

Surrealist Tiles By Bali Stir Historic Georgetown

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — When Rhoda Low Seoane, wife of a retired Army colonel decorated the front of her house in exclusive Georgetown with tiles designed by surrealist Salvador Dali, neighbors claimed it disrupted the atmosphere of the historic section.

"Remember Dear, how we came home one day to find a photographer crouched up close to the steps to take pictures of the tiles, and all the fuss," Mrs. Seoane laughingly asked her colonel, an Army veteran of 40 years. "We think we've taken my husband's ugly old three-story brick house and made something artistic with it."

The Seoanes spend their winters here, and summers at "Thalassa" (Greek for "the sea"), the former Miss Low's family home at Bristol, R. I. They bought the colorful tiles bearing Dali interpretations during a visit to Spain. They brighten the sides of the windows and front stoop of their house which the colonel said he bought 16 years ago.

"I think they add a unique and distinctive character to an otherwise dull street," Mrs. Seoane, a water color artist, with a flair for her own originality told me.

Georgetowners went to the district commissioners in their tizzy over the tiles, murmuring something about building permits, but these gentlemen ruled that Dali's artistry "does not constitute a danger to the public or to other property owners." Obviously they're there to stay.

Mrs. Seoane, whose father, William Low, a scion of the old China clipper ship industry, was a world traveler and adventurer, has seen a great part of the world and boasts some unusual experiences. The most interesting of these was her meeting with the Mad Hatter.

It happened while she was visiting the Bishop of Staffordshire's wife in Litchfield.

"Perhaps," the Bishop's wife told her, "you don't know that the artist Tenniel, who illustrated Lewis

Bear Hunt—Navy Style

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Across the crackling wastes of an arctic Navy operation area the USS Rushmore messaged: "Desire daily polar bear report at your earliest convenience."

The USS Lindenwalk, a landing ship, dock, like the Rushmore, replied: "Herded bear to within 50 feet of well several times but bear proved more agile than LCVP (landing craft, vehicle-personnel)." Later the Rushmore pursued the matter further: "Re polar bear report, please keep us advised all bear episodes; odds quoted 10 to one on bear with few takers."

Crew members of the Lindenwalk related the bear story on their return from the far north unloading operation. It seems an inquisitive polar bear nosed up to a porthole of a small craft, a cook sounded the tally-ho and landing craft churred out of the well deck of the LSD in pursuit of the bear.

Members of the crew also related that even a losing bear hunt is something extra special in an area where there isn't much else going on.

Huntington's First

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (AP) — It was more than a routine operation when Dr. William B. Blake, Jr. of Huntington removed an obstruction in the heart of Mrs. Sidney Ferris, 27, to permit a normal flow of blood. The Herald-Advertiser said it was the first heart surgery ever performed in Huntington.

Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," lived here. But everyone here knows he based his character, the Mad Hatter, on a sub-chanter in our Cathedral.

"This was in 1926," Mrs. Seoane told me. "After tea I went walking in the Cathedral close with the Bishop's daughter. Suddenly she gave me a poke, right there he is—getting along in years he is—in his 80's I should guess," she whispered.



NEW OFFICERS of the Haywood County Farm Bureau are (seated) Mrs. Quay Medford, secretary; Mrs. Oral Yates, vice president; R. H. Boone, treasurer, and Raymond Caldwell, president. (Photo by Holloway)

U. S. Congressional Junkets Called 'Plain Hard Work'

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—If you think a congressional junket is full of pleasuring, sightseeing and trinket shopping, as some of the taxpayers who foot the bills are led to believe, let some of the women members who toured abroad give you the real pitch.

"It was just plain hard work," says Congresswoman Leonore Sullivan (D-Mo) a member of the House Committee on the Merchant Marine who was assigned to tour with the European Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, whose chairman is Congresswoman Edna Kelly (D-NY). Mrs. Sullivan said she was exhausted after her survey in 11 countries visited in two months.

"It was no junket," Mrs. Sullivan told me. "I didn't even have time to take a good look around, or shop in Paris, though it was my first trip abroad." Mrs. Sullivan was interested in the interrelation of this country's foreign aid policy and the merchant marine which is responsible for transporting 50 per cent of the federal government's purchases abroad. She is readying a report on her findings to present to this session of Congress.

In addition, the congresswoman expects to push for consideration her amendment to the Public Housing Bill which provides for special public housing units for elderly persons, and single persons. The bill was passed by the House last year but dropped out in conference.

Congresswoman Katherine St. George (R-NY) was abroad for two months, a major portion of the time on her own with a long visit in Italy. She has written a report on post office and civil service procedures in Europe.

She is also interested in the Equal Rights Amendment, and insurance and re-insurance for flood damage. Port Jervis, in her district suffered severe losses in the flooding of the Delaware River last fall. Congresswoman Marguerite Stitt Church (R-Ill) only woman member of the House Foreign

Affairs Far East Subcommittee, completed a 10-week tour of Asian countries. She would like to see some action of her bill to stiffen penalties for drug traffic violations and a bill to provide for rehabilitation of drug addicts. She is also interested in a bill to designate a Crippled Children's Day.

Home Specialist Will Conduct School

Miss Mamie Whisnant, home management specialist of N. C. State College, will conduct a school for home management and house furnishings leaders of Haywood County home demonstration clubs in the REA Kitchen Friday, January 27.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. Home management leaders and house furnishings leaders of each club are expected to attend.

Burglary, Play By Play

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) — Police were well informed about burglary committed by Gregorio Guerrero. As he was looking over the house, cutting a window screen and climbing in a window, a State Highway Department employe in an office nearby gave a running account to officers over the telephone.

Guerrero was arrested as he carried household items out the door. He got a year to 18 months.

and gray tweedy-looking material woven in an authentic Indian design. Her evening gowns were stunning. At the state dinner given at Anderson House by Vice President and Mrs. Nixon she wore a strapless close-fitting black velvet gown with a deep V cut in the top front bodice. With it she wore long white gloves, diamond necklace and earrings. On another occasion she wore a beautiful gown with blue and green full flounced skirt and black halter-top. At an afternoon reception she appeared in a striped silver and blue metallic frock with pleated skirt and plain sleeveless top.

Washington's cliff-dweller hostess, Mrs. Parker West, has a quartet of parakeets who chirp to party guests "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" no matter what the season, as well as "Give me a sweet, sweet kiss."

Pretty Mrs. Altarmur Kille, wife of the new press attache of the Turkish Embassy and mother of a five year old daughter, is attending the Americanization school here and is very busy getting acquainted with our customs.

Youngsters Defend Right To Use Cars

AP Newsfeatures

What's your gripe about driving? Everyone seems to have one. Why be different?

One bombshell occurred in Connecticut when the governor suggested curtailing youngsters' driving privileges in the interests of highway safety.

"It would cut down attendance at proms," protested one 17-year-old whose letter was among scores the governor received.

"It would keep us from dating after school," moaned another.

"Other transportation is so jammed we'd be late for school all the time," one jalopy enthusiast cried.

Mothers are having their say too. One mother expressing the beliefs of many parents who've written the governor, observed:

"Teen-agers today are subject to more uncontrollable temptations than in former years."

"What temptations," asks a nice girl, "and how are they different than grandpa's buggy rides or Dad's hammock or summer house dates?"

Another young girl shocked to tears when told her beau could no longer have the car because his family feared necking and petting parties had this to say:

"What kind of girl do they think I am? Perhaps their son has been dating other girls, but I don't think so. My parents are up in arms over their remarks, and they don't want me to see their darling boy again."

"Be sure of the facts" young people plead of parents ready to accuse them of reckless driving.

One teen-ager related that just because he had a few scratches on the family car his father accused him of drinking at the wheel. The scratches, he said, were parking bruises and the strongest drink he had of an evening was a chocolate milk shake.

One girl says that most girls will not ride with a boy who has been drinking, anyway.

Another says that a boy who looks for shady lanes to park after the dance it tabbed a "bad risk."

Fast driving seems to cause parents most anxiety, however.

Some young moderns tried to find sensible solutions to the problem. "If parents worry so much why don't they have a boy check in by telephone before he drives the car home?" "Why not have special speedometers on cars so they couldn't go faster than the law allows?" "Why not cut down on



GRANGE MASTER—This is a recent picture of Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro, master of the North Carolina Grange. (AP Photo).

Suicidal Insurance

TOKYO (AP) — Officials are worried about the effects of the new compulsory auto liability insurance here.

All motorists, including thousands of Americans, must have the insurance or face fine or imprisonment.

What worries officials is that survivors of anyone killed in a car accident automatically get 300,000 yen without even going to court.

They fear that Japanese bent on suicide — and the suicide rate is high — will forsake the cliffs, railroad crossings, volcanoes, bridges and high buildings and leap into the paths of automobiles.

While 300,000 yen is only \$833 in American money, it is an average year's salary in Japan and Japanese have been known to commit suicide because of debts smaller than this.

Mount Singalang in central Sumatra gets 320 days of rain yearly.

horsepower and make a special car just for teen-agers. A small car that wouldn't go too fast or cost too much should be very popular."

... a car with an automatic slower-upper that could be set by parents before the car leaves the garage. It could also have an alarm reminder going off at the hour he's expected home or the girl is to be home ... telephone car to home connections might satisfy some parents too.

'Pompey's Head' Adapted From Popular Book

One of the most important properties of the past year, the best-selling novel "The View from Pompey's Head," emerges now as a CinemaScope film production, opening Sunday at the Strand Theatre. A romantic drama with a component of mystery and suspense, "The View" takes a New York publisher's emissary back to his old home town, Pompey's Head, in the deep South to unravel a strange situation which surrounds a world-famous writer. The trip to Old Pompey, as the natives call it, takes on double conflict when the man from New York falls in love all over again with the girl he had left behind many years before—even though now both are separately married.

In the key roles are three of the strongest new personalities of filmdom, Richard Egan as the publisher's man, darkly beautiful Dana Wynter as the southern girl, and Cameron Mitchell as the get-rich-quick boy she crossed Southern caste lines to marry.

Spell Of Luck

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — At the Garden Villas school teacher Mae Turnbow put on an old-fashioned spelling bee for third-graders and the girls spelled down the boys as easy as pie.

But the boys saw the girls passing something back and forth during the match, investigated, and lodged a complaint.

A rabbit's foot had been passed to each girl as her turn came.

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