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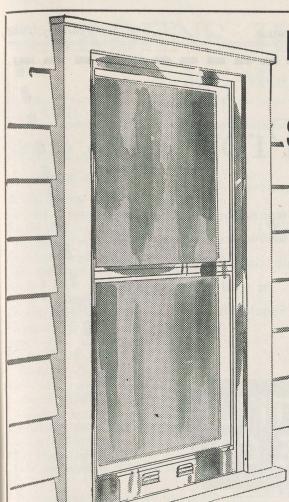
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State Affairs

TAX REVENUES UP

An excess of \$14,331,000, a 60 per cent increase, in State tax revenues for the first six months of the current fiscal year over the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, has been announced by State Comptroller James J. Lacy. The totals are \$38,995,436 as against \$24,663,890. The \$14,331,000 revenue increase in the last six months is largely the result of the sales and use tax, which in five months netted \$10,244,847.

Here are some facts concerning the important sources of State revenue during the 1947-48 fiscal year:

Gasoline tax revenue, \$9,320,610, showed a 25 per cent increase over the same period of the 1946-47 fiscal year. (The Maryland tax is now 5 cents a gallon, an increase of 1 cent since last July 1.)

Revenue from hard liquor was down by \$752,688; beer and wine showed increases of \$47,773 and \$53,453, respectively.

Inheritance taxes collected totaled \$964,999; for the comparable preceding period, they amounted to \$1,047,355. Automobile licensing, up \$1,241,933.

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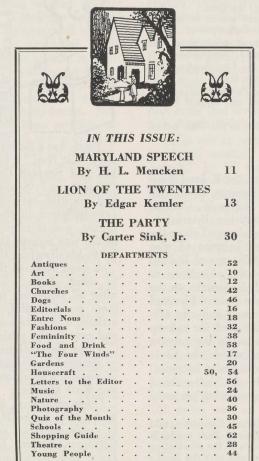
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■ Many of Maryland's streams are so heavily polluted with industrial waste and other filth and poison, fish cannot live in them. In the Little Elk River, in Cecil county, conditions are so bad, according to field reports to Paul W. McKee, secretary of the Maryland Water Pollution Control Commission, that domestic cattle have died from drinking the (Continued on page 60)



Civic Affairs

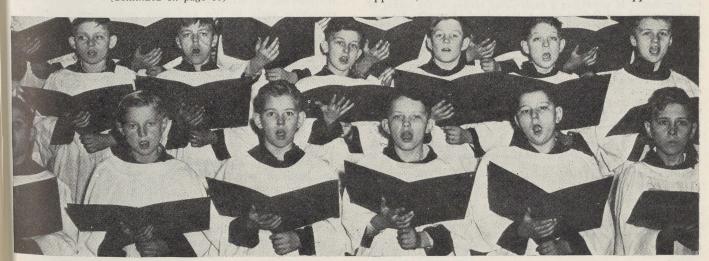
SMOKE CONTROL

Baltimore has long had a smokecontrol ordinance which, if regularly and fully implemented and enforced, would greatly ameliorate conditions in the city. Smoke-watchers, too few in number, scan the sky and compare the smoke density with special charts with which they are equipped. When a smoke constable sees heavy, black smoke coming from a stack, he hotfoots it to the place and warns the management. Sometimes, a summons is issued. A good many offenders have been haled into court, but the cases have usually been dismissed. During the war, when smoke-control equipment for industrial furnaces was difficult to obtain, industrial plants were not forced to meet requirements of the law, which limits the amount of soot and fly-ash which stacks may belch into the air of Baltimore. But the war, as somebody remarked, is over, and this in effect was what the Division of Smoke Control said recently when a paperboard company located on the Key highway failed to correct conditions about which it had been repeatedly warned. Invoking the power to close down faulty equipment, Luke Ellis, smoke-abatement engineer, signed an order closing the boiler plant

of the firm until the installation of smoke-abatement equipment. It was the first time such an order had been issued and marked an historic step in the effort to clear the air.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro's appointment of a new Municipal Director of Public Works has met with general approval, in contrast to certain other of his appointments.



PATTERN OF FACES, hearts raised in song. Choir boys of School 76, photographed by Jack Engeman, who is exhibiting at the Peale Museum's photographic show, which will continue through March 21.

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The appointee is Paul L. Holland, veteran chief engineer of the State Public Service Commission. Leading engineers in the city have endorsed him. Some other recent City Hall appointments:

WALTER I. SEIF, reappointed to the commission of the Housing Authority of Baltimore city.

ALBERT W. RHINE, 2908 Silverhill avenue, to the Redevelop-

ment Commission, succeeding Stewart J. Cort, resigned. EDWARD F. SHEA, 449 East Twenty-second street, to succeed Edgar D. Marine on the Port Development Commission.

RUDOLPH REHOUNEK, 2406 East Monument street, to succeed J. Edward Adkins, Jr., on the Port Development Commission.

GEORGE F. DOLLINGER, reappointed to the City Service Commission. Mr. Dollinger now is chairman of the body.

EDWARD J. MORRIS, 3414 Gwynns Falls Parkway, to succeed Royden A. Blunt as president of the Advisory and Appeal Board, Bureau of Smoke Control.

JACOB W. BONNET, 5315 Herring Run drive, to the same board, succeeding John C. Bauernschmidt.

ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE

The fiftieth anniversary dinner party of the Roland Park Civic League was held at the Baltimore Country Club, with more than 150 members present. Judge Calvin W. Chesnut was the speaker, and an enthusiastic audience listened to his delightful account of how things have changed since the League was founded. He declared that, because of wise planning and careful restrictions, the 1,000 acres of Roland Park are lovelier than ever. He told of the objections of the early residents, particularly Charles J. Bonaparte, to the coming of the first trolley cars, of the Lake Roland Elevated Railway; of the early arguments with county and city officials for fire and police protection; of the need for upkeep and maintenance of the area which resulted in the present Roads and Maintenance Corporation of which the Civic League is the principal stockholder. He concluded by pointing out that the work of the League in the years ahead would be more important than ever, for protecting property values of the area.

Fred Savage, chairman of the Municipal Relations Committee, told of his group's efforts in behalf of repairs to Roland Park roads, in working with the sewerage and health departments in the elimination of stagnant pools and the control of mosquitoes; and with the Smoke Control Division in inspections and enforcements of the smoke-control ordinance.

As chairman of the committee on plans for Roland avenue, Gideon N. Stieff recommended the elimination of the present hedges, adding six feet additional width to the present driveways, leaving 18 feet in the center to be planted with grass and small shrubs, the sides to be faced with curbing. In front of the two shopping areas on Roland avenue, the entire center of the street should be paved to allow for additional parking, he thought. W. W. Cloud, of the Oakland Club, supported Mr. Stieff's recommendations.

Stonestreet Fowke, president of the League, in his report on League activities during the year, spoke of the successful efforts of the community in preventing a super-filling station at the corner of Deepdene road and Roland avenue, the refusal of permits for converting private dwellings into apartment houses, and the work of the League with the Baltimore Transit Company and the Public Service Commission to increase and improve bus service on Roland avenue. Membership in the League has increased from 256 to 426 members. There are 6,000 trees, 45 acres of parkway, 37 miles of sidewalks and ten miles of lines that come under the jurisdiction of the maintenance corporation.

Fred Dolfield, chairman of the nominating committee, reported the following nominations for the year 1948, which were unanimously voted: Stonestreet Fowke, president; W. E. Miller, Jr., vice-president; John W. Frisch, treasurer; G. R. Howell, secretary.

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For directors of the roads and maintenance corporation: Fred Dolfield, Charles S. Sutherland, Samuel K. Dennis, Wilson K. Barnes, R. Brooke Maxwell, George H. Dowell, S. Ralph Warnken, George W. Wagner, Allan G. Davis, James F. Hart, and Walter D. Bahn.

THE RED CROSS DRIVE

February 19—opening date of the 1948 Red Cross campaign to raise \$746,160 in Baltimore, and in Baltimore county and Howard county.

Art

MARYLAND SCULPTORS GUILD



Things are looking up for the Sculptors Guild of Maryland, which is having its second annual exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art. The Guild's show last year was very creditable, and this one is even better—at any rate it seems so. Perhaps this one is more impressive because it is better mounted and is shown in a large central gallery, instead of being scattered about the rear court. The awards, which are substantial, were distributed after a secret ballot by the Guild members.

There was a tie for first prize, \$500, between Russell Houston's "Cat Nap," a beautifully stylized sleeper in white marble, and Sanford Goodman's abstraction in wood entitled "Hypothesis." Second prize went to Edward R. Bush's fine and sensitive carving called "Sorrow," which is easily my favorite piece in the show. Paul Yaffe's "Bull," a small bronze, won third prize: it is nearer in spirit and execution to the wax figures Daumier sometimes made as preliminaries to his drawings than anything I can think of.

A good many of the abstractions in wood, both here and in other places, leave me wondering whether they are, after all, sculpture in the true sense. Admittedly some of them are beautiful, but so are good briar pipes. artisan, who turns out a fine pipe, one that is nicely balanced and reveals the grain of the wood, a sculptor?

These reservations do not apply to such wood sculpture as Richard Brumfield's "Punch Drunk," a wonderful study of a boxer's head, and to some of the work by Elsa Hutzler and Karl Metzler.

Other exhibitors, in addition those mentioned in the foregoing, are: Grace H. Turnbull, whose sleeping calf carved in sandstone is my second-favorite; and Bell Bellerose, Lili Gettinger, Edward Greenhood, Reuben Kramer, and Jane Love, each of whom quite demonstrably has talent. It is a show well worth seeing. (Closes Feb. 22.)

GLEN COOPER HENSHAW

Through the efforts of Evelyn A. Harrison, John Ferguson 3rd, and others, and with the cooperation of the Maryland Institute, a large and comprehensive memorial exhibition of oil paintings and pastels by the late Glen Cooper Henshaw is being held at the Maryland Institute.

An impressionistic painter whose manner is strongly reminiscent of Whistler, Henshaw gained international recognition early in life and later suffered somewhat of a decline. A large exhibition of his works at the Montross Gallery in New York, a little over a decade ago, did much to reëstablish his position as a painter, but Baltimore admirers of his art have felt that the public needs to have his pictures brought again before it. They have done well; this is an impressive show. Unashamedly old-hat—in a big black, Latin-quarter-hat manner—Henshaw makes no concession to modern art. The person who gets the screaming meemies, or merely bored, at a post-surrealist show or in a roomful of non-objective paintings will find in these vividly colored, mist-laden scenes of Paris, New York and Venice, and in these portraits, a romantic quality that he has been missing for years.

Yet it is a mistake to class Henshaw as merely a recorder of the picturesque. Royal Cortissoz, an old-hat critic, but a good one, sensed this when he wrote in the New York Herald-Tribune: "Henshaw knows how to envelop a New

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Maryland Speech

By H. L. MENCKEN

The first known study of an American dialect was Jonathan Boucher's of that of Maryland, written before 1775 though not published until 1832. It took the form of a pastoral entitled "Absence" and was accompanied by explanatory footnotes and a glossary. It antedated John Witherspoon's pioneer treatise on American speech in general by six years. Some of the words occurring in it are not traced further back, by the Dictionary of American English, than Boucher's text, e.g., wring-jaw, hard cider; cushie, a kind of pancake; eggnog, and belly-bacon. Not many of them, however, appear to have been peculiar to Maryland: they were simply specimens of the prevailing speech of the colonies, e.g., mad for angry, Fall for Autumn, bug for any kind of insect, persimmon-beer, roasting-ear, possum, canoe, hominy, pow-wow, squaw, and yam. But one of them, johnnycake, may have originated in Maryland, and so may some of the tobacco-growers' terms listed but not defined, e.g., twist-bud, thick-joint, bull-face and leather-coat. Boucher defined bandore, which he noted was pronounced banjor, as "a rude musical instrument made of the shell of a large gourd or *pumpion*, and strung somewhat in the manner of a violin." "It is much used," he added, "by Negroes." He defined *pickaninny* as "a male infant," and said nothing of color. Some of his terms were borrowed, with credit, from books on the West Indies, but he indicated that they had come into Maryland use.

Since Boucher's time there had been little study of the speech of the State, but an excellent investigation of that of at least one of the counties, Garrett, has been made by a native thereof, Miss Florence Warnick. This is reported in a pamphlet, "Dialect of Garrett County, Maryland," printed privately in 1942. Garrett county, geographically, is part of the Appalachian mountain area, but its speech has been influenced by immigration from the German areas of Pennsylvania. Some of the German loans noted by Miss Warnick are hutchy, a colt (Ger. dial. hutsch, hutschel or hutschli); ponhoss, scrapple (Ger. pfannhase, panned hare); satz, home-made yeast; snits, sliced and dried apples or other fruit (Ger. schnitz, a slice); what-fer (Ger. was für), and the Pennsylvania German use of all, as in "The butter is all," i.e., exhausted. She suggests that another word, blage, gossip, may be from the French blague. Many of the terms she lists are obviously Appalachian, e.g., whistle-pig for what is called a ground-hog elsewhere in Maryland, but there are

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A recent photograph of H. L. Mencken, by A. Aubrey Bodine. also a few that Harold Wentworth, editor of the American Dialect Dictionary, does not find anywhere else, e.g., cabbage-leaves, large ears; to chew, to scold; to cut up molly, to act extravagantly; to dance in the hog-trough, used of an older brother or sister left unmarried after the marriage of a junior; hanover, a rutabaga; to make him scratch where he don't itch, to put in a predicament; pe-pippa, a very little bit; pooch-jawed, fat-cheeked; snoopy, finicky about food; and sollybuster, any unusual thing. Miss Warnick notes that ornery is pronounced onry in Garrett county, as it was in Baltimore in my youth.

There are at least five speech areas in Maryland. Some incidental mention of them is to be found in "Delmarva Speech," by W. Cabell Greet, but there was no scientific attempt to delimit them until the late Guy S. Lowman, Jr., one of the editors of the Linguistic Atlas of New England, began accumulating material for a similar atlas of the South Atlantic States. At the time of his death he had in hand records of the speech of 400 informants in scattered communities in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia. About a third of these informants were elderly persons who had lived in their birthplaces or nearby all their lives, a second third was made up of middleaged persons of fair education, and the remainder were college graduates. This somewhat meagre material was worked up in 1940-41 by Miss Elizabeth Jeannette Dearden, a candidate for the doctorate at Brown University. Miss Dearden found that the line dividing Appalachian speech from that of the Piedmont, represented by the use of [paper] poke in the former and sack in the latter, crosses Maryland from north to south in Washington county, rather less than 100 miles west of Baltimore, and that the lightwood line runs through Washington and Annapolis, and then through Caroline county on the Eastern Shore into Delaware. She

The linguistic situation in the region around Chesapeake Bay is very complicated. . The area frequently has its own distinctive terms, which are not found at all in the adjoining territory. For instance, head horse is often used for lead horse on the Eastern Shore and at the head of the Bay, and hother horse occurs in three communities. Whetter and whet instead of whetstone are used in a few places on the Eastern Shore. Catchall for the Southern lumber-room is most frequent in Delaware, but also occurs in two communities on the Western Shore of Maryland. Hind legs or hind feet for haunches, and prim up instead of primp up, are found on both sides of the Bay, the former as far west as Carroll county, the latter frequently on the Eastern Shore. This Bay region also preserves some of the relic terms which have been found along the Virginia and North Carolina coast.

The great institutions of learning of Maryland appeared to take but little interest in the curiously diverse and instructive speech of the State. Dr. Kemp Malone, of the Johns Hopkins, has concerned himself to good effect with American speech in general but not with that of Maryland in particular, and J. Louis Kuethe, of the same university, has published several brief notes on the latter but is mainly devoted to place-names and topographical terms. The Johns Hopkins participates officially in the field-work for the projected Linguistic Atlas of the Middle Atlantic States, supported by the American Council of Learned Societies, but apparently its participation is more formal than active. I have long had it in mind to attempt a vocabulary of Baltimore speech in the 80s and 90s, for a number of terms that were in common use there and then do not seem to have

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critic, but a New York velop a New been noted elsewhere, e.g., Araber, a street huckster; to arab, to go huckstering; front steps, the steps before a dwellinghouse, usually in those days, of marble, and Yankee jumper, a sled for girls, with the platform raised 9 to 10 inches above the runners, and the runners curved upward in front. Leapfrog was always called par, and the word garden was almost unknown: it was always either the backyard or front-yard, or simply the yard. The outdoor privies that still survived in most backyards were often called postoffices, and the men who cleaned them at intervals operated an O.E.A. (i.e., odorless excavating apparatus). The grades in school were designated first reader, second reader, etc. The best public room of a house, at least among the bourgeoisie, was always the parlor. The street before it, at least for purposes of play, was out front.

The sweetmeats bought by children from the little stores which then hugged every schoolhouse had names that are now forgotten, e.g., nigger-baby and shoe-string. A nigger-baby was a small, hard, black licorice candy cast in the image of a colored baby. It sold at four or five for a cent. A shoe-string was a length of softer licorice candy, perhaps a foot or more long. It sold for a cent. Another delicacy of the young was Washington pie, which was about two inches thick and was vended in blocks about two inches square. It was made of stale pies, ginger-cakes, etc., ground up and rebaked. The price was a cent a square.

All the schoolhouse stores sold spit-blowers, which were thin cylinders of tin. A bad boy who owned one would buy a cent's worth of putty, and let fly with small pellets of it at schoolma'ams, blind men and the aged. Dried peas were also used for this purpose. In the schoolroom he concealed his spit-blower in one of the legs of his knee pants, with the lower end caught in his long stocking. When one was discovered by the teacher, the principal was called in, and the offender was rattaned. The same stores sold many other things now forgotten—for example, colored tissue for making kites and passapool (i.e., Sebastopol) flags.

This article will appear in the author's Supplement Two of "The American Language," tentatively scheduled to be published in March. The appearance of any new book by H. L. Mencken is a Grade A literary event; this one should have a special appeal to his fellow-townsmen.—Editor.

Late Winter Poems

I. THE GREEN TIDE

Soon, now, if you wait, if you listen well, Beyond the rim of earth and moon-made shadows, As one who is no stranger to the seas—You will hear the tide rising in the night, Uncharted by the meditative plough. And you will know without the words to tell That a green wave is surging across meadows, Edging a lettered stone beneath dark trees—Then coursing, orchard-wise, to break its white, Impetuous surf upon an apple bough.

II. ROOT SONG

Eyes, tired of the winter darkness, Hands, worn thin by the gnawing cold, This is the promise of spring: That none shall be weary or old.

Heart, listening long for the music
To stir under octaves of snow,
Rejoice now—with coming of spring
Both the song and the root will grow.
—ISABEL HARRISS BARR.

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CHARLESTON-WHY?

It is about this time of year that everyone who has once been to Charleston thinks rather yearningly of that place. But why? Skeptical persons who do not know Charleston and its environs, tend to ask blunt questions. How, indeed, does that dreamy little city hold such a fascination for visitors;

why has it always had, as William Dean Howells wonderingly observed, a civic consciousness more intense and continued than any other city? There is no effective single answer, and when the physical facts are examined they do little to bolster the case. The population is a mere 70,000, about 50 per cent Negro; the oldest building there has not been standing 250 years, and the number of houses of exceptional historic or architectural interest could, as a Charlestonian author admits, "almost be exhibited in New York's Central Park". Except for James F. Byrnes, Charleston has no living representative of world or national The climate from February to May, usually is pleasant, but cannot be safely relied upon. As for the famous gardens, judged on the basis of flowers alone, not one of them begins to compare with Baltimore's Sherwood Gardens. Nevertheless, there she stands, beloved of tourists, authors, artists; a comparatively piddling place in the American scheme of things, unprogressive, detached. And yet, not one of our cities great or small can match her peculiar charm.

An attempt—the best, to date—is made by the novelist Robert Molloy to account for all this. In a solid nonfiction book entitled "Charleston: A Gracious Heritage" (Appleton-Century, \$6), he sets out to boldly provide the answers without falling back on "the clichés of women's pages and travel articles". If he is not wholly successful, by his very failure he demonstrates why the interpreter of Charleston is baffled for a simple explanation. There just isn't any. Certain features are, it is true, self-explanatory. I think the beauty of Charleston is largely explainable by its fine harbor and the happy accident of its early growth (as if by some excellent plan), the absence of skyscrapers and the satisfying sense of proportion which everywhere meets the eye, plus atmospheric peculiarities which I am at a loss to explain. The mellow flavor of Charleston derives in part from what Josephine Pinckney described, in her novel "Three O'Clock Dinner", as the commingled odors of "heavy salt, pluff mud, oleanders and drains". But to understand Charleston at all one must always remember that it is essentially a plantation metropolis. About 1685, rice seed were brought there from Madagascar. For two centuries the Carolinas and Georgia had a monopoly on rice culture, and Charleston was the rice capital of the world. best rice was grown in the Cape Fear region of North Carolina, as informed Charlestonians readily concede, but the lowlands around Charleston were more suitable for the hydraulic engineering of large-scale rice-field operations. When it was discovered that rice could be grown more cheaply in Louisiana and Texas, the doom of Charleston as a commercial city was sealed; but the pride and importance of the city had been so great that its inhabitants even today are born with a superiority complex. Though they may not accept without a smile the geographical wisecrack that their city is situated at the point "where the Ashley and Cooper rivers unite to form the Atlantic Ocean", remain convinced that there's no place quite like Charleston, and of course they're dead right. (Continued on page 60)

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H. L. MENCKEN AS EDITOR

Lion of the Twenties

By Edgar Kemler

[The author of this article, a young Baltimorean now living in Washington, is engaged in writing a biography of H. L. Mencken, Baltimore's most noted literary figure. The section which we are happy to present here deals with the early twenties, when the author-editor was just emerging as a national character and rapidly becoming a national legend.]

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Mencken had always believed in his own merits, and from this vantage-point, he could assess the unprecedented homage that was accorded him. When the spokesmen of the younger generation lavished him with praise, verging upon deification, he was embarrassed. "A man knows deep in his heart that he doesn't deserve it," he told Dreiser. "When he sees all his petty bluffs and affectations accepted seriously, the sole result is to make him lose respect for the victim. . I have learned more from attacks than from praise. In even the most vicious of them, there is a touch or two of plausibility." Under many heady and dangerous distractions, he remained, as ever, a curious compound of an outward worldling and an inward ascetic, a rollicking Gargantua and an uncompromising Diogenes.

With no pause for a change in his routine or for the refurbishing of his premises, he continued to produce articles and books in his old Hollins Street home. He worked, as before, in the small room on the third floor that he called his office. It looked now like a literary rolling mill, orderly in its arrangement, but swollen with unprocessed materials. He sat at his desk in his shirt sleeves, with a fly-weight typewriter before him. On his left was a pile of books for review; on his right, a heap of contributions to the Smart Set. As he worked through the manuscripts, he would throw the discards into prepared envelopes on the floor, all the while consuming cigars at the rate of three an hour or sucking on his corn-cob pipe. Amid the collection of cartoons, paintings and sketches on the wall, there was but one hint that his room was the headquarters of a literary movement and that its occupant was fully aware of its import. He had requested and received inscribed portraits of Hergesheimer and Cabell, and these now hung beside the original Ivan Opfer sketch of Carl Sandburg and the Eighteenth Century prints of the Menckens of Leipzig.

Mencken received the news of his rising fortunes through the press clippings sent to him, all of which he read and pasted into large bound volumes, dating each item with his own hand. An even more reliable indicator of his changed status was the semi-annual check from Knopf. Here it was not so much the money that interested him, but the evidence that he was gathering more "customers."

Swamped, at times, by as much as twenty or thirty fan letters a day, Mencken displayed towards his well-wishers, in part, the affection of a rebel leader for a new recruit, and in part, the politeness of a merchant, sedulously cultivating the good-will of his customers.

No literate fan letter was ever received that was not answered, or at least, acknowledged by the return mail. As his correspondence grew, the Sage began to shorten his communications with his close friends; and after 1920, these personal letters became almost indistinguishable from letters to total strangers. They were, in either case, one page affairs. They were crisp and compact, with a show of cordiality, yet with an evasion of intimacy. There was a

deft despatching of the business at hand in the first couple paragraphs; a hope for a meeting or a reunion in the next; then an exclamation of cosmic despair over the irritations of the literary business ("I am constantly tempted to buy a dog house and live on \$100 a month"), over his forthcoming book ("I am suffering like an elephant dancing the mazurka"), over his hay-fever ("I am never able to work during September and October"); and finally a characteristic flourish ("All is lost, including honor," "God

save all honest men, if any," etc.).

Amid these essentially pleasant duties, however, there was often heard now from below stairs, intermixed with the chorus of his mother's canaries, the rude jangling of the telephone bell. From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day, the Sage would be interrupted in his crowded labors by twenty or thirty calls—calls from ladies announcing a charity drive, from insurance salesmen, from amateur poets demanding a hearing for their poems, from authors requesting publicity and from tourists inquiring how most profitably to spend two days in Baltimore. Worst of all were long distance calls. The only phone in the house was located on the first floor and with each interruption, the Sage had to climb down two flights of stairs from his third floor office. While he waited impatiently for the operator to check all the connections on the intermediary switch boards between Baltimore and New York, he reflected bitterly that no business had ever been transacted in this fashion that could not have been equally well transacted in a letter delivered by ox-cart. At such times, he cursed the kind fates that had so favored him with public attention—or, at least, cursed the invention that had proved such "a boon to bores." There, indeed, was the one appurtenance of fame that he could neither systemize nor domesticate. Once in the midst of an exacting labor, he left the receiver off the hook, but he was conscience-stricken thereafter when the telephone company wasted the time and energy of one of its trouble-shooters to discover why outsiders couldn't reach him. Yet the simplest of all solutions to the problem, the withdrawal of his name and number from the phone book, he rejected. Though he might be driven out of his mind, he would not cut himself off from the few strangers who really had something to say to him.

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Mencken had made his house somewhat more comfortable by the installation of an automatic gas heater and somewhat more elegant by the addition of a colonial style vestibule. Every change simply underscored his resolution to remain indefinitely at 1524 Hollins street with his mother and sister. Undoubtedly, if they had all decided to move to a more fashionable neighborhood, he could have capitalized his fame in various ways to bring in the requisite funds. As it was, he was satisfied with an income of about \$10,000 per year. He did not complain that he was the lowest-paid editor in New York and that in 1924 he had only to pay an income tax of \$267 when his contemporaries were paying many times as much, Heywood Broun, \$2,177; Alexander Woollcott, \$933; Christopher Morley, \$4,078. He did not need the money, and hence he didn't make it.

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In the afternoons he played with the turtles in the backyard, or sprinkled the lilies of the valley in their compact flower-beds. On a succession of Sunday mornings, he sought diversion there by constructing a brick wall, which was a proud feat for a man who was so naturally inept with his hands, and a costly one, for he mangled his thumb so badly that he could hardly negotiate the piano keyboard for several weeks afterwards. The women of the family looked after him, saw that his clothes were in order, his office clean, his books arranged, and that he looked presentable when he went abroad. As the stamm-halter of the family, he was a fixture at its every function, at Christmas celebrations, weddings, births, graduation exercises, illnesses and at the departures and arrivals of visiting members. It was, moreover, always something of an event when his infant niece, his brother Charley's daughter, was brought down from Pittsburgh. In the role of Uncle Harry, he would then perform for her, rolling the dice, exhibiting comic picture books, and deploying a menagerie of rubber elephants. Once, reflecting upon his success with the little girl, he remarked, "What a father was spoiled when I dedicated my life to learning!"

The faded silver-plated plaque on the threshold that announced this house as the residence of August Mencken, the Sage's deceased father, also announced by implication that this was uniquely the family reservation. The Sage never asked his mother to provide shelter for itinerant literary men; he reserved rooms for these guests at the Belvedere Hotel and entertained them usually at the Music Club. With the advent of Prohibition, when the Music Club itself was driven out of the public hostelries into the members' homes, Mencken entertained the club, in his turn, yet with the utmost consideration for the ladies of the house. On these occasions, his mother and sister went out at 8 p.m. on the eve of the meeting and when they returned at midnight, the rooms were as immaculate as ever. Mencken had swept the ashes off the floors, adjusted the furniture and washed and dried all the crockery and beer mugs.

For the club collectively, he brought back from New York additions to their musical library. He made quartet and trio arrangements of compositions that were otherwise beyond their performing range. He appeared regularly at his secondo piano every Saturday night with few interruptions, and even in the heat of the summer, when the company had melted away from its complement of twelve to a bare trio, he was among the die-hards. But the most conspicuous of all his services was as wine steward and brew-master.

Long before the Eighteenth Amendment had been given effect, he bought with the proceeds from the sale of his automobile, a large supply of gin, vermouth, bottled beer—50 dozen bottles in all. This cache was stored in his cellar in a large vault, made of wooden frames and reinforced with concrete. The vault was designed to withstand floods, earthquake, air raids, and to frighten off even the most determined poachers. Its door was padlocked and upon it was posted a warning notice, decorated with skull and cross-bones, announcing that after false entry chlorine would be released under 250 pounds pressure. It was so formidable a bulwark that the Sage himself would involuntarily shudder when he looked at it.

Out of this stock, Mencken believed that he could provide for himself and his friends for at least one year, and possibly two. As the year rolled by, however, he observed that it was dwindling faster than expected (under heavy inroads by such guests as Sinclair Lewis) and that at the current rate of consumption, the Saturday Night Club itself would soon run aground in a dry desert, as yet unrelieved by boot-leggers. This, in brief, was the situation when he

Say, What Is Your Name?

Benjy met a bear And a bear met Benjy The bear is bulgy And the bulge is Benjy.

Poland, what is your name? From her fur are brushed statemen, artists— The dust of her scientists settles far off 'round the Bear's feet. My name, sir, now is Benjy!

Country of lovely natural divergences, Yugoslavia, of unlovely social contrasts, Say your new name?
Preening her polychromed feathers with hooked beak:—Why, my name is Benjy!

Bulgaria, Roumania, beautiful Blue Danube sisters, We (chanting and dancing monotonously in brilliant dress, dull-eyed)

We, O uncles and aunts of the West, Are now called *Benjamina*.

O Samothrace, land of old beauty, living dead—As dying and behold we live—Say, what will your name be . . .?

Benjy met a bear And a bear met Benjy The bear is bulgy And the bulge is Benjy.

-E. H. COWGILL.

received some hops from a Michigan dealer and commenced to experiment with home-brews. The members eagerly anticipated the inauguration of the Mencken breweries, knowing that the Sage among his earliest enterprises had acquired a considerable knowledge of synthetic chemistry. Yet they would not have been half so enthusiastic, if they had known, too, that he had forgotten how to read a chemical formula.

Years later, they would remember, perhaps, with some exaggeration, how when they entered his cellar, they found bottles exploding and glass flying through the air, shattering against the concrete abuttments. Hemburger, the coolest head of them all, was asked to take charge, and to contrive some means of getting at the brew safely. At his suggestion, a blanket was dropped over the bottles, and young August Mencken gingerly stepped into the mined area. His hands protected by an old set of boxing gloves, he removed two



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or three whole bottles intact. But when he pulled the corks, the brew proved so gaseous that much of it fizzled off. Of actual beer, there was only enough to wet the members'

During these years, a new quality was added to Mencken's puckish and musical world with the entrance of Dr. Raymond Pearl. Pearl had but recently come to Baltimore as Professor of Biometrics at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and was soon to become the head of its Institute of Biological Research. A tall, bulky man, taller than six feet, he was a pioneer in his profession; he had broad cultural interests of a sceptical turn both as a reader and a writer; and he was a gourmet. In 1923 he was elected to play the basset horn at the Saturday Night Club. Thereafter he and Mencken saw each other once a week, either at the club or at each other's homes. Mencken had never met any scientist with a combination of talents so closely approximating those of the revered Thomas Henry Huxley, nor had he ever found any one in Baltimore with whom he could converse so freely. To be sure Mencken was hard put, at times, to keep up with the biometrist.

When Mencken boarded the train every third Monday morning and settled down in his Pullman chair with an arm-load of manuand settled down in his Pullman chair with an arm-load of manuscripts or books for review, he looked forward without enthusiasm to his round of duties in New York. Behind him was his delightful provincial seat where he enjoyed a mode of life fashioned after his heart; ahead of him was "Totantanz," "a place fit only for the gross business of making money." Actually it was not his work that depressed him, but the city's fast moving, self-conscious, glittering multi-colored atmosphere. And it was his policy to endure it by revolving in a narrow, circumscribed orbit, subject to few modifications. With so many of New York's culture-conscious hosts and hostesses anxious to have him try their cocktails and a turand hostesses anxious to have him try their cocktails, and a turbulent literary society eager to hob-nob with him, his personality was felt and discussed everywhere, but his unassuming, robust person was almost never seen.

He invariably put up at the Algonquin Hotel on 6th Avenue and 4th Street, opposite the Royalton Hotel where George Jean Nathan was in permanent residence. He had settled upon this hostelry back was in permanent residence. He had settled upon this hostelry back in 1914 when he had first been called to the editorial chair of the Smart Set. It was then handy to his office, and it was still convenient later when his duties took him up to 57th street to the American Mercury office. Moreover, it had originally been unobtrusive. Among its clientele, there was such a mixture of actresses, Hindu princes, arctic explorers and Salvation Army captains that their various auras cancelled each other, and he could expand in a free and neutral atmosphere. It was something of a shock to him when at the end of the war, the hotel was suddenly stamped as the most spritely literary headquarters in New York. A group of dramatists and drama critics comprising George S. Kaufman, Robert Sherwood, Franklin P. Adams, Marc Connelly, Harold Ross, Robert Benchley, Heywood Broun and Alexander Woollcott, had constituted themselves the Round Table and taken over the dining room at regular intervals. In the publicity that attended this group, Mencken

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OBVIOUS ANSWER

Some time ago the question was raised, What is Baltimore's greatest musical need?

Judging from the poor response to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra fund, last month, the answer to that question is: Baltimore's greatest musical need is Baltimoreans

who love music well enough to pay for it.

Actually, the thing oughtn't to be so difficult. There are, perhaps, 10,000 Baltimoreans who could reasonably be expected to shell out \$5 each. That's half the amount which the B.S.O. started out to raise. Then there are 10,000 more who could give \$1 each. Another 10,000 could give a dime apiece. That leaves \$39,000 to be raised by a hundred people who could as easily give \$390 each as most of us

A lot of citizens just aren't doing their civic duty.

FEBRUARIANS

Last May we published a piece in which we called attention to the large number of prominent people, like Machiavelli, Freud, Queen Victoria and Horace Mann, who were born in May. The ink had scarcely dried on it when a young lady walked into our office and said, "You call that a list?-take a look at this bunch, all born in February." She added that she, too was born in February. Here's her list:

Charles Lamb, William Henry Harrison, William Allen White, Thomas Edison, Bill Tilden, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Cotton Mather, Charles Darwin, George Meredith, Grant Wood, Malthus, Galileo, Elihu Root, Victor Herbert, John Jay, Palestrina, Fritz Kreisler, Jascha Heifetz, Horace Greeley, Sidney Lanier, Charles Lindbergh, Mme. de Sévigné, Thomas More, Charles Dickens, Sinclair Lewis,

Babe Ruth, John Ruskin, General Sherman, James Russell Lowell, James M. Hepbron, Cyrus McCormick, Henry Adams, Katherine Cornell, Van Wyck Brooks, Copernicus, David Garrick, Daumier, Cardinal Newman, Schopenhauer. Chopin, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Johannes Gutenberg, Samuel Pepys, Handel, Winslow Homer, Caruso, Renoir, Christopher Marlowe, Victor Hugo, Longfellow, Nijinsky,

This is a little matter that had been troubling us for the past eight months, and we're glad to get it off our mind.

HOW IT LOOKS FROM HERE

Street traffic conditions in Baltimore are bad, and will get worse. Street traffic conditions are bad all over the country, and will get worse. This is the inescapable conclusion, yet everyone goes right on talking as if some very marked improvement were possible here, or for the country as a whole, within the next few months or the next year.

Such gloomy reflections are not the result of indigestion or a hangover. They are simply the result of quite elementary common sense. The trend here, as nationally, is to scrap streetcar lines and replace them with busses. At the same time, private automobiles and commercial vehicles ranging from light trucks to boxcars on tires, are steadily increasing in number. Reflect that every streetcar taken off the streets must be replaced by two or more busses, and then ask yourself how the traffic situation is going to be

At the recent hearings before the Public Service Commission quite a lot was made by the complainants of the lack of courtesy shown by some of the B.T.C.'s employés. It is true that some of these men have been uncommonly churlish. (It likewise is true that public manners generally have deteriorated-this, too, is a trend, national as well as local.) But all the courtesy of a Chesterfield, nay, the forebearance of a saint, cannot change a fundamental situation such as exists in Baltimore, and which is common in varying degrees to most other American cities, especially the cramped old cities along the Eastern Seaboard. More Americans will drive automobiles, during 1948 (and 30,000 of them will get killed). More transit lines will convert to busses, probably, on the wholly illogical argument that by adding more busses to traffic congestion already existing on the streets it is possible to lessen it. More of the world's dwindling oil reserves will be exhausted. More people will complain, more traffic experts will bring forth more plans.

By the time the earth's oil is exhausted or a really radical change in automotive design is brought about, most large cities will have been sliced up with grandiose expressways of one kind or another, until none is fit to live in; while the countryside will have been largely criss-crossed and ruined by the speedways built for people desperately trying to shuttle back and forth between Outer Suburbia and their

city jobs.

That's the way it looks, and if you think you can change it, more power to you. If we're wrong about this, nothing would make us happier than for the near future to prove

ANSWERS TO QUIZ OF THE MONTH

Jascha Heifetz, February 2, 1901; Fritz Kreisler, February 2, 1875.

(a) Longfellow, born February 27, 1892.

(b) Edna St. Vincent Millay, born February 22, 1892.

(c) Sidney Lanier.

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THE FOUR WINDS: a miscellany

"Late February days; and now, at last, might you have thought that winter's woe was past . . . so soft the air."

The Treaves on the Lees



February, 1948

In one of her short stories in the posthumus collection published under the title of "Southern Album," Sara Haardt tells of a near-sighted little girl who had a horror of wearing glasses. Her playmates scorned bespectacled

children and called them "four-eyes." And so, when the doctor required her to begin wearing glasses herself, she was acutely miserable. Then, when she put them on, lo and behold!—the world suddenly looked so much more interesting through her lenses, she didn't mind wearing them at all. For the first time she became joyously aware of the leaves on the trees. Trees formerly had been merely large masses of shadowy green, to her. Now they had thousands of lovely leaves.

That story touches me, as it must anyone who likes children or who thoroughly detests wearing glasses and yet must wear them in order to see well.

I first became acutely aware of my need for glasses when, as a youngster down in southeastern North Carolina, I found I couldn't hit a partridge on the wing. This was a disgrace. In the community of my boyhood, all solid men above the age of twelve, and some younger men, could shoot shotguns to good purpose. Every respectable family owned bird dogs, and during the long shooting season (bag limits were not even imagined, then), partridge pie was a standard table delicacy. To my shame, I seldom brought home a bird. Then one evening, when I was reading a book of poetry by a bad light, I made an important discovery. The lines I was reading wouldn't rhyme, or even make sense. Though I knew very well how Gray's "Elegy" went, I found that it seemed, to my strained eyes, to go something like this:

> The curfew tolls the part of knelling day,
> The lowing lea winds slowly o'er the herd, The ploughman plodward homes his wary wea And worlds the leave to meness and to dark.

By resting my eyes and then reading very slowly, while running my index finger along each line, I could make the verse behave correctly; nevertheless, I knew that something was badly wrong with my vision. This discovery resulted in a visit to an eye specialist, who pronounced mine a bad case of astigmatism, aggravated by near-sightedness. He fitted me with a pair of owlish horn-rimmed glasses. I hated them but, like the little girl in Sara Haardt's story, I found there were compensations. I could shoot better. One day I astonished my companions by knocking down eight quail without a miss—this, for me, was brilliant marksmanship.

Since that day I have never been without glasses, yet have never become resigned to wearing them, except for reading. Moreover, there actually are some compensations in distorted vision such as mine. When I go to a concert at the Lyric I put on my glasses only long enough to read the program. Then I remove my glasses and look at the stage. A strange and not unpleasant scene is revealed to my naked eyes. The disrobing lady of the scenic backdrop, left, becomes a wisp of silvery smoke emanating from the nose of a dragon. The assembling orchestra is like an animated impressionistic painting of a convention of penguins. 'Cellos are satyrs, the double-basses centaurs. The chaos of sounds, as the orchestra tunes up, exactly fits my visual sensation of mad activity. And now in walks, or rather prances, the conductor, looking (to me) like the blackamoor in "Petrouchka."

If I want to spoil the effect, all I have to do, of course, is to put on my glasses. Then the conductor becomes a familiar figure, the orchestra is once more an orchestra and not a convention of penguins. But why spoil it? To tell the truth, usually I do become curious enough, shortly before the intermission, to sneak a look through my spectacles or my wife's opera glasses. When I do, my world of fay dissolves. The conductor no longer is a bizarre figure from a ballet; the orchestra is no longer composed of large black-and-white birds; gone are the satyrs, centaurs, ostriches, knights and sorcerers.

At a recent concert by the Baltimore Symphony, I was perfectly fascinated to note that the drums and other percussion instruments were being manipulated by three Cyclopes and a two-headed dwarf. Throughout the playing of Ravel's "Daphnis and Chloë" suite, a blue-behinded ape kept leaping about among the bass-fiddles. Now, this was quite a fine show to be seeing up there on the stage of the Lyric, and I should have been content. But no, I had to ruin it by putting on my glasses. Instantly the capering ape vanished; so did Cyclopes and dwarf, and I found that the manipulators of the tympani were very correct musicians in conventional white-tie-and-tails—well favored and even handsome men, but alas no longer strange or fascinating.

He was fond of quoting Browning: "Come, grow old along with me."—From an Associated Press dispatch.

Come, he'll have Browning turning in the grave.

A Bull in the Attic

Not so long ago there was an account in the newspapers of a cow that jumped from a farm truck to the top of a low barn roof. Literary-minded people may be reminded of Jean Cocteau's "Le Boeuf sur le Toit." But long before Cocteau wrote of the ox on the roof there was a story current hereabout concerning a bull in a Baltimore County attic. A huge old country house was inhabited by a large and wealthy family noted for the oddities of its members. One of the boys had a pet bull calf. He took his calf up to an attic room which the children formerly had used as a place to play on rainy days. He raised the calf there, hauling feed up to the rapidly growing animal by means of a long rope. Eventually the secret leaked out-there were damp, unwholesome stains on the ceiling of a room on the second floor, and strange noises could be heard coming from the attic, which had to be investigated. By the time the discovery was made by the other members of the household, the calf had grown into a bulky young bull. It required the services of a carpenter to enlarge a window, and the use of a block-and-tackle, to get the animal lowered to the ground. The putative perpetrator of this prank is well known in Baltimore today.

Consider the dog. He learns not only dog-talk but a great deal of human speech also, so far as understanding it goes. But how little his master learns of dog-talk—only a few simple sounds. Unless a dog acts it out for us, we can't understand him at all. Dogs have learned to understand men, but men can't understand dogs.

—From "After All" by Clarence Day.

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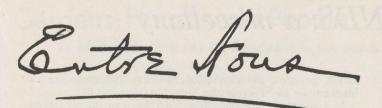
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IN THE SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton B. Strobel, 5025 Roland Avenue, have been wintering at Sea Island, Georgia, and at Palm Beach . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. Grainger Marburg and family, of Lutherville, will spend the month of March in Florida . . . Mrs. J. Edward Johnston, of the Warrington Apartments, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Frost, of the Garden Apartments, have been staying at Hobe Sound, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall E. Reid of the Warrington, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace Lanahan, Long Crandon, of Towson, have been staying at Delray Beach, Florida . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Richardson Jones recently motored in the South, visiting Palm Beach . . . After motoring southward, Mr. and Mrs. William Hanson Moore, 3rd, 107 Midhurst road, went by plane and yacht on a Caribbean tour . . . Dr. and Mrs. A. R. L. Dohme left last month for Lake Wales, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Kirkus Dugdale went to Captiva Island,

Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Waters, 1100 N. Charles street, left last month for Pompano, Florida, as did also Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sherwood, of Taplow road. Mr. and Mrs. James Piper, Jr., of Eccleston, and Mrs. Grace Cover Symington, 1711 Park avenue, will go there in March.

Miss Eleanor Rutledge, débutante daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rutledge, of Ruxton, attended the St. Cecilia Ball in Charleston, South Carolina.

WEDDINGS

Miss Margaret Wroth Nicols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Nicols, 1812 St. Paul street, became the bride of Mr. William Calder Harris, 3719 Kimble road, in the chapel of St. Michael and All Angels Church, with the Rev. Don Frank Fenn officiating.

In a ceremony held in Christ Church, Cambridge, Mass., Miss Rose Bradley Purves, of Cambridge, was married to Mr. Arthur W. Machen, Jr., of Ruxton. A reception followed at the Cambridge Boat Club. Mr. Alexander Armstrong, of Baltimore, a cousin of the groom, was best man. Among the ushers were four other Baltimoreans, Mr. C. Harvey Palmer, Jr., Mr. Robert M. Thomas, Mr. Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr., and Mr. William M. Legg.

Miss Mary Eileen Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Mitchell, and Mr. Howard Hammond Conaway, of Georgetown, Del., were married at the home of the bride's parents on Highfield road. A reception followed at the Baltimore Country Club.

Miss Harriet Chandlee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Chandlee, was married in the Church of the Redeemer to Mr. L. Hardwick Caldwell, Jr., of Lookout Mountain, Tenn. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, on Oakdale road.

The marriage of Miss Betty Lou Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Turner, of Yorkleigh, to Mr. Charles Birney Curry, of Atlanta, took place in Grace Methodist

The Usage of Titles

■ Though rich in most respects, the English language is inadequate in certain particulars, notably as regards titles. In American usage, the word widow—a perfectly good word— In American usage, the word widow—a perfectly good word—is usually shunned in the society and obituary columns of the newspapers. Awkward circumlocutions are sometimes employed in avoiding it. Thus, in printing the announcement of the engagement of a young woman whose father is dead, a newspaper is likely to describe her as "the daughter of Mrs. Henry W. Blank and the late Dr. Henry W. Blank." In French usage, it would simply be stated that she is the daughter of Mrs. Widow Dr. Henry W. Blank. That is a form which we might well incorporate into our language. form which we might well incorporate into our language, which has already borrowed so heavily from the French in the niceties.

Here is another inadequacy, one which the French language does not cover, to wit: the lack of any means of identifying a bachelor, short of writing "Mr. Henry W. Blank, Jr., bachelor." That is not customarily done. Yet is it not manifestly unfair that his sister, Miss Winnie Mae Blank, should enjoy a title identifying both her sex and her domestic status, while he, poor chap, has to get along as best he can with Mr., which means either married or single?

This ambiguity also is a handicap to matchmakers. If bachelors were identified by title, it would greatly simplify matters for hostesses, parents, and marriageable daughters. I therefore propose that, in addition to Mr., Mrs. and Miss, there be created the title of Mk., an abbreviation for mark (i.e., something for matchmakers to shoot at), which would be applied to bachelors.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Engaged:

Miss Margaret Rae Bichy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Bichy, 2403 Roslyn avenue, to Mr. William Brooke Tunstall, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Robertson Tunstall, of Blenheim avenue.

Miss Ann Rosemary Stokes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Stokes, of Towson, to Dr. Ingram Justin Kleaveland, Jr., of Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

Miss Ann Lowe Rieman Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Barton, of Towson, to Mr. Stuart Ellet Brown, Jr., of Elmhurst road, formerly of Virginia.

Miss Juanita Louise Tontz, of Harford county, to Mr. Alexander D. Cockey, Jr., of Mt. Washington.

Miss Elinor Virginia Pitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Pitt, Edgevale road, to Mr. Paul P. Ives, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ives, Wickford road.

Miss Mary Louise Creswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Creswell, of Timonium, to Mr. Charles Grason Harvey, Jr., of Lutherville.

Miss Dorothy Ann Neer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Neer, of Pikesville, to Mr. William Douglas Wells, of Pikesville.

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Miss Margaret Josephine Schanberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Schanberger, 3503 Berwyn avenue, to Dr. Vincent de Paul Fitzpatrick, Jr., 306 E. University Parkway.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. C. Breckenridge Gamble, Jr., is now living at the Geneva. Capt. and Mrs. Robert Wirts, of Berwyn, Pa., have bought a farm

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Merryman spent some time in Camden, S.C. Following a Symphony concert, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Andrea Stavroudis gave a small party for their box guests, at the Sheraton-Belvedere. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Stirling Graham, Mrs. James M. Hepbron, Mrs. Ellen Donoho.

At a nearby table, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee Taylor, who are ice skating enthusiasts, were interested spectators at the ice-ballet floor

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of the pilgrimage go to the maintenance of the Hammond-Harwood House, in Annapolis, a fine example of colonial architecture which is now a museum.

This is the 11th annual pilgrimage. About 200 homes and gardens will be visited. The dates are:

April 24, St. Mary's county.

April 25, Charles and Montgomery counties.

April 26, Howard county and Baltimore suburban area.

April 27, Anne Arundel county

April 28, Harford and Cecil counties.

April 29, Green Spring and Worthington valleys.

April 30, Dulany Valley and Baltimore environs and Talbot county.

May 1, Kent, Harford and Prince Georges counties.

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May 2, Queen Annes county. May 3, Frederick county.

The Greenthumb Almanac

Late February and early March: too early to do much outdoors. Indoors, the potted plants are beginning to look weary, with scale, plant lice and other ills. . . . My gardenia plant perked up after I gave it the soap-and-water treatment; daily spraying helps most plants. . . . Madagascar periwinkle (vinca rosea), a glossy-leaved bedding plant, should be started indoors very early. It is not hardy, although it has wintered over for several seasons in a protected spot in my garden. . . . English daisies and pansies combine well, the former as edging. They may be set out as soon as the ground is open. . . . Early spring planting is a good rule with roses, but keep a mound of earth and mulch over them until they begin to show growth. . . . Plant sweet peas in the open ground, in trenches, two inches deep. ... Start canna roots in pots, in a warm cellar. . . . Fruit trees and ornamental shrubs susceptible to scale should be sprayed during mild days with lime-sulphur or miscible oil preparations. . . . By March 15 the following annuals may be started in flats or pots in sunny windows: asters, cosmos, Phlox drummondi, snapdragons, salpiglossis, verbenas, zinnias, ageratums, salvia, nicotiana, stock, the annual gaillardia and chrysanthemums.

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LOUISA YEOMANS KING, GARDENER, AUTHOR

Louisa Yeomans King (Mrs. Francis King, of South Hartford, N. Y.) a founder of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association, nationally known garden expert and author of many widely read garden books, died last month at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert H. Cook, in Milton, Mass. She was 84 years old. A past vice-president of the Garden Club of America, she had been active in other groups, such as the American Rose Society, the American Gladiolus Society, the American Dahlia Society, the Royal National Tulip Society of England, and the Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain. She was the recipient of the Garden Club of America medal, Massachusetts Horticultural Society medal, and other awards other awards.

Born in Washington, Mrs. King had many friends in the Baltimore area.

The Williamsburg Symposium

Cheery "Good mornings!" from the residents as we walked along the streets of the quaint town of Williamsburg, the many courtesies extended by those in charge of the annual Symposium, held last month, and the tea given by the Williamsburg Garden Club assured the visitors that the true spirit of colonial hospitality was still alive.

In order to avoid confusion as to the terminology of the word "symposium," which is sometimes interpreted as a drinking bout or a six-day eating spree, we were imme-



Governor's Palace gardens, Williamsburg, Va.

diately advised this kind of symposium was to be an expansion of an educational program pertaining to Eighteenth-Century gardens, houses, and flowers, arranged by the management of Colonial Williamsburg. The purpose: to give, through the media of lectures, slides and conducted garden tours, valuable information of a glorious past that may have a significant influence upon the present and future

An important lecture of the Symposium directed attention to the salient points and beauty of the architectural design of the early American homes. This type of house is so lovely, we wish the building practices of two-hundred years ago could be adapted to our present-day building program. Small houses of one or two rooms were not the hideous monstrosities that we often see today, reminding us of a bed of mushrooms sprung up over night. With its deep-pitched roof, splendid architectural line, chimney and cornice, the tiniest home of the eighteenth-century possessed dignity and good proportion which were the chief characteristics of colonial architecture.

In the historical presentation of Williamsburg the visitors were conscious that in spite of vicissitudes-Indian raids, fire, war and other hazards—the early settlers' indomitable courage and integrity saw them triumphantly through one of the most colorful periods in American history. One cannot remain long in this famous city which Mr. Rockefeller restored, without feeling the romance of pre-Revolutionary Virginia. This sensation was very marked as we indulged in the half-hour meditations of organ music in the candlelighted Bruton Parish Church, the Episcopal place of

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worship which dates from 1715 and is now restored to its pristine loveliness. One is also impressed with the inexhaustible research and archaeological investigations that were necessary in authentic restoration, and which will continue over several years to come.

The Gardens

Gardens were an integral part of the life of the colonists. This is evidenced in the consideration that was given the design of the pleasure garden, the kitchen and the herb garden, in relation to the house; it was quite obvious as we toured the small gardens as well as the larger and more formal grounds of the Governor's Palace. The smaller green gardens had a restrained charm in contrast to the grandeur of the plantation gardens where the English parterre and topiary methods were used more extensively. It should be noted that all plant material in the Williamsburg gardens was known prior to 1800.

In keeping with the eighteenth-century decorations, the use of dried material was discussed. The process of preserving such material requires that leaves should be gathered at the height of their color, pressed between paper and covered with heavy weights. Flowers, grasses and leaves should be placed in a dark room and kept perfectly dry. Experience will teach at what stage of development the bloom

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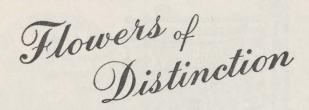
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Most of the discourses of the Symposium had to do with the physical characteristics of Colonial Williamsburg, its flowers and gardens, but there was a far greater implication -a revival of the spirit of those who cut the pattern of our great nation. One of the lecturers, A. Edwin Kendrew, resident architect and vice-president of Colonial Williamsburg, in closing his speech said (referring to the restoration): "The completed picture has been described as a stage, with soft lights and appropriate music but no actors. But if this stage with its light and music can awaken the imagination of the citizens of this great republic to a deeper appreciation of the men and women who were responsible for one of the most glorious chapters of American history, if it can awaken a deeper understanding and appreciation of the simplicity of their lives, the strength of their characters and their fidelity to right and liberty,then the actors will have come back, and the play will go on, and the work of the restoration will not have been in

To this end we think the Symposium functioned admirably. Those who attended the course could not fail to be impressed with a keener awareness of the link between past and future, a link that must ever be strengthened and -LUCY BENTON.

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THE ROSE by L. A. Cronhardt.

Winner of a prize in the recent photographic contest sponsored by the Martin Star.

Winners at the mid-winter Flower Show of the Roland Park Garden Club, held at the home of Mrs. A. R. L. Dohme, were:
Class I—Seasonable arrangement for a bedside table, (to be sent to a Veterans' Hospital): first, Mrs. Glover Trenholm; second, Mrs. Andrew Hilgartner; third, Mrs. Howard Johnson; honorable mention, Mrs. Walter Bahn, Mrs. Gideon Stieff, Mrs. Ralph Warnken. Class II—Arrangement of any material other than cut flowers for a buffet supper table: first, Mrs. Marshall Carlton; second, Mrs. Wiley Baxter; third, Mrs. Paul Laferty.
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PIA TASSINARI AND THE B.S.O.

As guest soloist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Pia Tassinari, Italian soprano, shared the stage with R. E. Lee Taylor, chairman of the B.S. O.'s board of directors. This good-looking brunette's warm, realistic manner had to compete for interest with Mr. Taylor's warm espousal of the Orchestra's need for funds and his own brand of realism, to wit: a stern warning that unless Baltimore's music lovers support the Symphony with funds there won't be any Symphony.

Of Mme. Tassinari's offerings, her "Voi lo sapete" from Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusti-

cana" was easily the best and most fetching. For this the audience gave her a lot of applause, and a good many uninhibited persons attempted with varying degrees of success to mimic the provocative sibilant refrain. (This isn't said by way of criticism of the audience-I'm all for more freedom of expression among American audiences; I stop short of bubble-gum approval, however.)

The orchestral numbers included some very pleasantly accomplished and delicately played Bach, in which the violas

were heard to good advantage. I may be mistaken, but I thought the Orchestra showed the need of one more rehearsal for Ravel's "Alborrado del Grasioso," de Falla's "La Vida Breve" and Warlock's "Capriol Suite." Mr. Reginald Stewart's direction was all that it ought to have been and the orchestra "gave"; so perhaps I shouldn't carp. It was an evening of delightful music, and if the public gives the way it ought to in support of the B.S.O., we'll have many more as good—and better.

HINDEMITH, WELL PLAYED

Owing to a minor automobile accident, which delayed me, this pair of ears did not get to the Lyric in time to hear the fine 'cellist Gregor Piatigorsky play Dvorak's "Concerto in B minor, Opus 104" with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. This was a major disappointment to me, as I hugely enjoy Piatigorsky's playing (all except the faces he makes sometimes when fingering a soulful passage), and had looked forward eagerly to this evening. All my acquaintances who heard it assured me I had missed everything and might as well go home, nevertheless I hung around for the second half of the program and was rewarded by the best rendition I have heard to date of Hindemith's "Symphony in E flat". This is a work which, though in the modern idiom, has real beauty and an evident deep sincerity. Moreover, Mr. Stewart and the B.S.O. have finally learned how to play it without sectioning it into neat segments, like sliced liver. The result was very fine indeed—as fine probably, as anyone has ever heard this symphony played, anywhere.

Perhaps this is as good a place as any in which to correct an unfortunate typographical error which appeared in a review of mine last month. I had written something to the effect that the B.S.O.'s playing of the "Daphnis and Chloë" suite compared favorably with the Philadelphia's playing

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of the same work, "as every unprejudiced listener must agree." A sinfully inventive printer made it read "imprejudiced." I hope to go to Heaven when I die.

A composer of light music was called in on an urgent job and told that he would have to produce a complete score for a musical comedy in a week. "That'll take a lot out of you," said a sympathetic friend. "Not out of me," said the composer, lightly, "you mean, out of Tchaikovsky, Brahms, and Bach."

PINZA AND THE NATIONAL

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MAGNIFICENT

"In the heroic style" perhaps best summarizes Ezio Pinza's recent appearance here with the National Symphony.

Such is the imposing quality of Mr. Pinza's presence on stage, with his commanding figure and Stone Mountain features, that his appearance alone imparts confidence and expectancy. In his renditions of excerpts from "Boris Godounov," he revealed again the artistry and vocal power which have come to be taken for granted.

To create the character of the demented and dying Czar by physical action as well as vocally, while singing in formal concert with an orchestra, would have been foolhardy for one less sure of himself than Mr. Pinza. That he could do so with gripping effect in a restricted space, without benefit of costume, makeup, or scenery, is an indication of how thoroughly he has assimilated the role of "Boris." Except for a faint hoarseness noticeable in some of his softer tones, he sang with his usual extraordinary range of power and color.

It is doubtful if Mr. Pinza could realize the full extent of the tribute accorded him, for when the last note faded, even Baltimore's minority group of coat-snatchers for once remained seated to give the

applause so brilliantly earned.

The purely orchestral half of the program included Tchaikovsky's "Francesca da Rimini." Listening to Tchaikovsky, maintains one of our acquaintances, is like taking a bath in a store window. Yet

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the very qualities which give punch to this generalization are an asset to "Francesca da Rimini." The composer's habit of overlapping a melancholy theme from one voice to another, his undercurrent of helpless despair and brooding pity, his climaxes of tortured violence fore-doomed to dissolve in resignation, are well adapted to describe the destiny of Paolo and Francesca.

If we do not concede the harshness of Tchaikovsky's own criticism of this work in his letters, we may yet wonder if parts of it are not hollow and external in concept. Especially do sections of the storm seem to whirl in a teapot rather than in Hell, though it may be that Walt Disney has forever ruined our capacity to judge such scenes

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Dall' Abaco's "Sinfonia in B Flat" is pleasant and graceful, never deep or emotional. The National's tone and careful shading were especially apparent in the *lento*, while the *rondeau* has a gay lilt

which needs but an extra kick of the heels to become rollicking.

Beethoven's fast-moving "Prometheus Overture" was performed with a sure and animated touch.

-ALEX ARMSTRONG.

ARTUR SCHNABEL

The small crowd which went to the Lyric to hear Arthur Schnabel was accorded nothing but the best—master composers interpreted by a master artist. The program included "Chromatic Phantasy and Fugue", by Bach, sonatas by Schubert and Mozart, and the difficult and profound "Sonata in C Minor, Opus III", by Beethoven. In his playing, as in his unaffected personal dignity, Mr. Schnabel is of the "old school". His approach is quiet, intent, and sure, somewhat reminiscent of the late beloved Emmanuel Wad. The result was always music of undistorted clarity and loveliness.

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It would be of more than academic interest to know why such music receives in Baltimore such meagre support.

GORDONITZKY AND THE B. S. O.

In spite of adverse criticism, I found Elliott Carter's "Holiday" overture, as played by the Baltimore Symphony, a work by a composer who knows what he's doing. I thought the performance, how-

Rachmaninov's "Concerto No. 2 in C minor," with Sascha Gordonitzy, as guest pianist, was trite. Mr. Gordonitzy's playing sounded like bullets hitting iron. The support was inadequate; but, then, few orchestras can do much to raise Rachmaninov to a high level. Say this for Mr. Stewart, he raised the Sibelius "Symphony No. 2 in D major" from banality, getting everything out of it; the orchestra gave one of its best performances.

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STUDENT RECITALS

Two recitals by students of the Peabody Conservatory of Music were presented during the last week of January 25. Third-year students, instrumental and voice, Frank Granofsky, Anna Koo, Norman McNeil, Charles Sprenkle, Gertrude Eldred and Peggy Jane Collins, were heard in the first. In the second, voice and instrumental students of two classes were heard. The first-year students were Richard Cassilly, Mary Carol Royer, Shake Vartenissian, Joanna Floyd, Anne Esch, Hobart Langrall and Jeanne Bond. Nanoy Lones and Faye Crosswell represented the second-year class. Nancy Jones and Faye Crosswell represented the second-year class.

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RIETI JOINS THE PEABODY

The appointment of Vittorio Rieti, famous composer and pedagogue, to the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music, has been announced by Reginald Stewart, director. Born in Alexandria, Egypt, of Italian parents, Mr. Rieti completed his musical instruction in Milan with Guissepi Frugatta, and in Rome with Ottorio Respighi and Alfredo Casella. There has been a long association between Mr. Rieti and every major ballet company in the world. Collaboration with such choreographers as Balachine, Lifar and Massing have made him a master of his craft. He has also been Massine have made him a master of his craft. He has also been

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associated with the theater of the French actor and director, Louis Jouvet, composing incidental music over a long period of years. He came to the United States in 1940, and is now an American citizen.

Music Calendar

February 24—Benno Moiseiwitsch, pianist, guest artist with the National Symphony Orchestra.

March 2-Robert Casadesus, pianist, recital.

March 3—Zino Francescatti, violinist, guest artist with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

March 5-Jan Peerce, Metropolitan Opera tenor.

March 9-Metropolitan Opera, "Rigoletto."

March 12—"Norman," final presentation this season by the Philadelphia La Scala Opera Company.

March 17—Aeolian Woodwind Quintet, chamber music concert at the Peabody Conservatory.

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Priestley has come up with a modern concept of this curious work, and last month we saw it at Ford's as "An Inspector Calls." It has the same number of characters, now called by snug British names like Croft and Birling, and is complete with a mysterious visitor, Inspector Goole. I thought it a superb show, profound and exciting, and skillfully constructed from the simplest of human materials. Thomas Mitchell and six other fine actors, including the young Patricia Marmont and John Merivale, made the evening worth a season of the kind of tepid theatre we've had.

It is not much to our credit that Priestley had only a modest success with this play in New York. It closed after 95 performances, and he's trying again soon with "The Linden Tree" and the help of Maurice Evans and Boris Karloff. In fact, this distinguished writer hasn't had great luck here since "Dangerous Corner" (296 performances) in 1932-33.

INJECTION OF GRIEG

I tried hard to measure up to expectations at the "Song of Norway," and to join the ecstatic swooners who crowded the house. While the tunes of old Edvard Greig were soothing enough, and some of the dancing was pleasant, it seemed to me just a dull musical in the best Smithfieldian tradition.

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Most of the scenery was right out of Victor Herbert, and the acting and comedy creaky and be-whiskered. Maybe it was just because I had the shingles.

LABORATORY EFFORT

"Doctor Social," a new play by Joseph L. Estry, had four performances last month in this great medical center. It is an earnest attempt to dramatize the theory that cancer will eventually be controlled by the discovery of a serum which can bring tissue growth and destruction into a state of balance. The script has elements of interest, but hasn't much to recommend it as a play. As somebody said in the lobby, it should have been played by a cast of Hopkins doctors, and a couple of lady technicians.

ZANY PLAYING STRAIGHT

Bert Lahr arrived at Ford's in late January in that tough old honey "Burlesque," which has been beguiling New York for a year. The good burghers of Baltimore stormed the theatre, and an extra performance on Sunday, February l was one result.

There was, of course, fun for all-and here and there a tear as the master went into his serious moments. Sometimes you had doubts about the straight man role, but it all came right in the end when the ancient burlesque pattern was unrolled. As the first notes came from the honkytonk orchestra, and the venerable chorus went into its first number in the third act play-within-a-play, a painful and glassy-eyed nostalgia gripped the older males in the audience and they were heard to sigh in remembrance of things past. The play is still grand entertainment, and has extraordinary staying powers. So has the ubiquitous Bert, who is still one of the great clowns and can be funny with his hands alone.

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QUIZ OF THE MONTH

- 1. The U.S. Weather Service was established in February of one of the following years: 1850, 1870, 1896, 1903. Which?
- 2. Two famed fiddlers Born the same day Their initials
 Are H and K; Who are they?
- 3. February was a good month for poets. Here are lines by two well known American poets, one of whom is still alive. Can you identify them?—
 - (a) Footprints on the sands of time.
 - (b) My candle burns at both ends.
 - (c) A famous poet and musician associated with Balti-more was born in February, 1842. His statue may be seen on the Johns Hopkins University campus, facing Charles street? Who was he?
- 4. He played the flute in an orchestra named for a famous philantropist whose statue may be seen in Mt. Vernon Place. Who was the philanthropist?
- 5. Who wrote this?—

 Tomorrow is St. Valentine's day, All in the morning betime.
- 6. Two great Presidents, each one identified with a major war, were born on February 22, 1732 and February 12, 1809, respectively. Their names?

(Answers on page 16)

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—J. HAUSMANN.



THE PARTY

Mother says, "Put down Life long enough to listen a minute. Are you listening? We promised Susan a birthday party, and next Tuesday's the day."

No answer.

"I might as well be talking to a blank wall. Hey! Hey, you!"

Father says, "Eh? I'm listening. Go ahead." Mother repeats about the party and he puts down the magazine and straightens up. He smiles and says, "Sure thing! We'll

give her a real big party."
"How big?" counters Mother, adding hastily: "You know, big parties are not as simple as you might think. Men have no idea what a strain a children's party can be."

Father argues that children have got to be allowed to throw their weight around, now and then, otherwise they'll grow up repressed and gloomy. "When I was a boy-

"Oh, yes, I know. When you were a boy. But nowadays, giving a large party is different. Conditions aren't the same.

"Nothing to it! Invite a lot of kids, have plenty of games, plenty of refreshments, and leave them to themselves until their nurses or their parents call for them."

"It's easy to talk that way when you don't have to be here to look after things. I think we ought to have just a small party, about six or eight children at most.'

Mother begins making a list; presently she cries, "Heavens! I've got down ten already, and that's not counting half the people we're obligated to." To which father

replies:

"Is this a party to square us with a lot of grown-ups, or is it to be a real children's party, for children? Let's invite a big bunch, and I'll come home early from the office and help you keep them in hand. I like kids, and kids like me.

I don't mind helping you."
"You talk as if I were an old maid. It's not that I don't just adore children, but some children are the worst little cut-ups when they are away from home. They just go tearing around. A real big party could just about wreck the club cellar."

"Club cellar? Why not in the living room, where there's an open fireplace that works, where they can toast marshmallows and pop popcorn?"

"I was afraid of that. But all right, then, don't blame me if the living room is an absolute wreck after all those kids get through with it."

"I think you exaggerate, dear."

"I absolutely do not exaggerate. Dear."

"Now, of course you do."
"I do, do I? Well? Just you let me tell you how it was at the Quimby's party for their little Betty-Ann. Oh, yes, that was a real big party, like the one you want to have. First of all, their maid quit them the day before the party. And I can tell you our Bessie isn't going to be any too pleased, either. Well, when Ed Quimby came home Helen

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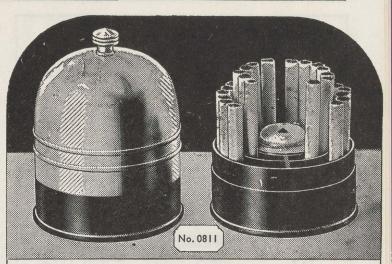
was nearly worn to death trying to keep all those kids from tearing down the house all afternoon, and Ed told her to go upstairs and take a couple of aspirins and let him look after things for a while, and she hadn't been gone any time before she began to smell smoke, so she came back downstairs—and a good thing she did!"

Mother pauses dramatically. Father says, "Well, go on with the story." Mother takes a deep breath and continues.

"It was grim. But grim! Seems that Ed had tried to show the children how to shake the popcorn popper over the coals, to keep the stuff from burning, and one of the boys (it must have been that hateful little Ferdie, he never pays the least attention to what anyone ever tells him), this child got to swinging the popper wildly about in the chimney, instead of just shaking it over the coals, and it hit the chimney damper and this caused the draft to close right up tight so that the smoke began billowing out into the room! Naturally, the boy who was holding the popper backed away and dropped it, dropped the popper right in the middle of the loveliest Persian rug that the Quimbys couldn't afford, I'm sure they hadn't even got through paying for that rug, and if you could have seen the hole burnt in it. It was sickening, but of course I didn't even see it until later, because when I came in, there was Ed Quimby working like crazy with the damper, trying to get the chimney open. He had broken his glasses and he was simply choking and his eyes were just streaming tears, and the room so full of smoke you couldn't see a thing."

"But what happened?" asks father, as Mother pauses to catch her breath.

"As if that wasn't enough! Well, naturally I took the situation in at a glance and I tried to help Helen do something about all that smoke, and when we tried to get the windows open-down came those big curtains, and Helen fell and wrenched her knee, badly, but she didn't know it until later, and by now the whole house was full of smoke, with most of the children screeching and carrying on, I mean not at all scared—no, indeed, they were playing 'fire,' shoving the fine antique sofa around for a fire engine, jumping up and down on the sofa and yelling like mad. All except little Hildegarde What's-her-name, Nortdopp, who was being sick all over the wraps. Well, we finally got the windows open to let the smoke out, and that was when somebody, the people who live across the street I guess, turned in the fire alarm! Golly, you can imagine what all those parents thought when they were coming to take their children home, finding a fire engine in front of the house. . . Well, dear, do you still want a real big party in the living room, or shall we have a small one in the club cellar?" -CARTER SINK, JR.



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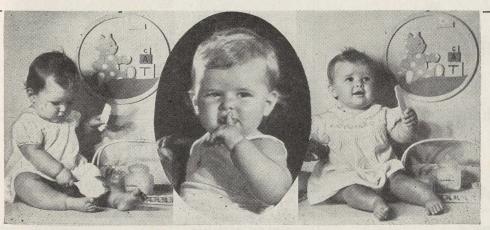


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PETTICOAT RULE

Fashion makes her bow this spring in a swirl of petticoats. Such a rustle of taffeta hasn't been heard since Grandma's day. And such ruffles, such ribbon, such embroidery—we're really going feminine with a vengeance! Heard of one fashionable young matron who wore five petticoats under her dress at a cocktail party during the holidays. Sounds like a good idea for winter—but what will we do when the weather gets warm?

In addition to separate beruffled petticoats, many dresses are coming with their own petticoats. There are also ruffled white

blouses with matching petticoats available.

HOSIERY SHADES FOR SPRING

Pastel stockings are being shown in exquisitely sheer weights for spring and many of them are beautiful. A smoky blue to wear with navy; a light, pale beige to wear with the light beiges of the coming season; a pale, pale green—these are just a few of the colors being shown. Matching your stockings to your costume will be the season's smartest trick. And come summer, there will be linen pumps available for dyeing, so that the one-color costume may be more easily achieved. There is much talk of color in shoes—lots of navy, red, green and a light cocoa tan.

AT THE JEWELRY SHOWINGS

Costume jewelry for spring is prettier than ever. Fewer huge, garish pieces and more of a trend toward the delicate, the feminine and the "real jewelry" look. Among the new lines shown, I noticed: many pins especially for scarfs, among them a thin, scrolled initial pin; many heart-and-arrow motifs; combinations of pearls and rhinestones are very popular; interesting looking silver jewelry with coatof-arms design and Scotch agates; wide cuff bracelets, some absolutely tailored, others with sparkling stone designs; dog collars in pearls and stones tied with velvet ribbons; tiny stickpins to be worn in groups scattered according to your fancy; "superstitious" motifs, like horse shoes, wishbones and 4-leaf clovers; pastel pearls.

COAT CAVALCADE

There's plenty of variety in the coat picture.

Anyone should find what she wants. The fitted, full skirted coat, the loose mantle coat so comfortable over suits, the short flared coat, the new short "clutch" coat that wraps, the full-length wrapped coat, the cape, the princess coat with capelet—every one of these is

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good this spring. Much color choice, too, with black, navy and biege leading but lots of bright colors and soft pastels in the line up.

CROCUS-POCUS

Long before the first crocus dares appear we have the blooming of the first spring hats. Side slanting, close fitting, sailor and bonnet types predominated at the showings in January, with the small and pretty hat the rule, but ever so often, a big dramatic job that broke the rule effectively. Flowers, draped lace, ribbons, veilings were all over the place, although there were a number of very simple hats that depended on line for effect rather than trimming. Lilly Daché showed some wide veil stoles draped over hats and held by bouquets (reconceptle) for this is here foresite stury. (removable, for this is her favorite stunt). Her collection resembled a flower garden, with pastel satin petal hats and many of these with butterflies and hummingbirds perched on them.

ORGANDY MUSIC

The rustle of organdy will be music to your ears this spring (at veddings) and this summer, when it will be an important fashion. Beautiful wedding dresses in organdy are being shown by our leading designers and lovely pastel organdy dresses as well as white are being dreamed up for summer. You'll see much more chiffon, too, much of it finely pleated and all of it beautiful. These transparent fabrics call for something pretty special in lingerie, and the lingerie houses are doing pastel slips, petticoats and yes, believe it or not, carried to the second of the camisoles (what, again!) to wear under these sheer frocks.

WHAT THEY'RE WEARING

At the Racquet Club: Mary Jane Sanner in a strapless, beautifully draped rose-red dress and sparkling necklace . . . Eileen Mitchell (now Mrs. Howard Conaway) in pale blue satin . . . Mrs. Leo McCormick in blue with sequins . . . Virginia L'Esperance in red crepe with a draped stole and huge flowers on one shoulder . . . Mrs. Walter Lohr in a strapless dress of aqua and black . . . Carol Sherwood in biege crepe with sparkling trimming . . . Mrs. Frank Taylor, very smart in black with sequins, low neckline and long black gloves . . . Mrs. Robert Maslin in black with roses . . . Mrs, Ed Wright in a blue cape dress with gold beading . . . Mrs. Donald Tobin in iridescent green taffeta with high neckline, basque bodice and full skirt, high white collar. skirt, high white collar.

At the Town and Country ball (and it was really a ball . . . everyone very formal, most of the men in white tie, a sea of white gloves, fresh flowers and beautiful decorations): Mary Louise Tschudy in pale pink chiffon with glittering trim . . . Evelyn Dell in red faille, looking very holiday spirited with holly in her hair . . .

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Cocktailing at the Sheraton-Belvedere: Mrs. Sidney Zell and Mrs. F. A. W. Bryan, both very smart in black and both wearing lovely ostrich-plumed hats, Mrs. Zell's in champagne color, Mrs. Bryan's in pink . . . Mrs. Stanley Jones in a magnificent beaver coat with looned hood effect

looped hood effect.

At a cocktail party: Mrs. Augustus Sattler, very smart in black and pearls and a pretty flowered hat . . . Mrs. Edgar Kohlepp in blue with a spray of blue sequins on the shoulder; small hat with feather trimming.

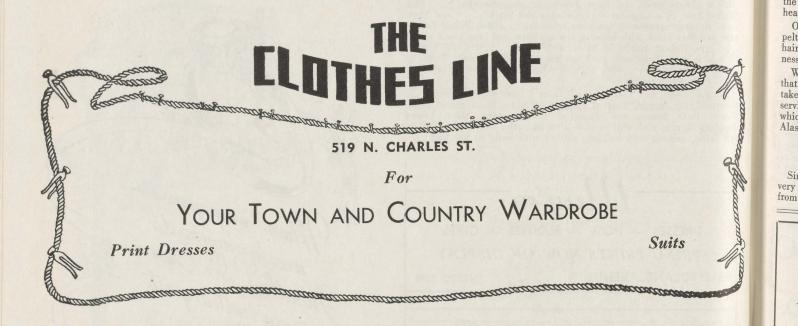
At a tea given by the Roland Park Woman's Club—the guests not only enjoying Phyllis Hoyland's lovely singing, but her magnificent dress made of gold Chinese brocade and designed by Philip Robertson, talented young Baltimorean. The dress was full skirted with long sleeves that pointed over the wrists. A cascade of roses made of the fabric was a beautiful touch.

BEST DRESSED OF THE MONTH: Marcie Clark, one of the youngest and loveliest of Baltimore's crop of models, a symphony in grey; grey suit with striped long, close fitting blouse of jersey, striped collar and cuffs on the jacket of the suit, dashing little grey beret, silver loop earrings and silver bracelets, and the favorite shoe of all models, the black D'Orsay classic pump that goes with every-

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By CARL W. DREES

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■ The weasel family, one of the most important of all fur-bearing animals, is divided into many and varied species and sub-species. They include the ermines, sable, marten, otter, wolverine, skunk, fitch, perwitsky, mink, badger and also the kolinsky.

Characteristics of the weasel family are blood-thirstiness, scent gland development, slender bodies, short legs, coloring that usually changes in winter and summer. This is most pronounced of all in the ermine, which changes from brown in summer to pure white in winter.

The kolinsky comes from Siberia and northern China and closely resembles the mink, of which it is a very near relative. It gets its name from the peninsular of Kolin—from which it is supposed to come, but does not, any more than Damascus steel comes from Damascus or chop suey from China. However, that is one of the idiosyncrasies of the fur trade.

The kolinsky is characterized by long silky top-hairs and thick yellow under-fur. It is usually dyed into sable or marten tones and is famous for its long wearing qualities and beauty. It is so closely related to the Chinese mink or Chinese weasel as to be often mistaken for it. The latter, however, has shorter fur and is usually used for coats while the true kolinsky is more popular for trimmings.

There is considerable argument in the fur trade as to whether China produces any minks at all. It is held by some that China proper produces only weasels, and that the minks come from Siberia and Manchuria. At any rate, the kolinsky is generally recognized as a mink though it belongs to the weasel family. Figure that out if you can. You can call it a weasel-mink or a mink-weasel, if you wish. This is a free country. Anyway, it is a generally accepted fact that the minks have a fuller and silkier fur and a better nap than the weasels, so you are at liberty to toss these facts around to your heart's content.

One interesting and unusual fact about Mr. Kolinsky is that the pelt is seldom marketed with its tail. These are cut off and the hairs sold to be used for artist's paint brushes. This is quite a business in itself. They don't lose much in the fur business.

We are now pretty close to the end of our little tale. I might add that if you buy kolinsky fur for any purpose, garment or trimmings, take the best of care of it. If you do, it will repay you with long service and plenty of satisfaction. Its a good fur, and durable, in which quality it rates with fitch, Persian lamb, sable, muskrat, and Alaska seal.

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TEXTURE SCREENS



This month's photograph was made by Dr. Hans Froelicher, Headmaster of Park School. It shows the Church of St, Augustine, built about 1605, at Isleta Pueblo, in New Mexico. The quality of the print is excellent and the darkening of the sky helps considerably in drawing attention to the center of interest,

the spires of the church.

This print was projected through a texture screen during printing, which gives it a rather pleasant effect, similar to an etching. These screens are particularly effective for portrait or pictorial work, and are available in several different patterns such as tapestry, bromoil, paper negative, steel-line or etching, and Renaissance, a pattern similar to that of the cracked surface of an old painting.

Other methods of obtaining texture are by printing through lace, or mesh, screening and various thin papers such as photographic dry-mounting paper. These methods necessitate the screen being held in close contact with the enlarging paper on the baseboard by means of a piece of clear glass while the image is being projected through.

Still another method of obtaining texture screens of greater variety is by photographing a pattern and sandwiching this and the portrait or pictorial negative together in the enlarger and projecting both onto the enlarging paper. Some very interesting and appropriate patterns may be obtained by crosslighting rippled or pebbled paper or cardboard, Florentine glass, tree-back, ripples in water, brick or stone walls or even window screening. These negatives should be kept thin to allow for ease of projection.

Care must be taken to photograph these objects so that the pattern will be small enough, after enlargement, not to

PHOTOGRAPHS OF BALTIMORE

The eighth annual Exhibition of Photographs of Baltimore will be held at the Peale Museum through March 21.

The purpose of the exhibition is to foster the production of fine documentary photographs of Baltimore life. The subject of the show is *Baltimore*—its life, its people, and its scenes. The Peale is particularly desirous of encouraging photographers to record Baltimore scenes typical of 1948, so that future generations will be able to see how the people of the city lived, worked and played in this age. However, as the Museum desires to maintain as high a standard of photography as possible, the photographs were judged both on their documentary and on their artistic merits.

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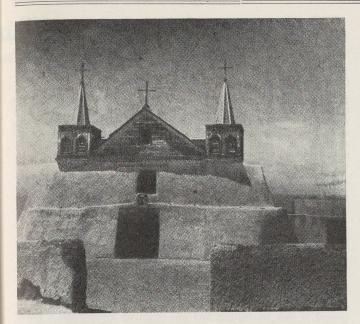
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be overpowering and detract from the key or theme of the photograph. Furthermore, indiscriminate use of texture screens without regard to the type of picture they are to be used with weakens rather than helps the finished print. For instance, a strong portrait of a virile man might be adaptable to the use of a screen consisting of the pattern of a stone or brick wall, whereas used in a baby portrait the idea would be incongruous.

—W. M. VON SCHULZ Baltimore Institute of Photography

CHILD STUDY

At the fifth annual Child Study Institute, the speakers included Miss Margaret Preston, Dr. Paul Lemkau, Dr. Alvin W. Schindler, Mrs. Richard Lobban, Dr. Sybil Mandell, Mrs. M. Shakman Katz, Father Leo J. McCormick, Mrs. William M. Passano, Henry Callard, Mrs. Carl Davis, Dr. John Colbert, Mrs. Leon M. Ginsberg, H. Warren Buckler, Jr., Dr. George H. Preston, Miss Margaret F. Coe, and Dr. Agnes Snyder.

The Institute was held under the joint auspices of the Association for Childhood Education, Baltimore Association for Preschool Education, and the Child Study Association, with the cooperation of the Parent Education Department of the Baltimore Public Schools. Under the direction of Dr. L. Kathryn Dice, who teaches courses in mental hygiene and psychology at the University of Maryland and at the Johns Hopkins University, the Child Study Association has increased and broadened its activities, which include courses conducted for parents and the issuance of bulletins and illustrated pamphlets dealing with various problems of parent-child relationships.

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LADIES OF ST. JAMES'S

Well, here we are, Phillida. Won't you come in for a minute? If you think you're cracking up from the miseries of winter, just remember the ice is cracking up, too, and before you know it, sulphur-and-molasses time will be here. Pour yourself a cup of sassafras tea, Phillida, and let's take off our bonnets, tippets, hoops and stays, and settle down for a comfortable chat. La, isn't it wonderful to relax and speak our minds with no men about?

I did want to speak about that poem Henry Dobson wrote to you. The rest of us, who use make-up, aren't too pleased, Phillida. Just

think about it for a moment—

"The ladies of St. James's!

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Their white it stays forever, Their red it never dies; But Phillida, my Phillida! Her color comes and goes; It trembles to a lily,

It wavers to a rose."

That's right pretty, dear, but I feel moved to defend "fixed" color. I've seen you, Phillida, "tremble to a lily" when you especially wanted to look fascinating, and you ended up looking like a ghout the two news. So, that's why I'm anxious to tell you the news about the two new openings on Charles street this month. First, I'll tell you about the cosmetic bar, and I'll warrant, if you go there, the young poets around town will smother you with verses.

YOUR OWN COSMETICS

Teen Shawn (you remember, she has two adjoining shops on Charles street—one with an entrance at 8 W. Saratoga) is turning her Charles street shop into one of the most luscious cosmetic bars in the country. Goubaud, of Paris, also of London and New York, is here with those famous personalized cosmetics which women on is here with those famous personalized cosmetics which women on the Continent have favored for many years. Everybody is invited to come in for a free skin analysis and make-up, and your record will be kept there for future use. Miss Arlene Green, the consultant and artist, will blend your powders and what-not for you especially. For instance, I couldn't go in and ask for just powder—it will have to be my powder. They have everything there you would ever need for beauty—Peach Milk, which is different from anything we've had yet. It's a quick surface cleanser and also serves as a colorless base. How's to go in with me tomorrow? We're going to the theatre, and it would be wonderful to have Arlene Green give us a professional make-up before we go. make-up before we go.

BALTIMORE IN THE BIG TIME

I've been dying to tell you about Baltimore's first fashion modeling I've been dying to tell you about Baltimore's first fashion modeling school, Phillida. There's no excuse for a Baltimore girl now. She doesn't have to leave home and go to New York for top professional training in modeling. Loren Walters (you've got to see her to be lieve anyone could be so beautiful) was assistant director of the world's greatest fashion model school. She is here now, on the top floor of the American Airlines Building, on Charles street. She calls her school the Walters Academy. I was afraid this was going to be one of those horrid "charm schools," but no, it's a systematic course,

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Of course, Phillida, I imagine a lot of women will want to take this inexpensive course for their own satisfaction. Nine out of ten women never did know how to walk or stand. Well, it's Walters Academy for a lot of us, but I hope nobody goes up to the Walter's Art Gallery and asks for a course in fashion modeling!

These two Charles street openings ought to be a real spring tonic

for all of us.

THE DEFENSE RESTS

Oh, must you go, Phillida? Please don't look so hurt. I didn't tell you all this because I thought you needed it more than anyone else. It's just that Dobson poem, that's all. You may think you are "wavering to a rose" now, Phillida, but you're just plain furious, and your face is the color of brick dust. I still say I think I'm right to defend those who keep their color static. The defense rests—it's time for a hearty pan anyway. time for a beauty nap, anyway.

JOHNS HOPKINS DRAMA CONTEST

The Playshop of the Johns Hopkins University has announced its annual playwriting contest: the Theodore Marburg Prize of \$100 to be awarded the winning play submitted before June 1, 1948. This year's winner will be produced at the Playshop in the Fall of

1948. All further rights are to be retained by the author.

Judges for the competition are H. Carrington Lancaster, Professor of French Literature of the Hopkins; Louis Azrael, columnist of the Baltimore News-Post; and N. Bryllion Fagin, director of the

Any playwright in the United States is eligible to submit one or more manuscripts, which must be full-length plays, with an estimated playing time of two to two and a half hours. Plays may be comic or tragic, but the typical, superficial Broadway ephemerae have no or tragic, but the typical, superficial Broadway ephemerae have no chance. Manuscripts must not have been published, and must be originals, not adaptations or translations. If a play has been previously produced, a statement must accompany it, giving the time and place of such presentation. A registration fee of one dollar must accompany each entry, and all manuscripts must be postmarked not later than June 1, 1948. The address is The Johns Hopkins Playshop, Homewood, Baltimore-18.

RODNEY CROWTHER SPEAKS

The P.-T. A. of Girls Latin School gave a program for fathers and mothers at its meeting in the School Chapel, at which Rodney Crowther, Washington newspaper correspondent, spoke on "Where We Stand in History.



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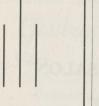
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■ In late winter, game birds such as quail need the friendship of farmer and sportsman. Where food and cover are inadequate, these creatures often face starvation in severe weather. Simple feeding stations made of rough boards or crates afford protection for partridges and the benefactor will be repaid in the Spring by many a cheery call. A helpful pamphlet on this subject is "Quail Management in Maryland" by Kenneth A.

Wilson, obtainable from the Game and Inland Fish Commissions.

WHALE MILK

As everyone knows, the whale is a mammal. An Antarctic fin whale, captured alive, has been milked and the milk tested for its food value. According to a report by Prof. Michael Begg in *Nature*, a British scientific magazine, this whale milk had nearly twice the amount of vitamin C that the best cow's milk contains. Vitamin C is ricket-preventing ascorbic acid. Professor Begg is a member of the faculty of Marischal College, in Aberdeen, Scotland (and *not* Aberdeen, Md., as the New York *Times* stated, recently).

RACCOONS AND MUSKRATS

The raccoon is a cunning thing, He travels in the dark, And never a care disturbs his mind "Til he hears old Ranger bark.

There are more raccoons in Maryland than ever before, according to Ernest A. Vaughn, director of the State Game and Inland Fish Commission. And this despite the fact that coon hunting is a very popular night sport. The reason for the increase is low prices paid nowadays for coon skins. Back in the twenties, when it was the ambition of every college boy and girl to own a raccoon coat, trappers went after old ringtail seriously, with the result that his numbers were greatly depleted. Today, when raccoon coats are not in style, coon skins bring only about \$1 each. Coon hunting with well-trained tree-dogs is lively, but not so effective as trapping. Tree-dogs (usually hounds, though sometimes mongrels) are trained to follow Br'er Coon's trail to the tree in which he takes refuge, and then bark or bay in such fashion as to signal to the hunters that the game is treed.

While raccoons are increasing, the muskrat population is declining. On the Eastern Shore marshes notably in Dorchester county where muskrat trapping is an important industry, the annual yield of pelts in the past year was reduced by nearly half. Some authorities attribute the decline to a mysterious disease, others to the depredations of raccoons and foxes. Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, biologist in charge of the fur-animal field station at Blackwater, is investigating.

The danger inherent in the waste of natural resources was the theme of an address by Dr. R. V. Truitt, director of the Department

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of Research and Education, before the Sportsmen's Chapter No. 5 of the Izaak Walton League, at the Enoch Pratt Library.

Dr. T. B. Symons will address the Maryland Sportsmen's Luncheon

Club, at the Emerson Hotel on March 9 at 12.15 p.m.

National Wildlife Week-March 21-27.

Crow shoots: February 28, March 13 and 27, by the Baltimore chapter, Izaak Walton League.

Baltimore, Our Baltimore

"Emerson was a remarkable person," said a Baltimore business man, in a conversation we were having. "But his Essays weren't the big thing. Where he really made his money was off Bromo Seltzer."

Reported by M. O. W.

[Be brief, be factual. Do not send something you have read elsewhere.]



HEADS SUNRISE COM-MITTEE

Hamilton A. Hooper is chairman of the speakers' committee for the 19th annual outdoor Easter worship to be held in the Stadium on Mar.

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9:45 A.M.-II:00 A.M.—Church School

II:00 A.M.—Kindergarten and First Four Grades

4:30 P.M.—Evensong and Address

6:30 P.M.—Young People's Fellowship

Churches

Next to grace, time is the most important gift of God. Yet how much of both we waste. Time is full of eternity; as we use it, so shall we be.—Cardinal Wiseman.

Calendar

February 24-In the Cathedral (the Minor Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary), installation of the Most Rev. Francis P. Keough, Archbishop of Baltimore.

■ In the Pro-Cathedral (the Cathedral of the Incarnation)— Beginning with the first Sunday in Lent and continuing through Palm Sunday, there will be a series of addresses by lay and clerical speakers. "Our Church in the Andes" will be the subject of the Rev. George F. Packard, Episcopal missionary. On February 22, the Hon. George L. Radcliffe will speak on "The Faith of George Washington." Other speakers: the Rev. Harry Lee Doll, rector of Old St. Paul's, Feb. 29; the Rev. S. Tagart Steele, Jr., rector of St. Luke's, Germantown, Philadelphia, March 7; the Rev. E. Victor Kennan rector of Emmanuel Church on Passion Sunday, the Rev. Kennan, rector of Emmanuel Church, on Passion Sunday; the Rev. Dr. Don Frank Fenn, rector of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, March 21. These services will begin each Sunday at 4.30 p.m.

NEWS NOTES

The Chimes, Parish bulletin of the Church of the Redeemer, gives some statistics: Baptisms 70, confirmations 65, transfers into the parish 88, burials 18, weddings 35. . . The Christmas offering at St. David's, Roland Park, was \$1,435.67. . . Recent speakers at the

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Pro-Cathedral's Sunday afternoon series: Rev. Daniel Corrigan, rector of Grace and St. Peter's; the Rev. Dr. Philip J. Jensen, rector of St. Thomas's Church, Garrison Forest; Miss Muriel Lester, of London; the Rev. Jack Malpas, rector of St. Bartholomew's, Ten Hills; the Rev. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, rector of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia; the Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, S.T.D., Bishop of Washington.

The combined senior and youth choirs of Saint Johns of Hamilton Methodist Church gave a concert recently in the Maryland Casualty auditorium, Keswick road at Fortieth street. Soloists were Lois Hemmick, pianist; Mary Vickers, contralto; Edward Carew, violinist; Lloyd Hemmick, tenor, director of the choirs; and Emily Hemmick, organist of the church, who was also accompanist at the concert.

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The Men's Association of the Second Presbyterian Church held its annual father-and-son banquet in Smith Hall, with Dr. Ralph K. Witt, professor of chemical engineering of the Graduate School at the Johns Hopkins University, as speaker.

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The Rev. Dr. E. Cranston Riggin, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church was the speaker on a program sponsored by the Baltimore Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The Rev. Vernon Britt Richardson, pastor of the University Bap-

The Rev. Vernon Britt Richardson, pastor of the University Baptist Church, will deliver the Easter sermon at the 19th annual Easter Sunrise Service at the Baltimore Stadium on March 28.

The Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Church in Maryland opened its session in January at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. The business session was held at Emmanuel Church.

Mrs. F. W. Campbell Clarendon is chairman of the 1948 fair of

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—Donald Hickey, Form 4, in the Ink Well, Boys' Latin School.

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Q. Why is the letter e the most unfortunate?

Josuph to the control of married folk like an empty one?

A. Because there's not a single person in it.



"It's more trouble, this way, but the milk's fresher."

Q. Why should doctors be less likely than others to get upset on an ocean voyage?

A. Because they are more used to see sickness.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

As a memorial to Arnold A. Ortmann, teacher, who was killed in a bus accident, the Parent-Teacher Association of Schools 49 and 79 have established a permanent Ortmann Award of \$25 annually to the student of either school who attains the highest scholastic average.

The results of our Art Contest will be announced next month.



NIGHT

Night came like a Hallowe'en cat Creeping along — pat, pat, pat, And flashed its yellow eyes at me.

—Happy Crain, 12th Age, Calvert School.

A HOLE IN MY SOCK

I had a little sock, But oh, what a shame! It had a little hole in it. I wonder how it came.

I haven't had it very long, But it's really hard to tell. Did it come from being rubbed, Or did I tear it when I fell?

It isn't how it came
That really puzzles me,
But where the sock goes
That in the hole should be.

—Jennie Reed Fowlkes, 12th Age,
Calvert School.

THE CLOCK

Wise old clock,
With mustached face,
Tell me the answer true.
Do you tell time direct to me?
Or do I tell it from you?

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—Millicent Doll, 12th Age, Calvert School.



Kitty Is Interested.

JUNIOR BOOKS

The Frigate Constitution

FIGHTING FRIGATE. By Edward Buell Hungerford. Illustrated by Ernie King. (Wilcox & Follett, \$2.50.)

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Princess Aurora

AURORA. By Mireille Pradier.

Translated from the French by C.
Burr Dawes. Illustrated by Guy
Sabran. (Published by C. Burr
Dawes, Columbus, Ohio, \$2.)

This is a wonderful fairy tale about a beautiful mediaeval princess who was petted and spoiled but who, after running away and living for a time in a humble peasant home, learned self-reliance and consideration for others, and became happy and contented. (For students of French, this book may be obtained with the original French text for \$2.50.)



Making Music

THE GAME OF HARMONY. By Ross Lee Finney. (Harcourt, \$3).

This is a fine book for young musicians. It contains the rules of harmony so simply stated a bright child can readily follow them, or so the author believes. Mr. Finney is a music teacher, and ought to know. (The illustration is from the book.)

Schools

Learning is ever in the freshness of its youth, even for the

—AEschylus, 525-456 B.C.

PUBLIC SCHOOL STATISTICS

There are now more than 5,000 persons employed in the public schools of the city: over 4,000 teachers and administrators, 1,049 classified employés, 322 cafeteria workers. There are 108,000 fulltime pupils.

More than 20,000 parents indicated their willingness to appear at

the City Council hearing on the public schools' 1948 budget. Franklin O. Curtis, president of the Coordinating Council of the P.-T.A., said that this prompt support was what secured approval of the budget without the special hearing. Twenty-thousand—that would have been quite a hearing!

HEPBRON AT HOMEWOOD

James M. Hepbron, managing director of the Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission, director of the Community Chest, and member of the board of the State Department of Public Welfare, recently addressed the Homewood School faculty. The photograph shows Mr. Hepbron as he was snapped informally by John Marshall Moses, a student staff photographer for the Gilman School News.

The students of Homewood School were greatly impressed by an



article in their Weekly Reader (which is a school newspaper bringing them weekly news of the world), entitled "Homes for Europe's Or-phans." This article described several camps full of homeless orphan boys and girls of many nationalities. The concluding paragraph states, "The United Nation is helping through its International Children's Emergency Fund." fund is planning

tund is planning to see that at least one good meal a day is provided this winter for 3,500,000 orphans and other children in twelve of the hungriest European countries. The Homewood students decided they would aid in this enterprise. Many of the older ones contributed from their own allowances, but the younger ones brought contributions from their parents. In all, \$200 worth of food has been purchased and sent overseas to feed under-nourished children.

The fourth grade pupils of Homewood visited the Walters Art

The fourth grade pupils of Homewood visited the Walters Art Gallery recently and heard Miss Parron lecture on Babylonia and Assyria.

AT BARD-AVON

The mid-year term of the Bard-Avon evening school opened with the formation of new classes in the secretarial department, and a new class in personality development. The course in acting, under the direction of Gregg Mooney, started its second session on

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The social committee, composed of Ruth Ellen Pumphrey, Marion Pitt, Jeanne Somerville, Marie Gates, Ruth Brown, Mary Emily Carmen, Elizabeth Zink, and Nancy Fielder, made arrangement for the Valentine dance at Levering Hall, the Johns Hopkins University.

The bowling team met Notre Dame of Maryland at the Homeland Alleys on February 10. Other games scheduled: February 18, Friends, at the Rational March 17, return engagement with Friends, at the Recreation Alleys.



Class in filing, in the secretarial course at Bard-Avon School.

CALVERT ACTIVITIES

The Home Instruction Department of Calvert School has assembled and shipped school courses for 800 children of American Army, Navy and Air Force personnel in Japan, thus bringing the total enrollment in Japan to about 4,000. The home instruction staff was assisted in this work by Hopkins students working in their spare

The usual Wednesday Assemblies:
January 21, by Class 9-1, a dramatization of "When Father Put
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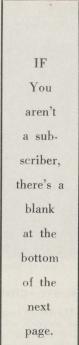


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■ In the customary dog-show classification of breeds and groups, one large division is Working Dogs. This does not necessarily one large division is Working Dogs. This does not necessarily mean that any dog group has distinct characteristics that are not found in some other group. However, in the Working Dogs group is to be found the background of many individual strains. Many breeds in other classified groups can definitely trace their way back to this large classification. It is interesting to note the territories or countries in which certain working dogs have been developed. In our own Alaska, we have the Malamute. Belgium produces the Groenendael Sheep Dog and Bouvier de Flanders; Denmark and Germany, the Great Dane; France has Briards and Great Pyrenées, the latter also native to northern Spain. Great Britain gives us the latter also native to northern Spain. Great Britain gives us the Mastiff and Bull Mastiff, Germany the Police or Shepherd, and the Schnauzer, Rottweiler and Doberman Pinscher. From Hungary the Schnauzer, Rottweller and Doberman Pinscher. From Hungary comes the Kuvasz, a sheep dog. Newfoundland and northeastern North America developed the Eskimo and Newfoundland. The St. Bernard of Switzerland, Collies and Shetlands from Scotland, the Husky, Samoyede and Chow-Chow, native to Siberia, all are work dogs. And Wales produces the clever Corgi. These are breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club.

CLUB NEWS-NOTES

The Scottish Terrier Club of Maryland announces the following officers elected for 1948; president, C. H. Stewart, Jr.; vice president, Thomas Shafer; secretary, Miss Catherine Luken; treasurer, Mrs. Robert E. Redding. In addition to the officers, Mrs. Harry Grady and Mrs. William Osterman will serve on the board of discounter of the contract of th rectors. Mrs. Gertrude Steward or the secretary will be glad to furnish information on this club's activities.

The Fox Terriers Club of Maryland is a well-organised group. Harry S. Ronkin has been installed as president for 1948. Other officers include Dr. Daniel Wehner and James E. Forrester, vice presidents; W. H. Smiley, treasurer, and Mrs. Katherine Hoffman, secretary. This club plans to hold its Spring Specialty Show in conjunction with the Baltimore County Kennel Club All-Breed Show, scheduled for April 25th, at Timonium.

New officers for the up-and-coming Catonsville Kennel Club are: president, Carl H. Stewart, Jr.; vice presidents, George J. Noppenberger and Harry Ronkin; treasurer, Albert Rosenfeld; recording secretary, Walter A. Tuddenham. Mrs. Dale Carlson is correponding secretary. William H. Tuten, retiring president, was elected to the board of directors.

AWARD TO A CANINE HEROINE

The annual meeting of the Humane Society of Baltimore County, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Philip J. Jensen, was high-lighted by a talk, with pictures, on "Protection of Wildlife" by Richard W. Westwood, editor of Nature Magazine. A feature of the meeting

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York street and the buildings on its borders in a mystery that we would call romantic if it were not that he leaves intact the realistic spirit of the scene." Many other noted critics have warmly praised Henshaw's art.

Henshaw was born in Windfall, Indiana, in August 1885. His earliest known work, a pencil drawing made at the untutored age of eight, reveals what seems to have been an instinctive mastery of draftsmanship. After years of study in Europe, during which time he exhibited at the Autumn Salon (his first picture was accepted when he was only nineteen), he returned to this country, married a Maryland girl, and eventually settled in Baltimore. He died here in April, 1946, after a long illness. His admirers in Baltimore are full of faith in his future reputation.

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Museum Calendar

February 29-April 4-16th Annual Maryland Artists Exhibition. Main gallery. February 13-March 10—Photographs of wooden architecture in

Sweden, by John H. Scarff.
March 17-18-19—Symposium on Contemporary Arts.

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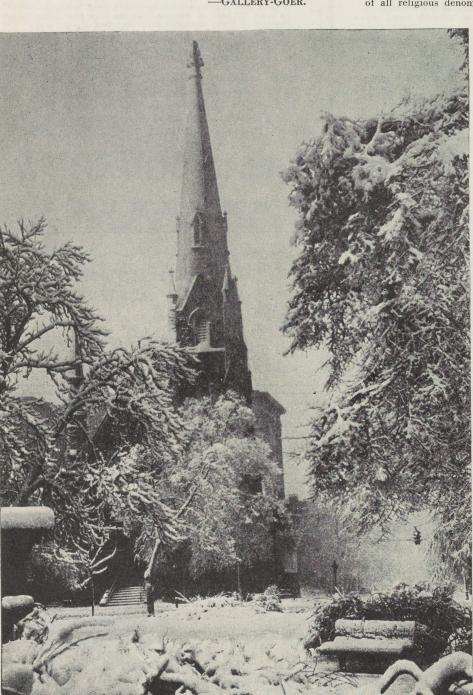
Mrs. G. Franklin Onion is chairman of the music committee for Mrs. G. Franklin Onion is chairman of the music committee for the 1948 Easter Sunrise Service to be held in the Municipal Stadium on March 28. An excellent choir, soloist, and symphonic orchestra under the direction of Robert P. Iula, are promised for the occasion. Mr. Iula, in addition to being a conductor, composer and flautist, is head of the Bureau of Municipal Music.

Mrs. Onion, widely known for her leadership in music activities, has been identified with the Easter Sunrise Service for a number of years. She is former president of the Baltimore Music Club, and of the Maryland Federation of Music Clubs, and is now a member of the National Board of the Federation of Music Clubs.

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RECENT WEDDINGS

Miss Margaret Lindsay Stevenson, daughter of Mr. Richard H. Stevenson, of Towson, and the late Mrs. Stevenson, was married to Mr. Salvatore X. Xifo, of New York, in the Baltimore Cathedral. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Smith, 1620 Bolton street. The couple will make their home in New York.

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Miss Elizabeth Blair Garth, daughter of Mrs. Charles Earle Smith, of Ridgewood road, and Mr. James Woods Garth, of Charlottesville, Va., became the bride of Mr. Edward P. Franke, Jr., of Charlcote Place. The wedding ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Jones, 200 Churchwardens road, with the Rev. Francis McVeigh, S.J., officiating. Mr. George B. Franke, of Wickford road, was best man; the ushers: Messrs. Hans Froelicher, 3rd, George Watson Creighton, 3rd, and William R. Semans, Jr. The couple went on a honeymoon in Bermuda and earlying on Beech avenue.

Semans, Jr. The couple went on a honeymoon in Bermuda and are living on Beech avenue.

Miss Frances Louise Caldwell, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Brown Caldwell, of Elsinore avenue, was married to Mr. Calvin L. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan S. Young, of Rosebank avenue, in the Walbrook Presbyterian Church. The couple are making their home on Allendale road. Mr. Young is a University of Maryland medical student; Mrs. Young is a teacher at the Girls' Latin School.

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TAGLIAVINI

Ferruccio Tagliavini's second Baltimore appearance at the Lyric attracted a good-sized audience in spite of unusually cold weather. He again demonstrated a fine lyric line, with delicacy of tone and clean attack, occasionally reminiscent of Tito Schipa. His voice seemed freer than in his previous concert, but there is still evidence of some constriction of tone in all but the beautiful floating pianissimo passages.

Opening his program with the old favorite "M'appari" from "Martha," he went on to a beautifully sung group of three old Italian airs. Later presentation of two Puccini arias, "Che gelida manina" from "La Boheme," and "E lucevan le stelle," from "Tosca," proved once more that the singer is most at home in opera.

The closing groups were pleasant, if undistinguished. However, the Sicilian song "Amuri, amuri" was a perfectly achieved bit of characterization. As always, flawless diction was in evidence, not only in Italian, but in Spanish and English. He was ably accompanied by Miss Ethel Evans, who also contributed a group of two piano solos. Jascha Veissi, violist, announced as assisting artist, was unable to appear because of illness. This is to be regretted, as apportunities are few to hear the viola as a solo intervenent. opportunities are few to hear the viola as a solo instrument.

-KATHERINE E. CONGER.

Hostesses at the opening of the Glen Cooper Henshaw Memorial Exhibition, at the Maryland Institute, were: Mrs. Charles Fisher, Mrs. Hartman K. Harrison, Mrs. J. A. Dushane Penniman, Miss Mary Gordon Thom, Mrs. McGill Mackall, Mrs. Hall Harrison, Mrs. Sterling Patterson, Mr. H. Irvine Keyser 2nd and Mrs. John Whit-

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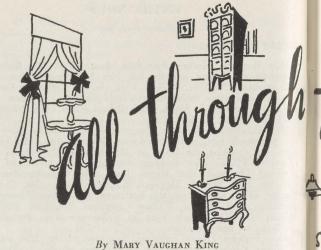
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There are many pieces in the Chippendale Room worthy of notice, but the most interesting is the drop-leaf Queen Anne table, which was made about 1750, or earlier, by an American cabinet maker. The rectangular top sits on a deep skirt which has the typical bracket scallops on the ends, and the legs are a simple cabriole style ending in a three-toed paw. As is usual, the legs swing out to support the deep leaves. The table is made of that beautiful American walnut which is so close-grained and so highly figured as to resemble mahogany, and indeed often fools the experts at first glance when stained a mahogany color. Here is a table in the approved English baroque style, but made from a native wood and in a simpler fashion to adapt itself to a poorer and cruder culture which was almost unconsciously struggling to become American

With Independence and the enrichment of American life, the furniture became more refined. The prevailing European styles were copied, but with more attention to fine woods and elaborate detail. For example, consider the charming little Pembroke table in the Peale Room, which was featured in the exhibition of Baltimore furniture at the Baltimore Museum of Art in 1947. It is a splendid example of the Hepplewhite style, with tapered legs, an oval top, and highly decorated with classical inlays. On the skirt at each end is a large statinwood diamond bordered with geometrical bands; there are eagle medallions on the stiles, and bellflower drops down two sides of each leg, as well as line inlays around the edge of the top and on the legs. The type of inlay work is similar to that made in Baltimore about 1800, and this is considered a "Baltimore piece." Its classic simplicity, even austerity, reminds us of the age of Washington and of the philosophy of Greek republicanism which was so influential in shaping the culture of the day.

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With the continued prosperity of the new nation, we find a turn towards a more opulent furniture style, that of Sheraton. In the front room on the second floor is a magnificent banquet table in the Sheraton style which could easily seat twelve persons. On loan to the Museum from Miss Jeanette Cromwell, this table was owned by William Paca, the prominent Patriot, and sometime Governor of Maryland. The table is in the style often called "Duncan Phyfe" after the work of the well-known New York cabinet maker, but there is no reason to think that it could not have been made in Baltimore. The table is actually a set of three drop-leaf tables, each supported on the characteristic pedestal base with spreading legs ending in brass paw feet. There is no inlay, but the table is made of the finest San Domingo mahogany, and the legs are delicately reeded. This table exemplifies the ample elegance and gracious living of the first quarter of the 19th century, with its appearance of an American art and literature, its growth of populous cities, the erection of great city mansions, and the prosperity of a young, vibrant nation.

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As America matured, a different furniture style was popular, the Victorian. A fine example of this style is the handsome upholstered side chair in the Victorian Room at the Museum. While collectors tend to minimize the Victorian furniture, in truth the era produced much that is fine. This black-walnut chair, upholstered in red damask, and gorgeously carved and pierced, was the work of a master craftsman and a designer of no mean skill. It is large, yet the

ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE

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one is to feel the chill of low temperatures. With 68° set as the safe maximum for house heating, in order to conserve fuel, it is a good idea for all stay-at-homes to find active work to do. The oil shortage appears to be very real, and with little relief in sight for some time to come, everyone will want to assist the conservation program by keeping thermostats set at the 68° maximum by day and 60° at night. It is just a self-preservation program, after all, because the only way that distress and hardship for many people can be avoided is for the public to support the oil conservation plan, cutting 15 per cent in the use of domestic fuel oil. Busy hands hardly ever freeze, and busy minds will find other things to think about than the rather minor discomfort of a slightly chilly atmosphere.

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hus, four pieces of furniture tell us something of the spirit of the life in four ages of American history. The tastes changed in a changing world, and the "modern" of one age became the "antique"

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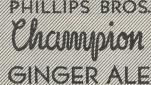
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By MARY VAUGHAN KING

AS THE LENTEN SEASON APPROACHES

Again I have a very good excuse for referring to the recipes of that fantastically charming member of the Irish Lady Writers' Club, and witty broadcaster, Maura Laverty. Her cook book is, in my opinion, a literary masterpiece in addition to being a revelation control of the cook of cerning the ways and means of stimulating the appetite. I'd like to review a few of her inspired suggestions for Lenten dishes, as presented in her published works.

First, as to cheese cookery, she has these comments to offer:

"1. Cheddar is best for cooking.

2. Cooked cheese is more digestible than raw, but overcooking or cooking at too high a temperature will make it tough and

3. When cooking cheese on top of the stove, avoid direct heat, and when baking in the oven, use a moderate temperature.

One cup of grated cheese when mixed with other ingredients and cooked, provides a cheese dish for 4 to 5 people.
 If cheese is added to uncooked milk and brought to a boil, the mixture will curdle. The cheese should be added after the milk has boiled."

Mrs. Laverty offers a cheese sauce recipe which is wonderfully simple, yet provides the backbone for innumerable delectable dishes. Here it is, exactly as she wrote it:

"4 thesps butter, 1 cup milk, 1/8 tsp pepper, 1/2 cup flour, 3/4 tsp salt, 1 cup grated cheese.

Melt butter, stir in flour. Gradually add milk and stir until mixture boils. Cook 5 minutes, stirring well. Add seasonings and cheese and stir over low heat until cheese melts. Don't let boil."

This sauce may then be used in any one of many very fine meatless dishes, as for example, potato pie. Arrange thick slices of cold boiled potatoes in a buttered casserole sprinkled with cheese. Pour on the cheese sauce, sprinkle with more grated cheese, and bread crumbs, and bake until the top is golden, in a moderate oven. Cauliflower is particularly good, done in the same way—and so are most

vegetables as a matter of fact.

Quick Welsh rarebit may be made by covering slices of hot buttered toast with the cheese sauce enlivened with a spoonful of prepared mustard. The dish is then popped under the broiler or

grill and browned.

STUFFED OMELETTE

Soufflés are too difficult to serve, when various members of the Soumes are too difficult to serve, when various members of the family refuse to rush to table on one call—but eaten when just ready, this dish is delightful. One final suggestion gleaned from Maura Laverty concerns omelettes. This is her recipe for a stuffed omelette, which permits of many variations and is a whole meal in itself. The ingredients are 5 eggs, 1 tablespoon of cream, pepper, salt and two rounded tablespoons of butter. Beat the eggs, season, and add two rounded tablespoons of putter. cream. Melt the butter in an omelette pan preferably, or a frying pan. When hot, pour in the eggs. Stir with a spoon; when the mixture begins to set, lift up at the sides to allow the uncooked portion to run underneath and mix with the butter. Just before folding lay on it a few tablespoonsful of creamed mushrooms, finely mined fish, chicken in cream, curried hard boiled eggs, asparagus tips of any mixture you like. It is not an overworked luncheon or supper dish, and can be most attractive.

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MORE ABOUT SEAFOOD

A new little recipe book has been made available—this time with recipes as prepared and edited by Ida Bailey Allen—free upon request to the Tilghman Packing Company, at Tilghman, Md. Illustrated by Yardley, these very timely suggestions are presented in a delightfully informal, readable manner. I believe that the recipe for



Illustration by Yardley for Tilghman recipe book.

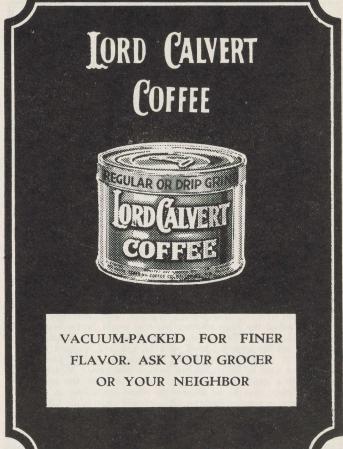
shad fillets sauté will be particularly welcome, since tins of fillets may be kept on the pantry shelf for emergency use—to become the mainstay of a really extra special dinner. Mrs. Allen's approach to the preparation and serving of this delicacy is as follows:

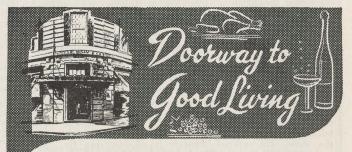
"Carefully lift contents of one package of Fillets onto a plate covered with flour or fine dry crumbs. Season with salt and pepper; dust with more flour or crumbs. Then with a pancake turner transfer to a frying pan in which butter has been melted. Sauté lightly; serve garnished with parsley or cress and lemon wedges. Very nice served with creamed or hash browned potatoes."

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other recipes are offered for shad roe or herring roe salad, for fish cakes, fish, corn and tomato chowder, trout Florentine, corn pudding, hot shad canapes and other delectable mouth-watering dishes—all very appropriate for the Lenten season, and providing that variety which is so elusive when limitations are imposed as to menu.





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was often mentioned as a member. The truth was, however, that though he knew and liked several of its members, he objected on principle to any such concentration of wit. Hence whenever they were assembled in the dining room, he gave them wide berth. Woollcott, their ring leader, impressed him as a bad critic and a rude exhibitionist; and he would have had his say about the man in print, as Nathan did, if he had not felt himself bound to silence because Alec's brother, Willie, of Baltimore, was a member of the Saturday Night Club. One night when he saw Alec in full dress, he said to him: "How can you parade yourself around like this, when your poor brother Willie can't afford to buy a clean shirt?" [Editor's Note: This needs amplification. Brother Willie, a wit in his own right, who often holds forth at the 14 West Hamilton Street Club, has always gone coatless, regardless of the nature of whatever gathering he happens to be in. He always wears a blue shirt; it is sometimes faded, often beer-stained, but clean. The Club has had his portrait painted for posterity, in shirt sleeves. At his office, Mencken received hundreds of invitations for personal appearances—from friends and foes alike, from college fraternal orders and women's clubs, from American Legion conventions and Rotany Clubs. To all of them, he replied in the agree with

and Rotary Clubs. To all of them, he replied in the same veins; that he had "sworn a dreadful oath upon the Evangels of Almighty God to refrain absolutely from public speaking." When the Authors' League announced in April, 1925, that their fund-raising extravaganza at the Hotel Roosevelt would be attended by "every famous author, and artist in the country, together, with theatical stars." author and artist in the country, together with theatrical stars," a reporter asked the Sage whether he, too, would be on hand. "No," replied Mencken, "Not unless carried there by the police, and not unless I am hit over the head with an axe and dragged in unconscious." A lecture agent, during the period, offered him \$10,000 to make a tour of the American lecture platform. Monkey countries to make a tour of the American lecture platforms. Mencken countered with a qualified acceptance. He would make the tour on the one condition, that he be allowed to refuse invitations to dinner by the literary women of each community and that, after his performances, he be allowed to drink beer with companions of his own choice. This counter-plan, of course, would have taken the heart out of the lecture business; and the agent interpreted it as a flat refusal on Mencken's part. Yet, in fact, the one regular performance which Mencken made during these years was conducted very much according to this specification. It was his annual lecture at Goucher College in Baltimore, delivered in a private home and without publicity before a selected group of English students—a lecture that was no lecture at all, but a series of answers to questions from the floor, terminating with a few remarks on how to win a husband. In this setting, Mencken was to meet his future wife, Sara Haardt.

The Sage rarely went to the theatre. On one occasion Nathan and John Williams induced him to attend the worst play of the season by announcing to him beforehand that it was a remarkable translation from the Hungarian, indeed the best thing since Ibsen. They saw to it that he wore his full dress regalia; they sat him conspicuously in a box and kept him there throughout two acts, by telling him that the author would come to greet him in person after the show. He suffered through it all, decrying the "pishposh," wondering whether his friends had become imbeciles or whether he had lost his critical wits, until at last they revealed the hoax.

Nathan managed to get Mencken listed as a member of the 58th Street Club and of the unbelievably fashionable France-Angleterre Club—the first of which the Sage frequented rarely; the second never. He regularly refused invitations from lionizers. Indeed, it was one of his proudest feats of social forebearance that he rejected a summons to a week-end party at the palatial estate of Otto Kahn. He was somewhat abashed by a large, unknown gathering of people and whenever he had to cope with one of them, he liked to have an agreeably robust friend on hand, such as Philip Goodman, his one-time publisher and now a successful theatrical producer. He was, to be sure, the natural center of a social gathering; but he could not seize command by any offensive action. His technique was to drop anchor in one spot beside his friend, and then by the vigor to drop anchor in one spot beside his friend, and then by the vigor of his monologue to draw in, one by one, the passing ships into his anchorage. If none came, he might very well drop off to sleep. Paul Morand, the French author who was feted widely on his visit to this country, happened to cross Mencken's path at a dinner given by Ernest Boyd. "How is it that in all my wanderings about New York I have never met you before?" Morand asked the Sage. "Because I'm a shy provincialist," Mencken replied.

[The foregoing is a section of the author's biography of H. L. Mencken, to be published under the title, "The Sage of Baltimore." We advise our readers to acquire the book, by honest purchase, when it comes out. We'll keep you



Switzerland Revisited

To the Editor of Gardens, Houses and People:

It was an interesting coincidence for me to receive in yesterday's mail a clipping of an article on a return to Switzerland, which c., H.&P. published recently. I had just come back myself from a visit to the very other side of the mountain described in the article The author mentioned the view across to the lovely little village of Mürren (where I stayed), I immediately recalled the view from Mürren across to the little hamlet of Wengen. The only difference, I believe, was that my visit came during the height of the winter season, when the incredibly lovely layers of deep snow made out of the scene something like a Christmas card in perpetual motion. The flickering lights of the little chalets gleaming across the way in the clear, frosty night were more than any pen could describe.

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Who Knows the Answers?

To the Editor of Gardens, Houses and People:

The following questions asked at Calvert School have not been answered. Do you know where the answers can be found?

What did the early Christians in Rome do with the earth excavated from the Catacombs?

English colonists settled Eastern North America. When they left England traffic passed on the left. How then did America come to have right-hand traffic?

What is the origin of the use of orange blossoms in bridal costumes?

Where did the phrase "Ivory Tower" come from?

What is the origin of the expression about "getting one's goat?"

On Our January Cover

To the Editor of Gardens, Houses and People:

Yousuf Karsh's photographic study of Reginald Stewart in the January issue of c., H. & P. was one of the most interesting camera portraits I have ever seen. Surely there never were two more sensitive hands!

Baltimore. E.B.W.

To the Editor of Gardens, Houses and People: I got the impression . . . that Stewart was thumbing his nose. INTERESTED.

To the Editor of Gardens, Houses and People:

The covers of your magazine are always interesting and often beautiful. Best to date: Rembski's portrait of Gerald Johnson. Colonel Wharton's colorful painting of Mt. Vernon Place, and Karshs excellent "Head and Hands" (Reginald Stewart). I.D.

Black-Eyed Susan

TO THE EDITOR OF GARDENS, HOUSES AND PEOPLE:

In your review of a children's book you asked what was wrong when the illustrator of that book gave the Dogwood Blossom as Maryland's State Flower and the Black-Eyed Susan as Virginia's State Flower. It is just the opposite, I think. Anyway, I know the Black-Eyed Susan is Maryland's State Flower.

(Brown-Eyed) Susan Barnes, age 9.

To the Editor of Gardens, Houses and People:

It may interest you to know that several of our pupils have called my attention to the query in your January issue as to what was wrong in the illustrated map of Agnes Rothery's book, "Maryland and Virginia Roundabout". They immediately pointed out that the illustrator had given our State flower (Black-Eyed Susan) to Virginia, and given us Virginia's (Dogwood) . . . Your magazine is to be commended for calling attention to such an error.

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It Was Written "Unprejudiced"

To the Editor of Gardens, Houses and People:
While reading "Listener's" music review of a concert by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, in which he makes a comparison between the playing by the B.S.O. and the Philadelphia Orchestra of Ravel's "Daphnis and Chloë" suite, I came across the following

"The B.S.O. stood the test well, as any imprejudiced listener

The italics are mine. Also the mystification. Just what is an "imprejudiced" listener? I should like to come and talk to the

P. Body.

The Editor is out of town.

To the Editor of Gardens, Houses and People:

Re the discussion, in your music section, of the Baltimore Orchestra versus the Philadelphia, I really cannot agree, as I am not an "imprejudiced" listener! Or was it just a typographic error?

Mrs. F. B. E. Reid.

The Editor is out of his mind!

TO THE EDITOR OF GARDENS, HOUSES AND PEOPLE: On page 22, "imprejudiced". Typo?

A. A. B.

Yes, alas! See above.

Working with Nature

To the Editor of GARDENS, HOUSES AND PEOPLE:

I noted with interest your editorial on page 14 of your January issue; also the article under the heading Nature, which I believe is a new department, and my friend Talbot Denmead's letter regarding old gunsmiths of Baltimore. . . . We are heartily in accord with your editorial [on conservation] entitled "More Hopeful Outlook," and we are at present making plans to put on a campaign to obtain a definite program for the Chesapeake Bay with regard to fisheries.

FRED V. KISOR,

President, Sportsmen's Chapter No. 5, Izaak Walton League of America.

To the Editor of GARDENS, HOUSES AND PEOPLE:

My attention has been called to the item on page 9, under the caption "STATE AFFAIRS, CONSERVATION." and also the editorial on page 14 entitled "More Hopeful Outlook."... Our program for March 9 is in charge of Dr. T. B. Symons. We believe that very interesting information will be forthcoming, applying to . . . soil conservation.

M. E. TOWNER,

Maryland Sportsmen's Luncheon Club.

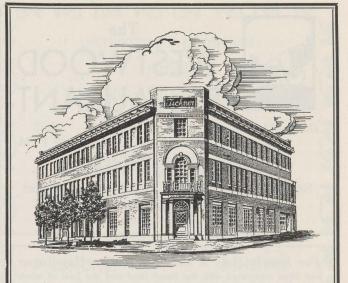


SALLY BRUCE KINSOLVING, Feb. 14.

REV. Dr. ARTHUR B. KINSOLVING, Feb. 20.

CITY COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

The Baltimore City College Glee Club, directed by Blanche F. Bowlshey, gave a concert recently in Maryland Casualty Auditorium. Albert Hall, tenor, was guest soloist. Solo numbers were presented by Warren Glock, organist, Donald Lewis, pianist, and Joseph Sopher, tenor. Incidental solos were sung by Alan Miller, Michael Pezella, Nicholas Rizzi and John Gosnell. Accompanists were Pat Tunstall and Donald Lewis, pianists, and Warren Glock, organist.



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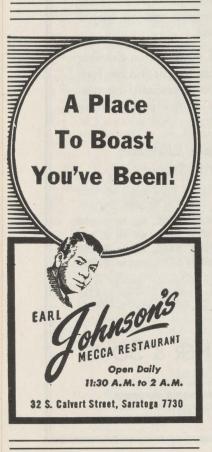
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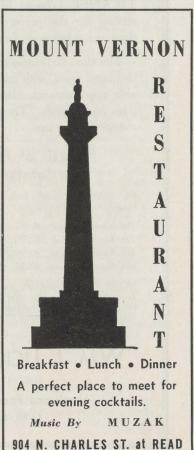
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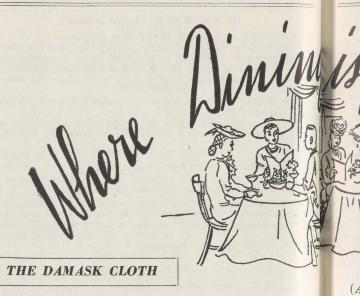
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[Editor's Note: In our January issue we published the first half of Mr. Stieff's letter to André Simon, president of the Wine and Food Society in London, describing a Maryland terrapin and seafood dinner given recently in Baltimore. This, the second half of the letter, describes the wines which accompanied the dinner.]

THE WINES

Now I know you are wondering about the wines. At each place there was one of the pocket wine charts, prepared by the Wine and Food Society of London, that I had ordered from you some months ago. They were enthusiastically received and all carried away.

ago. They were enthusiastically received and all carried away. Before dinner, and before entering the dining room, in the reception corridor, we had Bellows rainwater Madeira. Of all the Madeiras procurable none could have been more enjoyable, nor, I think, more appreciated. Madeira was the wine of our Cavaliers in the pre Revolutionary days, and Baltimore was one of the Madeira "capitals" of our Eastern seaboard. Nothing but Madeira was served. To obtain a cocktail it was necessary to descend twelve floors. I don't believe there were any but who entered into the spirit of the occasion and imbibed several Madeiras, enjoying the placid novelty of the occasion.

imbibed several Madeiras, enjoying the placid novelty of the occasion. Naturally we chose a Chablis with the oysters, a Montée de Tonèrre, produced by Droin, a Frank Schoonmaker selection. Its delicacy made it as inseparably companionable with the oysters as

Damon with Pythias.

With the clam broth was served Sandeman Apitiv Sherry, (Gillet and Co.), so dry that someone commented that after he had tasted it he could spit dust. I would term it a rather masculine preference as sherry goes, yet the encomium that came from the feminine side of the assemblage served to assure us our choice had proved a universally happy one. Since it was also added to the terrapin just before serving, it was continued throughout the terrapin course with decanters for additional indulgence in this royal Maryland dish, if taste demanded.

The next wine, accompanying the fish, was one of the highlights of the evening. This is one instance where to date I have, as have all who attended the dinner, "one up", as we say over here, on our

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By Frederick Philip Stieff
(Author of "Eat, Drink and Be Merry in Maryland,"
President, Wine and Food Society.)

vinous Father Confessor, André Simon. Let me quote from our

menu:—
"Boordy Maryland, (white).—For some years past Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wagner have been experimenting at Boordy Vineyard, their little place near Riderwood in Baltimore County, with the growing of wine grapes under Maryland conditions. This work was inspired by the hope that Maryland might one day come to be known as a wine growing district. The hope has become a conviction, and only this year, for the first time, the Wagners have introduced some of the Boordy Vineyard wines to the market. Tonight marks, in a sense, its formal introduction to Maryland wine-drinkers. This white wine is a blend in which the wine of the Delaware grape predominates."

You haven't tried it. I hope soon you will. I believe you will be considerably surprised. I am a Marylander, naturally expected to be prejudiced, but there is no doubt it is a most enjoyable bouquet. Farnham Griffiths regretted that he had not known of it before he made up the wine list for the Union Club in San Francisco. To me it was a wine that sought no assimilation. It stood on its own legs. It was quite definitely, in a quiet way, individual. It was very popular.

The wines skipped the salad course and accompanied the dessert most effectually with an Ackerman Laurance Dry Royal Sparkling Saumur, of Bellows. It was definitely proclaimed and rightly so. The verdict was unanimous as one of the most enjoyably palatable of sparkling wines of anyone's acquaintance. While dry, it seemed to have a confectionate flavor that carried with it universal favor. It pleased the masculine preference for dryness with the appeal for the feminine palate as well.

Following the dessert, and served with the coffee, came Bardinet blackberry cordial, (McCarthy-Hicks). As far back as the Revolutionary days up through the years of the War Between the States, blackberry bounce, blackberry wine and blackberry cordials were outstanding favorites among Maryland families that lived de luxe. In those days they were home-made concoctions. Bardinet has captured the oldtime primitive flavor and it proved to be as fitting a close to a Maryland dinner as was the Madeira a prelude. I can

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BOOKS

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Mr. Molloy's book does justice, but justice tempered with humor and the fondness of a native son. many excellent illustrations by E. H. Suydam.

A totally different kind of travel book (if, indeed, Mr. Molloy's is a travel book) is "Our Own Baedeker", by Eugene Kinkhead and Russell Maloney (Simon & Schuster, \$3.75). It consists of those brief informative items published in the New Yorker during the war, when even this insular periodical felt the need to look abroad, what with our land, sea, air and underwater forces traipsing all over the world and with the most out-of-the-way places getting into the front-page news. These pieces, packed with generally entertaining but otherwise useless information, were written in a manner greatly relished by faithful New Yorker readers but one which readers of the staider public prints dimiss as flip. For example, a piece about Kyushu begins by stating that the place is "about the size of two New Jerseys, God forbid!" Messrs. Kinkhead and Maloney, who

its entertainment value is considerable. I have been trying to steel myself into reading "The Great Rehearsal," which is the story of the making and ratifying of the Constitution of the United States, by Carl Van Doren (Viking, \$3.75) but to date I must confess defeat. It is

as staff members whipped up this spicy stuff, now offer it as a book, with maps and some excellent illustrations by

Carl Rose. As a travel book it is practically worthless, but

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STATE AFFAIRS

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water. Inspectors have reported that paper mills have been dumping fibre, paste, de-inking waste, oil, calcium carbonate and other refuse into the stream.

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Federal funds allocated to the State of Maryland this year total \$870,300. A bid for half of this amount has been made by Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland, for a psychiatric unit to be built in Baltimore. The unit would cost an estimated \$1,250,000, with Federal funds being available to the extent of about \$800,000 for the project.

THE DAMASK CLOTH

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recommend it most highly to one hoping to end a Maryland repast in the right way.

It is difficult to devise a fitting ending to such an evening. No one wishes to listen to after-dinner speeches. Dancing beclouds the purpose of such an occasion, which, after all was originally planned as a stag affair. But "one thing follows another." First, wine; then "wimmin." What then could complete the triumvirate but song? And song we had, unplanned, unscheduled, unpremeditated, but inspired by the grape and the presence of the opposite sex. A small group, led by Chase Ridgely, of our board and his charming wife, (both well known as originators of carol singing for the past two decades of Christmasses), started in a far end of the room. The size of the group grew until it embraced half the assemblage. Soon Christmas carols filled the room. The group moved over to the table where sat Rosa Ponselle Jackson, formerly of the Metropolitan Opera, where sat Rosa Ponselle Jackson, formerly of the Metropolitan Opera, as great a soprano as ever sang. She is now living in retirement as Mrs. Carle Jackson.

Soon that rich, luscious, gorgeous voice rose through a voluntarily subdued background of a subserviently muted chorus. But for them the room was stilled. For over an hour those melodies filled the room. When finally the Ave Maria closed the evening, and Ross's voice rose gloriously above the mezzo-voce background, we all knew we had participated in a historical evening, one that would be remembered whatever evenings might follow.

Such an evening doesn't "just happen." This one happened through the coöperation of the "wheel horses" on the board, all members of

which put up with meetings necessarily called without notice through many changes of plans. One can feel confident heading up such an occasion with substantial support at your beck and call. Henry Powell Hopkins and J. Kemp Bartlett Jr., were all that monitors of such a dinner should be. We are now under way with the preparations of our San Francisco dinner on next March 13th. Any chance of your joining us?

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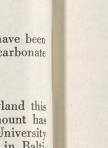
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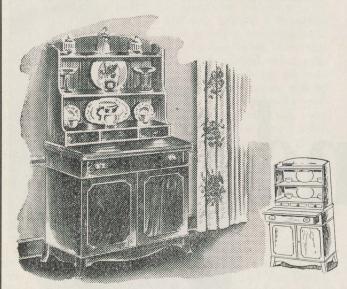






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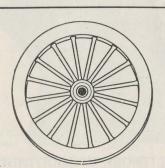
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The Making of a Pratt Library Window Display

Baltimore's Enoch Pratt Free Library is nationally known for the beauty and functional design of its building and for its excellent service and administration. Among its most attractive features are the window displays—lively, topical, artistic, eye-catching. The presiding genius of the department which produces these displays is Kate Coplan, director of exhibits. Imaginative, resourceful, possessing rare talent, Miss Coplan goes about her work with zest. She makes the rough layouts and sketches, decides the color combinations and spaces. "But," she says modestly, "the real artist is Miss Aileen Wolfe." Stanley Heinmueller operates the cut-awl, Charles Carnes does painting and other work. The exhibits workshop, on the third floor, has display panels in assorted sizes and a stock pile of cutout letters. Nothing is wasted. Material is used over again.

Pictured here are the successive steps in the making of a window display, as demonstrated by an actual job— the recent exhibit devoted to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

1. Top photo: the Coplan hands laying out a rough sketch and indicating the color scheme for the backdrop. Having decided to use as the central eye-catcher a cut-out enlargement of the caricature of Reginald Stewart, conductor of the B.S.O., from Gardens, Houses and People, she indicates its proportionate size and position. (The drawing as it appears in the Music section of the magazine is less than three inches high; the cut-out, when this window display actually appeared, was about 36 inches high, and was painted a bright red.)

2. Middle — preparing the backdrop, in the exhibits workshop. With thin wood strips as guides, to assure straightness of line, the painted letters are spaced as carefully as any page of hand-set type. Then they are fastened by means of pins, and the pin heads are touched up with matching paints, so that they will not be a distracting influence. When the displays are dismantled, the pins are removed and saved. Shown in the picture is Charles Carnes.

Decorations, such as c., H. & P.'s conductor, are first drawn on ordinary brown wrapping paper. The pattern is laid on 14-ply cardboard of the desired shades, and cut with a cut-awl machine. The pieces are then put together like a jigsaw puzzle. After the letters have been secured to the backdrop, the decorations are pegged-out and pinned to give a three-dimensional effect.

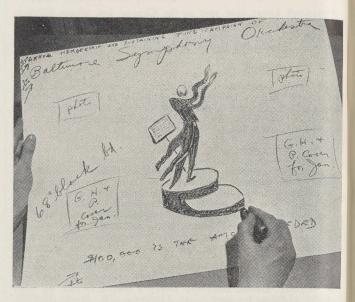
3. Lower photo shows the completed window, as photographed from Cathedral street. In the foreground is litertaure explaining the purpose of the Baltimore Symphony's campaign, with related library books devoted to orchestral music and music appreciation.

Through the efforts of Dr. Thomas S. Cullen, president of the library's board of trustees, the Board of Estimates in 1944 made available a small fund for photographing the window displays. Some of the prints have been reproduced nationally, and files of the pictures have been borrowed by libraries and educational institutions in various parts of the country for ideas and techniques.

Color plays a considerable part in the library's exhibits, which are changed every third Tuesday morning. Both the background panels and the letters are repainted for each showing, to give them a fresh, new look. During the winter the warmer tones—red, yellow, brown, orange—take precedence. In the summer white and the cool colors—green, blue, violet, etc.—predominate.

Always a conscious effort is made by the exhibits staff to present a pleasing "rainbow effect" to Cathedral street pedestrians and motorists. During 1947, some 247 window displays were designed, prepared and installed.

The Pratt has a double allotment of display panels in assorted sizes, and a stockpile of cutout letters. While one group is in use in the windows, the other is in preparation. Actual work starts about ten days in advance of the opening date, although the exhibits are booked many months ahead.







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"The Baby's Bouquet."

January 28, by Class 9-a, dramatization of A. A. Milne's poem "Shoes and Stockings," and music by the Child Training Class Orchestra.

February 18, Folk Dancing Assembly.
The 12th Age girls recently held their own art exhibit of work done in their art class, which is taught by Edward G. Huey.

CATHEDRAL KINDERGARTEN

On Cathedral Kindergarten's February calendar: Parent-Teachers meeting, with movies and recordings of the recent holiday enter-

FRIENDS SCHOOL NOTES

Work has been resumed on the shop building, and it is expected that this addition to Friends School will be completed before the opening of school in the fall.

A reunion of the last six years' alumni was held. Approximately 100 Friends School graduates saw the varsity teams defeat the alumni teams in two basketball games.

New alumni officers were elected: Gilbert Alford, president;

Charles Herman, vice-president; Joseph Harlan, treasurer.

The Lower School has received a certificate from the Greek government in recognition of its help to the school children of Vellina, Greece.

GIRLS LATIN DOINGS

The junior class of Girls Latin School held its prom at Levering

The French department sponsored an assembly program in which the eighth grade enacted the French version of "Little Red Ridingthe eighth grade enacted the French version of "Little Red Riding-hood." Sally Hirsh played the title role; Susan Seth and Carol Rogers were the main supporting characters. The French III class dramatized Daudet's story, "La Dernière Classe." Anne Regester played the leading part of the teacher. Dorothy Jane Batt sang "La Marseillaise." Jane Erdman and Patricia Stude enacted a humorous

Marseillaise." Jane Erdman and Patricia Stude enacted a humorous scene in a French restaurant. The first-year French students sang their own translation of "Goodnight, Sweetheart."

Miscellaneous notes: Virginia Norris visited Florida during her vacation. . Mrs. Emily Parker Simon, Director of the Baltimore Peace Center, told of her experiences in Franco-Spain and Italy, at chapel. . . The athletics department sponsored a demonstration of calisthenics in the gym in which the entire school participated. Judy Robertson directed the group and Lelia Adams played the marches

Sports notes: The annual Private School Invitation Badminton Tournament was held in the Girls Latin School Gymnasium, with

Tournament was held in the Girls Latin School Gymnasium, with the following contestants:

Friends—1st singles, Dorothy Lee Stafford; 2nd singles, Caroline Morrel. 1st doubles, Rebecca Woolen and Sue Knipp; 2nd doubles, Patricia Terrell and Patricia Strong.

Garrison Forest—1st singles, Frances Hurst; 2nd singles, Kitty Coolidge. 1st doubles, Sally Vincent and Louise Warfield; 2nd doubles, Nancy Hall and Barbara Hopkins.

Notre Dame—1st singles, Mary Happell; 2nd singles, Betty Bradley. 1st doubles, Barbara Bowen and MaryPat Hope; 2nd doubles, Evelyn Talley and Dorothy Brown.

Brym Mawr—1st singles, Barbara Scarlett; 2nd singles, Sidney Peord. 1st doubles, Susan Devlin and Judith Devlin; 2nd doubles, Ann Worthington and Madelon Menzies.

Girls Latin—1st singles, Deborah Weatherby; 2nd singles, Jean Fox. 1st doubles, Margaret Taylor and Jeanne Huether; 2nd doubles, Mary Heath and Nancy Carpenter.

ARNOLD A. ORTMANN

The death in a bus accident of Arnold A. Ortmann, 3024 St. Paul street, vice-principal of Schools 49 and 79, came as a great shock to his associates and friends. The son of Dr. Otto Ortmann, he was and athletic, being sympathetic and understanding with the hundreds of students who came under his influence. He combined discipline with kindness. Although he had opportuntities as an administrator and as a senior grade teacher, he declined, preferring to retain contact with students in their more formative years. Among his educational research work is a study in German vocabulary which is nationally recognized. In his student days he received the Peabody Prize for general scholarship, and the Frederick Raine Medal. Since 1932 he had coached numerous city and State championship teams in soft-ball and basket-ball leagues. keenly interested in the welfare of the Fire Department. His chief hobby was photography, with special reference to pictures of old Baltimore landmarks and flower and garden studies.

Dr. Lubov Keefer, of the Peabody Conservatory faculty and also of the Johns Hopkins University language department, will teach a course in the Russian short story at Middlebury College, in Vermont, during the coming summer, from July 1 to August 17. The head of the Russian department there is Alexandra Tolstov.

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GOUCHER CLUBS' LEAP YEAR BALL

February 27.—Leap Year Ball and Card Party at the Alcazar, sponsored by the Goucher Clubs of Baltimore. Chairmen: Mrs. John C. Atkinson; co-chairman, Miss Beverly Fertig. Committee members: Mrs. J. Norman Wright, Miss Jennie Gray, Mrs. John H. Herold, Mrs. Falconer Baird, Mrs. L. Melvin Roberts, Miss Winifred Baker, Miss Virginia Miller, Mrs. George A. Conner, Mrs. William G. Maynard, Miss Gertrude Rogers, Mrs. Edward Parlett, Miss Marian Cox, Mrs. Robert H. Kirckhoff, Mrs. Lawrence Hanawalt, Mrs. H. B. Clark, Miss Mary Rowland.

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE LECTURE

The Maryland Academy of Sciences recently presented William J. Mayer, a Baltimore engineer, in an illustrated talk in the Auditorium of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, on the subject "Radiant Heating". On February 5 the academy showed a film entitled "Peoples of Canada".

SHOPPING GUIDE

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OPEN THE DOOR

Delicious food is to be found at Hopper-McGaw's, Charles street at Mulberry, notably their prepared onion soup or whole chicken, shrimp, Vermont maple syrup, and lots of delicacies that label you the gracious hostess. Vernon 6890.

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