

# EDITORIALS

From the Columns of Other Newspapers

## How The Other Half Eats

(Christian Science Monitor)

The Albany (N. Y.) Evening News recently handed out an assignment to a woman reporter to live for a week on the \$2.25 food budget suggested by the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

Four days of the diet sufficed once again to prove that when they meet a fact it often gets a jolt. The experiment was abandoned since die and the young woman, presumably returned to those charitable fleshpots which, as everyone knows, constitute the daily fare of the opulent newshawk. Grimness and pathos stalk in the wake of this brief trial of a "model budget." The association admitted that the diet arranged was not desirable but, added its director, "the most convincing proof that it is possible is the fact that thousands of people are living on less."

It is permissible to wonder whether social workers always place sufficient emphasis on the mental equation. One must admire the altruism of those among them who submit themselves to the test of a dreary "balanced" diet "to determine its calories." But the attitude toward it of a person who knows he can turn to a chop-house when he gets "fed up" with the diet and chopped cabbage must be very different to that of the habitually undernourished, so often the victim of a system which has failed to afford them the right to work.

The same mental equation works both ways. The nutrition experts of the association, for instance, admit being a bit bothered by the experience of one elderly man. He invented his own diet which costs him 21½ cents a day, which costs him 21½ cents a day. In fact, he is rather proud of it. But the food specialists cannot fit it into their theory, according to which his diet must be inadequate. But after two years of his simple fare, the "inventor" persists in eating his "hale and hearty." Wasn't it Boethius, Roman philosopher, who said, "Nothing is wretched unless when you think it so?"

Nevertheless, the disclosure made by that association that "every poor person on our list is living at present on this amount—\$2.25 weekly," must jar the most self-complacent, to whom the economic stress of recent years has been little more than a subject for academic discussion, into a disturbing realization of the intolerable plight of the "other half."

It is true that men do not "live by bread alone," but he who said that also commanded that they "give her meat" when he raised the daughter of Jairus.

## Taking Football for an Airing

(Exchange)

American football reaches its peak in public interest every Thanksgiving week end. Thousands attend high school and college games. In the East, fans sit but died in fur coats. On the Pacific coast rooters cheer in white shirts. It is safe to say that a million people center their attention on the "big games" at this time.

In this enthusiasm radio plays a major part. The only problem facing the radio listener who sits comfortably before his hearth, is which game to tune in on. But even this has been solved by the ingenious. One football minded genius recently heard three games simultaneously. Two radios were operated in the house and a third from the automobile, parked before a partly opened window.

"My wife had to go to the movies," said the three-in-one fan. "She said she couldn't hear a word—but I heard each game perfectly."

It is even reported that certain enthusiasts at the Harvard-Yale game carried a portable radio with earphones to the chilly stadium to hear reports on the Dartmouth-Princeton game broadcast from Palmer Stadium.

Another season promises even more genius in attempts to garner in the games. Babies will be "shushed" so that father can hear the fourth radio set broadcasting a game from the Pacific coast. In the upstairs bedroom. Door and telephone bells will be stuffed up to insure perfect quiet—so that a bedlam of words may tumble forth only to be unaccompanied by the expert footballer. And how often who prefer only one game—or none at all—will probably "go home to mother's."

But this is nothing. Progress marches on. With radio in its fancy, what's to become of the home when television turns the liv-

ing-room into a whole group of football fields and the great arm chair into revolving bleachers?

## Of Worthwhile Value

(Pariah News)

These are the days when Parent-Teacher Associations are getting under way throughout the United States for the school year. Sometimes it is difficult to get things organized and working smoothly, as so many parents have other interests; which seem to crowd out this very worth while activity. However, Parent-Teacher organizations have grown up in recent years and are now a recognized part of the educational program in practically every sizeable community in the nation.

Only where parents work in harmony with the schools, understanding their goals and try to help the children achieve them, are best results obtained. Where the parents fail to understand what are the aims of the school, not only are they unable to help their children to get the most out of school but it rife may develop which will widen as the child grows older and moves steadily away from the parents' guidance.

It's bad business for children in their early years to get the idea they know more than their parents. It is natural for young folks to get that idea if parents do not keep up with what the children are doing in school and take an interest in their work. So American fathers and mothers need the P. T. A. to help them keep informed on what their children are doing in school. But parents also need a certain amount of adult education, if they are not working directly in the educational field, to help them keep their minds alert for their own sake and that of their children.

## Contemporary Past

(Exchange)

Why should the twentieth century concern itself with uncivilized antiquity? Many people ask themselves that question as they contemplate the ever increasing interest Britain is taking in archeological investigation. The year's excavations have proceeded all over the county, but notably perhaps, in Essex and in Wessex. And the ready sale of the publications of the Ordnance Survey maps and pamphlets dealing with archeological discovery shows that there is an eager public for the results of these excavations.

Probably the most remarkable achievement of the Ordnance Survey, a unique institution, is its recent publication of the first authoritative map of early Anglo-Saxon England, heretofore an almost indecipherable book. After immense labors, and careful examination of casual passages in Bede's Ecclesiastical History, the Annals of Wales, the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, and other ancient works, amplified and confirmed by archeological investigation, a map has at last been compiled which shows how England was topographically and socially organized at that period.

What precisely, at this juncture of time is the significance of work like this? It is at least a consequence of one of our men's most admirable characteristics—the disinterested love of knowledge for its own sake. And it is impossible to tell when it may not become of great practical importance. Before the French Revolution, legends of ancient Rome wielded a tremendous influence upon the development of political thought; and certain conceptions about Nordic prehistory are said to be not without influence in Germany today. One can ever be sure that ideas about the long-vanished past may not spring suddenly into key position; such work as that represented by the map of Anglo-Saxon England helps to ensure that these ideas shall at last be accurate.

## Filming Shakespeare

(Christian Science Monitor)

The Hollywood production by Dr. Max Reinhardt of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" has started the cinema world busily discussing the question (whether or not Shakespeare should be put upon the screen. Certainly the attempt to transcribe the best literature into an idiom in which it will reach millions of moviegoers is to be commended, if only because it will bring them an idea of their cultural heritage which otherwise they might never have. Those who make

the attempt, however, are challenging big difficulties and the results may not at once be wholly satisfactory.

It has been doubted that Shakespeare accomplished the feat of taking a melodrama and making of it a work of art. The cinema, by its unique capacities for showing violent and thrilling incidents, is also hampered by its very nature to deal in melodramatic materials; it is most at home with moving accidents in flood and fire. Unhappily, its melodrama remains melodrama, its sensationalism sensationalism.

But, even if Shakespeare were of use to the cinema, would the cinema be of use to Shakespeare? Is the screen capable of grasping and communicating his essential and supreme merits? In "A Midsummer Night's Dream" we get no more of the "course of true love" [speech than the third line. Yet even with judgments about the film from two and a half hours. Moreover, concentration on the magic of verse causes the microphone to become more important than the camera, and this is doubtful cinema.

It would seem that for Shakespeare to be adequately filmed, and at the same time for the fundamental proportions of cinematic art to be preserved, the magnificence of his verse must be translated into a corresponding magnificence of photography. What Shakespeare did for the ear, those who film him must contrive to do for the eye, and this would require them almost to equal in genius Shakespeare himself. It is not surprising that the general opinion in England, as in the United States, as to the desirability of filming Shakespeare remains unaltered.

## WEST POINT PARK

Next Sunday evening at eight o'clock the Presbyterian church will have their Christmas program, with tree and candle light service. Each child is to receive a box of candy.

Mrs. A. Way of Blenheim, Ont., is spending this winter with her two sons and families, Gordon and Edward Way.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thayer and Miss Ethel of Detroit were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman.

Frank Decker of Detroit was the dinner guest Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. William Zwalow.

Mrs. Selma Morrison and Albert Schab of Detroit were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Rev. Mundville of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Lapeer and family conducted the services Sunday evening at West Point Park church.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Trapp and Miss Dorothy attended the High Grade Packers' exhibition in Detroit Saturday where their prize steer and their meats were on display.

Miss Alma and Helen Berger and William Zwalow attended a birthday party in honor of Mrs. Charles Schrader of Wayne Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman and Miss Anna Thayer were Pontiac visitors Monday.

Mrs. Lincoln Schmitt of Detroit was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow.

Dorothy Trapp celebrated her tenth birthday with a party Saturday afternoon from two to five-thirty. The color scheme for her cake and favors were pink and green. Twelve places were set at the table, and prizes were given for games and stunts.

Mrs. Ralph Voorhees and Mrs. Austin Ault and Miss Helen Ruth visited the Ann Arbor clinic, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nacker, Miss Anna Nacker and Miss Ethel Smith of Clareville were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nacker.

Mrs. Olive Grimwade of Farmington and Miss Dorothy Gerge were Sunday dinner guests of Miss Shirley Zwalow.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow were dinner guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Schmitt of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones were guests Sunday afternoon of the latter's father, William Gordon of Detroit.

Mrs. Melvin Murphy and Ruth and Robert Murphy, Miss Alma and George Berger visited their mother, Mrs. A. Berger of Wayne Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Berger is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zerbst of Taylor Center.

## Question Box By ED WYNN The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Wynn: I am a boy ten years old. I have a rich uncle, but he is very stingy with his money. My birthday is next December, and I asked him to get me a bicycle for a birthday present, and he said it would cost too much money. Then I asked him to buy me a tricycle and he said that would cost too much money, too; then he said I should leave the present to him. What do you think he will get me?

Yours truly, G. REESTITE.

Answer: In-as-much as he says a bicycle or a tricycle will cost too much, I guess he intends waiting till December and get you an icicle.

Dear Mr. Wynn: I live ten miles away from the nearest city to my farm. My wife is sick and I guess I'll have to ride to the city for a doctor. I don't know as there is one in the whole town, but if there is do you think I will find a Fizzician in the drug store?

Yours truly, CY DERRER KRAKERS.

Answer: The way you spell Fizzician, I guess you'll find him in the soda fountain.

Dear Mr. Wynn: I have a little son who was eight years of age last Wednesday. I asked him what he would like for a birthday present. He asked for a Bible and I gave him one. Since that time he has pestered me with one question till I'm nearly frantic. He keeps asking me to show him what a miracle is. What can I do to demonstrate fully, to him, just what a miracle is?

Yours truly, G. RUSSELL.

Answer: As he is no anoyling with his persistency the best thing to do is this: The next time he asks you "what a miracle is, ask him to turn around. The minute he does, give him a swift kick, then tell him if he felt the kick. When he says yes, say to him: "Well if you hadn't, that would have been a miracle."

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## MINUTE MAKE-UPS By V. V.



One of the best beautifiers for your face is a simple glycerin and rosewater mixture, which, put on at night in the so-called "hol-lows" directly under your eyes and on your eyelids, will smooth the skin and scare away the wrinkles.

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## Wedge-Shaped Panel



Plaided with dark green, the natural cashmere of this costume is cut effectively with a wedge-shaped panel in the front of the skirt, using the plaid on the diagonal. The skirt is dark green and all the buttons are wood and crystal-clear composition.

Letters to the Editor MUST BE SIGNED.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Ample notice of change of address should be given when moving. Notice should be given before changing it possible.

By allowing as much time as possible to make changes in address, readers avoid delay or missing issues of the paper as well as costly confusion in the postoffice. Second-class mail is NOT forwarded by the postoffice to new address of the subscriber—consequently the subscriber must notify the publication beforehand in order to be sure of receiving his copy of the publication.

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## In Friendly Greeting

In the spirit of gratitude for the many friendships that have come to us in our community—to all those who have shown their goodfellowship, we extend our heartiest Greetings of the Season, and our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas. May the New Year find and leave us all—genuine friends. And may it bring you health, prosperity and happiness.

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