

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

BY NORTH CALLAHAN

For pent-up city kids, the best signs of spring are those pasted along the streets and alleys announcing that it's time for the circus. And the kids range from low to advanced ages, too for there is something about the big top that spells "America" in ever-youthful letters. No one knows this better than the circus press agents. They are the best in the business and have held the respect of the press for countless years. One of them is William Fields who hails from Texas and is a friend of mine. Bill is a quietly dynamic fellow of serious mien but disarming smile. Quiet, that is, until you give him a chance to talk circus. Then he gives you any number of good reasons why the goings-on under the big tent make up "the greatest show on earth."

There is considerable talk around town of late about Jackie Gleason who fell and broke his ankle while doing a show — and considers this to be just part of his act. Jackie is a grown-up child if there ever was one. To him, life is play; it's as simple as that. And those around him, whether on the stage or in the hospital inevitably become part of his act, purposely or not. I recall that when the corpulent comedian was only a routine performer at the Roxy Theater here, he seemed even fatter. Maybe his tailor wasn't so good then. Well, Jackie makes \$60,000 a week now—and spends just about that amount. Has 65 suits, two \$400-overcoats and a French poodle that cost a thousand bucks. His weight goes from 175 to 275, depending on how much chance he has to eat; and he lives as if tomorrow would never come.

When there is much adverse talk of Russia, it is a pleasure to note that in Rochester, New York, members of the St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Church will in all probability have a church to worship in this Easter—for the first time. Russian Easter is on April 25th. When this church was founded a few years ago, its people met in rented rooms. For the past year, they have met in the Boy Scout room of the Presbyterian Church there; members of this latter church refusing to accept rent for this purpose. Meanwhile, the congregation of the Russian church was saving money for a building; the newspapers of Rochester joined in the drive—and soon, the results will show in an edifice dedicated to a worship which recognizes no barrier of nations.

Fred Smith has been called a "butter and egg man" so much that by now it's practically routine. He is originally from Trenton, Tennessee and came here as the public relations man for the poultry industry, so the "butter" part is superfluous. He is the one who originated the custom of giving a Christmas turkey to the President each year. I told me his best newspaper experience was on the Nashville Tennessean and the Charlotte Observer. Fred being a genial guy, I asked him which came first, the chicken or the egg. He parried this one skillfully and referred me to the First Chapter of Genesis, 26th verse—which I looked up and found it gives the edge to the chicken. Well, that's one for the birds!

Joe Doctor, well-informed investment expert, is affectionately known by us of the press as "the newspaper man of Wall Street." But there was one bit of news which he was reluctant to give out last week. His wife passed away. I did not even realize it until I noticed that Joe was more serious than usual and did not greet me with his usual wise crack. Then he admitted the tragedy. But to sympathetic overtures he shook his head. "It's my loss," he said. "Kindness is appreciated but people have enough of their own worries, so I will not burden them with mine. No flowers, no story, thank you. I'll just accept your good wishes instead." They had no children, so only a few of the closest relatives and friends were informed of the burial in a little Pennsylvania cemetery. Yet we knew that in Joe's big heart there was an empty place that would last in silence as long as he does. And somehow this silence was more eloquent than a lot of words.

Easter Egg Hunt In Hominy Set For Two Saturday

By MRS. MARK SWAIN
Community Reporter

The senior M.Y.F. of the Plains church met Tuesday night at the home of Martha Swain to plan for their Easter activities. They will give an Easter egg hunt for the smaller children of the church on Saturday at two o'clock.

The M.Y.F. members will meet Friday night at the church to dye the eggs and make preparations for what promises to be a happy event.

Miss Linda Wood was honored with a shower Monday night at the Canton YMCA by Mrs. Claude Broyles and Mrs. Nina Dewese.

Mary Martha Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victoria Parker, is a patient at the Waynesville hospital.

G. P. Shepherd, who has been a patient at the hospital for four weeks, is back home, and improving.

Ernest Broyles, Michael Clark, Mark Swain and son Terry, visited relatives in Hayesville. Mrs. R. A. Swain, a sister of Mr. Broyles, and mother of Mark Swain, returned with them for a visit of several weeks.

The Hartford Melody quartet of Knoxville, will be at the East Canton Baptist church April 24th for a program at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Louise Goosby Hedrick was honored with a household shower at the home of Mrs. Panza Mann Saturday night. Mrs. James Mathis was co-hostess. About 25 were present.

The Men's Fellowship club of Plains Church met for their regular monthly meeting Monday night at the church. A ladies' night program was held and a hot luck supper featured the occasion.

George Morris of Columbia, S. C. is visiting his brothers, Zeke and Wiley Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parker returned after a week's vacation in Grand Rapids, Mich., where they visited relatives. They went via Niagara Falls.

SUEDE SAVER
Stubborn spots on suede shoes or bags often disappear after they are lightly rubbed with an emery board and then steamed over a boiling kettle.

Movie Films Available To Local Groups

Six films on varying subjects—including bicycle safety, choosing marriage partners, Germany, and New England—are available at the Haywood County Library for use by local organizations from now until May 2.

According to Mrs. Marjorie Beal, acting librarian, the films are made available through a project sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Library Association and the University of North Carolina Extension Division.

After May 2, another group of films will be available here.

Those on hand at the library are:

1. **BICYCLE SAFETY**—10 minutes, black and white, sound. A concise, forceful film, made to promote safe riding habits among the boys and girls who ride bicycles. Points out that bicycle riding is fun, but that it entails certain responsibilities; to maintain the bicycle in good mechanical condition, to obey traffic rules and to watch out for others. Explains and demonstrates the rules of the road and other safety practices for bicycle riders.

2. **CHOOSING YOUR MARRIAGE PARTNER**—14 minutes, sound, black and white. Describes the problem of Joe, a college student who is trying to decide which of two girls he should marry. The marriage counselor suggests an evaluation of the girls on the basis of emotional maturity, family background, philosophy of life, and harmony of personalities. Joe also realizes that he must evaluate himself.

3. **GERMANY**—10 minutes, sound, color. Provides an interesting pictorial overview of Germany today—her scenic points of interest and historical shrines, aspects of her industry and agriculture, and salient facts concerning her



THESE DRESS-UP STYLES CAN TAKE IT... Here are two styles for the younger set in easy-to-care-for nylon sheers. Left, enchanting pastel sheer with flocked vine pattern in a perky frock with its own beruffled petticoat and wide berth

collar trimmed in nylon lace. Right, smart outfit for a style-conscious junior high charmer, with dainty white bodice, navy or red skirt with flocked white dots.

people and their heritage.

4. **HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND**—20 minutes, sound, color. Not a travelogue. It places primary importance on the historical, economical and geographic significance of the six New England States.

5. **LAMENT**—13 minutes, sound, black and white. Features Jose Limon who interprets in the idiom of modern dance a poem by the Spanish poet Garcia Lorea. He appears as a Spanish bullfighter, te

tempted by Love and by Fate, who meets his death in the ring.

6. **MAN'S PROBLEM**—13 minutes, sound, color. A sequel to the film *Nature's Plan*, this film makes amazingly clear our absolute dependence on an adequate supply of clear fresh water.

Inheritance is the cause of about half the blindness in the United States say the Better Vision Institute.

The Bigger They Come

DAVIS, Calif. (AP) — Does a bull or a mouse have more resistance to knockout drops?

Prof. Stuart A. Peoples, a University of California veterinary scientist, built a gas machine big enough for a bull to check the effect of anaesthetics on various sized animals.

He discovered size had nothing to do with an animal's resistance to anaesthetics.

B&PW Club Resolution Urges A New Library

A resolution recommending the construction of a new building to house the Haywood County Public Library has been passed by the Waynesville Business and Professional Women's Club.

The resolution reads: "WHEREAS, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Waynesville, North Carolina, is interested and participates in community betterment projects as part of its regular program; and

"WHEREAS, the Club is interested in the economic, educational, recreational and social development of Haywood County, as benefits all the people; and

"WHEREAS, the Haywood County Public Library service has been developed during the past ten years to an important place in the life of the County as an educational center, serving the rural and urban areas, adults, young people and children alike, with expanded book circulation, bookmobile, study groups, children's reading programs, microfilms and films; and

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the Waynesville Business and Professional Women's Club joins with other civic clubs and groups of Haywood County, and Waynesville, N. C., in recommending to the Haywood County Board of Commissioners, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Waynesville, N. C., that serious consideration be given to the need at this time for providing a new Library Building; and that funds be provided to enable the construction of a modern building adequate in space to meet this urgent need; and further, that an adequate budget be provided for administration and operation of the

New Diet Okays Snacks

A new reducing diet which permits the dieter to indulge his hunger by eating full-sized meals between meals has proved successful with a high percentage of obesity cases.

The new diet, proposed by New York physician Leonard Kalkin, is strict in forbidding protein foods. But the diet complies with constant hunger satisfy by appetite with a diet of high quality snacks at intervals between meals.

The snacks may consist of vegetables, except fruit, lean meat and out cheese, forbidden vegetables are potatoes, corn, peas and all except stringbeans.

Dr. Kalkin says the dieter is almost always "by a tendency to cheat the bit on his diet."

"This cheating leads to the failure of the diet," he says. "But if the cheating is dulced by allowing the dieter substantial snacks of fat foods, no harm is done. The reducing program is concluded successfully."

A typical day's menu, Dr. Kalkin, whose diet is rigid in forbidding all fat and limiting all carbs, might consist of a tomato and lettuce salad with pot cheese, of raw carrot and celery, a lean hamburger patty, the bun could satisfy the of almost any obese dieter.

public library." The resolution was passed February 23, but was not due. The Mountaineer will report.

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