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### Cover

Looks like spring on our cover this month—and so it is, spring at London Terrace a good many years ago, before the largest apartment house in the world occupied the site. The photograph, by Murray Collins, was made from an original old photo, and shows a segment of the series of houses with their front yards, which were erected in 1845 along Twenty-third Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues.

This being birthday month for London Terrace—twelve years old are we—we thought it fitting to celebrate by reminding you, through the cover photograph, of the history and tradition that are bound up with our home.

### Chess Victors

Embattled members of the Chess Club took a whirl last month at a team from Chase National Bank which placed third in the Commercial League this year, and the Terracers chalked up a victory with a 3-1 score. Our local boys who were instrumental in the win included S. Rubin and D. Schenck, who won at the

third and fourth boards, and M. Peckar and J. Szold, who drew at first and second boards.

Meanwhile the Club annual tournament continues rolling, with Mr. Peckar leading in class A to a tune of six straight victories. High players in class B are G. Girard, with a score of 3-0 and S. Rathbun, with 3-1.

### Romance

Spring casts its shadow of tender passion across the confines of our cashier's office, just as it does elsewhere. One of the girls

glanced up from her work the other day just in time to catch a close-up of a handsome young army officer who was getting a small check cashed.

Her heart doing a thippety thump, she couldn't help but wonder if romance was to go out of her life as suddenly as it had appeared, so she asked the mail clerk, "Is he a new tenant?"

The mail clerk, busily imperious to Cupid's darts, replied "No. A Lieutenant."

Life can be cruel sometimes.

### Rationers Needed

The Federal Rationing Administration has sent out a call for volunteer workers in this neighborhood. Mr. William Bird, Secretary of the Twenty-third Street Association, has enlisted the aid of Terrace residents, and Mr. Lockwood has designated Mrs. C. M. Billingsley to direct organization of a staff here.

Anyone interested in helping with this important work should get in touch with Mrs. Billingsley in the Penthouse Club, Monday through Friday afternoons, from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M.



## Jamboree Plans Take Shape

THE Chelsea Jamboree, our annual June charity carnival, is out of the planning stage and rapidly going ahead into intensive preparations. Although the war has a habit of making all other activities take second place, we cannot overlook the fact that there are still a large number of needy neighborhood children who depend upon the good will of Terrace residents to allow them two or three weeks in the country away from crowded living conditions and city streets. This year, too, many of these families have lost wage earners to the armed forces, so that we will be doing a patriotic duty by lending them a hand.

Aside from its charitable aspects, the Jamboree, sponsored by our resident organization, Chelsea Charities, has become a traditional event, adding a spirited note of community cooperation,

fun and gayety to the Terrace scheme of living. The first step toward enlisting the cooperation of everyone connected with the Terrace is the formation of the committees, with their chairmen, for each Building. A number of chairmen already have volunteered and are listed as follows: 405, Mrs. Claude H. Rowles; 410, Mrs. William E. Heidorn; 415, Mrs. Thomas Frankland; 420, Mrs. J. Vance Hillard; 425, Mrs. Preston Hickey; 430, Mrs. Julian R. Quinn; 435, Mrs. Ray E. Daley; 440, Mrs. Thomas P. McAweeney; 445, Mrs. Albert H. Nelson; 450, Mrs. Edward Miller; 455, Mrs. Harold N. Vogel; 460, Mrs. Maxwell C. Maxwell; 465, Mrs. George Brussell, Jr.; 470, Mrs. Frances Krauss.

Residents in the Buildings designated who wish  
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## Visitor Here From India

WITH India emerging as one of the big question marks of the world today a great deal of interest is centering on the presence in the Terrace on May 6th of Princess Norina Matchabelli. For six years the princess has been a disciple of the Ashram of Shri Meher Baba in India and she will talk here on "The Present Spiritual Crisis and the Need of an Awakener." The lecture, with Countess Alexandra Tolstoy as the guest of honor, has been arranged through the auspices of the Hobby Museum and was made possible by resident Mrs. Nandor Fodor, who is a close friend of Princess Matchabelli. It will be held in the studio, ground floor, 470 Building.

The late Prince Georges Matchabelli was the founder of the immensely successful perfumery firm which bears his name, and on his death in 1935, the princess took over the business. She had, however, met Shri Meher Baba some years before when he was on a trip to New York and became intensely interested in his spiritual philosophy. Shortly after the death of her husband she withdrew from business and went to India to devote her life to living and studying as one of the sect.

Her lecture on May 6th will be based on what she has learned while in India and should provide an informative and unusual evening for Terrace residents.

In addition to the Matchabelli lecture, the Hobby Museum is offering a new exhibit in its rooms on the top floor of the 470 Building which bears an international flavor. The exhibit is a



Princess Norina Matchabelli

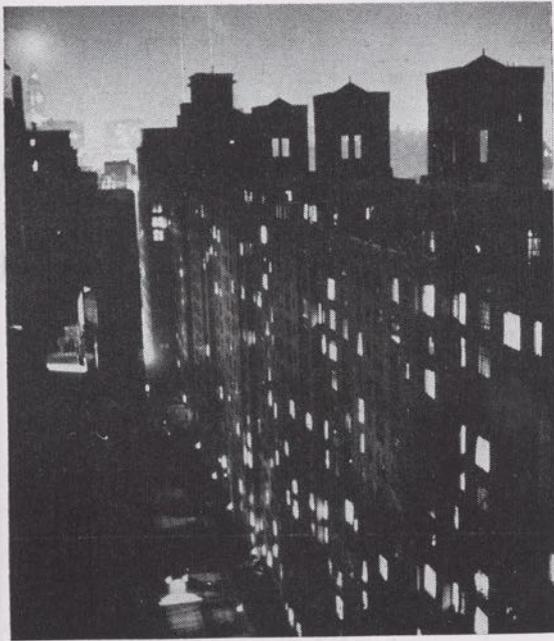
collection by resident Mrs. M. Randall Ernst consisting of basketry by Mexican natives, drums from Tahiti, trays from Haiti, sponge exhibits from the Bahama Islands and brass from Damascus, Egypt and England. Our own country is represented by a collection of unusual shells gathered by Mrs. Ernst in Florida and along the Atlantic coast. The exhibit is the largest single collection ever shown by the Museum.

## Test Blackout Darkens Terrace

**S**MACK on the stroke of 9:00 P.M., Thursday, April 2, London Terrace went dark as a coal miner's glove in the first practice blackout. From the streets and from the Garden, the piled up buildings loomed black against the surrounding lights as our air-raid wardens went their rounds to see that everything was as it should be.

a dead giveaway which must be carefully avoided.

All residents who didn't live up to blackout instructions have been notified (including some wardens who were careless with their flashlights) and it is hoped that they have repented their sins and will cooperate more fully next time. An official city midtown blackout is expected for some



*This is the way the Terrace looked from the top floor, 470 Building, shortly before lights went out on April 2.*



*Photos by Flora K. Howes*

*This is the same view, taken after the blackout went into operation.*

Reports from the police and our air raid precautions organization after the event showed that the test was highly successful. Out of the 1500 apartments, less than six were unsatisfactorily blacked out and most of these were due to tenants going out of their apartments and leaving the lights burning. The effectiveness of the test was aided by the cooperation of the building tenants on the north side of Twenty-fourth Street, so that the block between Ninth and Tenth Avenues, from which traffic was excluded by wardens during the twenty minute period, was like a road in a deserted village.

Major criticism by police and wardens was that a number of residents, after blacking out their apartments, stood by windows smoking and throwing flashlight beams into the Garden and streets, thereby nullifying the effect. Officials point out that a lighted cigaret can be seen for two blocks in a blackout and a flashlight beam, of course, is

time this month and the Terrace, with our preliminary test to guide us, should come through with a 100% record.

Meanwhile, our air raid protection organization is continuing its efforts to perfect the system employed here. Wardens, house captains and Building representatives meet frequently for constructive discussion and practice. The Terrace management has been very cooperative in providing equipment. All stairwell windows, as well as lobby doors, now have blackout curtains. Roof fire fighting equipment has been increased and special hoses are being installed in each Building. First Aid kits selected by Miss Dorothy Drews, chief first aid warden, are being placed in a strategic spot in each Building so that they will be readily available in case of emergency.

We hope it never comes, but if it does, there probably won't be a safer place in the city than right here at the Terrace.

# Keeping 'Em Rolling

## War Relief Unit

**T**HE benefit bridge party held on the afternoon of April 13 by the Terrace War Relief Unit resulted in a profit of \$102.00. \$50.00 of this amount was sent to the American Hospital in London and the balance was speedily converted into material which the busy ladies of the Unit are utilizing to knit and sew into clothing for men



Photo by Flora K. Howes

*A few of the players who gathered in the Penthouse Club for the War Relief bridge party. Standing at the rear are Mrs. Fred W. Brewer (left), who was in charge of arrangements, and bridge director Mrs. Gladys Graves Stark, who assisted.*

and families of the armed forces of the Allied nations. The clothing is distributed through British War Relief, Red Cross and Maple Leaf Fund.

Members of the group have been meeting twice a week since October, 1940, and many new arrivals, among them army and navy wives, have found that the gatherings, which include a spot of tea, constitute a congenial, pleasant way of doing their bits.

Top prize of the April benefit bridge was a beautiful hand crocheted bedspread and banquet cloth, made and donated by Mrs. James Stirling, mother of Daisy Stirling, secretary to Mr. Lockwood. Just to keep it in the family, the prize was won by Mrs. Henry G. Carpenter, wife of the assistant to Mr. Lockwood.

Mrs. Bruce White, chairman of the Unit, and her fellow members are redoubling their efforts, as aid to our allies grows increasingly important. They urge other Terrace women who would like to lend a hand to come to apartment 19D, 470

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## A.W.V.S. Unit

**T**HREE hundred and fifty active members currently enrolled in the Terrace Unit of American Women's Voluntary Services add further proof of the soundness of the theory that "if you want a job done, give it to a busy person." Scope of the duties of the organization continues to expand, so there is plenty of room for more busy ladies, or those who are not so busy, to turn their efforts to the patriotic work.

In addition to the numerous standard classes conducted both at the Terrace and elsewhere in the city, various "emergency duties" have been added to A.W.V.S. assignments. These include salvage, map work for Interceptor Command, telephone switchboard operating, assistance in sugar rationing work and guarding schools. Our A.W.V.S. Unit is cooperating closely with the Chelsea Unit of OCD, with headquarters at 303 Ninth Avenue.

Latest product to enter the salvage lists collected by members is "strained grease," valuable for explosives manufacture. The Royal Scarlet store is cooperating by allowing strained grease



*Enscenced in a Terrace Royal Scarlet window, resident Mrs. Leo R. Bermann, A.W.V.S. member, demonstrates the correct way to prepare tin cans for salvage.*

to be left at their butcher department and also donated window space for a display of tin can salvage operations.

Interceptor Command map work calls for women who can give six hours every other day regularly, holidays and Sundays *not* excepted. All this

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# The Old, Old Story

Love played its familiar tune, but  
an opera star sang the variations

**Y**OU can't blackout romance, so in this, the traditional cooing season, what could be more fitting than an interview with a pair of newlyweds?

Fitting indeed, and the newlyweds were duly discovered, snug and sparkling of eye, in a Garden apartment in the 425 Building, the ink scarcely a month dry on their marriage license, the dainty bride and groom figurettes from the wedding cake perched on the mantelpiece. The fact that the groom, Ib Melchior, is the son of the famous opera star, and the bride a Broadway actress—Hathaway Kale on the theater programs—added a fillip, if any were needed, to the interviewing proceedings.

The circumstances of their wedding were colored by the exacting whims of the theatrical profession, which demand that the show must go on, regardless of the romantic entanglements of the back stage folk. When the date—set some time before—rolled around, Miss Kale had to make a dash from Chicago, where she was playing in "Papa Is All," Mr. Melchior tore himself loose from Radio City Music Hall, where he is a stage manager, and the father of the groom, who had promised to sing at the ceremony, alighted briefly from a plane in the midst of a very busy concert schedule.

But the wedding went through with all the trimmings and the affair added up to quite a fuss. It was held in the newly-opened Danish church, Salems Kirke, in Brooklyn and coincided with the formal dedication. The Danish Minister to the United States was on hand, augmented by various diplomatic and theatrical big-wigs, as well as practically the entire Danish-descended population of the five boroughs. After it was over, everybody went back to work except the groom, who wangled a week's leave of absence from his Music Hall duties to accompany the bride to Chicago. "Papa Is All" conveniently ended its run a few weeks later, thus enabling the couple to settle down to a comparatively normal existence in their Terrace apartment.

The lines of Fate that drew these two together had their beginnings thousands of miles apart. Miss Kale—or Mrs. Melchior if you must be technical—is a home-grown American product, who graduated from Smith College. Bitten early by the acting bug, she majored in dramatics and



Photo by Arthur Stettner

**Hathaway Kale Melchior, her husband Ib, and between them the famous father of the groom, Lauritz Melchior, who is offering his congratulations.**

went on to the usual apprenticeship in summer stock companies and small roles before landing with a good part on Broadway. She was lucky and talented enough to get with good people such as Jane Cowl and Whitford Kane and even did some directing for the Lighthouse Players, the group of blind actors, who have achieved such remarkable success. It was here she first ran into Ib Melchior, stage manager of the production. Acquaintance ripened into something deeper—and you can write the script from there on.

For his part, Ib was born and educated in Denmark. He was sent to school very thoroughly, achieved his *Candidatus Philosophiae* degree from the University of Copenhagen—then threw over his academic aspirations to go on the stage. With the Viking instinct for dangerous exploring, he picked the middle 1930's as a time for an extended tour of southern and middle Europe with an English language company which he joined in London. He was in Paris at the time of the Munich pact, played in Jugo-Slavia to the accompanying rumbles of political upheavals and had an engagement in Vienna canceled because a rival

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I MUST confess to being a little late in relaying these words of wisdom—January being the time when we are most likely to think along the lines of good resolutions and how we are going to make the coming year an improvement over the 12 months that have just passed. But I feel it is never too late to give thought to making this world a better place in which to live and I think the following, headed "Happy New Year," by H.M.S. and printed in the *New York Times* back in 1938 is worth more than anything I can think of to say along these lines.

"Take twelve fine, full-grown months. See that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

"Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this

# Lady at Leisure



way) but prepare one day at a time as follows:

"Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation and one well selected resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play and a heaping cupful of good humor.

"Pour into the whole love ad libitum and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness and a Happy New Year is a certainty."

I also like this little poem by Edward Hersey called "Today," published in this same *Times* column:

## TODAY

*This little strip of light  
Twixt night and night  
Let me keep bright  
Today*

*And let no shadow of tomorrow  
Nor sorrow*

*From the dead yesterday  
Gainsay*

*My happiness today,  
And if tomorrow shall be sad  
Or never comes at all, I've had  
At least—today.*

Most everyone is managing to find time to do their part in the emergency work program that has suddenly become so important to us all. "Today" is pretty likely to mean attending some sort of class to train us to help others in "time of need." Or it may be our day to stand by at the Air Raid Warden's office. Knitting and sewing for the "armed forces and their families" has replaced the popular pastime of keeping up with the latest mystery thriller.

Living up to its reputation, London Terrace provides plenty of opportunity to take care of all your needs without going out of the building. Inclement weather, plus limited time, makes this an important item, not to be overlooked if you haven't taken it into consideration. In other words there is a place for everyone and everyone in this place we call home is needed in order to do our part for our country. On other pages of the NEWS you will find accounts of work being done here and it is up to you to decide where and how you can fit into our community life. Don't say you weren't invited.

## Hail and Farewell!



Scene in the King Arthur Restaurant on the occasion of a party given to Private Joseph O'Connor, member of the Terrace Bridge Club, just before his departure for the army. With his partner, Jules G. Aceeves, O'Connor won the eastern amateur pair championship in the annual American Contract Bridge League tournament.

## From Pleiades to Washington

**T**HE reputation of our Speak Easy Club has gone far afield recently, gathering itself some publicity as far away as Washington, D. C. Nearer home it achieved notice when member Roland L. Stratford put on a quiz program for the Pleiades Club and was billed as the "Co-founder of the London Terrace Speak Easy Club." He worked in several mentions of our Speak Easy activities during the course of the evening.

Another member, Miss Grace Hillabrand, went to Washington,

D. C. on a trip and wrote home as follows:

"I was wandering through the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel when a placard caught my attention. It announced a preliminary meeting of a Speech class. When 8:30 came around, it seemed the most natural thing in the world to enter the room where the meeting was held. Madame Alexander, who conducted the meeting, called on various people, among them an instructor from the University of Maryland, who records the speeches and then makes a criti-

cal analysis. When I made my speech, I told about our club at London Terrace. It invoked much interest and it really was very nice to find that this activity of ours had opened up such a valuable evening."

The annual dinner of the Speak Easy Club is being held Saturday evening, May 2, featuring speeches, dancing and bridge. The Club has continued to grow, with many chance visitors turning into regular members. An interesting new season is looked forward to in the autumn.

## National Swim Championships in Terrace Pool

**T**OP-NOTCH gal water stars from all over the country will be splashing into big time competition in the Terrace Pool during the first May week-end. On Saturday, May 2nd, and Sunday, May 3rd, six national indoor women's swimming championships will be at stake under the auspices of the Women's Swimming Association of New York. It is the first time in years that the

New York district has been host to national championship competition and mermaids from as far west as Oregon will be parking their noses in the water in defense of their titles.

Headline events scheduled include the 100 yards freestyle championship, Patricia McWhorter of New Jersey defending; the 1-meter dive, Anne Ross defending; the 300 yards individual med-

ley, Helene Rains of the W. S. A., defending; the 220 yards freestyle, Dorothy Leonard defending; the 220 yards breast-stroke, Patty Aspinall defending; and the 300 yards medley relay, with a team from the W. S. A. defending. Heats will be run off on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, with finals scheduled for Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

*A group of W.S.A. stars who will be flashing their talents in the Pool for national titles. Left to right, they are: Marguerite Hoole, Marilyn Sahrer, Mildred O'Donnell, Helene Rains.*



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## An Open Letter

TERRACE apartments and club rooms are buzzing nowadays with a rush of war and charity work. The patriotic response among residents has been excellent, and it has brought with it certain changes in life here, as it has everywhere. In this connection, the following letter has been sent to the editors from W. A. Lockwood, manager for Wm. A. White & Sons, Managing Agent for London Terrace, and we reprint it for the consideration of our readers.

*To the residents of London Terrace:*

In the twelve years since Lon-

don Terrace opened its doors to the first residents, it has been a prime policy of the management to assure protection and privacy for all tenants. A staff of approximately 135 doormen, elevator men and patrol sergeants is maintained to see to it that—among other things—you are not annoyed by door-to-door salesmen and that no one is admitted upstairs without first being announced.

War times have brought a great deal of activity among resi-

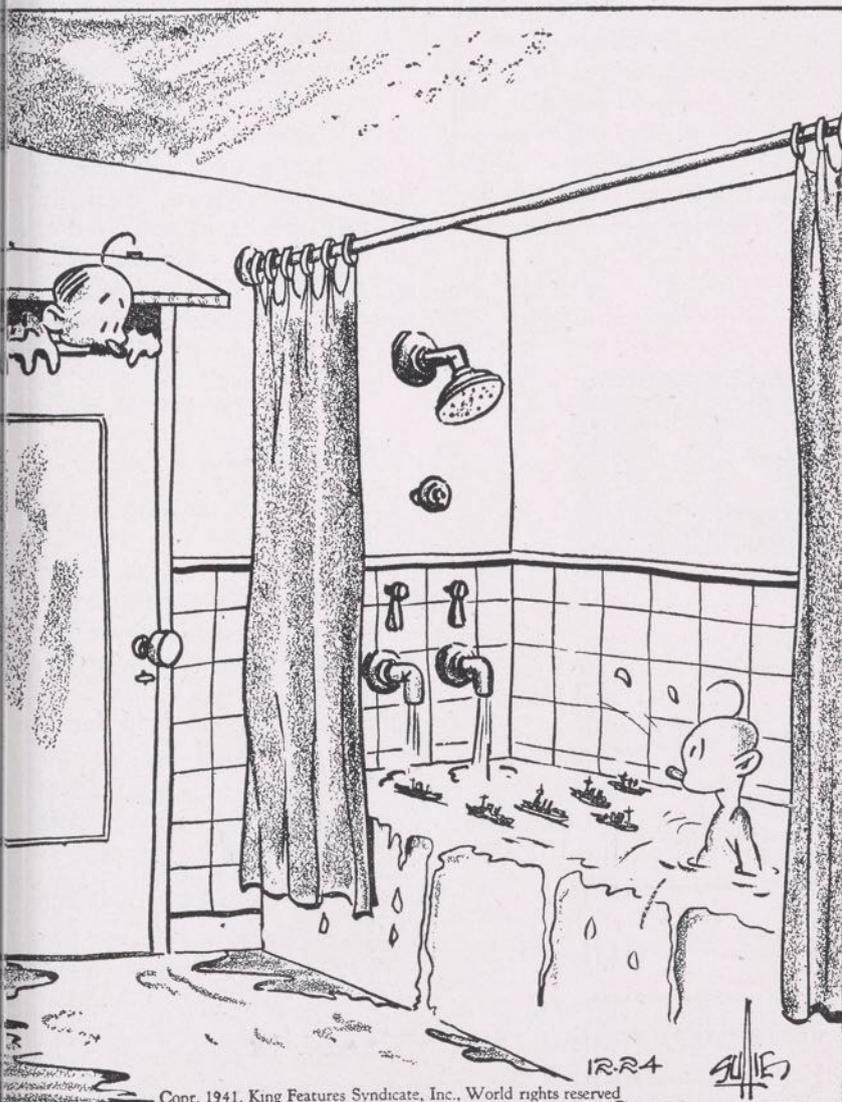
dents who have put their shoulders to the wheel of patriotism in the cause of victory. Our community efforts in behalf of the less fortunate people of our neighborhood also have been continued, so that at present there are a large number of Terrace residents voluntarily giving their time and energies for the success of these necessary and worthwhile projects. They may be members of Chelsea Charities, American Women's Voluntary Services, War Relief Unit or Red Cross; they may be air raid wardens or working on salvage committees. They are proud of the work they are doing and they want to do it well. A part of their duties lies in contact with fellow residents, and in doing this, they use the house phones and make personal calls.

It is not within the province of the management to supervise all such calls, so we would appreciate it if you would accord every courtesy to these victory and charity workers of the Terrace. Within the next few weeks, members of Chelsea Charities, our resident organization, will be calling on tenants in connection with plans for the annual Jamboree held in June for the purpose of sending needy neighborhood children to summer camps. These ladies are giving their time and services in a worthy endeavor, and they deserve your attention.

So if your house phone or doorbell rings a little more frequently than has been customary, you will understand the reason. At the same time you may rest assured that our efforts for your protection and safety, carried out through the efficient Terrace staff, are continuing as they have in the past.

Very truly yours,  
W. A. Lockwood

*Manager for Wm. A. White & Sons, Agent.*



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"Never mind the blockade, Junior, unlock the door so Papa can get in."

## Camera Contest

Ingenuity in the face of current war restrictions on picture taking was the theme of the third annual London Terrace Camera Club print contest, held on April 15. Acting judge for the occasion, B. Erle Buckley, A.R.P.S., found some excellent examples of photographic art, and awarded first prize to R. I. Toran for his offering titled, "Meditation." Second and third honors went to William Bailey for "Palm Triangle" and Mrs. Flora K. Howes for "Spring's Coming!" Mr. Toran, Mrs. S. T. Peirce, Mr. Goldsmith and Henry Harris received honorable mentions.

Newer members are giving the veterans some stiff competition and the roster of the Club is steadily expanding. Interesting lectures are given regularly and the excellently equipped workroom and studio are busy spots. If you're a shutter bug or would like to be, drop around some time and meet the gang.

## Don't Throw Them Away

**S**PRING is the traditional "clean sweep" season, when the accumulations of long winter months are pruned through to see which of them are slated for discard. This year particularly, the discard pile can be turned into a real contribution—either to help win the war or to serve a charitable purpose. Almost everything you would normally throw away can be put to use. It is handled by voluntary workers and is distributed free of charge to the ultimate user.

Clothing, books and magazines are particularly needed. Bring them either to the Penthouse Club in the 470 Building or to Uniformed Service in the 435 Building, from where they are distributed through the proper agencies. Magazines go to the Seamen's Library in West 20th Street. Books are sent to the Red Cross and U. S. O. in their "Victory Books" campaign for

the armed forces of this country.

Clothing is distributed to neighborhood families by our resident organization, Chelsea Charities, and to needy people among our civilian allies through our War Relief Unit, which works with the Red Cross, the Maple Leaf Fund and the British War Relief. If you have a choice as to where you wish your clothing to go, mark it for Chelsea Charities or War Relief Unit, whichever you prefer.

In addition, material for salvage reclaiming—old silk or nylon hose, wool, pieces of cloth, even furniture or bits of rubber and metal—are handled by our A. W. V. S. Unit.

Many Terrace residents active in these various organizations are giving freely of their time and services, as well as their own contributions, and they need the help of all of us to keep the stream of material moving. So let's make it a real housecleaning this year and put the throwaways to important use.

### Russian Relief

Taking their cue from General Douglas MacArthur who said that, "... the hopes of civilization rest on the worthy banners of the courageous Russian army," a Terrace branch of Russian War Relief has been organized. Regular meetings are held for the purpose of clarifying the part Russia is taking in the war and the need for help among civilian victims of invasion.

At the first meeting in February, the noted explorer, Vilhjalmur Stefansson was the guest speaker, and in April, there was a showing by Dr. M. B. Sherman, industrial and chemical engineer, of moving pictures made in the Soviet Union.

All Terrace residents are invited to attend these meetings, which are announced through circulars or on the lobby boards.

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## News from the Manor

THE Manor Church, a landmark of Chelsea for ninety years, has gone through a reorganization process, and is now established on a basis of continued service to the community. Some months ago, Rev. John R. Reeves, last of the Dutch Reformed denominational pastors of the church, left to become an army chaplain, and subsequently the property was put up for sale.

Rev. Thomas E. Little, director general of the American Protestant Defense League, deeply concerned over the prospects of the loss of the building as a house of worship, got busy, raised enough money to stabilize the financial affairs and has rededicated it as the Manor Community Church.

Rev. Little is a firm believer in spiritual progress that will help solve national and international troubles, and one of the features of the church program is a regular Sunday afternoon community forum—a combined social and discussion meeting directed by Dr. John H. Mariano, Ph. D., who is also director of the In-



stitute of Labor Relations. In addition to the forum, at 3:45 P. M., there is Sunday morning service at 11:00, Sunday School at 10:00, an evangelistic service at 8:00 P. M. and a mid-week prayer service at 8:00 P. M. every Wednesday.

The church, in case you don't know your neighborhood, is located in Twenty-sixth Street, just east of Ninth Avenue. Rev. Little extends a cordial invitation to Terrace residents to pay a visit to any of the services, and to participate in church activities.

## A. W. V. S. Unit

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emergency duty work, as well as various calls that come up from day to day, are handled by Volunteer Placement, Mrs. J. E. Phragmen and Mrs. Rodney Fisher in charge. If you wish to be put on the rolls, get in touch with them, or apply at the Unit headquarters in the Penthouse Club, afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00, evenings from 7:30 to 9:30, except Saturdays and Sundays. Office workers and typists, as well as typewriters, are also needed.

The regular A. W. V. S. classes are continuing as new members are enrolled. A class in Physical Fitness got off to a robust start on

April 8, with thirty young ladies going through their paces. The class is conducted by Miss Karen Jardane, with Minna Westerfield assisting, every Wednesday from 6:00 to 6:30 P. M. in the 470 Building Studio. A class in Spanish is being held on Monday afternoons in the Penthouse Club, new classes are being planned in First Aid and Nutrition, and the Home Nursing course is available at Chelsea Health Center in the room largely equipped by the Terrace Unit.

Unit members are also continuing their air raid warden work, the knitting and sewing

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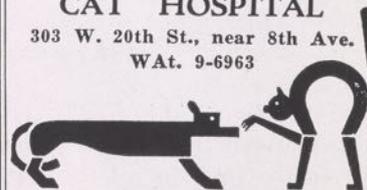
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division is busy turning out clothing for members of the U. S. armed forces and their families, other members are selling defense bonds, working with the Red Cross and in Blood Donor duties. The ladies are also selling tickets for "Fantasia," to be used on May 4th through 7th, at the RKO Twenty-third Street theatre—a percentage of the ticket sales going into the A. W. V. S. treasury.

There seems to be plenty of scope in all these activities for all Terrace women and there is a Junior Auxiliary for girls between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. The Unit asks you to remember their slogan—*If we never need what we learn, we lose nothing. If we never learn what we need, we lose everything.*

## Girl Scouts Organize

**N**EWs of the formation of a Terrace Girl Scout troop got around quickly and before you could light a fire without matches twenty-five youngsters—the membership limit—had signed up. With the present quota filled, additional volunteers now go on the waiting list.

Miss Charlotte Lou Zentner, who took over leadership after Mrs. Lenore Sonn moved out of the city, reports that the troop is divided into two groups; one working toward the International Friendship badge awarded for the study of girls in other lands, the other taking up Home Nursing. All members are active in war work and also are sewing bibs for the Lisa Day Nursery in West Twentieth Street. Folk

dancing is coming in for some attention and on April 17th a session was held under the direction of Miss Cox from headquarters.

The Terrace management recently extended its hospitality to a Brownie and Intermediate Girl Scout troop under the leadership of Miss Marion Stark and Miss Harriet Witkin. Meetings are being transferred from P. S. 11 to our 470 Building Studio on Thursday afternoons. Bandage making, knitting and the collection of tin and books are on the war service curriculum of this troop.

Girl Scout work is an important and interesting service and if any Terrace women are interested in taking it up, they should communicate with Mrs. Dale Carson, apartment 5B, 460 Building.



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## Jamboree Plans

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to serve on committees or help in other ways, should get in touch with the chairmen.

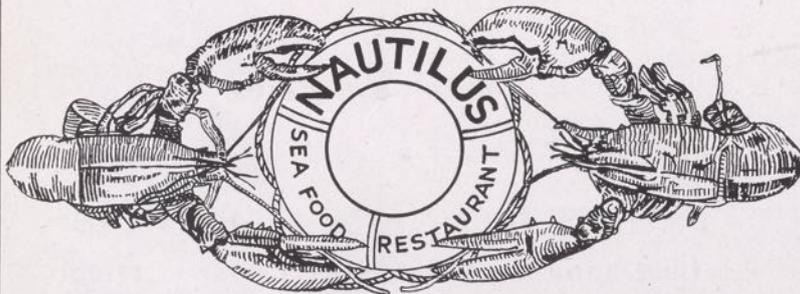
Some key committee posts have been filled, with Mrs. Horace Banker chairman, Prize committee; Mrs. Ray L. Miller, chairman, Program committee;

Mrs. Walter A. Cooney, chairman, Ticket committee. Mrs. Moe Turman, vice chairman of Chelsea Charities, has stepped into the post of chairman of house chairmen, made temporarily vacant by the illness of Mr. Charles Berry.

Mr. Sheffield A. Arnold, Chelsea Charities chairman and a veteran in direction of the Jamboree, promises plenty of action and excitement, including some innovations in addition to the popular attractions of other years. The old favorites—Big Six, Jack Pot, Pari Mutuel, Liquor Wheel, Grocery Wheel, Lady Luck, Bingo and Pitch games—will be turning merrily to provide hits for lucky players and money for the cause. Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Cooney have promised to bring back their popular Treasure Chest, which they have run since the Jamboree was first inaugurated. There will, as always, be musical entertainment and war activities will be represented by booths sponsored by American Women's Voluntary

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: *Following is another in the series written for us by Miss Forester in the Renting Office.*)

**P**ERHAPS you haven't been too busy (although everybody seems rushed these days) to notice the unusual renting activity for the season, here in London Terrace.

We have had far more leases for the past thirty days than for any other comparable period in our history. Many of our new tenants—most, in fact, have come to us from *You* and *You* and *You* and for this we say a large collective "Thank you." As they say on the radio, "Keep 'em rolling."

There is no point in saying, "Have you noticed the uniforms among the tenants in and around London Terrace?" Because of course you have. I believe almost every branch of the service is represented in our London Terrace

family. Besides those you see, there are ever so many you don't see who call London Terrace "home." Every Unit could boast a multi-starred service flag.

One young ensign who recently left, stopped by the Renting Office and in telling us "Good bye" took occasion to say he felt he was leaving his little wife in the safest place in all New York. We think he referred not only to our protective system of service, but to the building construction itself.

A young wife recently called to say her husband is now in Australia—she will, of course, stay on here in her home. We felt pleased and flattered that she wanted us to know all about the "family."

One lady, wife of an army officer, who had, she thought, definitely decided to live with her parents in the suburbs while her husband was away, telephoned us a few days ago. She said she

Services, British War Relief and Red Cross. A \$50.00 Defense Bond has been obtained by Mr. Moe Turman and will be presented as one of the Door Prizes to the holder of the lucky ticket.

A corps of voluntary workers will be busy during the next week or two calling on new residents to explain details of the Jamboree and enlist aid for the work connected with it. There are many ways to help, and each resident should be able to fit into something suitable to his available time and abilities. So give these callers a welcome reception and find out just how you can best do your bit toward making the Jamboree a success.

### Hazard

The merry month of May was rightly named, bringing as it does a natural feeling of exuberance and relaxation. Coats are doffed, longer drinks make their appearance and windows are opened wide to the breezes.

Ah, those open windows! A hazard as well as a delight, because sometimes heedless persons—guests we assume—grow careless and with gay abandon flip through the window cigaret butts, matches or other small discarded objects. This is a dangerous as well as an untidy practice easily resulting in fires and accident casualties. Window curtains catch cigaret ends and matches; heads below catch heavier objects.

So let's watch the windows as we open them to the spring zephyrs. Keep vases and other bric-a-brac away from window sills and see to it that no one, in the exuberance of social gatherings, uses the great outdoors as an ash-tray or wastebasket.

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T. FORESTER

## War Relief Unit

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Building, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 1:30.

Another benefit bridge will be held on Monday, May 11, in the Penthouse Club at 2:00 P. M. Tickets are 55 cents and can be obtained from Mrs. Arthur Thomson, who is in charge of arrangements, in the Unit's workrooms, or reservations can be made through Miss Bieber in the Club.

## The Old, Old Story

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production managed by an entrepreneur named Hitler beat him into the city. Earlier, the company had appeared in Germany, and was treated with surprising courtesy, except for some anti-English demonstrations by fervid young Nazis.

In 1938 Melchior—who had become stage manager for the company—and his director came to the United States, where they put on a play that didn't jell. Ib liked it here, decided to stay, and is now looking forward to receiving his final citizenship papers, due shortly. He is in-

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terested in the technical and directorial side of the theater and a year ago was taken on as a stage manager at the Music Hall. He enjoys the work, although the hours are long and hectic. He and his associates pray for “holdover” pictures because a new production involves an almost unbroken stretch of duty from Wednesday morning until Thursday night.

With the dramatic events of their wedding ceremony preserved in a scrap book of candid camera shots, Mr. and Mrs. Melchior have turned to setting up house-keeping in much the same manner as more conventionally-wedded pairs. The bride is applying a rather inexperienced hand to the art of cooking, and is a bit worried about the effect of war priorities upon the purchase of a vacuum cleaner and other household articles.

The apartment, not fully furnished or decorated at the time of the interview, bears evidence of the Danish influence. The red and white national colors are seen on one or two of the walls, there is a wall painting of a Viking ship in the foyer and the small bar boasts a striking mural showing a crew of hardy Vikings tearing into large portions of meat and drink.

All in all, the young couple makes a spirited addition to the Terrace family. She is attractive and vivacious, with a quick, broad smile; he is tall and well set up, a little more serious, but not lacking in a quiet sense of humor. A really nose reporter would have prolonged the interesting visit, but after all, it was spring, they'd only been married a month, she'd arrived from Chicago just three days before, so the crowd took its leave. That way, maybe they'll invite us back again some time.

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