

NOW AND THEN

By Polly Branhan

A faded photograph, a pencil, and a pad. An unskilled hand and eye were everything I had. Except a heart that holds association dear.

And yet you tell me I have caught the atmosphere Of this old house, the columned porch, the wayward rose That climbed the kind old walls, leaf shadows in repose

As if they'd lain forever on that gentle roof.— Such things are not atmosphere, they are the proof Of all the past, the hearts flung wide to kin and friends,

The merry days, the gracious nights,—all this transcends Structure and line,—it was not with my hand I drew, My heart has simply traced a breath of home for you.

These are lines which were written from a sketch of an old house. This house is now owned by Mr. Theodore Jewell, but in the time when the sketch was made, the yard extended almost half a square. It is for many of the Chestertown people a house of memories.

First one remembers it as the home of a very old lady, Miss Caroline Thompson. Many visitors come to see her, as she sat in her high back chair, dressed in a lustrous black silk with dainty lace collar and cuffs, and cap to match.

How she did enjoy telling her friends of the doings of Chestertown, when it was a Port of Entry and of the gaieties enjoyed by the fine ladies and gentlemen of that time; of her visit to Saratoga Springs; of having attended one of the funeral orations of Washington who died about that time.

There is another memory of the old house, and it is of this period that the above lines were written. When the old place was filled with young people and laughter and music were heard all around; when the yard was used for croquet, tennis and all outdoor sports, and gracious hospitality abounded.

But these things, too, have passed, and those who lived there have made their home elsewhere. But the house still remains, the large living room with the wainscoted walls—and the ancient stairway all breathe the atmosphere of the old house, and happy children's voices are still heard there.

There are many secrets which the old house could tell us, had it the power of speech, long before Miss Caroline lived, or before the Revolutionary War was fought.

gan to think it was a joke which they were playing on him. When he saw Mr. Burrus who wore a long white beard coming towards him, he said, "And of course you will tell me that man is Santa Claus and still think I will believe you."

Not long ago a man was walking down the street in one of the Northern towns when he saw a boy gazing with hungry eyes at a bundle which he was carrying wrapped in a newspaper. "What can I do for you my boy?" said the man feeling in his pocket for change.

"Oh Sir," replied the boy, "if you will only give me the paper that your bundle is wrapped, I will be so glad." How many many are longing to read, and have nothing to satisfy that longing.

"The reading room of a certain branch library in New York City's East Side presented a scene, not long ago, that might be used to illustrate an article on world democratic relations. Scattered about at the tables, enjoying the privileges of free library service, were a Polish family from Warsaw, several Viennese, two children from Paris, and a little Jewish boy from Flanders who speaks five languages but "thinks in Dutch."

A newcomer, a brisk young girl, stepped up to the librarian's desk, explaining that she was English, two days off the boat, that she knew no one except the lady in whose Gramercy Park home she was governess. From her purse she drew a one pound note, offering it to the librarian as a deposit, for, she explained, "I simply must have books."

SUPREME MONARCH THERE King Charles II was once paying a visit to Dr. Busby, head master of West Minster School, and the doctor strutted through the school with his hat on his head, while his majesty walked complacently behind him, with his own hat under his arm. When the King was taking his leave at the door, the doctor, with great humility, thus addressed the King: "I hope Your Majesty will excuse my want of respect hitherto; but if the boys were to imagine a greater man in the kingdom than myself, I should never be able to rule them."

NEWS ITEMS OF KENT CHURCHES Christ Methodist Church W. P. Roberts, D. D., Minister 10 A. M., Sunday School. T. D. Bowers, Supt. 11 A. M., Worship. Dr. F. G. Livingston will have charge of the service.

7 P. M., Dr. C. L. Atwater will be in charge of the Park Service. Wednesday—The Union Prayer meeting will be held in the First Methodist Church with Rev. Paul Reynolds in charge. Next Sunday—Rev. C. A. Field will be in charge of the morning service. Rev. Paul Reynolds will be in charge of the Park Service.

"They are never alone who are accompanied by noble thoughts." Galena Methodist Church Paul Ewing McCoy, Minister 10 A. M., Church School. 11 A. M., Morning Worship. Sermon: "Child or Adult?" 7 P. M., Locust Grove Methodist Church. Sermon by Pastor.

First Methodist Church Paul E. Reynolds, Pastor Jesus came to save us, not condemn us. We condemn ourselves when we do not lovingly live for Him. 9:45 A. M., Church School, Rich-

ard B. Groves, Supt. 11:00 A. M., Morning Worship, sermon by the Pastor. 7:00 P. M., Evening Worship in the Park, Dr. C. L. Atwater in the chair. 7:30 Wednesday evening prayer meeting, public is cordially invited.

St. James Methodist Church Melvin Kay, Minister 10:30 A. M., Study of the lesson. Mr. George A. Carroll Supt. 11:00 A. M., Devotional Period. 11:30 A. M., Rev. C. A. Field will preach. All are invited to hear him. Christian Endeavor at 7:30 P. M. The leaders are Mrs. Norman Patrick and Lucy Mench. The topic, "Setting Christian Standards in my Friendships."

Rev. Chas. L. Atwater, D.D., Rector, Emmanuel P. E. Church 8 A. M., Holy Communion. 11 A. M., Morning Prayer. Short Sermon by the Rector. No Seven-thirty Service, but Emmanuel Church joins with the other local churches in the Union Service in the Park, at 7 P. M. Should the evening be rainy, the service will be held in Emmanuel Parish House. This Sunday the Rector has charge of the Park Service and will preach the sermon.

Shrewsbury Church Rev. Chas. L. Atwater, D.D., Rector 9 A. M., Holy Communion. Sermon by the Rector. St. James Ladies Aid To Meet The Ladies Aid of St. James will meet at the home of Mrs. George A. Carroll on Tuesday, August 12, at 2:30 P. M. All members are cordially urged to come.

RIGID AUTO LAW ENFORCEMENT TO CONTINUE Violators May Loose License Annapolis, July 30—As a result of the success of the Fourth of July holiday Traffic Enforcement regulations, sponsored by the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, in which it had the cooperation of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the Safety Commission has requested, and been assured, that these same regulations will be enforced throughout the remaining week-ends of the summer.

The plan of the Safety Commission includes the re-examination, and possible revocation of licenses, of those drivers arrested and found guilty of violations which are commonly the cause of accidents. The period of the rigid enforcement will extend Friday midnight until Sunday at midnight. Over the three day Fourth of July holiday, 300 violators were called in for reexamination, and drastic action taken in a number of cases.

In requesting continuation of these regulations over week-ends, E. R. McShane, Executive Secretary of the Traffic Safety Commission, in a letter to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, said "With the tremendous increase in motor vehicle registration in the State, which according to your figures is well over 46,000 more evident that stricter regulations must be had in order to make for safer motoring."

"It is our suggestion that, because of the ever increasing congestion on our roads on Saturdays and Sundays, you again have all offenders who

have been arrested and convicted on these two days during the summer months brought into your office for a re-examination with the idea in mind of revoking licenses of those who seem inclined to disregard the law. It is quite apparent that more concentrated effort to discipline our careless drivers is necessary. The careless, deckless driver, of course, is in the minority, but his presence on the roads detracts from the Safety, comfort and pleasure of all others who use the highways."

The Safety Commission has also requested Mr. Elgin to notify Motor Vehicle Departments of other states of the regulations being enforced in Maryland, because figures show that in a large percentage of accidents occurring on Maryland's highways, out of state motorists are involved. The Commission has been assured that the plan will start immediately and continue throughout the remaining week-ends of the summer.

SOCIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND WORTON Mrs. Sewell Lee, Mrs. Wm. Knight and Mrs. Julian Crew spent Thursday in Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. Purnell Jones entertained their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farlee, of Trenton, N. J., over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Kendall, Miss Catherine Harris and Mr. Hyland Smith, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wallis, of Middletown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith, on Sunday. Mrs. Evelyn Wolf, of Baltimore, spent the week end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rash. Miss Jane C. Cooper, of Chestertown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Matthews.

Mr. Norman Patrick is spending some time with his cousin, Wm. Crouch, in Queenstown. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Markland and family spent last week with relatives in Harrington. Mrs. Lorraine Williams and son Tommy, spent the week end at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginold Cooper entertained their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loud and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams to dinner on Sunday. Sheridan Matthews has returned to his home in Arlington, Va., after spending some time with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hadaway daughter Marion and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hadaway of Cliff's City spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hadaway. Mr. George B. Rasin, Jr., of Baltimore, spent the week end at his home here. Miss Palmer Redmile, of Langhorn, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnston, of Kennedyville, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston on Sunday.

Mr. Horace Loller has purchased the garage and hardware business of Cullis & Dill we wish him much success in his new business. Mr. Harrison Moffett, of Baltimore, and Mr. Walter Moffett, Jr., of Fort Meade, spent the week end with their parent, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moffett.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Loller spent Thursday in Baltimore.



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