

CROSS'S COLUMN

OVERHEARD: "You wanta know how I got this black eye? I asked a fat girl how she sprained her ankle . . . she said when she got off the bus it turned over . . . and I laughed."

A FRIGHTENED CHILD in a blackout is something of a problem. One child may be afraid of the darkness, another of the recurring sound of the siren, whistle, or bells. If the child is badly frightened, according to one doctor's suggestion, it is best to carry it to the movies, and this is true (he says) even if the child is only three years old and the blackout is late at night . . . in such a case it is necessary, of course, to know the approximate time of the blackout in order to avoid being on the streets at the wrong time. One four-year-old child who was afraid, was reassured by being carried to the staircase where other members of the family sat, singing familiar songs . . . In many cases it seems best to prepare the child for the blackout by explaining it to him; in cases where the alarm is that of a bellowing horn, it can be described to the child as sounding like a cow's mooing. Radio music or family singing is reassuring, and the event can be made less unpleasant by giving the child a cookie.

TO THINK that we run a column and can't tell you about the new-lweds who spent an entire evening breaking beer bottles over each other's heads . . . !

GHOST STORY: Recently we used a story about two women who rented a haunted apartment in New York. The following incident happened to the heroine of that story. It was told me by the woman's nephew. (We have changed her name.)

There were two girls named Jane. One was a young girl named Jane White. The other was her aunt, who was named Jane Wyaat, a young woman of unusual psychic ability. One night Jane Wyaat, greatly afraid, woke her husband and told him that she was afraid she was going to die soon. She had just seen her dead father and he had said, "Jane is going to be with me." Next morning a telegram arrived telling that the niece, Jane White, had been killed in an automobile accident.

The story above was used because it is evidence of one theory about ghosts: that such incidents have a purpose, either of giving comfort to the bereaved, or of warning against a preventable tragedy. The real tragedy lies in the fact that . . . if such a thing does occur . . . the person who sees it is so fearful of seeing something he doesn't believe, he loses any benefit that might be gained by the experience.

IDEAS FROM "OF HUMAN BONDAGE" . . . (Yes, we're reading it after all these years.)

To paint a great portrait, an artist must paint first the man, and then the intention of the man's soul . . .

To create something beautiful, an artist must feel an emotion about it. He must paint into the picture not only the line and color, but the emotion he has felt. Each persons who sees a work of art and loves it, creates, in turn, a new emotion about it. Thus an old object is more beloved than a new one.

SULFA DRUGS are having such numerous offspring that we'll soon have to call them by alphabet letters, like government agencies.

THE SWEET SMELL OF STRAWBERRIES permeated the entire front of the grocery store. We had visions of fresh strawberries dipped in confectioner's sugar . . . until we bought the straw-

berries and found the sugar ration law had caught us with our . . . well, had caught us short.

NOW THAT BILLY'S BROKEN THE BACKS off two chairs, the apartment is going in for surrealism in a big way.

THE MYSTERIOUS DROWNING at Morehead . . . no body was found, but only the sight of a man begging for help as evidence . . . reminded us of a similar happening there last year. That time it was a woman calling for help. What is this, anyway, a plot for a detective story?

BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. J. D. Edwards was hostess on Thursday evening to her bridge club.

Mrs. Lloyd Allen won high score prize and Mrs. Rudolph Northington, second high.

A sweet course with tea was served at refreshment hour.

Those playing were Mesdames J. P. Little, W. H. Tickle, Lloyd Allen, H. E. Cameron, Graham Lynch, Jay Thompson, Rudolph Northington and Miss Bernice Hitchens.

Kiwanis Club To Entertain Cast Of March Minstrel

Members of the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club, sponsors of the recently successful Kiwanis Club Minstrel, "Hooray America", will be host to the entire cast of the show and their escorts at the Country Club on Friday night, it has been announced.

Invitations have been sent to all members of the cast, reading as follows:

"The Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club will be hosts to the entire "Hooray America" cast and their escorts at the country club on Friday night, May 8. Dancing from 9 till midnight. To those needing transportation, Kiwanians will have their automobiles in front of the High School at 8:30 P.M. to assist you".

Howard Pruden, who made the announcement, stated that an invitation had been mailed to all members of the cast, but that

some of those might not receive their invitation. He stated that this news item would be a blanket invitation to all members of the cast to attend, whether they received their mailed invitations or not.

Refreshments will be served to those present.

Civil Service Calls For Men As Machinists

The United States Civil Service Commission, through its local representative, Carl C. Churchill, at the local postoffice, is issuing calls for boilermakers, welders, machinists, boatbuilders, coppersmiths and other types of skilled workers to fill jobs in the Panama Canal Zone.

Rates of pay range from \$1.48 to \$1.74 per hour with time and one half for overtime. Healthful living conditions are furnished at exceptionally reasonable prices and meals are inexpensively obtained at Government operated restaurants. Room and board in Panama will not exceed over \$50 to \$60 per month.

Qualified workers should get in touch with Mr. Churchill at the postoffice in Roanoke Rapids.

Local Youth Is Graduated From Recruit School

J. Le Roy Tripp of Roanoke Rapids was listed as one of 42 men enlisted through the Raleigh Navy recruiting office as having finished recruit training at the Norfolk Navy yard and assigned to duty aboard ship or in one of the Navy's trade schools within the continental United States.

Tripp, prior to volunteering about 10 weeks ago, was employed by the Rosemary Mills, this city. He graduated from recruit training as a seaman, first class.

HOSTESS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. J. A. Wood was hostess to her bridge club on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. C. Williams won high score prize and Mrs. George Pappendick, second high. Both prizes were defense stamps.

At the refreshment hour the hostess served a salad course.

Guests and members present included Mesdames W. C. Williams, George Pappendick, M. F. White, Jimmie Curran, E. B. Smoot, Ivey Mohorn, A. O. George, Beaman Helms, T. N. Adams, Gordon Stott, Bill Alligood, and Miss Edna Wafford.

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