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I LIVE IN THE COUNTRY

The house in which I live is very ancient and haphazard and somewhat askew; in some aspects I know that it impresses those whose homes are in the city or suburbs as even a little dilapidated. From this ancientness and crookedness I derive a continuous solace and repose.

In every direction, as I look from the windows, are to be seen the green wooded summits of the rounded hills, utterly untenanted by living man. I have walked up on them and extracted from their timeless earthiness the proudest peace which it is possible to know.

My friends who speak of "loneliness" and "isolation" must, I suppose take no heed of the deep companionship of trees and rocks. Yet it requires no pantheist to discover, in lichen-covered boulders and in the cool smooth trunks of maples or the rough, pitch-fragrant trunks of firs, an essence of being with which it is very easy for a man to commune.

The silence of the countryside is not, of course, usually silence at all, but a whole symposium of tiny shreds and tatters of sound. But occasionally - early in the morning or at the moment when twilight is just becoming night - there lies upon all this region a hush that is as tangible as fog. As I stood by the side of our dirt lane in the pale light of an early morning I might have been - for all the sounds I could hear - the single living man in a vast and green inanimate universe.

Night has fallen on the writing of these lines. Where earlier was a broad meadow, glowing with the little flowers of devil's paint-brush and a-hum with furry bumblebees shouldering their way through the high grass, there is now only a void of warm and fragrant darkness, undisturbed by any sound save the sibilance of a tiny breeze and the clump-thump of two Jersey cows invisibly pasturing.

By Alan Devoe

LEGEND OF DEVIL'S ROCK

The legend of Devil's Rock at Orient, near the waters of Long Island Sound, is one of the most interesting of the stories connected with this beautiful section of Long Island. Many large rocks are scattered around, left probably by some great glacier in the "long ago". On the top of one of these large rocks a huge footprint can be seen. This footprint is somewhat larger than that of a man. The strange part of the story is that just across Long Island Sound on Saybrook Point, is another footprint, the same shape. The legend tells that long ago when Orient was part of a vast virgin forest, only inhabited by the red man, an unusually severe winter brought more snow than ever before. To add to the troubles of the winter an affliction threatened to wipe out the whole tribe. The efforts of the medicine men were unavailing and the Indians believed that the great evil spirit had laid a severe hand upon them. They determined to drive out the great evil spirit, and in a body glided into the woods in search of the evil one. It was midnight before they saw a dark shadow rise before them. With redoubled yells they sprang forward, but the dark form always kept before them. How long they chased it none knew, but suddenly they emerged from the woods and before them stretched the waters of Long Island Sound. For a moment the figure stood before them on the rock, and then a huge shadow darkened the sky as the great evil spirit sprang from the rock across the Sound. A few days later the disease which had fastened itself on the tribe disappeared as suddenly as it came. Ever afterwards when the Indians repeated the story of the great scourge and their deliverance they would point in awe to Devil's Rock, and the footprint of the great evil spirit. Just how long it has been there no one knows, but the legend dates back to the earliest settlement of the Point.

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE SHOREHAM SCRIBE

Mrs. Helen Griffiths DePew writes from Kansas City, Mo.:

"Just received my issue of the Shoreham Scribe. We do enjoy them so. I think the editor deserves all sorts of credit.....Doubt if I'd know dear old Shoreham with all the improvements. How I would love to spend a little time there this summer."

Mrs. Sue Field French writes from Singapore, S. S.:

"This a great place. - Not at all what one would expect the tropics to be like. The climate is not at all bad - never over 92 or 93 degrees, but the same the year around. Singapore is a large modern city in every respect. Excellent stores, good theatres with the latest pictures and the sanitary conditions excellent. A splendid reservoir and good fresh milk.....This, of course you know is a British Colony but there are over a hundred Americans here and a darn good crowd."

Mr. and Mrs. French recently announced the arrival of a son, Rodney Courtney. Mrs. French has two other children, Betty eleven, and Buster nine.

Mrs. W. A. G. Walker of London, England, sends a 10 shilling note for her subscription to the Shoreham Scribe which she finds, "most interesting" and writes:

"We have had a wonderful Jubilee season and London very full of visitors from all over the world."

Mr. Dudley Yard writes from Pecos, Texas:

"The Shoreham Scribe made us feel homesick for old Long Island Sound as it is hotter than Hades here at this time of year.....The Club looks great."

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Yard left, after this writing, for San Diego, California to visit her mother, Mrs. John Brandon.

TRUE STORY

Gordon Bartle was telling his wife about a fish he had almost caught. 'About the size of a whale, wasn't it?' asked Marie softly. 'I was baitin' with whales answered Gordon.

A DRAMATIC EVENING

The program last Saturday evening at the Shoreham Country Club, under the auspices of the Shoreham Garden Club, drew a large crowd and proved very successful both financially and as a dramatic achievement. The money collected will be devoted to landscaping the grounds about the Club House.

The first play, "Ever Young", one act is a clever comedy which provided a vehicle for the outstanding performance of Mrs. C. V. Pallister as Mrs. Phoebe Payne-Dexter. Mrs. A. J. Sackett as Mrs. Agnes Dorchester and Mrs. Frederick Zenke as Mrs. William Blanchard did good work in their respective characters. Due to the illness of Mrs. Walter Comfort who was to play the part of Mrs. Caroline Courtney-Page, Mrs. Milton Sloan obligingly read that part with unexpected finesse.

Miss Ann Waters and Mr. H. F. Hughes entertained amusingly as Harmonica Harry and Happy Ann, while the stage was set for Lady Gregory's "The Workhouse Ward" a popular one act play convincingly acted by Mr. DeWitt Bailey who gave a splendid characterization as Mike McInery, Mr. T. K. Elliott Jr. who's Michael Miskell brought gales of laughter and Mrs. Alfred W. Varian who played a Mrs. Donohoe to be remembered.

Following the plays were four Black Outs equally well acted and as enthusiastically received. In "The Lover's Errand" Miss Paggy Elliott, a favorite among the Strolling Players group was a very simple Daisy and Mr. Bob Oliver an even more laughably simple Harold.

Miss Eugenie Finn drew many laughs as Gertrude in "Gertrude Obeys" written by Cornelia L. Elliott. Mrs. Edith Gridley and Mr. Randall Warden, by their clever acting combined to create the proper atmosphere for the dumb Gertrude and Mrs. C. D. Waters and Mr. Alfred Varian with much distinction provided the background.

"Alibi", - the third Black Out was amusingly presented by Mr. Herbert Frei who made a perfect drunk and Mr. William Van Arnam as a too suspicious officer of the law.

The final "Well! Well!" caused quite a sensation, sending a shower of dry rice out into the audience which many still believe was water. Those taking part were

— Next column

POISON IVY

Since "A Little Acorn" has been planted in the Shoreham Scribe last week, it now behooves me to plant some poison ivy to strangle it before it splits us apart.

I have been increasingly discouraged at the way our community has been divided against itself. The warring factions and their picayune bickerings have been painful to those who have come out here in the desire for quiet. This once peaceful community was becoming modernized, legalized and civilized to the point last year where each resident was looking at his neighbor with suspicion and even hatred. Festering cliques were to be found everywhere.

A few of the older people got together and decided that a center must be created where the residents could get together and pull for a common purpose. A new club was launched; the younger crowd is piloting it; it is a tremendous success; houses have rented everywhere; Shoreham is once more desirable.

The Shoreham Club has been completely fitted up for almost any type of dramatics. It is vacant four nights in the week and almost every afternoon. It's president, Mr. Finn, is young, far-sighted and enthusiastic. He is open to any suggestion that will keep this community together. Please don't be shy. Air your views to him and let him prescribe.

Donald B. Upham

Continued —

the Misses Janet Waters, Lassie Zenke, Mary Ida Cross, Mary Bailey, Mrs. Milton Sloan and the Mrssrs. John Ely, Junior Pallister and T. K. Elliott Jr.

The costumes and stage production of the plays were well done, the results unusually good.

Mrs. T. K. Elliott Jr. directed the entire evening's entertainment. Mrs. E. W. Oliver and Mrs. William Van Arnam were in charge of Properties, assisted by Mr. Walter Comfort.

Refreshments were served after the plays. Mrs. F. E. Beckwith, chairman, Mrs. F. X. Kuchler and Mrs. M. F. Walsh were on this committee.

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GARDEN CLUB NOTES

SHOREHAM

Members of the Shoreham Garden Club were privileged last Tuesday evening at the Shoreham Country Club, to hear Dr. Mary K. Peters of the N. Y. State Institute of Agriculture at Farmingdale L. I., talk on "Berry-bearing Shrubs". She applied her subject to the local environment and illustrated her talk with very beautiful colored lantern slides. She spoke of the importance of the numerous berries in this vicinity as a source of food for our birds, and urged the raising of more berry-bearing shrubs. Her talk was informative and convincing and her audience felt they had gleaned a lot.

The lantern was run for Dr. Peters by Mr. Jack Schreeder.

BELLE TERRE

The next meeting of the Belle Terre Garden Club will be at the Golf and Country Club of Belle Terre, Monday, August 19th at three o'clock. The speaker is Mr. Montague Free, horticulturist of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and President of the American Rock Garden Association. His topic will be "Garden Problems".

August meetings cooperating with Suwasset, Shoreham and Poquot Garden Clubs.

SHOREHAM COUNTRY CLUB

Saturday evening, August 3 - DANCE
Wes Oliver and his Vikings.

Sunday evening, August 4 - SONG SERVICE
Conducted by Mr. F. W. Finn.

Wednesday evening, August 7 - MIDWEEK
DANCE Miss Marion Bainbridge, hostess.

At Puerto Carreno, Columbia, the chief of a hostile Indian tribe sent his braves prowling under the fuselage of a giant tri-motored Ford transport plane to steal the "big bird's eggs", so that the chief could hatch planes of his own to fight the white men.

It has been remarked that there has been enough blasting of horns in the town of Shoreham to last its inhabitants a couple of years. If this hits you personally, it means you.

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SHOREHAM ITEMS

by Ann S. Waters

Mr. Frank X. Kuchler had another birthday on July 30. Congratulations! Miss Anna Delin gave a party in his honor at Mrs. Mealia's. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank X. Kuchler, Mrs. Keenan, Mr. and Mrs. John Elder and Mrs. Mosher.

Mrs. Hanford W. Eldridge and her son, Wentworth, have just returned from an interesting trip to the west coast by way of the Canadian Rockies and home through the Panama Canal. Mrs. Eldridge will stay at the home of Mrs. E. F. Oliver for one month. Wentworth has left for Dartmouth where he took his B. A., and where he will teach this winter. He received his degree of Dr. of Philosophy at Yale last winter.

Mr. Otto Jaeger is coming on Friday to spend the month of August with Mrs. William Birch.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadwell are visiting Mrs. Alfred Varian.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Fraizer and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knowles of Oyster Bay will be the guests of Mrs. C. D. Waters.

Mrs. John Ferris and son, Berkam, are the guests of Mrs. Bertha Frei.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Upham were in Maine for a weekend visit.

Mrs. F. E. Beckwith and Mrs. M. R. Strausberger have left for a motor trip through Maine.

Commander and Mrs. A. B. Randall and Dr. Sincerbeau of Beechhurst visited Mr. and Mrs. James H. Robinson last Wednesday. Commander Randall, Mrs. Robinson's brother, is on the S.S. Manhattan.

Mrs. Lillie Fritz entertained as her house guests over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mortimer, Mr. Val Jansohn and his daughter, Vera from Brooklyn, Miss Hilda Dean Pettit of West Orange, N. J. and Miss Helen C. Corbett of Madison, N. J. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Radford of Toronto, Canada will stay for a week or more.

Mrs. C. D. Waters is giving a buffet supper on Saturday. Her guests number thirty-eight.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Drayton Belknap Jr. are celebrating their first wedding

anniversary on Saturday, August 3. The first year's hurdle is the hardest they say. The next 99 should be easy, providing there is always a bottle of Hildicks on the shelf.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Erskine and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Erskine and their daughter Helen spent Sunday in Shoreham with Mrs. H. F. Hughes. Mrs. Peggy Beal and daughter and Mr. Lowell Harding also visited the Hughes.

Mrs. A. C. Shannon and daughter, Marguerite Clare will occupy the MacKinnon house for the month of August.

Mrs. Doris Bugbey will occupy the Smythe cottage for the balance of the summer. Miss Marjorie Spock of New York Miss Sally Spock of New Haven and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farnum of New York are visiting her.

INN SIGNS ON ENGLAND'S HIGHWAYS

Your readers may think the following inn signs interesting:

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"The Why Not", at East Haddon.

"The Stocking Frame", at Abthorpe - all in Northamptonshire.

"The Dumb Flea", at Meldreth, in Cambridgeshire.

"The Trip to Jerusalem", which may be found at the foot of the Castle Rock at Nottingham.

A Subscriber.

DONT LET THIS DISCOURAGE YOU

Mr. Wallace Erskine, actor, and member of the Players Club, which occupies the old home of Edwin Booth at 16 Gramercy Park, N.Y., sent us the following paragraph taken from a letter (part of the Club's collection) written by Edwin Booth in 1884 to a young doctor, eager to quit that calling and go upon the stage. -

"I beg you as your friend and sincere well-wisher, to abandon the mistaken resolve, and enjoy the drama as a spectator which pleasure, as an actor, you would never know, and retain the family, friends and happy home that now are yours. Had nature fitted me for any other calling I would never have chosen the stage. Were I able to employ my thoughts and labor in any other field, I would gladly turn my back upon the theatre forever. An art whose professors and followers should be of the very highest culture, is the mere makeshift of every speculator and boor that can hire a theatre or get hold of some sensational rubbish to gull the public. I am not very much in love with my calling as it now is, and I fear, will ever be. Therefore, you can see how loath I am to encourage anyone to adopt it. It is a life of wearisome drudgery and requires years of toil and bitter disappointment to achieve a position worth having."

BELLE TERRE

Faye Hall Stevens is entertaining the Bridge Club on Thursday night.

Miss Lorraine Child is having a Buffet Supper Saturday evening, August 3.

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WADING RIVER SQUIBS

The Wading River Field and Tennis Club tennis tournament was begun Sunday. In the first round, Jesse Heatley and William E. Miller defeated Seldon Heatley and William Meier; Philip Gregory and William Dickerson defeated Mrs. Dorothy Heatley and Halsey Gosman; Leonard Mayers and Seldon (Bud) Heatley defeated Evelyn Rowley and Samuel Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Archibald Keillor entertained at supper before the dance at the Wading River Field and Tennis Club on Saturday evening (for their sons, J. Archibald Keillor Jr., and Myron B. Keillor) at their home. Their guests were the Misses Margaret Schlichting, Alice Miller, Sara Culver, Dorothy Muller, Helen Sawyer, Evelyn Rowley, Margery Mayers, Virginia Wevill, Ruth Wince, Edith Nickerson, Helen Wade and Mary Jane Pape; also Sidney Mather, Halsey Gosman, David Pallister, William Meier, William Dickerson, Howard Wade, Bradley Hart, Myron Howell, Russell Meier, Sidney Culver and Wesley Culver.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lippmann entertained at dinner Saturday evening before the dance at the Field and Tennis Club. Their guests were Miss Margaret Ludlam, Mrs. Marion Albertson, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Markey, Jesse Heatley, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. George Heatley Jr., and Philip Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Heatley were also among those who entertained at dinner before the dance. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wince and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Heatley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mather, Miss Alice Miller, Miss Helen Culver, Miss Evelyn Rowley, Miss Edith Nickerson, Halsey Gosman, Russel Meier, Seldon Heatley, Seldon Heatley Jr., Victor Heatley, William Dickerson, Sidney Culver, Myron B. Keillor, Jessie Heatley, Edward Bachman Jr., and William Miller were the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith at their home at Westbury after the polo game at Bostwick Field on Sunday.

Reverend C. E. Doane was rushed to the Mather Memorial Hospital at Port Jefferson early Monday morning, seriously ill. At this writing the nature of his illness had not been determined.

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