

Mother Didn't Appreciate Joke

The sounds from the audience at the Metropolitan Opera may often be as revealing as those produced on the stage. When an artist draws a big roar only from the sides of the house, for example, old hands know that it is paragon in origin, generated either by the Italian singers, or by wild-eyed, husky-voiced fans. But when the noise swells up from the center, seasoned Met buffs know that a "real" ovation is at hand. For there is that vast spread of some 1,100 orchestra seats, all the subscribers who hear opera week after week and are seldom moved to more than polite applause.

The uproar that greeted Eileen Farrell last month after the close of Act I of Gluck's "Alceste" came right out of the center and rose straight up to the rafters. At the time, its significance was lost on Miss Farrell, for she was in the very middle of that most nerve-racking of all singing ordeals. A Metropolitan Opera debut. As she recalled later, she kept saying to herself: "Don't cry, don't cry. Stay in character, stay in character." I just kept concentrating.

From whatever cause, the top Miss Farrell's big, brilliant voice — usually so free and easy — was strained and edged until the opera was well under way. Then she opened up and her rich tones soared up and out all over the huge house. In the role of Alceste, the wife and mother who offered her life as a sacrifice so that her husband might live, she was dignified, warm, compassionate, and moving both in voice and manner.

At 40, Miss Farrell had had to wait a long time for her Met debut. In 1945, when she asked why she did not sing at the Metropolitan, she invariably answered, "Nobody asked me." When Rudolf Bing finally did, the Met's general manager gave her a new production of "Alceste," the opera in which Kirsten Flagstad sang her farewell to the Metropolitan nearly nine years ago.

All things considered, then, it was small wonder that the usually fun-loving Miss Farrell found herself quite bereft of the ready wit that so characterizes her conversation. Yet before the performance, she telephoned her 7-year-old daughter Kathleen at her home in Staten Island to ask if she was ready to come to the opera. "No," Kathie replied. "I've got the German measles." Miss Farrell could only manage a splutter. "What the matter, Mother?" asked Kathie. "Can't you take a joke anymore?"

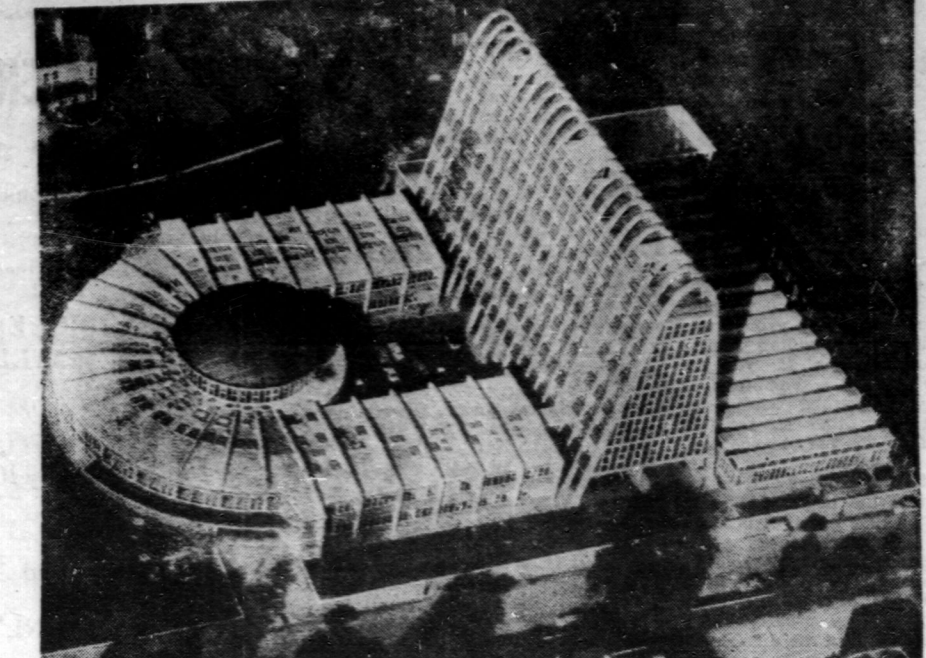
Gives Away Great Doll Collection

Shirley Temple parted with some \$50,000 worth of memories: Her collection of 222 dolls, most of them souvenirs of her reign as Hollywood's living doll in the 1930s. Among the playthings donated to a Los Angeles museum were Moroccan leather dolls, French dolls with silk stockings, dolls made of cornshuck, dried apples, even bread crumbs. There was also a doll that once stoned Shirley's famous curls on one: A 5-foot 8-inch Japanese doll that was sent to her hotel room while she and her mother were sightseeing in Hawaii. "When we came back, the room was dark," Shirley recalled. "We saw a figure stretched out — and did we scream!"

DRIVE WITH CARE



DEBRE GETS A SALUTE - Wearing sandals and pants-type black trousers worn by Sahara tribesmen, French Premier Michel Debre inspects an honor guard in newly independent Mauritania. The African nation opted immediately for U.N. membership, but the Soviet Union vetoed the application.



IT'S A SCHOOL - A striking structure indeed is the new Domestic and Trades College in Manchester, England. City architect Leonard C. Howie designed the complex which was built for \$1,600,000. Trades are studied as baking and wig-making are taught at the school which also has a restaurant where student chefs can try their work out on the public.

How Fishes Swim Not So Simple

Remember those "three itty fishes" in an itty bitty pool, those "three itty fishes" and a "mama fishie, too," how they "swam and swam all over the dam"? Well, how?

Everybody, for centuries, has just assumed that to swim, fish need to swish their tails and use their fins. But for centuries everybody, apparently, has been wrong. The fact is, fish suddenly benefit of both tail and fins still swim almost as well as normal fish.

Only recently have physical scientists realized that there was more to fish-swimming than tails and fins. For some time now scientists out at the California Institute of Technology have been given the matter serious thought.

Mechanical engineers first became suspicious when they noted that fish and sea mammals move incredibly fast in relation to the muscle power they can muster for swimming, writes John C. Waugh in the Christian Science Monitor.

The "mama" salmon, swimming up the Columbia River against rapids and waterfall in her frantic, single-minded rush to get "home" for the egg laying, couldn't possibly make the journey on just the food she ate and the fat she lost en route if the energy was expended as wastefully as has been assumed.

Out of the investigations there at Caltech a new concept of fish propulsion is emerging. According to this theory, fish don't propel a fish at all; they only serve to control and stabilize side and vertical motion, much as ailerons control and stabilize airplanes in flight.

Wiggles, gentle or quick undulations of the body, constitute the principal means of piscatory propulsion.

Dr. T. Yao-tsu Wu, associate professor of applied mechanics at Caltech, developed the concept. He says the wiggling motion produces a pressure difference across the two sides of the fish. The fish simply angles its body so that the side of greatest pressure pushes it ahead.

We think crossword puzzle fans should be warned that Mauritania is now the name of a new African nation and not, as many people thought, the name of an ocean liner.



FARUK'S BOY - Ahmed Fouad, 8-year-old son of ex-King Farouk and Queen Nariman of Egypt, is at school in Geneva, Switzerland.

TABLE TALKS

Here's a trick you may not have learned. To prevent the slightly hardened top which forms on cornstarch-type puddings as they cool, sprinkle a little granulated sugar over the top while the pudding cools in its serving dish or dishes.

Onions are abundant in this season and of unusually good quality. It is pleasant to report also that prices will remain low. If you boil onions whole, don't forget that a small amount of light cream added to the usual seasonings of butter, salt, and pepper, will make those onions something to remember.

As most mothers will agree, it's a hard job to have plenty of cookies on hand at all seasons. This basic cookie dough is a wonderful help. Here's the recipe:

- BASIC COOKIE DOUGH**
- 1/2 cup butter
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/2 cup quick or old-fashioned oats, uncooked
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 1/2 cup white
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
- Beat egg white until stiff but not dry. Gradually beat in sugar. Brush on wreaths; decorate with candied fruit. Bake at 375 F. for 10-12 minutes.

There are other delicious ways of using mince-meat besides the traditional pie. Here's one of those you might like to try for that special occasion.

- MINCEMEAT GLAZED TORTE**
- 2 cups sifted flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup shortening
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1/4 cups mince-meat
- Heat oven to 350 F. Sift together the dry ingredients. Cream the sugar and shortening together thoroughly. Add eggs and beat until fluffy. Add almond flavoring. To the creamed mixture, add the sifted dry ingredients alternately with the milk. Fold in mince-meat. Pour into 8x12-inch pan which has been lined with waxed paper and greased. Bake at 350 F. for 45 minutes, or until done. Remove from pan. While still warm, pour glaze over top of torte.

- 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon orange juice
1 teaspoon lemon juice
- Beat all ingredients together until blended.

Rolling In And Out Of Communist China

Six times a day trains bringing passengers from Communist China roll prosaically into Kowloon Station in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong, disgorging a jumble of Chinese from both sides of the well-guarded frontier 22 miles down the line.

Among them are peasants in black cotton jackets and wide-bottomed trousers, swinging baskets of produce or chickens, merchants struggling with assorted boxes and bundles, piggled children scampering to keep up with their parents, occasional Europeans who might, to the uninitiated, have come as easily from Fanning golf course on the British side of the border as from a Communist-sponsored junket through the People's Republic.

From among the crowd of newcomers and idle bystanders, a trim, active Chinese steps out. Directing his steps unerringly toward a tall, stoop-shouldered, elderly European accompanied by a Chinese in white cap and uniform, he says, "Excuse me, sir, but are you on your way out from Communist China?" I'm a reporter.

Wong Ping-wong, veteran reporter for the Wa Kiu Daily, is on the job. One day it might be a group of students from Indonesia, returning to their homes for the holidays after a college year spent in Peking. Another day it might be colorful General Morris ("two-gun") Cohen, sometime Canadian bodyguard to Sun Yat-sen, who seems to have friends both on the Communist mainland and on Nationalist-ruled Formosa. Or it might be a local businessman, returning from Hong Kong to write an ist-sponsored visit to see how much progress the fatherland has made under Mao Tse-tung's "people's democratic dictatorship."

The Kowloon-Canton Railway is today the main route by which travelers, distinguished and undistinguished, enter and leave Communist China. All but the most VIP of VIPs must take the single-track railroad from Kowloon to Loni, on the British side of the creek that divides the Crown colony from Communist territory. Here, after completing customs formalities, the traveler must walk 300 yards across the railway bridge, past the Communist sentry house with its five-pointed Red flag, and go through China's immigration and customs procedures before boarding the Canton bound train.

The same process must be repeated in reverse when the visitor is coming out. Thus, an alert reporter stationed at the Kowloon railway terminus can catch almost all people officially entitled to travel in and out of Communist China.

I accompanied Mr. Wong to the railway station one day, and as we stood waiting for the train to pull in he told me something about his job and about his own adventures.

"The most important train these days," he said, "are the 2:02 and the 3:22 p.m., because most people seem to want to reach Hong Kong in time to get settled before dusk."

"I don't cover every train," Mr. Wong went on. "I write an aviation column for my paper and also do general news reporting. But I've developed a sixth sense about trains on which there will be interviewable people. I must say the Communists haven't been very cooperative—I have to read their releases and figure that a person will probably reach here about two days after he's officially reported to have left Peking—westward—on the mainland."

"Luggage is helpful, sometimes. Often it reaches Kowloon on an earlier train, since freight trains don't have to offload at the frontier. See that pile over there—suitcases and cloth bundles. I bet those belong to an overseas Chinese who is coming out of China today."



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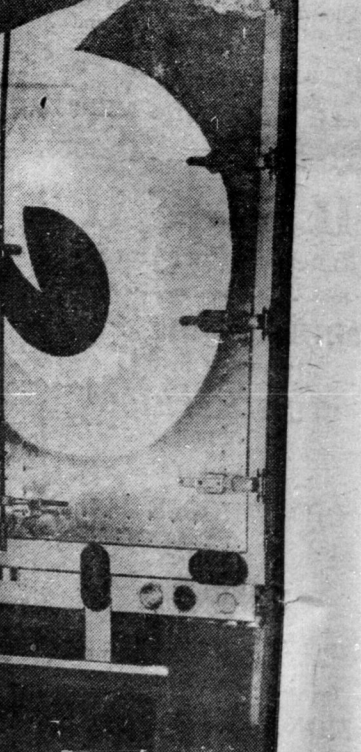
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A U.S. View Of Canada's Economy

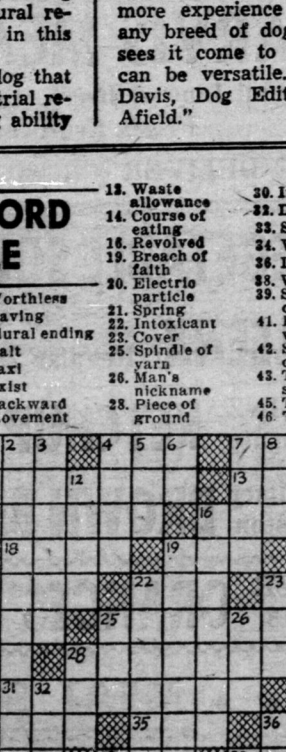
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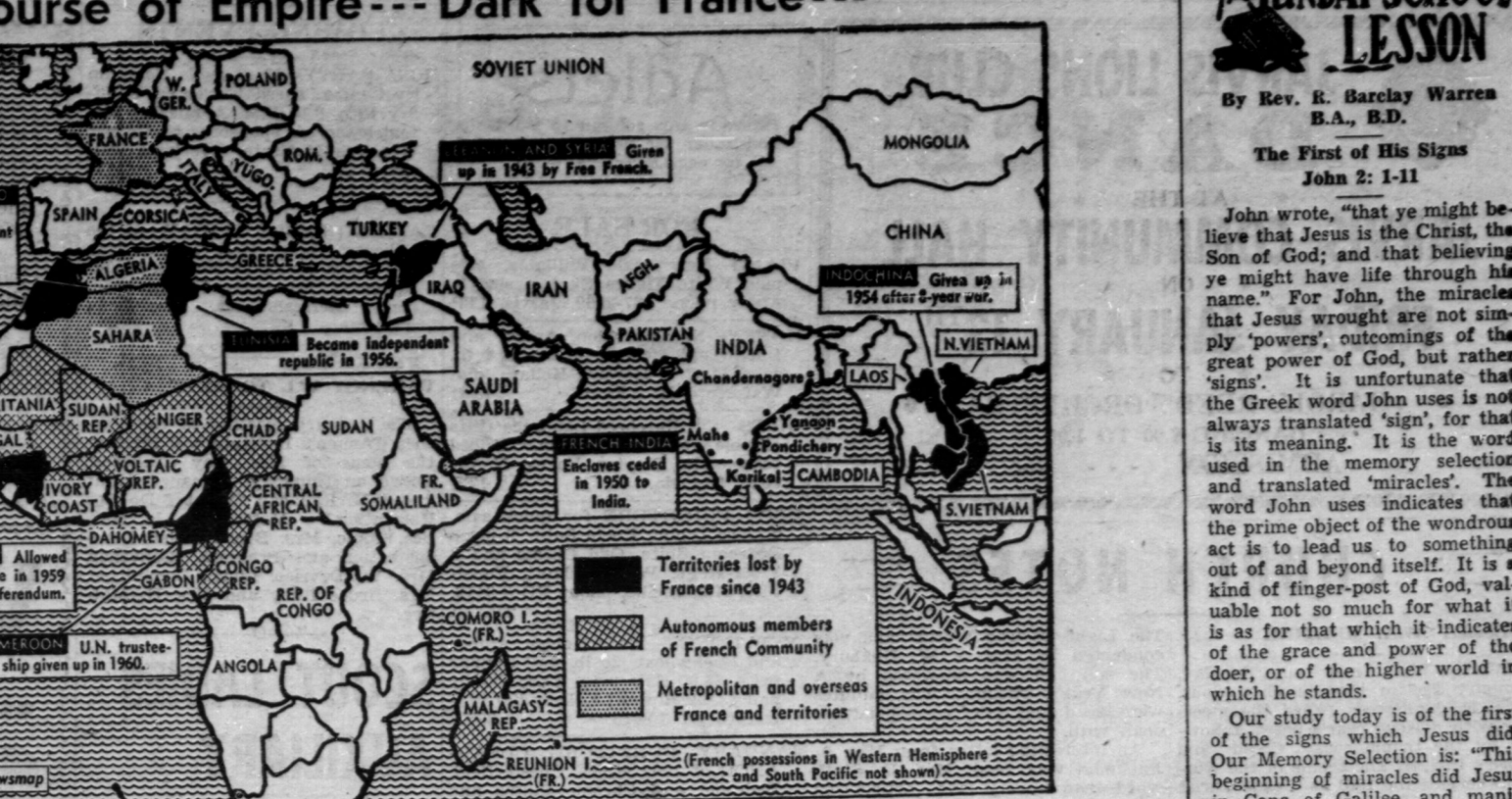
During recent years it has been found that leptospirosis infection in North American cattle and swine is more widespread than originally suspected. Dr. J. G. Plummer, Director of the Animal Pathology Laboratories of the Canada Department of Agriculture, believes that although this increase may be real, it could be due merely to the greater use of diagnostic facilities. These facilities are continually being improved through joint field and laboratory research.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- 1. Perform leaving
 - 4. Misery
 - 7. Cure
 - 11. Pigeons
 - 12. Consecutive
 - 15. Tower
 - 17. Founder
 - 20. Part
 - 21. Sings
 - 22. Caring
 - 23. Measure
 - 24. Sun god
 - 25. Sweets
 - 26. Swift
 - 27. Sings
 - 28. Sings
 - 29. Sings
 - 30. Sings
- DOWN
- 2. Issue
 - 3. Day
 - 5. Vase
 - 6. Italian ome
 - 8. Wait
 - 9. Smooth consonant
 - 10. Broad ova
 - 13. Cover
 - 14. Boat
 - 16. Yarn
 - 18. Nickname
 - 19. Backward movement



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British Commonwealth. World attention now is on Algeria, where France is currently spending one billion dollars a year fighting Algerian rebels. The question is whether that land will remain an integral part of France, as many Frenchmen consider it to be, whether it will join the French Community or whether it will achieve complete independence. The future of world peace depends in large measure upon finding the answer.

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WOMEN SHOUT, TOO - Veiled Moslem women scream rebel slogans with the men as mob gathers in the Casbah (native quarter) to demonstrate against the French. The normally passive native population of the city has shown violent opposition to French control. Gammages fired over their heads to quell this group.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. R. Barclay Warren, B.A., B.D.
The First of His Signs
John 2: 1-11

John wrote, "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." For John, the miracles that Jesus wrought are not simply "powers", outcomings of the great power of God, but rather signs. It is unfortunate that the Greek word John uses is not always translated "sign", for that is its meaning. It is the word used in the memory selection and translated "miracle". The word John uses indicates that the prime object of the wondrous act is to lead us to something out of and beyond itself. It is a kind of signpost, pointing the way to that which it indicates. It is as for that which it indicates of the grace and power of God, or of the higher world in which he stands.

Our study today is of the first of the signs which Jesus did. Our Memory Selection from this beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him." John 2:11. This statement indicates that all reputed miracles connected with Christ's youth found in the Apocryphal Gospels are fictitious. These signs manifest Christ's glory.

It is noteworthy that the first of Christ's signs should be performed on the joyous occasion of a wedding. Jesus was interested in weddings, particularly when the bridegroom was not married. However, he is preparing a Bride which He shall present to Himself on His return. Ephesians 5:23-27. For her, the Church, He did far more than turn water into wine. He gave Himself. He shed His own blood on Calvary for the redemption of sinners that He might prepare a bride for Himself.

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