

ties it all up neatly in the end, in a lovely little package. Tony marries Joe's boy; Joe and Elliott shake hands over a bottle of red wine; Elliott gets back his drive to work, is going to marry Carlotta, and the desert, it is implied, will blossom like the rose.

Only the Okies, driving by in their tin-can cars, are left to rot, the prey of the dust bowl, the banks, the vigilantes, the Associated Farmers, whose role in despoiling the American scene is never touched upon at all.

THE PLAY would not be worth this much space, despite its literate (and very talky) quality, were it not for the fact that the playwright shows definite ability to grasp serious material and transmute it into dramatic terms. This material, and a handful of good characterizations, could have been turned to more vital purpose had Miss Treadwell spent a little more time, a little more thought, on exactly what it was she meant to say, and examined more deeply the causes for the tragedy she

portrays. Then she would have understood the basic reasons for Elliott's chauvinism; for the horrible, uprooted existence of the Okies; for the facts of starvation and demoralization in the face of plenty.

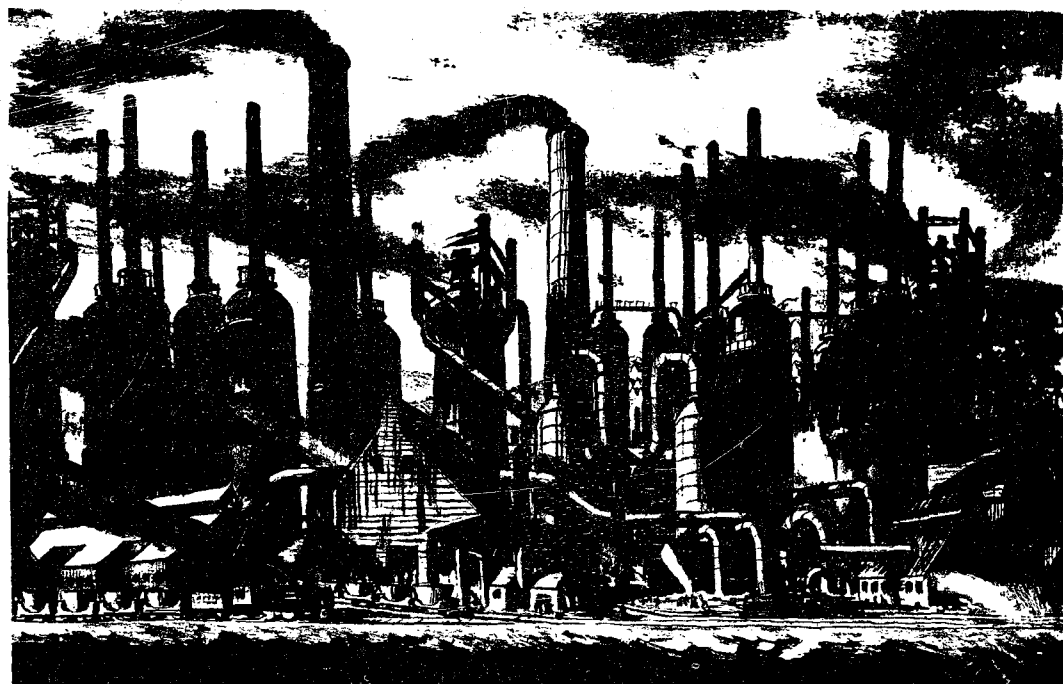
In the major roles, the Guild has cast a host of fine performers: Fredric March (as Elliott) offers one of his best characterizations; he is even better on the stage than on the screen. His wife, Florence Eldridge, has womanly charm and a fine sympathetic quality as Carlotta. I was particularly impressed by the performance of young Judy Parrish as Elliott's daughter, Tony. She was exactly right; she possesses vitality, intelligence, and a quality of intensity that is stirring to watch. Alan Reed (as Joe de Lucchi) was cut more in the conventional stage-Italian pattern, but had moments of real conviction, especially in his long speech about the land. The reliable Doro Merande was very amusing in an extraneous role of job-seeker.

ALVAH BESSIE.

## A Rake Reforms

Alfred Hitchcock's production of "Suspicion". . . . A seasick elopement.

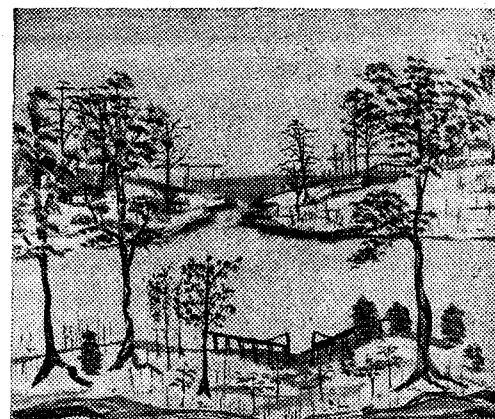
A FILM like *Suspicion* deserves serious consideration, although not serious praise. Here is an attempt at a screen translation of an authentic masterpiece. Francis Iles' *Before the Fact* is one of the few great murder mysteries of the world, excellent alike in characterization and in construction. A tale of a pleasant murderer and a woman born to be murdered, it moves to a supremely satisfactory conclusion—the heroine's sticky end. No book better deserved faithful reproduction; and none has been more grotesquely distorted by the movies. For, to make a Roman holiday and allow the girls to go on loving Cary Grant, Francis Iles' beautiful plot has been butchered. *Suspicion* moves grimly toward its inevitable climax—and then, in a shamefaced and hurried



## ART TO AID THE DEFENSE IN OKLAHOMA BOOK TRIALS

(Above) Pictures by Peggy Bacon and Harry Stromberg, (left) by Edith Glazer, (right) by Ella Poll.

Four of the pictures included in the art sale and auction, which will be held at the Puma Gallery, 59 West 56th St., New York, from December 3 to 7. A long list of artists, whose work has been donated to aid the defendants in the trial (they were imprisoned for the possession of books), include Bacon, Biddle, Curry, Davis, Fiene, Gropper, Groth, Walkowitz, Young, Gellert, Ishikagi, Jones, Kent, Lozowick, Matisse, Richter, Refregier, Schreiber, Spivak, Tschachasov, and others.



# Free Browder Meeting

Sponsored by descendants of early American patriots

## COOPER UNION

Astor Pl. and Cooper Sq.  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th  
8 P.M.

ADMISSION FREE

### PROGRAM

MISS JOSEPHINE TRUSLOW  
ADAMS  
Chairman

### Speakers:

MR. FRANCIS FISHER KANE  
Formerly U. S. Attorney, Eastern District  
Pennsylvania

REV. ELIOT WHITE  
EUGENE P. CONNOLLY  
MR. HENRY HART

Old American Songs

ENJOY NOW XMAS AND NEW YEAR'S AT

## Birdland

Formerly Lewisohn's Estate — Open All Year

One hour from N. Y. 225 acres of fascinating hiking country. All seasonal sports. Indoors: Ping Pong, games, recordings, library, dancing, exceptional company, open fireplace, excellent cuisine. Every comfort. Incomparable surroundings.  
(Tel. Highland Mills 7895) Your Hostess: Fannie Goldberg

For an interesting Christmas vacation come to

## ARROW HEAD

for diversions to meet the inclement weather—**FONER BROS.** suspended swing & organized entertainment—open fireplace & steam heat, music recordings & library.

For outdoor activities—organized hikes, bicycling, tobogganing, ice-skating, skiing in miles of wooded country & the rest is up to you. Rates are more than reasonable.

### ARROW HEAD LODGE

Ellenville, N. Y. Tel. 502  
city information Dr. D. Newman Je 6-2334

..... for a perfect Christmas vacation. Intimate. Friendly.

Inexpensive. Excellent food. Winter sports and ICE-SKATING. Write for free booklet to STANLEY LAPINSKY, BARLOW FARM, SHERMAN, CONN., or call New Milford 756-J-3. 65 miles from the City. Open all year.

## BARLOW FARM

## HIT THE TOP at the new HOTEL ALLABEN

LAKEWOOD  
NEW JERSEY  
501 Monmouth Ave.  
Phone Lakewood 819 or 1222

But NO TOPS in Rates—We're Very Moderate  
\$22.50 per week

Director: Jack Schwartz, formerly of Unity Hotel



two minutes, tacks on an innocent and quite impossible ending. It seems he really wasn't a murderer, only a thief, and he's now completely reformed anyway. And his droopy wife, far from dying of an undetectable poison, goes home to live happily forever after. Not all of Hitchcock's directional skill can make that ending hold water.

More's the pity. The rest of *Suspicion* is little short of magnificent. You believe in that murderer. You shudder when Cary Grant smirks at his wife; and when the delicate and wistful Joan Fontaine is terrified, your heart and lungs fairly wilt in sympathy. The study of a young girl impulsively falling in love with which the film begins is admirable. Never descending into sentimentality, Hitchcock and Miss Fontaine achieve the height of appealing helplessness. Poor Lina is a predestinate victim. And even so trite a matter as a first kiss becomes, in *Suspicion*, a brilliant stroke of characterization.

As usual, Hitchcock makes brief shots tell a great deal of story. An elopement is managed subtly in the heroine's unavailing attempt to say goodbye to her cheerful and oblivious parents; a whole background of shiftlessness, in the hero's casual dismissal of a bill for his new house. Compelled to resort, for his silly ending, to a wild motor ride along the edge of the cliffs, the director has made something rather startling out of that old standby. Did you think a wild drive in a film could ever scare you again? It can.

The actors are admirable too; unnecessarily so. Fine performers need not be wasted on trivial parts, and Cedric Hardwicke, reduced to a mutter and a mustache, is practically thrown away. May Whitty, similarly, has about ten lines. On the other hand, Nigel Bruce comes into his own with the most lovable and fatuous Englishman he has yet portrayed, a caricature with a heart. Nor was it fair to Cary Grant, after so incisive a study of a murderer, to degrade him into just another reformed rake. Miss Fontaine's Lina, though perhaps too reminiscent of the nameless heroine of *Rebecca*, is an exquisite blend of love and shudders.



Frederick

## The Woodlands

For the Spirited

SKIING—on the Simpson Slope or on our own mountains.

SKATING—On our pond.

SLEDDING—Down our hundreds of hills and dales.

SIGGIE GOLDNER Phenicia, N. Y. Tel.: Phenicia 2378

For the Lazybones

FIREPLACES—Open and cozy. LIBRARY—The finest. FOOD—Inexhaustible and excellent.

MUSIC—Good records for listening and dancing. ACTIVITIES—Of the indoor variety.

## A REAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT

We're reopening for the Christmas holidays. Sparkling, invigorating days, fun, relaxation... 10 outdoor activities, 15 indoors... a festive table heaped with tantalizing eatables. It's Chesters' Xmas present to you—so, hurry your reservations! Our complete inimitable Entertainment Staff. WRITE FOR RATES, FULL INFORMATION.

ADDELIGHTFUL HIDEAWAY IN THE MOUNTAINS

## CHESTERS ZUNBARG

WOODBORNE, N.Y. Tel. WOODBORNE 1150  
N. Y. OFF.: 55 W. 42 ST. Tel.: LO 5-5857

## Merry Christmas Week!

Christmas Week at Plum Point means fun, frolic, frivolity. Happy indoor and outdoor activities, wonderful food, gay companions. Come up for Xmas and New Year's. Ideal resort near N. Y. C. for year round vacations and week-ends.

## PLUM POINT

ATTRACTIVE RATES New Windsor, N.Y. FREE BOOKLET Newburgh 4270

## HOTEL ROYALE

MADISON AVENUE AND 6th STREET

LAKEWOOD, N. J.

All Play—No Toil Means Vacation at THE ROYALE  
Free Bicycling — Ping Pong — Boating — Entertainment  
We Cater to Diets — Thrifty Rates.

SONIA GELBAUM, Prop.  
SADIE DOROSHKIN, connected with Hotel Royale  
Telephone — Lakewood 1146 - 978

## MAMANASCO LAKE LODGE

RIDGEFIELD, CONN. PHONE: 820

A luxurious country estate converted into a vacation paradise. Beautiful 1 1/2 mile lake—all fall and winter sports, golf, riding, free bicycles, ping pong, etc. Fine library and musical recordings. Sumptuous French-American cuisine. Only 50 miles from New York City. OPEN ALL YEAR.

## CAMP BEACON

Beacon 731

BEACON, N. Y.

### SKATING & ALL SPORTS

Transportation \$19 per week  
Phone Ol 5-8639 \$3.50 per day

A Best Seller One Week After Publication!

## THE SOVIETS EXPECTED IT

By ANNA LOUISE STRONG

This amazing book, studded with facts and anecdotes, has entered the best seller class just one week after publication, with sales rapidly approaching the 10,000-mark. In *The Soviets Expected It*, the author, an outstanding authority on the U.S.S.R., gives the background of Hitler's criminal attack on the Soviet Union and answers the vital question: "Can Hitler conquer the Soviets?"

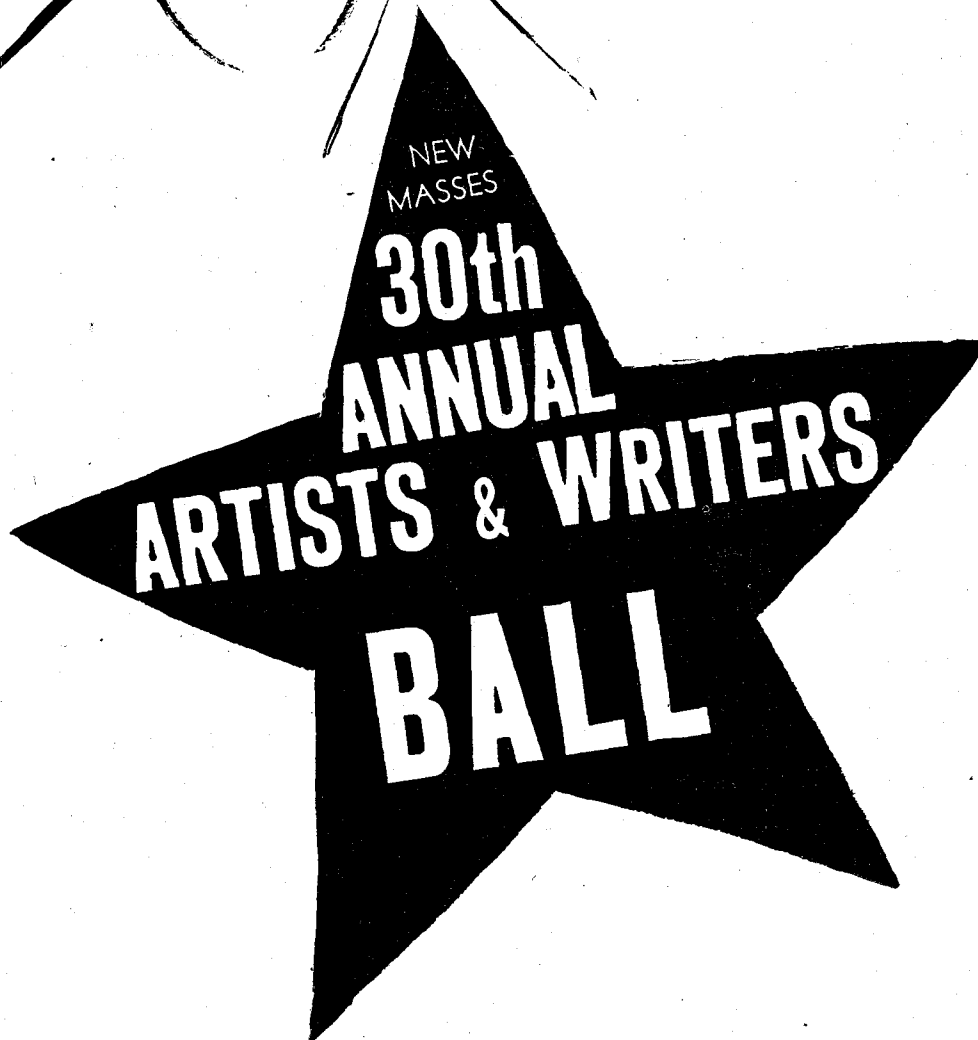
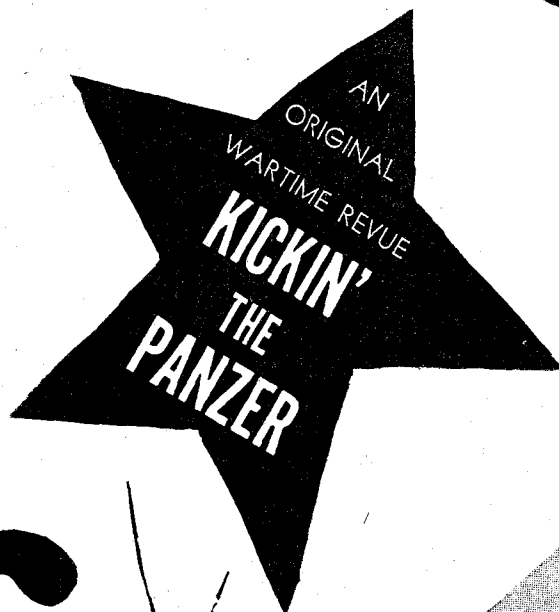
Regular edition \$2.00

Our Special Edition Only 50c

ON SALE AT  
ALL WORKERS AND PROGRESSIVE BOOKSHOPS  
BY MAIL ORDER FROM

### Workers Library Publishers

P. O. Box 148, Station D, New York, N. Y.  
"We pay the postage"



Tickets \$1.10, including tax, in advance. \$1.50, including tax, at the door. On sale at Workers Bookshop, 50 East 13th St., Bookfair, 133 West 44th St., New Masses, 461 4th Ave. CA 5-3076

PRODUCED BY UNZ.ORG  
ELECTRONIC REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED



## THE MUSIC ROOM

proudly presents on

### OKEH RECORDS

RICHARD WRIGHT's Song

dedicated to JOE LOUIS

### "KING JOE"

stirringly sung by

## PAUL ROBESON

with COUNT BASIE's orchestra

1—10" OKEH RECORD.....37c

### THE MUSIC ROOM

133 W. 44 St., N. Y. C. LO 3-4420

UNION SHOP

Open Evns.

Mail orders promptly delivered

**5¢ LITTLE BLUE BOOKS**  
Send postcard for our free catalogue.  
Thousands of bargains. Address:  
HALDEMAN-JULIUS CO., Catalogue Dept.,  
Desk M 593, GIRARD, KANSAS

## LOSE POUNDS AND INCHES

### JOIN A GYM

Goodwin's Offers Exercise  
Courses as Low as \$10  
Monthly

### COMPLETE TRIAL VISIT \$2.00

Includes Swedish Massage and Vapor Baths

POSTURE CORRECTION WOMEN ONLY  
SPECIAL AFTER-CHILDBIRTH EXERCISES  
ON THE ROOF

## GOODWIN'S GYMNASIUM

1457 Broadway at 42nd Street, N. Y. C.  
Wisconsin 7-8250

"DON'T PUT IT OFF — TAKE IT OFF!"



## THE CLIPPER...

Published under auspices

HOLLYWOOD CHAPTER,

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS

The only national literary magazine  
publishing Stories, Poems, Articles  
and Reportage which truly depict  
the national and international scene.

### THE CLIPPER,

1204 No. Vista, Hollywood, Calif.

I enclose \$1. Please send me 1 yr. (12 issues) of  
The Clipper.

Name.....

Address.....City.....

WITH SKYLARK, let me analyze its pretty story in relation to the life we all know and inhabit, the real problems and agonies of real human beings. Here is a film made from a successful play which was made from a successful story. A lovely lady has been married for five years to an advertising executive—grounds for divorce in itself, that. He works hard, he supports her in luxury with butlers, he is faithful and reasonably fond. But his wife has a tragedy. Not until the last minute does he remember their wedding anniversary. Worse yet, the wife has to cringe before nasty people, so that hubby can get another million dollars' worth of business.

So she gets a divorce, not without a bird in the hand in the shape of a lawyer-gigolo-yachtsman who wishes to marry her and take her out on the bounding wave. Unfortunately, her first taste of the bounding wave makes her seasick. In this condition she not unnaturally remembers the advertising man, cries out for him, and eventually follows him to South America.

Obviously, the only way to make such pap tolerable is to dress it up in so much erotic and comic excitement that the audience doesn't notice the story at all. *Skylark* is very nicely dressed indeed. Claudette Colbert is a honey and wears lovely clothes; Binnie Barnes portrays an amusing tramp and wears lovely clothes. Funny, or almost-funny, things are always happening. The gentlemen grit their teeth and grind out wise cracks like hamburger. Here and there you get a real belly laugh, as in the inspired non sequitur of the subway scene. The seasick episode, moreover, does much to redeem *Skylark*. In extended pantomime Miss Colbert goes through the agonies of a small lady in large oilskins trying to make coffee she doesn't want in the undersized cabin of a wildly tossing boat.

JOY DAVIDMAN.

## "Peter and the Wolf"

Basil Rathbone as narrator. . . . Lead-belly's children's songs. . . .

SINCE its first performance in Moscow in 1936, Prokofieff's "Peter and the Wolf" has been performed with huge success in many languages throughout the world and has met a particularly enthusiastic response in the United States. This delightful and ingenious musical treat differs in one major respect from the tone poem; true enough, it is a musical reflection of a story, but in place of printed program notes it employs a spoken text, with the story—Prokofieff's own—told by the narrator to musical accompaniment.

Columbia now challenges Victor's popular Koussevitzky recording of this orchestral fairy tale with a release by Stokowski and the All American Orchestra, with Basil Rathbone as narrator. Rathbone, a gifted actor, speaks with considerable charm and captures the delicious humor and mock tragedy of the tale. The music receives a careful and sympathetic,

## NEW MASSES Classified Ads

50c a line. Payable in Advance. Min. charge \$1.50  
Approx. 7 words to a line. Deadline Fri. 4 p.m.

### APARTMENTS—ROOMS

**LARGE ROOM, PRIVATE.** In modern apartment with couple. **TO RENT, FURNISHED,** \$25 per month includes linen, household expenses, telephone. East 8th St. bet. 1st and 2nd Aves. Call GR 7-4036 or CAI 5-3076.

### BOOKS

**SAVE money.** All your **BOOK** needs promptly filled. Write, phone or call at the **ONE PARK ROW BOOK-STORE**, 1 Park Row, BE 3-5357.

### FURS

**SKILLED FUR CRAFTSMAN** with factory in wholesale district can give you 35% below retail rates on remodeling, repairing and custom made coats. Cleaning and Glazing also done at moderate rates. **ASK FOR MR. ARMAND**, 145 W. 80 St., N. Y. C. **ARMAND ET SOEUR**, CHi 4-1424.

### INSURANCE

**PAUL CROSBIE** and **CARL BRODSKY**—whatever your needs.—**FREQUENT SAVINGS**, 799 Broadway. **TRADE UNION AGENCY**, Tel. GRamercy 7-5978.

### LANGUAGES

**ENROLL NOW RUSSIAN LANGUAGE COURSES** American Russian Institute, 56 West 45th Street, N. Y. C. MU 2-0312.

**ENGLISH.** Matter-of-fact English instruction for native and foreign-born. 25 years' successful teaching. Three 1-hour private lessons \$5.00. By appointment. **LANGUAGE SERVICE CENTER**, Lewis Bertrand, Director, 18 E. 41 St., N. Y. C. LEExington 2-8838.

### LAUNDRY

**FOUR STAR HAND LAUNDRY**—excellent work—very reasonable—also **FRENCH Dry Cleaning**. Call & deliver. 404 E. 10 St. GR 3-1869.

### MASSEUR

**LICENSED**, Expert Masseur. Reasonable prices. By appointment only. Write Nathan Singer, 144 Penn St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

### MEXICO

Stay at Modernized Colonial Mansion—12 baths, Sun Terraces, Excellent Food, Moderate Rates. **CASA ARENAL**, Paris 7, MEXICO CITY.

### OPTOMETRIST

**EYES EXAMINED.** Scientific approach. Reasonable fees. **MORRIS GOLDSMITH**, 515 Eastern Parkway (Norstrand Ave.) 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. daily. PR 2-2772.

### PIANO TUNING

**PIANO TUNING**, regulating, repairing and voicing. Member Nat'l Ass'n Piano Tuners, Inc. Ralph J. Appleton, 505 Fifth Avenue, Tel. MUrray Hill 2-2291.

### RESTAURANT

New York's Newest! **RUSSIAN SKAZKA RESTAURANT**. Dine by firelight to latest recorded Soviet and American music. Dinner 65c. After theater snacks from 25c. 17 Barrow St. off Sheridan Sq. CH 2-9124.

### SITUATION WANTED

Part time general **HOUSEWORK** wanted. Good **COOK**. Child care. References. Call 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. AU 3-7793 or write NM Box No. 1787.

### VACATION RESORTS

**SACKS FARM**, Saugerties, N. Y. **OPEN** for **XMAS & NEW YEAR'S**. Accommodations limited to 25. Reservations should be made at once. Rates: \$20 per week, \$3.50 by the day. Tel. 590J.

### WEARING APPAREL

**SHOPPING AT MISS GOODMAN'S** is a decided boon in this rising market. She sells only those better dresses & coats (original models) far below regular mark-up. 474—7th Ave. (36 St.) LA 4-4013.

## GOINGS ON

**SAM DARCY SPEAKS** on "THE WAR—THE RELATION OF FORCES," Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 2:30 P.M. Workers School, 50 East 13 Street. Admission 25 cents.

**MARXIST ANALYSIS OF THE WEEK'S NEWS** by Si Gerson, Daily Worker Staff Writer, Sun., Dec. 7, 8:30 P.M. Workers School, 50 E. 13 Street. Admission 25 cents.

**WILLIAM F. DUNNE**, labor organizer, editor and author, speaks on two conventions—"The Main Task of American Labor—Unite to Smash Hitler, Destroy Fascism"—Sun., Dec. 7, 8 P.M. promptly, at 77 Fifth Ave. Admission 15 cents—Questions—Discussion.