

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

BY NORTH CALLAHAN

At a social gathering, I noticed among those present a tall, white-haired man with little pince-nez glasses and a big smile. So I walked over and shook hands with Bernard Baruch, being careful to speak in the general direction of his ever-present ear-phone, a gadget he is actually proud to wear. I told him I always enjoyed writing about him in my column. The elder statesman and native of Camden, S. C. who in his 84 years has been adviser to Presidents, and park-bench philosopher for the millions, smiled again and said, "I enjoy it too — when you say something good about me—as for the rest—you can just leave that unprinted!"

My barber is an Italian-American, and typical of trade, is not hard to get to talk. To the tune of his busy clippers, he sounded off into my left ear about Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio. "You see, we Italian-Americans like to keep our women pretty much at home," he informed me. "It's a custom of the old country. Now that there Joe, he's a nice-a fellow, quiet. He don't want his wife to be messin' around these New York streets gettin' her skirt blowed up by a wind machine—even if it is for a high-priced movie. No sir, that kind of marriage won't work

—for us, anyway."

Talking with Spring Byington just before she appeared as star in the new CBS television show, "December Bride," I learned that she keeps no scrapbook of clippings from her long career—the only actress I have met who does not do this. Her secretary—and daughter—came over about this time and I asked her if her mother's first name, "Spring" was real or a stage name. It is real, she said, then I tried to wisecrack by asking why then the show was not named "June Bride" instead of "December Bride". Spring Byington has been a favorite actress of mine ever since I used to enjoy her many movies. She told me that being in a television show is entirely different from appearing in movies. Anyway, she seems young in heart in both media—something a lot of us need in these anxious days.

As a contribution to helping the handicapped, I am glad to report that my recent column about a blind boy, Bill Stanly, has brought heart-warming response. From here to Kentucky where he lives, folks have shown a noble attitude of helpfulness. The foundations to whose attention the column was brought by thoughtful readers, have swung into action in a way that gives me a new respect for their effectiveness. Even Helen Keller has become interested—and what is most important—it looks as if Bill Stanly is going to get some real help out of it all. From his blind world, Bill thanks you—and so do I.

Joe Smith says that he would like to see some other baseball team besides a New York one win the world series. But the facts are, hard as they hit out of town, that other teams have their chance—as Cleveland did—and look what happened. (Folks out Ohio would rather not look) And regardless of what Grantland Rice wrote about the important thing being not winning but how you play the game, that old score at the end of the game is usually what counts—in the records and bank accounts, at least. We folks here would like to see a change too. Why not Baltimore or Chicago as champs, for instance? Anyway, the players themselves just work for the New York teams. They live in the Carolinas or Indiana or Texas or Tennessee or somewhere similar and just gravitate here when they make good somewhere else.

Gotham Gatherings: for whatever it means, Louis E. Wolfson of Florida who is trying to get control of Montgomery-Ward has retained as his public relations counsel David Charnay of this city—front man for John L. Lewis... an actor who plays a postman on a television show here received a card saying he was doing a fine job and signed "Your Postman"

HOPE FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS



FOURTEEN-MONTH-OLD Craig Batchelder smiles as his mother, Mrs. Barbara Batchelder, plays with him in his crib at their Newburyport, Mass., home. Both were stricken with polio last June. They are now taking exercises five times a week, hoping they will be able to have Craig's baby sister come to live with them by Christmas.

Chinese - Americans Give Christmas Oriental Flavor

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Though the celebration of Sun Neen, or New Year's, is always the most important of Chinese festivals, Christian Chinese observe Christmas as most American families do.

This is true of the more than 117,000 Chinese living in the United States, especially where there are children. There is the tree, exchange of gifts, turkey dinner, even the singing of old carols. However, in Communist China there is no celebrating, not even of the beloved New Year's, which for the Chinese arrives Jan. 24, one week before their old year ends. Then the god of the kitchen ascends to heaven to report all virtues and vices of each member of the family.

Chinese Ambassador, Wellington Koo, a non-Christian, and Mrs. Koo, who is a Catholic, usually spend the Christmas season away from Washington in warmer climate. Miss S. H. Tan, wife of the Chinese minister, says she and her husband and son, Henry, 17, an engineering student at Yale University, and many of their friends have a turkey or roast duck with all the trimmings.

"My hobby is cooking, and my first interest is in American dishes," Mrs. Tan told me as she emerged from a classroom at the YWCA where she's been conducting classes in the preparation of her native Chinese recipes.

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Lola B. Gentry and husband to Howard Miller and wife.

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The Hawaiian Islands were unknown to the Western world until 1778 when they were discovered by Capt. James Cook.

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Mrs. Tan prefers a Chinese New Year's dessert for Christmas—eight treasure pudding. This is a concoction of one pound glutinous rice boiled until water is evaporated and mixed with 1/2 cup of suet and 1/4 cup of sugar, cooked very slowly until rice is done. Also used are one-third cup of blanched nuts and same of lotus seeds (obtainable at local Chinese grocers) and cooked with 2 tablespoons barley; 1/2 cup of dragon's eyes or raisins, 8 cut-up prunes, 1/2 cup honeyed dates, 1/4 cup candied cherries and small amounts of candied orange peel and green candied fruit.

You arrange a thin layer of the rice in a well-larded mold, then place some of the fruits and nuts in rows or designs and press them into the surface so they'll show later on. Over this you alternate other layers of rice and fruit and nuts. Then you place the mold in a steamer, let steam about 30 to 40 minutes and turn out on a hot platter.

This dessert got its name from the small objects some Chinese put in the pudding. These include the dragon pearl, a charm against fire; Chinese coins, a sign of prosperity; little books to ward off evil spirits and so on.

State Agency Wins Award For Travel Publicity

The North Carolina News Bureau won the second place grand award of the Midwest Travel Writers' Association for "the most effective overall travel promotion of an area in the world in 1954". First place grand award went to Miami Beach, Fla. The awards were made at the annual meeting attended by 75 Midwest travel editors at the Chicago Press Club today.

Charles Parker, Director of the State News Bureau—a division of the State Department of Conservation & Development—received the North Carolina award, which was the second in two years for the North Carolina publicity agency. In 1953 it won the top award for the best travel promotion of an area within the United States. This award was made for 1954 to the New York State Department of Commerce.

The North Carolina prize was in the Grand Award, unlimited field for the entire world, which was open to all common carriers and state and national travel promotion agencies. The top award in this field was won last year by Pan-American Airways, which this year won the award for the "most effective travel promotion job by a common carrier".

The 1954 award for the "best travel news and photo coverage of an area outside the United States" was won by the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, and the Union Pacific Railroad won the award for the "most original 1954 idea in travel promotion".

Honorable mentions were awarded the State of Kentucky, British Travel Association and Trans-World Airlines.

The staff of the prize-winning North Carolina News Bureau consists of Charles Parker, Director, Miriam Rabb, Miles Hughey and Evelyn Covington in news, feature and publications production; Sebastian Sommer and Gus Martin, photographers, and Penny Stamatos and Margaret Underwood, secretaries.

The Midwest Travel Writers' Association is composed of newspaper and magazine travel editors from the Canadian border as far west as Iowa and as far south as Kentucky and east to include Ohio. Special entries are not considered, but awards are made through ballots of travel editors on the basis of overall performance during the year by travel promotion agencies throughout the world.

Fred Burns, travel editor of the Cincinnati Times-Star, is president of the association; Leonard R. Barnes of Detroit Motor News is vice president; Pearl E. Hafstrom, travel editor of the South Bend, Ind., Tribune, is secretary, and Edgar Jones, editor of the highway Traveler Magazine, is treasurer. Directors are Frank Cipriani, Chicago Tribune; Paul D. Aird, Detroit News; and J. Gordon Hecker, Milwaukee Journal.

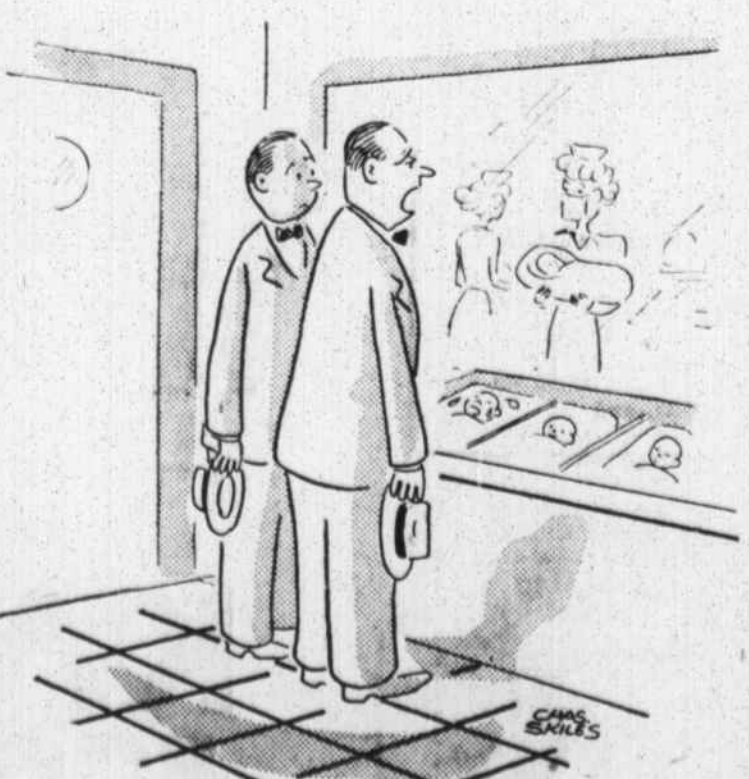
The Association is four years old, and its awards are the only ones made on an international basis in the travel promotion field. Thus they are regarded as the "Pulitzer Prizes" of travel news and feature writing.

All A Mistake
PARK RIDGE, Ill. (AP) — The car was borrowed, the night was cold and dark, and the lock was frozen. The situation had Earl Aykroid sweating.

After two hours of failure to unlock the car with help of passers-by who used fire on the keyhole, wire through the ventilating window and a by-pass for the ignition, he saw it was the wrong car.

The borrowed car was parked one car behind and the key unlocked it and started it with hardly no effort at all.

LAFF-A-DAY



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In Top Form



ALFREDO MENDOZA, world water ski champion, is shown at a Florida lake resort, tuning up for the Mexican water ski tournament to be held at Acapulco December 10-12. Alfredo shows the form of a champion by taking Joan Faye Brown along for a ride. She is Florida's "Queen of Light." (International)

Smart Driver Says 'No Thank You' When Offered Drink Before Taking Wheel

RALEIGH — "When the smart driver is offered 'one for the road' he says 'No thanks—I'm driving!'" That advice came this week from Assistant Motor Vehicles Commissioner Joe W. Garrett as he discussed the Motor Vehicles agency's plans for traffic safety through the Christmas holidays.

"If any driver doubts the wisdom of my words," said Garrett, "I ask him to visit his local morgue or funeral home and view some of the results of drinking and driving. I believe one such visit would convince any skeptic that drinking and driving are a fatal combination."

"It takes strong proof to convince some motorists that they may not only kill themselves by drinking and driving, but also endanger the lives of innocent victims."

"According to the National Safety Council, the driver had been drinking in one out of five fatal accidents in this country in 1953. Here in North Carolina one out of three drivers had been drinking when they were stopped."

Garrett pointed out that when a driver drinks and drives, he is a particularly serious offender because of holiday party celebrations.

"If people realized that their reaction time was down by alcohol," he said, "they would think twice before they took their lives along where they know drink be served. A trip home in a cab is a lot more practical trip to a hospital."

Garrett appealed to the public to join taxi cab pools and their drinking companions likewise, when they suspect they may have imbibed too much.

"This year," he concluded, "can be sure that you are right to their own doorstep."

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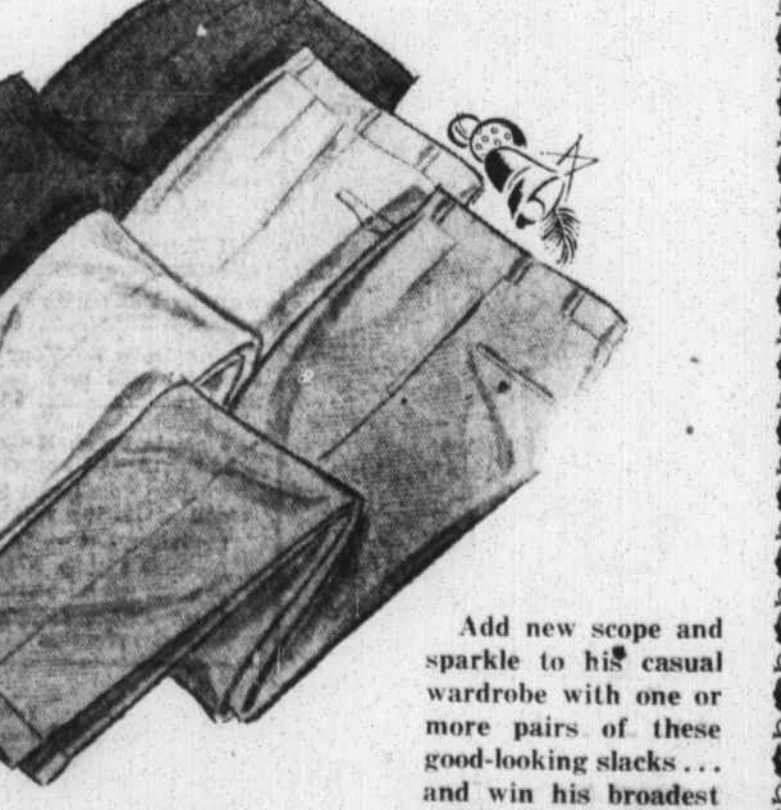
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