

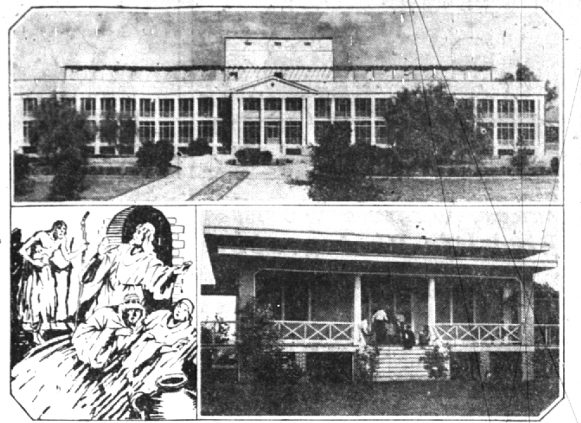
NEW YORK BY JAMES ASWELL

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NEW YORK—Interview With a Summer Stock Actor:
Q. Have you ever played on Broadway?
A. Never. Years ago I played in a stock company, assistant in a juggling act. I got close to Jackson Heights, L. I. Then I went in to the truck-farming business and when an old barn in my neighborhood was made into a summer theater, I got a job playing character parts. I have played them every summer for five years.
Q. What about the young actors from Broadway who come down every year to act in summer stock?
A. Oh, they're all right, I guess. They're sort of all right. But you see that fellow wearing a yellow shirt, a little cap he says is French and a big pipe in his mouth? What's he trying to do, scare the natives?
Q. Do you ever vary the theatrical trade publication?
A. Never heard of it.
NO HIGH HOPES
Q. Do you hope some day to make a hit in one of the summer plays and be invited to fill a fat role on Broadway, or maybe go to Hollywood?
A. Not on your life. I got to stay close enough to my garden to do the weeding and get the tomatoes and beans off to market. Shucks, acting is easy if you don't get stuck on yourself or try to act roles you don't know anything about. You see, my specialty is crochety old men. I just kind of wander on the stage and be myself. I used to make makeup and false whiskers and things like that, but last year I grew my own beard and I wear my own clothes on the stage.
Q. Are you in the theater for the glory or the money?
A. I act because it passes the time. I used to go to bed around eight, but I got to suffering from insomnia and that was the main reason why I tried out for this barn theater stuff.
Q. Do you study your lines hard?
A. No, it ain't necessary. I learn by the way. The other actors can keep the piece at the right times, but I sort of fill in if I can't think of the right line. The producers don't mind unless they get one of those fancy new plays reading it up for Broadway. Then they make me stick close to the words in the play. Otherwise I can come on and say a few country things and use a few old jokes of mine and every thing goes off all right. Every play has a part for a sour old farmer, fellow, or maybe a sea-captain or somebody on that cut. Why should I learn a lot of new stuff when the old stuff makes me laugh just the same?
SOME MORE QUESTIONS
Q. Do you think this boom in the barns and haylofts and wharves of the country will help the American theater?
A. I don't rightly know. But if the interests get wind of us doing \$200 and \$300 per week at the box office, they'll likely be out here our scraps.
Q. Do you ever get in to New York?
A. I don't care much for that town. Last time I was there they tried to join me up in some Actor's Equity or something. I'm not a joiner. Of course, I belong to the local Elks, but this high falutin' club—why, that ain't for me.
Q. Who is your favorite actor?
A. I ain't familiar with the actors in the business. Don't get to see many plays, except the ones I mean to see. But if I was to name a favorite, I guess it would be a fellow named Joe Elks, if I remember right. He's one of the greatest jokers in the business. Has played Keith and Orpheum—all the big times. Last I hear he was resting at Saratoga.
Q. I mean dramatic actors. But how about actresses? Haven't you favorite ones you think may be mentioned with Duse or the great ones of the past?
A. Well, if I was to name the lady that gives me the biggest wow, I guess it would have to be Miss Mae West.
Obituary
MRS. SUE S. BARR
Funeral services for Mrs. Sue S. Barr, widow of the late Joakim Barr, were held Monday morning from the Temple of Memories at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. The body was cremated at White Chapel.
Mrs. Barr, who was a foster-mother of Mrs. Orville H. Foster, Jr., of Beverly Hills, died Friday at her home, 1233 Palmer avenue, Detroit, where she had been ill seven weeks. She was 89 years old.
Born in Chambersburg, Pa., Mrs. Barr came to Detroit from Mansfield, O., in 1916. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Orval Lorenz, of Detroit and Mrs. George Barr of Detroit; two sons, Sister M. Euphenia, of Joliet, Ill., and Mrs. Evelyn Seaton, of Mansfield, and a brother, Peter Dillon, of Mansfield.

SOCIAL BREFFS

Dr. and Mrs. Warren P. Gibson of Beverly Hills, returned Monday after spending several days at Elk Lake. While they were there, they visited their daughter, Barbara, at Camp Interlochen.
The Misses Edith and Barbara Walker, of Buffalo, N. Y., are spending a month in Birmingham visiting their aunt, Mrs. Dean W. Howard, of Gordon Court. Mr. and Mrs. Howard and their two children, Shirley and Robert, are leaving Friday to spend two weeks at Crystal Lake near Frankfort.
Mrs. A. D. McWay, of Wimbledon drive, and her three children, Wallace, Annabelle, and Angus, Jr., will return this week-end from Colorado where they have been spending their vacation.
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Morgan, of Kennesaw road, are spending two weeks on a canoe trip in Northern Michigan.
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Simons who have been visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mitchell of Pilgrim road, left Sunday for their home in St. Louis.
Mrs. William G. Nagel, Jr., of Randall Court, and her two children, Barbara and Helen Ann, are returning Friday from a two weeks' trip in Ohio.
Mrs. Harold LeMont, of Saginaw, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge G. Newhall, Jr., of Arlington drive. Last week-end Mr. and Mrs. Newhall, and their daughter, Elaine, visited their other two daughters, Mary Alicia and Patricia, who are at Camp Interlochen.
Mrs. Fred Prince, formerly Nellie Leach, of Birmingham, arrived last week from Boston to spend the fall and winter with her sister, Mrs. Rose Carpenter, of West Maple road. Mrs. Prince has not visited her for 30 years.
Miss Mary Jane Kinnison is spending a week at Camp Sherwood in Lapeer.
Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Howell of Shephardsville were guests for the week-end at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago.
Mrs. Thomas Steverman and Mrs. Stanley Cowan of Detroit were the luncheon guests of Mrs. J. W. Anderson of Villa road last Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hurdley of Lincoln road returned Tuesday from a week's motor trip which included northern Michigan, Chicago and St. Paul. Mrs. D. L. Black, sister-in-law of Mrs. Hurdley, who had been visiting here, accompanied them to St. Paul. House guests at the Hurdley residence this week are Mrs. Hurdley's mother, Mrs. John Black, of St. Thomas, Ont., and Mrs. L. Schwan, of Toronto. Mrs. Schwan is an aunt of Mrs. Hurdley.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tinney of Cleveland are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Feahan of North Adams road.
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Buick, of Abbey road, motored to Charlevoix last week-end to attend the wedding of Miss Edna Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Walter Moore, of Ann Arbor. Buick entertained eight Detroit friends Tuesday afternoon at a bridge luncheon at her home.
Mrs. C. E. Ustick of Westwood drive, and her daughter, Marguerite, will return next Wednesday from a month's sojourn on Cape Cod, Mass.
Miss Virginia Hills of West Long Lake road, has as her house guest this week a schoolmate, Miss Anna Powell of Muskegon. Miss Hills and Miss Powell graduated from the Emma Willard School, Troy, N. Y., last June and will attend Smith College together this fall.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Seasholtz, of Kennesaw road, entertained members of the choir of the First Presbyterian Church and their families at a picnic supper Saturday at their summer home at Waterford. Assisting in the program at the Reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Y. C. Smith, Mrs. Louis Erwin, and Mrs. Howard Ritter.
The annual reunion of the Valentine family was held at Springdale Park Sunday. The 40 members of the family who attended voted to hold the affair at Bonaire in 1936. The reunion is held on the first Sunday in August every year.
Mrs. Melvin Doty, of Avon lane, entertained eight guests at a bridge luncheon at her home Tuesday.
Mrs. E. M. Giles, of Los Angeles, will arrive today to spend a week as the guest of Mrs. Karl C. Melas, of Le Parc drive. Mr. and Mrs. Melas had as their guests last week-end, Mr. Melas' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Strang of Milwaukee.
While Mrs. Fred M. Brock of Hupp Cross road is in Culver Ind., visiting her mother, Mrs. H. H. Rice, Mr. Brock is camping at Torch Lake with friends. With Mr. Brock on the camping trip are Horace W. Potter of Harmon avenue and Clarence Boydell of Detroit. Henry Whiting of Lake Park drive spent the week-end with the campers.
Mrs. Sam M. Garber of Bloomfield Hills returned Saturday from a three week's stay at the Hotel de Ville, Long Island, where she was visiting with her mother,

Ancient Fear Of Dread Disease Dispelled At U. S. Leper Colony



In Biblical days, and since, lepers, feared and shunned by the world, have coked out their tragic lives. Today, American lepers live in handsome, comfortable cottages, as shown at right above, and are cared for in a new, ultra-modern hospital, pictured at top, built for them by Uncle Sam.
(For N. E. A. and The Birmingham Eccentric)
To the average mind, the term "leper colony" suggests a bleak grim island—a cemetery of the living—on which disease-ravaged human beings sadly await the end.
Actually, in the United States at least, the picture is quite the opposite. In Uncle Sam's only leper colony, at Carville, La., victims of the dread disease listen to radios, play golf, and tennis, attend movies; in fact, enjoy every advantage of a southern resort.
In more ways than one the Louisiana institution has brought a "new deal" to such unfortunate as, in Biblical days, were herded into the vale of lepers; a leprosy-infested spot where bread was thrown to them by the "clean," and where the air was believed polluted.
Have endured a living death. But other people? Since 1921, the year in which the U. S. Public Health Service took over the Louisiana colony, Uncle Sam has been bending every effort toward curing and restoring to society his leprosy wards. Just recently, it said in this campaign, a \$341,000 hospital, complete with operating and physiotherapy rooms, X-ray and general laboratories, was completed with P.W.A. funds.
With this new, ultra-modern hospital, officials expect to cure 20 to many of Carville's lepers, therefore, it is simply a question of time until the traditional stigma, once noted, achievement that has lifted them from them, and they are attracted to the world of the "clean," and where the air was believed polluted.
All Types Represented
At Carville are some 500 of the nation's "leopard and old" lepers. Ranging in age from five to 70, the patients include former actors and actresses, stenographers and concert pianists, farmers and attorneys, judges and factory girls; some poor, others wealthy. For leprosy is no respecter of persons.
The afflicted ones live in attractive cottages, each housing from 10 to 12 and surrounded by green, sunny lawns. Flowers grow in profusion under the porches. There are tennis courts and golf links; a recreation hall and gymnasium; a music and chapel for all denominations. To keep them from thinking about themselves, the active patients are given light chores about the hospital or on their farm and orchards nearby.
For centuries, lepers stoically

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The success of Ginger Rogers' screen star, has been so great in the past year that it was necessary for her to stay in California for her vacation. And she's lucky she did, for she's shown above ready to take a vacation trip to Hollywood to work on a new picture.
BUSINESS TRIP ENDS
Mrs. O. M. Keller, proprietor of the Keller Hat Shop, 133 East Main street, has returned from a business trip to Chicago, where she attended several millinery openings and style shows.
Telephone girls in Berlin must set a time every day for making their "v" ears.
Club Notes
The Birmingham Unit of the Women's National Park and Garden Association will not meet during August.