's College Graduates

The Annual Prize Giving and Graduation Exercise of St. George's College were held at the College Hall on Friday, April 27 at 8.15 p.m. before a large crowd of parents and friends.

A procession of the graduates started the programme, after which the Salutatory Address was given by Mr. Michael Cooke. A speech choir by the Dramatic Society was followed by the Annual report of the Acting Headmaster Rev. Fr. MacMullan S.J., which dealt with the achievements of the school for the year 1950. Following "Selections" by the Glee Club, Arthur Chai Onn delivered in Ciceronian style, the Valedictory speech. An address was given to the graduates by the Rt. Rev. John J. McEleney, S.J. D.D., who pointed out the need for leadership in Jamaica. Prizes and diplomas were then distributed by the Bishop. Arthur Chai Onn received prizes for Science, History, Mathematics, Scripture, 1st in class, Fung Yen Yap for Latin and English and Maurice Tenn for Geography.

The headmaster's medal for the most representative graduate went to Michael Cooke. Champion House for 1950 was Xavier captained by Maurice Tenn. Among those who received College diplomas were Arthur Chai Onn, Cedric Chen, Yu Fatt Chin, Trevor Chin Loy, Vincent Hugh Sam, David Lue Fung, Henry Moo Young, Keith Sunn, Henry Seung, Derek Wong, Kim Fatt Wong, Fung Yen Yap, Howard Young and Maurice S. Tenn. The recession of the graduates brought the Exercises to an end. After the function a dance was held at the College Hall.

DOROTHEA CHINN BRETROTHED

The engagement has been announced of Dorothea Chinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Owen Chinn, to Mr. Colin Marcus. Dorothea is one of the few Chinese girls in the Civil Service and is with the Agricultural Loan Board. She is a very popular and active member of the Chinese Christian Guild, and held the post as Secretary of the Guild for several terms of office. Colin is an accountant for the Shell Co. of the West Indies. He left on Thursday, April 26, for Haiti on a business trip. Their engagement was announced just before his departure.

Caution: Inflammable!



Jane Russell, who zoomed to stardom overnight in Howard Hughes' memorable "The Outlaw," will soon be seen in another high octane role in RKO Radio's "His Kind of Woman." Her vis-a-vis and co-star will be Robert Mitchum.

ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT FROM CANADA

From Montreal, Canada, comes the happy news that Karl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Hendrickson of Mandeville is engaged to Nellie, daughter of the late Mr. K. B. Chin and Mrs. Chin. Karl left here for McGill University in 1949 where he is now taking a course in Business Administration. Nellie is a schoolmate and their engagement was announced on Valentine's Day, February 14.

LOWE-WONG SHUE WEDDING

The marriage of Miss Anieta Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Chin of Gordon Town to Mr. Uken Wong Shue, proprietor of the U.K. Bakery in Gordon Town, will take place on Sunday, May 6, at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at 5 p.m. A reception will be held afterwards at the Chinese Freemason Hall.

WEDDING IN HONGKONG

The marriage of Miss Anne Wong to Mr. G. L. Kao took place in Hongkong on March 29, 1951. Mrs. Kao was a former

teacher of the Chinese Public School and the Immaculate Conception High School. She left here in 1946 for Hongkong.

IVY LEE JACKSON WEDS

Ivy Lee Jackson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Jackson, was the bride of Keith Wong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wong Sinn in a quiet ceremony at the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Constant Spring on Sunday, April 22 at 10 A.M. The Rev. Fr. Fox, S.J. officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Charles Ten Yuk. Bridesmaid was Sheila Lee Jackson, sister of the bride, and bestman Eric Wong. The wedding reception was held at 138 Maxfield Avenue, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Chin.

CHEN-LYN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Loy Chen have announced that the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Violet Daisy to Mr. Lauriston Lyn Sue is to take place at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, May 27 at 5 p.m. The reception will be held at the Sun Yat Sen Recreational Centre at 104 Windward Road.

BIRTHS

Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Manson-Hing announced the birth of a son on Saturday, April 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lee of 19 Belmont Road announced the birth of a son on Sunday, April 22.

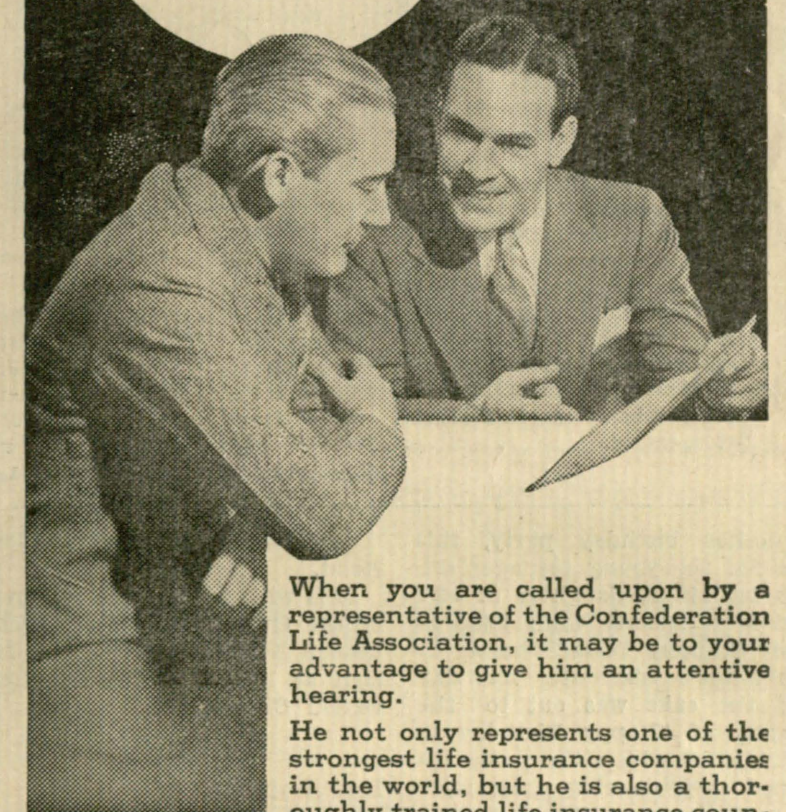
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Chung of Coleyville also announced the birth of a son on Wednesday, April 26.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

The scene of a happy birthday party took place at the home of Gloria Hugh on Sunday, April 22, when her friends joined in celebrating her twenty-first birthday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hugh of 31 Outlook Avenue. The guests enjoyed themselves with a radio-phone dance until a very late hour.

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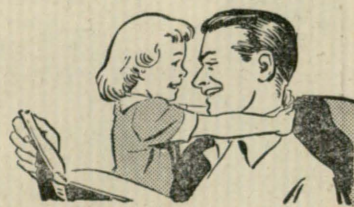
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Consulting Psychologist.



Is gambling an "addiction"?

Answer: Yes, says Dr. Ralph R. Greenson in the psychoanalytic magazine, American Imago. It is like other addictions—addiction to opium, for example—in that it gratifies for the time being the desire to regain the feeling of omnipotence we all had as babies. For if you have Luck or Fate on your side, there would seem to be no limit to your power to make your wishes come true, and the thrill this feeling gives you may be more than you can resist. Dr. Greenson believes only psychoanalysis can make the gambler realize that he's living in a childish dream-world.



Is it natural for a child to love its father?

Answer: It's more natural for a child to dislike him—at least to begin with—writes Dr. A. J. Levin in Psychiatry. The facts on which Freud based his theory of the "Oedipus Complex" have a

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deeper and yet simpler explanation than the sexual one. For at first, the mother appears to a baby as the "giver"—of food and of love—while the father is the "depriver," by claiming a share of mother's company and affection. Only as a child begins to realize that father, too, may be a source of love and protection does he start to love him.



Do many adolescents fear death?

Answer: Quite unfounded fear of dying is far from uncommon in teen-agers and may consciously be based on real or imaginary "symptoms," or the actual death of someone whom they know well. The real basis of the fear, however, is a sense of guilt at the awakening of desires which they have been taught to regard as wrong and shameful and for which unconsciously they expect to be punished. As they learn to accept and control these, the fear "wears off."

## LAST LOOK AT CHINA'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

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Despite earlier talk of abandoning the four-year college course and formal degrees, and instituting training-courses of varying lengths, it now appears that institutions like the Christian Colleges are expected to give in the main high-class four-or five-year college work. Perhaps increasing attention will be given to graduate work to train those who would formerly have gone abroad.

There is considerable evidence that research and publication are likely to decline seriously. "Many teachers, in what time they have left from the political thought course and a multiplicity of planning committees, are feeling out for new types of research that are not likely to show impressive results in the immediate future."

From his own experience an American professor tells the following illuminating incident. An article in the school paper reported that he and a Chinese colleague, in their joint course on educational psychology, had "properly followed the principles of Marx-Leninism" in their teaching. This proved to mean no more than that they had tried to keep theory and practice very closely interrelated, had encouraged class initiative, and had discussed the use of science to overcome superstition.

The only safe conclusion today appears to be that the whole situation needs close watching. In science there should be no special reason to question academic standards—for the other colleges it is perhaps too early to reach conclusions.

## DEEP SEA FISHERMAN

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Soon the climax would be reached, and I strove to be the last for across the way I could see the others in the same pitiable condition as myself. Although just looking across at them cost a great and scarcely to be spared effort, I just had to do it, to wring some small comfort out of my situation.

Then it happened! I couldn't hold out any longer. The fisherman didn't even look up from tending his lines. It must have been just another sight to him, just like catching another fish.

I leaned over the side of the boat. My heart sang as I saw the occupants of the stern in the other two boats, synchronise their actions perfectly with mine.

Life has some considerations after all.

Another birthday party, this one for the young teenager set, was for Millie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chin Yee at their Stanton Terrace home. It was Millie's sixteenth birthday and the cake was cut to the singing of "Happy Birthday to You", after which the party resumed their dancing programme to radiophone music.

## CHINESE CHRISTIAN GUILD

The Chinese Christian Guild held a Film Show at the Rectory on Thursday, April 26. Due to a late start only one picture 'Dust or Destiny' was shown.

On Sunday, May 6, a Communion breakfast will be held after the Corporate Communion at the Kingston Parish Church. The Breakfast will be held at Marine Villa, 2 Hannah Street, Rae Town, by courtesy of Mrs. A. Tie Ten Quee.

On Wednesday May 9, a talk on a subject of interest to members is scheduled. The name of the speaker has not yet been announced.

On Wednesday, May 23, the Guild will have a Moonlight picnic for members and friends at

'Tumble-Over' on the Palisades Road.

It is with regret that members of the Guild learn that Archdeacon Evans has decided to resign as Rector of the Kingston Parish Church.

## LATE ARRIVAL

Mr. Donald Leahong returned to the Island on Wednesday, May 2, from Trinidad. Donald captained the Jamaica Tennis team to Trinidad last month. He unfortunately became ill during his stay there, and was unable to finish the tournament in the final match against Trinidad. His illness also delayed his return to this island as his teammates returned more than a week ago.

## TO NEW YORK

Mr. Edgar V. Ho Tung of Albert Town, Trelawny, left the Island on Monday, April 23 for New York on a business trip, accompanied by his wife, who will seek medical treatment for her right arm as a result of a motor car accident.

Also on a trip to New York went Miss Ivy Lyn of 31 Windward Road early last month. She is staying with relatives there

and expects to be away for a few months.

## Persons, Places, Things

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develop, the flatter, as a rule, is take, the more prolonged is their the curve of the course they journey westward, and the greater the likelihood of their striking Jamaica. Fortunately their vortex is never wide enough to sweep the whole island with hurricane force. Where they pass they work spectacular havoc, especially to the frail unbraced houses of wood, wattle and thatch of the peasantry, and to wooden buildings in towns. But houses built and framed with reasonable regard to elementary principles of timber construction, and properly pinned to foundations, suffer little damage. The crop which suffers most severely from hurricanes, or from the violent gales which skirt their fringes, is the banana. Most other crops, though their yield may be temporarily checked and a season's crop lost, quickly recover, and flourish the better for the abundant watering they have received.

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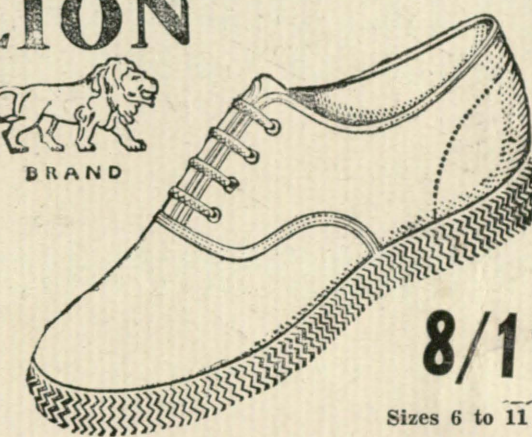
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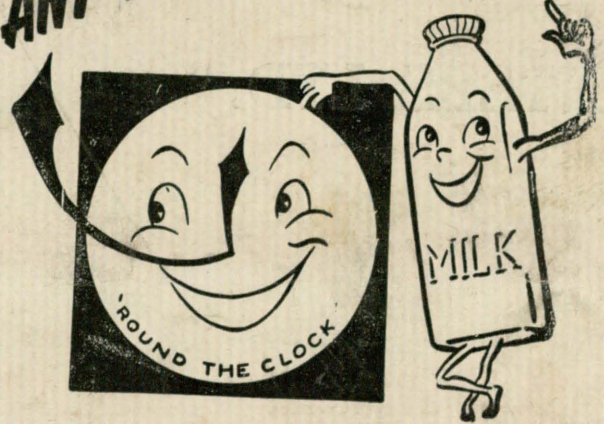
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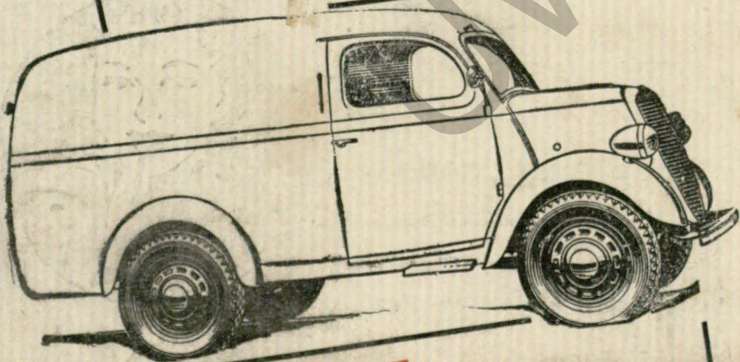
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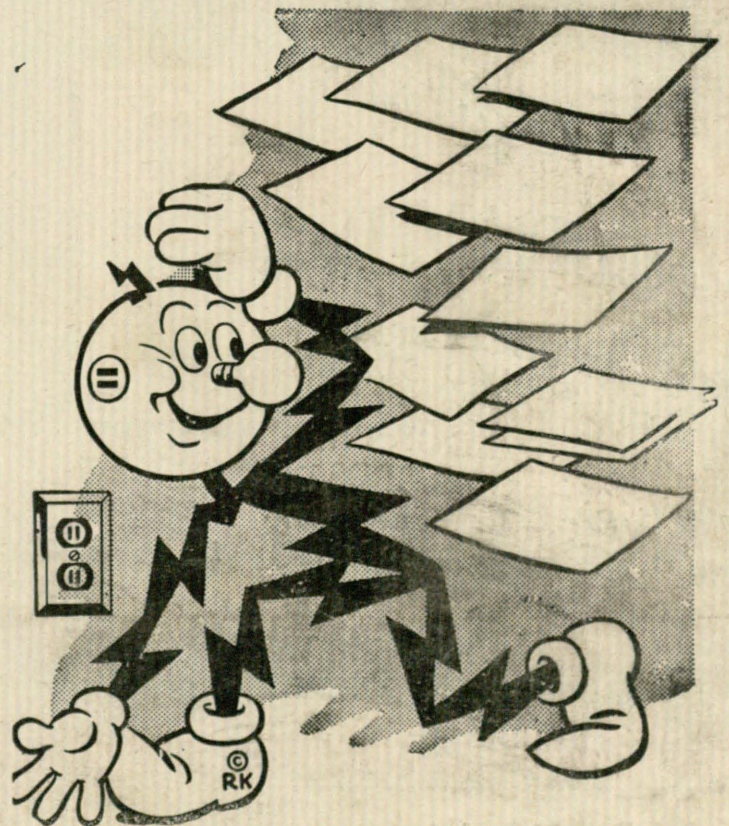
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