

# A Glimpse of the Poet Bynner

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Omaha holds a young man, personal friend of the poet Witter Bynner, who will speak in Omaha, November 8, Fontenelle hotel, before the Fine Arts society. Stanley V. Weiser is he. His friendship with Mr. Bynner has grown largely through correspondence. He has been persuaded to write the following glimpse of the poet, and to quote from one of the many letters which he cherishes, from Mr. Bynner.

Witter Bynner is not only a poet, but one who seeks poetry in others. The poetry he has inspired and the friendships that he has quickened are as silver witnesses of him as are his own words. His career has been little short of a grand succession of triumphs from 1907, when his "Ode to Harvard" was hailed by critics as one of the really great pieces of modern poetry, until the present day when he occupies a position of such pre-eminence in American poetry as has been accorded to few men in their lifetime. His place is unique in the annals of literature.

Mr. Bynner is a dramatist of great note, but it is particularly by virtue of his "Greenstone Poems," "The New World" and "The Beloved Stranger," that he has marked himself upon the best that we may so far hand down to the next generation. There is oriental blood which flows in the veins of Witter Bynner and perhaps it is due to this ancestral heritage that the prophetic utterances found in our greatest poets is so strongly developed in him. Mr. Bynner has made many visits to the Orient and has become thoroughly imbued with its spirit. In June, 1920, the poet sailed for China, where he spent 10 months working on his anthology of Chinese poetry. His purpose may best be expressed in his own words in a letter which I received from China in August, 1920.

"I am trying to do for their clean beauty what I tried to do for the beauty of 'Iphigeneia in Tauris.' Express them in simple, human, honest English. To acquire rhythmic grace in that kind of language is difficult, but I am undertaking. Part of my object is, of course, to bring across the seas a realization that the Chinese, like any other people, are our own close kin in the essentials. They have had for centuries the same emotions, the same hopes, the same doubts, the same devotions that we have had; and in many respects they have solved life more sanely than we have solved it. They have a deeper sense of true values than our more materialistic civilization has taught us; and in poetry as in painting their old masters have attained a simple perfection that we are only beginning to appreciate. What I find in their art and in the individuals I meet is a corroboration of my faith in people everywhere."

Witter Bynner is a firm believer in the work of American poets and has given high place to the works of Vachel Lindsay, Edgar Lee Masters and Edwin Arlington Robinson. Edna St. Vincent Millay he regards as "the clearest voice in English poetry since 'A Shropshire Lad.'" "A. E. Housman first," he said recently, "and then, Millay."

Mr. Bynner is a large man, broad shouldered and very tall, informal, gracious, extremely modest, and full of easy conversation. He is a brilliant pianist. The poet's long, narrow-backed hands may slope over the ivory keyboard as he sings a Spanish song mellow and throbbing. From it he may drift into a French song, then into some of his own lyrics, improvising melodies for them as he goes along. Without the least self-consciousness and with no effort at all, Mr. Bynner is one of the few reciters of great verse who have not forgotten the meaning of "Friendship" and "Comradery."

## Central High Scene of Rehearsal

"Westward Ho!" came the shout from 100 lusty boy throats, accompanied by a sweeping chord from the piano. "Westward Ho!" and the opening chorus of songsters and adventurers tramped out of the wings and on to the so-called stage for a rehearsal of the first act of the Pageant "Nebraska." The gymnasium of Central High was the scene of the rehearsal Wednesday afternoon in preparation for presentation, November 10, at the Brandeis theater, before the Teachers' convention.

While Miss Lena May Williams, who is the director of the pageant, and Mrs. Pitts, who leads the music, watched and criticized, one chorus followed another with business-like and well-drilled assurance. Even the youngsters of the Golden Hours, mere babies, twirled and cut and gavotted with perfect aplomb. The singers, mainly recruited from the High School Glee club, did well, and we be to them if they failed to keep their attention on Mrs. Carol Pitts' baton. "I don't care if a bomb goes off under your feet," she announced from her commanding position on a chair. "Don't you dare take your eyes off me."

After the final choruses, grouped about the Spirit of the West, Mrs. Pitts lost her severity. "I have to talk that way to them, she explained with a laugh, "but they really behave wonderfully well, for, of course, rehearsing is tiresome." The cast was trooping off boys and girls from the various grades of the city, of various ages and assorted sizes. Some of them had mothers around the edges of the gymnasium watching the rehearsal. One little girl trudged off with a pink checked doll under her arm, which had posed patiently on a table while her young mother was doing the heel and toe. Another had a little sister on the side lines, a 3-year-old sister with yellow hair and a determined chin, who insisted on coming down to the wings and her arms in time to the music and announced to the world, "I want to dance, too."

## Walking Club Campfire



A dream of the Omaha Walking Club has been realized in the completion of its new club house at Wiley Point, Fontenelle forest reserve. The main attraction of the cabin is the round fireplace, built in the middle of the room. This type of fireplace was used by the Indians in the early days and is also used in the big hotels of Glacier park. In the picture from left to right

are the Misses Frances Zadak, Helen Chester, Allie Houston, president; Olive Fraser and Judith Corr. An average of 50 members have been enjoying the Saturday afternoon walks through Fontenelle forest. Supper is served at the cabin and the evening is spent in singing. "Chorus singing has become a regular feature of the hikes," says Edwin S. Jewell, charter member of the club. "Never Again." I've spent all my money, I've worn out my clothes— Of bills I've paid threescore and ten; This vacation stuff's great, but I'm here to relate. That my verdict is—"Never again!" And I've sat in the shade, with the front porch brigade, And heard gossip and scandal, and then Heard them acclaim the very same dame

They were roasting—Gosh!—"Never again!" Now I'll need six more weeks to get back to my cheeks. All the color I lost at "The Glen." So I think that it's best in the city to rest. And the country?—Well, "Never again!"—M. V. O'Connell. A great convenience in the kitchen is a square of rubber sheeting which can be spread out on the table while sprinkling clothes.

## My Marriage Problems

Adele Garrison's New Phase of "REVELATIONS OF A WIFE"

The Characteristic Way Pa Cosgrove Passed the Time on the Lonely Road.

The motorcycle which I had heard clattering behind us slowed up as it passed, and by the light of my lamps I saw the state trooper turn for another look at the long fishing poles with the lantern at the end of them, which stretched out behind the iron luggage carrier at the side. Then he sped on again, while Pa Cosgrove leaned forward and spoke slowly but to the point. "Stop at the first good place in the road you see, and let me think a minute," he said. "That fellow's apt to get a little fussy."

We were just turning a curve, which, when rounded, brought another view, so that it was an eighth of a mile at least before I finally brought the car to a stop, well at the side of the road, and in a position where its lights could be seen for several rods both ways. "There's no use going the way we were going," Mr. Cosgrove roused, evidently thinking the problem out aloud. "That chap will just about figger out we're going down that dam road—excuse me ladies, but that's just what it is—and he'll be at the turn there by Hinchell's store, in the bushes, ready to trail us. Now, I think we'd better go slow past that corner, so he'll get a good look at us and come out and follow us, and then we'll beat it down to the Capron corner and turn up there as if we were going to that pickered pond. Ten to one he'll go on past the corner, satisfied, and when he does we'll double back and take that road through the reservoir area, you know, boys—"

"Over past Lisoher's," Fred asserted. "Exactly. We'll come out around the other way. It will be longer, but safer."

"So fishing at night is forbidden," Beas Dean declared triumphantly. "I knew it. How scrupulously exciting. Do you suppose we'll all get pinched?"

"I haven't said anything was forbidden, have I?" Mr. Cosgrove growled—it is the only word for his intonation, and I realized he was seriously annoyed by the girl's speech—"and if you know or guess such a thing, you'd better forget it. For if you're asked any such question tonight, just remember, every one of you, that you never dreamed of such a thing as it being forbidden. Now, Mrs. Graham, drive along. I'll tell you about a mile before you have to slow down, you know—by that inn where you admired all those flower-beds—there's always lights there at night, so you can see them plainly."

"I probably shall not need to slow down much," I said lightly, as I started the engine again. "I'll confess I don't care particularly for fast driving at night along these roads. I'd rather emulate our friend the snail."

"If a few road hogs were of your thinking," Mr. Cosgrove answered, "there'd be fewer dead men at the foot of some of these precipices. See that place at the right? Two cars went off there a year ago, four people killed. And just down the road a piece—"

He proceeded to describe at length all the horrible accidents, I believe, that ever had taken place on this particular mountain road since automobiles were invented. Almost every curve we passed had its story, and if

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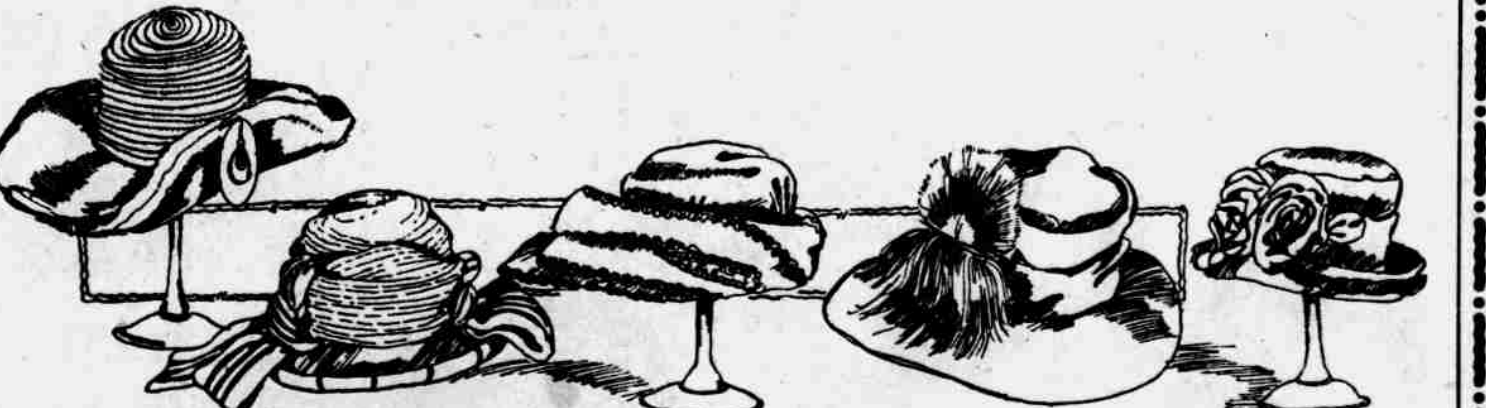
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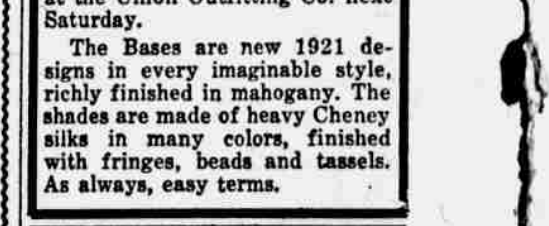
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