

Old Ghost Tale Hits New York

"The Ghost of the Bronx Express" Haunts NY This Summer

By JOHN FERRIS ... NEW YORK, July 22 (AP)—People call this the story of "The Ghost of the Bronx Express." Others place the locale in Brooklyn or in Queens, and some give it a New Jersey setting.

It is the story of a girl of a strange unearthly beauty and of a young man who fell in love with her and died of grief or shock or some other mysterious ailment of the spirit when he learned he had given his heart to an apparition. For some months the story has been going the rounds in the metropolitan area, told in good faith by the credulous, repeated by others as a curious example of a recurrent primitive motif, used in literature as long ago as the third century when Philostratus set it down in "De Vita Apollonii" and now the theme of an eerie tale recounted in home restaurant, in office and bar, on the street and at the beach.

How and when the 1939 telling started no one seems to know, but you hear it everywhere. Girl Seen in Subway The Bronx version concerns a young Wall Street broker who one evening noticed a pale, beautiful young girl sitting across from him in the subway as he rode home. She got off at his station. But her pallid beauty remained with him, and to his surprise he saw her the next night and thereafter, for several nights.

The coincidence of meeting her on the same train during the rush hour puzzled him. One night he addressed her as they left the subway, and as they fell to talking he walked with her to an apartment house where she said she lived.

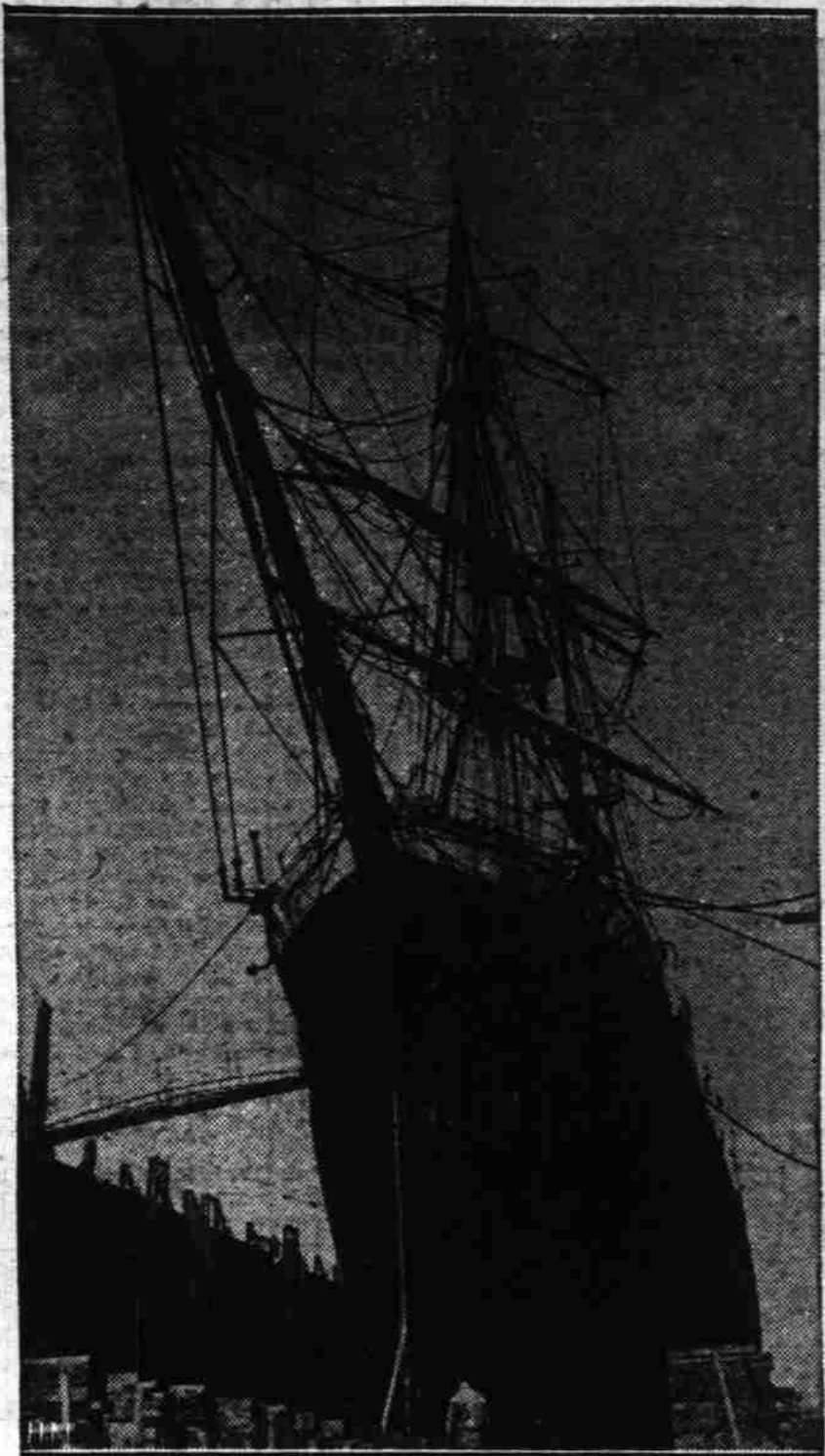
One night, after numerous meetings of this sort, he invited her to dinner. She accepted, and he asked her to hold his coat while he went into a drug store to telephone his mother he would be late. But when he emerged she was gone. The man went into the house where the girl had told him she lived, but a woman he met there said there must be some mistake. He described the girl, and suddenly the woman looked shocked and said, "why, that sounds like Miss—she died a year ago."

Then she showed him a photograph of the girl she had in mind. It was the girl of the subway train. Still wondering, he asked the woman where the girl was buried. She told him. Hurrying there he found the grave. On the tombstone he found the missing coat. That same night the young man fell into a coma and grew pale and sickly thin and died.

A couple of months ago a local radio station began receiving telephone calls from persons who wanted the name of the girl and the young man. The callers insisted they had heard the story broadcast as truth. The station denied even having broadcast it as a fanciful tale.

Yet the calls continued to flood the telephone switchboard of the station. Why so many people

Admiral Byrd Will Sail in This



Bear of Oakland at Boston

Here is Admiral Richard E. Byrd's ship, Bear of Oakland, in which the explorer will sail next September for Little America in an expedition sponsored by Uncle Sam. The ship was built in Scotland in 1871 and is especially constructed for battling with Arctic ice. This will be the ship's second trip to Little America. It is shown in Boston drydock, where it is being readied for the trip.

\$5,000,000 Valley Field Seed Crop Now Being Harvested; Excellent Crop With Good Prices Seen by Survey

Howard Jenks of the Jenks-White Seed company, who has completed a survey of the valley's \$5,000,000 field seed crop, yesterday announced there is an excellent crop in prospect with good prices assured.

With harvesting and threshing of the crop now under way everywhere, sufficient to get a good perspective, Jenks issued reports as follows: Rye grass—20,000,000 pounds of seed yield forecast with price of over 4 cents per pound netting the grower a good revenue. Vetch—Heavy vetch crop largest, valley estimated yield being 8 to 10 million pounds with a price of slightly over 7 cents. Other vetches, common and Hungarian, while not so widely grown will yield many a carload at good prices. Austrian winter peas—20 to 25 million pounds predicted. Value of western Oregon crop increasing probably about \$750,000 this year at around 3 cents per pound. Clover—No crop to speak of as there were no stands to begin with due to the plants' dying out last year because of dry conditions. A replanting will be necessary to bring clover back to its former status as one of the valley's valuable seed crops.

Local Fescue Competes Chewing fescue—White New Zealand has heretofore held a monopoly on the production of this favorite lawn grass seed, acreage in the Willamette valley is now reaching a point where it can compete in the world's market. At 40 cents per pound, several hundred acres here will yield large returns, in some instances over \$100 an acre for this seed. This grass, in special demand for use on lawns in shady spots, does well here and is expected to grow to be a large factor here. Jenk's firm handles a good share of seed production here. He states that in many instances seed crops are soil builders instead of soil depleters and because of the government's soil-building program the seed crop industry has been stimulated.

Jay Williams Is State Patrolman

AMITY—Jay Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Williams of Amity is now a member of the state police force stationed between Oregon City and Portland. Mr. Williams was athletic coach at Waldport high school last year. Dr. and Mrs. Walter Wood and little daughter of San Francisco are spending several weeks here at the home of his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor. Dr. Wood has finished his interne years and will locate in Corona, Calif. Dr. Woods is an Amity boy and a graduate of the Amity high school. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mauser have left for their home in California after a visit here at the homes of his father and sister, J. L. Mauser and Mrs. Joe McKee. Mrs. McKee accompanied them to Los Angeles.

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Finland Found Peaceful Spot

Finns Unworried by Talk of War and Haven't any Trouble

(Editor's Note: The last several years have found Elmer W. Peterson, Associated Press foreign correspondent in western Spain and China, in the United States and Finland. Now he is in Finland for a sojourn. The following story tells how this country, where an atmosphere of peace and calm predominates, regards its position in European affairs.)

By ELMER W. PETERSON HELSINKI, Finland (Correspondence of The Associated Press) It may be a strong dose of imagination, or the calm of the mid-night sun, but you arrive in Finland these days with the feeling of having found a peaceful park on the outskirts of war-frenzied Europe. The banging on the war drums becomes no more than an echo. For, although the Finns would fight like madmen to defend their independence, they are fairly remote from the main arena. They have no quarrel with war, and want no more of it. They have no designs on any other country, and can't see why any other country should have designs on them. They think peacefully—and they sleep peacefully.

There are problems confronting this country, and certain fears and anxieties as well, but they are all tied to a stern conviction that Finland can and must remain neutral in European discord. No Jitters You get a touch of this in talking to Foreign Minister E. O. Erikko, who is large, deliberate, and amazingly soothing in speech and manner. There is nothing jittery about Mr. Erikko, who as a boy went to a public school three years in Brooklyn, and who has been editor and publisher of the newspaper Helsingin Sanomat for years.

"We," declared Foreign Minister Erikko, "believe in our neutrality, and we will make every effort to stay neutral in any European conflict. A mere declaration of neutrality may not be sufficient. "In that case we are prepared to defend our neutrality."

"In this connection, Mr. Erikko points out, the proposed fortification of the Aaland island, must be regarded as a "practical necessity," and not necessarily an indication that Finland feels that her neutral position is threatened. Russia has protested that she has a right to be consulted regarding such fortification, but Finland "is prepared to proceed independently with a defense program for the Aaland island."

Foreign Minister Erikko admits there was some public opinion in Finland in favor of signing a non-aggression pact with Germany, but states that the decision not to sign such a pact has since met with whole-hearted approval. Nazis Not Menace "We do not consider ourselves menaced by Germany. It is true that we have a non-aggression pact with Russia, but we have a common frontier with Russia and a declaration as regards frontiers was considered necessary."

As regards outside guarantees of Finland's neutrality, Foreign Minister Erikko dismisses this matter with the first statement that "Finland does not need or want any such guarantees." As regards the anti-aggression front, Finland's position is that she is heartily interested in the preservation of European peace, but that she does not want to be drawn into any groupings of large powers. Popular feeling in Finland meanwhile presents some curious divergences in relation to present European politics. A suspicion of Russia is as deep as it has always been in this little country where there is rigid suppression of anything that flavors of communism. Pro-German sympathies, on the other hand, have wavered since Prague was forced to hoist the Nazi flag.

With a small, but excellent army, and with a large volunteer corps, Finland today gives full attention to national defense, desirous of peace, but thoroughly jealous of her independence, Finland is ready for all eventualities. In 1938, Finland had a total military budget, both current and capital expenditure, of 1,049,000,000 marks (about \$25,000,000) and this year the budget amounts to 1,508,100,000 marks. All told, Finland means business as regards neutrality and maintaining her independence. All you have to do to appreciate this is to hear the Finns say

quipped this week to make sure. The selection is now, however, as good. But there are some nice specimens. A number may be moved when in bloom and if given a little shade for a day or so and plenty of water, will do very well. This applies to both variegated and portulaca, Mrs. E. S. Aster culture has become more difficult as disease and insects have spread. Asters must not be allowed to remain moist too long at a time. Drainage must be assured. Thorough cultivation is necessary. Plenty of sand should be incorporated in the soil. If you have just a few plants, putting sand around the plants each time they are watered and then cultivating it when the sand is thoroughly dry will help it. As the rust has increased and Bordeaux spray is effective in keeping it in check. The Blister beetle, which we have come to know as the aster beetle is destructive. It is a half-inch long black bug. Hand picking is effective and so is spraying with an arsenic poison. Asters growing in partial shade are not as much bothered by insects and pests. If root lice attack your plants, D. C. B. make a nicotine or pyrethrum spray solution and pour a cupful around the base of each plant. Make a slight depression around the plant to keep the solution from running off. When your pansies have become small cut them back to one of the last joints where there are still leaves. Give them a fertilizer watered and keep them well watered. They can be made to bloom again.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Garden Notes:

I had the privilege of visiting Mrs. H. A. Beauchamp's garden at Stayton this past week and found a number of interesting things. One of the most interesting was a white rose which bloomed in whole bouquets at once. The bush didn't seem to become large but was covered with blooms, each one not more than an inch across and very double. Mrs. Beauchamp told me she had had it for many years and her family called it the "cemetery rose" because it had grown on the family lot in the cemetery for ever and aye. It reminded me somewhat of the little rose I once saw in Texas which she knew was the little old-fashioned rose. I would appreciate it if they would tell me.

Mrs. Beauchamp also has a number of pretty little Polyantha roses which she says are effective as a border. One of the most interesting was the little Kirsten Poulsen which belongs to the Floribunda group. This will grow about three feet tall and is literally covered with medium sized, cherry colored flowers. It seems to bloom all summer and I have been told it is very effective as a hedge variety.

The little Edith Cavell was also attractive. This has small, semi-double flowers of scarlet red with darker shading. I really believe we are going to see more and more of the Polyantha roses. A number of new varieties are being introduced and they flower continuously from spring until frost. Also they need so very little care. One only has to prune them once in a while. In some cases cut off the faded roses with the stems, keep the ground friable about them, or else mulch them.

Another interesting plant which I saw in the Beauchamp garden was the so-called Heavenly Bamboo which is not a bamboo at all but a Nandina. However Heavenly Bamboo is much more easily remembered. I give the other name because it is found under that more frequently in shrub books. Mrs. Beauchamp has a very pretty specimen in her garden. One doesn't see this shrub here as often as one does in California, but its popularity is on the increase. Its clusters of white waxy flowers make one think of the flowers one frequently sees on wedding cakes. We are told that this shrub stays on the plant for about three years, turn scarlet in the fall and are red when they first unfold. Some of the spikes of flowers were, I am sure, a foot long.

We are told that this shrub grows in every little garden in Japan and is held in great reverence in China. It grows well in whole or partial shade and if well supplied with water does as well in hot sun. The soil should be light, peaty loam.

Famous Visitor. Harry O'Brien, whose garden diary in Better Homes and Gardens is well known under the title of "The Diary of a Plant and Dirt Gardener" and who has been the garden authority for Country Gentleman for a long period of time, has been visiting in Oregon this week. He visited Charles Barber's delphinium gardens, Fred Borch's alpine gardens, and De Graff's iris gardens, and a number of others while in Oregon. His brief mention of the day lily's comeback as a popular flower was interesting.

"You can trace the trail of the pioneers across the continent by the planting of the old mason-calls tulva," he said (referring to the day lily). "It was one thing that could stand any climate and grow under any conditions and when the pioneers got to other flowers and tossed the day lily over the fence, it ran wild and naturalized. Then hybridizers got busy a few years ago and brought it back and introduced new, gorgeous strains. Now it bids fair to become the most popular garden flower all over the country again."

In Reply to Inquiries: Annals may still be purchased at a number of greenhouses. I find "Suomi" Finnish for "Finland" for in the tone alone is conveyed the high spirit of a small country that hasn't had the time yet to have any illusions about international affairs.

seems difficult to get the younger ones established there. Plenty of water, and keeping withered spikes cut off will keep the blue Salvia in bloom most of the summer. It may be well to take your Mrs. S. R. Your ground is evidently just right for the growth of the perennial salvia. M. R. C. speaks of the difficulty of hoeing and cultivating the perennial border and wishes there were some mulch he could use in this part of the garden as he uses peat moss in the azalea bed. There is no reason under the sun why the peat moss can't be used as effectively in the perennial border. It conserves the moisture, keeps down the weeds and is much less work than hoeing. If an occasional weed does come through, it may be pulled out very easily. Care must be used that heavy streams of water do not wash away the peat moss. Q. D. A.—By artificial liquid manure seedlings may crowd out from ammonium sulphate. One ounce of the ammonium sulphate is dissolved in two gallons of water. T. C. O.—Perennial phlox do revert. But if they are allowed to go to seed eventually the strong margin seedlings may crowd out the more delicate hybrids. A. E.—Don't scatter lime promiscuously about your border. Many of your plants are most suited to a neutral or slightly acid soil and lime will be injurious. If your soil is definitely acid and you are growing plants which you know are lime lovers, that is another matter. You did not state what your plants, which you treated to lime, are. Among your flowers which dislike lime are marigolds, jupines, coreopsis, nicotiana. While zinnia's, sweetpeas, phlox, pansies, nasturtiums, carnations, candytuft, and geraniums are among those which dislike acidity and thrive on a little lime.

Dance Is Planned By Home Ec Club

LYONS—The home economics club of the Santiam Valley grange met at the home of Mrs. Wilson Stevens a Wednesday afternoon. Plans were discussed for the dance to be given after the grange meeting Friday night, the proceeds to be used for 4H club work.

Those present for the afternoon were Mrs. Dell Westenhause, Mrs. Floyd Bassett, Mrs. Orville Downing, Mrs. Lloyd Sletto, Mrs. May Patton, Grandma Taylor, Juanita and Modena Downing, Lois and Hallie Stevens and Carol Sletto. Mrs. Charlie Johnson assisted by her daughter, Rae, entertained with a six o'clock dinner Wednesday night honoring her daughter, Virginia, on her birthday anniversary. Covers were placed for the honored guest, Miss Virginia Johnson, Miss Betty Jean Bodeker, Miss Clea Marie Crabtree, Miss Helen Hint, Miss Glenda Lyons, Miss Dorothy Bassett and Miss Henrietta Lyons. Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith Wednesday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griepentrog and Mrs. Ida Lenaburg of Salem and Mrs. George Reihl from White, S. D.

PARENTS OF GIRL

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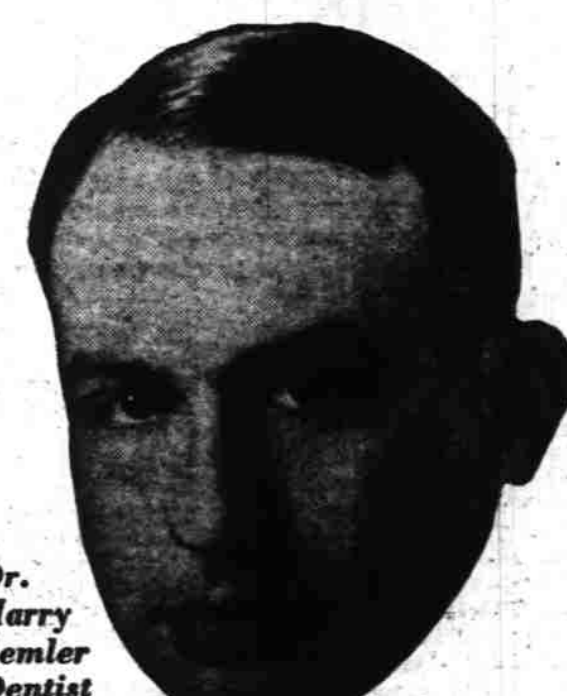
PRATUM—The Ladies' Aid of the Pratum Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Harvey Meyer Wednesday afternoon. The newly elected officers to take office as follows: president, Mrs. W. E. Branch; vice president, Mrs. George Kleen; secretary, Mrs. Rudolph DeVries; treasurer, Mrs. Harvey Meyer. Plans were outlined for the coming year.



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