Mary McAndrew says:

ANDOVER, N. Y.—Once a history teacher remarked during our senior history class, that a person whom he had once known "had gone to the dogs". He remembered her, when as he says he "was struggling through Latin". Everything seemed to come naturally to her. She possessed a fine record for high school. Always she could help him when it seemed almost impossible for him to translate the Latin into English and vice versa.

A few years later he happened to meet her again. She now wasn't the same fine person he had known. Nothing mattered to her anymore. Life had dealt her a cruel deal.

And so it goes with many people. It isn't because "they don't amount to anything". It isn't because they expected something for nothing. It is because life was harder than they had expected. People were more cruel than they had thought them to be.

They learned only too late, that the steps leading the way to success were not smoothly varnished as they had thought, but roughly hewn and cluttered with all the obstacles of hate, envy and cruelty known to mankind. She stumbled on these stairs as many had done, and as many will in years to come. Suddenly she found that life had no meaning, that pride and purpose, and faith no longer mattered.

Then a great storm welled up within her. Her pride was drowned by the mad waves, and monsters of hate devoured her spirit. As all her sad experiences lashed at her conscience, she lay lost, her spirit and her pride gone.

God didn't intend that this should happen to her. He does not plan our successes and failures as many think he does. He didn't intend that some be strong and the rest of us "be like dumb driven cattle." But the one great power He implanted within us, was the power to think. The power to decide for ourselves which path we should take. He trusted us and to His disappointment, many have failed Him.

When she was in high school, her heart was singing and she dreamed of a golden future. Things to her seemed beatiful, as the Superior Intelligence had intended and she believed in him and in His creed. She believed that He would reward her for her kindness. And when her first great failure came, she lost faith and no longer did she believe in anything, so the glory of life was not revealed to her.

I don't want you to think that this man of whom I speak is narrow-minded. He understands that she failed because the demands of life were too great for her. Murlyn Conde is truly a fine gentleman and very well liked by all who know him. This world would be a much finer place in which to live if the rest of us could only be half as understanding, and only half as great as he is.

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Sweet Corn Season

There's going to be plenty of sweet corn for everyone, says Cornells' Food Information Service; and, aside from being a universal favorite, corn has more food value than do most vegetables. A medium sized ear of corn gives about the same amount of energy, minerals and vitamins as a slice of enriched bread.

Don't throw out the ears that are a little wormy. Early sweet corn frequently is subject to nibbling by those delightful creatures, the corn borer and the earworm. But they won't do the ear any harm. Just cut out the spot where the uninvited guest has dined—and dump the rest into the pot.

When you're marketing for corn look for bright green husks tightly wrapped, and make sure that the silk at the end of ear is brown. Serve it just as soon as you can after it is picked, too. The sugar which gives corn that luscious sweet taste turns to starch very rapidly after the ears are harvested.

Avoid The Strawberry Blond

Do you know why some strawberry preserves lose their bright red color and turn a dismal pink after they have been stored for several weeks? It's because the temperature of the room where they're kept is too high.

Studies at the New York State Experiment Station at Geneva show that strawberries should be stored at temperatures of no more than 50 degrees. Samples of strawberry preserves held at 90 degrees lost as much color in one week as those stored at 60 degrees lost in six weeks.

4-H Angle On England

Not only 4-H'ers, but many others have been interested in the letters sent home from aboard by Lois White, New York State 4-H club representative in Europe this summer.

Lois writes that farming in England is much more intensive than in this country; that all farm labor is organized and that land owners also have their unions. She found that the Woman's Land Army played a great part in easing the farm labor problem during the war and that today large numbers of women still work on the farms to help England produce the food she so badly needs.

Lois also writes about the great love Britons have for their Royal Family. "The King, Queen and Princess Margaret attended the show (the International Dairy Judging Contest). We were all able to see them at sometime during the day. The expressions on the faces of the people were very different after they had seen the Royal Family; the usual tired and discontented look changed to one that was bright and cheerful. The change was so apparent that I was happy too, to see how much more happy all of the people were."

Cheap Dears

Mary: "I went to a bargain sale today."

Wanda: "Did you see anything that looked cheap?"

Mary: "Oh, yes; I saw several men waiting for their wives."

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Community Letters
From News Correspondents

Davis Hill

Mrs. Floyd Slocum, Reporter

A family picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slocum Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Wilbur Sly and family, there were guests from Hornell, Wellsville and Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge and granddaughter Debra Jean, were guests of her sister Mrs. Earl Lyke and family Sunday.

Danny Clarke of Richburg is spending two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge.

Miss Minnie Clair of Andover and Mrs. Era Olivar of Bath were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith and Mrs. Laura Curtis at Wellsville Wednesday evening.

Miss Ruth Halsey of Andover was a weekend guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slocum of Trumansburg were weekend guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum.

Mr. and Barney Schreiner and son James of Wellsville were Sunday guests at Floyd Slocum's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Baldwin of Wellsville were visitors at Floyd Slocums Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Davis and daughter Jean of Andover were guests at Floyd Slocums Sunday evening.

Elm Valley

Mrs. Nellie Mead, Reporter

August 24—Richard Wightman returned Saturday from a week spent in the Adirondack mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Church spent Wednesday P. M. with their daughter Mrs. Francis Mead.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eno and their three sons of Canton, N. Y. were supper guests of her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. William Wahl.

Mrs. Ina Mead Mayer and three daughters of Charlotte N. Carolina and Mrs. Olive Mead of Hornell were guests of Nellie Mead Thursday p. m.

Mrs. Aaron Foster spent a week in Binghamton and Towanda Pa., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Mead and two daughters and Orville Mesler attended Hamburgh Fair Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McBride were guests of Donald Dodge in Hornell Sunday.

Marriage Course at Cornell Popular

A trend toward including preparation for marriage in the high school curriculum is indicated by popularity of a course in "Marriage" offered for the first time by the Cornell Summer Session. The course has a capacity enrollment of 70 students, about half secondary school teachers preparing to teach the subject. Remainder of the enrollment consists of undergraduate men and women.

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Behind the Movie Sets

with Buddy Mason

Hollywood has crowned "The Look," "The Smile," "The Voice," and countless other "the's," but up until now has neglected to immortalize "The Beard." The Beard is an institution in filmdom; and Gabby Hayes, its proud possessor, has ridden to fame behind it. You may take that "ridden" literally, for early in the Hayes career the producers of western pictures took a fancy to Gabby's shrubbery.

The whiskers, and of course, Gabby, have appeared in over 170 films, most of them Westerns. Actors hired for these, the more rugged dramas, do much of their emoting in a saddle, so at the age of 45 Gabby learned to ride. Younger men than Hayes have failed to show up for their second riding lesson but the "cantankerous old man" of the horse operas is a persistent cuss, and he punished his not too young muscles until they fitted the contour of a saddle. He rides today with the best of them, but the memory of his first introduction to a horse is a painful recollection to Gabby.

Wellsville, N. Y., and Portville Pa., have both been given at various times as the Hayes birthplace, but when the grinning old rascal is pinned down for a clarifying statement he just smiles and says, "Both!"

Somehow that is the kind of answer you expect from Gabby. He typifies every tall story telling old reprobate you've ever known. To the cowhands with whom he works, he's the spittin' image of some old chuck-wagon cook they've met. Men who have lived in towns near the desert see in him the reincarnation of every desert rat who ever hit them for a grubstake with a fancy tale about a "lost" mine.

Gabby is the typical mischievous old rogue. Therein lies his popularity. There is no town in America that does not boast at least one real life Gabby. Hayes merely embodies in one beared screen rascal all the whimsical, truth hating old men you've ever known.

The character is partly sheer naturalism, and fifty per cent acting ability. It was evolved many years ago when Gabby was a struggling actor in New York. Returning from a fishing trip with a week's growth of stubble, he walked in on a producer friend who had been combing New York to find a lovable, lying old character for a play he was casting. Gabby started telling him about the big ones that got away and before he realized it he had a new boss. After only moderate success, playing every kind of charcter role he could get, he finally won acclaim just being Gabby Hayes.

In 1928 he made his first picture, "The Rainbow Man," with Eddie Dowling. Some time later Bill Boyd decided that a bearded old scoundrel was needed for comedy relief in a "Hopalong Cassidy" film. Gabby did one picture with Boyd and added so much to the entertainment value that they just kept him on the lot for four years. Roy Rogers induced Gabby to "stay with him a spell." Seven years to be exact.

Right now he's teamed up with Sonny Tufts on the Columbia lot, making "The Wrangler." Everyone thinks Gabby just came over for one picture. So did Bill Boyd and Roy Rogers when they made their first stories with "The Beard". Perhaps five years from now the Columbia executives will stop laughing with Gabby long enough to discover that they still have that likeable, old high-binder on the payroll.

The Hayes beard has become a trademark. Many theatergoers would not recognize him without it and, believe it or not, if they did they would still refuse to accept him in any but his bearded character. Gabby realizes that. If there is one thing about the roles he plays on the screen that is different from his real self it is his cinema irresponsibility. Being a shrewd business man, he is aware of the dollars and cents value of his beard. He carries a heavy insurance policy on that unruly crop of whiskers.

To a man who has to shave every day or risk the diapproval of his wife, "The Beard" is remarkable. Whiskers and all he's been happily married for thirty-four years. Now will you believe that Gabby is a convincing talker!

Why He Was Single

Two boyhood friends who had not met for years were having a reminiscent talk.

"What was your wife's maiden name?" questioned one.

"My wife's name was Wood. What was yours?"

"I guess mine's name was 'Wouldn't.' I didn't get her,' replied the old bachelor.

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