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Andover Girl Tells of Trip in California

The following letter written by Louise Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sherman of 11 Carlsbrooke street who is taking a postgraduate course at the Los Angeles high school, will be of interest to her Andover friends:

912 So. Bronson Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.
December 1, 1929

Dear Mother:
We have just arrived home from our trip, and what a trip!

We left the house at seven o'clock Friday morning and went first to San Diego. Part of the way down there, was by the coast route and very lovely. We went through La Jolla and I just loved the place. In San Diego we looked up a hotel and after much driving around finally decided upon the St. James, which was all right but nothing extra. We left our bags there and then rode down into Mexico.

We had no trouble getting through the customs and it was just a short time before we found ourselves in Tijuana. I tell you it was some thrill to realize I was way down in Mexico.

We decided not to stop there but to go down to Aqua Caliente for lunch. Aqua Caliente is called the "Monte Carlo of America" because of the gambling rooms. The casino is a big white Spanish building with a tiled roof. We ate lunch in a sort of indoor garden. I believe they are called "patios". We sat on a balcony that went all around the outside, right where we could look down upon more people dining at bright colored tables.

In a balcony higher than ours were some Mexican musicians. They played xylophones and guitars which made very romantic music for such a setting. They did not play all the time however. A group of men playing guitars, violins and some kind of an instrument which I had never seen before, walked around and around the patio playing and singing Spanish songs. I could hardly eat because there was so much to see.

After we had finished lunch Uncle Douglas said that he wanted to go in and try his hand at gambling a little, just for the fun of it. No one under twenty-one is supposed to go in the gambling rooms, so Chuck, Jane, Aunt Nell and I went outside into a beautiful garden filled with palm trees, flowers and parrots. I bought some post cards and stamps and wrote them for mailing.

Before long Uncle Douglas came out and said that he had decided not to gamble at all because it was a "crummy" crowd and he felt in his bones that luck was against him. On our way back to the automobile he suddenly asked me if I would like to go in and see the gambling rooms. Would I? I didn't want to miss a thing going, so in we walked. No one asked me if I was a minor and we had a beautiful time going about watching all the gamblers. It was very interesting—just like we so often see in the "movies". At the end of the room there was a long bar. It seemed very funny to see people drinking there and I don't think it was water or orangeade, either.

From Aqua Caliente we drove back to Tijuana. That town is unusual from the fact that there is a bar everywhere you look, and lots of slot-machines where every body—ourselves included—lose money all the time trying to get money. We wasted about \$7.00 there and then went back to the United States.

All the customs officers did was to stop the car, look at us and say "go ahead". I thought that very uninteresting. Then we went back to San Diego where we visited Balboa Park. It was the zoo that interested us most, and we walked miles trying to see all the animals. And then we did see the elephants, camels and tigers, bears and lions are not confined in cages but in great pits which are built in such a way that the animals cannot jump out. It makes you feel funny, though, to see them so near the edge of the pit and realize that they can't get out. Wow! if they ever did!

We went from there to the hotel where we washed, changed our clothes and went out to a cafe for dinner. Afterwards we went to the movies and saw "So This Is College". It was a beautiful new theatre and we enjoyed the show a lot.

We had three rooms in the hotel and all had double beds, to avoid sleeping together. Uncle Douglas had cots put in two of the rooms. I slept on a cot while Jane had the bed. I slept pretty well except that the covers kept slipping off and I was pretty cold.

We started on our journey the next day about 9:15 and the drive was beautiful. We went up, up and up until it seemed as if we had reached the top of the world and then we began going down. The scenery was wonderful but the road was a thriller. For miles ahead we could see the road we were going to travel, twisting and turning ahead of us. Not ordinary little turns, but "hair pins" and "switch-backs" that made your hair rise and end. On either side of us were heaps of stones and cliffs all colors of the rainbow, so it seemed.

They were beautiful, quite like some of those pictures Daddy has at home. Then we reached the desert, flat, hot, sandy desert with only cactus and desert grass to break the monotony. After a few miles of this we came into Imperial Valley.

I tell you it was great to see orange, lemon and grapefruit trees in great groves and fields of cotton and many other kinds of vegetation. Our destination was El Centro. We had lunch at the hotel Barbara Worth and then decided where and how we would spend the rest of the day. By studying the map we discovered we were only twelve miles from Mexicali, a small town just over the border of Mexico. We all wanted to see just what sort of a place it was, and again started out. Mexicali was just the other side of the line so we left the car in the United States and walked over. Of all the horrible, dirty, smelly holes I was ever in that takes the cake!

We walked up the streets a ways and then turned around to go back. Uncle Douglas and Charles walked right behind me and told me not to look at the horrible old men standing around. When we were in the United States again Uncle Douglas said that it was positively frightful to see those Mexicans stared at an American girl walking along the streets. Wow! I'm glad I was 't alone.

Our next destination was to be Indio, where we planned to spend the night. That town was just across Imperial valley so we made haste to get there before dark. Such miles of desert you can't imagine. We arrived at Indio just at dark and discovered that every room in the only hotel was taken. By this time Aunt Nell was complaining of a headache which had been bothering her all day. What to do we did not know. The next nearest place was Banning, forty-four miles away. It was pitch dark and half past five. Aunt Nell said we would have to go on and she was all right anyway. Uncle Douglas telephoned ahead to see if they could give us rooms. Yes, at Banning, at the San Geronimo Inn they had just three rooms left which they kept for emergency.

So off we started. It was very dark but the stars on the desert are unusually bright. The road was full of dips and every time the car would go into one, Chuck, Jane and I in the back seat would go sailing into the air. Uncle Douglas was driving at quite a pace and he realized that we three in the rear were getting sort of jounced around, so every time we came to a dip he would sing out, "Dip" and we would brace ourselves against it. In that manner we at last reached Banning about quarter of seven. The rooms proved to be in a sort of a little bungalow and as usual had double instead of single beds, but we made out all right.

It was a beautiful morning when we woke up and as Jane and I were up and dressed before the rest we decided to go for a walk. It was bitter cold so we walked fast, and before we knew it we were several blocks away. Of course we got back all right but I visioned all sorts of things before we spotted our little house.

We had a nice breakfast in the Inn dining rooms and then started home. We were only about ninety miles from Los Angeles so it did not take very long. We could not see much of the scenery because we had scarcely left Banning when a thick fog settled down. We arrived in Los Angeles about one o'clock, had dinner in one of the downtown restaurants and just as we arrived home discovered we had a soft tire. We were surely glad we weren't out on the desert!

I was glad to receive all my mail. Nine letters. What wealth!

Much love to all,
LOUISE

Story of the Musical Art Quartet

New York had done a great deal of talking about the Musical Art Quartet, which will play here on January 14th, at the Abbott academy before that group finally decided to make its public debut. For some time the artists—Sascha Jacobson, first violin, Paul Bernard, second violin, Marie Roemaet-Rosanoff, violoncello, and Louis Kaufman, viola—had been playing together, usually for their own personal satisfaction, occasionally for the pleasure of their more favored friends, until finally they were persuaded to give a series of three New York recitals, under the patronage of a group of distinguished music lovers, and with the enthusiastic endorsement of such musicians as Sergei Rachmaninoff, Efrem Zimbalist and Arturo Toscanini. The instruments used by the Quartet were four Stradivari provided by Mr. Felix Warburg.

Considering the individual gifts of the four players, the success of the Quartet was inevitable. Sascha Jacobson, the first violin, has established his reputation as one of the leaders of the younger generation of American fiddlers. A serious artist, a fine technician, a brilliant interpreter, Mr. Jacobson's position is based on solid achievement. Russian by origin, he comes of a musical family. In Petrograd at the age of eight the boy studied in the class of Prof. Leopold Auer. But the revolution intervened and at the age of eleven young Jacobson found himself in America and became a member of another famous violin class, that of Franz Kneisel. Since his debut in 1915, the violinist has toured the country extensively.

Marie Roemaet-Rosanoff holds a high place among the 'cellists before the public. Born in this country of a Belgian father and French mother, at fourteen the girl entered the Institute of Musical Art as a student of composition as well as of 'cello. In 1918, when she was graduated, she was the recipient of the Loeb prize and the medal for highest honors. In 1920 she went abroad and in Paris and Barcelona worked under Pablo Casals and later appeared in Brussels, Liege and Paris, in recital and as soloist with orchestra. Upon her return to New York she made her American debut and then, and since, has received the highest tributes from the press.

Paul Bernard, second violin of the Quartet, is an American of Russian ancestry. He, too, studied with Prof. Auer, as well as with Paul Stassevitch. In 1922 he made his New York debut at Aeolian Hall and since then has appeared extensively in concert, alone and with other noted artists.

Louis Kaufman, the viola player, is also an American. Born in Portland, Ore., he came to New York as a boy. He studied at the Institute of Musical Art, under Franz Kneisel, won the Loeb \$1,000 prize on graduation and he, too, has established a name for himself in the concert field.

The Musical Art Quartet's success is factually proved by its numerous engagements, with many of the leading colleges, chamber music societies, music clubs, etc., and its appearance in this town is awaited with keen interest.

We can only reach each other with sympathy, the biggest word among the three or four big words of the world.

Let us be citizens first, and not merely bankers, lawyers, merchants and manufacturers.

There are many croakers upon the edges of lakes and creeks; there they sit croaking and croaking; but they are only frogs after all. A man's true estate is not in houses, railroads, bonds and the like; it is in himself.

There is so much to be done, and each day is a gift that we must try to make use of for some good purpose.

Service is something deeper and broader than political parties and commercialism means much more than making money.

To stay by the lesson until it is learned and stay by the work undertaken until it is completed is the real thing.

A Happy New Year to All

ESTHER M. BARLOW
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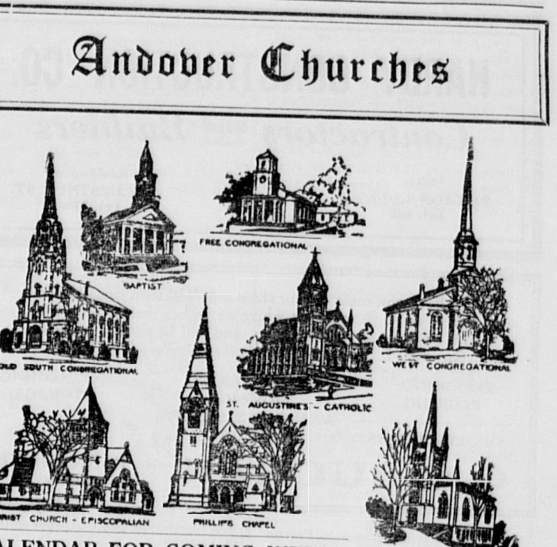
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Teacher—"Frank, what is a cannibal?"
Frank—"Don't know, mum."
Teacher—"Well, if you ate your father and those curious children next door couldn't look in."
Frank—"An orphan, mum."—Pathfinder

Andover Churches



CALENDAR FOR COMING WEEK

SOUTH CHURCH
Central Street
Congregational. Organized 1711
Rev. Frank R. Shipman, Minister
Rev. Frederick B. Noss, Minister
10.45 Morning worship with sermon by Mr. Noss
10.45. Beginners' Division.
12.05. Church School.
6.30. S.S.C.E. and I.S.C.E.
7.45 Tuesday. A.P.C. Glee Club.
7.45 Wednesday. Preparation Service.
3.30 Thursday. Women's Union prayer meeting.
7.45 Thursday. A.P.C. Sorority.
7.00 Friday. Boy Scouts.

FREE CHURCH
Elm Street
Congregational. Organized 1846
Rev. Alfred C. Church, Pastor
10.30. Sermon by pastor. Special music.
12.00. Church School.
4.30. Annual Christmas Candle Light Service by the Senior Choir.
6.30. Christian Endeavor.
7.45 Wednesday. Prayer and Praise Service. Subject: Hope for the New Year.
6.30 Thursday. Junior Choir Rehearsal.
7.30 Wednesday. Senior Choir Rehearsal.
7.30 Friday. Boy Scouts, Troop No. 2.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Essex Street
Organized 1832
Rev. C. Norman Bartlett, Pastor
10.30. Morning worship with sermon by the pastor.
12.00. Bible School.
6.00. Senior and Intermediate C. E.
7.45 Wednesday. Prayer Meeting.
7.45 Friday. Philanthropist at home of Mrs. Harvey Bacon on Highland road.

CHRIST CHURCH
Central Street
Episcopal. Organized 1835
Rev. C. W. Henry, Rector
9.00. Holy Communion.
9.30. Church School.
10.45. Morning prayer and sermon: Christmas Music.
6.30. Young People's Fellowship.
4.00 Monday. Choir boys.
7.45 Monday. Girls' Friendly Society.
9.00 Wednesday. Holy Communion.
7.00 Wednesday. Boy Rangers.
2.30 Thursday. Women's Guild.
7.30 Thursday. Choir boys and men.
7.00 Friday. Boy Scouts.

WEST CHURCH
Congregational. Organized 1826
Rev. Newman Matthews, Pastor
10.30. Public worship with sermon by the pastor.
12.00. Sunday School.
2.30 Wednesday. Annual business of Ladies' Aid Society at the home of Mrs. Merrick.
7.00 Wednesday. Annual supper and business meeting of the Church.

SHAWSHEEN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Balmoral Hall
(Non-sectarian)
9.30. Sunday School in Balmoral Hall.

NORTH PARISH CHURCH
North Andover Centre
Unitarian. Organized 1645
Rev. S. C. Benne, Minister
10.30. The Rev. R. P. Doremas, of Gloucester, will preach in exchange with Mr. Benne.
12.00. Church School.
7.00. Y.P.R.U. the first Sunday of each month.
10.10. An automobile leaves the Andover Bookstore for the Unitarian Church at North Andover. All are welcome.

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH
Essex Street
Roman Catholic. Organized 1850
Rev. Charles A. Branton, Pastor
Sunday Masses: 6.30, 9.45, 10.30 a.m.
Holy Day Masses: 5.30, 7.00, 8.30 a.m.
Sunday evening: 7.45. Rosary, Sermon, Benediction.
Baptisms: Sunday 3.00 p.m.
First Friday. Masses: 5.30, 7.30 a.m. Communion 7.00 a.m.
First Sunday of Month: Communion Day for Sacred Heart Sodality.
Third Sunday of Month: Children's Communion Day.
Fourth Sunday of Month: B.V.M. Sodality Communion Day.
Devotions in honor of St. Therese every Friday evening, 7.45.
Confessions: Saturday afternoons and evenings, and afternoons and evenings before Holy Days of obligation.

Washington Current Comment

Ohio plans to find out why litigation has increased one hundred percent in seven years. It is safe to say that a liberal proportion of the growth consists of \$20,000 damage suits based on \$10 worth of injury, and brought in the hope of a \$200 settlement, split half and half between attorney and client. Shysterism has been eliminated from some branches of the law, for instance, the prosecution of pension claims, and the legitimately-operating portion of the bar should be given plenary power to cast away the dregs that cloud a benign and noble profession.

"Let the punishment fit the crime, I say, let the punishment fit the crime", the burden of a song in "The Mikado", Sir Arthur Sullivan's eternally pleasing opera, found a grim application down in Mississippi a short time ago, when a man jumped to his death in front of a train, because he had thrown a comrade to a like fate, in a fit of anger.

Pennsylvania has practically done away with asylums in which the insane are accorded nothing but restraint, and substituted hospitals wherein insanity is treated like any other disease. At the beginning of the Christian Era, maniacs were exiled to the tombs and laden with chains; by the reign of Elizabeth, craziness was looked on with tolerance, as a source of comedy; the present day view is that those of a clouded mind should be humanely locked up; the future, let it be hoped, will see in insanity simply a condition which must be intensively "doctored", as that term is commonly understood.

As a substitute for tax reduction, one senator proposes a hundred million dollar appropriation for roads, and another a like appropriation for the payment of freight charges in moving agricultural products to the markets. If too much money is being collected, the remedy lies in collecting less, not in spending all that can be wrung from a patient populace.

The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small. Electric traction put an end to the narrow-gauge steam roads which promised to spread over the country like a network years ago, and now the Department of Commerce announces that 350 electric railway companies are operating motor buses, and that fifty have sent the trolley to the scrap pile for good, in favor of the auto coach.

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The suggestion that commemorative issues of postage stamps be provided in honor of Gen. Knox, Douglass Houghton, William T. Morton and Isaac Shelby, starts one scurrying to the encyclopaedia to find out who these worthies were, and our lack of ready information constitutes a forceful monition that fame is a fleeting and transient thing.

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King George will not meet the Soviet envoy because Russia killed George's cousin Nick; an incident which illustrates that family feud consciousness results from a natural instinct found alike in Buckingham Palace and in the hills of Tennessee.

Post office money orders to be cashed in the Old Country at Christmas time, have been issued in an amount which shows an increase over the figures of last year. Foreign-born citizens present a stolid indifference to speculation, spending and squandering which natives of the United States might well imitate, in principle if not in degree.

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CHRISTMAS PARTIES

(Continued from page 1)

Singing Christmas carols and old songs with Mrs. E. Burke Thornton at the piano. Gifts chosen with regard to the personal preferences of the recipients and tied in the gayest of Christmas wrappings as well as sweets were distributed. Ice cream and daintily decorated cakes completed a party enjoyed by hostesses and guests alike.

The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. C. Carleton Kimball and Mrs. Cornelius A. Wood.

Christmas Tree Party at Christ Church One of the prettiest Christmas trees in town was that decorated for the littlest children of the Sunday school at Christ church.

Rodney Hill was Santa Claus and had the pleasure of distributing gifts, candy canes, oranges and candy. A Hoosie was also given to each child.

St. Augustine's More than 500 children from St. Augustine's Sunday school and St. Joseph's Sunday school in Ballardvale were guests Sunday afternoon of Andover council, 1078, Knights of Columbus and Court St. Monica, 783, Catholic Daughters of America at a Christmas-tree party held in the K. of C. home.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Pupils Little Lady Santa Claus

- Christmas Spirit Kathleen Burns
Christmas Spirit Flora Roidy
Holly Berry Rita Levi
Attendee Eleanor Roidy
Attendee Helen Harkin
Good Cheer Ruth O'Connor
Attendee Mary Smith
Kind Heart Mary Pasho
Attendee Martina Higgins
Jolly December Margaret Foye
Attendee Marcelle Poisson
Shepherd Patrick Doyle
Minstrels
Snowballs Surrette, Patrick Winters, Edward Doherty, Robert Franz, John Brucato, Charles Winters, Francis Sweeney, Aylre Godin
Christmas Star Eighth Grade Boys and Girls
Christmas Star Margaret O'Connor
Wise Men William Donovan, Ernest Richards, John Griffin
Snowballs Joseph Mahoney, George Connolly, John Smith
Christmas Angel Dorothy Hendrick
Blessed Virgin Rosemary Doyle
St. Joseph Joseph O'Connor
Christmas Wishes to Our Pastor Joseph Mahoney

Baptist Church Christmas Party "Betty's Christmas Surprise", the story of how a rich girl caught the Christmas spirit was presented in a drama given in the vestry of the Baptist church on Tuesday evening.

The committee who arranged the play were Mrs. George Goss, Mrs. C. Norman Bartlett and Percy F. Gilbert.

A Christmas tree and the arrival of Santa Claus in a packing box transported by Shat tuck's express completed the evening.

Christmas at the Guild A few parents and over three hundred children assembled Monday afternoon to witness the Junior Dramatic club play and enjoy Christmas cheer at the Guild. Fifty children took part on the program. Following the play "Trouble in Santa Claus Land" each Guild member was given a present and a bag of goodies. All toys and refreshments were donated by generous friends of the Guild.

- Recitation—Christmas Everywhere Helen Sharp
Recitation—The Tree We Like Best Jean Anderson
Recitation—Sing a Song of Christmas Edith Saunders
Musical Selection Junior Glee Club
Recitation—Dolls for All Sorts of Girls Winifred O'Hagan
Recitation—Santa up to Date George Saunders
Play—Trouble in Santa Claus Land Rita O'Neil
Mrs. Santa Rita O'Neil
Santa Mary Campbell
Spirit of Christmas Dorothy Gordon
Fairies
Rose Doyle, Dorothy Connolly, Edith Fettes, Elsie Thomson, Dorothy Munro, Lillian Locke
Imps
Helen Ferrer, Vivian Gordon, Edith Saunders, Helen Hay, Nettie Early, Mary Sheehy
Recitation—Making People Happy Mary Daly
Recitation—Johnny Wants a Gun Thelma Beck
Recitation—Application to Help Santa Claus Thomas Wallace

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Recitation—Naughty Johnny Brown Rita Burke
Recitation—Christmas Stocking Ethel Murphy
Monday evening older members of the Guild were entertained. The program opened with a grand march led by Miss Rita Daley and John Schermer. Dancing and unique contests were conducted during the evening.

Children Entertained at Square and Compass Club More than sixty children were made happy on Sunday afternoon at the Square and Compass club when Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Beedie were host and hostess to the children of the members.

Santa Claus appeared in the person of George McCullough and there were gifts from the tree and refreshments.

Hold Reception at November Club House Miss Susan Ripley was the guest of honor at a reception given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip F. Ripley of 7 Abbot street at the November clubhouse on Saturday evening between the hours of four and seven o'clock.

West Parish Man Must Get Rid of Dogs Daniel H. Haigh of High Plain road, West Andover, was arraigned before Judge Colver J. Stone in Andover court, Tuesday morning on charges brought by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He was charged with having unlicensed dogs and not providing sufficient shelter for them. He was alleged to have had 28 dogs and only three of them were licensed.

Four Dances at Crystal Ballroom Next Week Billy Lucier and his Golden Rule orchestra will make their debut at the beautiful Crystal ballroom in Shawshen village, this evening. This sensational dance band, which already boasts an army of friends in the Greater Lawrence district, has been booked by the management for its first Crystal engagement as a result of an insistent demand on the part of patrons of Shawshen's popular ballroom.

Humanity Facing Changes An eastern doctor is greatly alarmed lest the use of automobiles do away eventually with the legs of the human race. The prospect is quite terrifying. And then, too, there is the vacuum cleaner, that has rendered the beating of rugs and carpets no longer necessary, and this may in time do away with the arms of the human race. It seems more than likely that we shall one day recognize ourselves 50,000 or 60,000 years from now.—Exchange.

Says Powdered Glass Safe Exploding the stories that the Borgias and other notorious poisoners of history mixed finely powdered glass in food and drinks for their victims, Dr. Roche Lynch recently demonstrated to the Medico-Legal society of London that this supposedly deadly material usually passes through the human digestive system without causing death or even doing serious damage. Danger lurks in larger pieces of glass with sharp edges, he added.

Artificial "Sun" for Horses Thoroughbreds in a racing stable near Chicago receive ultraviolet-ray treatment's every day, as it is believed that they need artificial sunlight when the natural supply is unavailable, as much as do human beings, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. A short exposure to the special lamp is said to give an effect equivalent to that from a whole day in the sun. The treatment is of special benefit in winter, when the animals are confined indoors.

Our Coming Town Budget The time has arrived when the heads of our seven town departments will be preparing their several budgets. These, after being obtained through the judgment of our Finance Committee, will be written into our town warrant and acted upon at our coming March meeting.

But if the heads of these departments will be for money and the amount asked for will be determined by the judgment of those who are in control. Were their judgment disannealed from every personal consideration, were they motivated solely by the "Good of the Town", could they rightly claim a wisdom unshared by any other citizen—in short, were these men infallible, little need would exist for our town meeting. In this case we could be assured of a town budget providing for only actual needs and these needs would be stressed in the order of their importance to chief importance would be the necessity of maintaining the financial integrity of our town since on this rests the successful functioning of each and all our town departments.

City Manager Guessing The city manager stepped out of the City hall and started towards his office. A man carrying two heavy grips addressed him.

"Pardon me," he said, "how much do you know about this town?"

"Why, I am fairly familiar with it," the city manager replied. "Why do you ask?"

"Well, I've asked three policemen how to get out to an address in Ingleside, and they told me to take a bus on this street," the stranger said. "He was perspiring, somewhat, and it was evident that he was not a little peeved. 'I got on a bus and the driver told me he didn't go that way at all. I want to know just where I stand anyway.'"

"All right, sir," the city manager replied; "you come with me." And the city manager took one grip and started down the street. He stopped at the health department, called an inspector and told him to get a car. "Take this man where he wants to go," he said.

When the car had gone the city manager confided to bystanders that as a matter of fact he couldn't have told the man how to get to the Ingleside address, either, and that he'd look it up right away.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Great Writers Worked Under Odd Conditions A new game for the students of the history of literature, writes the Paris correspondent of the London Observer, is to examine the physical conditions under which famous writers did their work. For some, tobacco was indispensable. Verne used to smoke almost incessantly. So did Francois Coppee, and Huysmans was a great cigarette smoker.

Origin of "Head Tax" In days gone by in British history, head tax was really a tax on the head. In the middle of the Eighteenth century the tax ceased to head the poll, and the "Marconis" wore hair powder instead. Then, in 1795, Pitt framed a new tax, and every person sporting the powder was forced to invest in an annual certificate costing a guinea. In 1796 the tax yielded £210,136, but the "guinea pigs" soon refused to face powder. The tax changed the fashion. The powder-puff, the powder knife, and the powder mask disappeared, curled and oiled whiskers, and short cropped heads crept in for the masters, and the powder fell on the heads of the manservants.—Montreal Herald.

Authors Who Despised Books While it is natural to assume that all authors are devoted readers and advocate reading for others, it is pointed out that de Maupassant said books "made one narrow, they misrepresented life, indulged in deception and gave the mind false direction," and Rousseau declared that he "hated books; they teach people to talk about things they do not understand." Further, Emile Zola compared authors in general to "sausagemakers who prepared their stuff for others while sedulously not eating any themselves."

Napoleon No Scholar Napoleon did not distinguish himself in school. As one writer puts it: Napoleon's scholastic career was not brilliant and he received his commission in the artillery in 1785 without having given evidence of any marked ability, except, perhaps, that of holding his own counsel and of carrying through. These traits, which afterward made him feared equally in the council chamber and on the battlefield, he inherited from his mother.

fact is that this Junior High school is simply a new experiment. The sole question for Andover voters, therefore, is: Shall Andover be taxed for a new \$300,000 school building together with a yearly interest charge of \$13,500 and \$30,000 extra for upkeep for the maintenance of "Art courses" having no practical benefit and this simply because urged to do so by our local School Board?

Has the time not come for an overhauling of our entire school system when the town as a whole can be given a chance to voice its wisdom in this matter? For my part I fail to see how any unhyphenated citizen familiar with the present business outlook for our town, who knows what is involved in this proposition both financially and in meagerness of results, who possesses an unbiased mind infucend of "fads and frills", and unwecked by the shifting winds of sentimentality, and who has in his heart a modicum of regard for tax payers of small incomes—I fail to see how any such can yield assent to so chimerical a proposition and I have confidence that Andover voters are so stocked up with common sense that when allowed vocalization at our coming town meeting they will confine this educational totema within its original narrow limits.

Visitor's Request Left City Manager Guessing

"Pardon me," he said, "how much do you know about this town?"

"Why, I am fairly familiar with it," the city manager replied. "Why do you ask?"

"Well, I've asked three policemen how to get out to an address in Ingleside, and they told me to take a bus on this street," the stranger said. "He was perspiring, somewhat, and it was evident that he was not a little peeved. 'I got on a bus and the driver told me he didn't go that way at all. I want to know just where I stand anyway.'"

"All right, sir," the city manager replied; "you come with me." And the city manager took one grip and started down the street. He stopped at the health department, called an inspector and told him to get a car. "Take this man where he wants to go," he said.

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BALLARDVALE

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Mrs. Nellie Spuck spent the holiday visiting relatives in the Vale.

Alfred C. Fuller of Belmont was the guest of Mrs. T. Brown, Tuesday.

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Bradford Arnold is spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. George P. Byington of High street.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mott spent Wednesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roland Crowther of Wellington.

Miss Martha Hurlburt spent Wednesday with Rev. and Mrs. Herman Van Lunen of Church avenue.

Stanley Dunne and Kay, Geraldine and Thomas of New Haven, Conn., spent the holiday in the Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Anderson of Ludlow spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daley of Tewksbury street.

A special meeting of the Congregational Church on Jan. 3 will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the church vestry.

Misses Ada and Marion Matthews spent the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Matthews of Marland road.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Cronin and daughter, Patricia, of New Orleans are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Cronin of Centre street.

The Congregational church prayer meeting was held last night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. George P. Byington on High street.

A group of young people sang Christmas carols on Christmas eve, thus bringing cheer to the shut-ins who were unable to visit the churches on Sunday and Tuesday evenings, where programs were enjoyed.

The Bradlee Mothers' club will hold a Christmas party for members and those who wish to become members at the home of Mrs. Elmer Lankey on Porter road this evening. Every member is asked to bring a gift not to exceed twenty-five cents in value.

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Comparative Riches There is a story of a man whom others called poor and who had just enough fortune to support himself in going about the country in the simplest way and enjoying the life and beauty of it. He was once in the company of a great millionaire, who was engaged in business, working at it daily and getting richer every year and the poor man said to the millionaire: "I am a richer man than you are." "How do you make that out?" said the millionaire. "Why," he replied, "I have got as much money as I want and you have not."

Not "Among Those Present" In an effort to encourage the reading of good literature by young members of the Victorian police force, the chief commissioner, General Blamey, established a well-stocked library at their barracks. Recently a new librarian, in the person of a stockily built youth from the country, who had just joined up, was approached by an enthusiastic reader. "Have you got 'The Pickwick Papers'?" he was asked. "No, sir," he replied, "We only get the three morning papers."—The Sun Sydney, Australia.

Ligurian Lost Language The Ligurian language which was spoken in Europe 3,000 years ago survives only in the names of a few rivers, lakes and mountains, says the Living Age. One of these names is that of the Rhone. A contributor to the "Journal de Geneve" has traced the history of that stream back to the Bronze age, when a dark-haired race inhabited the forests of France and Switzerland and left behind them no written language, but only such familiar words as "Alp," "Seine" and "Lemnan."

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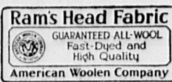
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Rest Period from Era of Over-Expansion Is to Be Expected — Government Construction Projects and New Public Utility Developments May Absorb Labor Surplus — "Make Chances Rather than Take Chances"

Babson Park, Massachusetts, December 27, 1929. Well, 1929 has certainly been exciting enough for anybody. Profits and losses have been made—both of them in large volume, and in some cases by the same individuals. President Hoover's conferences with business leaders are over. Everybody has promised to do all that can be done to make 1930 a good year and now we are squaring away to the start of an eventful twelve-month period in American business. I do not want to appear as a pessimist in the face of the enthusiastic promises of cooperation which Mr. Hoover has received and which were given the widest possible publicity in the press all over the country. I want to go on record as believing that President Hoover has taken the wisest possible course in meeting the impending depression in business that any statesman could have taken under the circumstances, and he has shown himself to be the most capable man we could have had in the White House at this time.

But we must keep in mind that while the stock market break has given a dramatic and spectacular impetus to the downward trend in business, yet fundamentally this downward movement was not altogether caused by the stock market crash, nor did it follow that catastrophe. Business has been going down hill since last July, and it has been going down hill as a result of the inevitable Law of Action and Reaction. We have had an extended period of prosperity with the Babsonchart showing a five-year area of practically unbroken good business. It is only logical that sooner or later some rest period from this fitful era of over-expansion would take place. Consequently we must not assume that there is any magic method, however well intentioned, that can by waving a wand turn 1930 into a year of rosy prosperity.

Government construction projects, new public utility developments and other channels through which any labor surplus is to be absorbed during the coming year will, of course, take up some of the slack. Unfortunately, however, our economic machine is too cumbersome and clumsy to be easily and quickly turned about by any palliative measures of this sort. Under an ideal economic system we would, of course, have no peaks of prosperity or pits of depression—but that time is still beyond the horizon. Meanwhile, as long as we continue to push our prosperity upward to the point where it becomes inflation, we must expect that the consequences will be inevitable and to a great extent unpreventable. Remember, for most of the time for five years American business has been considerably above normal.

I have had a great deal of pressure brought to bear upon me during recent weeks to issue "optimistic" rather than "pessimistic" statements on the outlook. Now it is none of my business to be either optimistic or pessimistic. I would be false to my responsibilities to the American public as a statistician if I colored my economic conclusions with any tinge of unwarranted optimism on the one hand, or unnecessary pessimism on the other. I can only offer you the facts and state, where possible, what they indicate. And after all, those are the essential implements which we must use when we face the prospects for next year. Now let me touch upon a few of these salient factors.

Stocks in Readjustment Period
After what we have seen in the 1929 stock market it is foolish for anybody to say that the market equilibrium can again be immediately established. Throughout all history, after such a boom and colossal collapse as we have witnessed, a period of readjustment and foundation building must ensue. This is what will occur in the first part of 1930, and it will take time to do this.

Just as stocks tend in a period of inflation to reach levels far beyond their real worth, it is equally true in the reaction that follows they will seek points far below what is a fair price in terms of security yields and earnings. I believe that while the market may have temporary fluctuations up and down, the averages will not hold their position on the rallies, but will drag at times to low levels in

the first months of 1930. Of course, in individual cases stocks may have already seen their lowest points, but I feel that stock buyers are going to have plenty of time to complete their purchases of stocks at bargain levels. At this period there are several maxims which the stock buyer should unquestionably follow:

(1) Don't try to put all your money in the market at once. Take your time and make careful studies.

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Healthy Money Situation

Now, what about money rates, on which so much depends this coming year? The most healthy monetary situation for a long time now seems safely established. Money rates over the next few months should average somewhere around present levels. This signifies the most healthy monetary situation for many months, but it does not mean exceedingly easy money. Gold is going out of this country to help foreign credit conditions, but this trend should not have a marked influence on money rates because of the sharp reduction in the demand for funds here. Moreover, with speculation stunted and with business needs shrinking, banks should be able to remedy the credit strain caused by excess stock speculation. Indications are that from now on, business will be able to obtain ample credit at more favorable rates. Money may temporarily stiffen during periods of stress, but the long-time trend is downward.

One encouraging feature in the general financial situation is the strong position of the Federal Reserve Banks. For some time these have insisted that member banks liquidate their borrowings. Moreover, the System has lightened the pressure on money rates by increasing its holdings of bills and government securities. These operations tend to ease money. Another development is recent conferences at Baden-Baden which center around a move to a cheaper world credit. Lowering the Bank of England rate indicates

the trend. Large interests are trying to prepare financial markets for the flotation of the German Reparation Bonds. In order that this operation will be fully successful, money conditions must be favorable. For some time to come comparatively low money rates should prevail, and business and agricultural needs should be met more easily.

Good Bond Market in 1930

The easing of money rates and the blow dealt to speculative excesses have created a most favorable situation as regards bonds. It may seem paradoxical, in view of the propaganda of last year, to say a good word for the old fashioned bond. For two years past the investing public of America has hardly been on speaking terms with our fixed interest securities, but I prophesy that we are in for a year which will be dear to the bond salesman's heart. Wise investors have already accumulated good lines of bonds at pretty attractive prices, and the bargains will soon be disappearing. A chart of the bond line shows that bonds declined more or less steadily since early in 1928 until they got down to 1925 levels last fall. Since then they have, of course, rallied a little, and the lower money rates I have referred to should give a good bond market for 1930. Remember also, the growing equities behind many bonds today.

In passing, I call your attention to semi-investments, in the shape of convertible bonds. Convertible bonds and issues carrying stock purchase warrants offer very attractive opportunities just now. In fact, they are a particularly desirable medium for those who have funds to place in semi-investment securities, but who may hesitate to buy stocks at the moment. There are now some exceptional bargains in this field. A reasonable degree of security is afforded, with very high yields, together with the possibility of appreciation. I urge investors, in the craze for stocks, not to let bond bargains escape them!

Industrial Prices Trend Lower

Speaking of money, easier money rates have always produced a tendency toward lower commodity prices. A declining trend in general commodity prices is, of course, inevitable during 1930. Competition is going to be keyed up higher and price-cutting will be on a larger scale as a consequence of lessened business activity. Buyers should generally go slow. Of course we must consider industrial

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