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EDITORIALS

Spenser—"Poet's Poet"

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It was recently decided to investigate the memorial to the Elizabethan poet, Edmund Spenser, in Westminster Abbey, in the hope that a hitherto unknown set of verses by William Shakespeare might be found. Though the result was disappointing, Spenser got into the headlines in the less important sections of several British newspapers. Yet it would be inaccurate to suggest that it has aroused any very great or widespread interest in the author of the "Faerie Queene."

For that phrase, "the poet's poet," which Charles Lamb ascribed to him in honor, has, as far as the general public are concerned, been almost the end of Spenser. If he is liked by poets, who are clever fellows, he is probably different; and if he is difficult, he is better left alone. So the argument has run, to Spenser's great detriment. But even those who have never seen a line of Spenser's own are indebted to him, for there are few people who have not read, from Byron's "Child Harold," the cantos about the battle of Waterloo, beginning, "There was sound of revelry by night."

The legend of Spenser's difficulty is, in fact, largely ill-founded. Some of his shorter poems are as simple as Wordsworth. If he often composed in the confused style of medieval allegory, he could also write as clearly and ingeniously. It has been said that he was the first writer since Chaucer to make the English seem the natural language of poetry.

Television

(Current Democrat-Tribune)

Radio broadcasting came into existence less than 20 years ago, and few indeed are the homes in the United States which are without a set of some sort for the family's entertainment. The radio has played a great part in our lives beyond mere entertainment. We have heard the world of sports brought to our living rooms. We have heard graphic descriptions of floods and other disasters from microphones on the scene of activity.

Now comes television.

For a number of years it has been promised. However, there have been "bugs" in commercial broadcasting until scenes which have taken much time and millions of dollars to iron out. The spring of 1939 will bring you a chance to purchase your television set at the price of a high grade radio at present. There will be "stations" and "broadcasts" which will enable you to see the artists.

England already has it. The screen for the present will be about seven by nine inches and will be mounted on the radio cabinet.

Just as radio has developed in the last 15 years so will television develop in years to come. The scope will be as broad as that of radio. Not only will we be able to see the stars of the air, but we will be taken to the scenes of disaster and watch nature's wrath with perhaps thrilling rescue. The camera brought us pictures of the recent flood, but in years to come we will be able to see these things actually happening. Home run clouts in world's series games, the finish of horse races, long runs for touchdowns, knockouts in boxing, all are within the possible range of television.

Just where the ultimate of possibilities of radio and television exists, none knows. Many living today will see startling developments.

A Pastoral Portfolio

(Exchange)

Dating back from the days of Cincinnati, it has been the custom of warriors, both military and political, to seek, when conflict is at an end, a rural retreat. Thus former presidential candidate Alf M. Landon, following the battle of ballots, retired to a Kansas farmstead to raise "dressed fryes." Most recent of the veterans to seek a sylvan sanctuary is David Lloyd George who, as Prime Minister, successfully steered the British ship of state through the uncharted shoals of world conflict. From the village of Chert, in Surrey, England, comes word that the Welsh statesman has purchased a 160-acre farm and is going in for intensive fruit and vegetable culture.

It appears that with a single and belated stroke the former British helmsman has achieved a double objective, realizing the desire of many who have bowed themselves out of the spotlight of world affairs for "a quiet place in the country," and at the same time finding a decidedly constructive outlet for his energies in supplying the tables of his countrymen with food. No doubt the thought will occur that while his rather wide experience at filling the nation's cabinets, it should be no trick at all to supply the kitchen cabinets of the vicinity, and that possibly a "long" experience with numerous things may prove of benefit in the cultivation of cabbage.

Fiction Compounded

(Exchange)

A museum to the memory of Romeo and Juliet is to be opened at Verona. Actually there is practically no evidence to support the idea of a connection between the place and the play, which is advanced by this and other romances. Shakespeare's play is almost certainly not founded on any fact in the history of the town nor has the latter supplied anything more than its name for his setting.

Yet, in these days when the most trifling is as valuable one wonders if this not very happy precedent may not be followed elsewhere, and when even slender claims for attention may not be put forward. Shall we hear, for example, of the "original" island of "The Tempest," with Prospero's cell and Ariel's eleven nieces? Nor is it only Shakespeare who lends himself to this exploitation; and although it would be hard to put Lilliput or Utopia on the map, it would be no small feat to the "discovery" of Ruritania or Canoodlum.

A Strapping 25-Year-Old

(Exchange)

Parish next today ends the official celebration of its silver jubilee, a full-grown member of the United States' most official family, firmly linked as part of an efficient communication service. This service is the second-largest division of the postal department, exceeded only by first class mails, serving 125,000,000 persons, grossing \$150,000,000 a year in revenue, transmitting 700,000,000 parcels in the same period, an average of two and a quarter million each working day.

Industry has been the steady benefactor of the infant service. Contrary to the hopes of its proponents, the service did not become the means of a "farmer's" organization. Instead, the farmer has shown more or less indifference to the Government's scheme to forward his products direct to the consumer's table.

It attained full growth with the aid of business houses which saw in it a chance for economical fast delivery of products to their dealers or customers throughout the country. Today, anything from a glass of water to a kilt-hose, and more than seventy pounds in weight and one hundred inches in length is acceptable, and will leave for its destination the day it is received at the post office—holiday business permitting.

Point Reyes

(Exchange)

Felix Riensberg recalled the other day how someone had pointed out that rugged simplicity was characteristic of automobiles twenty-five years ago, but that today they are more complicated, but better. The same is true of airplanes. Nothing illustrates those mechanical complications more graphically than the maze of radio signals which appear to have caused the air wreck off Point Reyes which emphasizes how much better are the planes today than such rare exceptions as the California crash which interrupted for a moment the incalculable millions of miles commercial planes fly each year in safety.

Captain Riensberg says, "The road to perfection, which has no ending, is strewn with wrecks. We must fight for progress, pay for it, and in the end progressive engineering will be our safety and our reward." The Point Reyes disaster is not a setback, but a challenge to engineering progress. Now and then aviation pays the price, but its record for increasing safety shows how much greater are its rewards.

PERSONALITIES IN MUSIC

DOLLY MORSE, A.S.C.A.P.

A Woman Pioneer in Popular Song



By Daniel I. McNamara

DOLLY MORSE, who in 1921 created "Three O'Clock in the Morning" as one of the popular song hits of a generation, enjoys the distinction of being the first woman songwriter to have been elected to membership in the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. In her home in the Westchester hills near New York City, she treasures as a memento of her professional career an ASCAP membership certificate, dated March 12, 1934, and bearing the serial number 140.

She was Dorothy Terris, a four-year-old Brooklyn school girl when she first visited New York's Tin Pan Alley with her song lyrics, to enlist the interest of the popular song composer Theodore Morse ("Good Bye, My Blue Bird," "Dear Old Girl," "Down in Jungle Town"). Two years later in 1906 they were married, with a resultant partnership in the creation of songs that thrilled the romance of their successful ballads.

Dolly Morse's first works appeared under the male pseudonym of Alfred Scott and D. A. Brown, for women had not yet become factors in songwriting. As a woman's horizon broadened, she ventured to use her maiden name professionally. Under this she wrote her greatest hit, "Three O'Clock in the Morning." Some of the songs she wrote with her husband were, "Another Rag," "When Uncle Joe Plays a Rag on His Old Banjo," "Robbin' Up and Down," and "Hail, Hail the Gang All Here." Other songs written under the various names of the versatile writer are: "I Always Knew I'd Find You," "My Wonderful One," "Baby Your Mother," "There Must Be a Silver Lining," "In the Twilight," "Slonkey" and hundreds of others.

Her husband was the intimate of the late Victor Herbert. He died May 25, 1924, the day before Herbert's death.

Ten years before, they were associated in the organization of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, through which the creators of song, by united action, license their public performance for profit of their copyrighted works and protect them against unauthorized recalculation. The Society started with about one hundred members. Now there are more than one hundred women members, a total of nearly 1200 members, and the Society is affiliated with foreign performing right societies with aggregate membership of forty-five thousand.

After her husband's death, she gave up the pen name of Dorothy Terris and used the name of Dolly Morse exclusively. In 1925 she left an important executive post in music publishing for full time enjoyment of her home and daughter impossible during her busy professional career.

Mrs. Morse is now enjoying travel and social diversion, but she is not at all sure that she has retired from songwriting. "A songwriter just can't retire," she explains. "When the urge to write comes, you just have to write."

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Pioneer Emblem Bears Patent Number

Nearly 40,000 telephone men and women, both active and retired, enrolled in more than 50 chapters from coast to coast, form the Telephone Pioneers of America, linked in the common interest of having divided 21 years or more of their lives to the telephone service.

Like other organizations, the Telephone Pioneers have an emblem, or symbol, which is of particular interest and significance. Triangular in shape, it bears around its three sides the name of the organization. In the enclosed triangular space appear the dates 1875 and 1911, the design of a bell, and on the bell the figure 174455.

This was the number assigned by the United States Patent Office to Alexander Graham Bell's patent on the fundamental principle of the electric speaking telephone, Al-

phone Pioneers should select its number as typifying the early days of telephone history, in which most of the charter members of the organization had played leading parts.

The bell upon which the figure 174455 is inscribed is a copy of that which for many years has been used on the signs and advertising of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and other Bell System companies. This symbol originally bore the words "Long Distance Service" and somewhat later, "Local and Long Distance Service." As now used, it is inscribed "Bell System."

The shape of the bell remains practically unchanged from that which was originally designed in December, 1875. The "Blue Bell" will therefore celebrate its fifteenth birthday during the present year.

The dates, "1875" and "1911," which appear at the left and right of the bell, are respectively commemorative of the experiment of June 2, 1875, when Bell verified his theory of the electrical transmission of speech, and of the organization of the Telephone Pioneers of America, on November 2, 1911.

The original Bell Telephone patent is preserved in the American Telephone Historical Library, New York, as is the drawing of the first "Blue Bell" symbol.

Facts About the Telephone

Bell System companies operate more than 6,390 central offices.

The wall type of telephone was introduced in Meriden, Conn., in 1878.

Telephone service has been inaugurated between Puerto Rico and the Republic of Haiti.

In two years there has been a total of 5,500 ship-to-shore telephone calls between passengers on the super-liner Queen Mary and people on land. The average is about seven calls a day.

WEST POINT PARK

The P. T. A. benefit luncheon and card party given last week at the home of Walter Crimco was well attended. Hostesses were Mrs. Harry Steele, Mrs. C. Parish and Mrs. Walter Crimco.

Mrs. Albert Martin has been on the sick list this past week. Jack Taltman is ill with intestinal flu and appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson attended the community party and dance in the Treadwell School, Saturday night.

Mrs. Russell Ault and Miss Dolores Jean have both been quite ill the past week.

Miss Shirley Zwahlen was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Olive Grimwade of Farmington.

The P. T. A. is sponsoring an old time and modern dancing party at the Community Hall, Saturday, night, Dec. 17.

Mrs. Gladys Schroeder was hostess to her card club Wednesday. Following a delicious luncheon new tables of cards were in use.

Little Mary Ray of Hubbard avenue is suffering from a severe case in the back of her head, inflicted when she lost her presence of mind and darted in front of an automobile, Friday while returning home from school. The driver of the car said that the child had a doctor's care and was taken home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grogan and family of Detroit, were Sunday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Woodley.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Behnke of Mt. Clemens were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Woodley.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarke called on George Nuffer Sunday at a luncheon in Highland Park General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Robinson and Edward White were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarke.

LOSEY CORNERS

William Foster, owner of the Foster Feed and Poultry Farm and family of Detroit, were Sunday last week for the Poultryman's Show and Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Eastwood and daughter, members of a former charge were visitors at Hope Chapel Sunday.

The first bazaar was held Saturday night at the Chapel and was a huge success, netting a profit of about \$100. This will be an annual affair.

Communion will be served Sunday at the morning service.

The Rev. N. P. Havermale, D. D. the home of Mrs. William Horie Tuesday for their Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Eastwood were dinner guests of Rev. Lomas and wife Saturday.

Proposed Highway

The four-lane highway with dividing parkway extending approximately 1800 miles from Sault Ste. Marie to Miami and New Orleans is the goal of sponsors seeking to streamline the Dixie highway.

Members of an organization embracing the nine states through which the new route would pass will meet in Lexington, Ky., today to discuss plans for presentation to Federal officials with the idea of gaining government support for its construction.

This type of super-highway, originated in Michigan and has become a model for heavily traveled arteries of the future. Proponents expect to point out the advantages of such a right-of-way from a safety standpoint as well as its utility in the event of war. Highway department of the board of house missions and church erection visited Hope Chapel with Dr. Hutton of Hillcrest Sunday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. George Lomas are making their home at 18890 Maplewood.

The Woman's Aid will meet at parlaments in the nine states will be asked to include the plan in their state highway program if they are successful in securing the official stamp of approval.

Hardest Hit by TB

Groups hardest hit by tuberculosis are (1) young women between the ages of 15 and 30, (2) men in industry, and (3) Negroes.

Christmas as a social finance intensive to protect these groups. It kills more people between the ages of 15 and 45 than any other disease.

—The American Tuberculosis Association and Affiliated Organizations.

16 days 'til Christmas

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Look ahead a Year

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