

# LITTLE OLD NEW YORK

When Jenny made her debut at Castle Garden she stayed at the Eastern Hotel. Where was the Eastern? At 61 Whitehall Street, according to the Federal Writer's Project's "New York City Guide" a storehouse of facts both familiar and little known about our ever changing city.

A romantic New York of the 17th and 18th Centuries can be reconstructed from these facts. A seaport first and foremost engaged in a long struggle for supremacy against its rivals Philadelphia and Boston its business and social life followed the course of its waterfront.

South Street was its heart, for the East River though swept by powerful tides, offered less peril to shipping than the Hudson, where floating ice made navigation difficult until well into the summer months. Sailing vessels anchored along South Street as closely packed as the parked cars of our own day and opposite them on the land side, stood the counting houses where fortunes were made and lost on cargoes. Even as late as 1900 a writer in Munsey's Magazine gave this description of it:

"Up and down the East River one sees a perspective of tall spars webbed with cordage underdashed here and there by a splash of color on some tramp steamer's stack. Indeed here every complexion found in the sea trade; hear every tongue spoken before the mast in every quarter of the globe."

That two mile perspective

of tall spars stretching from the Battery to Corlears Hook has vanished. Drab South St. does not return so much as their graceful shadows. But the once fashionable residential district on State and Whitehall Streets has fared better.

Captain John B. Coles built the Eagle Hotel at 61 Whitehall in 1822. The hotel was renamed the Eastern in 1856. P. T. Barnum stayed there, as did Jenny Lind and Robert Fulton. If ghosts ever walk by night through the corridors of the remodeled office building that was the old Eastern, they must form a distinguished company.

The Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary provides a temporary home for immigrant girls at Number 7 State Street. The house is a beautiful one with an old ironwork balcony, pillars and interior adornment of hand carved woodwork—the sole survivor of a row of merchant princes' residences. Their owners made their wealth by means of the sea and had reason to pay close attention to the goings and comings of the ships berthed around the corner on South Street. Ship owners used to rise at dawn to gaze across the harbor to Staten Island where signal staffs flashed news of incoming ships approaching the Narrows. There was opportunity for adventure as well as financial gain in beating a competitor to the news of the world in those days. Please turn to page 1x.

# MERCY HOSPITAL 'ON SPOT' FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

KELLOGG COMPANY HELPS CALVIN SERVICE CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HOME ECONOMICS DEPART.



PHOTO shows Floyd J. Calvin (right) founder and Editor of Calvin's Newspaper Service, New York City being served a Kellogg breakfast on the first anniversary of the opening of the Home Economics Department of the Newspaper Service with little Miss Renee Dennis, 4-1-2 student of The Little Red School in Greenwich Village, Manhattan—a new idea in education sponsored by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt wife of the President, Mrs. Henry Morgenthau Jr. and other notables.

Calvin Service has distributed to newspapers more than 5,000 tested recipes during the past 18 months and these recipes have been published by a total of 103 different newspapers throughout the country. The Kellogg Company is one of 24 food manufacturers who have cooperated with the service. All Kellogg products have been tried and approved by the Calvin Home Economics Department. (Photo by M. Smith)

## Board, Business Manager Ousted After Probe

PHILADELPHIA, (ANP)—The long expected explosion at Mercy hospital, one of the leading and approved hospitals operated by Negroes, took place last week as the entire board of directors was asked to resign, the business manager was dropped and steps taken to reorganize the 32 year old institution.

With the firm in that is not said and not known rather than in what is known, there are rumors of tactics in money matters and gross inefficiencies in the administrative departments of the hospital.

Dropped was a Fleming D. Tucker, for 20 years assistant supt. and business manager. He was given a "leave of absence without pay for incompetency." Others who are expected to be affected in some fashion by the present state of affairs are Dr. Henry Minton, beloved supt. and medical director; Dr. Eugene Hinson, assistant director and Miss Lulu Warlick supt. of the Nurses training school.

Supported by both the state and the Community fund has been finding it difficult to raise money all the institutions needing it.

With the fund calling the signals, a study was authorized with an eye to making economies. W. A. Dent, business manager of Flint Coudry hospital in New Orleans and Dr. C. Rufus Rorem of the American Hospital association, were called to Philadelphia and what they found is responsible for the drastic action here reported.

Among the directors resigning were two who had been elected to the board just about two weeks ago, and who attended their first meeting at the time the wholesale resignations were ordered on Tuesday. These two are Dr. Leslie Pincney Hill, president of the Cheyney State Teachers college and Herbert T. Miller, executive secretary of the Christian Street YMCA.

Resigned, too is the honorarian Archdeacon Henry L. Phillips, president of the board who was perhaps the leading spirit in the founding of the hospital, and who has been on its board ever since it was started.

In an official statement, Eric Biddle, executive secretary of the Community fund, said that "the Rosenwald fund greatly aided" the study of Mercy's conditions.

"The purpose of the proposed reorganization plan is to further strengthen and implement the medical services, finances and administrative efficiency of an institution that has given long and useful service to the community. Dr. H. M. Minton continues to act as supt. of the hospital, a post he has occupied since the institution was founded."

Every member of the board refused to comment on the situation beyond referring all inquiries to either Mr. Biddle or Herbert E. Miller attorney for the hospital.

Mercy hospital is located in West Philadelphia on a beautiful campus, once occupied by the Philadelphia (Episcopal) Divinity school. It is well Please turn to page five

## 218 Signatures On Anti-Lynch Petition

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The 218th signature necessary to bring the Gavan federal anti-lynching bill out of committee to the floor of the House was secured here today. The final signature was that of Representative James E. Van Zandt of Pennsylvania.

It is expected that the anti-lynching bill will be among the first items taken up by Congress at a special session this fall, or at a regular session in January. Passage of the bill in the House is practically certain.

Rules of the House require that after a petition has been signed by 218 members it must lie on the table seven legislative days before action can be taken upon it. After that length of time has elapsed, the bill must be brought up for debate and vote.

Since Congress is likely to adjourn before the bill can be brought up at this session, it will be one of the first, if not the first item on the House calendar when Congress reconvenes.

Representatives Schaefer of Wisconsin and John Vorys of Ohio were among those particularly active in securing the final signatures. Action was spurred also by a telegram from Walter White, NAACP secretary, to Representative Joseph Martin Republican Minority Leader. Leader Martin has cooperated in securing the signatures of Republican members to the petition.

is best and if you follow his instructions you will get well again. Allow your doctor to prescribe all medicine that you take.

Active also as lobbyist for the NAACP was Mrs. Gertrude Stone an officer of the Washington, D. C. branch.

"We are very happy that despite the legislative tangle of this session and the important bills upon consideration we were finally able to secure the required number of signatures to get the anti-lynching bill out of committee," said Walter White.

The next task is to pass it in the House once it gets on the floor, and every member of the NAACP and other groups interested in this legislation should be on the alert to communicate with their Congressmen at the proper time.

The great task, of course is to get the bill through the Senate and everyone agrees that the only way this can be accomplished is by the use of cloture (limitation of debate) in order to prevent the kind of filibuster that tied up the Senate and killed the bill in January and February of 1938.

## Philly Plans On 10,000 Baptists At Convention

PHILADELPHIA (ANP)—The National Baptist convention, the largest religious body among Negroes, will hold its annual session here for two weeks beginning Sept. 5. The Rev. C. C. Adams, president of the Pennsylvania State Baptist association said 10,000 Baptists will attend the September meeting, a record attendance for the convention during the past 10 years. The sessions, which will be held in Convention hall, will consist of both open meetings. The passage of sectional legislation, which will affect the Southern wings of the convention, is also predicted.

Said Rev. Adams in announcing the meeting: "It is significant that both the national convention and the mid year session of the bishops' council of the AME church have selected Philadelphia as a meeting place. Representing as they do the whole strength of the leading organized branches of Christianity among Negroes, these meetings will do much to show Philadelphia the living power of organized Negro Christians."

The Baptist state leader pointed out that his denomination is being the front already in this work by leaders of the AME and AMZ Zion connection. Please turn to page five

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Ans: The rearing of your children is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY and not your sisters or anyone else. You look over the fact that you will have to find work get out and search until you do. If you try hard enough you will find a job and you will again be happy when you become self supporting. There won't be a marriage for you soon, and when you do marry, choose someone who you know will be kind to your youngsters.

C S—My husband cannot write and I spent three weeks away from home and I received a letter from him and I want to know who wrote it for him?

Ans: A child in the neighborhood wrote the letter for him—it wasn't another woman. I want to urge you to have more confidence in your husband for he certainly hasn't given you any reason to doubt him.

MJM—Would it be advisable for me to go to Beauty School to prepare myself to teach Beauty Culture or continue to work as an operator?

Ans: Remain as you are and save every cent you can. At a later date arrange to open a shop of your own for in my opinion you are better qualified to Manage than you would be to Teach. May I remind you that you need to spend more time with your husband—he is becoming dissatisfied.

AWA—Will I ever get the money that I loaned this lady friend of mine?

Ans: This woman is going to pay her debt but not before you make your trip. Circumstances have been tight with her here of late, but I predict a change for the better soon.

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