

# My Week

by Eleanor Roosevelt

### VISIT IN MINNESOTA

In our St. Cloud, Minn., visit we stayed with Mrs. Albert G. Whitney. It was a very memorable experience, for it was not often that one finds an older woman who has kept the ability to manage her own life and to do the things she enjoys doing. She still makes a pleasant homelike center, to which her children and grandchildren come with great joy.

Miss Thompson and I were very grateful for her hospitality. We spent an hour or more in the morning at work, after which I had the pleasure of seeing four young people. They came with a boy who was with the International Students Institute at Campobello last summer, and is still at the University of Minnesota.

At two o'clock, I started out, in spite of occasional snow flakes interspersed with rain, and visited eight public schools. From the primary grades up to the high school, they lined the streets outside their various schools to greet me.

### Large Veterans' Hospital.

Finally, at about three o'clock, we reached the veterans' hospital, for mental cases, one of the largest I have seen.

Some of the patients were gathered in the recreation room and sang and played for me. How much music can mean to these men, and how they enjoy the violins, piano and the men's chorus!

I spoke to them briefly and went into one of the wards to see some of the men who could not be out. One is happy to think that these men have care and pleasant surroundings, and yet it tugs at one's heart to see old and young men, some of them seeming entirely normal, others seeming already to have left the world around them, so far as their minds are concerned. One hopes that many may be restored to health.

### Back to New York.

I was back at Mrs. Whitney's house a little while after four. We had a cup of tea, then a little more work, and a rest before dinner. After my talk and the questions which followed, we drove all the way into Minneapolis. This meant getting to the hotel Nicolett at about 11:30, and being up next morning to catch a five-o'clock plane for Chicago. I confess that I was more worried that the plane would not fly, than I was about a few hours of sleep. Once on the plane, I went off to sleep again until we reached Chicago, only waking up to talk to a newspaper woman from Milwaukee. Breakfast in the Chicago airport restaurant, and then a comfortable trip to New York city.

### GIRL SCOUT ACTIVITIES

One afternoon the rain came down and made the ceremony at the Girl Scouts' "Little House" a trifle damp for everyone. We went out to the garden and watched the girls cooking under real difficulty, but the plate of food they handed me was very good. I took a taste of each thing, and then passed my plate along to Father Moore, who had left the NYA advisory committee meeting with me to see the girls at work.

We visited all the different branches of work, saw the first aid class in action, girls knitting, making pottery, cooking and, finally, returned to the living room, where a group of colored Girl Scouts were singing charmingly. After listening to one or two songs, and admiring their chart for health and morale, Mrs. C. Leslie Glenn, representing the National Girl Scouts, presented Father Moore with the Girl Scout Medal.

They have given the medal this year to four men who have been of great assistance to the organization, and one of their officers has been designated to present it. In this case, since Father Moore was present, Mrs. Glenn, who had been chosen to present him with this medal, pinned it on his clerical coat.

He was really touched and came back with me to the White House, wearing it proudly. Even though I gave him my plate of food, because he had worked through his luncheon hour and had had no food, I found that he was quite ready to have a cup of tea with us on our return. By the time we came back to the NYA national advisory committee meeting, they were nearly finished with their afternoon session and adjourned until the evening.

We had a very pleasant small group of people gathered together for dinner. They were shown a 10-minute film of the taking of a poll, which was interesting in showing the variety of people who are sampled in trying to arrive at an accurate estimate of public opinion.

### DESTROYER TORPEDOING

The news of the torpedoing of one of our destroyers off Iceland was the first thing that the President spoke of on the morning after the incident and that cast a shadow over the whole day. I can not help but think of every one of the men and their families, who are anxiously awaiting news. When this is translated into terms of a specific destroyer on which your own child is serving, it makes it seem a very close and personal anxiety.



## WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON  
(Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

NEW YORK.—We are quite certain that there is a chipping sparrow out our way which didn't stand still long enough to be counted, but at any rate Roger Peterson's Count

### Staffed Bird Counts Rate Peterson's Count To 5,750,000,000

national bird count of 5,750,000,000 receives respectful, even admiring attention, and no challenges or quibbles about it.

Concurrently the National Audubon society, of which Mr. Peterson is educational director, begins a drive for the protection of birds and other wild life in defense areas.

At the age of 26, Mr. Peterson proved that bird lore can be made to yield a lot more than mere bird seed. That was in 1934, when he published his book, "Field Guide to the Birds." As bird books go it was a best-seller, warmly praised not only by the somewhat esoteric cult of bird-fanciers, but by a much wider public, which appreciated its clarity and simplicity. There came other editions and then his "Field Guide to Birds of the West," and his "Junior Book of Birds," of 1939. All in all, Mr. Peterson's books and magazine articles were so successful that he has had plenty of time to count birds—even five billions of them.

He not only writes but illustrates his books, having emerged from the New York Art Students' league as a highly qualified decorative artist. He is known as the best American authority on field identification of birds.

Mr. Peterson had an adventure at the convention of the society at Cape May last year, which, so far as we can learn, was not picked up by the news hawks at the time. It seems a group of ornithologists, Peterson included, got up at 4:30 to clock a scheduled hawk migration. It didn't come off and all were downhearted until a rumor got around that a black-necked stilt had been seen near the lighthouse pond. There had been no stilt in this section since 1870.

The party set out for the pond. Finally far across the pond, inaccessible to any dry land approach, the bird was sighted. Mr. Peterson said it would be necessary to approach as near as possible, disturb the bird, and then observe its flight carefully. He and William Fish volunteered to brave the mud and cold. They waded in, and at times were up to their armpits in slimy mud. Finally Peterson waved his arms at the stilt. It didn't move. Approaching nearer, they discovered it was as stiff as a plank.

The convention finally ran down the story. The National Academy of Sciences at Philadelphia had had a housecleaning and heaved out a lot of stuffed birds. Some rival bird fans of the Delaware valley had retrieved the stilt and set it up across the pond.

### UP IN MAINE

on last summer's holiday, this writer talked with an old road-side philosopher who was concerned with problems arising from the

### Prof. Perry Boldly lengthening Trumpets an 'Old Age Movement'

New England.

"They don't do much dynin' up here," he said. "Down at West Newton, they had to shoot an old feller, just to start a graveyard."

Professor Ralph Barton Perry, of the faculty of philosophy of Harvard university, is similarly concerned about old age, but for a different reason. In a brilliant essay in a recent issue of the Princeton Alumni Weekly, he rallies the oldsters against being "hustled around by their juniors in politics; he notes the capitulation of wise old age to bumptious youth, and challenges Rabbi Ben Ezra by insisting that there's no use growing old with him, or anybody else, if old-age is to be merely a tolerated short-ender in the life sweepstakes. "The most striking evidence of the downfall of the aged," writes Professor Perry, "is to be found in the domestic circle."

"The authority of the father was first broken by the mother, and the children poured through the breach. The last remnant of paternal authority was the period in which the father was an ogre, who came home at the end of the day to deal with major offenses. He was no longer magistrate, only executioner.

"But even this role disappeared when domestic criminology was modernized and the child's insubordination was regarded as a personality problem, to be solved by love, hygiene and psychoanalysis."

## Star Dust

STAGE SCREEN RADIO  
By VIRGINIA VALE  
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

IT'S difficult to write calmly and critically about Walt Disney's "Dumbo"—in fact, it's practically impossible. This story of the baby elephant with the over-size ears, who's born into a circus and made miserable by the other animals because of those same ears, is completely enchanting. There's Timothy Mouse, successor to Jiminy Cricket; there's the band of black crows, there's the squealing circus engine—and there's the really lovely sequence in which the elephant's ears are painted pink. Every moment of this hour-long picture is delightful—no two ways about it, you'll have to see "Dumbo."

Jean Phillips, once Jean Harlow's stand-in, had moved from a bit to a co-starring role in just two pictures—she's the first stand-in since Adrienne Ames to become a leading woman, which is bad news for girls who hope to climb to stardom by that route. Her first break came when she was cast in "Among the Living"; that performance earned her the second lead in "The Morning After." Now she's co-starred with Macdonald Carey in "Dr. Broadway." Her resemblance to Ginger Rogers blocked her career when she first went to Hollywood.

Glenda Farrell is happy. She's signed to play the ex-sweetheart of a gangster in "Johnny Eager"; says she's fascinated by the part, and



GLENDIA FARRELL

also wants to do it because the picture is being directed by Mervyn LeRoy, who gave her her first part in films.

Irving Berlin has written 14 new songs for "Holiday Inn," more than have ever before been turned out in a single picture. Bing Crosby will sing some of them, Fred Astaire will dance to them. The score includes two old Berlin favorites, "Easter Parade" and "Lazy."

Ginger Rogers and Cary Grant will co-star in RKO's production of Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man," with an original score by Oscar Strauss, the Viennese composer. If you want to see another version of the same story right away, you can go to Metro's "The Chocolate Soldier," with Nelson Eddy and Rise Stevens, of the Metropolitan Opera company. It's Metro executives feel sure that the public will take her to their hearts.

Remember the parting of the Red sea in C. B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments"—or the chariot race in "Ben Hur"—or the earthquake in "San Francisco"? Mr. DeMille thinks he's added a memorable sequence to that list—the squid fight in "Reap the Wild Wind." Ray Milland and John Wayne, in diving suits, are exploring the hull of a wrecked vessel in a search for Susan Hayward when they encounter the sea monster. Mr. DeMille donned a diving suit and directed the scenes, in a huge tank. For other scenes in the picture he descended 20 feet into the Pacific, to the ocean floor. Said it was the only way he could get the eerie realism that he required.

Who'd be your choice to portray Will Rogers in Warner Bros. film of his life, made from the book, "Uncle Clem's Boy"? At present Stuart Erwin, Spencer Tracy and Roy Rogers, Republic's Western star, are under consideration. It's said that Mrs. Rogers prefers Tracy, though Erwin's supporters urge that he's a better choice because he resembles the famous comedian and philosopher.

ODDS AND ENDS—Paramount will star Charles Boyer and Veronica Lake in "Hong Kong," a romantic story played against modern, war-torn China. . . . Ginny Simms has just been made an honorary colonel of Southern California district, American Legion, Los Angeles—first time a star's been awarded the honor by an entire district. . . . We hear that Tony Martin said he was "ready and willing" to enter the army, even though an appeal from his draft classification had been filed. . . . RKO's "Mexican Spitfire at Sea" brings you not only the team of Lupe Velez and Leon Errol, but Zasu Pitts, Elizabeth Ridson, Charles (Buddy) Rogers, Eddie Dunn and Harry Holman as well.

## PATTERNS SEWING CIRCLE



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### Household Hints

Never use a damp or wet cloth or holder in removing a hot dish from the oven or stove. A dry one prevents the heat from penetrating and scorching the fingers.

New waffle irons should be washed with soap and rinsed carefully. If this is not done the first waffles are likely to be discolored.

Grease marks on pages of books may be removed by sponging them with benzine, placing them between two sheets of blotting paper and pressing them with a hot iron.

Place a piece of beeswax between two pieces of flannel and rub your iron on them occasionally; it will keep the iron clean and make it run smoothly.

Never roll piecrust immediately after removing it from the refrigerator. Take it out of the refrigerator about an hour before using and you will have a better crust.

## ASK ME ANOTHER?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

- ### The Questions
1. What island is famous for its lake of asphalt?
  2. What is a cogent argument?
  3. How old are the Union Stock Yards in Chicago?
  4. Who was elected governor of two states?
  5. What is another name for a zingaro?
  6. In what year was the first presidential election held?
  7. What color is the stone called lapis lazuli?
  8. What common name is given to sodium silicate?
  9. The Smithsonian institution in Washington is named after what person?
  10. To what punishment is a soldier of the U. S. army who willfully disobeys a lawful command of his superior officer subject?

- ### The Answers
1. Trinidad is famous for its lake of asphalt.
  2. What is a cogent argument? 3. Seventy-five years.
  3. Sam Houston (governor of both Tennessee and Texas).
  5. A gypsy.
  6. In 1789.
  7. Blue.
  8. Water glass.
  9. James Smithson, a British chemist, who left \$500,000 to establish the institution.
  10. In time of peace or war, any soldier who strikes, attempts to strike or willfully disobeys any lawful command of his superior officer is liable to any punishment deemed justifiable by a court-martial, even a sentence of death.

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