

Wise or Otherwise

By Ethan Grant

It has now been well over two years since I began negotiations with the elongated state of Tennessee in an effort to settle our differences over the matter of a birth certificate. Nothing beyond a prolonged exchange of communications has been accomplished and I have at long last concluded we may as well sever all diplomatic relations.

This grave step is being taken with full knowledge that it virtually leaves me without a native land and also without official documentary proof that I was even born. Yet, in view of the circumstances, there is no other course. Reluctant though I have always been to admit complete failure, I must nevertheless recognize the limitations of my own efforts and surrender to a feeling of futility.

In the early stages of our negotiations the prospects were encouraging. The initial exchange of communications was carried on with a county clerk who was cor-

strong bloc against me. The final terms offered were contained in a cleverly constructed, two-page list of demands which I found I could not meet. It was at this point that I enlisted the aid of two notaries, four character witnesses and a judge. Together we composed a document which all of us felt was airtight and sufficiently convincing to warrant encouragement in the belief that a satisfactory settlement appeared inevitable.

But in view of the reply it drew, I believe the state of Tennessee could be held in contempt of court. Actually, it canceled all previous offers of settlement and brought a new list of demands which were unquestionably preposterous. Recognizing that I might have lacked sufficient competence to interpret them correctly, I employed the services of two renowned attorneys. After two days of study, it was their joint opinion that the

state of Tennessee had demanded irrefutable documentary evidence that I was born in Tennessee and that positively nothing would be acceptable but a bona fide birth certificate.

My reply was, I think, one of the most notable masterpieces of my long diplomatic career. In England, where there is keen appreciation of the literary arts, it would no doubt have been pronounced a classic. Briefly, as they would say in England, I told Tennessee off in no uncertain terms. And, too, with full realization that in so doing I was denying myself, from now clear into eternity, the inalienable right to claim I was ever a proud son of Old Tennessee—that I was born and schooled there, that I once loved her clay ridges and yellow rivers and sheep-sorrel; that I even went to war and afterward accepted a healthy bonus for her.

It is a sad commentary on the

Monmouth Faculty Member Is Picked For Iowa Post

MONMOUTH — Georgina Silliman, seventh grade supervising teacher at the OCE training department, will teach at the University of Dubuque normal school summer session opening June 12. Her work at the Iowa school will

be with the educational staff and will include courses in methods in town and rural education and methods in teaching arithmetic. She will teach during both terms of the session.

Miss Silliman is a graduate of the New Mexico State Teachers college and holds a master's degree from the George Peabody college, Nashville, Tenn.

Fall of Bataan To Be Marked By Rotary Club

SILVERTON—The Fall of Bataan will be commemorated at the Monday noon program of the Silverton Rotary club. Speakers will be chosen from among local members.

P. C. VanSomeren, cold storage locker owner, was accepted as a member at this week's meeting.

Visitors were A. B. Anderson, superintendent of schools, H. C. McCrae, city manager, Bill Davis, home from the merchant marines and H. H. Fein of the Portland club.

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Gardening Today

By LILLIE MADSEN

Portland's camellia show did not go unappreciated; the general public stormed the arts building to get a taste of color and enjoy a brief respite for their war-tattered nerves. From the time the show opened Friday noon until it closed Saturday throngs of people gathered about the displays and each one left with a camellia pinned to his or her lapel, a gift from the sponsors of the show.



Lillie Madsen

The same flower appeared with a variety of names. Growers stated that in many cases the names were not too well fixed. For instance a huge white single one was called both Lotus and grandiflora alba. The Magnolia Flora greatly resembled this.

A very dark red peony-centered camellia which received many ohs-and-ahs from the visitors was Waratah. A single white with large yellow stamens which proved almost as popular (and which I preferred) was the Triphasas. Two of the finest pink ones—the pale pink and not the rose pink—were the Rose of Dawn, a semi-double with pointed petals, and the very double Pink Perfection, which name describes it perfectly. The white Perfection was a lovely garden-shaped flower.

A good medium red was Kasurga Sahibori. An odd old rose colored flower, which I really liked, was Madame Hovey, and a very bright red single one was Robin Hood.

A number of good peony-centered ones attracted great attention and included the light pink Star Dust. For those who like the unusual flower there was the fringed, red, Finbrists Superba. This really resembled a poppy more than a camellia and must have looked sort of out of place growing on a camellia bush!

I enjoyed the pointed petals of many of the camellias and Madame Hovey and Kagriri (the latter one white) were lovely. Lady De Samurez, a single, light red bloom with long yellow stamens, was very attractive, and many admired the huge Grandiflora Rosea.

But they all made a lovely display and many of the arrangements were unusual.

By standing around the corridors, one was able to pick up many stray bits of camellia information from the many camellia experts who came to show and those who came to look. Passing remarks included: Camellias suffer very much from the sun and this is one thing that the Pacific coast has over the extreme south. . . . All the varieties of Camellia Sasangua have somewhat fragrant flowers. . . . Camellia was named after George Joseph Camellus, a Moravian Jesuit, who traveled Asia in the 17th century. . . . A mulch of old cow manure, now and then a little commercial fertilizer, and thorough watering during the Oregon dry summers, do much to keep the camellia shrubs growing vigorously. . . . Fertilizer for camellias should be added to the soil in about the amount of one inch of fertilizer to every foot depth of soil. . . . Mix chicken manure and old ashes in a wooden barrel for good camellia fertilizer. . . . a beetle has been attacking the shrub in some districts but can be controlled by pyrethrum dust.

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