

Lights of New York

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On Broadway lights gleam so brightly it seems almost as if day is lingering into the night. In Times square there is the tapping of canes, the flash of jewels, the sheen of soft furs, the rustle of silks and the sweetness of perfume. In contrast Eighth avenue seems dark. There are no great signs. Most of the electrical advertising is red neon letters spelling "Bar and Grill." The only jewels are those not coveted by thieves. Instead of perfume there is the odor of cooking. In contrast with Eighth avenue, Fifty-fourth street seems black. A few steps from Eighth avenue is a building that is lighted. Groups, talking in low tones, stand in front of it. A line of taxicabs waits. In the corridor are more groups. Every telephone booth is filled. A stream of humanity climbs the marble steps, too impatient to wait the one elevator. The building houses a court. It is a court open more hours than any other in the city. Not only through the day is there a drab procession passing before the black-robed man on the bench but at night as well. Night court is held there.

Every seat is filled. Not until some one leaves may another enter. A study of the expressions gives the impression that a blight has settled over those present. The surroundings may have something to do with that. The court is old. It seems to have taken to itself some of the misery that has been enacted there. And some of the evil as well. It has seen much evil, for it is in the heart of the Tenderloin. Many a journey that has ended with the electric chair has started there. The shadow of that chair may be felt if not seen. Perhaps the nervous shuffling of feet, the uneasy twitchings, the quickly stifled coughs may be indications of its presence. Most of those in the seats are closely connected with those who will face the man on the bench.

Police and detectives circulate behind the railing. Among them move the lawyers who practice in night court. They seem to run to a type—rather short, rotund, well-fed, bright-eyed, not too well dressed and fussy in manner. Other officers stand at a doorway. They are the blue wall that holds back the grist that is to pass through the mill of justice. Behind them may be seen heads, tousled most of them with now and then the white of a bandage. Necks are craned in an effort to sight friends, relatives, witnesses—or perhaps freedom. The gavel is rapped. All arise. The magistrate takes his seat. All sit down. The magistrate picks up a sheaf of papers. The first case is called. There is a sudden tensing.

Monotonous are the stories told. Assault. Family brawls. Panhandling. Peddling without a license. Disorderly conduct. Obstructing the sidewalk. Causing a crowd to collect. Possession of deadly weapons. Soliciting. A drab scene with drab players. Now and then an interlude. A tiger-like woman with big, flashing bright eyes. She accuses her man of assault. He denies it. She tears open the front of her cheap dress and exposes livid marks—the marks of human fingers. The man grins maliciously and sets forth as his defense that they are not married! And he goes to Welfare Island for 90 days. The judge listens to all tales. A question now and then indicates that. Prisoners are freed because they are not guilty. Sentences are suspended. Warnings are given. Fines are imposed. Sentences are given. Cases are postponed. And so on hour after hour.

Over on Broadway the lights gleam brightly. There is the sound of music. The supper places are giving their high-priced entertainment. Laughter is heard. And a black and a half to the west—night court.

Here is a Broadway Cinderella story. Joseph Spurrin-Calleja, because his appearance is swarthy, has led a lurid and varied life of crime on the stage—I remember him particularly as the crooked waiter in "Broadway." But none of his parts were sympathetic. Well, in "Small Miracle," he tells the story of his life as it relates to the killing of a gas station attendant during a hold-up in Colorado and the desire for revenge that brought him back to New York when he had escaped the gallows. He does it eloquently and audiences react with such enthusiasm that now he's a featured player. Not only that, but managers who used to send for him, now come around to see him and a lot of motion picture high lights, who never heard of him before, are bidding against one another for his services.

• Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.

Blind Student Excels

Reno, Nev.—Despite blindness, Joe Hargreaves, seventeen years of age, is an honor student of the sophomore class at the Reno high school.

Steno Mails Dinner, Takes Letters Home

St. Louis.—Postmaster Rufus Jackson vouches for this story: The other night a stenographer started home with a package of meat and a pack of letters. She mailed the meat and took the letters home for dinner.

Discovering the drab nature of her dinner, she telephoned the post office. A mechanic obligingly opened the mail box and saved the meat.

GOVERNMENT AGENCY ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Information Service Called On by Many for Aid.

Washington.—Established by the national emergency council in March to assist Washington visitors to thread the maze of federal agencies and emergency units, the United States information service now answers questions from far and near. Whereas previously, inquirers resorted to the trial and error method, addressing queries to a particular department, they now have at hand an information "central" in close touch with every department, bureau, commission or other federal agency, says the New York Times.

Directed by Miss Harriet M. Root, a graduate of Wellesley, a dozen expert research workers, all women, answer the queries which come in by personal call, by telephone and by letter. Not infrequently one day's mail will bring in 400 letters—each carrying one or more questions. On a busy day, as many as 200 persons have called at Miss Root's office seeking general information, or assistance in contacting some federal agency.

Cover Wide Range.

The queries cover an encyclopedic range. A New Jersey woman, for example, having what she believed to be ambergis in her possession, asked where she could find out whether it was genuine. Her question was referred to the bureau of fisheries. Requests for information on diving rods and buried treasures go to the bureau of mines. A lawyer in New York asked for a list of all federal corporations since the establishment of the United States government—a request that necessitated considerable research. Another letter called for "anything you can find on capital and labor." In due course, a reply furnished references to government publications on the subject.

"Does a bullet from a high-powered rifle actually change its course when entering water? If it does, why? And in what direction?" inquired another correspondent. Here, obviously, was an opportunity for government ballistic experts, to whom the query was forwarded. From a small town came a request for a check on the source of certain statements carried in an article in a local newspaper. And a woman with potatoes to sell sought the help of the service in finding the best market for them.

Many Personal Questions.

Personal questions are numerous. The widow of a naval man who was lost when a ship went down in the war wanted guidance in preparing a claim for compensation from the government. Another inquirer sought directions on how to obtain a medal for a child who had saved a playmate from drowning. A father asked how he should go about finding for his son a billet in the merchant marine. And whenever former Secretary of War Newton D. Baker comes to town, the information service invariably receives one or more calls for his Washington address.

Requests for information on federal activities reflect the increased interest in public affairs, particularly in the work of the New Deal agencies. The national emergency council publishes a daily manual, covering changes in the federal setup, and also charts showing graphically the present federal organization. Both the manual and the charts are in great demand. Universities and schools and faculty members send many requests. A California college plans to use the NEO manual as a textbook; a professor in a midwestern university ordered 300 copies of the chart of the federal government.

Eastman Clinic Will Be Opened in Paris in 1936

Paris.—The new million dollar Eastman dental clinic will open here in September, 1936.

The deal for its construction with the fund left by George Eastman has been closed by Dr. Harvey J. Burkhardt, director of the Rochester dental dispensary, after a conference with municipal authorities and the architects, E. Crevel and John W. Chandler.

Although scheduled to be built in the French style, the inside of the new structure will follow the plan of Eastman clinics at Rochester, Rome, and London, and will have equipment for 50 dentists.

"The plan," explained Doctor Burkhardt, "was to secure the promise of foreign municipalities to supply sites and guarantee upkeep while Eastman promised to furnish a million dollars for the erection of each building. The personnel of the clinics is chosen by the municipal councils, subject to the approval of the Rochester board of directors."

Doctor Burkhardt has just come from Stockholm, where he has been inspecting the Eastman clinic there. He will go to Brussels to discuss plans for the opening of the Brussels clinic January 1 and will return here before leaving for America.

Hotel Man Finds March Leading Month for Births

New York.—There are more Americans born during March than any other month, reports Ralph Hitz, nationally known hotel man. Hitz, who sends each guest registered at his hotel here a birthday card, disclosed that of the 35,000 cards sent out during 1934, about 17 per cent were mailed during March. In contrast to this, more guests celebrate their birthdays on May 16 than any other single day.

Camera Angles in the Late News

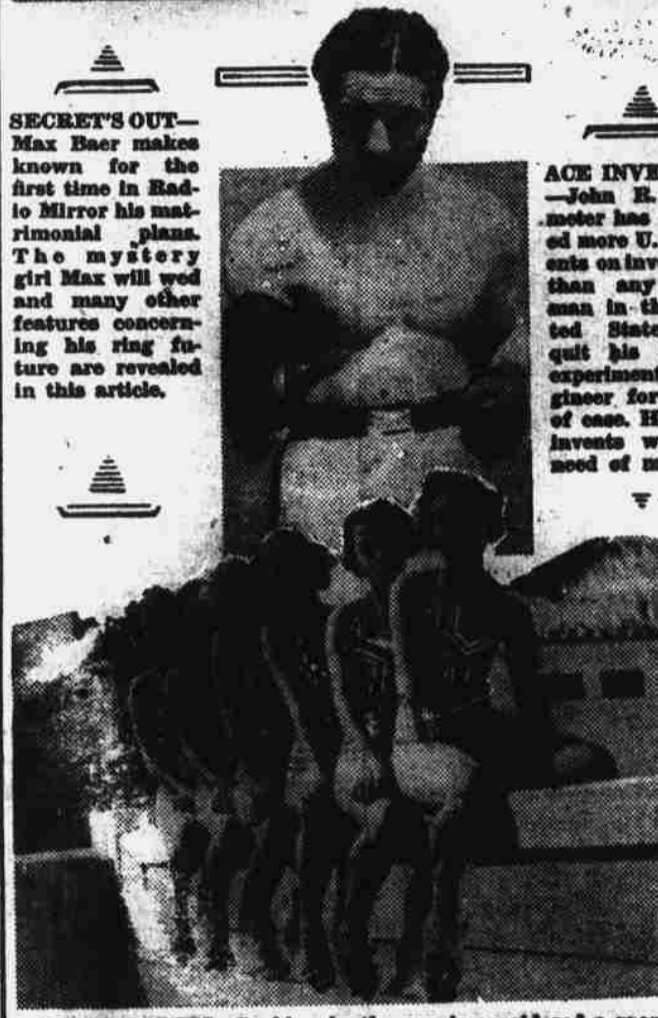


SECRETS OUT—Max Baer makes known for the first time in Radio Mirror his matrimonial plans. The mystery girl Max will wed and many other features concerning his ring future are revealed in this article.

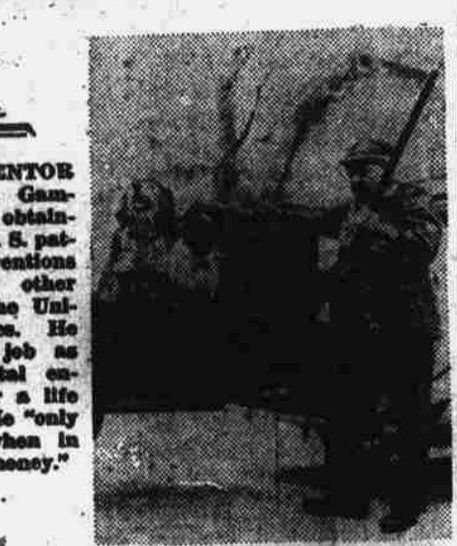


'TEN SHUN—Lovely Janet Lee, a descendant of General Robert E. Lee, made her debut over the "True Story" Court of Humana Relations" program, dramatized over the WABC-Columbia Network, Friday at 8:30 P. M. EDST She is 19 years old and acquired her "air" experience over a Hartford station.

HOOEY FOR HUEY—Louisiana's "Kingfish" Senator Huey P. Long will have a battle on his hands any time he rises in the Senate for a filibuster. Those opposing him will be L. R.—Senators Guffey, Burke, Schwollenback, Minton and Moore. They call themselves the "Young Turks."



LOVELY LADIES—Basking in the sun in considered a sport in Long Beach, California, where good of Sol shines all the day long. These changing personalities are taking full advantage of the good weather.



EXPOSED!—Startling revelations of the blonde blackmail racket are disclosed by Dick Powell in the current issue of Movie Mirror. Hollywood's handsome bachelor tells some interesting incidents and "close calls."

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Pattie Odum, of Norfolk, Va., spent last Friday night in Hertford, as the guest of Mrs. R. W. Smith.

Miss Elizabeth Parker was a recent guest of Mrs. H. A. Whitley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wright and Mrs. J. S. Vick spent last Sunday at Nags Head.

Miss Frances Lister, of Elizabeth City, visited relatives in Hertford on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Monds and their two little girls, Bettie and Sue, of Rochelle, N. J., are visiting Mr. Monds' sister, Mrs. G. R. Tucker. Little Sue, who has been very sick, was reported as somewhat improved on Wednesday.

Clinton Morgan, of Chicago, Ill., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morgan, in Hertford. Mrs. Morgan and their four children have been here for the past three weeks. Mr. Morgan joined the rest of the family last week. It is Mr. Morgan's first visit to his old home town in eleven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilliam, of Elkin, were week-end guests of Mrs. Gilliam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Cannon.

Mrs. R. Q. Skinner, Linwood Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skinner and their little son, Charles, Jr., and Mrs. Frank Young and children, of Asheville, are spending some time at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Withrow are spending some time at Ocean View.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jarvis and their two sons, Kenneth and Jack, of Elizabeth City, are visiting Mrs. Jarvis' mother, Mrs. K. R. Newbold.

Mrs. A. R. Patton and her little son, Archie, of Marion, are expected to arrive on Tuesday, to be the guests of Mrs. Patton's mother, Mrs. F. H. Small.

Miss Hattie Weaver Riddick has as guests Miss Annie Shaw and Miss Dorothy Watson, of Charleston, West Virginia.

Mrs. Oscar Felton and children returned Sunday from a week's stay at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hunter and their little daughter, Carolyn, of Norfolk, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Mathews and their three children and Robbins Blanchard spent last Thursday at Virginia Beach, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chappell were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Basmight at Burgess.

Mrs. Harry Broughton, who recently returned from Norfolk, Va., where she underwent an operation, is convalescing satisfactorily. Miss Frances Ferrow is spending

some time with her grandfather at Rustberg, Va.

Mrs. Clyde McCallum returned on Friday from a visit to Mrs. Graham White, at Nags Head.

Mrs. T. F. Winslow and Miss Mae Wood Winslow are at Nags Head to spend the remainder of the summer.

Henry Nachman, who holds a position in Richmond, Va., is spending a part of his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nachman.

V. N. Darden returned Sunday from the Veterans Hospital, at Hampton, Va., where he underwent an operation. Mr. Darden was at the hospital for a month.

J. A. Perry, of the Central Grocery, is able to be at the store again after an attack of illness.

Mrs. L. R. Chaplin, of Plymouth, is visiting Mrs. Crafton Mathews, in Hertford.

L. W. Anderson, accompanied by his young son, Jack, left Sunday for a visit to relatives in Jackson, Seno-tobia, and other points in Mississippi. They were joined in Raleigh by Mr. Anderson's daughter, Marie, who accompanied them on the trip.

Miss Mary Wood Koonce has returned from a week's stay at Nags Head.

Mrs. L. W. Norman has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Phillip E. White, at Leaksville. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Miss Donnie Mae Norman, and by Miss Nancy Woods, who spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Spencer and little daughter, Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Corlie Sexton and daughter, Violet, of Norfolk, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ansley on Sunday.

Mrs. Wheeler Williams, of Burgess, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Mathews and their young daughter, spent Sunday at Whiteston visiting Mrs. Mathews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Layden.

ENJOYABLE BIRTHDAY PARTY—Timothy Claire Perry, Jr., of Belvidere, celebrated his fourth birthday Wednesday afternoon, July 8th, from 3 to 4 o'clock. Many interesting games were played. The little honoree received many useful and attractive gifts. Ice cream and cake were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Harrell and daughter, Margaret, of South Mills; Mrs. J. M. Copeland, Miss Bertha V. Smith, Mrs. V. C. Lane, Mrs. L. J. Winslow, Mrs. W. T. Lane, Mrs. Hubert Chappell, Misses Lucy, Emma, Clara, and Margaret White, Miss Elsie Copeland, Helen, Clamma and Doris Layden, Sybil Rogerson, Catherine and Deborah White, Evelyn Copeland, Blanche and

Negro Jailed After Entering White Home

"What do you want?" asked J. H. Newbold, prominent Perquimans County farmer, when he woke from a sound sleep at his home on Tuesday night and spied a Negro man inside his screened porch and just outside the bedroom window.

"I am coming in there and go to bed—this is a nice cool place you've got here," was his response.

"Get my gun." Mr. Newbold spoke softly to his wife. Failing to find the gun, Mrs. Newbold slipped out the back door and fled across a field to the house of a colored tenant to get help.

Meantime Mr. Newbold had suggested the intruder, who said his feet hurt, that he sit down and take off his shoes. While this was being done Mr. Newbold found his gun, and stepping outside, covered the Negro and told him not to move. "I always does what the white folks says," was the meek rejoinder.

The old man was mildly demented and wandered from his home in Camden County in search of his son who lives in Perquimans. He was taken to the county jail until relatives could be located, who took the old man home.

The Missionary Society of Woodville Church will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Myrtle Ownley. A large attendance is desired.

Lowered quality and quantity of flue cured tobacco is reported throughout eastern North Carolina due to lack of rain.

Could that be, one wonders, another version of the text, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep yourself unspotted from the world?"

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