

**Praises England For Its Rapid Strides Toward Normalcy**

Mr. and Mrs. William Pearce have just returned from a several weeks sojourn in England and Scotland, where they were deeply impressed with the rapid strides which these countries are making toward the return to normalcy.

The Pearce's, who reside at 48 N. Greenbay road, were both born in England, but have been United States citizens for the past twenty-nine years. Expressing their views on their recent trip, they said:

"In traveling through part of Scotland and England, we saw on every hand evidences of prosperity by her building projects. Wherever we traveled, north, south, east or west, we saw workmen's houses being erected near industries. In Dagenham, near the Ford factory, 6500 of these municipal houses have been put up. These houses are subsidized by governmental aid, covering a period of from 14 to 18 years. They have 4, 5 or 6 rooms, are modern and well built with from 75 to 100 feet of garden. They rent for 12 to 14 pounds (\$60 to \$120) per annum.

"The face of London and its suburbs are being completely changed. Wherever you go private houses are being erected for sale, and a large number of stream lined flats which are rented even before completion. Large estates throughout the country are being broken up, many of them having been hunting grounds for centuries.

"Most of our traveling was done by auto and coaches. These coaches are exceedingly comfortable, fares are inexpensive and they run strictly according to schedule. One can-

not help remarking the politeness and carefulness of these drivers of both coaches and cars for many of the country roads are exceedingly narrow, and in some instances one or the other must come to a standstill. The roads however are being widened all over the country.

"There are of course distressed areas and unemployment especially among the boys and girls leaving school, but there is a very good government ruling that if these young people can not find work, they must go back to school.

"We feel sure that England is righting this subnormal condition, and the general expression of the people is that she is fast regaining normalcy."

**Rubbish Fire At Reliable Laundry Endangers Naphtha**

A rubbish fire, presumably started by children outside a window at the Reliable Laundry late Monday afternoon, barely escaped being a disastrous one. Had the 150 gallons of naphtha stored just inside the window become ignited, it is hard to say what might have happened. Fortunately the conflagration was discovered and the laundry sprinkling system put into service. Both Highland Park and Ravinia departments responded to the call.

A backfire of a carburetor on a 1933 model Ford, owned by L. A. Simon of 41 Windsor road, caused the local fire department to answer a second call Monday evening.

Early Thursday morning a fire thought to have been started by transients who had occupied an old shack located on Naida Terrace and

formerly owned by A. O. Lewis, of Chicago, completely destroyed the building. The alarm was turned in about 5 o'clock in the morning by a milkman who discovered it while making his rounds. The damage was estimated around \$1,000.

**F. Rectenwald Back From Ford Dealers Service Meeting**

Frank Rectenwald, parts manager of Purnell & Wilson Inc., of Highland Park, returned today from Chicago, where he attended the annual meeting of Ford dealers' service and parts managers of the Chicago area.

The meeting marked conclusion of the fifth annual National Merit Club contest, held each year during July and August. The managers competed for prizes and special awards, judged by the degree of efficiency with which they operate their departments.

The session began with luncheon at the Sherman hotel. The group afterward attended the Sox vs. Senators ball game.

**Mrs. Rowena Bennett to Conduct Drama Classes at Y.W.C.A.**

The well known Highland Park poetess, Rowena Bastin Bennett, will conduct drama classes for Children Saturday mornings and a creative writing class for adults: one evening a week at the Highland Park Y.W.C.A. The Y.W.C.A. is proud to present Mrs. Bennett in the first classes which she has taught in this community. The drama classes will begin Saturday, Oct. 1

and the writing class the first week in October.

There will be three drama classes for children Saturday mornings—the children from 11 to 14 years of age meeting from 9 to 10 a.m., the babies from 4 to 6 years of age from 10 to 11 a.m., and the children from 7 to 10 years of age from 11 to 12 a.m. There will be ten lessons in the course, the end of which will be marked by an exhibition at Christmas time in which each child will have the opportunity to appear.

The children's drama courses are designed to satisfy the "play instinct" in children and also to stimulate appreciation of good literature and good speech and to create social poise and love of the dramatic art. Registrations are being taken now at the Y.W.C.A. office, 374 Laurel.

In the creative writing class for adults, Mrs. Bennett will read and criticize all types of manuscript: etc. Part of the class hour will be poetry, short story, drama, essay, devoted to lecturing, part to the discussion of manuscripts submitted by class members. In the lectures, Mrs. Bennett will stress technique but she also proposes to deal with literary appreciation, particularly in the field of poetry.

Manuscript maketing will be discussed occasionally, while Mrs. Bennett can take no responsibility in placing manuscripts, she can advise writers where to send their material. She is in close touch with magazine and book publishers and has just returned from New York and Philadelphia where she made several new contacts.

At the end of the term the creative writing class will hold a manuscript day at which the best work of the season will be read. This will be open to friends and will be followed by a social hour. The exact evening for the class meetings will be decided by the class.

Registrations for this course of ten lessons are being taken now at the Y.W.C.A. office.

As a critic, interpreter, writer, and student of poetry, Mrs. Bennett has had a rich and varied experience. Her "Around the Toadstool Table" is a classic for children. No anthology of literature for the young is complete without a group of her verses. Her adult poetry has appeared in numerous magazines of national interest. Her programs of readings of her own poetry, both adult and children, are in wide demand because of her responsive voice, and her intelligent and charming interpretations.

Attention Girl Scouts! Girl Scouts, Troop No. 7 and all new scouts interested at Elm Place school will organize with Mrs. Everett Bellel, Monday Sept. 19th at 3:45 p.m. at Elm Place troop quarters. —Mrs. E. Bellel.

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