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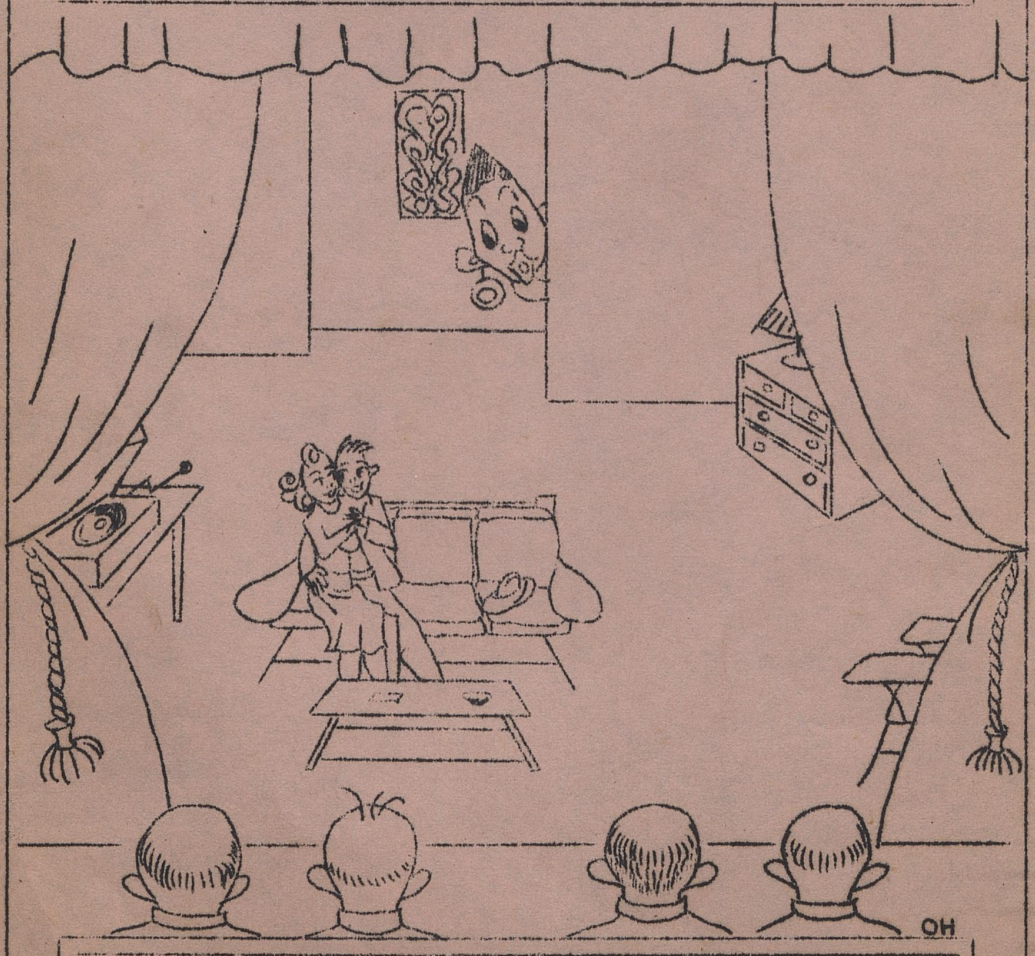

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

PLANTATIONS TO HAVE HARMATTAN PARTY

As soon as life gets back to normal after a strenuous Christmas season, the Central Commitee of F. O. C. has promised to go to work on plans for a Harmattan party.

The date for the big blow will fall about the middle of February. It will be an evening affair instead of the usual afternoon and night Harmattan party.

Tentative plans call for a "Down On The Farm" motif, and costumes a-la-Homer Laxton's outfit at the Halloween party will be in keeping. In other words, don't wear your good clothes, but come in a hard time or hayseed outfit.

The next issue of PUNCH will give more details. It is hoped that Russ Santee's throat will be in shape to call dances at the party.

LASHAWAY BRINGING MOVIES

The CATHLAMET brought no pictures for us, but according to information from down M & S way there are at least two on the LASHAWAY. One of these will be shown Sunday, Jan. 26th, if the boat gets in and unloaded in time. Watch for a notice in your company mail.

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
I've seen them drying
At Harbel Hill too.

How about that short story for PUNCH?

NEEDED - A BIT OF HELP

Our Little Theatre Group would appreciate very much receiving any left-over Halloween costumes or dress clothes for use in coming productions. Costumes are a problem out here and anything will be appreciated.

Also, the Group needs colored celophane or any material that can be used to cover floodlights. If you've saved your Christmas wrapping paper, especially the solid colors, it would help a lot. If you can help out, please see Mrs. Lotz or Mrs. Kolves.

POPULAR GUEST LEAVES

Charlie Ramus leaves for his home and business at Cape Palmas on the CATHLAMET. He states that he has never had a more pleasant Christmas, and wishes to thank his many friends for their hospitality.

While here, Charlie became a rabid golf fan and was shooting in the 50's when the boat arrived. PUNCH expects to hear that he is starting a country club when he gets back to the Cape.

CAVALLA MANAGER RECOVERING

A. O. "Wolf" Halldorson, Manager of the Cavalla Group, is reported to be recovering nicely from an operation which deprived him of his appendix. Dr. Kinderman performed the operation at Wolf's bungalow shortly before leaving the Cape.

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"PLANTER'S PUNCH"

The Voice of Firestone Overseas Club in Liberia - -

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

With this issue PLANTER'S PUNCH enters its second year. If you don't believe it, look at our masthead. Volume II is now under way. In case you want to know how many issues of PUNCH have appeared, there were 21 in 1940.

With Miss Bernice Seybold, our secretary, in the hospital having a round with Old Man Malaria, Mrs. Swain kindly offered to take over for this issue. It's such cooperation as this that make Ye Olde Editor forget some of his many worries.

Here's the story of the week:
The old planter limped painfully up to the C lubhouse bar, a picture of dejection.
"What's the matter?" asked an engineer.
"I got the yoors," said the P.
The engineer looked puzzled.
"What's yoors?" he demanded.
"I'll take a Scotch and soda, replied the planter brightening.

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Editor:

We all got to be first nighters at The Bride Wore Red Pajamas. I went to the play openly skeptical. Of course that is natural of many first nighters, and I know many of the audience shared my skepticism.

Well, what I want to say is that I'm not skeptical any more. I think that Phyl Kolves and Marguerite Lotz can stage most anything as long as we've got people out here like the five who gave so liberally of their time and energy to act in The Bride Wore Red Pajamas.

The whole thing was swell. I don't know who all were behind getting the stage and scenery together, but they deserve a lot of credit too. The next time the theatre group wants to put on a play I'm going to be around to do my bit.

Yours with cheers-
THIRD ROW BACK

P.S. If I could make impromptu speeches like our G.M., I'd be darned proud of myself.

RECORDS PLEASE

If you have any phonograph records which are suitable for old time dancing and are willing to lend them to F. O. C. for the Harmattan Party, please notify Prexy Peterson or a member of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE. Polkas, jigs, etc., are especially desired.

Pete: "Hey, George, you're spilling your coffee on my leg."
Hart: "That's all right. I don't want it anyway."

"WEST KEBAR" NAUTICAL NOTES "OTHO"

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Quoting Akron radio NO. A146: - - - - January 13, 1941:

"REGRET ADVISE BOTH KEBAR AND OTHO IN VERY BAD STORM 250 AND 500 MILES RESPECTIVELY FROM NEWYORK STOP BOTH HAVE SENT REQUESTS FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE STOP STEAMER SANTAROSE OF GRACE LINE STANDING BY KEBAR AND US COAST GUARD CUTTERS ENROUTE TO OTHO STOP UNDERSTAND KEBAR NUMBER 4 HOLD FILLED WITH WATER STOP CAUSE OF BOTH DISTRESSES APPARENTLY STORM AND NAVIGATION DIFFICULTIES STOP NO FURTHER AUTHENTIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE"

The "KEBAR" has the Tengwalls, Foleys and Messrs. Ravenscroft and Vipond aboard. "OTHO" is carrying Noll, Wood, Werntz and Dron. Both ships loaded a total of 1150 tons rubber at Marshall. The "SANTA ROSA" is a vessel of 9,135 tons plying between New York and Venezuela via Bermuda and left New York January 10th. The hatch filled with water is the second from the "blunt" end of the ship and the "midship" bulkhead partions the engine room.

Quoting Akron radio No. A154: - - - - January 14, 1941:

"BOTH KEBAR AND OTHO IN BETTER POSITION STORMS RELAXING HOPE PROCEED ON COURSE FOR BOSTON AND NEWYORK TODAY UNDERSTAND COASTGUARDS STILL STANDING BY"

"KEBAR" calls Boston, "OTHO" New York. Chins up, Mariners, all of us here are standing by, too, and praying for you.

Quoting Akron radio No. A157: - - - - January 14, 1941:

"NEWYORK REPORTS THIS MORNING KEBAR PROCEEDING SLOWLY BOSTON UNDER COAST GUARD CONVOY STOP OTHO NOW ON EVEN KEEL WEATHER MODERATING WILL PROCEED WITH VOYAGE NEWYORK BY NOON TODAY STOP SHOULD BE NOTHING FURTHER TO WORRY ABOUT UNLESS SEAS AGAIN TURN WORSE"

"CATHLAMET" took Charlie Ramus back to the Cape today and left Mrs. Pallant and small John Richard together with Ron. Schumaker, Charlie 'Chaplin' Brown to the tender mercies of plantation life. The 1542 tons actual weight landed at Marshall was the largest single consignment ever.

"HUMHAW" and "IRMO" are both due Marshall homeward Feb. 1st - 5th.

"WEST LASHAWAY" is expected to arrive Monrovia from the States on January 20th. Passengers include Mr. & Mrs. Auth, Mr. & Mrs. Robertshaw and Otis Ritter.

FARMINGTON LOG - Jan. 1st - Jan. 15th.

RESULTS:
Mr. Fox - 2 Baracuda 12½ & 20 lbs.
Mr. Weller - 1 " 28 lbs.
Mr. Smith - 3 " 25½, 9, & 4 lbs.
Mr. Blowers- 1 " 27 lbs.
Mr. Steen - NIL
Mr. Brockett-NIL
Mr. Seybold -NIL

Fishing has been unaccountably slow for the time of year. The best day's catch yielded a total of 86 lbs. of Baracuda caught on New Year's Day.

"BLUE PETER"

PUNCH'S WANDERING REPORTER

Today's impertinent question: "What do you think of golf?"

A. A. Hart, Jr. - "Oh, you mean the Gulf of Mexico--------."

Pat Littell - "Listen to me out at the fifth hole sometime and you'll find out what I think of golf."

Babs Copeland - "Listen, I'm a lady----------."

Charlie Ramus - "I do not have enough command of the English language to play golf successfully." (Reporter's note: "Maybe not, Charlie, but you're learning all the words fast.")

Dusie - "I'm stymied."

A Milam - "I'd rather have my husband chasing a golf ball than anything I can think of."

Geo. Hart - "Golf is a game for old men and morons ----- but I like it."

Champ Tandy - "All that I am today I owe to my golfing wife." (Reporter's note: "What Milam means is that he plays golf in self defense.")

Pete - "Ask Hines."

Bob Hines - "Ask Pete."

Henry Knowles - "After watching some of the girls flogging golf balls, I meditate on the hazards of being a husband.."

Dr. Kinderman - "Golf ------ why I haven't been able to find the golf course yet."

Small boy caddie - "White man --- he be fool too much."

Summary of answers: Many people go through fire and water for a game of golf. That must be why golfers are usually all wet, and hot under the collar.

-K. W . 's Widow-

ECHOES FROM NEW YEARS

The old man with the scythe managed to mow down a few of the Plantation citizens before the old year dropped behind but we believe the small boy with the bow and arrow really deserves the garland of roses. Those rum cocktails were fast, but, Oh Boy! how that champagne stays with you.---All of which reminds us of a few pressing needs such as:

Bridges for two-way traffic.
Roads for two-way traffic.
Convoys for Edwards and Smith
A volume control for Heywood, and
Boxing gloves for the bar flies.

OVERHEARD

Mr. Seybold, I know that bridge is wide enough for two cars.
-------Dusenberry.

I wish those drunks would give me time to sober up before they drag in the wrecks.
-------Hines.

I always observe New Years Day quietly at home.
-------Peterson.

Who said "Happy New Year"?
-------Martha Weller

The customs of New Years Day should be observed throughout the year.
-------Ross Wilson.

I am glad New Years comes but once a year.
-------Peg Wilson

M - E - O - W

Dancing is wonderful training, girls. It's the first way you learn to guess what a man is going to do before he does it.

If you can't think of any other way to flatter a man, tell him he is the kind of man who can't be flattered.

FASHION NOTE IN LEATHER

We have found a new way to increase our pin-money. Send your spare elephant hides to the Sterling Leather Company of Newark, New Jersey. We hear each one is worth about one thousand dollars.

The tanned leather is a rich brown, about half an inch thick and fetches a handsome price from luggage manufacturers.

How about a pair of snake-proof elephant leather boots?

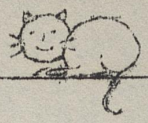
What is a mirage?

The place where the "Little Man Who Wasn't There" puts his car.

What does the Little Man Who Wasn't There eat for breakfast?

Ghost Toasties and Vanishing Cream





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TUNA FISH SCUFFLE'

Ingredients

1 cup milk
1 cup soft crumbs
1 cup tuna fish
2 tsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. mustard
½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
3 egg yolks, well beaten
3 egg whites
1 tsp. salt

Method

Scald milk and pour over soft crumbs. Add well-drained chopped tuna fish, lemon juice, salt, mustard and Worcestershire Sauce.

Cool - Add beaten yolks. Fold in egg whites beaten stiff but not dry. Pour into a greased baking dish and bake in moderate oven (350°) for 30 to 40 minutes. Serve immediately.

This makes four portions.

EGG PLANT EN CASSEROLE

Ingredients

1 large egg plant
3 tomatoes (6 or 7 Liberian)
4 tsp. butter
3 small onions
1 pepper
Salt and Pepper

Method

Peel egg plant and cut in thin slices. Slice onions, tomatoes, and peppers very thin. Arrange the vegetables in alternate layers in a buttered casserole, seasoning each layer with salt and pepper. Add melted butter. Bake about 1¼ hours at 350°-400° (more than moderate).

Serves eight.

BRIDGE

The fifth and final round of the Revoker's Bridge Club Individual Tournament was played December 19th.

Kathryn Godley was the winner in a "photo" finish with 504 points against 500 for Hart (A.A.) and 493 for Wood.

Steen was fourth with 472 points and was coming strong down the stretch.

The final standings of the other players who played all five rounds (100 hands) are as follows:

Standing	Player	Total Points
5	Mrs. Johnson	457
6	Martin	451
7	Mrs. Seybold	442
8	Vipond	440
9	Tengwall	438
10	Hart (G.M.)	437
11	Seybold	436
12	Brockett	435
13	Mrs. Wilson	428
14	Mrs. Martin	424
15	Mrs. Copeland	423
16	Mrs. Dusenberry	421
17	Johnson	415
18	Mrs. Brockett	406
19	Dusenberry	402

First prize was £2-0-0 and second £1-0-0 in additiom to prizes for high scores each night.

Three of our staunch bridge enthusiasts (and "charter members"), Vipond, Dr. Tengwall and Wood went on leave in December (as we go to press, we're still hoping their ships reach port safely-for details see "Nautical Notes"), so won't be with us for the tournament which just started, January 9th.

There are twenty players entered in this individual tournament and each player will play ten hands with each of the other 19 players, or a total of 190 hands. Two rounds will be played every Thursday night for the next nine or ten weeks. Standings after the first two rounds are as follows:

STANDING	PLAYER	TOTAL POINTS
1	Kolves	113
2	Martin	101
3	Mrs. Tandy	98
4 (a)	Johnson	93
5	Hall	90
6	Steen	88
7	Brockett	86
8	Mrs. Johnson	83
9	Tandy	82
10	Wilson	80
11	Hart (A.A.)	79
12	Mrs. Wilson	78
13	Mrs. Martin	75
14 (b)	Mrs. Seybold	72
15)	Hart (G.M.)	70
16)	Dusenberry	70
17 (c)	Seybold	67
18	Mrs. Godley	62
19	Mrs. Brockett	59
20	Weiss	54
Average		80

(a) Ramus substituted for Johnson
(b) Mrs. Farley " for Mrs. Seybold.
(c) Farley " for Seybold

Charlie Ramus, the great Cape Palmas golfer, substituting for Johnson, turned in a nice score.

LAMENT OF AN ENGINEER'S WIFE

Verily I say unto ye, marry not an engineer.
For an engineer is a strange being possessed of many evils.
Yea, he speaketh eternally in parables which he calleth formulae, and he weildeth a big stick which he calleth a slide rule.
A nd he hath only one Bible, a handbook.
He thinketh only of stresses and strains and without end of thermodynamics.
He knoweth not a waterfall except by its horsepower, nor a sunset except that he must turn on the lights, nor a damsel except by her live weight.
V erily, Though she expecteth chocolates when he calleth,
She openeth the package to disclose samples of iron ore.
Yea, he holdeth her hands only to measure the friction thereof.
And he kisseth her only to test the viscosity of her lips.
When his damsel writeth of love and signeth with crosses, he taketh these symbols not for kisses but rather for unknown quantity.
Even as a boy, he pulleth a girl's hair but to test the elasticity.
But as a man he discovereth different devices; for he counteth the vibrations of her heart strings.
And his ma rriage is a simultaneous equation involving two unknowns and yielding diverse results.
Verily I say unto ye, marry not an engineer.

- From the McClellands

Many West African ports are lined with palms ---------- most of them itching.

OUR GARDEN CORNER

Local gardeners are often puzzled as to when to plant. Here is a schedule for January and February.

J anuary - Weather dry with strorg wind. Planting operations in the open should cease. Order rose plants, etc., from abroad so as to arrive in April or May. Pineapples now in season.

February - Very hot month. Where practical all plants with delicate leaves should be afforded partial shade. Do not water bulbous plants which may now be in a resting stage. Flower seeds should now be ordered from abroad.

National Floral Emblems

Australia	Wattle
Canada	Sugar Maple
Ceylon	Talipot Palm
Egypt	Lotus - Lily
Holland	Tulip
Ireland	Shamrock
Italy	Lily
Japan	Yellow Chysanthemum
England	Rose
France	Fleur-de-lis
Germany	Corn Flower
Greece	Violet
Scotland	Thistle
Spain	Pomegranate
Belgium	Poppy
Switzerland	Poppy
Wales	Daffodil or Leek

Editor's Note: Joe Ferrante is editing the Garden Corner and will try to answer any questions from local gardeners. The next issue of PUNCH will carry the planting schedule for March.

A FISH STORY

Even though the principal set forth in this article is unique and brand new to the majority of fisherman, every statement is based on my own actual experiences. I trust I shall not be considered eccentric. I do not ask you, dear reader, to believe me. All I wish is that you try out my suggestion with an open mind. After all, I may be right.

First, allow me to point out, that I am not much of a fisherman but have been present on more fishing trips with dyed in the wool anglers than I have space to enumerate in this article. My wanderings have taken me to many of the finest fishing waters of the world. I have seen the disciples of Isaac Walton use live baits of every description and practically every type of artificial lure that the genius of man could invent. I have listened to tales concerning the best fishing seasons which are supposed to be governed by lunar changes, turbidity of the water, high and low tides and even the old maxim of spitting on the hook. Yet, it remained for me to visit Liberia to hear for the first time to my knowledge, the first "fish-call" used by man.

The use of artificial calls to lure game such as wild fowl, moose, elk, etc., has been known and practiced for years. However, the fact that fish do not possess what is commonly known as ears, seems to have convinced anglers that a similar type of call would be useless in their field of sport.

I was fortunate to have the recent opportunity to accompany a group of fisherman down the Farmington River. The day seemed ideal and I listened with a great deal of interest to tales of former catches, size of the various local fish and the best types of tackle to use.

We began fishing a short distance down the river at a spot known as the "mangroves". After several hours with only a few half-hearted strikes and no fish I began to hear remarks from my fellow fisherman regarding the stage of the tide, water being too muddy, too early in the season and many others. When a few more hours of our fruitless search had passed and the fish were being roundly cursed for not cooperating, I began to realize that I was in the company of true followers of the rod and reel.

It was rapidly turning out to be one of those luckless days when the fish refuse everything offered them. We altered our trolling speed, changed spinners and lures, fished shallow and fished deep, all with the same lack of success. We were about to call it a day and pack our tackle when suddenly a clear cry of "Filla-lu-lu-----Filla-lu-lu" rang out over the water. It was uttered in a plaintive voice but still full of longing and desire. I glanced about, startled and surprised, to discover the source just as one of our party yelled "Strike". It was the first of the day and confusion reigned until the lucky fisherman boated a large barracuda.

From then on, it became a mad race to see who would catch the most fish. I have never seen such a complete reversal of form. The finny tribe cut just about every caper to get in the boat short of actually jumping in.

Needless to say we ended the day with a fine catch and on the way home pondered the breath-taking results of the magic cry of "Filla-lu-lu". The angler who used it seemed reluctant to part with any information but finally admitted it was the call of a native bird. Whether this is true or not, I am not in a position to say. It may be native "JuJu" or maybe the guy speaks the fish language. All I can say, if you doubt my story, ask the fisherman of the Farmington or better yet, try it yourself.

MISS FORTUNE

Dear Miss Fortune:

I would like to ask another favor of you, if it isn't asking too much. The time has come when I must ask someone a question, the contemplation of which has caused me many sleepless nights, bitter weeks of anguish and days of anxiety. This is a subject of which I hesitate to speak to anyone, as I know the whole Plantation is disturbed at the present time by the same cause or question which agitates me. Probably you can consult other girls of your group to help you in this matter. Many a happy home has been broken up by the same cause, and I dare not mention or communicate my own state of mind to my folks as they are so old fashioned about such matters.

In my distress I humbly turn to you for your sympathy; it may surprise you to know that I should consult you on such an important subject which only my 'heart' should know, but like morning dawn, the light must come and the public must know sooner or later. I ask your friendly advice as I know you will understand better than I can express or explain. I am asking a great favor of you - while you are considering this I wish you could set aside all your cares of social duties and public affairs and properly consider this question. I hate to ask it but must come to the point ------- Do you think it is time to change my Summer Underwear? After considering this matter most carefully, let me hear from you soon.

Anxiously awaiting your reply,
"DIS-DRESSED".

Dear Dis-Dressed:

Better change, dear, before your undies fall off. Those you've worn all Winter could only remain unnoticed in the Harbel factory.

Dear Miss Fortune:

My wife is a backseat driver of the worst type and she makes life living hell whenever I drive her about the plantation. As a last resort, I am appealing to you for help before I forget myself entirely and beat her to death with a monkey wrench. I would let her drive but this is against the rules. To perform some of the feats required of me I would be better off with an airplane. My breaks are not the best in the world and one day I inadvertently killed a chicken. When she demanded to know why I hadn't pulled up sooner to save the damn fowl, I told her my brakes needed attention. "Then why didn't you go into reverse?" she exploded.

Please - what shall I do?
"WEARINGTHIN", Div. 99

Dear Wearingthin:

The next time a chicken crosses the road in front of your car, obey orders----------go into reverse.

HOW ABOUT A SMILE?

Russ - "I just changed my mind."

Hester - "Does it work any better?"

Kolves - "I think I'll open up an office after I am through in Liberia."

Ferrante - "Sure. I'll probably turn out to be a janitor myself."

Harold S. - "Do you think she loves me?"

Bergquist - ""Why not? I can't see why she'd make an exception of you."

Baar - "My wife can be an angel any time she wants to be."

Cynical old planter - "Mine too --- and the sooner the better."

Mrs. C. - ""Why do you call that boy a panhandler?"

Dr. Campbell - ""what else would you call a hospital apprentice?"

Harry Godley - "Have you asked me to dance yet?"

Sara Cole - "No, but I will --- your next contract."

Pallant - "My father sprang from a long line of peers."

Helm - "I know how he felt. I fell off a dock once myself."

"That was a dirty trek," said Si Johnson as he dusted off his clothes after a long bush trip.

Smitty - "A fellow fell off the boat and they both drowned."

Bernie - "I thought you said one fellow fell over."

Smitty - "Sure, he had the cramps and doubled up."

1st Missy - "I wear this dress to teas?"

2nd Kitty - "To tease who?"

M. P. Copeland
Treasurer

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB
FINANCIAL POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 1940

ASSETS

Cash on Hand		NIL
Cash in Bank		£ 82. 4. 7
Beverage Inventory		181.12. 4
Main Club	150.17.10	
Div. 4 "	30.14. 6	
Food Inventory		24.18. 0½
Main Club	20. 7. 2½	
Div. 4 "	4.10.10	
Accounts Receivable		37. 7.11
TOTAL		£326. 2.10½

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	NIL
Coupon Books Out	£ 30. 6. 7
Profit This Yr - 5 Mo.	26.13. 5
Surplus	269. 2.10½
TOTAL	£326. 2.10½

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FIVE MONTHS ENDING DEC. 31, 1940

Sales of Beverages		£622. 2. 8
Sales of Food		66.13. 8
Other Income:		
Library		2.11. 6
Pool		23.17. 9
Miscellaneous		9.18. 9
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		£725. 4. 4
Cost of Beverage Sales	476. 5. 0½	
Cost of Food Sales	71.18.11½	
TOTAL COST OF SALES		£548. 4. 0
GROSS OPERATING PROFIT		£177. 0. 4
LESS: Operating Expense		281.16. 7
OPERATING LOSS		£104.16. 3
ADD: FPCo.Contribution		131. 9. 8
NET PROFIT FOR 5 MO.		£ 26.13. 5

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Bingo	£ 0.17. 0
Roulette	10. 0
Horse Racing	1. 1.11
Sale of Records	1. 0. 0
Recovery from Beverage	2. 9. 6
Black Jack	4. 0. 4
TOTAL	£ 9.18. 9

DETAIL OF OPERATING EXPENSE

House Manager's Salary	£52. 0. 0
Movie Operators	24. 0. 0
Cooks & Boys Wages	43. 1. 2
Taxes	70. 6. 3
Supplies	10.14. 5
Check Books	4. 7. 5
Planters Punch	3.11. 5
Phonograph Records	2. 1.10
Duty on Roaster	1. 6.11
Dance Contest	2. 0. 0
Making Up Chit Books	2. 0.10
Halloween Party	17.12.11
Checks Returned,N.S.F.	2. 0. 0
Tennis Tournament	1.17. 6
Playing Cards	16. 0
New Years Party	11.10. 4
Christmas Party	32. 9. 7
TOTAL	£281.16. 7

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bal. Per Bank-12/25/40		£323.14.11
ADD: Deposits in Transit	£ 14.16.0	
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	20.15.10	
		142.11.10
		£466. 6. 9
LESS: Checks Outstanding		
18710	£37.13. 8	
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18565	62.10. 0	
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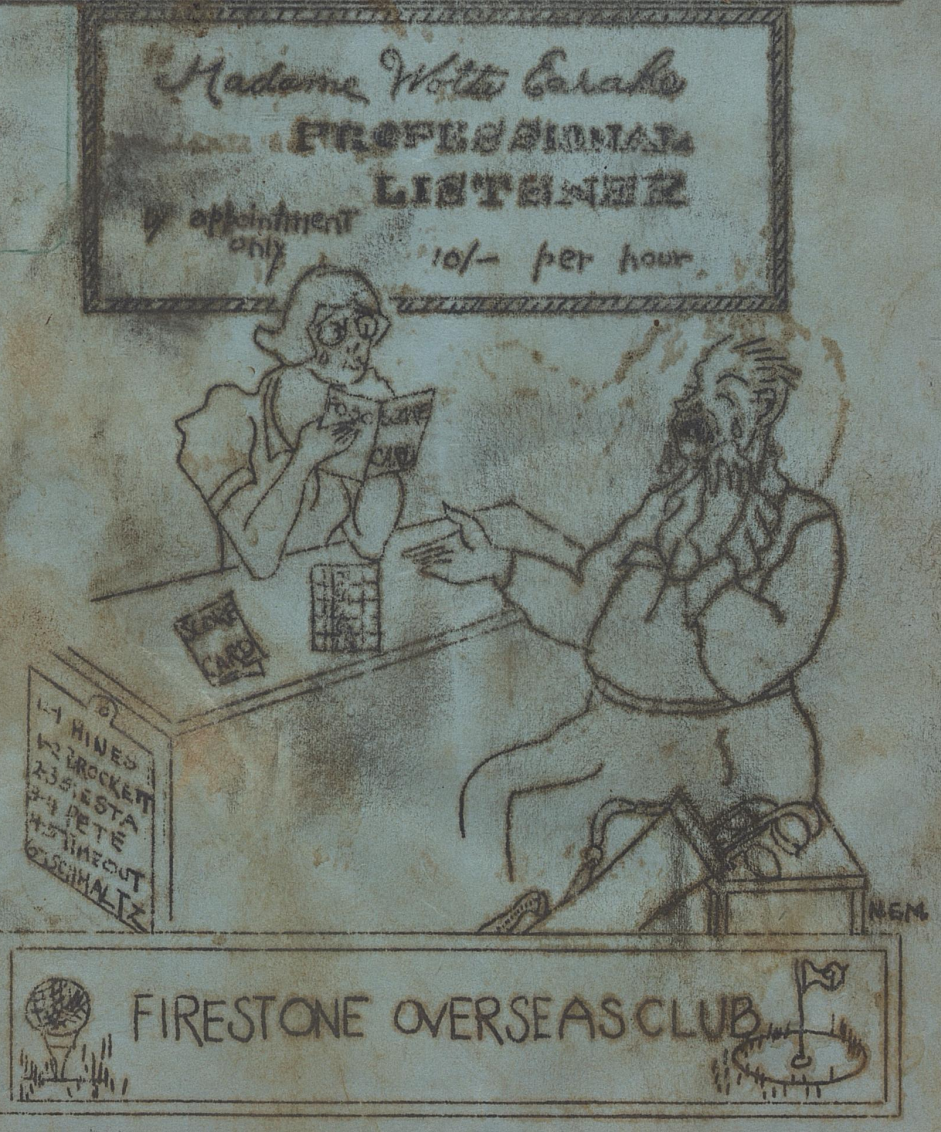

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

TO BERNIE AND SMITTY

WE ARE N'T GOING TO GET SENTIMENTAL ABOUT IT IF WE CAN HELP IT, BUT WE'RE SURE GLAD YOU HAVE UP AND DONE IT.

WE'RE WISHING YOU BOTH A LOT OF HAPPINESS AND YOUR SHARE OF THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE. THE WHOLE PLANTATIONS STAFF JOINS US IN THAT.

AND WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE US.

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

PUNCH'S ever changing staff has just done a triple shift again. With the Bank of Monrovia claiming A.A.Hart, Jr.'s services, Abel Matthews has obligingly stepped forward to take over the duties of associate editor.

Ross Wilson, one of the founders of PUNCH, comes back to the fold to relieve Paul Kolves for a few issues as sports editor.

Faithful little Bernie has had to finally relinquish her duties as secretary, and Betty McClelland takes over.

About the only permanent staff members seems to be the editor. We understand that there are a number of folk who wish he'd sprained his neck instead of his ankle.

This week's cover was suggested by Norm Martin, and executed by him with the able assistance of our Art Editor, Ottilie Helm.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Central Committee of the F.O. C. will meet at the Small Club on Monday evening, Feb. 3rd, at 8:00 o'clock. All officers are requested to be present.

PLAY TRYOUTS SCHEDULED

Tryouts for the next play will be held at the Kolves's house on Tues. and Friday, Feb. 4th and 7th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There are lots of various types of parts, so don't hesitate to come try out.

HARMATTAN PARTY THIS MONTH

The Harmattan Party will be held on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22. Watch for full details in the next issue of PUNCH.

AUCTION SALE LIKELY

The Heiland Flingers, disciples of Rabbie Burns, report the following articles are to be put up for auction if not claimed in the next few days:
Ties of all descriptions, tie clasps, shirts, garters, arm bands, watches, kilts, hats, underwear (very chic), pens, pencils, and ½ ton of bobby pins.

WHO NEEDS A HELMET?

Jeff Scobie has for sale an almost new Abercrombie and Fitch helmet that is too large for him. It has a wide brim and would be ideal for a lady with lots of hair.

PUNCH says welcome back to the Auths, Robertshaws, and Otis Ritter.

JOTTINGS FROM MY NOTE BOOK

By "Guess Who"

Barracuda Pete was engaged in conversation with Grouper Hart, who expressed a few opinions on Pete's fishing stories.
"Those are fighting words where I come from", growled Pete.
"All right, let's have it out," invited Grouper Hart, stripping off his shirt.
"Don't get excited," said Pete, "I'm not where I come from right now, or it would be too bad for you."

Our local fishermen do not seem to be having much luck on the Farmington these days. Is it the fishermen, the fish, or the bait? If all three, we've received a splendid idea from that canny Scot of Monrovia, Bill Murdoch. He has tried it and says it works. All you have to do the next time you go fishing is to take some country peppers, finely ground, and sprinkle the same on the water. When the fish come up to sneeze, you just hit them over their heads with an oar. This method, according to Bill, saves time, tempers, and produces big hauls.

The leaves of the rubber trees are blushing about how green they have been all year.

Man buying a camera: "I'd better get one with a very fast shutter speed or my wife's mouth will always come out blurred."

The recipe for political pie will always be applesauce and plums.

Definitions:

Boy ---- Noise with dirt on it.

Gentleman ---- One who is polite to you even when he has no favors to ask.

Parental Wisdom ---- Bringing up your children so that some one else will like them besides yourselves.

College bred ---- A four year loaf made with father's dough.

Eternal triangle ---- Something that babies wear.

Morning ---- The time the rising generation retires, and the retiring generation rises.

Two charming brides have joined our number - Mrs. William Auth and Mrs. Herbert Robertshaw. May they enjoy as pleasant an African interlude as the brides who have come before

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Be sure to save the 3rd Thursday in February for the Women's Club meeting. President Ruth Brockett and Secretary Ottilie Helm took office at the beginning of the year. Doris Norton will act as Chop-Master.

Remember the date!

Mr. and Mrs. Steckhan are the proud parents of a young son, Kurt Peter, born Saturday, January 16th. We are pleased to know that both the mother and child are coming along nicely. It's fun having a new baby on the plantation.

Peter Farley has accomplished the unbelievable on the golf course. Last Saturday afternoon she managed a "hole-in-one" but the ball settled nowhere in sight. It went through the air with commendable force and came to rest in the pocket of her caddy. He didn't put it there!

The world of fashion informs us that leopard pelts are getting the biggest rush of the century. Leopard skin muffs of all sizes, huge brimmed off-the-face hats with the face side completely covered with fur, gloves with cuffs, large buttons for suits or coats, belts, and even footgear boast their stripes or bands of leopard.

These skins are effective with virtually every colour - forest green, all shades of brown, pale honey beige or old gold.

Entire capes of leopard skin, lined with startling shades of red or green are worn with afternoon clothes and double for dinner and evening costumes. Swagger coats of leopard skin are worn with sport clothes.

You ladies who are homeward bound and have leopard skins to take with you, should be well equipped to dazzle your friends with the season's most popular fur.

Come out and help us make the first Tuesday morning golf meeting a real success. There will be coffee and small chop, followed by bridge for the real bridge players and a table for the beginners who wish to learn to play.

Due to the desire of the women of the plantation to improve themselves physically, morally, and mentally, "Cat's Meow" has determined on a survey among the discerning males, both husband and hopefuls, to discover their opinion of an ideal woman.

Question: What is your ideal woman?

Answers:

A woman who listens with respect, answers seldom but discerningly, and approves of her husband-Kolves.

A woman who can make perfect "country chop" and is married to somebody else. - Frederickson.

A woman who never trumps her partner's acé (unless it's her husband's) - Steen.

My wife. Second choice, "Blondes". - Swain.

A woman you can depend on, who isn't married. - Fisher.

The lady from Canada. - Auth.

A woman who counts every stroke and lets the men play through. - (golf) - Menzies.

OUR GARDEN PAGE

Edited by Joe Ferrante

Last issue PUNCH gave you a planting schedule for January and February. Here is one for the remaining ten months.

March - Another hot month. Toward end of month plant yams and sweet potatoes, likewise similar root crops. Re-potting of plants should now be done.

April - Frequent thunderstorms. Oranges are in season. Plant the yams you didn't get out in March. Native vegetables of all kinds can now be planted.

May - Prepare ground for all kinds of vegetables. Re-planting of flower beds should take place.

June - As soon as rains start, sow English or American vegetables, and flower seeds of all kinds. Fertilize and manure (if possible) all flower bushes. Renovate rockeries and ferneries.

July - Set out fruit, shade, and ornamental trees as well as shrubs of all kinds. Prune roses which have finished flowering. Foreign seeds may be ordered for sowing in September. Lawns should be rolled.

Aug. - Gardens here should be at their best during this month. Pruning of shade trees should be done at this time; that is, corrective pruning, and not heading back.

Sept. - Fresh sowing of vegetables and flowering annuals should now get under way.

Oct. - Shade and fruit trees can be planted during this month. Prune shrubbery and fruit trees of former plantings.

Nov. - All general planting should be completed this month. Sow beans, peas, beets and other vegetables. Yams are now ready to be dug and stored in a cool place. Prune roses that have finished flowering. Paw paws, oranges, and pineapples are in season.

Dec. - Collect seeds of flowering plants and annuals, etc. Store when dry in sealed bottles or jars.

Try some Cabbage

Cabbage is a temperate zone vegetable which can be cultivated in the tropics. In the next issue of PUNCH, Mr. Ferrante will tell you about it as well as describe other types of vegetables suited to the climate of Liberia.

GOLF TOURNAMENT UNDER WAY

The annual President's Trophy tournament will be going strong when this gets to press. Twenty three men had turned in 18 hole qualifying scores up to the closing date previously set as Jan. 28th. Qualifying round scores, and pairings for the first round matches in both flights, are as follows:

QUALIFYING SCORES

Ritter	76	Peterson	100
Brown	76	Geo. Hart	100
Kolves	77	Waddington	101
Schmaltz	82	Edwards	104
Wilson	84	Copeland	106
Martin	86	Henninger	108
Hines	90	Weller	109
Tandy	90	Polli	109
Littell	95	Pallant	110
Robertshaw	97	McClelland	111
Brockett	99	Norton	111
Menzies	100		

FIRST ROUND, CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT
Ritter vs. Kolves
Wilson vs. Hines
Tandy vs. Martin
Schmaltz vs. Brown

FIRST ROUND, SECOND FLIGHT
Littell vs. Brockett
Peterson vs. Waddington
Copeland vs. Weller
Pallant vs. Nortom
McClelland bye
Polli vs. Henninger
Edwards vs. Hart
Menzies vs. Robertshaw

All matches are to be 18 holes match play except finals of each flight which will be 36 holes.

Rules and prize lists are posted in the club house at the course. Match play is to start Feb. 1. All players are requested to contact each other and arrange an early date so that the finals may be held during February.

We look forward to some interesting matches in the tournament. The course is in fine shape. No longer does one have to carry a rock drill for the tees, or a sand wedge for the greens. But there are still some who insist that to sink a putt over six feet is luck.

BASEBALL RIVALRY RESUMED

Even without the services of Mel Johnson, their one man infield, the Aristocrats (formerly the Engineers came out on the long end of an 8 to 6 score in Sunday afternoon's game against the Planters.

"Belter" McClelland's line drive to left with two on in the last of the 7th put the game on ice for the Aristocrats. Other highlights included "Pappy" Copeland's one handed snatch of a hot one behind second base, Mayer's daredevil slide into 2nd, and Satchel Fredrickson's fast work at 1st base.

Waddington and Lotz both turned in good pitching performances.

We heard it suggested before the game that the names of the teams should more properly be "Workers" and "Overhead".

The spectators all said it was a good game, to which one of the players replied, "Yeah, but you won't have any charley-horses Tuesday." This brings us to the point of suggesting a game every two weeks to give the bad knees and sore arms time to recover.

We learn that there is some talk of a series between the Planters and the Aristocrats with prizes or something for the winning team. The Sports Committee should get behind this and get it going.

A promise: next issue a real golf story.

HOW ABOUT A SMILE?

Missy - "How do you like my new hat?"

Plantation Bachelor - "Fine, but you got a run in one of them."

Sailor Scobie - "I've seen the day when I had a girl in every port."

Missy - "Yeah. Well, I've seen the day when I had a boy friend in every porthole".

PUNCH doesn't think there is any truth in the story that hula dancers squirm because there are snakes in the grass.

Heywood - "Give me four double Scotches and I'll tackle the most dangerous thing in the world."

Manis - "What's that?"

Heywood - "The fifth."

He - "Darling, you bring out the animal in me."

She - "I thought so. You look more like a monkey every day."

Menzies (home on leave) - "I'm sorry, honey, but I can't keep that date with you tonight. A friend just won all my money in a crap game."

Honey - "That's all right, Ace. Just send your friend over."

Planter (Home on leave) - "Waiter, I want some tomato juice for a pick-up."

Waiter - "And what for yourself, sir?"

Future Mrs. Mayer - "My but you let yourself slip here in Africa. Look at that shirt. It's covered with tobacco juice."

Mayer - "I know, dear, but I got in a poker game with some planters."

F.M.M. - "Couldn't you turn your head when you wanted to spit?"

Mayer - I didn't dare. It was expensive enough as it was."

Tandy

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FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

HERE'S THE PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 22ND

Occasion: Harmattan Party.

Date: Saturday, February 22nd.

Place: Research Baseball Field and Big Club.

Time: 4:00 P.M. sharp.

Dress: Down on the farm - hard time - or what have you? costume.

Events

4:00 P. M. Men's sack race.

4:10 P. M. Men's three legged race.

4:20 P. M. Men's jumbo race - 40 yards - weight over 196 pounds.

4:30 P. M. Tug-of-war. Planters versus the Aristocrats.

4:40 P. M. Ladies baseball throw.

5:00 P. M. Baseball game - Planters versus the Aristocrats.

Prizes will be awarded winners in above events.

Gambling: A betting booth will be open for all customers. Come and make yourself some money.

7:30 P. M. Chop will be served at the Club. The price will be 3/- per plate. Reservations are necessary. Please make them before Friday, Feb. 21st with Polli, Manis, Peterson, Kolves, Baar, or Hogue.

9:00 P. M. Dancing. Russ Santee will call a real barn dance if suitable music can be arranged.

Prizes: A prize of a one pound chit book will be awarded for the best woman's costume and the same for the best man's costume.

Note: As a change from former Harmattan Parties, the athletic events will be for members of the Firestone Staff instead of for the natives. It is hoped by the Central Commitee that every one will turn out, take part, and have a good time.

COME TO THE HARMATTAN PARTY!

GOLF DUES LOWERED

According to P. C. Kolves, chairman of the F. O. C. Sports Committee, ladies will no longer be assessed five shillings a month to enjoy the privileges of the F. O. C. Golf Club. Ladies whose husbands are dues paying members can therefore tuck away that old five bob beginning March 1.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT ON DECK

A tournament with the Monrovia Club has tenatively be scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 23rd, according to Norm Martin, the F. O. C. tennis director and crack player. The matches will probably be played at the Research. A notice giving definite information and the names of the players will be issued next week.

Thank you, CTP, for your kind words. - Ed.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET

The date of the Women's Club meeting has been changed from the 3rd Thursday to the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Honoring the following Club members, a Tea will be given at the small club on Wed., Feb. 19th:

Mrs. Robertshaw
Mrs. Auth
Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Godley
Mrs. Dusenberry

BUSH TRIPPING

S. E. Johnson and Mesdames Wilson, Peterson, and Hogue are somewhere up around the Gibi with 40 odd carriers.

ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED

In order to make more use of the big F. O. C. Clubhouse, the entertainment committee headed by Chas. Baar, is introducing informal dances on Saturday nights when nothing else is scheduled, and a series of tea dances on Sunday afternoons. Watch for bulletins giving the dates of these.

RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

Because the F. O. C. has lost money on the serving of food at the clubhouse for the past 18 months, chop at dinner dances and special occasions will be served only on reservation. This does not apply to the usual Sunday night lunch.

This plan was put into operation at the last dinner dance and was very successful. It will apply to the Harmattan Party and the next dinner dance, March 1st.

What is Henry Knowles looking sheepish about?

CHARGES TO BE MADE

Effective March 1st, all persons borrowing chairs, dishes, glasses, etc. from the Firestone Overseas Club will sign for the receipt of the same, and if not returned within 3 days following the function for which they were borrowed said persons will be charged 10 shillings per day until the articles are returned.

This action was forced upon the Central Committee by the failure of individuals to return borrowed goods with the result that the whole staff was inconvenienced at recent Club functions. The Committee hopes that no such charges will have to be made.

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BEWARE OF MAMBAS

According to a recent issue of FIELD AND STREAM, the mamba is one of the boldest, most intelligent and dangerous of all snakes. We have both varieties here, the green and the black, and several have been killed on or near the golf course.

PUNCH is taking this opportunity of warning all staff members, and especially newcomers, about this snake in view of the fact that the bite of one can cause death within a very few minutes.

The mamba is primarily a tree and ledge dweller, but it ranges far in search of rats and birds. Its vemon is more active and potent than any cobra except the king cobra of India.

NEWS NOTE

Swede Frederickson almost choked to death on a chicken bone while eating country chop last Sunday. He was saved by inhaling country pepper which made him sneeze and dislodged the bone.

SCHUMAKER TO REPAIR RACQUETS

Local tennis players have been cheered by the news that Ron Schumaker has ordered by radio to the States the equipment and supplies necessary for the re-stringing and repairing of tennis racquets.

This material should be here on the next boat, so get in touch with Schumaker if your racquet needs working over.

TENNIS RACQUET FOR SALE

There is an almost new "Finalist" tennis racquet and press for sale on the Plantations for 2 pounds 5 shillings. Anyone interested see the Editor.

DINNER DANCE SUCCESSFUL

The dinner dance on February 8th was a huge success. Much credit is due Gene Manis, Mike Polli, and Charlie Baar for the attractive decorations and excellent menu. The next one is scheduled for Sat. night, March 1. Make your reservations now with any of the above mentioned staff members.

NO PUNCH ON MARCH FIRST

Because February is such a short month, PLANTER'S PUNCH for March 1 and March 15 will be combined in an issue to appear Monday, March 10. Deadline for this double issue will be March 5th.

Planter - "My, I feel full of life."

Engineer - "Why don't you get de-wormed?"

MUCH ADO ABOUT VERY LITTLE

Through publishers' ballyhoo or mere chance, or a combination of causes, a vastly over-rated and unsatisfying book about Trelawney has risen to near top rank as a best seller. Like many another such, it will fade into oblivion and in five years few will ever remember they had read it. One could surely secure a better picture of the hero from his own books, "Adventures of a Younger Son" and "Recollections of Byron and Shelley" than from this patchwork made up from the skimmings of these works and from some old letters which she has apparently dug out of obscurity. This latter effort would seem to be the only contribution of the author to rounding out a character already well defined and it is hardly sufficient to justify the book.

Trelawney himself was picturesque enough with his magnificent physique, handsome features and engaging manner. The fact that he is remembered at all is due to his acquaintance with two great poets and happened to have thrust upon him the unpleasant task of undertaker to them both. He burnt Shelley's body on the bleak Italian shore at Viareggio and when the heart would not burn, retrieved it and offered it to the widow. He bought the plot for Byron's interment in the Protestant Cemetery in Rome where fifty-nine years later he had his own ashes laid by his side.

Trelawney's childhood was embittered by a loveless home, a shrewish mother and a miserly father of great wealth. One of the most unsatisfactory features of the book is its failure to portray Trelawney's relations with this menage after he becomes a rolling stone. He is always supplied with money but there is not a word as to how much or where he gets it. He is pushed into the British Navy at 16 as an incorrigible, deserts at Bombay and joins a privateering American named DeRuyter. For some years he is a pirate, ranging the Indian Ocean from Madagascar to New Guinea. The success of the book probably is due to the adventures pictured in this phase of the hero's life.

Personally, we found few thrills in what should be thrilling enough. Perhaps the knowledge that there are going on all about us at this very moment thousands of deeds of unsung heroism which make Trelawney's pale into insignificance, has dulled our sensibilities. Nor were his performances anything unusual in his own age.

The book is, on the whole, well written but the character analysis is superficial and wholly without subtlety. The author has only the haziest ideas about geography. She anchors Trelawney off the Malabar Coast to land Trelawney's friend from a small boat at Penang - over 2,000 miles away. She uses Pulo-Penang and Georgetown as if she was unaware that the first is an Island and the second its capital. Her time sense is still fuller. I defy anyone to find a proper sequence in the events of her hero's life. She throws dates and years around promiscuously till the reader is completely bewildered or driven to exercises in addition and subtration.

- slipshod job that will have no standing as to its scholarship and a short-lived unmerited acclaim.

G. H. S.

ON BOARD

The good ship OTHO, having weathered the storm on its homeward voyage (but not too well) is again on the high seas, having left New York on Friday, February 7th.

On board are Mrs. Storts, Mr. Allison, Mr. Rawlinson, and Mr. Watkins (the latter to assist Tandy on the Hydro project).

Then too, let's not forget the 1550 tons of cargo for the M & S to worry about; also those red, white and blue striped bags containing ever-welcome mail.

The WEST KEBAR, originally scheduled to sail on Friday, February 14th, is still in dry dock and will likely not sail before Satuday, the 22nd (George Washington's Birthday)

Tentative bookings include Mr. and Mrs. Chancellor, Mr. Marconis (our new butcher), Mr. Dauksch (Bulldozer operator for the Hydro) and our old friend Charlie Woelfel.

The WEST IRMO, due to arrive in the States at about the date of this issue of PUNCH, plans to sail from New York on February 26th or 28th.

Akron advises they have six reservations booked and passengers will probably include Mr. Andrew Constantine (a new addition to our Accounting Department), Chester Ball (a steelworker), Mr. Schneider (relief for Neville in the U.S.L.R.), J. Ziegler who is returning to help Bob Hines WATCH THE FORDS GO BY and Mr. Zachariah, who will make an effort to keep the factory DeLavals running smoothly.

Looks like a race between the KEBAR and the IRMO.

HOMEWARD BOUND

The CATHLAMET is due Marshall February 22nd and the LASHAWAY March 3th, both bound for the good old U.S.A.

NEW PASSPORTS TO BE ISSUED

A notice issued by the American Minister on February 10th states that the U. S. Government has inaugurated the use of a Passport of new design and it is necessary to present your present Passport together with three passport photographs 3" x 3" on white background at the American Legation in Monrovia within sixty days. There is no charge for the issue of this replacement passport.

A further stipulation states that persons who plan to proceed to the United States within this sixty day period will not be required to present their present passports for replacement.

L. M. Neville has completed arrangements whereby he will take photographs for use by staff members in obtaining their replacement Passports. Any one desiring this service can make appointments with him any week day between the hours of three and four o'clock P.M. All pictures will be taken at Central Office and a charge of five shillings will be made for four pictures

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FOR SALE

1 set Golf Clubs with bag - £6.0.0
1 R.C.A. Radio with record player - £20.0.0
Fishing tackle consisting of reel, rod and 600 feet 36 pound tested line (new) £3.0.0.

See Jens Steen for full particulars

JOTTINGS FROM MY NOTE BOOK

By "Guess Who"

Robbie Robertshaw at Bernie's wedding - "I've actually gained nine pounds since using this remedy, and I feel like a million." (Remedy - half a chocolate cake.)

There'll be a big time at the Old Barn for the Harmattan Hop on February 22nd. Barnyard gadgets in rural settings are indicative of an unusual festival according to information currently circulating. It is to be a "back-to-the-farm" movement, and as the date approaches the participants at this rustic jubilee should be getting into the mood by assembling "hill billy" apparel. If in doubt as to the kind of costume, see Homer Laxton. He holds patent rights on the latest "furrow-jumpers" outfit. Homer, by the way, is quite a farmer. He recently grew a sweet potato that weighed 3 3/4 pounds.

Doctor Murray - "So your eyes are bothering you? How many lines can you read on that chart over there?"
John Clark - "What chart?"

Industrial research has made it possible to turn salt into road surfacing materials and also into fertilizer. And to think that USTC can't keep enough on hand to supply our table needs. tch tch.

Bob Hines shoots divinely but Providence is very merciful to the deer.

Resentment is a plant that bears nothing but misery.

Does Fred Helm cut his moustache like that, or does it wear that way from eating?

There are three kinds of men who do not understand women: young men, middle aged men, and old men.

Bob Brown feels patriotic these days. Recently he dreamed of the Star Spangled Banner and woke up to find himself standing at attention outside the mosquito net. He must be getting in training.

More later.

CURL UP AND DIET

Some ladies smoke too much, and
some ladies drink too much, and
some ladies pray too much.
But all ladies think that they
weigh too much.
They may be as slender as a sylph
or a dryad,
But just let them get on the scales
and they embark on a doleful jere-
miad.
No matter how low the figure the
needle happens to touch,
They always claim it is at least
five pounds too much;
No matter how underfed to you a
lady's anatomy seemeth,
She describes herself as a Leviathan
or a Behemoth;
To the world she may appear slinky
or feline,
But she inspects herself in the
mirror and cries, Oh, I look like
a sea lion;
Yes, she tells you she is growing
into the shape of a sea cow or
manatee,
And if you say No, my dear, she says
you are just lying to make her feel
better, and if you say Yes, my dear
you injure her vanatee,
And in any case her eyes flow like
faucets,
And she goes out and buys some new
caucets.
Once upon a time there was a girl
more beautiful and witty and
charming than tongue can tell.
And she is now a dangerous raving
maniac in a padded cell,
And the first indication her friends
and relatives had that she was
mentally overwrought
Was one day when she said, I weigh
a hundred and twenty-seven, which
is exactly what I ought.
Oh, often I am haunted
By the thought that somebody might
some day discover a diet that
would let ladies reduce just as
much as they wanted.
Because I wonder if there is a
woman in the world strong-
minded enough to shed ten pounds
or twenty,
And say, There now, that's plenty;
And I fear me one ten-pound loss
would only arouse the craving
for another,
So it wouldn't do any good for
ladies to get their ambition and
look like somebody's fourteen-
year-old brother,
Because, having accomplished this
with ease,
Theywould next want to look like
somebody's fourteen-year-old
brother in the final stages of
some obscure disease,
And the more success you have the
more you want to get of it,
So then their goal would be to look
like somebody's fourteen-year-
old brother's ghost, or rather
not the ghost itself, which is
fairly solid, but a silhouette
of it.
So, I think it is very nice for
ladies to be lithe and lissom,
But not so much so that you cut
yourself if you happen to embrace
or kissom.

-Ogden Nash.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Novels:

The Adventure of Christoper
Columin - Sylvia Thompson
Escape Ethel Vance
The Cross of Pease - Gibbs
The Morning is Near us -
Susan Glaspells
The Port of Missing Men
Meredith Nicholson
Cheri Collette
The Green Willow- Ethel Manin
Mr. Perrin and Mr. Traill
Hugh Walpole
Silence Andrew Soutar
Blue Bucket Mystery
Francis D. Grierson

OUR GARDEN PAGE

Edited by Joe Ferrante

In the last issue of PUNCH we promised to tell you a little about cabbage....fresh cabbage. For the tinned stuff see USTC. Anyway, here goes:

Cabbage cultivated in Liberia usually does not form heads. It is worth growing, however, to obtain a crop of very edible green leaves. Shantung cabbage is a species that will thrive here and will stand the rains well. It is grown from seed. It should be raised in rows about 20 inches apart with about 15 inches between the plants. When nearly full grown the heads should be tied up so as to encourage firm, white centers.

Cucumbers do well in Liberia. Seeds should be sown in pots or boxes under cover, and removed to rich soil when about 3 inches high. When the plants reach 8 inches or so in height the tipes should be pinched out. Later, the point of each shoot should be treated in the same manner about 2 inches beyond the young fruit in order to encourage it to swell.

Lettuce can be grown at all elevations in the tropics although it thrives best in the up-country districts. It has a tendency to go to seed quickly. This has been successfully counteracted by cutting the tap root below the surface of the soil. This operation tends to improve the size and firmness of the hearts.

Radishes are grown easily at all elevations. Seeds should be broadcast over the bed rather thinly and will germinate in 2 or 3 days. The hypocotyle is ready for use in about 3 weeks. Radishes thrive best in a moist and partially shaded location. If the plants are too close together they should be thinned to 2 or 3 inches apart. Cabbage radish is the large variety introduced from India.

HOW ABOUT YOUR LAWN?

The success of any lawn depends upon proper upkeep. A lawn should be kept free from weeds, and introduced to a lawn mower frequently. A roller should be used when the ground is neither too wet or too dry.

If your lawn has become impoverished, or heavy and sodden, a top dressing of loamy soil, sand, and a sprinkling of lime should be raked in. Of course, well rotted manure is one of the best treatments, but difficult to obtain out here.

The two most troublesome pests where lawns are concerned are the common white ants and termites. In the next issue of PUNCH we'll tell you how to deal with these.

SPORTS ROSS WILSON

RITTER-BROWN MATCH FOR PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

The annual President's Cup matches have gone into the final round in both flights. Otis Ritter and Bob Brown are the finalists in the top flight with Pat Littell and Fred Edwards matching strokes for honors in the second flight.

Both matches are scheduled 36 holes with the final round to be played Saturday afternnon at 4:30.

The winner of the Ritter-Brown match will have the honor of being the first to have his name inscribed on the silver trophy donatedby the present and past presidents of the F. O. C. The runner-up will receive 12 golf balls. At present writing neither the trophy nor the balls are at hand, but - in the language of our local grocery emporium - "they are expected on the next boat."

Kay Hines and Babs Copeland wearily approached the nineteenth hole the other day. Charlie, the club steward, pushed two glasses of water over the counter at them and respectfully asked Kay if she had been playing for money. Kay told him she wasn't and Charlie shook his head and turned back to his work, mumbling about how silly all these people were, walking and getting all heated up and tired out and "No Money". Truly, "No man is a hero to his valet". We now know what the boys think of golf.

There has been some discussion as to the way to make golf balls go farther by putting them in the ice box, before use, or, conversely, putting them in the sun for awhile. This corner suggests that they will go farther if kept in the fairway, and that the present acute ball shortage might be remedied if Joe Ferrante would have his gangunderbrush the woods on the dog-leg at No. 9.

BASEBALL SERIES TIED

The second game of the series between the Planters and Aristocrats was played last Sunday on the reconditioned field at Research, and resulted in a pushover for the Planters. The final score of 11 to 7 is no indication of how ragged was the Aristocrats performance.

Charlie Baar held the losers to 10 scattered hits while the Planters pounded Don Waddington's "sore arm" deliveries thru the numbrous holes and players-in the Aristocrat infield.

Mayer entertained the customers with another of his high dives into second base as the game ended.

Docs Kinderman and Cole officiated.

The field was in good shape, altho the sand was pretty thick on the base lines. "Doc" Fisher insures us that this will be remedied in time for the next game in this series, to be played Sat. afternoon, Feb. 28 as part of the Harmattan Festival celebration.

TENNIS MATCH WITH MONROVIA

Sunday afternnon, Feb. 23, at 4 P.M. sharp, the annual tennis match between teams from Monrovia and the Plantations will be played at the Fish Creek courts.

Two men's doubles and one mixed doubles matches will be played.

The Monrovia contingent will include Miss Rauth, and Messrs. Miller, Pilo Murdoch, Blowers, and that prominent sportsman and socialite A. A. Hart,

The Plantations team will probably be made up of Mrs. Farley, Auth, Pallan Dr. Murray, Schumaker and Martin.

PLANTER'S PUNCH SPECIAL EDITION FEB. 19,1941

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR HARMATTAN CHOP

Chop is going to be served at the Big Club on Saturday night between the baseball game and the barn dance.

The price is three shillings a plate, and RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY.

If you haven't made yours, and wish chop, please use the coupon below at once. This must be in by Friday night.

BROWN AND LITTELL WIN

Bob Brown and Pat Littell won their respective flights in the recent President's Trophy Golf tournament. Bob becomes club champion.

PLEASE ENTER THE ATHLETIC EVENTS AT THE HARMATTAN PARTY

SHOW SUNDAY NIGHT

The MIKADO will be shown at 7:30 p. m. Sunday night, after the tennis tournament at the Fish Creek Courts.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS TODAY

The Women's Club meets today at the Small Club. This party is especially in honor of the following arriving and departing wives:

Mrs. Weller
Mrs. Godley
Mrs. Dusenberry
Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Auth
Mrs. Robertshaw

All the Plantations ladies are invited.

GIBI EXPEDITION HOME

Si Johnson, with three ladies, a strange bush cat, and a six day growth of whiskers arrived safely at Balala, 10 miles from Kakata, yesterday afternoon.

The ladies were Peg Wilson, Charlotte Peterson, and Ruth Hogue. It is rumored that three certain husbands are planning to have a medal struck for Si's bravery at spending 6 days in the bush.

TO F. O. C. CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Please reserve_____plates for me for the Harmattan Chop at

Three Shillings a plate.

Signed_____

Give or send this to Manis, Polli, Baar, Hogue, or Peterson.

TO THE GANG.....

The surprise was complete. We had no idea you thought so much of us. We could say you shouldn't have done it. We could say a lot of meaningless words that could never convey the happiness your kindness gave us.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he giveth his cash to a friend ---- and lets his U. S. T. C. account go to ------."

We promise to buy something lasting to keep you all in mind. To the gang -------- THANK YOU.

BERNIE and SMITTY

RED CROSS BENEFIT TO FEATURE WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

The Red Cross Benefit Party will start at 9:00 o'clock, Saturday night, April 12th.

Among the many features will be the white elephant auction conducted by M. Mayer, All staff members are asked to donate one item or article a piece. This can be something which is no longer of value to you but which some other person might like to have. Those not auctioned will be placed on the Wheel of Fortune.

Bachelors especially have asked that some of the ladies donate pies and cakes. It will be appreciated if those doing so will bring them to the Club on the night of the party.

For the purpose of gathering up white elephant articles, a truck will call at your house Thursday. If you won't be home, please leave your donation with the house boys so they can give it to the truck driver.

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FROM THE LADIES.

GAMBLERS TO HAVE FUN

Between the Wheel of Fortune, the raffle, poker, and black-jack, gamblers will have a big time Saturday night.

And the beauty of it is that what you lose will go to the Red Cross.

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the big raffle at the Red Cross Benefit are now on sale. Ask any of the ladies for yours. The price is five shillings.

Drawings will take place Saturday night at midnight. First prize, donated by the Dutch members of the Plantations staff, is a fine RCA radio. Second prize is a Royal typewriter, and third prize, a complete Mixmaster set. None of these are brand new, but all are in excellent shape.

The two staff members who donated the typewriter and Mixmaster have requested that their names not be revealed.

NOTICE

The next issue of PLANTER'S PUNCH will inform its readers of the amount of money taken in at the Red Cross Benefit Party, and the exact disposition of the same.

COME TO THE RED CROSS BENEFIT PARTY

FLASH!

The one-act plays last night, plus the readings by Mr. and Mrs. Pallant, and Information Please, were a great success.

The CENTRAL COMMITTEE of F. O. C. wishes to thank all who took part.

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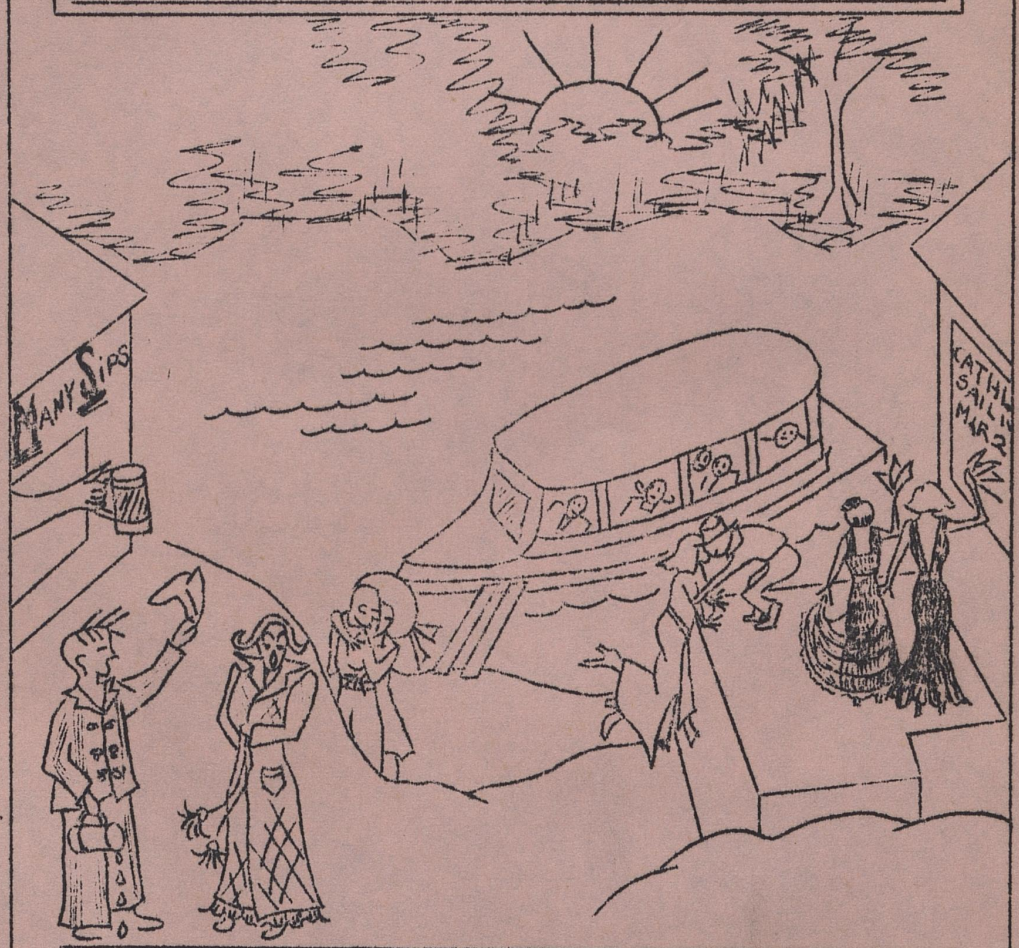

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

HERE'S THE F. O. C. PROGRAM FOR MARCH & EARLY APRIL

Sunday, March 9th:	Movie
Saturday, March 15th:	Casino night - plenty of gambling.
Sunday, March 16th:	Tea Dance - 4:00 P. M. - By reservation only - Two shillings per person.
Sunday, March 23rd:	Baseball game & Movie.
Saturday, March 29th:	Dinner Dance
Sunday, March 30th:	Golf tournament
Sunday, April 6th:	Movie or One Act Plays
Saturday, April 12th:	Benefit Party for American Red Cross.

DINNER DANCE SCHEDULED

Another of those delightful dinner dances will be held at the Big Club on Saturday, March 29th, at the usual price of five shillings per plate.

Reservations are absolutely necessary and can be made with Mike Polli, Gene Manis, Charlie Baar, or L. A. Peterson. If you mail reservations, be sure to post them far enough ahead to insure receipt by the Friday before the dance.

Reservations received in the mail on the Saturday of the dinner dance cannot by honored as chop must be ordered ahead.

FOR SALE: Almost new tennis racquet and press. Price, one pound ten shillings. See Dock Hogue.

NEW SYSTEM BEING TRIED

The Firestone Overseas Club, being faced with a heavy loss on the sale of drinks during December and January, is trying a new system of sales during March.

By this system you pay for your drinks with the usual chits but must first buy a chip or token from the cashier in the living room.

This token is good for whatever drink you have paid for when given to the boy at the bar. He recognizes it by color and will produce the drink. It is not necessary to ask for the specific drink -- merely present the chip or token.

This system, while slow, will relieve congestion at the bar, and allow the F. O. C. a close check on drinks bought.

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Divers Others

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

The F. O. C. is trying a new system in the sale of drinks at the Big Club. Readers will find it explained on another page of this issue.

The system is likely to be bothersome both to the house managers and to patrons. It is being tried simply to stop the loss now being incurred in the sale of drinks.

There seem to be only two other alternatives: 1. Raise prices high enough to cover the loss; 2. Stop the sale of drinks altogether. The F. O. C. Central Committee does not wish to do either of these any more than Club members would care to see them done. Therefore it is hoped that club members will be willing to give the system a fair trial. It is to the advantage of all of us to do so.

Please remember to give the bar boy the chip or token you have purchased from the cashier when you go to the bar. It indicated to him what you want.

BENEFIT PARTY SCHEDULED

Many club members have petitioned "Proxy" Peterson to hold a big, all plantations party for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

This petition was discussed at the last meeting of the Central Committee and Saturday, April 12th, was selected as the date.

Arrangements are yet to be made, and the Central Comittee is very anxious to receive suggestions as to just what kind of a party staff members would like to have.

Among suggestions already made is one to charge a shilling a person admission and have as many acts of vaudeville as it is possible to work up, admission to go into the benefit fund. Then, it is suggested to follow this with a big gambling night and all winnings go into the fund.

Please get your suggestions to L. A. Peterson.

A GOLF STORY

A very good golf story was told recently by one of the ladies who just sailed for home. It is on herself.

A boy brought her two golf balls with the name "Wilson" on them. She bought them, thinking how pleased Ross would be to get them back. Ross had to congratulate her on her good intentions but felt that he should, in justice to himself, assure her that he hadn't lost ALL the balls found with that name on them.

NAUTICAL NOTES

After an all night fling, reluctantly we said "Goodbye" to several friends on Sunday morning, the 2nd. The Godley's, the Dusenberry's and the Weller's are aboard the SS CATHLAMET bound for the good old U.S.A.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Radiogram just received from the SS WEST KEBAR states that she'll be here on Wednesday, the 12th.

On board are Mr. and Mrs. Chancellor, Mr. and Mrs. Marconi, Mr. and Mrs. Dauksch and Mr. Zachariah.

The SS WEST IRMO sailed from New York on March 6th. The following are on board:

Mr. J. Ziegler, Mr. Charles Woelfel, Mr. Robert Campbell - Hospital Administrator, Mr. Witner - Factory Assistant, Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson - Hydro Construction and bound for Cavalla, Mr. and Mrs. Boyle and Mr. and Mrs. Hoy. Mr. Hoy is a Junior Planter.

The SS WEST HUMHAW is scheduled to sail from New York the middle of this month and the SS CATHLAMET is scheduled to sail March 28th.

Captain Dwight A. Smith is giving his sea legs a rest by spending a short vacation on the Plantations.

He is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kolves.

NOTES FROM CAVALLA

By Chris Lund

The Rice Drying Building is completed but think it's too late as the rats and weevils have just about finished their job.

The Court and Jail House are completed and are ready for occupancy but this seems to be a law abiding place and nobody has been tried, sentenced or incarcerated to date.

"Wolf" Halldorson has now recuperated from his operation but altho still suffering from a bad leg, is getting around on crutches and is contemplating going back to work.

The office is looking for a stenog -- red head preferred -- but all others should apply in any case.

Note to Hines - Lund finally got a car.

Dewey Miller is out gunning for Dock Hogue - his alleged friend. There seems to be some trouble about an outboard motor that Dock sold him.

Cavalla staff members are wondering if it could be arranged to have an "open season" on the Pleebo Band, especially the tuba player.

Doc Hoey says that the new Hospital is completed and occupied with patients now being "planted" from a more imposing building.

The SS WEST LASHAWAY expects to clear Marshall on Wednesday, the 12th. This will be the occasiom for a sad farewell to Bernie and Smitty, and Betty and Norm Martin.

Better get busy and write some letters!

SPORTS BY ROSS WILSON

GOLF NOTES

As our special issue told you, Pat Littell won from Fred Edwards in the second flight of the recent tournament, and Bob Brown surprised with a 9-up victory over Otis Ritter.

Ritter was definitely off his game, as he proved later in the week with a record breaking 33 for the course. In which exhibition we lost nine shillings, and so did "Champ" Brown.

Joe Ferrante is making a new tee at number one, and building what looks like a rain shelter at number seven.

There is a "ladder-tournament" under way at the course, since the new handicaps have been posted. The greens committee would like a little more enthusiasm shown in this tournament.

It seems as if the hot weather, and the strong wind seems to be keeping the players away. Even Norton missed playing one day last week.

Now that the sporting events of the big general Labor Holiday have been held on the various divisions, why don't we have a sort of intra-mural meet of the winners in certain of the events to pick out the Plantation Champions, and to stimulate the continued activity in native sports?

HARMATTAN SPORTS

The annual Harmattan Festival was a field day for the Planters. Their ball team won a one sided game from the crippled Aristocrats *, and their heavies won the tug-of-war - though the losers didn't have their full weight on hand, being without the services of the Three Bears - Steen, Hart and Ritter.

Hart's weight got a little ahead of his feet, and he now carries his arm in a sling.

Pete sprained a finger snagging a line drive in the so-called ball game, and Bill Auth took a beating at third base. It's a hard game, this softball.

* - Red Brockett won by a nose from George Blowers in the Two-ton Derby.

For the best story of the week, may we offer this one:

Homer Laxton - Ben, I'm in a hurry, could you cut my hair with my collar and tie on?

Barber Ben - Sure, Boss, you can leave your hat on too.

New score cards are being printed with the pars reduced on Holes 3, 5, and 7, making a total par for the course, when No. 8 hole will be put into play, of 34. "Under Repair" signs have been erected in the rough to indicate where a free lift may be taken.

SPORTS BY ROSS WILSON

Tennis seems to have stolen the sport-light since we last went to press. The courts at "Old number one" and Fish Creek are resounding with the plink-plunk of balls, the slap of the net-tape, and the wheezing and puffing of players gone soft with golf, and Saturday night dinner-dances. The reason for this unusual activity may be the coming return match with the "Okey-Dokeys" of Monrovia, which is scheduled for Sunday, March 16th, at the Northern Athletic Club courts in the City. The city folks hope to "slicker" the locals, to get revenge for the love-match at the Fish Creek Courts the Sunday after the Harmattan Festival - which celebration may have had something to do with the poor showing of the "Okeys" that day. The brightest spot of color - aside from Dusty Miller's nose - of the afternoon was the slam-bang game played by the ladies in the mixed doubles. Little Miss Rauth wields a wicked racquet, and we look forward to seeing her again exchange volleys with our own Peter Farley, whose speed and snap on the court is a joy to behold after the heavy-footed gamboling of the men.

This corner would like to see these two girls in a singles match, though we understand it is not on the program next Sunday.

Unfortunately, the local team will be without the services of Norm Martin, who leaves on the West Lashaway, and his spot will be hard to fill. But we see Art Hart limping around on a bad ankle, which may leave a similar hole in the Monrovia line-up.

At any event, it promises to be a well worth while event, and all of you should be there.

We forgot to mention that this match will be held if enough balls are found to play with. Tennis equipment hasn't been much in demand until recently, so it was no surprise when the local sporting goods emporiums found their cupboards bare.

With no tennis balls, and no golf balls, and only one ping-pong ball at the small club, the sporting fraternity may have to take up pill-pool, if someone would only bring back the pills.

Somehow the situation reminds us of a poem we once heard called "Christmas in the Harem".

It is not good for the Christian white,
To hustle the Ayrian brown.
For the Christian riles: and the heathen smiles,
And it weareth the white man down.

The end of the fight, is a tomb-stone white,
With the name of the late deceased
And the epitaph drear, "A fool lies here,
Who tried to hustle the East."

- Kipling.

HARMATTAN PARTY A SUCCESS

The Harmattan Party was a great success as the results of folks getting into the spirit (or spirits) of the occasion.

The results were as follows:

Winner Rolling Pin Throw-Helen Kolk
Heavyweight race - Red Brockett
Tug-of-war - Open for argument
Baseball Game - The Planters(and how)
Best lady's costume - Mrs. Helm
Close seconds - Mrs. Iversen, Phyl Kolves, Several others.
Best man's costume - That Monrovia gang.
Close seconds - Si "Daniel Boone" Johnson, Heywood, Kolves, etc.
Casualties - George Hart, Pete, Bill Auth, Schmalz.

That arrangements were:
Entertainments by Baar
Food by Manis
Drinks by Polli
Dances by Santee

(If anyone has been omitted, PUNCH takes this opportunity to apologize, and hopes thus to avert any local crisis. - Ed.)

PUNCH SEND S. O. S.

This little magazine has been rather sadly lacking in humor the last couple of issues. In anticipating the squawk that's bound to come PUNCH sincerely invites all readers to loosen up and produce something funny. New arrivals are especially urged to contribute.

PLAYS SHAPING UP

The Plantations staff is going to be treated to two one act plays in the very near future. Phyl Kolves is directing one and Marguerite Lotz the other. Both will be given the same night.

The first play is "The Reefer Man" by Robert T. Coughlin, and the other "There's Always Tomorrow," by David L. Pettigrew.

The casts include Mickey Swain, Charlotte Peterson, Ottilie Helm, Peter Farley, Joe Ferrante, Fred Helm, Carl Berquist, M. G. Mayer, and several as yet unnamed as this is being written. George Hart originally carried a part but was forced to give it up by his injured shoulder.

In connection with the plays, and others coming up, typists are needed badly to cut stencils for mimeographing the plays. Anyone who can help please get in touch with either Mrs. Kolves or Mrs. Lotz.

Don Waddington is stage manager.

FISHING SEASON GOING STRONG

The barracuda are practically undermining the M & S according to local fishermen who have been catching them from the Boat House on down the river.

PUNCH regrets that our G M has been so busy that he hasn't had much chance to go fishing yet this season. Among the most ardent fishermen are Berquist, Gratz, and Steen. Ruth Hogue seems to be leading the ladies with a 50 pound haul of barracuda and one grouper last Sunday afternoon.

JOTTINGS FROM MY NOTE BOOK

BY "Guess Who"

We understand that Jeff Scobie used a blowtorch to get rid of that growth which he wore to the Harmattan Party.

There still seem to be some golfers out here who think the term "follow through" means hurling the golf club as far as they can after the ball.

Definitions:

Secret - Something a woman thinks is too good to keep.

Gossiper - One who gets her best stuff from somebody else who promised to keep it a secret.

Mongrel - Offspring of parents who had a flippant attitude toward life.

Echo - The only thing that ever cheated a woman out of the last word.

Social tact - Making your company feel at home even though you wish they were.

Geneology - Tracing yourself back to people better than you are.

Efficiency expert - A man who thinks he can improve on the Ten Commandments by cutting them down to 5 or 6.

A scientist has stated than man runs faster than woman. But it is astounding the number of men who don't take advantage of this natural gift. (Ed. "Do you mean when the woman is in front or behind?")

The superior man can find himself in no situation in which he is not master of himself. (Ed. "The superior man probably wouldn't get in situations.")

Robertshaw - "We'll all go home together after the war."

More later.

OUR GARDEN PAGE

Edited by Joe Ferrante

Propagation of Shrubs and Trees by Cuttings.

This is with the exception of seeds, the commonest method of propagation and has the advantage of reproducing the same characteristics of the parent plant; whereas, this is not always true of plants perpetuated from seed. In the tropics a large number of plants and trees may be readily propagated by cuttings provided these are inserted in damp soil during the rainy season.

For successful propagation by cuttings the few following suggestions should prove very helpful:

1. Use firm and mature one year old wood for cutting material.

2. A suitable rooting medium composed of a light porous sandy soil, or fine wet sand only.

3. If possible, a higher humidity and temperature than those in which the plant normally grows.

Cuttings should have the soil pressed firmly around them. It is believed that cuttings will strike root much more quickly if they are inserted in the ground at an angle. The explanation being that the cutting is more firmly fixed in the ground, and that there is less evaporation of moisture from the buried end.

The end of the shoot to be in the ground should be cut across with a clean slanting cut through or just below a node or leaf bud (node--the part of a stem from which arises a leaf or a whorl of leaves Three or four nodes should be under the soil when planted. The above ground part of the shoot should be cut between two nodes. The cutting should have a least two nodes exposed above ground.

The best size for a cutting depends upon the nature of the plant. If the nodes are relatively close together the proper size of the cutting should average between eight to ten inches while on the other hand if the nodes are far apart the cutting may very from twelve to twenty inches in length.

Some cuttings become established better at one season than another, and the most suitable period can only be ascertained by trial. Generallyspeaking, however, cuttings will strike best at the commencement of their active growing season.

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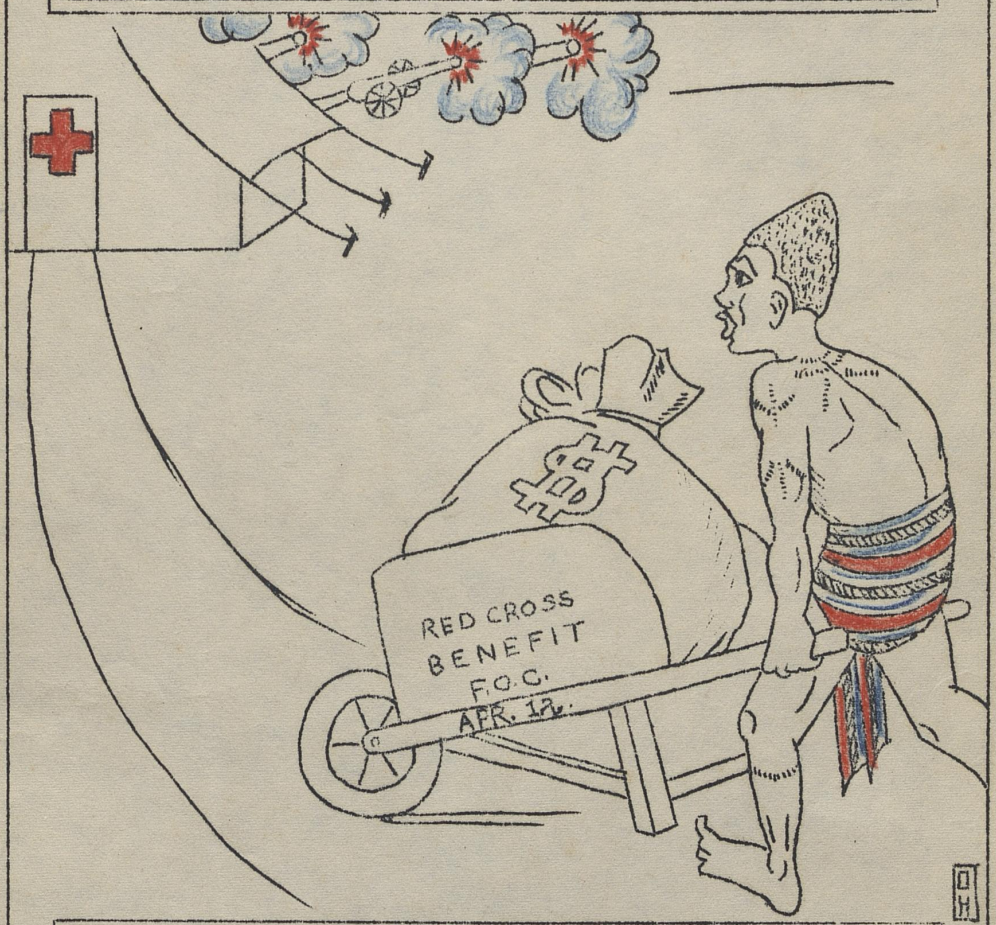

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

RED CROSS BENEFIT PARTY ON APRIL 12

One of the best parties of the year will be held at the Big Club on Saturday night, April 12th. All proceeds from it will be turned over to the Red Cross, the great international relief organization with which everybody is familiar.

The Central Committee of F. O. C. is hard at work on plans. A circular will be in the mail the week of the party giving all the details. Watch for it.

The chief prerequisite for the party is to bring all the money that you feel able todonate to the Red Cross. You'll be provided a pleasant way to part with it.

The Dutch members of the Plantations staff are donating a fine radio which will be raffled during the evening...proceeds of course to go to the Red Cross.

Watch for the notice giving the details.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Women's Club will meet at the Small Club at 3:30 p. m. on Wed., April 16th, according to Ottilie Holm, secretary. All women on the Plantations are cordially invited to attend.

See you at the One Act Plays.

CAPTAINS TELL OF STORM

Captain Benjamin Bogdan of the SS West Kebar, and Captain Dwight A. Smith of the SS Otho both had very interesting stories to tell of the big storm their respective ships weathered on their way homeward in January.

Captain Bogdan, unable to come ashore two weeks ago while at Marshall, sent a pile of newspaper clippings to PUNCH'S editor who thoroughly enjoyed reading them. The clippings contained photos of the Tengwalls who were aboard the Kebar, and shots of the ship and crew.....incidentally Captain Bogdan takes a fine photograph.

Captain Smith took a number of photographs during the storm. Copies of these were eagerly viewed when the Captain had them up at the Club. Some of Captain Smith's shots were used by International New Service. We'll probably see them if our newspapers ever show up.

Captains Bogdan and Smith certainly are to be congratulated on their splendid seamanship in weathering a storm which was really terrific.

WELCOME TO NEW ARRIVALS

PUNCH takes this opportunity to say "Hello" to all new arrivals of the past few weeks. This goes for old timers coming back as well as first contract people. PUNCH will be seeing you twice a month....we hope.

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PLAYS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5

The two one act plays now being rehearsed by our Little Theatre group will be presented at the big Club on Saturday night, April 5th, at 9:00 P. M., according to the coaches, Phyl Kolves and Marguerite Lotz.

These plays are being eagerly awaited by all staff members since the notable success of the first play, THE BRIDE WORE RED PAJAMAS. Entertainment is being provided for the intermission between the two plays.

One of the plays to be presented is THE REEFER MAN. The other is called THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW.

RADIO FOR SALE

Jim Wilson has an almost new RCA radio for sale. This set is less than four months old, and can be purchased at a substantial discount. See Jim if you're interested. The price is 18 pounds.

Don't forget the Red Cross Benefit.

March 24,1941

Editor, PLANTER'S PUNCH
Harbel, Liberia

Dear Editor:

We hope you will see fit to publish this letter. Somebody has to make a start in these lines and we have elected to do it.

First, there's the matter of leopard skins. Three years ago a pound sterling was the absolute top price for a prime skin. Now, certain members of the staff are paying 3 pounds for a skin.

It is not our intention to try to tell anyone how to spendhis money, but we wish to point out that in off seasons prime, matched leopard skins can be bought at the wholesale fur markets around 31st and 7th Avenue, N.Y.C. for very little more than 3 pounds sterling.

In view of this, it would seem that 1 pound 10 shillings would be a fair price to set here on the Plantations for the best leopard skins. They should be graded down from this according to condition.

If all staff members will agree to abide by this, we predict that just as many skins will be offered for sale at 1 pound 10 as at 3 pounds....primarily because the people selling them know that 1 pound 10 is still a good big price for a prime skin.

How about some cooperation along this line.

That you for this space.

THREE OLD TIMERS

FACTS AND FICTION

By a Bush Tripper

Ed. Note - Peg Wilson, Kay Hines, Gladys Tandy, Louise Robertshaw, and Kay Auth have just returned from an eventful trip to Cape Mount. We hope to get the whole story someday.

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Original MS written on Scott Tissue while riding in a hammock, Mar. 27, 1941.....introducing to Chief Eagle Beak of the Pe-Hi Indians five little Indian princesses, names ranging from "Rain In The Face In A Palaver Kitchen At Midnight" to "Sore From Top to Bottom And Mostly Bottom."

We wish to thank all of the Firestone Staff for cooperating with us and speeding us on our journey. We'll thank the Editor of PUNCH too if he publishes this.

We learned than Palaver Sauce is good for the goose as well as the gander. Who's a goose anyway?

Riding in a hammock is an excellent soporific except when the hammock boys break into a run. Then you think you're on a galloping horse.

If you're interested in a bush trip, girls, reserve a bed at the hospital before going and be sure to get plenty of medicine. There were 53 aches and pains every night as there were 53 in our party.

We have learned that Mohommedans pray before sun-up and after sun down. Very interesting when one is sleepy.

Yaquire (phonetic) means "Good Morning" in Vai.

There is a peculiar legend about Fisherman's Lake near Cape Mount. It seems that if one points to an object, that person will never reach his destination. It took us 9 hours in the blazing sun as punshiment for pointing to cross the lake.

Since most boats have stopped calling at Cape Mount (because of the war) the salt of the sea is now becoming the salt of the earth. The people there are reclaiming salt from sea water.

It is thrilling to be entertained by a group of men and women singing negro spirituals. "Steal Away" was the piece de resistance.

The small Vai girls can give us a few additional verses to "Old McDonald Had A Farm", one of our favorite Sunday night songs at the Club.

To be continued next issue....we hope.

Ed. Note - So do we.

JOTTINGS FROM MY NOTE BOOK

By "Guess Who"

Here's a little advice -

A DRINK WON'T HURT YOU IF

1. It isn't an everyday necessity.
2. You're with congenial people who know when to stop.
3. You don't gulp it down in a flash.
4. You've just eaten something. (Food soaks up alcohol like a sponge and releases it gradually so that absorbtion is slower.
5. You're tied up in knots mentally and need to relax.
6. You don't take it neat.
7. The drinks are on you.
8. You aren't in a quarrelsome mood.

REFUSE THAT LAST DRINK IF

1. You're still feeling marvelous.
2. You're not sure how the drink will affect you.
3. You find that a sentence takes careful manipulation.
4. You start taking exaggerated precautions not to trip over things.
5. You have to get up early the next day.
6. You start playing up to someone else's property.
7. You find yourself getting personal.
8. Your husband or wife begins to look at you in a thoughtful manner.

"Dear me," said the absent-minded professor, as he stood knee-deep in the bathtub, "What did I get in here for?"

"Miss Smith" said the dentist to his secretary as he left for the golf course, "if anyone calls, please tell him I have eighteen cavities to fill this afternoon."

See you at the one act plays, April 5, 1941.

More later.

THE KPWESSI LANGUAGE

by Si Johnson.

This squib isn't written with the purpose of teaching Kpwessi. There isn't much sense in our learning Kpwessi. The house boys don't understand it as a rule, most skilled labor speaks some English, and the field labor speaks half a dozen dialects and is best handled through headmen and overseers. But the language is not without interest

Kpwessi is one of the hundreds of Bantu languages, so called because they are spoken by the various tribes of the Bantu race, stretching across Africa from coast to coast. Each distinct language usually has several dialects and closely related languages which probably had a common root. Buzi and Gbandi are so nearly like Kpwessi that they may be understood after a little practice by anyone speaking Kpwessi fluently. Mano, Gio, and Mendi are also related languages, though considerably different. The different Bantu languages cannot be said to be as closely related as the romance languages of Europe, yet they all have certain characteristics in common. They are all tone languages, though some much more than others. That is, one word will have several distinct meanings, depending on whether it is spoken in high, medium, or low tone. In some cases there are as many as five tones. In English we have a number of cases in which words pronounced alike have a different meaning without even tone differentiation, but usually they are not the same part of speech and only one meaning is applicable in any one instance.

Generally, Bantu vocabularies consist primarily of nouns, pronouns, and verbs. Adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, and articles either play a very minor role or do not exist at all. Other characteristics of Bantu languages are th grouping of all nouns into classes with separate rules forhandling each class, the repetition after a noun of the corresponding personal pronoun, and the complete absence of gender.

Kpwessi seems to be a typical case. There are four tonal distinctions, a high, a low, a rising, and a falling. While these are very definite, they are seldom absolutely necessary for the distinction of nouns. Only in the tenses of verbs are the tones essential. "Ka pa" means you came, you have come, you may come, or you must come, depending on the relative pitch of the words.

It is frequently difficult to translate accurately from one language to the other except by clumsy makeshift because of the different cultures which English and Kpwessi serve. The Kpwessi vocabulary has two distinct words for brother, depending upon whether it is a younger or an older brother, but they make no distinction between to want, to wish, to like and to love. It is also difficult to make Kpwessi tenses correspond exactly to English ones, but roughly, they have tense forms

THE KPWESSI LANGUAGE (Continued)

similar in meaning to I go or I am going, I was going, I went, I shall go, I had gone, and I may go. They also have a form expressing habitual action, i.e. I used to go. There are also apparently some tense forms with shades of meaning which English is unable to distinguish.

There are three groups or classes of nouns in Kpessi, There are no articles but each noun has a definite and an indefinite form. To make the definite form, nouns of classes one and two change the initial letter of the indefinite form and add an i to the end of the word. For example, lowo means a bush, Ndowoi means the bush. Wulu is any tree, ngului means the tree. Ta is a town, Dai is the town. Class three nouns simply add the i.

For prepositions, Kpwessi uses nouns denoting space, but they use them much like we use prepositions. For instance, "su" means an interior. "Nyai su", which is a genetive form literally meaning "the water's interior" is used for "in the water". From "pol", a noun meaning the back side, they get belei pol for "behind the house" and yuo pol for "beyond the sea".

The arrangement of words is slightly different than in English. The object comes before the verb and a personal pronoun always follows immediately after a noun. (Gender is entirely ignored through out the language. The one letter word "e" expresses he, she, or it. So to say "The woman saw a leopard", Kpwessi people actually say, "The woman she a leopard saw.")

In many Bantu languages, adjectives are replaced by nouns of quality. That is, instead of saying the man is tall, they say the man has length. In Kpwessi they seem to use a type of word which must be called a descriptive verb. There are words which are handled exactly like verbs and must mean "to be red" "to be big", etc. Consequently, there is no such thing as comparative form. The verb "to surpass" is used and one thing surpasses another in beauty, size, age or difficulty.

There are also no adverbs. Little phrases are made up from a descriptive noun preceded by a form of the verb "to be", or one of the descriptive verbs is used and slipped into a sentence to show the manner in which a thing was done. When translating into English this little phrase can usually be expressed very nicely by one of our adverbs but it is by no means a literal translation.

In common with all Bantu languages, Kpwessi can make a noun from any verb. Such verbal nouns are constantly used and are made at will. They constantly speak of a running, a playing, an eating, a sleeping, a killing, a pouring, a growing, etc. In Kpwessi "nu" means a man.

THE KPWESSI LANGUAGE (Continued)

Placed as a suffix on the end of a verb it creates a noun meaning a person who does that action. For example, Ti is a farm; ke means to do or to make; tikenu is a laborer; sa means to die; sanu is a dead person; polnu, or literally "a backside man" is a follower; ya is water. To hunt is kpe. Yakpenu is a fisherman. (note for Peterson - kpe also means to chase or drive away.)

The primary numbers are based on five, but ten is also used. The Kpwessis count one, two, three, four, five, five on one, five on two, five on three, five on four, ten. Sixteen is ten plus five on one. Eighty-eight is five on three tens plus five on three. Numbers come after the nouns they modify and the noun preceding a numeral is singular. Instead of saying "six men" a Kpwessi says "man five on one".

On the whole Kpwessi seems to be an accurate, expressive language, adequate for the job it has to do. There is nothing particularly difficult about it, except that the prefixes and suffixes keep altering the words so much that original stem is often hard to recognize. Also, you can't think in English and speak Kpwessi at the same time.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The credit for big game hunting on the Plantation goes to Mike Polli who, on Monday, March 31st, killed a bush cow which, we understand, weighed approximately 800 to 1,000 pounds.

The rumors have it that this is the first bush cow ever shot and killed on the Plantation. Several have been shot but were able to return to the bush and consequently found later by the natives.

It was unfortunate that a native boy was killed. However, we would also consider it fortunate for the other two boys who were trapped but who were saved by Mike's killing the bush cow.

The carcass, skin and head are at the Trading Company for anyone wishing to see them.

NAUTICAL NOTES

The WEST HUMHAW is due Monrovia Thursday, April 3. On board are Miss Mary Jane Jarnagin (soon to be Mrs. Mayer), Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks (to help Steck at the U.S.T.C.), Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ball (steelworker) and Mr. John C. Price (relief for Neville at the U.S.L.R.).

The ZAREMBO sailed from New York on March 27th. Passengers include Mr. and Mrs. Dave Soper, Mr. and Mrs. Foley, Mr. and Mrs. VanKeuren (Diesel operator), Edward Turocy, (garage mechanic), Howard Nelson, (a new addition to the Accounting Department) and our good friend "Vi" Vipond

SS WEST KEBAR tentatively due Marshall April 16th to 18th, bound homeward.

SPORTS BY ROSS WILSON

TENNIS IN MONROVIA

Lots of ffun (one f, as in the program is silent) was had by all the folks who participated in the week-end at Monrovia March 16th, when the Romping Rubber Workers scored another grand slam over the City Slickers.

Pallant and Auth smothered Blowers and Miller 6-4, 6-3. Bob Hines and Doc Murray had slightly more trouble disposing of Murdoch and Pilot, and Peter Farley and Schumaker won easily from Miss Rauth and Art Hart, who had a bad ankle. His opponents played everything to his weak side. (We don't remember which side that was.)

We have heard no rumors of a return match.

Bob Brown was awarded the President's Trophy at the club Sunday night, and was down at Harbel Monday morning trying to borrow a chisel to cut his name on it.

Golf Story of the Week:-

N.Kingsley-Pallant (In gully on Number 9 hole): Boy, show me the direction of the green.

Boy (moving into line): Here, boss.

(N.K-P. swings, and ball dives 20 feet away into rough. Boy comes down into gully to help hunt ball, which is soon found.)

N.Kingsley: Boy, go up and show me the green.

Boy (wearily): Boss, he never move. He live same place.

BASEBALL

After the miserable performance at the Research March 23rd, the unanimous opinion of spectators and players is that baseball must be given the needle. This column, emulating Dr. Watson, offers the following lineup for the game to be played Sunday, April 6th.

Single Men: Brown, Scobie, Black, Fredrickson, Waddington, Woelfel, Polli, Mayer (for a little while yet), Schmaltz, Kline, Littell, Herman, Clark, Warden.

Married Men: Chancellor, Copeland, Auth, McClelland, Allison, Lotz, Wilson, Peterson, Murray, Hines, Brockett, Baar, Kolke, Marconi, Dauksch, and any others whose wives will let them come out.

We're laying only one bet for this game - two red chips to a pink one that there will be more spectators than players at game time.

GOLF

32 players toured the course last Sunday in a blind bogey tournament. Low gross scores of 41 were posted by Kolves and Schumaker, but the prize was split three ways among Woelfel, Schmaltz, and Copeland who netted 37 each.

FOR SALE

1 - three-burner gasoline stove complete with oven and spare parts - £5/-

1 - Helmet (like new) Size 7¼ - 19 shillings.

Also - miscellaneous photo supplies and odds and ends of household goods. - Neville

OUR GARDEN PAGE

Edited by Joe Ferrante

FLOWERS AND THEIR NOMENCLATURE

Several flowers and climbers have been mis-named on the plantation and in a few short paragraphs an attempt will be made to point out the differences between the various shrubs and vines.

The "African Violet" is a pot plant which grows to a height of six inches. It has cordate shaped leaves which are both hairy and fleshy. The flowers are a dark blue color, while the vine Thunbergia gradiflora which has been called the "African Violet" does not have any of the above charactoristics. Thunbergia grandiflora is a quick growing climber and the flowers are a pale blue to a mauve color. This vine can be found growing at the houses of Mrs. Helm and Mrs. Hines.

Antigonon Leptopus or "Honolulu Creeper" which can be found growing at the houses of Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Godley is properly called "Corallita". This vine is native of Mexico and has bright pink flowers. It's numerous tendrils makes it very suitable for abours and pergolas.

"Rangoon Creeper" or Quisqualis is another vine which has been called by such names as "Heart of Man" or "Bleeding Heart". Quisqualis is a semi-climbing shrub. The flowers are a pale pink to a deep crimson, in dropping clusters. If you are unacquainted with this bush, a trip to Mr. Knowles residence should familiarize one with this shrub.

"Moonflower", Ipomoea Bona-Nox, is one vine which has been properly termed and is well known over the plantation. Bona-Nox is a perennial climber with very large pure white flowers which open late in the evening and close early the following morning. The fleshy calyces are often used as a vegetable forcurries and soups. Bona-Nox is easily propagated by seeds or cuttings.

Haemanthus multiflorus is a native of tropical Africa. The scarlet flower is made up of a number of flowerlets which creates the impression of a puff ball. The stem is a light green color and speckled with dark pink to red spots. A most interesting peculiarity of Haemanthus is that at one time of the year it produces only the flower and lacks foliage entirely. When the flower is starting to wither the plant shoots up leaves. This flower can be found growing in the bush. Specimens of Haemanthus can be found in bloom at the House of Mrs. Hines and Mrs. Holves.

HOW ABOUT A BIG SMILE?

Dr. Murray - "How's the boy who swallowed the two shilling piece?"

Dr. Kinderman - "No change yet."

Jens Steen - "Neils, have you realized any of your chilhood hopes yet?"

Iversen - "Yes. When my mother used to comb my hair I often wished I didn't have any."

Customer - "Do you sell diseased meat here?"

Steckhan - "Worse than that."

Customer - "Heavens. How can that be possible?"

Steckhan - (confidentially) "The meat I sell is dead --- absolutely dead."

George Hart - "Doctor, can you cure me of snoring? I snore so loud I wake myself up."

Dr. Campbell - "Well, in that case, I would certainly advise you to sleep in another room".

Captain Bogdan - "You aren't getting seasick are you, Chancellor?"

The Kentucky Flash - "No, Captain, but I'd sure hate to yawn right now."

"If I take take this castor oil, do you think I'll be well enough to get up in the morning?"

"Yes ----- long before morning probably."

Lady Macbeth - "Have I told you about my apparition?"

Then there's the one about the physician who called his estate Bedside Manor.

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB
FINANCIAL CONDITION
Feb. 28, 1941

A S S E T S

Cash on Hand			Nil
Cash in Bank		£	130-13- 9
Beverage Inventories:			104-16-11½
Main Club	£ 99- 7- 9		
Div. 4 Club	5- 9- 2½		
Food Inventories:			20-16- 2
Main Club	16-11-11		
Div. 4 Club	4- 4- 3		
Accounts Receivable			40- 0- 6
Prepaid Wages			1-16- 6
		£	298- 3-10½

L I A B I L I T I E S

Accounts Payable		Nil
Coupon Books Out	£	28-10- 1
Profit This Year - Seven Months		10-11
Surplus		269- 2-10½
	£	298- 3-10½

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
7 MONTHS ENDING FEB. 28, 1941

	February	Seven Months	Total
Sales of Beverages	£	£	£ 799- 8- 0
Main Club	68-11- 8	654- 3- 3	
Div. 4 Club	16-17- 4	145- 4- 9	
Sales of Food			101-18- 6
Main Club	28- 5- 9	94- 5- 4	
Div. 4 Club	1-15- 0	7-15- 2	
Other Income			47- 4-11
Main Club	6- 0- 5	15-19- 2	
Div. 4 Club			
Pool	3- 3	24-17- 0	
Library	-	6- 8- 9	
Total Operating Income	£ 121-15- 5		£ 948-11- 5
Cost of Beverage Sales			£ 666-19- 1
Main Club	£ 52- 3- 4	£ 577-19-5½	
Div. 4 Club	24-11- 0½	88-19-7½	
Cost of Food Sales			111-13- 9
Main Club	27-19-11½	99-14-10	
Div. 4 Club	4-10- 5	11-18-11	
Cost of Other Income			6-12- 3½
Pool	6-12- 3½	6-12- 3½	
Total Cost of Sales	£ 115-17- 0½		£ 785- 5- 1½
Gross Operating Profit	£ 5-16- 4½	£	£ 163- 6- 3½
Less: Operating Expense			314-11- 0½
Main Club	35- 6- 0½	308-18-11½	
Div. 4 Club	2- 5- 9	5-12- 1	
	37- 9- 9½	314-11- 0½	
Operating Loss	31-15- 5		151- 4- 9
Add F. P. Co. Contributions	21- 0-10		151-15- 8
Net Profit or Loss	£ 10-12- 7 Loss		£ 0-10-11

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance per Bank, Feb. 25, 1941			£ 215- 3- 1
Deposits in Transit	85- 5-10		
	15- 9- 1		100-14-11
			315-18- 0

Less Checks Outstanding:

18562	5- 0	23952	2- 0- 0	23957	1-10-0	
18568	2- 0- 0	23953	2- 0- 0	23958	6- 6-0	
18570	19-12- 0	23954	9- 0	23959	8-14-11	
18573	1- 1- 6	23955	2- 1- 0	23960	10- 0-0	
18575	40-15- 9	23956	2- 1- 8	23961	95- 7-5	189- 4-3
						£ 126-13-9
Add N.S.F. Chekes in Dispute						4- 0-0
Balance per Club Books						£ 130-13- 9

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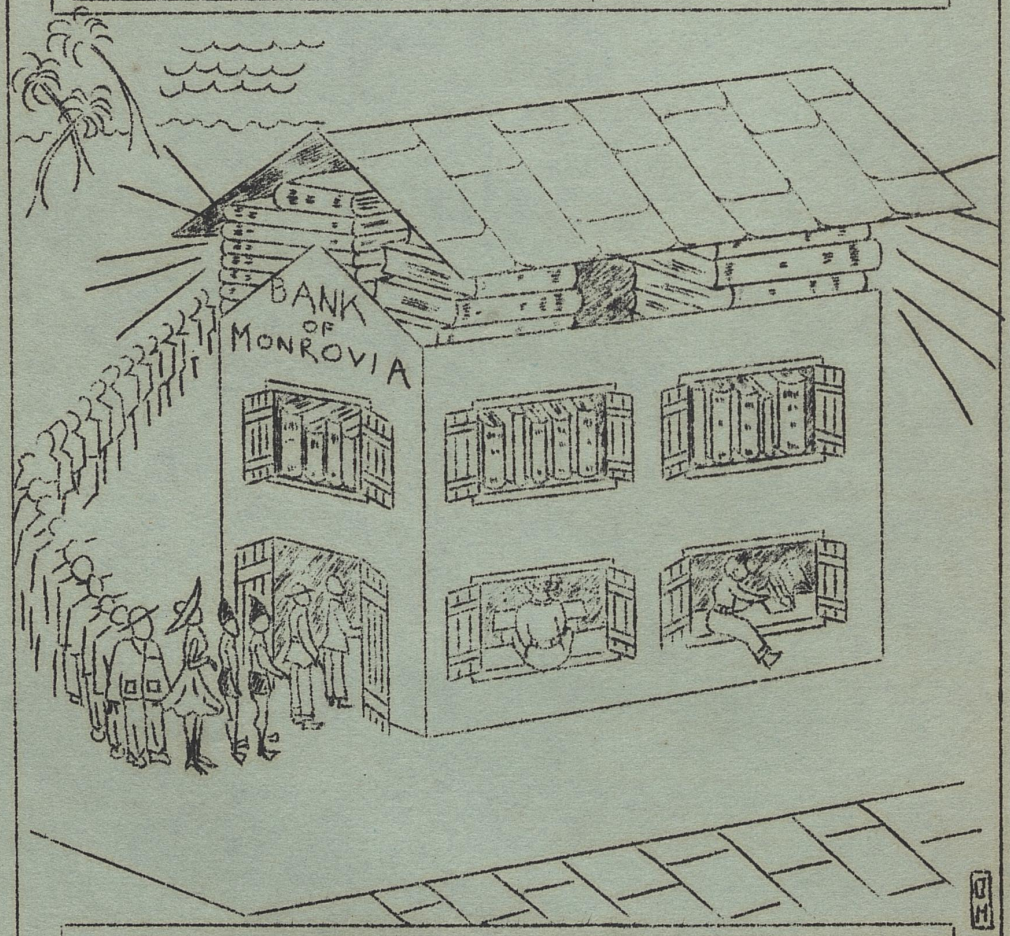

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

MARY JANE JARNIGAN AND MERL MAYER MARRIED FRIDAY

Miss Mary Jane Jarnigan and Mr. Merl G. Mayer were married at the Bank House, Monrovia, at 6:00 p. m. Friday. The only witnesses were Miss Gwenn Routh and Mr. A. A. Hart, Jr.

After the wedding supper a champagne toast was drunk to the bride on the terrace of the British Legation (incidentally, in brilliant, tropical moonlight).

On Sunday evening the bride and groom received the Plantations staff at a very pleasant reception at the Big Club.

PLANTER'S PUNCH joins in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Mayer a long and happy married life.

According to PUNCH'S reporter, the most nervous person at the wedding was Art Hart. It is likely that he will be more so when Medical Department informs him that weddings are contagious.

PICTURES ON SALE

Anyone desiring to obtain copies of the splendid photographs taken by N. Kinglsey-Pallant of the sets and casts of the two one act plays can do so by ordering from him before May 1st.

Single pictures will cost 25 cents, but the full set may be purchased for one dollar.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who hath never turned his head and said, "Hmmm, not bad."

RED CROSS PARTY A SUCCESS

Despite the absence of quite a number of the Plantations staff the Red Cross Benefit Party, April 12th (and 13th) was highly successful.

A hurried count of the receipts before PUNCH went to press revealed that $641.20 was on hand to be turned over to the Red Cross. This sum will be increased as checks are now coming in from some of those who did not attend the party. It is hoped that all absentees will respond in a like manner.

In round figures, the raffle brought in 57 Pounds, the auction 60 pounds, the Wheel of Fortune 30 pounds, and the blackjack game 12 pounds.

TEA DANCE SUNDAY, APRIL 20

There will be a tea dance at the Big Club on Sunday afternoon at 4:30. Reservations should be made with Charlie Baar, Mike Polli, or Gene Manis by Saturday morning.

The price is three shillings per person. Come out and help start this new form of party.

PUNCH WELCOMES NEW ARRIVALS

PLANTER'S PUNCH wishes to take this opportunity to welcome to the Plantations Mrs. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ball, and Mr. John C. Price. We hope some of you will give us a hand with this little magazine.

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"PLANTER'S PUNCH"

The Voice of the Firestone Overseas Club in Liberia -

Editor.....Dook Hogue
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Art.....Ottilie Helm
Secretary.....Betty McClelland
Features.....Guess Who
Joe Ferrante
Babs Copeland
A.A.Hart, Jr.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

Folks, the situation is serious. We don't like to keep plugging away at you, but, after all, this little magazine isn't the editor's or the associate editor's, or any one person's ---- it belongs to all of us.

The SS OTHO will carry away two of PUNCH'S three remaining loyal contributors, Babs Copeland and Si Johnson. If some of you don't stir yourselves after they leave and send in something, this rag just ain't goin' a be no more.

The ed, the associate ed, and the sports ed do not have the time nor the intention of writing a 10 page mag every two weeks to grace the local mail bags. We are going to try a couple of more issues. If PUNCH doesn't have some contributors by then, there'll be a little black rimmed notice go out with an epitaph something like this:

HERE LIES PUNCH
"While this magazine is buried, it's not half as dead as some of its late readers------"

ELECTIONS DRAWING NEAR

The election of officers of the F. O. C. for the year beginning July 1st will be held early in June. Nominating conventions, similar to last year, will be held toward the end of May, according to L. A. Peterson, F. O. C. president.

The positions of president, secretary, and treasurer are to be filled as well as the chairmanships of the house, entertainment, sports, and finance committees.

G. M. EXPECTED BACK SOON

Mr. and Mrs. Seybold, Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, N. E. Zachariah, and A. O. Halldorson are expected in from Cape Palmas about Saturday on the Kebar. Mr. Halldorson, manager of the Cavalla group, is headed homeward on leave.

DINNER DANCE APRIL 26TH

There will be another of those jolly dinner dances at the Big Club on Saturday evening, April 26th. The usual charge of 5 shillings per plate will be in force.

Make your reservations early with Charlie Baar, Mike Polli, Gene Manis, or L. A. Peterson. The coupon below is for your convenience.

F. O. C. CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Please reserve _____ plate (s) for me.

Signed_____

HOW ABOUT A SMILE?

Ritter - "They say meat eaters are more active as a rule than vegetarians."

Ziegler - "They gotta be to get the meat to eat."

Local Missy - "It may coast money to keep my knives sharp, but it's cheaper than buying tender meat.

Dorothy Baar - "Do you think a girl should learn about life before twenty?"

Fisher - "I should say not. That's too large an audience."

Secretary Swain - "Mr. Hall, is water works all one word or do you spell it with a hydrant in the middle?"

A college professor declares that, contrary to scientific opinion, the interior of the earth is not so hot. In our unscientific opinion the same thing is true of the exterior.

At great risk the valiant knight had rescued the fair maiden and, now, he was holding her in his arms.
She: "Listen, Big Boy, you're not holding me for ransom, are you?"
Knight: "Not me. Let Ransom get his own women."

Be sure to ask Dr. Kinderman for his Carnation Milk story.

Farley - "What did the undertaker say when the coffin fell out of the hearse?"

Peter - "He probably said, "We'll have to rehearse that".

Red Copeland - "Golf is pie for me."

Norton - "I think so. That's the third slice in four strokes."

Mrs. Neville - "Oh, the babies can walk."
Neville - "Good. Now they can walk the floor by themselves at night."

NAUTICAL NOTES

The SS ZAPEMBO is due Monrovia on Thursday of this week. PUNCH extends a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Soper, Mr. and Mrs. Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Van Keuren and Messrs. Turocy, Nelson, and our old friend "Vi" Vipond.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Latest radio advice states the SS WEST KEBAR is due Marshall Saturday of this week and the SS OTHO due Monrovia on Sunday, April 20.

The KEBAR loaded about 400 tons of rubber at Cape Palmas and will load an additional 800 tons at Marshall. She will clear Marshall about Tuesday of next week.

Radio from Akron just received says the SS CATHLAMET sailed from New York on Saturday, April 12th. The following passengers are on board:

Mr. and Mrs. Hagerty; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Meyer, and Messrs. Eric Kilian and Charles Meyer.

Mr. Spangler is a junior planter, Mr. Howard Meyer will join the accounting staff and Mr. Charles Meyer will have charge of the vegetable garden, live stock and poultry farm.

Mr. Larry Martine, popular Purser aboard the WEST KEBAR will be the week-end guest of Schmalz and Matthews.

Advice from Akron states that the SS WEST LASHAWAY will probably sail from New York on April 24th.

NEW AMERICAN LEGATION OPENED

At an official reception, the up-to-date, pretentious new American Legation Building at Mamba Point, Monrovia, was formally opened on Monday, March 31st. The American Minister, Mr. Walton, in an address, referred to the building with pride as the most modernly constructed on the West African Coast.

It is built of reinforced concrete and cement blocks and has its own electric power plant, water plant and inter-office telephone system. It was erected at an approximate cost of $100,000.00. Two staff houses are now under construction adjacent to the Legation.

AMERICAN PASSPORT REGULATIONS

Many staff members have already received their new style American passports. However, in a communication just received from the American Legation, the following should be carefully noted:

1. Every American citizen must have his passport replaced in accordance with new regulations.

2. If your present passport has expired, or will soon expire, it must be renewed before it can be replaced with the new style passport. This is of extreme importance to persons soon to go on leave.

The American Legation is presently out of passport application forms but due notice will be given when the forms are received and when the Legation is ready to resume issuance of replacement passports.

Patter --
The District of Columbia is a territory bounded on all sides by the United States of America.

JOTTINGS FROM MY NOTE-BOOK

By "Guess Who"

"Bush Cow" Polli has really made our big game hunters envious, and already some of them are oiling their guns, getting lights ready, etc. to try to wrest the laurels from Mike. Bush cows are not easy to kill and are dangerous if wounded. A famous bush cow hunt at Cavalla will long be remembered by Fred Helm, Red Copeland, and Ross Wilson. Ross shot four times at six bush cows and was so excited he missed all four shots. It was fun tho' and we enjoyed the story which happens to be true.

Mary had a little dress,
Dainty, chic, and airy.
It didn't show the dirt a bit,
But, Lord, how it showed Mary.

New members of the staff, arriving here from the States, say they are informed in Akron that they can purchase rugs, dishes, etc. in Monrovia. Have a heart, Akron, There haven't been any decent dishes or rugs in Monrovia for months. It's all the stores can do there to get food items.

He who tells you your faults is a teacher; he who praises your virtues does you harm.

Babs Copeland was in the USTC last week with young Murray Patrick when one of the more recent arrivals stopped to peek-a-boo at him.
"A fine youngster," said the lady. "I hope you're bringing her up to be modest, conscientious, young woman.
"Yes ," said Babs, "but I'm afraid it's going to be a big difficult as-- --".
"Oh, nonsense," advised the other. "As the twig is bent so the tree is inclined."
"I know it," agreed Babs, "but this twig seems bent on being a boy and we feel rather like letting it go at that."

Say it fast ----Queer, quacking quails quivered quickly quarreling over a quadrupled quantity of quinces.

New arrivals are asking what is the highest point that can be reached around here. We refer them to the trading company.

Every truth has its contrary: the wise man keeps to the truth; the fool to the contrary.

SWAIN NEW TREASURER

J. J. "Joe" Swain assumes his duties this month as treasurer of the Firestone Overseas Club. This position has been held in an extremely efficient manner since July 1, 1940, by M. P."Red" Copeland who is leaving for the States on the SS Otho.

Joe was appointed last month by the F. O. C. Central Committee and will serve until after club elections ---- in other words, until June 30th.

The Central Committee appreciates very greatly the splendid work done by Red, and is confident that Joe will carry on.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE SAYS THANKS

The Central Committee of the F. O. C. wishes to thank Mrs. Lotz and Mrs. Kolves for directing the two one act plays recently presented, and Stage Manager Don Waddington for the hours of hard work he put in.

The Committee also expresses its appreciation to Ottilie Helm, Peter Farley, Mickey Swain, Joan Kingsley-Pallant, Charlotte Peterson, Carl Berquist, Fred Helm, Joe Ferrante, and Merl Mayer for taking part in the plays.

It also says "thank you" to Norman Kingsley-Pallant for assisting with the entertainment as well as doing the photography, to Ruth Hogue and Ross Wilson for "Information Please" and to Bob Hines, Ed Kolke, L. A. Peterson, and others for help willingly given.

FOR SALE

1 dinner set for 9 plus extras	2- 0- 0
1 ice cube set	3- 0
1 RCA 12 tube radio table set and pick-up.	12- 0- 0
1 pressure cooker, jars extra	2- 0- 0
3 small tables, each	2- 0
1 floor lamp	1-15- 0
2 table lamps, each	3- 0
1 candelabra	10- 0
1 2 qt. ice cream freezer	9- 0
1 exposure meter	10- 0
1 Underwood typewriter model 5	13- 0- 0
1 bingo set	4- 0
1 croquet set	10- 0
1 soda siphon, bulbs extra	8- 0
1 easy chair	1- 3- 0

See F. S. "Mike" Gooch.

RECORDS WANTED

Phyl Kolves is very anxious to borrow two phonograph records; School Days, and Sidewalks of New York. If you have either of these and are willing to lend them for a worthy cause, please see Mrs. Kolves.

MOVIE SATURDAY NIGHT

The picture, "Marie Antoinette", will be shown at the Big Club on Saturday night, April 19th, at 9:00 o'clock. This is an extremely long show. Come early and make a night of it.

Don't forget to make reservations for the dinner dance, Saturday night, April 26th, with Charlie Baar, Gene Manis, Mike Polli, or L. A. Peterson.

PUNCH PRESENTS "WOOZY WEBSTER"

Absinthe - Not present.
Armistice - A precious stone.
Bacardi - Rear part of a yard on which a house is built.
Bacteria - The back of a cafeteria.
Bar- Large, hairy animal.
Bargain - The type of dog that never bites.
Bottle - A combat.
Begonia - An Elizabethan term meaning scram.
Blizzard - The inside of a fowl.
Cat - A quadruped, the legs, as usual, being at four corners.
Dust - Mud with the water squeezed out.
Drunk - The main part of a tree.
Fizz - Type of hat worn by Mandingoes.
Gin- What you drink for Bitter or worse.
Goblet - Small sailor.
Hennessey - The state where Memphis is located.
Holstein - Two half steins.
Kummel - Large animal with bumps.
Lipstick - The thing which makes the only line some women draw.
Mix - Irishmen.
Modern Girl - A vision in the evening and a sight in the morning.
Oil - English title of nobility.
Ox. - To make a request. Plural is Oxygen.
Parasite - One who goes through a revolving door on your push.
Period - A dot at the end of the sentence. Period costumes are dresses all covered with dots.
Quote - Two pints.
Rum - Singular of what a house is divided into.
Rye - Extremely sour taste.
Sherry - The kind of tree Washington chopped down.
Sulphur - To bear pain.
Tangerine - A loose leaf orange.
Tokay - Affirmative expression.
Uncanny - Without toilet.
Whiskey - What, the morning after, you wish you'd drunk water the night before instead of.

(Thanks to SKETCH)

What is double petunia?
Well, a petunia is a flower like a begonia.
A begonia is a meat like a sausage.
A sausage and battery is a crime.
Monkeys crime trees.
Trees a crowd.
A rooster crowd in the morning and made a noise.
A noise is on your face like your eyes.
The eyes are the opposite of the nays.
A horse nays; a horse has a colt.
You get a colt bad and it becomes double petunia.

Tandy

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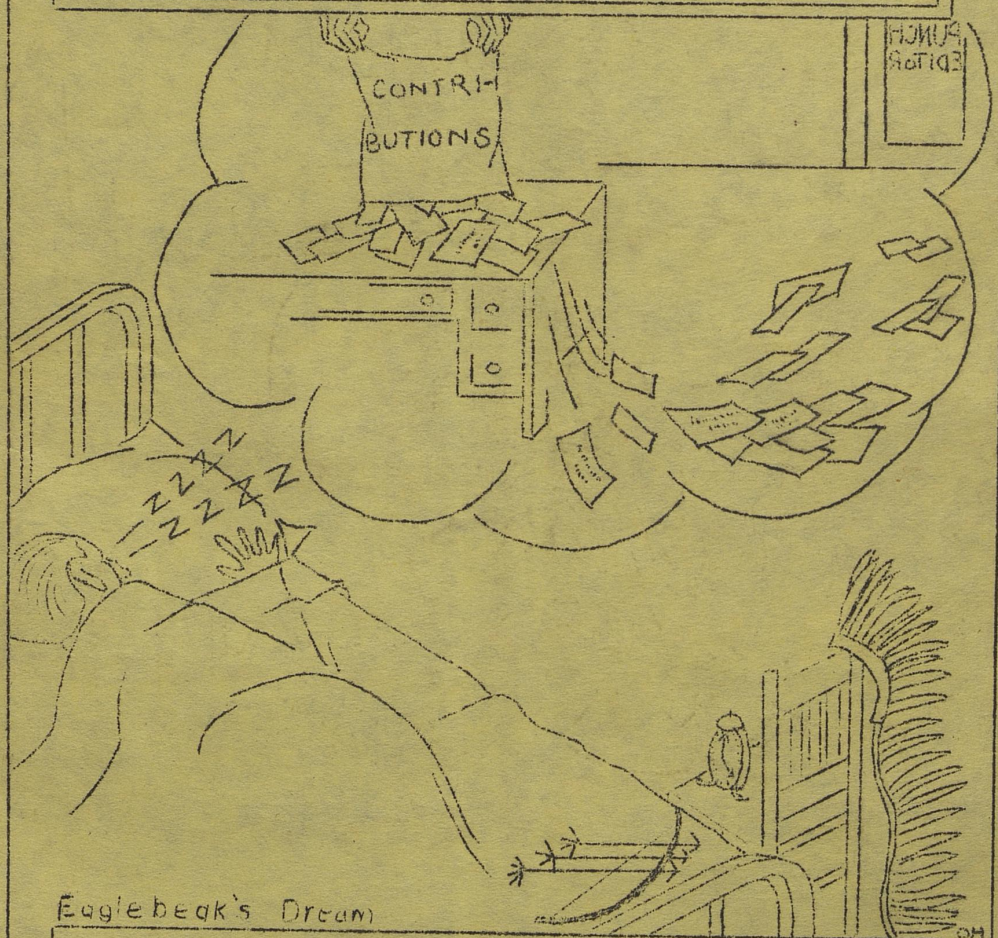

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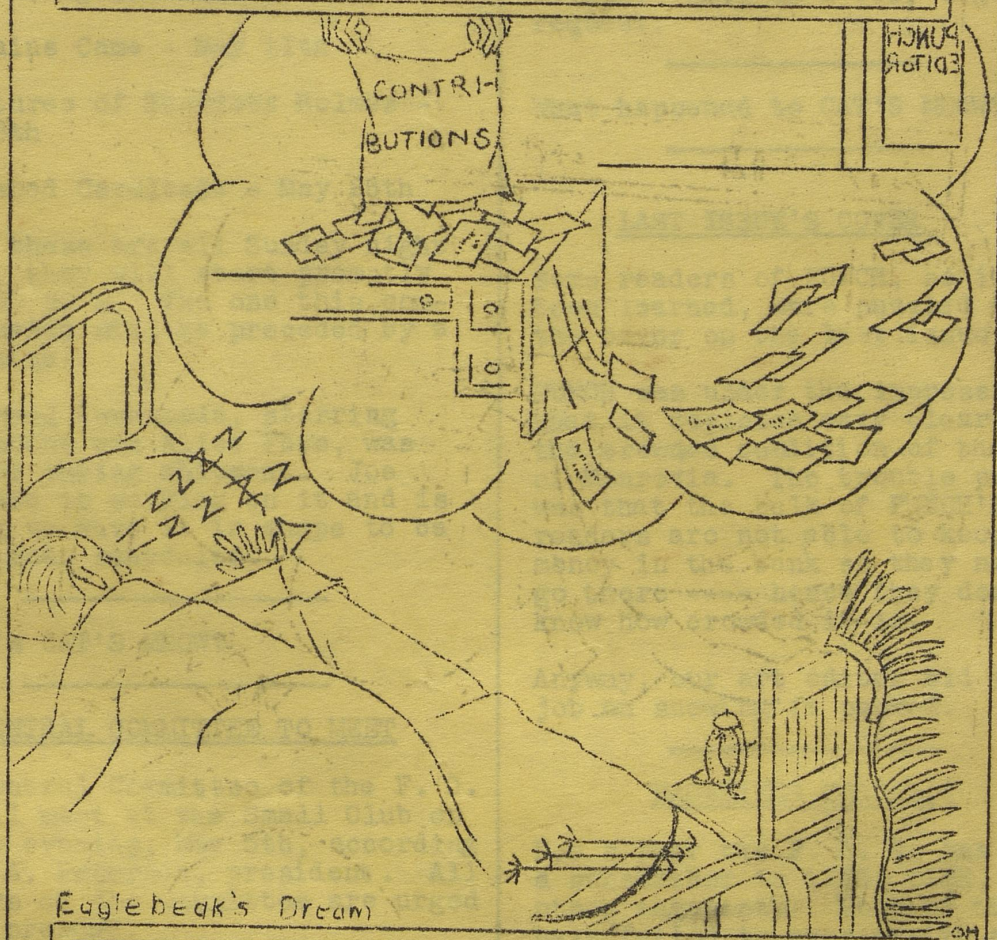

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FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

GOOD SHOWS SCHEDULED

Four excellent motion pictures are on hand and will be shown during May. The names and dates follow:

Drums Along The Mohawk - May 4th

The Rains Came - May 11th

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes - May 18th

Hollywood Cavalcade - May 25th

Since these are all Sunday night shows, they will start promptly at 7:30 p. m. The one this coming Sunday will be preceded by a ball game.

Hollywood Cavalcade, starring Don Ameche and Alice Faye, was damaged during shipment. Joe Ferrante is working on it and is hoping to have it in shape to be shown when scheduled.

Where's CAT'S MEOW?

CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Central Committee of the F. O. C. will meet at the Small Club on Monday evening, May 5th, according to L. A. Peterson, president. All members of the Committee are urged to be present.

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

Before criticising your wife's faults, remember it may have been those defects which prevented her from catching a better husband.

Borrowed from THE WOMEN.

KNITTING NEEDLES WANTED

Any persons on the Plantations having knitting needles which they would be willing to lend to a good cause please see Peg Wilson. This is a very urgent request.

What happened to CAT'S MEOW?

LAST ISSUE'S COVER

Some readers of PUNCH, so it has been learned, were puzzled over the cover on the last issue.

PUNCH was under the impression that it depicted very clearly the crowded condition of the Bank of Monrovia. The trouble probably was that the bulk of PUNCH'S readers are not able to keep any money in the bank so they never go there ---- hence they don't know how crowded it is.

Anyway, our art editor did a swell job on showing it packed.

MAGAZINES NEEDED!!

For a year the F. O. C. has been a subscriber to LIFE, TIME, and other magazines. Most of these have failed to ever arrive at the Plantations.

To avoid an expense from which Club member have received little or no benefit, it has been decided to not renew any magazine subscriptions. Members are herewith asked to donate good magazines that they have finished.

Please bring these with you the next time you come to the Club.

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

To follow up our Woozy Webster of last issue, Mr. Lowndes of P. Z. Company, Monrovia, has kindly supplied the following group of definitions. Mr. Lowndes states that these appeared in a South African paper.

Encroach - the wife of a cockroach.
Myth - female moth.
Sheep - mutton covered with wool.
Magnet - a thing you find in bad apples.
Buttress - female goat.
Gardenia - wife of a gardener.
Polygon - a dead parrot.
Papal bull. a cow kept in the Vatican garden to provide the Pope's children with milk.
Lloyd George - A Welsher, the leader of the Liberal Party. His motto is "Liberty, Equality, Maternity."
Socrates -philosopher who died from overdose of wedlock
Census taker - man who goes from house to house increasing the population.

(To be continued)

NOTE FOR DAVE SOPER

PUNCH takes this opportunity to congratulate Dave Soper on his recent marriage and to welcome him and charming Mrs. Soper to the Plantations.

FOR SALE

21 yds. curtain material - white marquisette with yellow chenille dots. 1 pound 8 shillings.
1 house coat - blue cotton - size 16 10 shillings.
5 pounds Kapok - 15 shillings.
1 pair white, crepe soled oxfords, size 6 1 pound 15 shillings.
See Mrs. Baar.

Confuscious say: Man who work in pretzel factory deal in crooked dough.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Plantations staff for its generosity.

If you don't think we didn't make good use of that check, you can just ask Mr. Steckhan!

Mary Jane and Merl Mayer

Confuscious say: Man who cross ocean twice without taking bath is dirty double-crosser.

DINNER DANCE SUCCESSFUL

The "Bush cow" dinner dance last Saturday night was thoroughly enjoyed by about 70 diners. The roast bush cow turned out to be an excellent entree.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Let me set these things down while I can still remember how they used to be. Already they seem less a memory than a dream that never happened. We sailed on any kind of ship ---- French, German, British, Dutch, or Italian. We had no trouble about our passports, and none about our visas to the foreign lands we wished to visit. There was no fear. You didn't even bother with life boat drill in those days. You simply lay and watched it lazily from your deck chair. There were no blackouts at ports where you stopped, no soldiers parading the streets, and no lights shining on a brightly painted "Old Glory" on the sides of the ship.

We came through England and France in those days. The first sight of land was unbelievable after 3000 miles of water ---- it was a sudden thrusting of cardboard scenery dead ahead. As it grew bigger you kept thinking "So that's France," or "Well, there's England". But somehow or other it wasn't quite true until you got in. The harbor scenery looked a little like Staten Island, and the swooping gulls around the ship were just like the ones at home. They screamed in the same language, sounding American.

If you were lucky, you remember, you had a few days or a week to travel in Europe before your coast boat sailed. You traveled everywhere, and you were welcome everywhere. You crossed frontiers and changed money ---- paid too much for some things because the currency was strange ---- you even had yourself a gay time in "Old Parree". I know I did.

Some of us were fortunate and spent spring in England ---- you haven't seen England ---- really ---- until you've spent spring there.

And Madiera with its wines and embroidery, never to be forgotten. Bougainvillea tumbling down the steep walls and climbing lattice work at the entrance of the picturesque, wall in, little hamlets. Houses made of pastel-colored stucco, pink and green and blue and lavender.

But all this is like a dream that never happened. Today we ride the Otho or the Kebar and see nearly 4000 miles of water. We visit nowhere. Someday, perhaps, we'll be back to those good old days. Please, war, hurry up and end.

Ed. Note - This pleasing, little article came to PUNCH anonymously. We'd be happy to know the author, and to have more reminiscences like it.

HOW ABOUT A SMILE?

Dad - "What's all this?"

Son - "Those are Mae West problems?"

Dad - "Mae West problems?"

Son - "Yeah, I done 'em wrong."

Ed. Note .... This would be fine for Information, Please.

"Can you tell me what the former ruler of Russia was called?"

"Tsar."

"Correct. And what was his wife called?"

"Tsarina."

"Right, What were their children called?"

"Tsardines."

Heredity is something a father believes in until his son starts acting like a darn fool.

"What did Columbus think about the world when he discovered America?"

"Well, he'd have been wrong if he discovered it today."

"What do you mean?"

"He thought it was round when he discovered America, but since 1929 it has been flat."

Two well known men were discussing their ancestry-------

"I understand you had your family tree looked up?"

"Yes, it cost me five thousand dollars."

"Quite expensive, wasn't it?"

"Yes, but cost only two thousand to have it looked up. The other three thousand was what I paid to have it hushed up."

SPORTS BY ROSS WILSON

BALL GAME SUNDAY

This is a tough assignment - this sports reporting. Sort of like being night watchman in a morgue. Now, if we were a society reporter, we could fill this space with the greatest of ease. Or if we were assigned to the Field and Stream department, we could follow Robertshaw and Hines around during dark hours and get a personal interview with most of the wild life on the place - punctuated, no doubt, with the heavy crash of a twelve gauge, or the lighter bark of a .32 special (which wouldn't have seriously affected the interview) - but we never have been lucky enough to fall into such soft jobs. Our boss insists on some sports reporting, and since there hasn't been too much activity in that league lately, we're going to try to promote a little.

Next Sunday, we'd like to suggest a ball game. Nothing, strenuous, mind you. Just twenty guys out there kicking the old apple around and getting all sweated up and dirty and having fun - just to show that one old American custom hasn't completely gone by the board.

We'd even propose a line up, but we think we'll let that up to Vipond and Johnson. We think Vi could get a pretty good single men's team out, and we think Johnny has enough drag with the wives to get them to allow the old married guys to play..So, if you get approached by either of them, we think you ought to help t them see that next Sunday's ball game is a good one - I mean that you all ought to be there to either play or root or throw beer tins, or something.

That's the set-up. Next Sunday, Married Men vs. Single Men. For money, marbles, or chalk.

Incidentally, there won't be a Supper Club party Saturday night. I'm sure that will make some of our ardent sportsmen feel better. Especially those three Woelfel fellows that tried to get us out of bed last Sunday morning to play golf. The little woman didn't seem to think it was such a good idea.

This column welcomes back one of our better tennis players, Davy Soper. Now, if there was only some competition.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday was anice day to play golf. Not much sun, nice breeze, and not too hot. Nor were the golfers. The mixed two-ball foursome - or one ball two-some matches, were full of surprises, the biggest of which was that some of the parties got around the course. The brand of golf was, in most cases, pretty wobbly, but Gladys Tandy and Bushcow Polli paced the field with a 43, tied only by Champ Brown and the balance of the Tandys. There is no doubt that better golf games are talked on Saturday night than are ever played on Sunday. But a good time was had by all, especially the spectators at the first tee.

Baby Deer (to Mamma Doe) - Oh, ma, there's that man again.
Doe - Hush your mouth, fawn, that man Robertshaw won't hurt you.

See you at the ball-game Sunday!

FACTS AND FICTION (cont. from April 1st)

By a Bush Tripper

This is the balance of the MS written on Scott Tissue while riding in a hammock, March 27, 1941.

Girls, a bush trip is good for coffee nerves. You get so you can sleep any time and any place.

"Na-na na na na" is a sentence. Different words are made of these by the inflections of the voice. Can you make any sense of it? (Ed. note; if a girl says, "na", she probably means "yes".)

Among the natives animal legends are told. The spider seems to play an important part in these ---- usually as the chief character. One of the favorite stories is "Why Spider's Waist is So Small". It seems that Spider heard of two feasts being held at the same time. In order to be able to eat a plenty at both he arranged to have a string tied around his middle, apparently to be able to hold more. Somebody pulled the string up tight and the small waist resulted. All the stories are accompanied by singing and all have greed as the theme.

The once thriving town of Glagbon is considerably depopulated due to the "Gold Rush of 1941".

On this bush trip we stuck together through fire and water (literally).

Native girls have a dance for beating rice and one for eating cassada. There is another for fanning rice. They were marvelous as done by the small mission girls at Cape Mount. Two girls played the "La-La" (gourd with shells). They would rival any orchestra.

In conclusion I would like to tell you that anyone who can reach Cape Mount in two days walking is a super-man. How about it, Mr. Si Johnson? (Ed. note: We'd place a bet on Mr. F. Frey of Cape Palmas. Ask Mr. Seybold for confirmation.)

P.W.

A FEW COMMENTS ON TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES

Many of those who are complaining of the difficulties of obtaining eggs and meat probably have not heart of some of the hardships being encountered on the West Coast due to the lack of transportation.

A short while ago the U. S. consular official who was transferred from Spain to Dakar had to fly to New York from Spain to come back out to Dakar by a Barber boat. There have been travellers from as far North as Dakar who have come to Monrovia in order to obtain passage to the States.

Several Frenchmen came from the Ivory Coast in a motor launch to discover whether they could exchange Ivory Coast products in Liberia for American goods. Inquiries have come from the Belgian Congo asking if American products could be purchased in Liberia and concerns in Dakar have inquired whether they could exchange pounds sterling notes here for U. S. dollars.

It is not at all infrequent that the Bank of Monrovia is asked to arrange the exchange of a bundle of zinc or a few barrels of cement for a cow or goats which some native has spent two or three weeks bringing down from the Hinterland. But, you who get hot under the collar when you are told at the U. S. T. C. that the article you wish will be on the next boat, read the following and have patience:

One of the most recent arrivals in Monrovia started from Europe last August. His first act upon reaching Monrovia was to purchase two tins of Klim to send to his wife. Before leaving home she had asked him please not to forget it. This Klim now has to go to the Ivory Coast by runner and from there to Europe by plane. It would have been more expeditious to have raised a cow!

- G. A. B.

OUR GARDEN PAGE

Edited by Joe Ferrante

PRUNING AT TIME OF PLANTING

The main function of the root system of a plant or tree is to supply water and the minerals the soil water contains to the growing parts. Most of the water absorbed through the roots is transpired through the leaves and stems, and unless the root system is sufficiently large enough to meet this transpiration the plant withers. Therefore, we reduce the leaf surface in order to minimize transpiration; allowing the plant to utilize the water and foods made available by the roots to the greatest advantage.

The one and two-year old wood contains the stored food which is to produce the foliage and growth for that year. If any part of this wood is cut off, that much elaborated food is lost. But for newly planted stock much of this valuable wood must be pruned off in order to reduce transpiration.

Consequently, we will have these two conflicting considerations; which will necessarily influence the type of pruning.

Cutting back this newer wood in pruning is to be avoided, since it removes the most active growing buds. Subbing back is chiefly useful in promoting the development of laterals, and is often a necessary evil to produce desired forms. Therefore a system of thinning out should be followed rather than stubbing and heading. The stub formed by cutting back a branch of any considerable size is always difficult to heal. It dries out and decays. A better plan is to remove the unnecessary branch entirely by a clean cut close to the parent limb. Such a cut is in line with the flow of sap through the remaining branch and therefore it heals more quickly.

The pruning of a hedge in the early stages of development is mostly a heading back process in order to produce lateral shoots.

NOTE: All superintendents calling at the Golf Course Office will be supplied with a bag of fertilizer mixture to be used on the lawn.

Hogue

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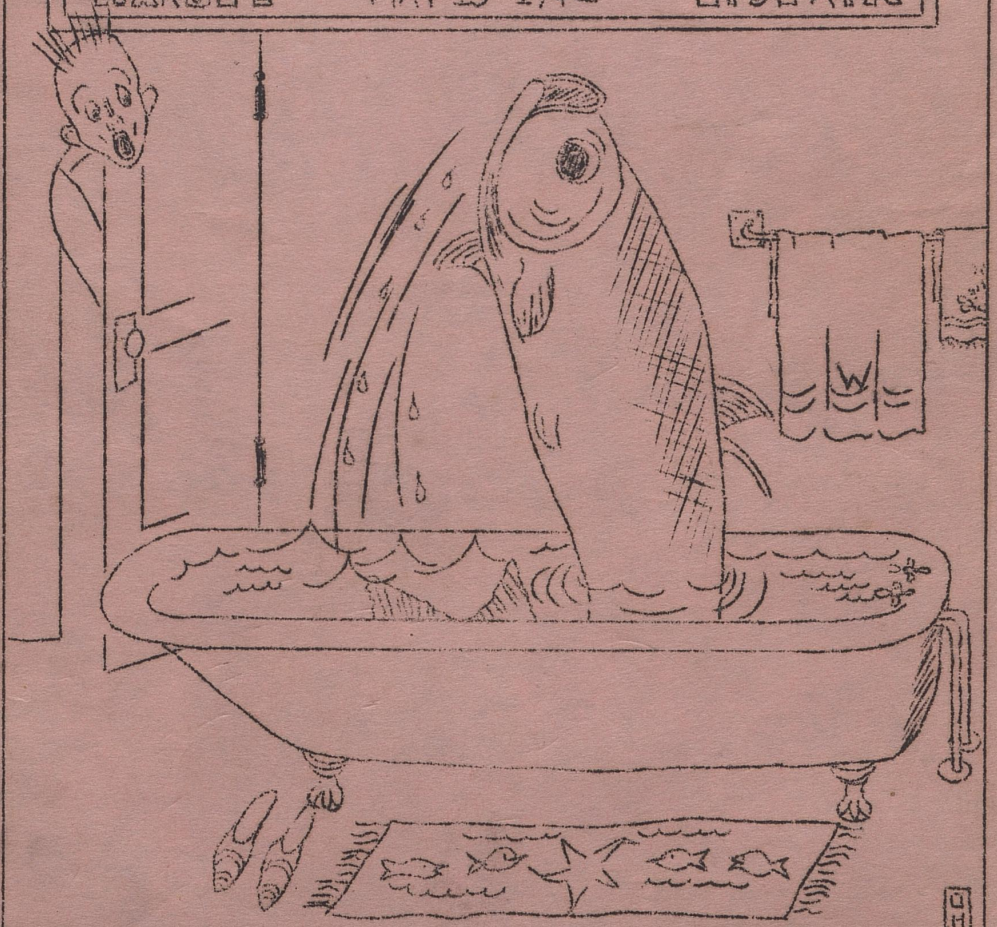

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

NOMINATING CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD JUNE 10

As in former years, candidates for the Firestone Overseas Club offices will be selected at nominating conventions to be held Tuesday night, June 10th.

The first convention, which includes all staff members whose names being with A to Ki inclusive, will be held at the Small Club, Division 4. This will be under the charge of Louis Chancellor and Charlie Baar.

The other convention will include all staff members whose names begin with Kj to Z inclusive. This group will convene at the Big Club. It will be under the charge of Bert Vipond and Charlie Woelfel.

Each convention will select one candidate for president of the F.O.C., one for secretary and one for treasurer. It will also select 4 candidates to run for the 4 chairmanships of the club. It will also adopt a party name, slogan and platform.

The ladies will probably furnish the chop at both conventions. This will be arranged by those in charge of the meetings.

Elections will be held Sunday nite, June 22, at the Big Club.

Present officers of the F.O.C. are:

President - L.A.Peterson
Secretary - Dock Hogue
Treasurer - Joe Swain
Chrm. Entertainment - C.Baar
Chrm. House - Mike Polli
Chrm. Sports - Paul Kolves
Chrm. Finance - Russ Harkins

DINNER DANCE MAY 17

There will be a dinner dance at the Big Club this Saturday night, May 17th. If you haven't your reservation in, come join the fun after chop anyway.

MOVIES SCHEDULED

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes will be shown at the Big Club this Sunday night, May 18th. On the following Sunday, May 25th, Hollywood Cavalcade, starring Alice Faye and Don Ameche, will be the feature.

NOSES COUNTED

As PUNCH goes to press the Firestone overseas population numbers 162. Of this 102 are men, 53 women and 7 children. This includes the Cavalla Plantation, which boasts 9 men, 4 women and 1 child.

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3 ACT PLAY BEING CONSIDERED

The next production of our Little Theatre Group may be the very popular 3-act play, "You Can't Take It With You", according to Marguerite Lotz and Phyl Kolves, the directors of the Group.

It is hoped that there will be a real turn-out when try-outs are announced as this play uses a large cast. The next issue of PUNCH will carry more details.

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

Dear Contributors:

Thank you so much for your response to our frantic appeals. You've come through in grand style. Please keep it up.

Don't feel slighted if you do not see your contributions in this issue. The weary old editor, used to lean years, is hoarding much for future numbers.

With you,NONPLUSSED, we most heartily agree. With the Trading Company openly in the competitive market all we can do is go in and battle for what we can get. Akron informs us when we come out that the T.C. is here primarily for our convenience. That convenience has long since disappeared.

We would like to publish your letter, NONPLUSSED, but we do not feel that now is the time to open PUNCH to controversial articles. There are too many gripes going around.

The Ed.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Women's Club will hold a tea on Wednesday, May 21, at the small Club. The time is 4:00 P.M. The tea is in honor of the ladies who have newly arrived on the plantations and also those about to leave. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

HOWLERS

The RoyalMint is what the King puts on his lamb.
A young swan is called a singlet.
Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.
Moths do not eat much because they live on holes.
"Dour" means a sort of help, as in the hymn, "Oh God Our Help In Ages Past."
"Courting Disaster" means to get engaged.
A brunette is a young bear.
Henry VIII had an Abbess on his knee which made walking difficult.
A sinister person is a woman who is not married.
The Temperate Zone is the region where no one drinks too much.
Milton was a poet. When he married he wrote "Paradise Lost", but some years later his wife died and he wrote "Paradise Regained."
Queen Elizabeth was a Virgin and a Queen -- as a Queen she was a great success.
Pompeii was destroyed by an overflow of saliva from the Vatican.
The Huguenots inter-married with the Dutch and produced large quantities of grapes.
Hell hath no fury like a woman's corn.
"The Yellow Peril" means a banana skin left on the sidewalk.

Contributed by Mr. Lowndes - Monrovia

PISCATORIAL OBIT

By G. H. S.

Although some hopeful souls show evidence of believing that a tarpon can still see a spoon through the muddy waters of the Farmington, it is hardly likely that a summing up of the season's records for this issue of PUNCH will need to be corrected for fish uncaught at this writing. We n ote that guinea fowl yarns are already beginning to crowd servant palavers out of the conversation before the fish stories have been decently enshrouded in "the lie accepted." Of course, and incidentally, guinea fowl shooting can hardly be ranked as a sport. If we are credibly informed the birds are knocked off "settin" and only taken on the wing when there is no other alternative.

But to get back to our fish. The season can best be described by a word that rhymes with frowsy. Barracuda were few and small. Dock Hogue's 34 pounder seems to have topped the catch and at no time were there enough fish on ice to provide the fish fry at which the Angler's Club was to be formed. The offer will have to go over till next season.

At the fag end -- just last week in fact, Pete seems to have snagged the record grouper - 21½ pounds. The season was extraordinary in the fact that there were days when no barracuda would strike and the anglers would be annoyed by the nibbling tactics of this species which would produce perhaps one grouper for every five strikes. The groupers caught would hardly average over ten pounds.

At this writing, "Tarp" Chancellor appears likely to hold the season's record for tarpon with his 146 pounder. Of the strange appearances of this monster in various bath tubs in Harbel Hills and its final delivery to Chance in a coffin with appropriate flowers, someone else may write. Harold Schmalz with his 98 pounder must not go unmentioned. But Harold hooked one so big that he was glad when it threw the hook. That one will have to go down as the classic of the year.

The operations of certain experts were unattended by any fanfare of boasts or publicity. Should any such have records -- reasonably well attested -- which exceed the figures above, let them com e forward. Bob Brown, Farley, and Bergquist as well as George Hart were sometimes on the river but we recall hearing more stories about engine trouble and leaking boats than about the fish that were caught.

The former records remain untouched. They are Larabee's 170 pound tarpon, Hunter's 52 pound grouper and 50 pound barracuda. The writer puts in his humble claim to the Cavalla fish record -- 17½ pounds and he intends to keep on calling attention to it till somebody comes along who says he throws that size back.

The first fish of the season was caught on November 23, 1940. Till about that time in the current year, tackle can be stowed.

HOW ABOUT A SMILE?

Two English washwomen were discussing the German bombing of the war. One said, "They're terrible. Any night now we may be blown into maternity." "Yes," said the other, "and with these blackouts we'll never know who did it.

Joe: "I want my name changed, Your Honor."
Judge: "What is your name?"
Joe: "Joe Stinx."
Judge: "I don't blame you. What do you want it changed to?"
Joe: "Charlie."

Getting the baby to sleep is hardest when she is about 18.

A few people get up bright and early, but most of us just get up early.

Doc Cole - "Do you know what the mayonnaise said to the refrigerator?"
Pete - "No."
Doc Cole - "Shut the door - I'm dressing."

Anita Hendricks - "Do you know why the three little ink spots were sad?"
Marconi - "I'll bite."
Anita - "Because their father was in the pen."

Sign on a corset shop - JUST BECAUSE THE WORLD IS ALL OUT OF SHAPE IS NO REASON FOR YOU TO BE.

A woman is as old as she looks
A man is old when he stops looking.

Silence - the college yell of the School of Experience.

NAUTICAL NOTES

The WEST HUMHAW, bound homeward, is tentatively due Marshall on May 18 or 19.

She will load a total of 600 tons of rubber -- 300 tons in drums and bales and 300 tons of bulk latex.

The WEST LASHAWAY, originally scheduled to sail from New York on April 26th, did not clear until Saturday, May 3rd.

She is carrying 300 tons of cargo for Marshall but, believe it or not, is without Firestone passengers.

Advice just received from Akron states that the WEST KEBAR has been removed from Liberian service indefinitely.

The KEBAR is now to be engaged in hauling manganese under United States Government priorities.

Next ship outward is the OTHO which is scheduled to sail from New York on May 24th.

The SS OKLAHOMAN, a 23 year old ship belonging to the Grace Line and chartered by the Barber Line, arrived at Marshall at 10 A. M. May 14th and cleared at noon on the same day. She discharged about five tons of dynamite and blasting caps for the Hydro. Her call here was a special one as her ordinary schedule is New York - Takoradi - New York.

LIBERIAN DOG BEING DEPORTED

A newspaper clipping received from Dr. McIndoe tells about a "barkless" Basengis dog which stowed away on the LASHAWAY on its last homeward voyage.

The article states, "Deportation proceedings are expected to get underway soon for a rare Basengis 'barkless' dog which went 21 days without food as a stowaway on the SS WEST LASHAWAY.

"Animal Rescue League officials in Boston expressed belief that the nine-months old, who was in a critical condition when she arrived in Boston, will be fully recovered in at least two weeks and in the meantime they intend to try to find a ship going 'back home' to Liberia.

"It was inability to bark and notify crew members of the WEST LASHAWAY that caused the dog to go without food for so long. Apparently the dog came aboard the freighter while it was being loaded in Monrovia and became trapped when the hatches were closed.

"She managed to keep alive, officials said, by nibbling cocoa beans in the ship's cargo, and lapping moisture from the side of the vessel. It was only when the ship was unloaded in Boston harbor that the crew discovered her. Normally, the dog should weigh about 22 pounds but because of her long fast she now weighs only nine."

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE --

FIRST SHANGHAIED AND THEN KICKED

OUT BY UNCLE SAM!

The Beginning and the End ---- of a Golfer

I came to this savage, barbaric land
With seven golf clubs and an eager hand,
An open mind and a will to do.
Well, I did my darndest and now I'm through.

I sputtered and puttered, I sliced and I hooked,
I used theory of practice and theory of book.
I swung back slowly and I came through clean,
But the ball went sailing toward number nine green.
I tried again and it rolled a few feet,
Not on the fairway but then - not in the creek!
So we searched an hour 'til the ball was found
And I finished hole one in an anger profound.

On the second hole I started anew
With resolve to relax and to follow through,
Keep my head down, and the club firmly gripped,
Then I swung nice and easy; but I felt mighty jipped
At the dribbling yard that the golf ball went
And soul rendered curses I heavenward sent.
A few more strokes - some four or five
And into the creek the ball took a dive.

From sand trap and bunker, from ditch to rough,
I dented my irons, so gave the caddy a cuff,
I labored and struggled, I wheezed and I dubbed
I grew beautiful blisters where the club handle rubbed.
With beaded forehead and temper grown short,
Breath that was labored and a mean retort
I reached the clubhouse with steely glare
Refusing to speak to anyone there.

Well - day after day the same old story:
"Rough is the path that leads to glory."
Same old struggle, same old round,
I watched with envy Woelfel and Brown,
And tried hard to copy Kolves and Ritter,
Hated to admit that I might turn quitter.
Nine holes I went - day after day
No improvement - the same old way.
Each day with vengeance I carefully tore
The Chinese census I called my score.

So my clubs are now covered with webs and dust
If it's do or die, then die I must,
To preserve my sanity I had to quit
And the wife is now teaching me how to knit.

SPORTS by ROSS WILSON

MARRIED MEN HAVE TWO GAME LEAD IN SERIES

Baseball, much to this column's satisfaction, has been resumed with a bang--and a vengeance, as they say in the tupenny thrillers. And vengeance is what the "Young Bucks" are after, for they are now trailing two games in the five game series being played to decide which side will treat the other to one of those fine Saturday Night Suppers. Or so we were led to believe, though there still seems to be some doubt--not about the series standing, but about the chop. There seems to be a little matter of a previous series like this in which the stakes were to be steaks and the Young Bucks won but didn't eat, and of course there's nothing that disturbs a growing young fellow like not having his meals. Especially if the other guy is hooked. Hence the doubt.

But to let bygones be what they are, and since so many of the single men who won are either now married or on vacation, this column would like to keep the present fever from cooling by passing along a suggestion offered in similar form by players on both sides. Here it is.

Before the start of the next game--which we hope will be next Sunday--each player will give to his team manager a chit, or I O U,for two shillings. These chits are to be kept until the end of the series and then the winners chits will be destroyed, while the remaining chits will be used to pay for the chop, after being converted into cash (which is the only thing Mike Polli will sell his dinners for.) Players in the two games already played to present their back dues at the next game. We like the idea, except that if the series goes only three games, we won't get much to eat. So we also toss out the idea that it be made a seven game series. Now you can growl over that one until Sunday and make up your minds.

Now to get back to the cause of all this chatter:

Two weeks ago, in a stirring seventh inning rally which netted three runs, the Marrieds nosed out the Singles 8-7, Meyer playing his first game in this league, and Russ Santee, the old man from the hills, were the hitters who ended the old ball game when they scored on a timely hit by Mayer, the bride. There were plenty of errors on both sides, and 13 hits apiece, which made it a good game for the gallery.

Last week's game was much better baseball, but the fine pitching of Art Lotz was too much for the Young Bucks, who again came out on the small end of the 9-4 score. Lotz allowed only seven hits and struck out eight and walked one. The Marrieds touched Don Waddington for a home run, three doubles and eight singles. Don struck out three and walked one. He was wild and would have given more walks but for the fact that these Marrieds will take a crack at anything that's not too bad. They like 'em wild.

With the two tough ones under their belt, the Old Ducks will be back out there Sunday trying to repeat, so there should be plenty of customers.

SPORTS (cont') by ROSS WILSON

FIELD AND STREAM

The tarpon were running recently and they were found in the strangest places.

Harold Schmaltz got a 98 pound one to start off the season.

Lou Chancellor battled for 20 minutes to land a 146½ pounder late last Saturday afternoon.

Pete battled, but was forced to retire when he came on a big one in the bath-tub later Saturday night. But it got away. We stumbled onto it still later that night, but we are sure it was dead then. We were surer next morning, so we had it delivered in funereal splendor to the former owner.

We would rather Chancellor stuck to his deer slaying.

A GOOD SPORT

Sir Walter Raleigh, walking through the streets of Coventry, was surprised to see a nude lady riding a white horse. He recognized the lady as Queen Elizabeth. Quickly throwing off his richly embroidered cloak, he placed it reverently around her, saying:

"Honi soit qui mal y pense" (which means "Thy need is greater than mine.")

Thereupon the Queen thanked Sir Walter for his generous action, saying:

"Dieu et mon droit", meaning "My God, I believe you are right."

See you all at the ball game.

MONROVIA NOTES

If you need something to cheer up the kitchen and to cover ant infested places -- oil cloth at Gemayel Bros.

O.A.C. has aluminum pans and trays. You can also find tea service for six as well as miscellaneous tea pots, etc.

Dennis & Co. are life savers for Monrovia. They have table salt.

One can find very nice material for curtains now at Paterson, Zochonis & Co., Ltd. - also a large variety of wines from Capetown.

Imagine you are having a root beer. Just "hand a nickel" but at Cooper's & Co. make it twopence.

For Sale - 1 pair of Walk Over shoes, navy blue, size 5-1/2 AA. See Nina Blowers.

N.B.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Again the Central Committee of the FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB finds it necessary to ask all members of the Plantations Staff who patronize the BIG CLUBHOUSE to refrain from bringing their car boys and household staffs to the Club.

The Club has been one of the few places where we can enjoy a reasonable degree of privacy. This privacy is being violated now by the club members who insist upon carrying a staff with them.

If you have boys in your car when you come to the Club, kindly leave them at the Research Office and insist that they wait there for you.

The Central Committee expects your cooperation in this matter. After all, it is YOUR Club.

THE COMMITTEE
4-15-41

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PLANTER'S PUNCH

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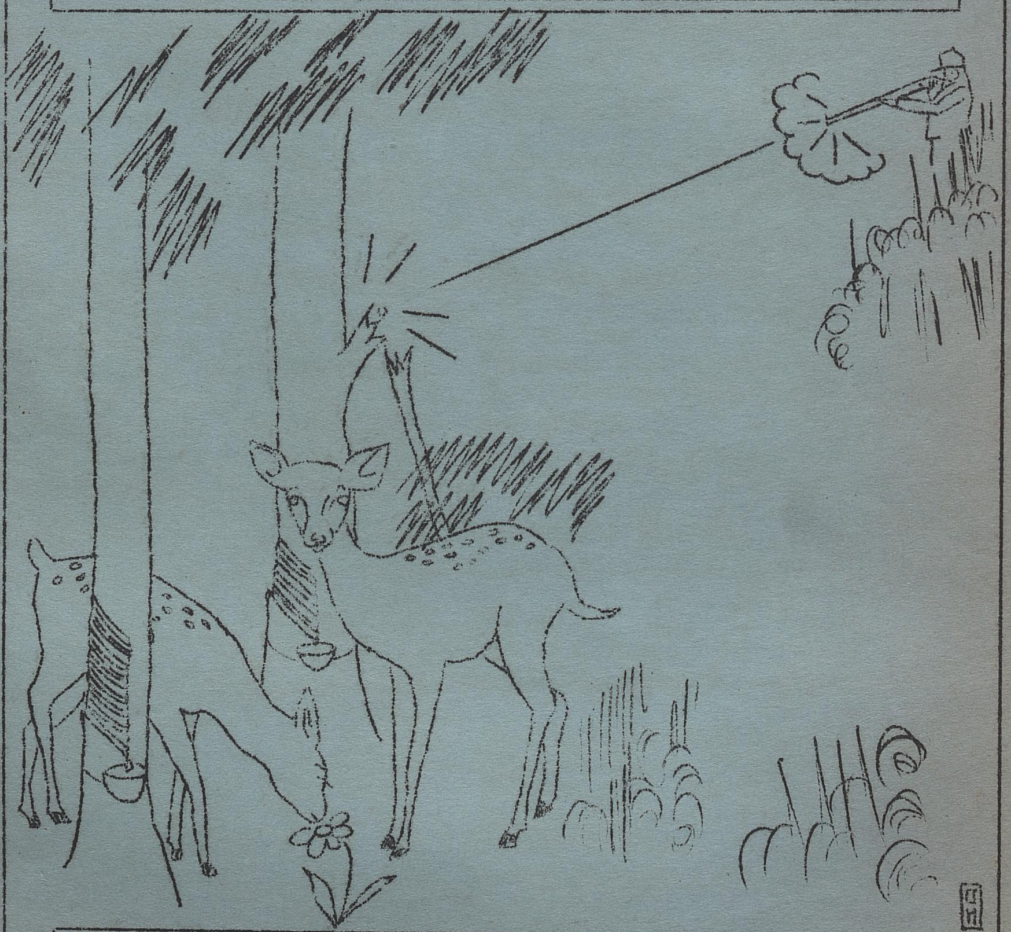

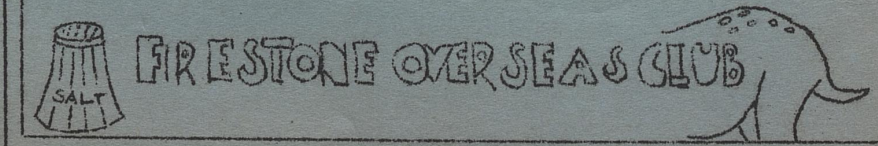

A MUSICAL TREAT

Recorded Opera

"MADAME BUTTERFLY"

Thursday night - June 12

Big Club - 8 o'clock

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Courtesy of Mr. G. H. Scybold

CONVENTIONS JUNE 12TH

All members of the F. O. C. will convene on Tuesday night, June 12 to nominate candidates for club offices. The candidates selected will have until June 22 to campaign. General elections will be held Sunday night, June 22. Newly elected officers will serve from July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942.

Two conventions will be held in order to form two political parties. Club members whose names begin with A to Ki inclusive will meet at the Small Club, Div. 4. Louis Chancellor and Charlie Baar will preside.

Club members whose names starts with Kj to Z inclusive will meet at the Big Club under the leadership of Bert Vipond and Charlie Woelfel. Chop is being arranged by the convention chairmen.

As in former years, the ladies are not allowed to nominate or vote, but they can certainly pull strings behind the scenes or campaign.

Each convention will select one candidate for president of F.O.C., one for secretary, and one for treasurer. It will also select 4 candidates to run for the 4 chairmanships of the Club. It is hoped that each party will select a name, slogan, and platform.

MRS. FRANK SMITH VISISTS

Mrs. Frank Smith, known to all of us as Bernie, is back at Duside on a visit from Freetown. And if you think Mr. and Mrs. Seybold aren't happy, you ought to drop around. PUNCH regrets that Smitty couldn't come along too.

MR. SEYBOLD MAKES A GIFT

Through the kindness of our general manager, the Red Cross fund of $646.00, raised at the recent benefit party, has been increased to an even $700.00. This generous gift is deeply appreciated by the Firestone Overseas Club.

PUNCH TO HAVE NEW EDITOR

On July 1st, Merl Mayer will assume the duties of editor-in-chief of PLANTER'S PUNCH, succeeding Dock Hogue who has served in that capacity for one full year.

The first editor of PUNCH was Bill Auth who was also one of the co-founders of the publication. He held the position for 5 months.

MOVIE ON JUNE 8TH

Hollywood Cavalcade, starring Alice Faye and Don Ameche, will be shown at the Big Club on Sunday evening, June 8th.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Central Committee of the F.O.C. will meet Tuesday evening, June 3rd, at the Big Club. Chief items of business will be the elections and the July 4th party.

LOTZ MAKING NEW MAP

Art Lotz, using Dr. G. W. Harley's map as a base, is working on a new map of Liberia which when completed will probably be the best in existence. Art is incorporating the many sectional maps of this country into the one complete job.

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The Voice of the Firestone Overseas Club in Liberia -

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

Ottilie's clever cover on this issue is dedicated to the deer hunters of the Plantations. At times it appears that mortality is greater among rubber tree branches and latex cups than among the deer family. Now don't any of you learned ones jump us and say there are no deer here. We'll call 'em deer if we want to.

A bouquet is ready for Bill Hall and Paul Kolves for the new mail distribution system. It deals a death blow to the pleasant custom of gathering at some one's house for a drink while the mail is gone through, but it eliminates at least one change of letters going astray. No longer will John Doe carry your mail out to Div. 96 on the chance of meeting you at the Trading Co. day after tomorrow.

The highlight article of last issue was the G. M.'s Piscatorial Obit. We overlooked giving G. H. S. a place on the masthead and we apologize. We'd like to see those initals there regularly as credit for a book review in each issue.

MY BUSH TRIP

(With apologies to Lewis Carrol and his Jabberwocky)

I squaddled thru the fussle trees
And craggled in the quim,
I waggled round the quiddle seez
And over yoggle mim.

And there I saw a quacklewergle
With fur all worp and gleen.
He had a boomsome scarefish gurble
And I was truly squeen.

I drew my trusty swaageyslad
To let him have a thrust
And as I jaggled thru his glad
He cried, "enough, enough."

But hezzed of heart I thrust the slad
Clean thru his quizzly quiber
And with a whergy, whempy whad
He drew his last brefiber.

My hunkry stomach called for meap
So I swunkled the drivling red
Then lay me down to take a sleep
And I woke up in bed.

FOR SALE

One set of golf clubs. Price 1 pound. See Ottilie Helm.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET

The next meeting of the Women's Club will be held on Wednesday, June 18th. See the next issue of PUNCH for the complete details.

Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not, and a sense of humor was provided to console him for what he is.

ARE YOU AN AVERAGE WOMAN?

The average woman marries at the age of 24.
Quarrels at least twice a month with her husband.
Has a baby weighing 7½ pounds.
Spends four years washing dishes.
Is five feet four inches tall.
Spends 8,784 hours, equivalent of five years gossiping.
Weighs 128 pounds ---- until she becomes careless about her figure.
Spends $312 in beauty parlors and $387 on drug store cosmetics.
Attends 3,027 movie matinees, many of them double features.
Threatens at least 8 times to go home to mother ---- but never does.
Spends 3 years 8 months talking on the telephone.
Never learns to play a golf game that satisfies her husband.
Listens to 18 radio serials each week.
Is positive her child is better than that brat next door.
Buys 369 hats and 582 dresses.
Devotes the best seven years of her life attempting to make her husband over ---- without success.
Ruins three fenders on the car.
Tears off one garage door.
Occasionally wishes she'd married someone else.
Lives 5 years longer than her husband.
Darns 4,872 pairs of socks.
Never learns to drive a nail without hitting her thumb.
And makes a darn good wife in spite of it all.

-Contributed

FOUND, ONE LINEN COAT

The editor has on hand a good, white coat which was forwarded to him by A. A. Hart, Jr. who states that it was left at the Bank House during the tennis matches. See the ed. if you think it's yours.

PUNCH'S PUZZLE CORNER

The two incidents are impossible. Can you tell why?

1. Shortly after Mr. Smith died, his wife married her late husband's brother. The second Mr. Smith, being healthier than the first, outlived his wife who died 20 years later. At the funeral Mr. Smith fell in love with his widow's charming sister and a few months later he married her. They are both very happy.

2. Old Man Brewster had heart failure. He dreamed one night he was falling off a building. He dreamed he fell and fell and fell but never reached the ground because his heart stopped before he woke up.

Here's a list of 30 different names of birds with the letters of each name all mixed up. See how fast you can straighten them out.

1.Wroc	16.Darewalkom
2.Geela	17.Oucock
3.Nobri	18.Lieroo
4.Ycraan	19.Digcflonh
5.Gonepi	20.Kolbbnio
6.Lawswol	21.Clanfo
7.Brewral	22.Luridebb
8.Crowdkeepo	23.Gloanmif
9.Hoteris	24.Nrubhimgidm
10.Pegaim	25.Sugore
11.Rance	26.Clipnea
12.Shapetan	27.Ttanchuh
13.Drainsepp	28.Lhufclbni
14.Hhurts	29.Crabbildk
15.Rehno	30Grtslain

For answers to these teasers see another page of PLANTER'S PUNCH.
-Contributed by Anita Hendricks

Silence is a true friend who never betrays.

-Confucius.

THIS DEER "HAUNTING" BUSINESS

The "little f ller" from the outlying division came in to see me last week. He was much perturbed about the local deer hunting situation, and the following is his story.

"I was figgerin about this deer huntin palaver and it got me a mite concerned as to how risky its gettin going out nites with all these guys out huntin and the first thing you know somebodies goina get hisself kilt and the big shots in akron is goina raise our insurance. I figgered I'd look into the situashion so i thought about goin down to the M&S but since its all wired up like the county jale all the planters and other loafers is sumplase else so i goes over to the US Taking Co. an walks rite in an sezs what about deer an about 15 guys sezs OK i8ll have one whose got the opener. I sees rite off i caint find out nuthin ther so i goes down to see Robertshaw cause i figgers he carries a lotta wait an has been chasin dears about the falls for so long he cud help me out. Robbie i sezs what about this deer huntin and Robbie sezs Little Feller i don't donuthin much about it but i8ve tried everything from hand grenades to harpoons an have just about set on drivin them outa the bush and shootin them while they come out. Yuh know he sezs i used to have me a bunch of Mandingoes beatin bush but the death rate was so high them fellers got gun shy and quit so i looked around for somebody as had nuthin to do and finally got me Wilson and Hines to substitoot. Robbie i sezs i 've herd so much about this hines and asked if he ever kilt any deer and Robbie sezs no but as how once in a while hines runs across a sick one an they let him keep it for hisself. Robbie was gettin run down so i moseys to see Wilson. ross i sezs what about this deer huntin and Ross sezs Little Feller that is y yuh take 2 guys like Robbie and hines what cant shoot for sour aples and lets them blase away till the deers get shell shocked then theyre easy pickins for a guy like me but he sezs Lille Feller the man for you to see is Kolves if you want to find out about this deer shootin. Well i did n8t say anything but i know Kolves an if i lets him start talkin i'd never get to see anybody else so i thanks ross and get along out to the Hydro and theres Tandy tinkerin with the caterpillar. it kinda surprised me for i figgered Tandy was sort ofa white collar feller but i up and sezs Milam what about this deer huntin and he sezs Little Feller you see this thing i'm fixin so i looked her over an damned if he amnt gotta coupla squerrel guns an a ole 12 guage rigged up in front an a lot of old iron plate tide on both sides. you know he sezs i think machanised units is the thing the other nite i was walkin a long mindin my own business and a deer up and kicks me in the head and another thing this guy waddington that works out here got hisself all chewed up the other nite an is still in bed so i aint takin any chances with them man eaters myself. i sezs Milam thet shure sounds like a good iedea if them animals is that dangerous. then i goes up the road to see a guy named Lotz what i hear tackles deers with his bare hands and on the way i heard as how the last one threw him in the bluker and thet hes now in bed so i decides this deer rasslin needs some brushin up before its efficient and i wonders what the

DEER "HAUNTING" cont.

boss will say when he hears part of his staff is in bed because of deers. I was about to giv up my investigashion when i runs into Homer Laxton so i gives her one more try and ses Homer what do you know about deers and Homer sezs you damn fool don't talk so loud an i'll give you a coupla good phone numbers 8fore you go home on leave so i sezs as how i'm serious and Homer sezs that he was a thinkin about usin parachute troops but as how he had no parachutes he figgered maybe a ballon would work if he was clo enuf to the M&S to get some hot air. Thet dont sound so good to me as Homer is always makin fun so as a last bet i stops Kay Hines on her way to the golf course to play golluf and ask her what she knows about deer and she sezs deer oh i know you're talking about my husband an I sezs well ----what the hell could I say with me needin a new pick-up.

FLASH

Nobody told Bert Vipond that fishing season was over. He went out Saturday afternoon and landed a 35 pound barracuda to nose out Dock Hogue's 34 pounder for the season's record. Good going, Vi.

FOR SALE

1 Corona Portable Typewriter (in poor condition) - 2pounds 10 s.
1 Vig-row Rowing Machine - 1 pound.

Nina Blowers, Monrovia

NOTICE

The dead-line for the next issue of PUNCH is June 11th. Please do not expect material submitted after that date to appear in the June 15th issue.

FOR SALE

2 pairs White Sport Shoes, size 5 ½ B. 1 pound per pair
Jean Laxton

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB
Harbel, Liberia

May 22, 1941

The President,
American Red Cross,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

We enclose herewith a check for $700.00 representing the proceeds of a contribution to the American Red Cross by members of the Firestone Overseas Club, made up of the employees of the Firestone Plantations Company, located at Harbel, Liberia.

It is the desire of the contributors that this money be applied to European relief in countries other than those occupied by the Axis Powers.

Very truly yours,

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

L. A. Peterson

President

LAP:ASM
enc.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Conducted by Kay Auth

Q. What did the pencil say to the paper?
A. I dot my eyes on you.

Q. What did the unbaked cookie say to the baked cookie?
A. I need a little 'oven.

Q. What's the difference between a tiger and a panther?
A. A tiger is a wild, jungle beast, and panther what you wear.

Q. What did the repaired shoe say to the worn out one?
A. Be patient ---- my sole has been saved.

Q. What's the tea kettle's favorite song?
A. Home on the Range.

Q. What did one hat say to another hat?
A. Don't mind me, I'm going on ahead.

Q. Why is your neck like a typewriter?
A. Because it's Underwood.

Q. What did one nostril say to the other nostril?
A. Just let the matter drop -----.

Q. Why are fire engines red?
A. One and one are two, two and two are four, four times three is twelve, twelve inches is a ruler, Englandis ruler is King George, King George's mother is Queen Mary, Queen Mary is one of the largest ships on the sea, the sea has fish, fish have fins, the Finns fought the Russians, the Russians are red, fire engines are always rushin', so that's why they're red.

Q. What did the letter say to the stamp?
A. Stick to me, pal, and we'll travel far.

Q. What did one little toe say to the other?
A. Don't look now, but I think there are a couple of heels following us.

SPORTS by ROSS WILSON

MARRIED MEN SWEEP BASEBALL SERIES

As far as we have been able to find out, the baseball series between the Married and Single Men is now finished. The third game, played two weeks ago, was won easily by the Married Men, 12 to 8, making their third successive win. Allison and Bill Hall pitched for the losers, with Lotz and Mayer on the mound for the victors. A flurry of hits off Mayer in the seventh inning gave the Singles four runs but it wasn't quite enough.

Now, we understand the Planters want to challenge the rest of the staff -- what Brockett calls a contest between "WORKERS" and "OVERHEAD." The Planters previous strong lineup has been considerably weakened through the loss of Black, Copeland, Martin, and Frederickson but Vipond still thinks they're tough enough and has his lineup all picked for the next game, which will be played Sunday, June 8th -- weather permitting.

Morris Johnson says that he'll have a team that will send those Planters back to the woods to weep in their latex.

Last Sunday there was a ball game too. It was just a pick-up game but it uncovered some new prospects. Al Marconi covered third like a pro and Bill Auth showed some stuff on the mound. We also noticed that Vipond has just the right build for an umpire and does a pretty job of waving that front end around to emphasize his decisions.

GOLF NOTES

Paul Kolves is trying a new tournament idea on the golfers - a flag tournament.

Everybody gets a flag with his name on it. He takes his handicap, which is posted on the Club board, adds it to par for the course, which is 34, and then goes out and takes that many passes at the ball, and where the ball ends up after all the strokes are used up, there he plants his banner.

Now, considering the fact that the handicaps were made when the course was dry, and when a 150 yard drive ended up 250 yards down the stretch and when the rough was sparse and the creek beds dry, we wager that there will be flags planted all the way from #6 fairway to the gully on #9 but that not too many will get over the gully. But, for two pounds, it's going to be fun.

Joe Ferrante is trying hard to get the grass cut for the tournament. When we see him wheeling that tractor and mower around at almost 40 miles an hour, it reminds us of old Ben Hur and his chariot. Joe says he has to go that fast or he'd get lost in the "blucker."

Another golf story -----

It seems that after a particularly hot and tedious round, during which the weary caddie, with almost bird dog-like instinct had successfully kept his erstwhile employer's only ball from being lost, the Scotchman graciously rewarded the caddie with three pennies.

"With these three pennies I can tell your fortune," volunteered the disgruntled caddie, and the Scotchman agreed.

"Well, this first penny tells me your Scotch," said the caddie.

"Richt , me bye" boomed Angus.
"The second penny tells me your a bachelor."
"Hoot mon, how d'ye ken thot?" exclaimed the amazed Scotchman.
"And this third penny," said the caddie as he th rew all three on the ground and stalked away, "tells me your father was a bachelor, too."

The following letter was turned over to the Sports Committee by Mr. Seybold.

Mr. G. H. Seybold,
Firestone Plantations Co.,
Harbel, Liberia.

Dear George:

I am sending in a separate box a Singles Champion Tennis Cup which I would appreciate your awarding to the Champion of the Foreign Colony, competition being open to both Monrovia and the Plantations.

Competition for this trophy should be held annually between players of the various groups. The winner's name to be engraved on the cup with the year. If any individual wins the cup three times in succession, the cup to be that person's permanent property.

The presentation of this cup and the time of the year that competition is held will be left to the judgement of the Manager of the Plantation.

It would be my suggestion that the cup be put on display in the Clubhouse and remain there until won permanently by an individual.

Very truly yours,

THE FIRESTONE TIRE & RUBBER CO.

(sgd) W. T. Runals

The Committee wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to Mr. Runals for this cup.

We think this is a fine spirit shown by Mr. Runals and will be a real incentive for some keen competition among the tennis players. It is possible a tournament will not be held until the "middle drys" or later.

The Plantations, not to be outdone by the generous donations from Akron, have also agreed to present two cups for golf.

The General Manager's Cup will be given once each year for the Club Champion and is donated by Mr. Seybold. The General Manager's Trophy Tournament will be played alternately each six months with the FOC Past President's Trophy Tournament.

The winner's name each year will be engraved on the cup and must be won three years in succession for the winner to retain permanent possession. However, the winner each year will receive a replica of the large cup with his name engraved thereon, which he will keep.

Doctor Campbell has also consented to donate a cup for golf which will be issued on the same basis as the General Manager's Cup and will be known as the Medical Trophy. This Cup will be awarded for handicap players.

All cups will be displayed at the Big Club.

Every man has at times in his mind the ideal of what he should be, but is not ...
Man never falls so low that he can see nothing higher than himself. Theodore Parker

NAUTICAL NOTES

The SS ZAREMBO, bound homeward, is due at Marshall on Tuesday morning, June 3rd.

The SS OTHO sailed from New York on Saturday, May 24th.

On board are Mrs. Harry Allison and child, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kondik, Mr. D. A. Stickney and Mr. S. M. Harvey.

Mr. Stickney is a drag line operator for Hydro and Mr. Harvey is relief for "Boom" Verboom at M & S.

The OTHO is carrying approximately 675 tons of cargo for M & S and USTC.

Advice just received from Akron states that the WEST IRMO will not call at Liberia on next outward voyage due to priority charter.

The next outward sailings will be the WEST HUMHAW during the latter part of June and the ZAREMBO during the forepart of July.

DUTCH STEAMER SUNK OFF COAST

A Dutch steamer carrying ore from Australia to England was sunk about eighty miles off the Liberian coast some time last week.

Seventy members of the crew together with 23 passengers arrived safely at Cape Mount im life boats. Only one crew member was lost when the ship went down.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. The first story is impossible because a man cannot marry his widow's sister because, to have a widow, he would have to be dead.
2. The second story is impossible because nobody would know what Mr. B. dreamed if he died before he awoke.

Here are the Birds

1.	Crow	16.	Meadowlark
2.	Eagle	17.	Cuckoo
3.	Robin	18.	Oriole
4.	Canary	19.	Goldfinch
5.	Pigeon	20.	Bobolink
6.	Swallow	21.	Falcon
7.	Warbler	22.	Bluebird
8.	Woodpecker	23.	Flamingo
9.	Ostrich	24.	Hummingbird
10.	Magpie	25.	Grouse
11.	Crane	26.	Pelican
12.	Pheasant	27.	Nuthatch
13.	Sandpiper	28.	Bullfinch
14.	Thrush	29.	Blackbird
15.	Heron	30.	Starling

A. H.

LOCAL TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Ford is my car; I do not want another.
It maketh me to lie down in wet places.
It taketh me to the Harbel Garage.
It scares me to death,
When it runs off the so and so roads and into the rubber.
Tho it runs down the valley
It is towed up the hill.
I fear too much for its rod and its brakes frighten me.
It prepareth a breakdown for me
In the presence of mine enemies.
It anointeth my face and clothes with oil and its tank runneth out.
Surely to goodness and mercy if I keep the thing all the days of my life, I shall dwell in the house of the insane forever.

J. K. P.

ANALYSIS OF GOLF CLUB ACCOUNT - APRIL 30, 1941

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Fees collected, November thru April		£ 73-15-0
Balls and Tees Purchased for Resale	£ 24-13-2½	
Ice, November thru April	5- 9-0	
Miscellaneous Expense (pans, towels, soap, etc.)	2- 2-9	
Steward's Salary, November thru March	7-14-0	
Sale of Golf Balls and Tees		18-18-11½
Cash Prizes for Golf Tournament	5- 6-0	
Golf Balls given as Prizes	5-15-0	
Purchase Fund for Used Balls	0-10-0	
	£ 51- 9-1½	£ 92-13-11½
		51- 9-11½
U. S. T. C. Balance, April 30, 1941		£ 41- 4- 0
Inventory, tees		1- 5- 0
		£ 42- 9- 0
OUTSTANDING:		
Golf Ball Prizes (not issued)	6-12-6	
Steward's Salary for April	1-17-7	8-10- 1
Club Credit as of April 30, 1941		£ 33-18-11

ANALYSIS SALES GOLF BALLS AND TEES

Purchases	£ 24-13-2½	
Charge Sales to Staff		£ 18-18- 7½
Golf Balls given as Prizes		5-15- 0
	£ 24-13-2½	£ 24-13- 7½
		24-13- 2½
Balance, April 30, 1941		0- 0- 5
Inventory of Tees on Hand - 100 Bags @ 3d		1- 5- 0
Profit from Sale of Balls and Tees		£ 1- 5- 5

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TWO SURVIVORS OF CREW OF SUNKEN GREEK FREIGHTER AT FIRESTONE HOSPITAL

Two survivors of the crew of the SS MARIONGA, a Greek freighter, were washed ashore at Marshall Thursday night, May 29th, and after walking several hours, arrived at the home of Mr. Van der Meer. The MARIONGA left Glasgow, Scotland on May 1st and was enroute directly to Takoradi. She carried a cargo of American bombing planes and British fighters. Messrs. Flamurakis and Marmaras state that on May 24th at 12:30 A.M., while about seventy miles off the Liberian Coast, their ship was struck by a torpedo or mine without any warning whatever. Out of a crew of 55, these two men, together with three others, were sole survivors. It is feared that the three others did not reach land. Flamurakis and Marmaras were taken to the Hospital in a condition of shock from burns and starvation.

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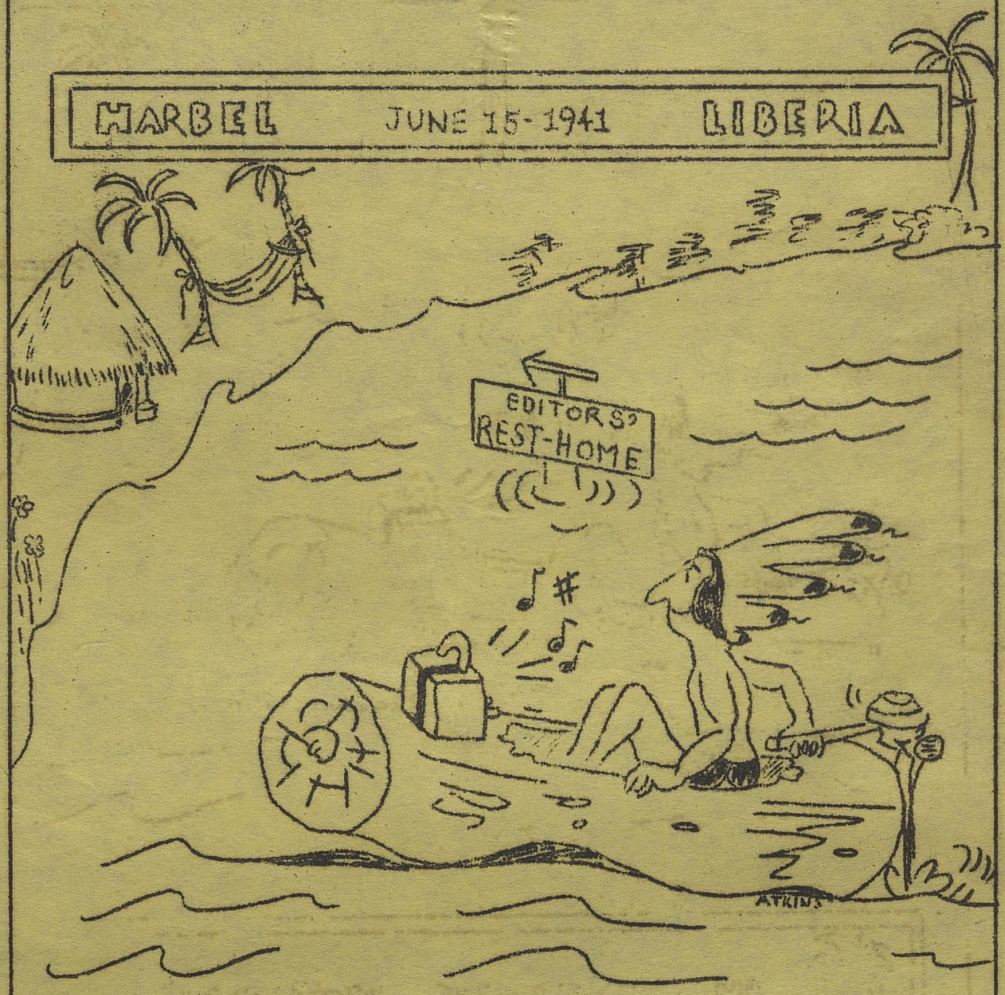

CHIEF EAGLEBEAK'S LAST RIDE

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

FOURTH OF JULY PARTY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 5

The annual Fourth of July party will be held at the Big Club on Saturday night, July 5, at 9:00 p.m. Complete details will be given in the July 1st issue of PLANTER'S PUNCH.

Although the afternoon of July 4th will be a holiday, according to rumorx from the Central Office, the decision to hold the party on Saturday resulted from the fact that parties held before a work day are not generally successful. Last year's July 4th party broke up early because of that fact.

PARTY CONVENTIONS HILARIOUS

Two full-fledged political parties emerged from the meetings last Tuesday night ---- the Revenuers (Revenoors) and the Mugwumps. Their birth was heralded by a lot of noise, laughter, and fun....and good food.

According to PUNCH'S reporter, the name of Revenuers for the A to Kj group was suggested by Bob Hines, and Mugwumps for the Kl to Z group by Mr. Seybold.

"A Planter for President" brought forth Louis Chancellor as the head of the Revenuers, and "Victory with Vi" called out our old friend, Bert Vipond, to lead the Mugwumps.

For complete details see PUNCH'S political page in this issue.

MUSICAL EVENING ENJOYED

The recorded opera "Madame Butterfly" was thoroughly enjoyed last Thursday night by a large group at the Big Club. Mr. Seybold has been very generous in sharing his music with the Plantations staff.

NEW EDITOR TAKES OVER

Beginning today, all material for PLANTER'S PUNCH should be delivered to Merl Mayer who succeeds Dock Hogue as editor-in-chief of this publication. The new editor will make his debut with the July 1st issue.

There is probably no person on the Plantations better qualified to take over the editorship than Mr. Mayer. According to reports, he majored in journalism at his university and has done some free lance writing.

ELECTIONS SET FOR JUNE 22

Sunday, June 22nd, promises to be a big day with a ball game scheduled for the afternoon, and elections and a movie that evening. It is hoped that everybody will turn out, including the Monrovia folk, to help elect the new officers for the F. O. C.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET

Ottilie Helm, secretary, reports that the next meeting of the Women's Club will be held on Wednesday, June 18th, 4 p. m., at the home of Ruth Hogue in Harbel Hills. An election of officers will be held. In addition, Mrs. Hogue will give her impressions of a recent bush trip. All women on the Plantations are cordially invited.

Who's going to buy Kay Auth a turkey?

Don't forget the golf tournament, June 29th.

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Anonymous

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

This is an editor's swan song. We could write a lot of rot about flinging the torch to a firmer hand, etc. Maybe we are, and we hope so. That is beside the point.

This editor is not retiring. He is quitting. Reasons: 1. He has found someone else to carry on; 2. He is tired of meeting the deadline; 3. He feels the urge to crusade getting stronger all the time. Having delayed his graduation from college three years by once succumbing to Point 3, he is herewith removing himself from that temptation.

We wish to thank all those who have taken part in the publication of PLANTER'S PUNCH during the past year. We also thank its readers for their encouragement.

To the new editor - "Good Luck". It is a pleasure to hand you a staff that is loyal, hard working, and genuinely interested in the continuance of PLANTER'S PUNCH.

NOTICE

The following information has reached PUNCH from Monrovia:

If you anticipate making purchases in Monrovia to take aboard ship, especially case lots of whiskey, it is necessary to secure a permit from the Collector of Customs to take said purchases from the country. Such purchases must be examined by the wharf master. There is no charge to the purchaser. This is especially necessary where the passenger sails from Marshall but goes ashore at Monrovia to make purchases. In that case a letter to the Collector of Customs stating the passenger's intentions is necessary.

A LADY WONDERS

Someone has said that the ideal life is to live in an English village, engage a Chinese cook, marry a Japanese, and take a French mistress. If we could all do that we would have moved on in the arts of peace and could then forget the arts of war. We would then know how to live and forget how to kill.

Lin Yutang, the famous Chinese philosopher, believes such cooperation in the art of living will bring a new era of international understanding and make the modern world safer to live in.

Well, this might make life comfortable for the men, but what about us girls who aren't Japanese or French?

DR. R. G. FUSZEK

Although it may introduce a somber note into a journal devoted to lighter matters, I feel that the death of Dr. R. G. Fuszek should not go unnoticed in this community.

Dr. Fuszek was very closely associated with Firestone activities in Liberia from their inception in 1926 up to the time of his death and many of the older Duside residents knew him long and intimately.

Dr. Fuszek first came to Liberia in December 1913, after previous tropical experience in Columbia, Peru and the Cameroons. He was medical adviser to the Firestone Company up to 1937 and consultant thereafter. As Director of the Bureau of Public Health and Sanitation for the Government of Liberia, he was responsible for the general health of the country. His activities were alone responsible for the sanitation and improvement of the health conditions in Monrovia so that the yellow fever, which took a heavy toll of the population in 1929 and 1931 has not since recurred.

Dr. Fuszek's funeral was very largely attended by Firestone staff, the President of Liberia with three members of his Cabinet, and other Liberian friends of the deceased.

The following remarks were made at the graveside before the reading of the funeral service by the Rev. G. W. Gibson:

"Friends,

" 'We are such stuff as dreams are made on
And our little life is rounded by a sleep.'

"We are here to lay to rest NOT a man but the mortal habiliments of him who still lives in our hearts and minds as the beloved friend, the welcome guest, the patient laborer in the vineyard of human anguish..

"In contemplation of the spectacle of death man has no ultimate consolation. The biological urge to live inspires the hope of immortality. The mind shudders away from the thought of extinction of personality. Yet we have the right to assume that that bourne from which no traveller returns holds no prospect less inviting than the one from which, at birth, we emerge. Our little life is rounded by a sleep.

"Let us therefore put away the self-pity which is grief.

"From contemplation of a useful life well-lived let us take increased devotion to the highest ideals which rise within us. Let us strike with renewed courage toward accomplishment of the noblest purposes which can animate us and without which life has no meaning.

"Only from the satisfaction of such aims can we -- when our summons comes -- meet death with the high courage Browning hoped for when he said,

" 'I would hate that death bid, and
bandaged my eyes, and bade me sneak by.'

"Or with the spirit of Stevenson in the words of his epitaph on Mount Vailima:

" 'Under the wide and starry sky
Dig my grave and let me lie,
Glad have I lived and gladly die
And I lay me down with a will.' "

G.H.S.

REVOKERS BRIDGE CLUB TOURNAMENT

The last tournament of the Revokers Bridge Club was not finished owing to departures and an apparent multiplicity of other interests. After three attempts to play the last eight hands, it was decided to pay off on the basis of scores to date. Checks have accordingly been made out and will be mailed direct to winners.

The first three prizes went to:

Jens Steen	£3	404 points
N. Martin	£2	376 points
Mrs. Seybold	£1	358 points

Out of the money were:

Standing	Scores	Name
4th	356	Ross Wilson
5th	352	G. Seybold
6th	348	Art Hart
7th	341	Peg Wilson
8th	338	Warren Brockett
9th	334	Eddie Weiss
10th	326	George Hart
11th	316	P. Dusenberry
12th	314	W. R. Hall
13th	308	Ruth Brockett
14th	302	Paul Kolves
15th	299	Kathryn Godley
16th	294	Betty Martin

For high scores on individual nights various amounts were paid to thirteen members - Steen collecting 13/6, Wilson 8/- and Weiss 7/6, with others winning smaller amounts.

With the Howe equipment now on hand, it is possible to arrange for any number of tables, provided the total appearing for play is divisible by 4. It is suggested that an attempt should be made to play one-evening tournaments at which all players appearing will contribute 2/-, with the amount distributed in prizes the same evening to the first and second high scores. This will avoid the difficulty that has been experienced in securing continuity of attendance in tournaments lasting several weeks.

The first attempt at this kind of tournament is set for Thursday, June 19, at 8 o'clock, at the Small Club.

G. H. S.

HOW ABOUT A SMILE?

He: "Whenever I stand up to make a speech, I don 't know what to do with my hands."
She: "Are you making a speech now?"

The Scotchman awoke one morning to find that his wife had passed away during the night. He leaped from the bed, ran out in the hall, and called downstairs to the cook:
"Mary, come to the foot of the stairs quick."
"What is it," she cried, "what is it,"
"Don't boil but one egg for breakfast," said the Scotchman.

In the days of Queen Elizabeth, 'tis said, some of the ladies of the court liked to curl up with a good book, while others preferred simply to curl up with one of the pages.

Sitting in the electric chair gives a man amps in his pants.

Allison: "Where have you been?"
McClelland: "Having my hair cut."
Harry: "On the Company's time?"
Bill: "Well, it grew on the Company's time, didn 't it?"
Harry: "Not all of it."
Bill: "Well, I didn't have it all cut off."

"Why do you call your girl "Muscles"?"
"She's in everybody's arms."

Dr. Murray: "Did you take his temperature,"
Sophia: "Yes, sir. I put the barometer on his stomach. It said 'very dry'. So I gave him a tin of beer and he has gone back to work."

Warren: "Mother, daddy wouldn't kill anybody, would he?"
Ruth Brockett : "Why, no, son, what makes you ask that,"
Warren: "Well, he and Mr. Wilson were out at the ice box and I heard him say, 'Hell, Ross, there's only six left. We might as well kill them too.' "

SPORTS BY ROSS WILSON

CRAIG WOOD WINS NATIONAL OPEN

FLASH! (If week old news can be called that)

Craig Wood, the Blond Bomber from Mamaronek, New York, finally succeeded in winning the National Open Golf title.

Shooting rounds of 73-71-70-70 for a total of 284, Wood, a 10-1 shot, came through in the Open last week on the 7004 yard Colonial Club Course at Fort Worth, Texas.

This was the first time in the Open's history that it has been held below the Mason-Dixon line, and it is Wood's first win, although he finished second in a play off match several years ago at Minneapolis, where he failed to win the title when his drive on the 18th hole hit a spectator, and he was so distrubed over the accident that he fumbled his next three shots to lose the match.

ANOTHER FLASH! (Four days old)

The Cleveland Indians are (traditionally, you might say) out in front in the American League by 4½ games. But it is not yet the 4th of July.

FLICKER! (Two weeks old)

Red Brockett won the Flag Tournament held Saturday, June 1st, by getting past the ninth hole. As predicted in this column, only four players got across the gully on number 9. Brockett finished with one stroke to spare and took the money.

Bill McClelland finished second.

FLAG TOURNAMENT JUNE 29

Paul Kolves has another Flag Tournament planned for Sunday, June 29th.

There will be the same rules in this as in the first tournament, but there will be 4 prizes this time instead of two, and free beer for all participants.

Everyone has a chance in this kind of tournament, so a good field is expected. The ladies are particularly requested to play and our guess is that since several of them have shown so much improvement recently, the gals will walk off with at least half the prizes.

It is hoped that raincoats won't be necessary.

Purple Petey sez they ain't no justice. Here he is leadin' a quiet peaceful life an' botherin' nobody when all of a sudden guys start givin' him the glassy eye an' people is whisperin' behind his back about how he's pretty low to bite the hand that feeds him now an then and it's a scurvy trick to attack a guy when the moon is bright an he ain't no chance to defend hisself so he begins smellin' a rat and finds its a guy that write a blurb in the local rag about deer huntin' and he just wants to tell his friends he don't have no part of that because it smells different than his stuff and it musta been one of them there filth columists.

Don't forget the Golf Tournament, June 29th.

SPORTS

BY ROSS WILSON

REVENOORS VS. MUGWUMPS

It seems that there are now two parties - the Mugwumps and the Revenoors - and if there's anything that politics likes it's a public gathering where the opposition can be out-talked or outvoted. So, there is to be a ball game. The Mugs think they are a sure thing since most of the local ball tossers come from the wrong side of the Kl's. So, with the true political principal of never giving a sucker an even break, they're betting, cash money, that they'll take the Revenoors into camp, and are right now out buying players, bribing officials, and otherwise solidifying their position. It is rumored that both parties have been putting the bee on the weather bureau to keep it dry, so we look for fair weather ---- or else.

The officials are not yet determined, because prices in the local umpire market fluctuate quite a bit but we feel sure that the baseball commission will give the public a "square deal", and that they will stand for no stuffing of the batters box.

OVERHEAD WINS 8-6

Well, that long-talked-of game between the Planters and the Overhead came off last Sunday, and the Planters are still wandering around in the woods talking to themselves, trying to figure out how it happened. For when all the turmoil was over, they were two runs shy - first in seven innings 6-4, and then in nine innings 8-6. Which just goes to show that the overhead always counts up faster.

There are rumors of a series now with the losers to donate the beer, but we'll believe it after it's all over.

NAUTICAL NOTES

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

As reported in the last issue of PUNCH, the WEST IRMO was removed from Liberian service. The IRMO has now been reinstated and was scheduled to leave New York on June 13th..

On board are Dr. and Mrs. Tengwall and Mr. Rockelmeyer - the latter to help Bob keep the Fords running smoothly.

The CATHLAMET, homeward bound, is due Monrovia on June 22 or 23.

The WEST HUMHAW arrived safely at Boston on June 11th and is expected to be on the high seas, Liberia-bound, June 25th. There are no passages booked.

MAIL NOTICE

Customs officials in the United States are asking about mail carried by Barber Line passengers, especially unstamped letters. In order to save your friends embarrassment as well as to conform to local postal regulations, it is suggested that Liberian stamps be placed on all letters carried by your friends. These can be mailed on board ship after the boat has cleared Freetown, thus avoiding possible censorship losses and delays.

The heighth of something or other:

Robertshaw telling a hair-raising story to Iversen.

A to Kj

Name: THE REVENUERS

Slogan: Take a chance with Chance.

For President: Louis Chancellor
For Secretary: Bill Auth
For Treasurer: Morris Johnson

For Committeemen:
Carl Hupman
A. K. Farley
Bob Brown
Pat Foley

PLATFORM

1. Hester Harkins for F. O. C. cigarette girl.
2. Reserved seats for the movies.
3. Airtex cushions for the movie seats.
4. Weekly injections for four-cylinder Fords.
5. Free beer on the 2nd Tuesday in each week.
6. More ball games.
7. Fresh fish in every bath tub.
8. More Sundays after payday.
9. Free magnetic deer detectors.
10. Enough fences so all the Mugwumps can keep their Mugs on one side and their Wumps on the other.
11. Telephones that work.
12. A sawed-off chair for Hendricks to use at the movies.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the Revenuers, hereby thank the A-Kj ladies, for the excellent chop which they kindly served at our convention.

We, the Revenuers, herewith resolve to supply our presidential candidate with sufficient shoes to last his term of office after he is elected.

Kl to Z

Name: THE MUGWUMPS

Slogan: All for wumps and wumps for all.

For President: Bert Vipond
For Secretary: Merl Mayer
For Treasurer: Ralph Warden

For Committeemen:
Al Marconi
Charlie Woelfel
Dave Soper
Abel Matthews

Campaign Manager: G. H. Seybold

PLATFORM

1. A john on the 7th green.
2. A Blonde for every bachelor.
3. Thumbs out of the soup.
4. More dark of the moon - for hunters.
5. Padded chairs for the movies.
6. Bigger drinks at the Club.
7. Put a halt to price changing at the U. S. T. C.
8. A ball game every Sunday.
9. Golf every other Sunday.
10. Better grandstand for ball-games.
11. Bigger and better clubhouses.

BULLETIN FROM THE POLITICAL FRONT

The first skirmish in the big political campaign has gone to the MUGWUMPS, but only after a spirited opposition by the REVENOORS.

The baseball game on Sunday was won 6-5 in the seventh inning by the MUGS. Both teams were below their normal strength, due to illness of President-elect Chancellor, and the lethargy of several of the other players. Or it may have been caused by the Sunday morning Supper-Club.

MR. TANOY

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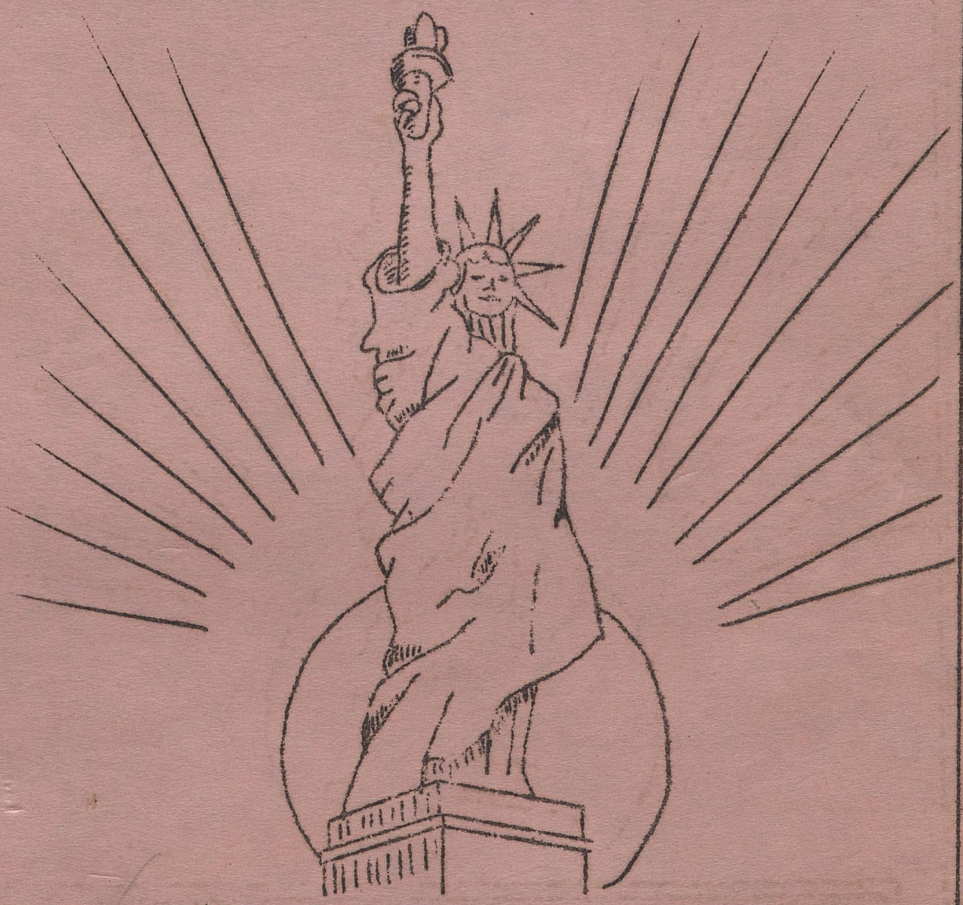

FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

F. O. C. COMPLETES PLANS FOR FOURTH OF JULY PARTY

Free chop and speeches should be enough to draw the staff to the Big Club on Saturday evening, July 5th, when the Firestone Overseas Club will give their annual party in honor of the United States Independence day.

Speeches will be made by our General Manager and by Lester Walton, the American Ambassador Extra-Ordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Liberia.

The club management requests that all reservations be in by Thursday, July 3rd. Although the chop is free, reservations are necessary to enable them to make adequate plans. Better send in your reservations in plenty of time and avoid any chance of going hungry.

Entertainment and decorations are in the hands of Charlie Baar and "Dimples" Woelfel.

GOLF CLUBS MISSING

Someone inadvertently picked up a set of golf clubs while at the Tournament on Sunday, June 29th. The equipment consists of the following:

2 woods - Nos. 1 and 2
5 irons - Nos. 2, 3, 5, 7 & putter
1 tan canvas oval bag

Mr. Howard Nelson would very much appreciate their return.

He who laughs last probably had it explained to him.

RESULTS OF F. O. C. ELECTIONS

Bert O. Vipond, cigar-chewing, professional-appearing, amateur politician from the third ward (Duside) was elected president of the Firestone Overseas Club at the annual election held Sunday June 21. PUNCH has learned from an absolutely unreliable source that a certain hungry planter was heard to remark as he oiled his squirrel gun, "Where I cum frum they ain't no 'lection over until the shootin' 's over!"

Bill (O Kay!) Auth defeated your editor in the race for the office of secretary and Ralph (Falsetto) Warden won over Mel Johnson for treasurer.

Al Marconi, Charlie Woelfel, Dave Soper, and Bob Brown were chosen for the central committee.

PUNCH offers hearty congratulations to the new officers, and speaking in behalf of the entire staff, acknowledges a debt of gratitude to the retiring officers.

MASS MEETING

A mass meeting has been called for Tuesday night, July 1, to be held at the Big Club at 8 p.m. The meeting is called to enable the staff to discuss with the management the policies of the United States Trading Company.

PUNCH predicts some premature Fourth of July pyrotechnics.

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Nina Blowers

A PIP-SQUEAK SQUEAKS

Budding editors always have one torrid ambition--a desire to launch a blistering editorial campaign over something--just anything, but particularly man's injustice to man.

But PLANTER'S PUNCH is different from ordinary papers. It wasn't designed for that purpose; it was meant to be a source of information and amusement. So your editor, despite an itch, will keep a civil pen. Anyway, how can he be very mad at anyone--he's been married less than three months.

A change in editors certainly has not changed the status of PUNCH. In the future it must exist as it has done in the past--absolutely dependent on your contributions.

And, girls, how about some help on this matter of a Woman's Page?

In an early issue the editor hopes to start a column entitled "Letters to the Editor", even though he is just a bit afraid of what he'll find in his asbestos mail bag. Anyone believing he has interesting comment to make--be it laudatory, derisive, complimentary, bombastic (with reservations), sarcastic or humorous--is invited to write. Prudence bids that all such letters be signed by their authors, but knowing most of you as he does, the editor cannot guarantee that all letters submitted will be published.

Thanks to Dock Hogue, the retiring editor, and to others for advice and helpful suggestions.

And lest you forget:

HELP! HELP! HELP!

FIVE PASSENGERS FAIL TO SAIL

Five rather dejected and disappointed persons were left standing on shore last Tuesday as the CATHLAMET sailed out of Monrovia. Mrs. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Storts, and Messrs Gooch and J. Wilson had been booked since early June but owing to the failure (if it was a failure) of the Monrovia radio station to transmit a message to Lagos givin g confirmation of the passages, the Barber Line agent there cancelled them, but instead of notifying Central Office direct, notified the Monrovia agent. This, of course, lost a whole day and there was not sufficient time to contact Lagos again before the ship sailed. It would have probably been useless anyway as the Lagos agent had already given the passages to Freetown. Every possible effort was made at the last minute to have the passages reinstated but to no avail. Said the Captain of the CATHLAMET, "Sorry, but I must take my orders from the Monrovia agent."

An unfortunate incident, to say the least, but one which we bet won't be repeated for a long time to come, if ever!

CASUALS OF THE AIR

With gas tanks nearly empty in the heavy storm of Sunday June 21 three pilots of the RAF flying two Hurricanes and a Blenheim bomber picked out a nice white strip of beach near Edina and brought their planes down on their bellies without injury to their crews despite such damage to the aircraft that salvage was out of the question.

For those who have not done their home work on RAF planes the Hurricane is an eight-gun, single-seater fighter and the Blenheim is a medium bomber carrying a crew of three. The planes were enroute from Takoradi to Freetown and for lack of any proper maps were following the coast. For fourteen days they had awaited favorable weather reports from Freetown and then encountered the worst storm that has struck in these parts this year with high winds from all quarters at various times and a 24-hour rainfall of 9.28 inches. The fighters carried extra gas tanks under the wings, but even with that there was no margin for the shortest distance over the route with perfect weather. Fighters are definitely short range planes, and they were trying to make 890 miles.

With the storm on three sides and the only clear weather showing over the seas there were two alternatives--to climb and bail out in which case the planes would be certainly lost or try to land with the hope of saving them. With landing gears retracted the planes were slid onto the beach. Radio communication was established with Freetown and instructions received to destroy the partially wrecked craft. The planes were burned and breech blocks removed from the guns and bunged up.

Asylum was found with staff of the O.A.C. and on Wednesday morning a start was made for Owens Grove overland. Flying is not exactly the correct training for bush travel, and the trip appears to have been accomplished with some difficulty. In fact the government post runner passing the party about noon of Friday was so impressed with the apparent state of exhaustion he observed that about 6:30 p.m. he appeared at the store and reported to Mr. Hendricks, "He have no chop--no money. He can't walk. He can't hear me".

As usual in emergencies Vi was called in and by about 9:30 had dispatched Joe (Stanley) Ferrante with forty boys complete with hammocks, food and medicines to bring the party in. Of course Joe did not know that the reports of exhaustion were exaggerated and that the flyers had arrived at Gemayels in Owens Grove an hour or more before he started. How far he hiked in the rain that night before he discovered his objective was behind him we have not heard.

One of the party was hospitalised on arrival and there was some shortage of apparel, but that was remedied, and it is a pleasure to have the boys among us. Ultimate destination will be determined by the result of the current diplomatic wrangle as to status. The question is whether, in view of all the circumstances our guests will be interned or allowed to leave and fight another day.

--G. H. S.

IT'S ALL IN FUN - HONEST!

Berquist -- That guy Woelfel gives me a pain in the neck.

Bunny Brown -- Personally, I've got a lower opinion of him

Harshman -- Well, Ball, there's nothing like a wife's cooking is there?

Chet Ball -- No, not as long as I take a tablespoon full of Drano three times a week.

Hines -- Is that guy Kline learning how to drive yet?

Schmalz -- Well, the road is beginning to turn when he does.

A woman is a person who wears a skirt short enough to show her knees and self-consciously pulls it down to keep her knees from showing.

Give me a paper that's wholesome and clean;
That never prints news of anything mean.
Give me a newsheet that firearms don't clatter on,
Causing some poor victim's lifeblood to splatter on
My trousers, the carpet, the chair where I sit.
Give me some reading that's wholesome and fit.

Pages where slander is never discussed,
And where the Commandments don't ever go bust,
Where murder and mayhem don't ever run riot;
Where all news is good news, real peaceful and quiet
And never by anything odorous marred,
With vice and vile gossip and greediness barred.

Give me that paper -- again I repeat --
A wholesome, respectable, family sheet
That contains none of these -- and downtown I'll buzz
And quickly procure me a paper that does!

Gratz -- Funny how my roomy is so lucky at cards and then loses his winnings at the race track.

Waddington -- Not very funny! They won't let him shuffle the horses!

It's now quite evident the REVENOORS couldn't get de-fence up in time to stop those MUGWUMPS.

SPORTS by WILSON

Golf again takes the headlines in the local sports field. Paul Kolves put on a very successful Flag Tournament, Sunday afternoon, June 29th. The largest field of starters yet to play in a local tournament was on hand to match strokes against "dat old debbil, Par." Of the 46 players, only three reached the ninth green. They were Fritz Spangler who carried off first place by reaching all the way to the tenth hole, Al Marconi, who finished up six feet from number nine cup, and Oats Ritter, who was just on number nine. Ritter won low gross prize with a 38, and Spangler took low net with 31. The new balls which recently arrived were used as prizes. The nineteenth hole was crowded, and the sides of the small clubhouse bulged with players crowding in for the free beer.

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For those who planted their flag somewhere on number eight, and who might think their handicap was too small, there is a notice posted at the golf club explaining how the handicaps were computed.

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MISCELLANY - The Cleveland Indians still lead the American League every other day.

The Cardinals are now in front in the National League.

Joe Hunt of the U. S. Naval Academy won the National Intercollegiate Tennis Championship last week.

The world's record for the 400 metre run, of 46.2 seconds, was broken Sunday at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, by Roger Clemmer of the Los Angeles Olympic Club in the time of 46 seconds flat.

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Maybe there will be a ball game at Research next Sunday, if it's not too wet Saturday night.

DEDICATED TO THE F. O. C. AND ITS INTEREST IN LONGEVITY

The horse and mule live thirty years
and know nothing of wines and beers.

The goat and sheep at 20 die
and never taste of Scotch and rye.

The cows drink water by the ton
and at 18 are mostly done.

The dog at 15 cashes in
without the aid of rum and gin.

The cat is milk and water soaked
and then at 12 short years it croaks.

The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
lays eggs for noggs, then dies at 10.

All animals are strictly dry,
they sinless live and swiftly die;

But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men
survive for three-score years and ten.

NAUTICAL NOTES

As this issue of PUNCH goes to press, the WEST IRMO is lying at anchor in Freetown harbor. She is due at Monrovia on Thursday, July 3rd.

PUNCH extends a welcome to Mr. Rockelmeyer and says, "Welcome back, Dr. and Mrs. Tengwall."

The WEST LASHAWAY is due at Marshall homeward on Tuesday, July 8th.

She is picking up 300 tons of rubber at Cape Palmas and will take on an additional 800 tons here.

The WEST HUMHAW is scheduled to sail from New York today.

On board will be Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and their four-months old baby.

Mr. Hutchinson is a diesel operator and is being booked direct to Cavalla as relief for Mr. Bollons.

PUNCH had expected to welcome Kathryn and Harry Godley back before many moons but will now have to forego that pleasure.

Mr. Godley has accepted an assignment at the Head Office in Akron.

HINTS TO A HOUSEWIFE IN THE TROPICS

Keep flowers fresh by putting a pinch of soda in the water.

Ammonia will make all glass shine if a small amount is added to the washing water.

Remove grease from garments by sponging with one tablespoon of salt to four of alcohol.

To remove mildew prepare a solution of three tablespoonsful Clorox to one quart cold water. Mix well. Immerse fabric and allow it to soak for fifteen minutes, longer if necessary. Rinse well and hang in sunlight until final traces disappear.

The water from macaroni or rice should be saved for soups and gravies.

To rid your home of ants mix thoroughly two parts borax with one part powdered sugar and put around where ants come. For two or three days the ants will come in swarms, but after that they will disappear.

Nina Blowers sends along word that Dennis & Co. in Monrovia have a new shipment of household utensils and china.

BANANA ROLLS HAWAIIAN

4 bananas
¼ tsp. salt
8 thin slices boiled ham
3 tbs prepared horseradish

Have oven at 374 degrees. Cut bananas in halves and aprinkle lightly with salt. Spread each slice of ham with horseradish. Wrap each banana half in a slice of ham. Bake 15 minutes. Serve with pineapple sauce. Garnish with slices of pineapple heated in sauces.

PINEAPPLE SAUCE

8 slice pineapple
water
3 tbs. cornstarch
½ tsp. salt
2 tbs. butter

Mix juice from a pineapple with enough water to make two cups. Add cornstarch with salt and cook until clear, about 20 minutes. Add butter and when melted add pineapple. Serve hot.
Yield: 8 portions

Tandy

PLANTERS' PUNCH

HARBEL JULY 15-1941 LIBERIA



FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB

-o- F. O. C. CALENDAR -o-

Sunday, July 20 4:30 P.M. Ball Game

PLANTERS vs. OVERHEAD

First game of the BEER SERIES, losing team to buy five cases of beer.

Sunday, July 20 7:30 P.M. Movie

"THE GREAT BARRIER"

starring

Richard Arlen

Saturday, July 26 Supper Club

Sunday, July 27 Golf Tournament

Sunday, August 3 4:30 P.M. Ball Game

Sunday, August 3 7:30 P.M. Movie

Sunday, August 10 4:30 P.M. Ball Game

Sunday, August 10 - Evening of Symphonic Music

A Ping Pong Tournament will be held soon. Dates will be announced in the next issue of PLANTER'S PUNCH.

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CHAMPAGNE AND ASPIRIN

The American Minister to Liberia and Mrs. Walton honored by their presence the F. O. C.'s celebration of Independence Day, at which Mr. Walton, in a well-organized address stressed the coming need for sacrifice in the cause of Democratic government. He closed with a realized-but-glad-to-hear-again reasurrance that the State Department, irrespective of which corner of the earth we may be in, knows where we are and is intensely interested in our welfare.

Speeches, chop, champagne, music and general ribaldry -- enough to make any celebration a success -- did just that for the party.

The majority of the staff, a contingent from Monrovia (with one notable exception), and our visiting English aviators, pooled their enthusiasm to honor an American holiday that symbolizes an American ideal.

Mr. Seybold, with his usual ease at extempore, reminded our English visitors that the lesson learned from the American Declaration of Independence was a significant influence in the growth of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

American champagne added its "warmth" to the proceedings, and the detonations of drawn stoppers was a pleasant substitute for traditional fireworks. Was the champagne good? How do you expect a country boy to be a connoisseur?

Forget the bombs and fuss in Europe,
Think not of the bayonet's steel.
Forget direct and income taxes,
Go get your rod and reel.

-- Selected

ANOTHER MARRIAGE!

Startling some, surprising others, and disconcerting at least one, A. A. Hart, Jr. and Miss Gwenn Routh were married at 6 P. M., July 6th, at Monrovia.

"Double A" and Gwenn were married by Rev. Yudusie in the Protestant Episcopal Chapel at the Bishop's residence.

At a reception for the couple on Saturday night, July 12th, Mr. Routh, British Consul and father of the bride, proved to be a most genial host. Besides, he spread a table so sumptous that your correspondent floundered at the finish, a fallen gourmand.

Somewhat hesitantly, the bride and groom hinted that they might abscond next week-end. To where? They plead ignorance.

PUNCH offers congratulations and wishes them the best of everything

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WOMEN'S CLUB

At the June meeting of the Women's Club, Peg Wilson was elected President; Peggy Hagerty, Secretary Treasurer; and Marie Iversen, Chop Master; serving a term of six months.

Luncheon will be served at the next Women's Club meeting on Wednesday, July 16, at 2 P. M. at the BIG CLUB, honoring the newly elected officers. All women on the Plantation are cordially invited to attend.

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall.

-- Goldsmith

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

What is this marriage business anyway -- a disease? In his position the Editor can't call it a plague.

If Jens Steen and Swede Frederickson come back with brides, the Management will be forced to declare a special holiday. And then if Art Black and Pat Littell also come back with brides, it would be a fitting excuse for the Republic of Liberia to declare a holiday.

Incidentally, rumors say that several bachelors are quite anxious to get home before it becomes fashionable for women to be escorted by men in uniform.

PUNCH predicts that if those Pan American airplanes carry hostesses, plantation bachelors will be hard to find (on the plantation) on the days when planes come in.

How poor are they that have no patience! What wound did ever heal but by degrees?

- Shakespeare

NAUTICAL NOTES

Arrived, Monday afternoon, July 14th -- the WEST LASHAWAY - bound homeward. She will load 800 tons at Marshall and will probably not clear until Thursday, July 17th.

Better get those letters written!

Outward Bound - the WEST HUMHAW. Sailed from New York on Wednesday July 2nd - due here the latter part of next week.

PUNCH says "Hello" to Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and their four-months old baby and wishes them a pleasant stay at Cavalla.

Akron advises that the WEST LASHAWAY and OTHO will be temporarily removed from Liberian service after their current homeward voyage.

The WEST KEBAR, which has been hauling manganese under U. S. Government priorities, will call once again at Liberian ports on her next outward voyage. She is scheduled to leave New York on August 21st.

The ZAREMBO was scheduled to sail from New York on Saturday, July 12th but up until the time this issue of PUNCH goes to press, no confirmation of sailing has been received.

Lost -- A pocket flashlight with a clip. Mislaid a short time ago during a party at the old No. 10 house.

- Bert O. Vipond

SPORTS by ROSS WILSON

Baseball again needs the needle. A fine Sunday afternoon went to waste last week because the ball players had too many other things to do. Next Sunday, July 20, should be a good time for those Planters to get revenge for their recent pasting at the hands of the Overhead. This will be the first of the Beer Series, and those Planters are sure thirsty.

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The Runals Tennis Trophy arrived on the last boat. It is a twelve-inch high silver trophy, nicely engraved except for the winner's name. Now we need a tennis tournament, which will have to be put off until the dry season. There is some tennis being played at Division 4 court, but the Sports Committee feels that the weather is too uncertain to schedule any regular matches.

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There will be another golf tournament on Sunday, July 27 and the weather man seems kindly disposed toward the local golfing fraternity, because he has turned on the sun nicely for the past week to allow the boys to polish up their games.

The Greens Committee has requested all players to turn in as many score cards as possible before Sunday in order that handicaps can be adjusted. The handicaps will be based as far as possible on the last cards, and these new handicaps will be used in Sunday's play.

There will be two prizes for men, and two for women, we understand, but have no definite information about the amounts of these prizes. With good weather, there should be a large field competing.

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It is more than evident to Pete that this golf game requires practice to perfect. His work has been interfering with his golf pretty much but he says he didn't know how sorry his game was until he stepped up to number six the other evening and drove. It wasn't such a long drive - just to the ditch - and while he was making ready for his second shot, a ball whizzed by him. Turning to bawl somebody out, Pete saw five year old Sally Norton on the tee. And was his face red. "I shoulda started this game younger," said Pete, as he knocked his second into the trap.

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Doc Campbell has sent home for a sterling silver beer mug to be inscribed "Hospital Golf Tournament." Doc assures that this is one cup that will not be, as is the traditional custom, presented empty. The tournament for this cup will be held sometime during the next dry season, about February. Incidentally, one stipulation we heard made about this award was that it would be given to the player who won not only on the Harbel course, but he must also win on the hospital course. This latter is a tough little pitch-and-putt layout around the hospital grounds. It has been facetiously called the

SPORTS by ROSS WILSON

Atebrin Course, and we hear that Doc is pretty good at it. So all you golfers had better go out and give this layout a trial.

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Hymie Schmalz was bragging about his excavating prowess the other night at the nineteenth hole while bemoaning the sorry score he had just made. "I'll bet I took four yards - four cubic yards - of dirt every time I used an eight iron," says Hymie. "Transfer him to the Hydro", says Woelfel. "Hence forth he shall be known as Heaving Harold."

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Kolves and Ritter have been hotter than mustard lately. Both have consistently been under 40 for the course, and last week they each turned in cards of 35. Our dope is that they will be the boys to beat on the 27th.

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LAST CALL FOR BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN

How about wrapping up your old clothes or some of your new ones and sending them to one of the following: Peg Hagerty, Mrs. Iverson, or Peg Wilson. These will be packed and sent on the WEST LASHAWAY immediately to stranded refugees in Freetown and England.

The Nation Wide Women's Group of Bundles for Britain in the United States have adopted 40 British hospitals, 30 situated in London. So far, they have sent $170,000. in cash and hundreds of cases of blankets, hospital garments, cots, and surgical supplies from the States.

Friends of the Gustins will be interested to know that Mabel and Gus are now located at 19 Firglade Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island; telephone number Plantation 3757. Mabel's dog Conga, an English Bull won first prize at a dog show recently.

THIS 'N THAT

A travel-worn, tired preacher walked into a small tavern, pleaded poverty and thirst. The bartender, who had just completed a double-strength whiskey milk punch for a customer in the backroom, took pity on the poor man and placed the drink before him.

With profuse thanks for what the preacher thought was a glass of milk, he drank it down to the last drop. Then he looked reverently upward and said, "God, what a cow!"

Confucius say --

Some women have clothes like battery - always charged.

Girl who drinks like fish should show no surprise if head swims.

For Sale:
1 Argus 35 mm camera with approximately 100 feet of film and cartridges. Daylight loader for filling cartridges. Not a movie camera.
W. T. McClelland

HOME BY PLANE - MAYBE!

Pan American Airways made a survey flight over Liberia on July 11th and it is presumed that this is a preliminary to the establishment of regular service.

After several years of experience, the landing conditions in the harbor of Horta in the Azores have so frequently interrupted the service that Pan American sought a route on which schedules would not be interrupted during the five bad months of the year - December to May.

Present neutrality legislation makes it impossible for any but neutral ports to be used. Consequently, a base has been established at Bolama in Portuguese Guinea, and during five months of the year the big clippers will fly from Lisbon to Bolama to Trinidad to Puerto Rico to New York. This route is twice as long as the direct route to Lisbon via the Azores, the longest hop being Bolama to Trinidad, a distance of 3150 miles.

The Liberian service, if and when established, will be a shuttle line from Bolama to Monrovia. It is presumed that during the seven months of good weather in the Azores, the plane which touches Liberia will fly from Bolama to Lisbon to connect with the trans-Atlantic plane. During the other five months, it will connect at Bolama.

There is nothing definite as to when regular service will be established.

MASS MEETING

The Mass Meeting of the staff which was planned for Tuesday, July 15th, is postponed until Thursday, July 17th.

A NEW ARRIVAL

Out at the Hospital they have something nice and shiny new -- a pert little baby girl.

Constance Louise Murray came along on July 2nd and decided to grow up with Dr. and Mrs. Murray.

PUNCH, after a rigid inspection, has the following report to make:

1. Hair - dark.
2. Eyes - blue.
3. Chin - cleft.
4. Weight at birth - 6 lbs. 1oz.
5. Hands and feet - very small
6. Features - doggone cute.
7. Overall complexion - NOT RED -- honest!

Her father, feeling perhaps that his wife had double-crossed him, just laughed and said, "Well, anyway, I can call her Bill!"

Oh Where, Oh Where -- ?

Question: Where have the British flyers gone?

1000 identical answers: My, My, are they gone? I didn't know!

"TRADER HORN" JOHNSON

Remember "Si", erstwhile planter lately departed? Well, the New York Times and LIFE magazine have made much ado about "Si" -- pictures and everything. In the pictures he is holding a pygmy hippo -- maybe that had something to do with it. Anyway, PUNCH hopes that he kept the hippo until after the publicity and then sold it.

A is for apron, just short of the pin,
From which you can often take four to get in.

B is for ball, dimpled pellet of rubber,
That's smacked by the champion, hacked by the dubber

C is for caddy, who trudges the course
With a burden of clubs that would weary a horse.

D is for dub, poor misguided beginner,
Who dreams on the morrow of being a winner.

E is for exercise, needless to pay for,
Yet all that some golfers insist that they play for.

F is for fairway, inclined to be narrow
And bordered by bad lands that chill to the marrow.

G is for green, that's constructed to roll
In every direction away from the hole.

H is for handicap, cause of profanity,
Mostly too low on account of man's vanity.

I is for ignorance, excellent reason
For breaking a ground rule you've known of all season.

J is for jitter, a state you and I
Get in when it takes a two-footer to tie.

K is for knees, that unhappily tend
Each year to get harder and harder to bend.

L is for locker, which clothes that are kept in
Come out of as wrinkled a s if they'd been slept in.

M is for money, expended with ease
On lessons and caddies and golf balls and fees.

N is for nineteenth, the hole that's the best,
And the reason why some golfers play all the rest.

O is for Open, the tourney of stars,
Who shoot mostly eagles and birdies and pars.

P is for par, which is golfer's perfection,
Achieved by a union of length and direction.

Q is for quiet, desired when you putt up,
A time when the courteous clammily shut up.

R is for rough, a weird species of jungle
Into which you go traipsing whenever you bungle.

(over)

S is for score, the result of addition,
Which often drives golfers to ping pong and fishin'.

T is for traps, and it's downright pathetic
That their lure for one's golf ball should be so magnetic.

U is for uphill, the walking you do,
Though somewhere or other you must come down too.

V is for virtue, which golfers possess,
When compared with most men, neither more nor yet less.

W is for weather, whose downpouring leak ends
Most often on Monday, the day after week-ends.

X is for Xmas, when, as a surprise,
A dozen new balls would do better than ties.

Y is for yell, which when driving up onto
A green full of players, you'd better do pronto.

Z is for Zero, the number of times
A poet can work the word "golf" into rhymes.

- - Richard Armour

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THOUGHTS

Has anyone ever told you
That every thought you think,
Makes lines just like the little lines
You write with pen and ink.

And thoughts of anger, fear or hate
Will spoil the prettiest face,
By making ugly little lines
Which nothing can erase.

But thoughts of love and kindness,
And joyousness and cheer
Make very pretty little lines,
All fine and firm and clear.

And by and by your face becomes
An open story book
Which anyone can see and read
Each time he chances to look.

So if you want your face to tell
A story sweet and fair
You must see that only good thoughts
Do any writing there.

BIRTH OF CRINOLINE

There was once a Spanish princess who was ashamed of her hips, because they were slightly malformed. So she persuaded the court dressmaker to make a dress that would increase her charms and at the same time hide her hips. From that request the crinoline was born.

For a similar reason sweeping dresses became the vogue. This time the dissatisfied princess was the daughter of Louis XI; and instead of hips, it was feet. She had very big feet and wore dresses long enough to cover them. Of course, the French court followed her example.

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HINTS FOR A HOUSEWIFE IN THE TROPICS

Fresh bread is often troublesome to slice. To insure smooth even slices, as well as ease in cutting, first heat the knife above a flame or in hot water.

For quicker cooking results when using a double boiler, put salt water in the outer portion of the boiler. More intense heat, and faster cooking, will result than from water alone.

If the stain caused by hot or wet dishes on a polished surface is not too serious, washing with soap suds will remove it. Use white soap. After rinsing and drying, use a soft cloth to polish the spot with one part alcohol, four parts water.

Fish often stick to the bottom of the pan when frying. Sprinkle salt in the greased pan before proceeding, and your fish will be less troublesome.

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Shrimp and Pineapple Salad

1 cup shrimp
1 cup diced pineapple
1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp paprika
4 tblsp. French dressing

Combine shrimp, pineapple, salt and paprika. Mix well. Chill. When ready to serve mix with French dressing. Serves 4.

Pineapple Basket Salad

1 pineapple
2 cups fruit salad
Mayonnaise

Cut pineapple into half the long way and scoop out pulp into cubes or balls. Mix with fruit salad and pile in basket. Put on mayonnaise.

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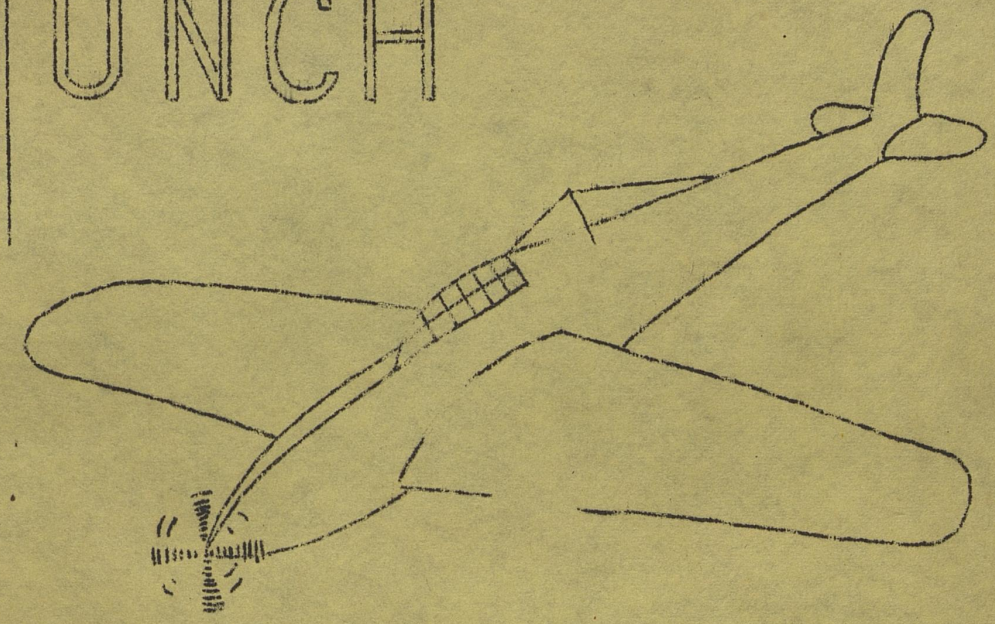

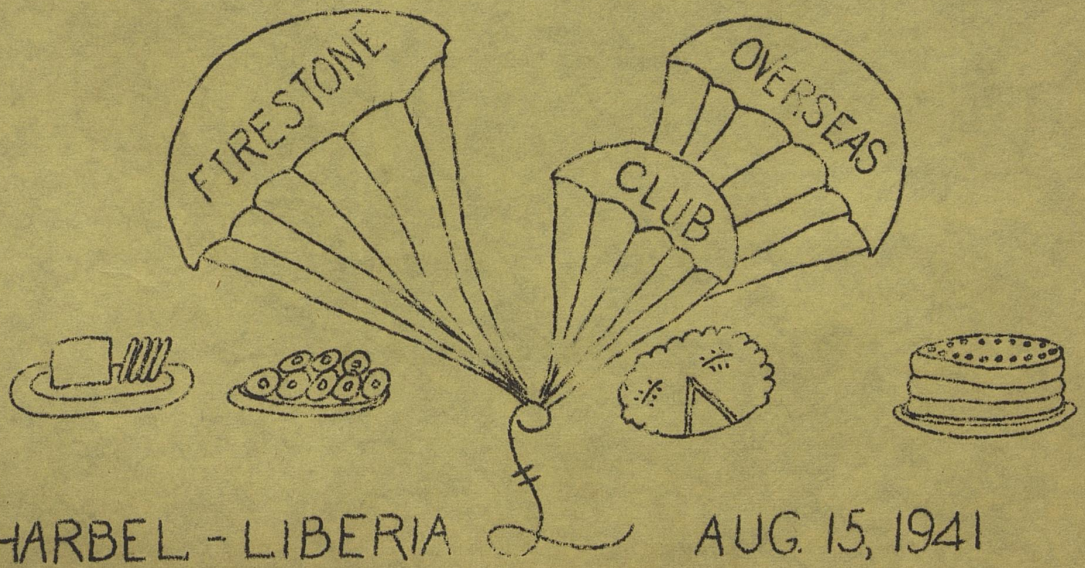

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PING PONG TOURNAMENT

Please enter my name in the tournament.

I wish to play at (Big Club
(Small Club

The best nights for me to play are:

Tournament consists of Men's singles, Women's Singles and Mixed Doubles.

Signed.....

F. O. C. CALENDAR

SUNDAY -- AUGUST -- SEVENTEENTH

4:30 — PLANTERS VS OVERHEAD
Fourth of five games
"Beer Series"

6:30 — SPITFIRE DINNER

8:00 — MOVIE

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SATURDAY -- AUGUST -- TWENTY THIRD

DINNER DANCE

"Chicken in the Rough"

BLACKJACK ROULETTE PUNCHBOARD

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SUNDAY -- AUGUST -- THIRTY FIRST

4:30 — BALL GAME

7:30 — MOVIE

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SUNDAY -- SEPTEMBER -- SEVENTH

BLIND BOGEY GOLF TOURNAMENT

FUN FOR ALL PRIZES

"You don't have to be good - everyone has an equal chance."

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PING PONG TOURNAMENT

Fill in the registration slip attached to this "Punch". Start practising now. Details to be announced in next issue of "Punch".

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

First of all, thanks very much to some talented person for contributing the little poem that appeared on the first page of the last issue of PUNCH. The poem arrived just after your editor had given up in despair, realizing that he had not and could not produce anything with just the right touch. Thanks for a truly excellent poem.

Well, Jimmy Fisher and Art Black are married and intend to bring their brides back to the Plantation in the near future. Perhaps Steen and Fredrickson will desert the bachelor ranks and make bachelorhood almost a rarity on the Plantation.

The Little Theatre Group has asked for help in producing their next plays. It is up to all of us to do our bit, because the plays take much more work to produce than most people think.

At a particularly loud clap of thunder, a lady walking along a London street involuntarily and visibly started.

"It's all right, Lidy," said the urchin. It ain't 'itler, it's Gawd."

MAN'S POWER

It is impossible to imagine the height to which may be carried in a thousand years, the power of man over matter...O that moral science were in a fair way of improvement, that men would cease to be wolves to one another, and that human knowledge would at length learn what they now improperly call humanity!--Benjamin Franklin

(Ed. note: Shucks, Ben, after 200 years we're farther away from that millenium than you were.)

FOR SALE: Console model 15-tube G-E radio with automatic record changer.

Harkins.

FOR SALE: (Available about mid-September.)

1940 Phillips radio with pick-up and records.....20-0-0
Cotton Marquisette Curtains
4 pr. green & white....2-0-0
4 pr. rose and white...2-0-0
6 pr. brown and white..3-0-0
Double white chenille bedspread...1-10-0
3 wall pictures @ 3s.....0-9-0
Ladies shoes:
White kid crepe-soled oxfords 5½AAA.....0-10-0
Navy antelope crepe-soled oxfords 6½AAA..0-10-0
White buck, Cuban heel sandal 6½AAA.....1-0-0
White kid, low, narrow heel sandal 6AAA 1-0-0
White kid, high heel sandal 6AAA.....0-10-0

Education makes a people easy to lead but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

--Lord Brougham.

TEA AND CRACKERS

In one of his essays Charles Lamb said "A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market." This observation has been true since the world began.

It is true today when conditions are depressing and burdens heavy--when we whistle to keep up our courage.

It is going to be true until peace and good will remedy conditions we deplore, until sound fundamentals of human rights are again restored.

We all need to laugh to express our courage, to inspire effort to regain what seems lost, to look upward, not downward, forward, not backward, remembering that--

"Laugh and the world laughs with you."

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Mickey was looking over the dishes in the kitchen cabinet.

Joe - "Need some dear?"

Mickey - "No, I was just thinking of the ones I would use when those friends of yours come for dinner. I think I'll use this set. They ought to suit them exactly."

Joe - "But they're all cracked."

Mickey - (smiling) "Exactly."

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Sez Rocky, "I'm just a local yokel but I sure know my wimmin!"

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Solomon says: Just because you have a nice soft job doesn't mean you should lie down on it.

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And then there was the practical chap, "Moustache" Warden tells us, who used the skeleton in the family closet for a coat hanger. Ye Gambler's anonymous correspondent wipes up to observe that "looking facts in the face often doesn't prove much, it's the peering behind them that does."

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Schmaltz - "That whiskey, sir is 20 years old."

Menzies - "But, hoot mon, dinna ye think it's a wee bit sma' for its age?"

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Sagacious "Vi" Vipond relays this tip to all book buyers: Don't buy a bound Atlas, as Europe today is definitely a loose-leaf proposition.---While Kilian reminds us that too much celebrating has kept many men from being celebrated.---"Curly" Bob Campbell just dropped in to say that television might be a wonderful thing but it will never replace the old fashioned keyhole for thrills.---Then there is the modern patriot, Mayo Ray Herman, who bemoaned the fact that he only has one income to give to his country.

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We'll credit Betty "Mac" McClelland for this whacky-woo number:

"Why are the two little inkspots crying?"

"'Cause their father was in the pen finishing out a sentence!"

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A man sued his wife for divorce because his wife turned the tables on him. Also some chairs and the garden hose.

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MR. MARQUAND DEALS WITH HARVARD

This is a book about Harvard, about a certain class of Harvard and about a certain member of that class. The class is 1915, the particular member is named H. Pulham, Esquire and the author, J. P. Marquand was a member of that class. The novel begins with the principal character being dragged into helping to get out the class book for the 25th reunion in 1939, flashes back to give the story of his life and ends in early 1940.

It may be assumed that having been a member of the class, having been born to a heritage of six generations of Bostonians, and having lived through the period he describes, the author has all the basic qualifications for doing a good job. Add that Marquand is rated the best satirist now writing and the result should be an outstanding book.

Whether it is or not is a matter of personal opinion as with all books. I think it significant that while "The Late George Apley" was published by the Satevepost, this novel was serialized by McCall's and since everybody knows the Satevepost pays more than any other publication the inference is that this book was rejected because, in the opinion of the editors, its appeal would be to too restricted an audience.

Whether the assumption is true or not, I think the opinion is correct. The satire is not laid on with a bludgeon; it is subtle and apparent only if the reader has considerable knowledge of the background against which the characters are projected. Taken out of that background and an interest in what it did to them in the way of fitting them for life, the author fails to inspire much interest in his people. There is not a thrill in the book. It is as much a picture of the author's inhibitions and repressions as it is of his characters and both derive from the same cause -- a snooty private school with the Headmaster and all the trimmings in the English tradition followed by a Harvard education.

The thought left with one is primarily the question, "If the result of going to Harvard, which was recently dealt with in Life as the greatest educational institution in America, is to produce such a pusilanimous and wretched individual as H. Pulham, such an adolescent rah-rah boy as Jo-jo Brown and altogether such a collection of miserable people, what is the matter with education?" And that is a question on which anyone may speculate till a better kingdom come.

On the whole, the book is true. I wrote this review for George Blowers, who loaned me the book and who comes from Harvard. I know the book is true because I have known most of the characters in it. But the ones I knew all came from Yale.

-- G. H. S.

CAT'S MEOW

BY RUTH HOGUE

TOP CHOP

The best cooks of the plantation are furnishing chop before the movie, Sunday, August 17. There'll be a great variety of pies and cakes, sandwiches and salads. The proceeds of the sale, sponsored by the Women's Club, will go to the "Spitfire" fund.
Most of us do very little that is not for our own fun or our own comfort. The war hasn't actually touched us yet. In the mean time it's foolish to be an ostrich.
Contributions, Please!

TEA FOR HONOREES

On Wednesday, August 20, at 3:30, at the Big Club, the ladies of the plantation are honoring at tea, those women who are homeward bound in the near future and those who have but lately arrived in Liberia. To all of the women of the plantation we extend a cordial invitation.

"Well, you said I had to choose, didn't you?" demanded the husband, in bed with his golf sticks.

TO THE LADIES

Here's a tribute from the ladies to Dorothy Baar, Francis Burgess, Gwen Hart, Ottilie Helm, Doris Harshman, Kay Hines and Jean Laxton, who are to leave us in the near future for vacation and the states. They've been good friends and good company. We'll definitely miss them (not to speak of their husbands). In many ways we envy them, and above all, we wish them a pleasant journey.

ZAREMBO BRINGS DUSENBERRYS

The plantation joins the ladies in a rousing welcome to Marie and Dusey. It's luck for us all that they're back.

Frequent use of the pronoun "I"
A word to which we're partial
Will help to change the letter
"i"
In marital to martial.

---J. H. Niles

INDIVIDUALISMS.

Peg W. and her knitting---
Don W. and his hat---
Doc G. and his menagerie---
Merl M. and his yodel---
Ritter and Zig and their hunting
Pete and his fishing call---
Mr. Seybold and his Capstand---
Betty S. and her hair---
Betty Mc and her ginger ale---

POKE 'ER

Poker for small stakes seems to be increasing in popularity among the ladies on the Plantation. Some of our men are scoffing a bit, but in recent games in which the husbands joined, the ladies seem to win more than their share. The men say it's the wild games we play---Whistle Up Your Windpipe, Dueces, Ninès, and One-Eyed Jacks Wild, etc.. Well, after all, what difference does it make if you open with a full house and end up with five of a kind. And do some husbands seem vexed when their straight flush (natural) is buried by five of a kind.

MUSICAL EVENING

Music lovers enjoyed an informal musical program at the Big Club on Sunday night, August 10th.

The evening was made possible by Mrs. Farley, who graciously loaned her piano for the program.

Mary Jane Mayer and Mike Polli sang while Russ Harkins played accompaniments.

Mr. Seybold offered recordings of Beethoven's "Pastoral Symphony" as proof that symphonic music need not be dour or recondite. Mr. Kingsley Pallant brought along his sound equipment to play the recordings and later he gave a humorous reading. Before each movement of the symphony, Mrs. Farley played the theme that the symphony was based on.

That rascal, Marconi, added the comic touch by thrashing out a bit of "rag" with glib comment.

SPITFIRE FUND

Let's all have chop at the Club House before the moving picture Sunday, August 17th, and help a good cause.

The ladies on the Plantation are to contribute the food and the proceeds are to be used toward buying a "Spitfire." All food left over will be for sale.

Bachelors, here is your chance to get good cakes and pies.

FRESH VEGETABLES

Fresh vegetables will be put on sale at the Trading Company on Tuesday and Friday of each week.

H E L P !

Will you paint a picture of a sunset and one of a landscape?

Have you dark drapes you will lend us?

Will you make a box which we can padlock?

Are you a willing seamstress?

Is there an old type wall telephone on the plantation?

Please, and thank you.

"The Country Slicker"
and
"Sunset Becomes Rhythm"

Will those in the casts of "The Reefer Man" and "There's Always Tomorrow" who are interested in obtaining pictures of the plays leave their names with Mrs. Kolves not later than August 23.

The pictures will cost $1.00 a set or $0.25 apiece. One set consists of the pictures of one play. It has been necessary to limit the number to two sets per person, one set of each play or two sets of one play.

The pictures were not completed before due to lack of printing paper.

WOMEN'S CLUB TEA

The Women's Club is having a Tea on Wednesday, August 20th, at the Big Club in honor of the old members going home and the new ones who have arrived. Time - 3:30 P. M. All the ladies are invited to attend.

SPORTS by WILSON

The sporting world, like the rest of the world, has been rained out. The only activity of any interest has been a couple of sloppy ball games -- and I mean sloppy. But the customers seemed to enjoy them, so who are we to complain. Personally, we are glad we don't make our living at this sports writing because the last two weeks have been a bit lean as a paying proposition. Sort of like the season at home after football ends and sports writers have to fill up their columns with half-hearted efforts about Ivy League fencing, conference basketball, Florida race track guessing and YMCA swimming meets, staving off the installment collector and the editor with flowery promises of big returns when baseball Spring training starts. Good ones, of course -- the guys that get their picture alongside their column -- start right out picking the winners of next year's pennant races, and big-time intersectional games, and hope that people will forget their guesses before next year. Or they use their spare time to write a book - because all of them have the skeleton of a best-seller all worked up to pound out when they get time, just so they can quit this lousy sport writing business.

But not me, No sir! You won't catch me writing no book. It's too hard on wife's nerves listening to me pound out this semi-monthly tripe, let alone to have to listen to this sort of noise the rest of her life, and then have to proof read it to boot. So I'm leaving the book writing to the other chumps and do my stuff for the movies. Boy, have I got a sure fire scenario all doped out ---. But, I don't have time right now; I've got to meet a deadline.

GOLF NOTES

The semi-final matches in the Handicap Tournament were hard fought tussles. Larry Haggerty had to go all the way to the twenty third ho

to nose out Bob Hines, and Mel Johnson won over Bill Auth on the nineteenth. The boys are now waiting for a couple of fair afternoons to decide who's best.

In the ladies bracket, Louise Robertshaw won over Charlotte Peterson, 3 and 2, in the finals.

BASEBALL -- Here and Elsewhere

The second game of the Beer Series, played August 3, ended in the eighth inning with the Planters on the long end of a 9-8 score, but there has been a bit of speculation about the score-keeping. The Overhead insists that they couldn't have been so tired after that fourth inning if they had scored only five runs, as the score sheet indicated, for they were so bushed after that merry go round that they wilted and allowed the Planters to score all nine of their runs in the last three innings. A wet field, a slippery ball, and a slight fog around third base allowed the two winning runs in the last inning.

The third game of this series was waded thru last Sunday, and this time the Overhead proved to be the best mudders. They won 8 - 6, which puts the series standing at two games to one in favor of the Planters.

In view of the circumstances in these two games, this column would like to suggest that the series be extended, requiring the winner to take four games out of seven, in the hope that full teams on each side will be lined up to make the decisions clear cut for one side or the other. There is always room for argument when a substitute player is instrumental in winning a game from his own team.

The next game will be played, we hope, Sunday, August 17th.

SPORTS by WILSON

Now for some news of the major races at home.

Bob Brown sat up the other night to listen in on the WBOS sports summary, which comes in at 25 meters at 11:30 on Monday nights, and sent in the following dope:

New York has things all their own way in the American League, with a lead of 14½ games over the second place Cleveland Indians, who were leading the league less than six weeks ago. Boston is two games behind the Indians, with the Chicago White Sox in fourth place by 1½ games.

The National League is more of a battle. St. Louis was only one game ahead of Brooklyn and this standing changes constantly. Pittsburgh is in third spot, trailing 9½ games, and Cincinnati is two games further down the list.

29½ games separate the Yanks and the cellar position St. Louis Browns in the American League but the Phillies are 40½ games on the bottom in the National. Bobby Feller has won 20 and lost 9 this year so far for Cleveland.

STRAIGHT TIPS

The wise watch dog does not indulge in too much growling.

Somehow you can never teach the roosters who crow in the morning to observe the rules of daylight saving.

The fellow who is suffering from too much "wine, women and song" is always ready to quit singing when a cure is necessary.

The man who can talk of nothing but the prospects for war may not be an actual crank. But he displays symptoms.

IT'S ALL IN FUN--HONEST

Helen Kolke - "Now, Eddy, don't scold because I was too tired to sew a button on your trousers. I hope you don't think your pants are more important than your wife."

Ed Kolke - "Well, there's lots of places a man can go without his wife, you know."

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Baar - "My wife talks to me positively awful."

Soper - "That's nothing. Mine talks to me awfully positive."

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In a certain western town a beautiful chorus girl sued a rich banker for breach of promise and was awarded $10,000. Shortly after leaving the court she was hit by an automobile and had eight ribs broken. The same judge awarded her eight dollars.

MORAL: Never play with a woman's heart--kick her in the ribs.

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It happened in Seattle's largest department store during a rush. The elevator was jammed, and the cables groaned. The elevator rose slowly, and as it neared the third floor, a piercing scream caused the operator to stop the car midway. All eyes were focused on a large woman in a short seal jacket, who wore an injured expression. A small boy, not yet of school age, stood directly behind her. "I did it," he announced truculently, "It was in my face, so I bit it."

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The young man walked boldly up to the elderly woman whom he had mistaken for the principal of the finishing school. "May I see Miss Bolton, please?" he asked.

"May I ask who you are?"

"Certainly, I am her brother."

"Well, well! I'm glad to meet you. I'm her mother."

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Many a man looks down at the heel, just because there's a trim ankle above it.

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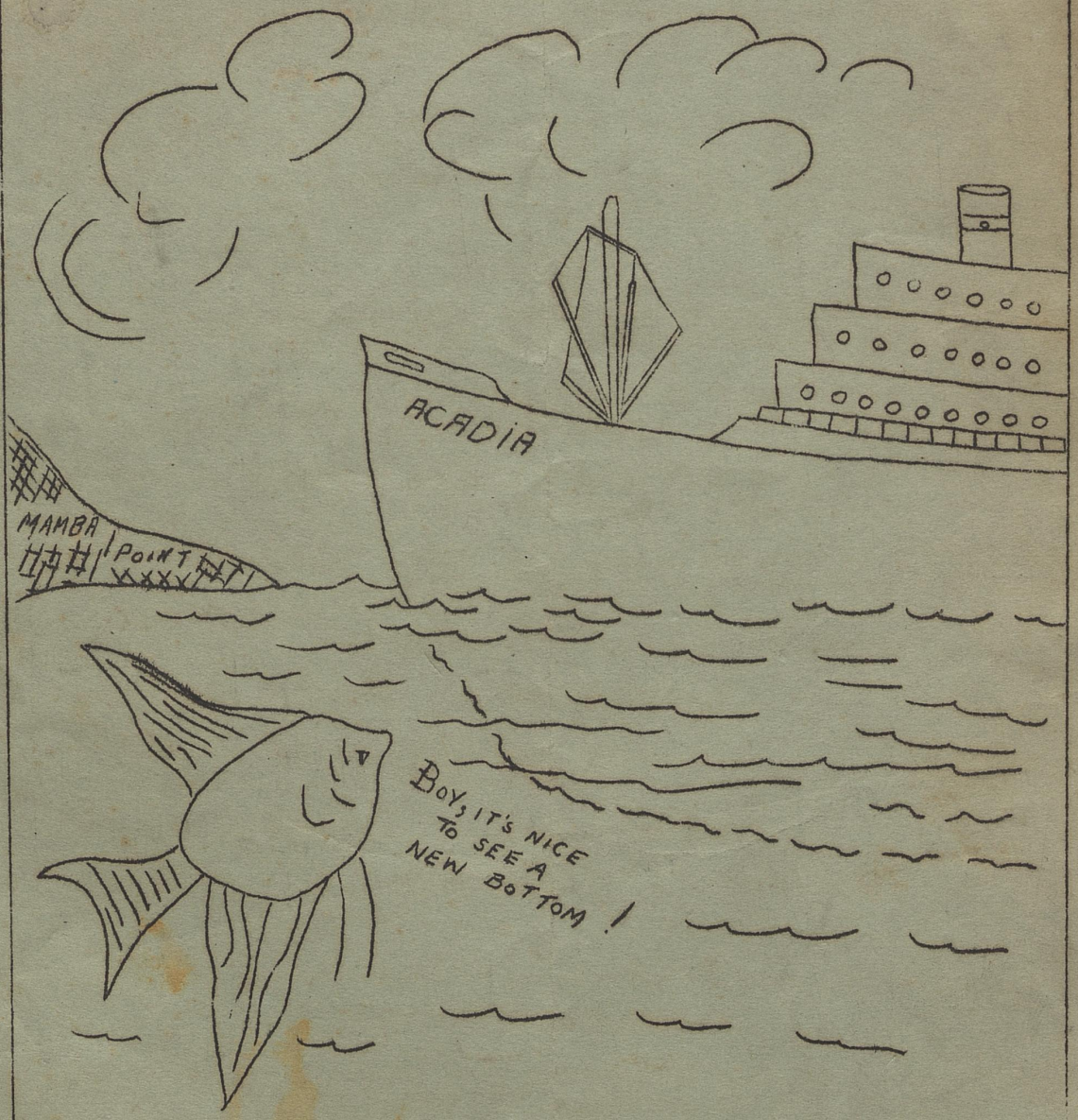
One robin doesn't make a spring, but one lark is often responsible for a Fall.

PLANTERSPUNCH



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FIRESTONE OVERSEAS CLUB
NOTICES

Club members are herewith advised that the bar boys at both clubs, and the House Committeemen, have been informed that there is to be NO BORROWING of liquor from the F.O.C. We ask you, "Please do not try."

Fritz Spangler is to replace Chas. Woelfel as Chairman of the entertainment Committee. This is one of the most responsible offices of the Club, and we know that Fritz will do his best to bring you the type of entertainment and club decorations which you desire.

CALENDAR

October 5, Sunday	4:30	Ball game--New series--see Sport Page
	7:30	Movie "LITTLE OLD NEW YORK"
October 6, Monday		Men's Singles Ping Pong Tournament
		7 o'clock sharp - - Big Club
October 7, Tuesday		Women's Singles Ping Pong Tournament
		7 o'clock sharp - - Big Club
October 12, Sunday	4:30	Ball game - 2nd game of the new series
	7:00	Finals of the three Ping Pong tournaments
	8:30	Vi's Quiz - something new
October 18, Saturday		Supper Club
October 26, Sunday	4:30	Ball game
	7:30	Movie
November 1, Saturday		Hallowe'en Party

FANCY DRESS — CIDER, CHESTNUTS, PRETZELS — IT'S FREE

PING PONG TOURNAMENTS

The prizes for the Ping Pong tournaments will be given immediately after the finals are played off on Sunday, October the 12th. The prizes, donated by the Club, are as follows:

Mixed Doubles	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
1st £ 1-0-0 each player	1st £ 1-0-0	1st £ 1-0-0
Runner-up £ -10-0	2nd £ -10-0	2nd £ -10-0

The Committee
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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

There is no need to write a story on the Minstrel show--practically everyone saw it and has his own idea of how good it was. But for a group of amateurs they did put on a surprisingly good show, didn't they?

Anyone who saw the rehersals and then saw the performance would never have recognized them as being the same show.

Few people realize the time, efforts and gallons of stimulants required to produce a Minstrel. Rehersals were frequent, late, and anything but "dry".

Perhaps you have other ideas, but your editor believes that there were two outstanding things in the show-Dock Hogue's monologue and the chicken Mrs. Wilson baked.

Well, girls, the gauntlet is down, you'll have to produce a show as good or tolerate a lot of masculine ego.

MADAME EDITOR

Introducing a sweet, little lady who is to be addressed in the future as Madame Editor--our own Dorothy Marconi.

PUNCH waited long and patiently for an assistant editor. After persistently putting the "bee" on all the high-powered, masculine staff at the Central Office, only to hear the same positive "No!" your editor was almost floored when Dorothy answered "Yes" with no excuses. Your editor must have been asleep--a woman can undoubtedly do a better job than one of those excuse-experts anyway.

Thanks, Dorothy!

HOME BY PLANE

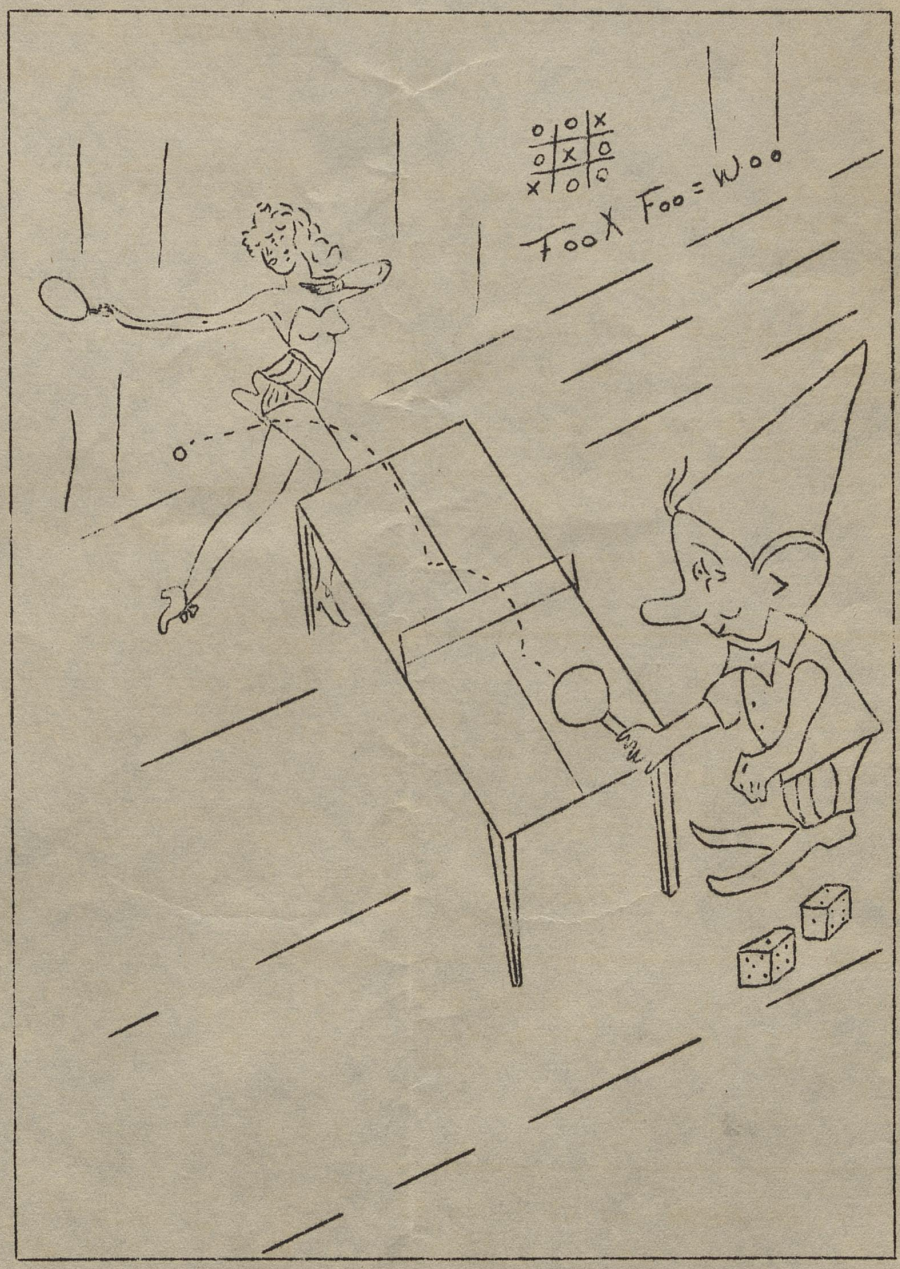
A Pan-Am plane will leave from Cape Mount on October 6, bound for U.S.A. Passages will be available for 15 persons, and the fare will be $553, of which Firestone Plantations Company will pay $325. If you are interested you'd better investigate at once.

FOR SALE: One Wright & Ditson "Autograph" tennis racket complete with cover and press.

--Zachariah

Milestone in the progress of civilization:

After years of patient research Agriculture Department scientists have straightened the neck of the crook-necked squash.


Foo X Foo = Woo!

SPORTS BY ROSS WILSON

WHILE you are reading this no doubt the Brooklyn Dodgers are trying to win a ball game from the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium in the 1941 Worlds Series. So, instead of reading any farther, we advise you to run-not walk-to the nearest radio and tune in to W.G E A on 19 meters for the blow by blow description of the second game, sponsored by Gillette Safety Razor blades. (Which reminds me that we hope there are some of these blades at the U S T C now.)

In case you haven't heard, yesterday the Yankees won the first game of the Series 3-2. Red Ruffing was the winning pitcher and Davis the loser. Joe DiMaggio went hitless while Joe Gordon got a homer, a single, and two walks for a perfect day. Pee-wee Reese of the Dodgers got three of the Dodgers six hits. The final score was - Yankees 3 runs, 6 hits, 1 error; Dodgers 2 runs, 6 hits, 1 error.

SPEAKING OF SERIES--there is a ball game at Research next Sunday to start a five game series, in which the First contract are challenging the rest of the plantation. (How cocky these Freshmen always are!) And looking over a staff list will give you some idea of what a battle that series is going to be. There is lots of power on both sides, and it promises to offer a lot of good Sunday afternoon entertainment for all.

Incidentally, you can make some money out of this series, (not betting) by turning to the Sports Committee the best name for each team. There will be ONE POUND awarded to the person who picks the best name, in the opinion of the judges. Pres. Vipond, Bob Brown and your reporter will be the judges. So get on your guessing clothes and turn in something. We want printable names so we suggest you get your selection in before you lose that dough on next Sunday's game.

THE PING-PONG TOURNAMENT mixed doubles is now down to the finals and the mens singles eliminations will be played Monday, October 6th.

MUSICALE IN MONROVIA

On Thursday evening, October 2, at 8 P.M. (Monrovia time) a musical program will be given at the auditorium of the College of West Africa. The proceeds will be used by the college for the purchase of new equipment.

Tickets may be purchased from Peg Wilson and Hester Harkins. It is adviseable to buy tickets early as it is expected the house will be sold out in advance.

The following program indicates Plantation talent will make up a good part of the show:

Piano....."Sonata in F Minor" --H. Hayes....Mr. Howard Hayes
Flute and Accordian.."Chardars"...Mr. F. Markreich & Mr. H. Hayes
Vocal....."Invictus"--Bruno Huhn.....Mr. James Andersen
Piano....."Seguedilla"--Albeniz.....Mrs. A. K. Farley
A Reading...."Albert and The Lion".....Mr. N. Kingsley-Pallant
A Parody on The Reading...."Edward and The Lioness".....
Mrs. N. Kingsley-Pallant
Musical Saws and Piano....."Where Art Thou?"--Hayes.....
Messrs. Hayes, Baker and Dennis.
Vocal....."Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life"--Herbert...Mrs. M. G. Mayer
"Lullaby"--Cyril Scott.
Piano Duet...."Slavic Dance"--Dvorak...Mrs. A. Lotz & Mr. G. Dennis

INTERMISSION

Piano....."May Night"--Palmgren.....Mrs. A. K. Farley
"La Comporsa"--Leucena
Vocal....."The Road to Mandalay"--Speaks.....Mr. M. Polli
"Shortenin' Bread"
Flute & Piano...."You Are The King of My Soul".....Mr. F. Markreich
and M. Hayes
Vocal....."The Star".....Mrs. M. A. Morris
Musical Saw & Piano....."Rose"--Hayes---Messers Dennis & Hayes
"She's Still My Baby"
Vocal....."Ave Maria"--Schubert.....Mrs. M. G. Mayer
"The Candy Witch"
Piano Duet.."Norwegian Dance"--Grieg.....Mrs. A. Lotz & Mr. G. Dennis
"Rakeczy March"--Berlioz-Liszt
Vocal.....Mrs. J. S. Durland
Piano....."Largo e Mesto, Opus No. 10--Beethoven...Mr. J. Walker

Program given under auspices of Mrs. Nina Blowers
and Mr. Gabriel L. Dennis

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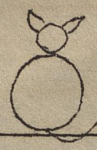

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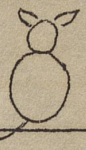

By Ruth Hogue

I suppose you've all had your clever invitations for the Bridge Tea, Wednesday, at the Big Club. The two Pegs and Marie seem to have a knack for putting on really nice affairs. We're welcoming Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Godley, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Tandy and Mrs. Hart. Will we see you?

THANK HEAVENS!

Are we proud of our men. Married or single--they gave us one of the best evening's entertainment that the club has ever seen. That minstrel was tops.

BETTER NOT---

Some of a husband's most dangerous ideas are put in his head when his wife nags and accuses him of things he never dreamed of.

Have you been "V" for Victoried yet by our high powered saleswoman Peg?

There are at least two times in a man's life when he thinks women are loveliest at thirty-five. 1st--When he is twenty-one. 2nd--When his wife is thirty-five.

If a man realized what his wife thinks of him on occasion, he'd probably say "Whew!" and go out for a walk under the stars.

Few men, alas, realize that it makes a wife furious when they rummage through her bureau drawers looking for a pin or some other little thing. Those drawers are sacred, her private domain of supreme disorderliness, her feminine sanctuary.

-- by Harlan Miller

(My husband doesn't, but I'm often guilty to rummaging through his ties.)

We're getting our bachelors back. They look healthy and happy after long vacations. Have you heard Verboom's version of the West African coast line? Or Steen's account of his adventures at his early American lodging place? We haven't heard what Swede's been doing yet.

There's at least one man on the plantation who understands women. At least he's always surrounded. I suspect its due to his challenging philosophy.

Charlotte mentioned last night that there is a rumor out that skirts are going longer. I've just managed to get around to hoisting the last of mine upward. Thank heaven's I didn't cut them off.

Peg Hagerty has accomplished the almost impossible. She's grown some beautiful tomatoes--big ones and lots of them. All I got out of my efforts when I tried was a wild native vine that produced.

Confidentially don't you feel something of a hypocrite when you defend people whom that outspoken young matron has described exactly, but with almost poisonous candor.

from--"The Man Next Door"

"TEA AND CRACKERS"

Anonymous

Well, Folks, after a month's vacation, your Tea and Cracker Salesman returns.

He hopes you missed him.

Habitual expressions by members of the staff:

"My foot" - Dr. Tengwall
"Shut your big bazoo" - Schmalz
"Oh, you dash me?" - Helen Kolke
"Who has more fun than people?" - Matthews
"Wait small" - Nelson
"I no agree" - Herman
"Well, well" - Turocy
"Why do you want to go to Africa?" ? ? ? ? ? ?
"See where the horse bit me" - Zeigler
"That not be proper" - Wilma VanKeuren
"Hello darling" - Marguerita
"Look, my friend" - Kline

Ode to a certain mechanic at the garage:

With borrowed tools you don't bring back,
You drill, and saw, and hammer and hack.
You call yourself a mechanical ace,
But you're just a dub, with a greasy face.

Spangler: "Idreamed I was eating flannel cakes, woke up, and the blanket was gone."

Baar: "That's nothing, I dreamed I was awake, woke up, and found myself asleep."

Mary had a little lamb,
It's fleece was white as snow,
And everywhere that Mary went,
She took a bus.

It ain't the world, it's the people in it!

Bachelor's theme (to the girl back home) - "I wonder who's kissing her now?"

Then there's the story about the sweet young thing who tried to join the army so she could be a hostess on a bomber!

Hitler ain't bad - he only smells that way.

Your Tea and Cracker Salesman's one ambition is to see Ross Wilson in a pair of shorts.

"TEA AND CRACKERS"

(Continued)

Your salesman has been trying to get up enough nerve to ask W. T. R. the following:

--Have you ever slept in a hammock?

--How do you like Sea Biscuit?
--Were you scared on your journey across?
--Why did YOU want to come to Africa?

The members of the Staff extend a cordial welcome to Mr. Runals. We are glad that he is showing such an interest in the personnel and in the activities of the F.O.C. In fact, we're darn happy to have such a distinguished guest in our midst. Let us hope his stay will be both pleasant and enlightening.

Let us also hope his "chop" bill is as high as mine was last month.

INSCRIBE YOUR NAME

Live for something. Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy, on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with year by year; you will never be forgotten. No, your name, your deeds, will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind as the stars on the brow of evening. Good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.

--Chalmers.

ODDITIES

Anita Hendricks.

An optimist is a fellow who joins a "Last Man" club with the idea of winning a free bottle of champagne.

What's Next?

A young lady has set New York by the ears with a necklace made of tiny glass globes filled with water. In the water there are swimming even tinier but quite alive fish.

A boon to the outdoor girl is liquid cream that dries to resemble silk stockings. When applied to the legs it is practically impossible to distinguish it from real silk hose.

Color harmony is carried to the nth degree in a railway station restaurant in Ohio, where only blonde waitresses are allowed in the main dining room, and only brunettes in the coffee shop.

More than 1000 repitles are eaten daily in Tokyo, despite police regulations forbidding the selling of snakes as a medicine. There are more than 100 retail snake stores in the city, the largest of which handles about 100,000 snakes a year and keeps a livestock of at least 10,000. Selected species are displayed in glass show cases so that patrons may select their own. Baked snake is considered an infallible cure for cancer, tuberculosis, rheumatism and even lameness.

A rabbit's foot
A good luck charm,
Will keep its owner
Safe from harm.
I'm wearing one
From force of habit,
But come to think of it,
So did the rabbit.