

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE



JO SERRA

Sure looks odd to see how some countries can remain out of war, and other countries, they can squeeze into every one when they can get their foot in the door.

You take Sweden and Denmark and Norway, they were next door to the World War—and kept their nose out of it—and they were smart.

And take it right now, they are snapping and frothing around again in Europe, 3 or 4 thousands miles from our U. S. A., but we are trying to show off—and balance a chip on our shoulder, or something.

In the Encyclopedia you will read where Bismark went out of his way and finally stirred up a war with France, 70 years ago.

The German people, they were not itching to fight, but Mr. Bismark he craved to be a great person. He craved a uniform with gold braids, and he craved to ride the lead horse.

But Mr. Bismark, he did not carry a musket—when war came. In the U. S. if we get foolish and listen to all the honkers flying around overhead—and act like a flock of geese—we will be goose stepping next.

Yours with the low down, JO SERRA

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CHILDRESS UNMOVED BY PLAUDITS OF CREDITS



ALVIN CHILDRESS

Unlike a great many Negro actors who have skyrocketed to stardom overnight, Alvin Childress, who portrays the crippled Jacques in the WPA Federal Theatre project's sensational drama, "Haiti," now in its fourteenth successful week at the Lafayette Theatre in Harlem, adamantly refuses to accept the plaudits of leading critics.

Born in Meridan, a little town in Mississippi, where life unfolds itself gently and without excitement, this newly acclaimed star is the son of Beatrice Childress, who for the past eighteen years has held a responsible position in the Department of Agriculture in Meridan, and Dr. J. C. Childress.

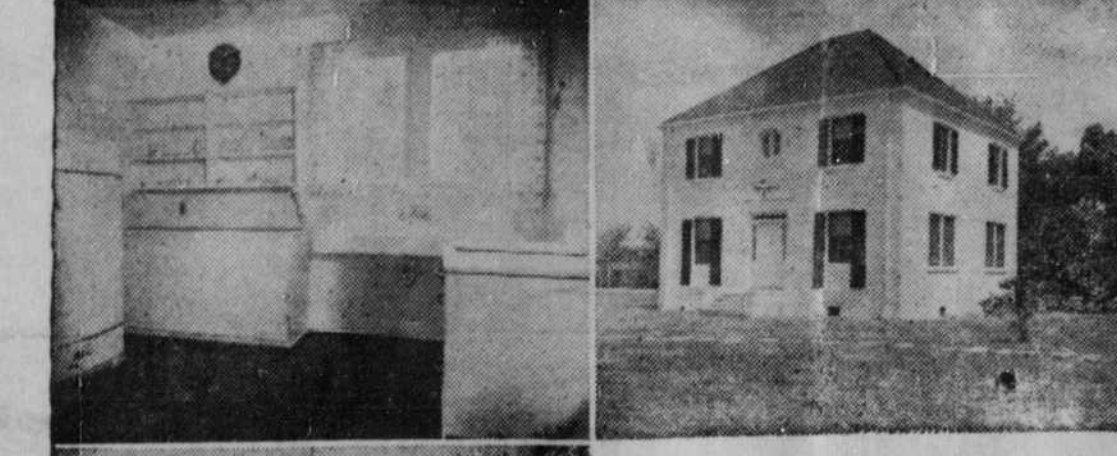
Prior to her appointment in the Dept. of Agriculture Mrs. Childress taught school. Alvin recalls many a spanking from his loving but strict mistress during the time he was one of her charges. After completing his elementary and high school training at Meridian, he attended the fashionable Suse College in Holly Springs, Miss., a parochial institution under the direction of the Methodist Church of that town.

Whatever laurels are heaped on the head of this lad who has been shoo'd from yokelism into the Broadway limelight is owed a strange and unfamiliar quirk of fate. At Rust College, along with other academic studies, he took up dramatics as a sideline.

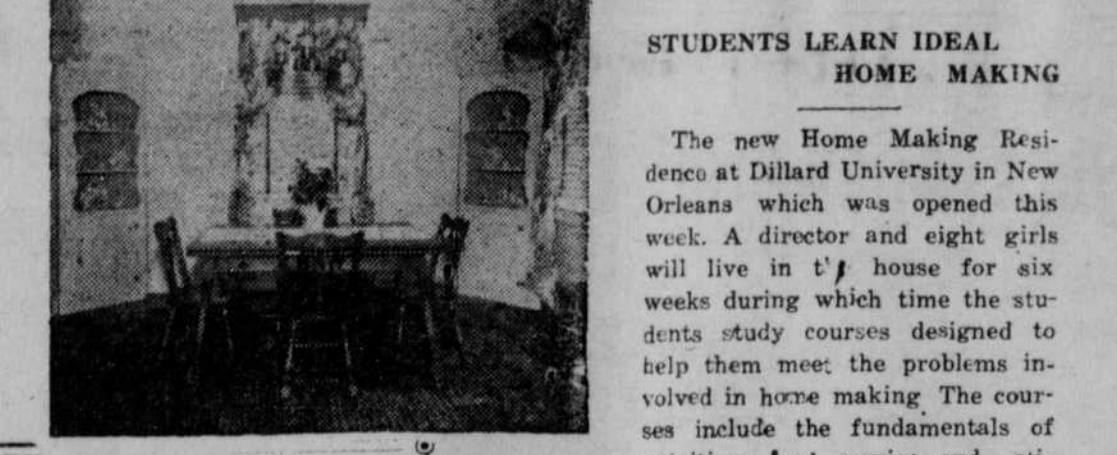
John Golden, famous Broadway producer, impressed by the glib talk of this lad from the deep South, gave him a part in a play called "Savage Rhythm."

Since then Childress has played with numerous stock companies in and around New York. He appeared in "Romeo and Juliet," "Faust," "Dreamy Kid," "Ham's Daughter," and a one-act play by Eugene O'Neill.

We next find the ambitious youth writing material for radio. In collaboration with Mr. Burke Boyce, who for the past eight years has been head of the Continuity Department of the National Broadcasting System. He wrote three radio scripts, "Sneeze It," "Thunder in the Valley," and "Dixie." He made a great impression with his dramatization of a slave in a sketch entitled "Two Faces," which was broadcast over WNYC.



STUDENTS LEARN IDEAL HOME MAKING



The new Home Making Residence at Dillard University in New Orleans which was opened this week. A director and eight girls will live in the house for six weeks during which time the students study courses designed to help them meet the problems involved in home making.

University, under the auspices of the Services Bureau for Education and Human Relations he did research work on plays for Negro audiences. During the two years he spent at Columbia in search of appropriate plays, he wrote a play entitled "The Child of the King."

On the screen, Childress has portrayed roles in "Harlem is Heaven," starring Bill Robinson. "Crimson Fog" and "Hell's Alley," a gangster picture which he wrote in collaboration with Franke Herndon.

Childress is married and is the proud father of a baby girl. He likes to play tennis and swims like a duck.

LOS ANGELES CAVALCADE

Thought for the week—However deceitful hope may be, yet she carries us on pleasantly to the end of life.—La Rochefoucauld. A FEW YEARS AGO, ALL roads led to Harlem. Today, all roads and all traffic leads to Los Angeles—and Central Avenue.

The fast increasing population has caused a housing problem that is becoming acute and alarming. Finding a place to purchase has not yet become a difficult matter. But finding a place to rent—furnished or unfurnished—is like finding lilies of the valley growing on a desert.

As in other large cities, the vast bulk of people come from the South. There are few native Californians. And a few native Easterners, Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma, seem to lead in importations.

No matter what part of the country people come from they can find their own climate here. Here or in nearby communities, we have the cotton fields of the Old South, the giant oleanders of Georgia, the magnolias of the lower Mississippi valley, the jasmine of New Orleans.

You can go a short distance to the mountains and find the climate of the colder states, together with winter sports of every kind. Or go down in the valleys and find the climate of Texas, Tennessee and Virginia.

Rent and food are cheap in comparison to salaries obtained here. More food can be bought for a dollar in Los Angeles than in any city in the world. Salaries are very good too, but work is scarce as foliage in January. And becoming more scarce every day because of the constant new-comers.

Many new arrivals have been greatly disappointed because of their inability to find work. ROUND AND ABOUT IN HOLLYWOOD

Hattie McDaniel has been cast to play the part of Mummy in "Gone With the Wind." And Oscar Polk, New York stage actor has arrived in town to play the part of Pork the butler who remained at Tara during Civil War.



ANDY RAZAF, SONGWRITER

Though Andrea Razafkierio (pronounced Ra-zag-ker-raf) is actually a grand duke by birth, being the nephew of the late Queen of Madagascar, Ranavalona III, on his father's side, and the grandson of a United States Consul, on his mother's side, he prefers to be known in Tin Pan Alley as 'Andy Razaf.'

Razaf, considered the most prolific and outstanding popular songwriter of his race and whose lyrics are considered second to none, has written nearly a thousand songs. Some of the hits from

his pen have been "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Sposin'," "Make Believe Ballroom," "Christopher Columbus," "My Fate is in Your Hands," "Stompin' at the Savoy," "Memories of You," "Handy Man," "Keepin' out of Mischief Now," "Elack and Blue," "Honeysuckle Rose," "If it Ain't Love," etc.

ASCAP, or the American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers highly respects Razaf as one of its top-ranking members. He is one of the only two colored songwriters to succeed in making a living entirely by writing songs. J. C. Johnson is the other one.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Happenings That Affect the Diner Pails, Dividend Checks, and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare

England "appeased" Germany at Munich, by changing the map of Europe and giving the Reich almost free rein in Czechoslovakia. Today, in the opinion of many foreign experts, England has foregone on a new policy of "appeasement" with Soviet Russia—a policy which is designed to make it possible for the British lion to show a much stiffer backbone if and when Hitler and Mussolini make their next demands.

March 6th was a dreaded day to European observers. For on that day according to well supported rumors and unofficial reports, the dictators would enforce the issue. Hitler would make another of his ringing demands for more territory, either in Europe or the British colonies. Mussolini would

tell France in unmistakable terms that she must accede to his demands for sovereignty over Tunisia and Corsica—or else. Britain and France would refuse—and war would automatically begin.

March 6th came and went and nothing happened. As Time puts it, "No ultimatums were delivered, no troops marched (except in Spain), and the dictators—even temporarily ceased barking for more land. No week in months has been so generally peaceful in Europe."

Most authorities ascribe this change to a number of diverse things. The European democracies have been rearming at a rapid rate, and from the defense standpoint, are in a materially better position than they were last year.

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best barometers of conditions are holding firmly to good levels. Steel production in the week was at 55 per cent of capacity. And in the same week, the standard Dow-Jones average of industrial stock values was 13 pts. above the year's low.

A rise in automobile production is considered to be of importance—many industries depend on this vast industry for their existence, and when motor production is down the ill effects are felt throughout the land. Domestic construction continues its steady rise, and great hopes are placed on spring building.

Retail trade—prime barometer of family purchasing power—is fairly good. Especially encouraging to business is the fast developing sentiment in Congress in favor of economy. Those who want to cut government costs aren't in the majority as yet, but they seem to be gaining new supporters all the time.

RED CAPS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEET IN CHICAGO

Complete unity of action was established by the General Executive Board of the International Brotherhood of Red Caps on the question of the future course to be taken by Red Caps throughout the country in regards to the tip-wage controversy before the Federal Wage and Hour Administration.

Meeting this week in Chicago for the first time since the Brotherhood was formed here a year ago, the Board voted after a report from its committee on wage and hour legislation to "direct its main energies in the direction of bringing this case to successful close."

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