Good News

When Freddie Wing moved his wife and two-year-old son into their new home in Sonoma, Calif., they were the only Orientals in an otherwise all-Caucasian neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Wing sent out 200 invitations to their housewarming. They barbecued a whole pig, roasted chicken with almonds, set up a cocktail bar in the new garage, and awaited developments. The developments came in the form of 200 acceptances to the 200 invitations. Mrs. H. H. "Hap" Arnold came; Mayor Warren Monroe came: the heads of both of Sonoma's banks came; the other residents of the Hillview Tract came, and so did most of Sonoma. They brought gifts for the Wings; flowers and plants for the garden, pictures and knickknacks for the new house. Editor Robert M. Lynch of the weekly Sonoma Index-Tribune said he saw no unusual news value in Wing's party and routinely printed the story on the society page.

The Wing's reception was in sharp contrast to that of another Chinese, Sing Sheng, who recently was voted out of his South San Francisco home by his neighbors. The Sheng family of four still is house hunting, but all the residents of Sonoma agreed that the house-warming of Freddie Wing was the social success of the spring season.

▶ The First Westchester National Bank of New Rochelle, N. Y., has announced that its 154 employees are "adopting" a six-year-old boy in Italy by consenting to small deductions from payrolls each week. The money will be sent to Italy, with contributions of clothing and other items to supplement it.

Six years ago there were no national parks in Britain. Today four are in existence and two more will shortly be established. The choice of the first four—the Peak District, the Lake District, Snowdonia, and Dartmoor was based on their particular natural beauty and their accessibility for open-air recreation.

▶ The Kansas Commission for UNES-CO raised enough money in 1950 to send 44,000 books to children overseas. Encouraged by the success of the scheme, the commission raised its target to 85,000 for 1951. Despite the disastrous floods during the year, which turned peoples' attention from international rehabilitation to rehabilitation at home, the necessary money was raised, and 85,000 more books have now been shipped to India, Thailand, Honduras, Ceylon, and the Philippines.



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NOTES FROM A RIGHT-HAND DRAWER

YOU HAVE ALWAYS heard about veteran reporters who dream some day of writing a successful novel. Win Brooks, a newsman since he was sixteen, and today managing editor of the Boston American, has made the dream come true. His Cape Cod story, "The Shining Tides," will not only be published by Morrow on June 25, but is the July selection of the Literary Guild.... Bernard Berenson, probably the most celebrated art critic alive today, kept a diary while he was hiding from the Nazis in Italy during World War II. Simon & Schuster will publish it under the title of "Rumor and Reflection." Berenson, still active and alert at eighty-seven, is one of the leading characters in S. N. Behrman's book on Duveen....Harcourt, Brace couldn't possibly have chosen a more appropriate publication date for Robert Vogeler's "I Was Stalin's Prisoner" (as told to Leigh White). It makes its bow on May Day.... Captain George R. Dowell writes to sing the praises of the unique bookshop of William Zimmerman, 1149 Market Street, San Francisco. Mr. Zimmerman stocks not only the latest books, but a thriving sideline of imported sea foods and delicatessen. A bit of a critic, Mr. Z. keeps a certain new non-fiction best seller under the same glass with a particularly redolent limburger cheese.... Robert L. Perkins found a customer sound asleep in the Phillips-Pape Bookshop in Denver the other day. Awakened, the customer explained, "I was just drowsing around." ... John Hagedorn, buyer for the book and magazine department at Stix, Baer, and Fuller in St. Louis, has just taken over the umbrella section as well. It's an unusual tie-up, but John explains: "Now I can keep our books absorbing and our customers dry at the same time." . . .

OUTSTANDING JOB: Phil Hamburger's profile of John Marquand in The New Yorker. . . . Deserving of support: A. D. Magazine, a literary quarterly that offers sanctuary to promising but unheralded writers of distinction. The

editors, Thomas Francis Ritt and Dorothy Tooker, at 109 Greenwich Avenue, New York 14, need help to keep afloat. A half dollar will bring you a sample issue. . . . Report from Buffalo by Clyde Brion Davis: Going to register before casting his first ballot, Richard Walsh, Jr., now editor of the John Day Company, took along his summa cum laude Harvard diploma (written in Latin, of course) to prove his eligibility. The examiner rejected it angrily, announcing: "This thing is in some foreign language and don't prove you can read and write English. You got to come back and take a test!"

..., Report from Willow Grove, Pa., by Mykia Taylor: "A quiet young lady called Snookie, at betting was quite a smart cookie. Before every race, she went home to her place, and curled up with a very good bookie." . . . A daily columnist was accused in print of being a name-dropper. He appealed plaintively to a colleague, "I don't think I'm really a name dropper, do you? I asked Harry and Margaret in Washington yesterday and they didn't think so!" ... Joseph Wood Krutch, distinguished critic and author of "The Desert Year," performed a delicate Caesarian operation on one of his prized guppies recently. Mother and children are doing famously. Joe is looking for bigger fields to conquer. . . .

IF YOU'RE ANY KIND OF PUZZLE addict. the Hart Publishing Company's new compilation "Grab a Pencil" is just what you're looking for to divert you on a train or plane journey, or help polish off a day in bed combatting a virus attack. Of the widely assorted and novel brain-twisters included, I found most intriguing a section called "The Literary Zoo." Example: What is the male of: (1) Cow; (2) Hen; (3) Goose; (4) Doe; (5) Duck; (6) Sow? What is the female of: (7) Tiger; (8) Ram; (9) Stallion; (10) Stag; (11) Fox? What is the name of the young of: (12) Bear; (13) Sheep; (14) Duck; (15) Frog; (16) Swan; (17) Chicken; (18) Hen; (19) Horse; (20) Mare; (21)



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