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MOST IMPORTANT

THIS WEATHER is manna to shoe dealers, who sell rubbers, but it's arsenic to the airplane people. . . . Wells, of the Ludington Line, says there were only eight days in November in which the weather didn't interfere with the a-plane-an-hour schedule on the Baltimore-New York run . . . and this month is starting out like . . . phooey, says Wells.

A colored gentleman called the Health Department the other day and asked to have his home "perfumigated" . . . and a barber at the Lord Baltimore a few days ago sheared a head which hadn't felt clippers in seven years. . . . Milt Crandall, hot-shot publicity



man, sends the news that the depression has hit the theatrical business so hard acrobats are sleeping 11 high. . . . But a more eloquent commentary lies in the fact that only about 50 parole applications are pending in Maryland now, while the usual Christmas season list of parole applications runs at about 75 . . . and last month, Ambrose Kennedy, the parole commissioner, heard the cases of 38 prisoners who wanted to be let out while the usual monthly quota runs well over 60 . . . and the reason, he says, is that prisoners say "We're getting three meals a day and a place to sleep and if we were outside we probably couldn't get jobs. So why get out?" . . . And who am I to say they're crazy?

This and That

THE MERCHANTS on Eutaw St., between Baltimore and Fayette, are planning to go Christmasy in a big way by lining the streets with pine trees which will (see-saw shame) get all lit up each night. . . . A few weeks ago, Police Captain Carey, who was in charge of the police boat, died . . . not long previously he had ordered a new police coat, which he had not yet worn . . . the coat was bought by Patrolman Howard L. Pitts, Southwestern District . . . and this week, just a few days after buying the dead man's coat, Patrolman Pitts dropped dead while patrolling his beat.

The actresses in the University Players' productions are, generally speaking, not nearly as competent as the actors. . . . Announcements of the opening, in New York tonight, of Jockey Inn night club reveals that the feature attraction is Ted Ritchie (no kin to the Gov.) who used to be master of ceremonies at the Jungle Night Club on Howard St. and Ritchie is billed as "Broadway's most famous gigolo" . . . and, speaking of the Jungle Night Club, Evelyn Thaw goes there next week . . . and Dave Petaskey, who has been connected with many night clubs around town, will soon be reopening his Cotton Club.

That and This

SOME OF THE residents of Salisbury, having gotten much delight from one lynching, threatened to lynch some of the newspaper men who came there last week-end. . . . With the Culbertson system on one side and the "official" system on the other, I still think the Azrael system of bridge is best . . . its cardinal principle is "Don't play." . . . Poet Laureate Alex Geddes has already issued his Christmas effusions. . . . All reports are that the debutantes who came out Monday night are, on the whole, an uninspiring lot.

According to an article in Harper's Magazine, about 17 percent of Baltimore's population is colored, but colored folk make up about 30 percent of the unemployed. . . . A man came into a Baltimore St. haberdashery this week and asked for red flannel underwear and the request was so rare that the haberdasher phoned the news to me immediately. . . . And, like the weather or loathe it, you'll go a long way without finding anything lovelier than Baltimore harbor, seen through yesterday's fog and sleet.

Cleanliness is doubtless next to godliness but it's being taken too far in the Baltimore St. restaurant window which displays oysters wrapped in cellophane.

The Complete Boycott

SO SALISBURY is going to boycott Baltimore because Baltimore papers have said nice people don't lynch. . . . Well, I notice that the Richmond Times-Dispatch says, of the Salisbury lynching, "Such an outburst of barbarism in a highly enlightened state is enough to make us despair of civilization." And of the Salisburians, it says, "they bring reproach and shame on all that is highest and best in their community." And so forth. . . . And I noticed an editorial in the Philadelphia Record the other day which said about the same . . . so the Salisburians, boycotting the sections which do not applaud the lynching, will have to put the ban not only on Baltimore, but also on Virginia and Pennsylvania, and doubtless on Delaware, too . . . in fact the only thing the Salisbury folk will be able to do, under their new policy, is to go into the benighted backwoods of Mississippi, Alabama and such places, hunt up the lynching-folk and say: "Howdy, brothers."