# NOW AND THEN

### HILL TOP SONGS

When the lights come out in the cottages
Along the shores at eve,
And across the darkening water
The last pale shadows leave;

And up from the rock-ridged pastures slopes
The sheep-bell tinklings steal,
And the folds are shut and the shepherds
Turn to their quiet meal.

And even here on the unfenced height
No journeying wind goes by.
But the earth—sweet smells and the home-sweet sounds
Mount like prayers to the sky.

Then from the door of my opened heart
Old blindness and pride are driven,
Till I know how high is the humble,
The dear earth how close to heaven.

Charles G. D. Roberts.

There are some poems whose rhythm sound like music. I found this in one of my books of poems.

The poet was a Canadian. Being a writer he spent most of his literary life in writing about Canada, but he has written a book of poems from which the above is taken. His finest poem is The Recessional describing the parting of Autumn.

Speaking of The Recessional, by the way the copy of Kiplings Recessional, that we all love, was saved from the fire through mere chance. The poet had written it then not being pleased with it, he threw it, in the waste basket. A friend, recognizing Kiplings hand writing, grabbed it from the flames as the maid was emptying the basket in the fire. Perhaps, this poem is oftener repeated than any ohter of Kipling's works.

Maryland delights in her islands which cluster in the Chesapeake Bay. There is Deal's Island and on the road from it to Princess Anne was a little village named Geangaukin, though now it is changed to Oriole. There is an Indian legend which tells of how the mosquitoes came to the Eastern Shore but of course they have left long ago.

Many different pronounciations of this one time village, Geangaukin, and hence this verse:

You may parle vouse Francais as much as you please;
You may parle vous Francais as the greatest of ease;
You may converse in Hebrew, in Polish and such,
And sing, preach or whisper soft words in Dutch;
You may spell in each language from Chinese to Balkan,
Then limply fall down on that home word Geanguakin.

The Stradivarius violen is still as popular as ever. Many who have been looking through the old things in the garret have found such an one. It is said that the people of the present time could make them just as well, but no one can afford to spend the time on it, that the old violin maker did.

A young musician who was fortunate to possess one of these violins had a concert, and wrote an account of it in the daily paper, emphasizing that he played on a Stradivarus.

The newspaper published the article, but left out the name of the violin.

The young man reproached the editor for leaving out this fact. "Well", was the editors reply, as soon as that firm advertises with us, we will speak of the make."

"Amos and Andy" in their change from the Pepsodent Company to the Campbells soups, make us more and more acquainted with the wonderful properties of the tomato, and yet:

A century ago, people thought tomatoes were unfit for human consumption. They were called "love apples" and grown in yards as ornamental shrubs. Today, they are welcome on tables everwhere. Tomatoes are a native of tropical America, but people in this country waited until the Italians proved they were good for food. Then the Government set to work to breed a large, smooth fruit quite different from the old-time species.

### BYRON

There is a beautiful picture of Byron in the New York Times Magazine. That he was so handsome and attractive in every way, led finally to his undoing.

His father died early, leaving the bringing up of his son to his wife, who was not a wise teacher. She had a violent temper so she and the poet had many a bout, which did not add to the hapiness of her son.

As she was very stout, Byron was always haunted by the fear, that he would inherit that, from his mother, and consequently used to diet, his food being anything but nourishing. He was very talented, and for a time was lionized by the English people, but after his separation from his wife, he found that his popularity had vanished, so he left England, and went to Italy, afterwards joining the Greek Army in its struggle for independence. And there he died at the age of 35 years.

There are few poets who excell Byron in his descriptions, and his flights of imagination. His "Child Harold" stands out among poems which have been written and many of his shorter poems are almost household words.

### LEONARDO DE VINCI

A friend has sent me an album of pictures, copies of the originals, each of them being worthy of being framed. Because they are such delight to the owner, I am going to tell something of the artists that have painted them. Some time ago the story of Raphael and his beauiful Madonnas was told in this column.

Now let us take up Leonardo de Vinci. From childhood he was most thoughtful, loving to paint and make figures. Afterwards he became, not only a great artist, but also a scientist, an architect, a Mathematian and an inventor. In all of these branches, he left his mark on the world of letters.

He is said to have invented the first airplane, but that was before the motors were found practicable.

But we remember him best as a painter for he painted two of the most famous pictures in the world, "The Last Supper" and "Mona Lisa." Our painter was born in 1452 near Florence. In his early youth he began to show real genius.

It was in Genoa that he was engaged to paint hte picture of the wife of a Genoan Merchant. Tradition says that she was mourning for the loss of a relative and he thought it would divert her. De Vince had sweet music played while he was painting her. The result was the wonderful Mona Lisa. The King of France bought the picture and had it hung in the Louvre. "The Last Supper" is a mural painting, and great care has to be taken to keep the walls from cracking and thus defacing the picture.

But every face in that famous work stands out the twelve apostles and our Lord in the midst. Two other pictures are also famous. "Madona of the Rocks" and the Baptism of Christ. Leonarda like many of the other painters never married though he painted the pictures of many of them.

Perhaps he was too busy to indulge in the gentle art of Court Ship.

# REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

The Rains Game. Harpers. $2.75.

India provides the setting of Bromfield's latest novel—a melodramatic story of English People and natives, whose nerves are strained by the heat, drought and waiting for the rains.

Before relief comes, circumstances bring drama, disaster and happiness. The stage is set in the province of an enlightened Indian Maharagah.

Dangerous Years. Gilbert Frankau. Dutton. $2.50.

The great English success now already one of the oustanding American successes of the new year. A brilliant commentary on modern life, its characters are familiarly human, particularly the young American, Dwight Mansfield. There is romance and passion, nobility, and thrilling sport in the 686 pages of grand reading.

It is a searching story of human emotions and human beings, built around the family of Sir John and Lady Carteret. It covers the time from the Titanic disaster to the present and is a story of English life reflected in the lives of Lady Carteret and her love affair and hre four children with their contrasting careers.

Enchanter's Nightshade. Ann Bridge. Little, Brown. $2.50.

Roffredo, irresistable and thoughtless. He loved Almina—in his way.

Suzy, the enchantress. Her life centered in pleasure. Almina got in the way.

The Marchess, very wise, very wonderful and very old—She really what really mattered. All join to create a very interesting story.

It appeared as a serial in part in The Atlantic Monthly. It is by the author of "Pekin Picnic" and Illyrian Spring. It is a story of the Vill 'Alta family, scatttered all through an Italian province, and what happens when an English governess is engaged sight unseen. Though the story has a Victorian setting it is told from a modern point of view.

The New York Times Book Review says, "It is a novel of Summer madness in Northern Italy back in the so-called age of innocence. Not merely a book in a hundred; it is a book in a thousand.

The Best Sellers of 1937.

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Gone With The Wind. Northwest Passage. The Citadel. And—So Victria. Drums Along the Mohawk. The Years. Of Mice and Men. The Rains Came. The Outward Room. We Are Not Alone.

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### Tea Known as "Chia"

Tea was first known to the English-speaking world under the name of "chia."

# LOCAL HI SCHOOL

The senior prom was a wonderful success. It took place at the country club on January 21. In the midst of cotton snowballs the students and their guests had a grand time.

This is the week in which the dramatic class present its plays. They will be given on January 25, 26, 27 in class periods. The plays are "Circumstances alter Class," "The Unseen," and "Sweethearts." If the plays are a success there is a possibility of a performance for the public.

The biology class under the supervision of Mr. Hall are studying how to improve living things three cross breeding, grading and purebreeding. This course is educating as well as helpful to some of the country children as they will learn how to better some of their products.

The Camera Club is fixing up a dark room for use in developing of pictures taken by the members of the club. They have been working on it for some time and it is near completion.

The intra-mural basket ball games are getting to be very interesting, although some of the players "aren't so hot", most of them put forth a wonderful effort.

Monday evening the seniors beat the Sophomores 13-11. And the Juniors beat the freshmen 39-3. The girls bowling leagues are having tournaments quite often but most of them are getting beat.

By William J. Bringman.

### Camel Related to Deer

The camel, though related to deer and cattle, has no horns, no second and fifth toes and three stomachs instead of four.

### Composer Needed Encouragement

The Italian composer, Pasquale Anfossi, could write good music only when surrounded by hot fowls and bologna sausages.

# TELEPHONE SUPT. FOR UPPER SHORE

TRUMAN G. RUMBERGER

Truman G. Bumberger has been appointed commerical superintendent, Eastern District, of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, according to an announcement made by Lloyd M. Griffin, general commercial manager. He succeeds J. Henry Leonard, who has been appointed general commercial engineer with headquarters in Baltimore.

The new superintendent will supervise the telephone company's operation in thirty-six exchanges throughout Worcester Somerset, Dorchester, Caroline, Wicomico, Talbot, Queen Anne and Kent counties, Maryland, and Accomac and Northampton counties in Virginia.

Rumberger, a native of Maryland, was educated at the University of Kentucky where he received a degree in law in 1928. He entered the service of the telephone company in January, 1929, at Baltimore. Mr. Rumberger is not new to the Eastern Shore, having served here previously as a traffic inspector and traffic superintendent. Since coming to the shore, he met and married Miss Julia Nottingham Wilkins of Cape Charles, Va.

He is a member of the Salisbury Lions Club, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, of which he was president in his senior year at college, and Phi Alpha Delta, national legal fraternity.

Rumberger played baseball in his college days and, although no longer an active participant, he retains his interest in the sport and is an enthusiasic spectator at any game within traveling distance. He is also something of a fisherman and is particularly pleased that his new appointment does not take him away from the excellent fishing to be found on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

As commercial superintendent, Rumberger's main objective will be improving the telephone service of present subscribers in his area and extending service into areas now without telephones.


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