



From A Reporter's Notebook

By FRANCES WALKER

The new cars are out, just in time for Santa to wrap up one of them in cellophane and put underneath the tree. First (here that is) was the Dodge, then the Plymouth, last Saturday the Pontiac and this week end the Ford. This sounds a little unlikely that Santa could manage, even with his magical powers, to get one under the tree. But we saw some Pontiacs down at Goodwill last Saturday which would delight any small boy. They have a table to which are attached small model Pontiacs showing the various colors and color-combinations available for the cars. Knowing how they would delight the youngster, the management had keen enough vision to see that they are firmly fastened.

Last Wednesday night marked a "first" in North Carolina among the League of Women Voters. A meeting of 76 new members was held in Brevard to form a League locally. Although it must remain a provisional league under the by-laws of the organization for at least a year, it is a first in that there is no League in the state in so small a town as Brevard. Chapel Hill is the next smallest town with a group there, and others are found only in the cities, such as Asheville, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Fayetteville, etc. There is much work to be done if the new League "baby" here is to function as one should, but we have faith in it provided the members work to-

gether for the good of the whole. John Nuveen, when he was chief of the ECA mission to Greece said, "A little group of League of Women Voters can do more to improve the world than a group of cabinet ministers to Europe."

During the past decade there have developed some new industries that have placed themselves as much at home on the American scene as hot dogs and cokes. One we have in mind is the pocketbooks. It doesn't seem like very long ago that there were no such things. Today literally millions of them are published and sold at a great demand, some first editions and others reprints of the popular fiction and non-fiction. One of the largest of these publishers is Bantam Books, Inc., which has a list of thousands of different stories to choose from. We could not help but be impressed when we received a free copy of a recent edition of "50 Great Short Stories" along with a list of available books and the invitation to order any others we would like. Of course their motive is publicity, because the more people read and talk about Bantam books the more they'll buy. But this is smart publicity, and probably one of the reasons pocketbooks have risen in the ranks so fast in the past few years. They serve a wonderful purpose in that they make available to everyone the best books at a cheap price. We've heard of

groups forming into exchange clubs, especially the mystery fans. When they finish reading a pocketbook they are through with it, thus are anxious to exchange with a fellow club member.

It's close enough to Christmas for the children's excitement to be very much on the increase. In fact, Christmas is only two weeks from today. We were talking with a couple of school teachers this week and were amused at their observations. One teaches the primary age children, whom she said were so excited they were almost impossible to handle. The other a high school teacher said she was thankful not to have to worry about her students' excitement at Christmas; it was not too disturbing. "All we have to worry about is spring," she commented, "and there's just nothing you can do with them then."

Next Tuesday night the Brevard Little Theatre is having try-outs for a play to be given next year sometime. Let's hope there will be lots of new faces. That's one reason this organization has shown such splendid growth. Each time a production is given there are new people interested in both acting and technical departments. One doesn't have to have a talent to be a great addition to Brevard Little Theatre. Some energy and a strong back are two of the greatest requisites. That's especially true when it comes to the staging committees, the building of a set, securing properties, lighting, etc. The selected play for the next production is the famed "Laura." Everyone remembers either seeing or hearing about Gene Tierney in the movie "Laura" a few years back. It was nothing short of a sensation.

Wouldn't it be grand to have a good snow for Christmas? When

Recommendations Of Last Grand Jury Carried Out, Report Says

County Buildings And Offices Are Said To Be In Good Condition

The Grand Jury of the December term of Superior court inspected the offices in the court house, the building and the jail, the prison camp and they found that all recommendations made by the grand

jury of the last term of court have been carried out. The county jail is in good condition, the food is sufficient, and alterations and repairs, which were suggested, have been carried out. Rest rooms in the court house were in orderly condition and painting and repairs have been finished, the report read. The register of deed's office, the tax collector's office, the sheriff's, the accountant's and the welfare department were said to be in proper order, and the three rooms of the latter were recommended to be painted. In inspection of the Calvert pris-

on camp, it was found that the dining room, kitchen, storage department, barracks, yards and outside area were found to be in good condition and orderly. In checking menus, the members of the jury discovered that prisoners are being well fed and heat inside the prison was reported to be ample, plumbing fixtures in good repair, clothes and supplies of all kinds in good shape. The jury thanked Judge J. Donald Phillips, the sheriff and other members of the law enforcement agencies for their fine cooperation. The report was signed by D. H. Winchester, the foreman.

Scientist Honored



DR. BELA SCHICK, discoverer of the famed Schick test for diphtheria, receives an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Yeshiva university. Dr. Samuel Belkin (right) makes the presentation at ceremonies in New York. (International)

did it snow last? I can't remember when we really had a good one, a snow that lasted long enough for some sledding. A couple of times, I believe, it snowed last season only to melt away promptly. Snows are good for the land; in fact I think they're good for everybody in that they purify the air. Maybe if we had a good snow it would kill off some of these old flu and cold germs that have been putting everybody in the bed. But it wouldn't help us much since we've just gotten over the worst kind of a bad cold.

From Frances Gilbert Frazier in The Waynesville Mountaineer we get this one:

The "Country Gentleman" bowed gallantly and said, "Mademoiselle" at "Seventeen" you have great "Charm." I'm sure your "House and Garden" are quite the "Vogue." I would gladly give up my "Liberty" "Quick" and place a "Coronet" on your brow, thus making you queen of my "Family Circle." Then, truly, I would be the happiest man in "The State."

CLUB EXPRESSES THANKS

The Brevard Music Lovers club wishes to thank everyone who assisted in making their square dance last Friday night a success. Proceeds will be used on a scholarship to Transylvania Music camp. Mrs. Walter Straus is scholarship chairman and Mrs. Verne Hill is club president.

Stern Father (to son departing for boarding school): Now, don't let me hear any bad reports about you. Son: I'll try hard, dad. But you know how those things leak out.

A well-known French professor came to teach in an American university. When he plugged in the portable radio he had brought with him, his little girl, Charmaine, listened with amazement. "Father," she cried, "listen how quickly the radio has learned to speak English."

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