The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DELAYS TO RUSSIA

There were two inside reasons for the slowness of the U. S. mission to Moscow in sitting down at the conference table with Joe Stalin. One was the technical difficulty of the flight across Germany. The other was China.

The flight from London to Moscow is not the easiest thing in the world, since about a thousand miles is across enemy territory. The British bombers which make the flight use as much of the night as possible over German territory and also go up to tremendous altitudes.

The U. S. mission to Moscow also had to fly in sections—three different planes, flown on different days, with the time of departure kept a dark secret. And the last sections were delayed in London.

The Chinese delay of the mission to Moscow occurred before Averill Harriman left Washington, when it was proposed that China, nearest friendly neighbor to Russia, should sit in with Harriman, Stalin and the others.

But the state department objected—and for a highly unexpected reason. Appeasement-minded diplomats inside the state department claimed that a Chinese mission to Moscow would offend Japan. The United States was trying to woo Japan away from the Axis, they argued, and so nothing must be done to rub the Japanese fur the wrong way.

In the end, Japan reaffirmed its partnership in the Axis; but only after the U. S. mission to Moscow already had started, also after Nazi victories in Russia seemed on the upgrade once again. So the appeasement policy of the state department got nowhere.

NOTE—Key to Japanese policy of friendship for the United States or allegiance to Germany always is the barometer of Nazi military success. If Hitler is winning, Japan will stick by him; and if the U.S.A. looks stronger, it is vice versa.

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U. S. MILITARY ATTACHE

Gen. John Magruder was recently appointed head of the U. S. military mission to China in order to heal the slight to Chiang Kai-shek when he was not permitted to send an envoy to the Harriman conference in Moscow. But General Magruder is more famous for another chapter in his life.

When he was U. S. military attache to Switzerland in 1938, Magruder sent a report to the war department on the march of Hitler's mechanized forces to conquer Austria. In this report he said that Nazi tanks and trucks were of poor quality and that many of them had broken down en route to Vienna.

This U. S. military report was immediately picked up by the British who placed great confidence in the word of a U. S. military attache.

Today, Hitler's tanks and armored cars are the model for modern warfare.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT'S JOB

A friend of Mrs. Roosevelt came to see her at the White House, to talk about the First Lady's new job in the Office of Civilian Defense. She was much impressed at Mrs. Roosevelt's grasp of the problems, but a little disturbed at the boldness of some of her plans.

So thinking of Director LaGuardia, the friend remonstrated: "If you introduce such bold ideas, what will the mayor say?"

The First Lady smiled. "My dear," she said, "I don't think the mayor will say 'No' to me."

NOTE — Mrs. Roosevelt cannot spend full time at her desk in the O.C.D., and during her absences, the job will be held down by her good friend Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, wife of the secretary of the treasury.

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MERRY-GO-ROUND

What the army needs for men in southern areas is short pants. The long trousers are too hot and difficult to keep clean. British officers observing the maneuvers wore shorts and looked cool and swagger.

Observed one second army wit anent the fact that the war games were held in the "Cajun" (Arcadian) section of Louisiana, "450,000 soldiers and all looking for Evangeline."

Attention, Mr. Tom Dewey: The U.S.O. did not show up very helpfully in the maneuver area. In some of the towns the local organizations did make an effort to provide the soldiers with bathing and laundry facilities, but in general the U.S.O. fell down on the job. It should have made special arrangements for the men in this backwoods region.

The Newport News Shipbuilding company recently painted the army transport West Point in the amazing time of exactly eight hours.

J. H. Crutchfield of Pittsburgh has devised an auto sticker reading: "Give a lift to every man in uniform."

Carlos Davila, popular ex-President of Chile, has been appointed special ambassador to five Central American countries. With European markets closed, Chile has asked Davile to make the most of trade possibilities inside the Western hemisphere.

Library

Frederic Melcher, editor of Publisher's Weekly, the American book trade journal, was the speaker at the Annual dinner, of the Illinois Library Associations' 45th Conference, held in Springfield last week.

Mr. Melcher has had an active and interesting life in book circles. He was associated with Lauriat & Company, booksellers in Boston, 1895-1913. Then he moved to Indianapolis to be manager of W. K. Stewart Company, book sellers. Since 1918 he has been associated with R. R. Bowker Company.

Mr. Melcher is a founder of Children's Book Week, and established the John Newbery medal, awarded each year by the American Library Association to the most distinguished contributor to American literature for children; and the Caldecott medal for best American picture books.

His informal talk was full of stories and anecdotes about his close friends, Amy Lowell, Vachel Lindsay, George Ade, Booth Tarkington and others. During all his busy life he has never stopped reading modern poetry and reading it aloud. At the clase of his talk he read Vachel Lindsay's poems as had been read to him by Lindsay himself. To him we have 3 great modern poets in Robert Frost, Vachel Lindsay and Carl Sandburg, 3 men who had nerve enough to be poets.

For your reading aloud Mr. Melcher recommends:

"General William Booth enters into Heaven"
"The Sante Fe Trail"
"King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba"
"The Mysterious Cat"
"On the building of Springfield"

The story hour will be resumed at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the library. Mrs. Inger Boye is the story teller.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

12 October 1941

Dear Sirs:

I saw Jim Lyon yesterday, and he told me he was receiving your paper. Although I am not a member of your community, I know many Highland Park people well, and I would enjoy reading your paper if you care to send it to me.

If you or any Highalnd Park persons have any question concerning the academy, I would be glad to answer them.

Sincerely,
"A!" Frost
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Will Give Antique Show & Sale

Rose colored glass and amber glass will be extensively featured among the old glass exhibits at the Antiques show and sale at the Woman's club of Wilmette Thursday, Friday and Saturday November 6, 7 and 8.

Mrs. Charles Morrison, chairman of the show and sale, stresses the fact that the show is a sale as well as an exhibit, and that every piece is for sale. There is a nominal admission charge, and lovers of antiques, having paid for admission, may stay from morning till night in the clubhouse, taking a long and intimate survey of the collectors' treasures.

Luncheons of the old-fashioned variety will be served from 11:30 to 2 o'clock each day.

A delightful old tea room will be open from 3 to 5 o'clock, and here with lovely antiques all about them visitors may relax with a cup of tea and a satisfying plate of food.

Will Spend Winter Honeymoon In Florida

Miss Doris Baldi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oresto Baldi, 234 North avenue, Highwood, became the bride of James J. Murray, Jr., Ardmore, Pa., Monday afternoon at St. James church.

Mrs. Ernest Santi, served her sister as matron of honor and Miss Mariam Parker, Winnetka was the bridesmaid. John Baldi was the best man and Ernest Santi ushered.

A small wedding dinner was served at the Baldi home, followed by a large evening recepition at the Ernest Santi residence.

The young couple will spend a month at Ardmore before going to Florida, where they will spend the winter months.

Are Married At Waukegan Church

Lillian Kylmola and Donald Dixon were married at the First Methodist parsonage, Waukegan. Rev. J. B. Martin read the wedding ceremony. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. John Hrovatin. The bride wore military blue with a shoulder corsage of gardenias.

GRAPEVINE

By GRACIOUS

Police officer Mike Boramorte broke a window this week! ! ! Don't get excited, he had to. Betty Hartman, 510 Ravine Manor, locked herself out of the house Thursday, so she called the police. Far be it from Mike to leave a damsel in distress—and in the cold—so, he broke the window.

Tommy Palmer, 9, 929 S. St. Johns avenue, is going around with a "goose-egg" on his head for "squealing." Seems that last week Tommy was tied to a tree while a group of boys played William Tell, and tossed darts at him. When Tommy reported the incident to the police, he said that Gordon Parker, 284 Beach street, let him "have it" with a slingshot, causing the bump.

Bill Thomas, 117 South Green Bay road, manager of the local office of the Waukegan Post is in the Highland Park hospital, where he underwent an operation Sunday morning. Sorry you're sick, Bill. Get well soon.

John Bremer, 337 South Green Bay road, slipped on a little pebble in the Highwood business district Saturday afternoon and suffered an eye laceration.

Mrs. Marcella Mathilda Bolander sued her husband John Edward for divorce this week. Bolander, 25, a houseman was sentenced Wednesday to 18 month to 3 years in Joliet Mrs. Bolander has asked the court to restore her maiden name, Marcella M. Mueller.

'Tis rumored that John DeSmidt, Highwood police chief, may become a Republican candidate for sheriff. Jack Meunier, Waukegan has definately announced that he will seek the Republican nomination. There are also persistant rumors that Edward Moroney, a former Democrat, who it is reported, has voted the Republican way in recent years, might seek the G.O.P. nomination.

Highwood Police officer Frank Belmonti has a cut lip and a bump on his head for trying to stop a fight. About 1:30 Saturday morning Belmonti saw John Kelly, Highwood and a group of soldiers arguing on Waukegan road. Trying to avert a fight, he ordered Kelly into the squad car, and started to drive away when Sergt. W. A. Czasla, ran in front of the car and ordered Belmonti to stop. Belmonti then told him he was under arrest. As Belmonti got out of the car, Czasla punched him and several of the soldiers came to the rescue of their pal. Now Czasla is in confinment at the post and Belmonti is nursing a "busted" lip.

Is Married At Sunset Club

Miss Doris Mason, daughter of Mrs. Muriel Mason, Golf Court, and Sergt. Carroll Lee Edelen, Fort Sheridan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil G. Edelen, Grosse Ille, Mich., were married at 8 o'clock Saturday morning at the Sunset Valley Golf Club. Chaplain Huges read the services. Attendants were Miss Ruth Minorini, Highland Park and Robert S. Tonks, also of the city. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Lyle Mason.

Will Give a Dessert Bridge

The Finance Committee of the Highland Park Woman's Club of which Mrs. Alonzo C. Tenney is the chairman, will sponsor a bridge party on October 29th at 1:30 in the afternoon. This is the only party given during the year by this committee. Mrs. Jess Halsted is chairma of the party with Mrs. George O. Strecker taking charge of the tickets. Members may bring guests. Call Mrs. Arthur Swanson at H. P. 1938 for table reservations. Table prizes will be awarded.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

by Savant

President Franklin D. Roosevelt has said that the Russian constitution provides for religious freedom. A great many people have at once assumed the attitude of inferring that Mr. Roosevelt prevaricates. But Mr. Roosevelt speaks the truth and the people are wrong, as people in general are frequently wrong.

If the readers of this paper have been following these articles carefully they will remeber one which explained that one of the most important things in modern life, before jumping at conclusions, is to make sure of one's information. All proper thinking today is according to the scientific method. And that means to know consciously whether one's opinion is formed from an assumption or theory or from knowledge of fact. Factual data about conditions in Russia has been hard to get for years.

The misunderstading about Russia is due to common ignorance about political revolutions. To understand Russia one should look up other revolutions in history. We had a revolution in 1776 against kings and aristocrats. But we no longer clap a man in jail or seize his property who welcomes and entertains European princes and ladies. In France they once executed anyone with a title or much property. But for years counts and princes have been tolerated in France like any other citizen.

A revolution is a terrifying upheaval of society caused usually by a former legal protection of some class of people, as in the France of Louis XVI, and of a religion, as in England in time of Henry VIII. In the religious revolution there was little mercy sown on either side, Protestant or Catholic. During Queen Mary's reign, there were so many burnings of Protestants that she became known as "Bloody Queen Mary." Now in England, Scotland and Wales, Proestats and Catholics live together in mutual tolerance.

The revolution in Russia occurred in our own time. The revengeful attitude of the Russian proletariate has been no more brutal or merciless than revolutions in other times. The Russian Church had been rather overbearing and practiced many extortions upon common people. A farmer could not plant an acre of ground until the priest had been summoned to perform some superstitious ritual for which he had to be paid. The church hierarchy lived in wealth and splendor. The spell of the priesthood once broken let loose a revengeful mood in the people. The Russian church has been throughly exposed and the people are no longer afraid of superstitious preachings. The government has made it legal now, for any who want to adhere to the old ideas.

Are Pledged To College Fraternity

Among those pledged to Alpha Phi, close of the formal rushing on the close of the formal rusing on the Denison University campus were Miss Betty Wallis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wallis and Miss Peggy McClure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. McClure. Both young ladies are freshmen and are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Is Married In New Post Chapel

Miss Jeanne Moreau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Moreau, Glencoe and 1st Lt. Elwood N. Chambers Hagerhill, Ky., Battery B, 103rd Coast Artillery, were married Monday noon in the new 103rd chapel, by Chaplain Clarence Jones. Miss Elizabeth Drum and Major Dewey S. Congelton were the attendants. Mrs. Carmel Francke played wedding music on the organ. Officers and non-commissioned officers and their wives atteded the ceremony.

'Way Back "When"

From the files of the Press

October 6, 1921

The marriage of Miss Catherine Schumacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Schumacher to Edwin Gilroy will take place Thursday, October 20.

Little Evan Esmiz, 21 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Esmiz of N. Second street died Saturday afternoon following an illness from which she has been suffering since birth.

October 13, 1921

Miss Emma Frieda Marie Wagner, 22 died at her home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rosenwald announced the engagement of their daughter, Marion, to Alfred K. Stern. The wedding was planned for October 26.

Sixteen friends surprised Miss Louise Weiskopf Tuesday evening.

Ellen Flannery and Charles LaDuke of Fon du lac, Wisconsin, were married Saturday at Trinity Episcopal church.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Herbst, 160 Ravine Drive were vacationing at Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Turpin were receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born October 1.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bremer, October 8.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison, Monday.

October 19, 1911

George H. Campbell, 69, died at his home on Sheridan Road Monday.

Mrs. George E. Millard returned from a visit with relatives in Seattle.

Mrs. Amy O. Bock and William Scott were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. H. E. Obee.

Miss Evangeline Wean went to New York and Boston to visit.

Miss Cecil Vail, daughter of Mrs. Henry Vail, 419 East Laurel Avenue, was introduced at a tea Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. McCulloch Vail assisted with the receiving. Assisting were: Mrs. Barbour Brown, Mrs. Walter Baldwin, Mrs. Daniel Cobb, Mrs. Frederick Cushing, Mrs. William Fyffe, Mrs. M. S. Ives, Mrs. Bowen Schumacher, Mrs. Earl W. Spencer, Mrs. W. D. Messinger, Mrs. Albert Paul Smith and Mrs. Frank Case.

Hold First Meeting In Glencoe Home

The first meeting planned by the Art and Literature Committee of the "North Shore Catholic Woman's League," will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 2:00 at the home of Mrs. Martin Driscoll, 240 Maple Ave., Glencoe. Florence Bourke Ellis will review A. J. Cronin's book, "The Keys of the Kingdom," and also give a talk of current events. Tea will be served .

Mrs. J. L. Crane, of Highland Park is chairman of the Art and Literature Committee.

The assisting hostesses for the afternoon are Mrs. G. B. O'Connell and Mrs. E. C. Wiesenberg of Highland Park.

Have Sorority Tea At Glencoe Home

Members of the Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association on the North Shore will entertain at a tea on Monday, October 20, at the home of Mrs. Henry Droba, 755 Greenwood Ave., Glencoe. Mrs. George H. Hadlock of Highland Park will assist Mrs. Droba as hostess. The other alumnae groups in the Chicago area will be special guests at this tea.

A skit presented at the sorority's national convention last summer and written by Mrs. Albert E. Jenner Jr., Chicago, will be given. The prominent events and songs of the decade, 1911-21, are portrayed in the skit, which was a part of the convention's whole program idea of ninety years in Alpha Delta Pi. Mrs. Donald E. Bean, 6151 North Hamilton Ave., will play for the group singing.

Announces Troth of Esther Brandt

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Brandt, 639 Deerfield avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Esther, to Lloyd Huebsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huebsch, Mundelein. The announcement was made at a dinner party at the Brandt home Thursday night, to which 22 guests were invited.

FIRST AID for the AILING HOUSE

by Roger B. Whitman

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Moldy Window Frames

QUESTION: In my new house the varnished wood of the windows has started to turn dark, and mold or mildew has formed on them. How can this be prevented? In repainting the windows, should all varnish and mold first be removed? How?

Answer: You will probably find that the water that causes the mildew comes in through cracks around the outside putty. On new work putty is very likely to separate from the wood frame in the course of hardening. Your first move should be to close these cracks which can be done with a coat of paint. Take off the inside varnish with varnish remover; the mold should go with it. If it does not, scrub with steel wool wet with a disinfectant. Follow by rinsing with clear water, and allow to dry thoroughly before revarnishing.

Cold Air Intake

Question: We are confronted with the problem of how large a cold air intake our hot air furnace requires in order to give the maximum amount of heat throughout the house. There is a screened opening on the right side of the furnace, but since we were not getting enough heat, we decided to have another opening made on the other side of the furnace. There is no noticeable improvement. Can you make any suggestions?

Answer: Air taken from outside the building should have a cold air duct area not less than 80 per cent of the total area of the warm air leaders. If the cold air supply is obtained by recirculation from the building, the area of the cold air return pipe must be at least equal to the sum of all the warm air leader pipes. It would be advisable to have a reliable heating man check the heating capacity of the furnace, the heat supply ducts and the outlets.

Rough Cement Floor

Question: Is there some simple, inexpensive way to resurface my rough cement floor in the cellar? The finish is somewhat like a sand-float plaster finish.

Answer: A floor grinding machine, of the type used by terrazzo floor contractors, can be used to smooth down the surface. Get an estimate on this method from your local terrazzo and tile man. A topping coat of portland cement could be laid over the present floor after properly preparing it for the new cement. The Portland Cement association will gladly send you a bulletin on this subject, on request. The New York office is at 347 Madison avenue; the Chicago office at 33 West Grand avenue.

Wooden Fruit Bowls

Question: I have seen some fancy fruit bowls made of woodenware in some of the department stores. They have a high gloss finish. What material is used to finish the bowls in this way, and how is it done? I have some unfinished bowls that I should like to finish in this way.

Answer: Get a smooth surface on the wood by rubbing it with fine steel wool or very fine sandpaper. Wipe off the dust with benzine, being extremely careful of fire. Finish with two coats of a good quality quick-drying varnish. Pull the gloss of the first coat, when dry, by rubbing lightly with very fine sandpaper; wipe off the dust, then apply the finish coat.

Hardened Paint Brushes

Question: Please advise the best method to restore paint brushes that were allowed to dry hard and have been unused for two years.

Answer: To remove hardened paint from a brush, soak in paint remover. Or, you can use any one of a number of brush cleaning compounds on sale at paint and hardware stores. Brushes in which paint has hardened will not be satisfactory for fine painting. The bristles usually lose elasticity and form.

Lining a Cabin

Question: In finishing the inside of a summer cabin, I plan to attach panels and composition board directly to the studding. Would it be wise to put tar paper underneath?

Answer: Rather than tar paper I should prefer to use heavy roofing felt, for it is not so brittle. This lining will make the walls more wind-proof and be a protection against moisture.

Brick Sun Porch

Question: Inside our sun porch the walls are red brick, like the outside bricks of the house. I should like to paint the brick walls inside the porch in an ivory color. What kind of paint should I use?

Answer: Casein paint or a cement paint would be suitable for painting the brick. Be sure the surface is clean and free of grease.

Cinder Walk

Question: Would calcium chloride serve as a binder for cinders outside the house on a walk? If not, what would be an inexpensive binder? We are not in a position to make a really large investment in this matter.

Answer: Calcium chloride is a fair binder for very fine cinders, or dusty paths or driveways. For coarse cinders, gravel or broken stone, emulsified asphalt is better suited. Your local road commissioner can give you the names of firms making this type of binder.