

DR. LOUIS BERG LECTURES FEB. 5

Noted Psychologist, Former Welfare Island Prison Doctor, At Fisher

Dr. Louis Berg, noted psychologist, sociologist and former prison doctor at Welfare Island, New York, will lecture on the life and work of "The Successful Personality" before the Detroit Town Hall in the Fisher Theatre, Wednesday morning, Feb. 5, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Berg, whose popularity with the Town Hall audience last year won him the distinction of being this season's only repeat speaker, has helped solve the personality problem of thousands through his clinical work and writings, and has rehabilitated many prison-educated unfortunates.

He attracted national attention two years ago through his startling expose of the shocking conditions at Welfare Island Prison, New York, which helped bring about the LaGuardia investigation.

He has been attending psychiatric in Berlin, Paris and Vienna. He has been attending physician to the New York County Penitentiary and Workhouse and the Diagnostic Clinic of the Post Graduate Hospital, and has also served as deputy medical supervisor of the New York Department of Health and faculty member at New York University.

Dr. Berg deals with scientific subjects in a popular manner easily understood by the layman. He is the author of three outstanding books, "The Human Personality," "The Prison Doctor" and "The Devil's Circus."

Tickets for his lecture are on sale now at Grinnell's, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Fisher Theatre.

Apply Explained Little Brother—I never can tell which is "d" and which is "b". Little Sister—That's easy. The "b" has its stomach at the back.

Birmingham before today

OLD MERRILL ST. (Cont'd.) By Minnie Hunt Seltzer

One who has traveled through the south will probably recall the fact that many of the negro homes are built with a high-roofed central gallery extending from the front to the back of the house and open at both ends. The house proper is in the form of a T and built on each side of the gallery. There is usually a large porch in place of these sections.

The house that stood on the south-east corner of Merrill and Bates streets was of this type, except that the balcony was enclosed at both ends and made into upper and lower living rooms. There were also no fireplaces. Because of its peculiar shape it was known by the name of "The House of the Old Negro."

Before the year 1880 there were no trained nurses in town. Mrs. Lucy Cowles and Mrs. Nettie Babbit (later Mrs. Samuel MacIntyre) were the only practical nurses whom I recall. When a neighbor child that meant anyone living in Birmingham) became ill, other neighbors would take turns in caring for the less fortunate one. My mother, Emily Flint, was one of the women who never felt it a burden to aid at such times and so when the sec-



Mrs. Seltzer

ond Mrs. Harris became seriously ill, my mother was one of the neighbors who did the nursing. Her last hours. When my mother arrived home after a night's vigil, she said to me, "I never saw Mrs. Harris has a black face but he has a heart of gold. I never saw any one else who had a black face but he gave Mrs. Harris last night."

The house that stood on the S. W. corner of Merrill and Bates streets was the "old Negro" home. There were eight children in this family. Mary, Lydia and Rena, the girls, and George, Sam and Fred, one son who lived in the west. Mary was Mrs. Arthur Ford, mother of George, Nellie and Minnie. Lydia was Mrs. William Ford, mother of Ella and Ed. Renwick was the father of Cyril and another son whose name I do not recall.

Mrs. Renwick Shadwell was deaf. She was a weaver and wove many rag rugs and carpets for the town folk.

Mrs. Cynthia Perrin, who at one time lived with "Grandma" Hinkins, where the Community house now stands, was a black woman who had her own loom in a room at the north side of the Hopkins house. George Shadwell lived in Birmingham all his life. He supported himself by doing any odd jobs he could get. He was a very funny thing. Once, when one of the boys dunned him for five cents he refused to pay. He said, "I'd rather wait, because when you break ten cents it goes awful fast."

Just west of the Shadwell home was the two story square frame house occupied by William Brown and his daughters Maggie, Jennie, Cora, Grace and Mamie. His son Will, sometimes made his home here also. His son John had passed on several years before while in the west. John was the husband of Margaret Rainey Brown and father of Bert Brown, now of Detroit. Maggie Brown, now of Frank West of Glendale, California, was a teacher in the Grammar Room (7th and 8th grades) of the Hill school. Jennie was the house keeper; Cora, now Mrs. Walter Lewis of Saginaw, Michigan, was assistant at the post office and Grace and Mamie attended school. Will was a book-keeper at the old depot.

Mr. Brown was a huckster, at the time, and drove to Detroit to market each week. Later the Browns moved to Detroit, where Maggie taught for a number of years and Mr. Brown became night watchman for the Edison Moore company of Detroit, and held this position until his retirement several years ago.

The house on the south-east corner of Merrill and Chester streets, was the Irving Wilson home. The Wilsons had three sons and two daughters, Audley, Willie, and Minnie and Mamie. Minnie died in infancy and Willie was one of our many T. B. victims who died on white yet in their teens. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Brown were both active members of the Marine Corps. Mr. Wilson was also record keeper for the K. O. T. M. and was a plasterer by trade. His partner was Robert Reynolds. His partner known as Bob of Martin Street. Mrs. Lena Bowden Wilson was a member and officer of the K. O. T. M. (Mary D. Hivo).

Ira Chatfield and his daughter Flora and sons Archie and Will lived in a house on the S. W. corner of Chester and Merrill streets. Mr. Chatfield was a widower. Later he was married to Miss Kittie Guppie and built a house on the west side of Southfield avenue between Townsend and Merrill streets. Mrs. Kittie Chatfield wore a wig. She was completely bald, had no eye brows nor eye lashes and had an impediment in her speech. She was, however, a wonderful house wife and a great church worker and was always well attired.

Mr. Chatfield was a bee man and sold honey. He was also a pastor of the M. E. church for several years. At that time the outside stairway by which one gained entrance to the study was narrower and had a small, square landing at the top. One morning Mr. Chatfield found evidence that the ground beneath this stairway had been disturbed. Upon investigating he found a box hidden beneath the freshly turned soil. This box contained a quantity of jewelry. Mr. Chatfield was never able to find the owner or owners and the jewelry and finally disposed of it among his friends. My father bought a pair of cameo cuff buttons for himself and a locket chain for me. This was about 1882.

Fred Chatfield was a motherless boy who got into a great deal of mischief as motherless boys often do, and finally was sent to a reform school. Here he was well cared for and taught a trade. When he returned to Birmingham, many years later, he said that he could never be too thankful for having been sent to the school, nor for the care and training he received while there. It made a worthwhile, law-abiding citizen of him. Later the Chatfield home became property of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carter. Their son is Howard Carter. Mrs. Carter was formerly Mrs. Kneeland and her daughter by this marriage was Grace Kneeland. Mr. Carter drilled wells and Mrs. Carter was a milliner and had a shop in a part of her house. Here she also sold school supplies, candy and gum. Grace loved to ride horse back and was very jolly. She wrote beautiful poems and was a scientific student. Both Mrs. Abbie Carter and Mrs. Grace Eldred were earnest workers in the Baptist church and were active members of the Women's Literary club of the town. They were also members of the Bay View Reading club. Other members of this club were Mrs.

Estella Hemmingway, Mrs. Cassia Crawford, Mrs. Sarah Aldrich, Mrs. Addie McHenry, John Perry, Miss Carrie Chapman, Mrs. Sarah Purdy Anna Bell (McHenry), Mrs. George, Mrs. McHenry (Beach), Mrs. Ella J. Parks, Ivy Crawford (Voorhies), Mrs. Alfred Johnston, and Minnie Hunt (Seltzer).

This was in the days of cutters and sleights, soap stoves and real buffalo robes. Then like "let's there were eight children in this family. Mary, Lydia and Rena, the girls, and George, Sam and Fred, one son who lived in the west. Mary was Mrs. Arthur Ford, mother of George, Nellie and Minnie. Lydia was Mrs. William Ford, mother of Ella and Ed. Renwick was the father of Cyril and another son whose name I do not recall.

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EXILED ITALIAN TALKS ON FASCISM

Dr. Max Ascoli is Speaker At Pontiac High School This Evening

Dr. Max Ascoli, Professor of Political Philosophy at the University in Exile in New York City will be the second speaker in the Adult Education Lecture series in Pontiac each week. His subject will be "Fascism—the Black International." The meeting will be held at the High School auditorium this evening at 8:15 o'clock. Dr. Ascoli will be introduced by Father Charles W. Heath.

Dr. Ascoli brought his exile from Italy as Professor of Political Philosophy in various Italian universities. He was a political writer of various anti-fascist journals in Italy up to the time of his exile. He came to the United States in 1901. Dr. Ascoli claims to be a Fascist since that time.

Dr. Ascoli is a member of the United States as a Research Fellow for the Rockefeller Foundation and at the present time is the only Italian member of the University of Exile at the New School for Social Research in New York City. He is the author of a biography of George Sorel and one on Croce. In this country, Dr. Ascoli writes for the Atlantic Monthly, Foreign Affairs and The Forum. In his talk on Fascism, Dr. Ascoli will outline the social and political developments in Italy which fostered the growth of Fascism and will point out that Fascism is not an exclusive Italian development and that there may be something quite pertinent in Sinclair Lewis' new book, "It Can't Happen Here," for the Italians also. Dr. Ascoli says, believed that a dictatorship was impossible.

Dr. Goodwin Watson of Teachers' college, Columbia university, New York City, will be the third speaker. His subject will be "Education in a Changing Social Order." He will speak on Tuesday, February 4, instead of Thursday because his program for the next week requires that he be in New York City Friday morning of that week.

No Laughing Matter Draper—These are especially strong shirts, madam. They simply laugh at the laundry. Customer—I know that kind. I had some which came back with their sides split.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in and after the 21st day of January, A. D. 1936.

Present: Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate. In Matter of the Estate of Henry A. Bahner, Deceased. I, the undersigned, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time and presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that the time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court. It is Ordered, that one month from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate. It is Further Ordered, that the 1st day of March, 1936, be and it is hereby appointed for the hearing and adjustment of all claims against said deceased, and that the time and place of said hearing be and it is hereby determined to be at the office of the undersigned, at 1215 West Adams Street, in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 1st day of March, 1936. DAN A. MCGAFFEY, Judge of Probate. A True Copy. LEAH ROCH, County Register. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 1936.

NOTED CAPITAL JOURNALIST TALKS

J. Frederick Essary At Detroit Town Hall in Cass Theatre

J. Frederick Essary, "Dean of Washington correspondents," author, brilliant speaker and commentator on the American political scene, is the speaker for the Washington bureau of the "Baltimore Sun" has seen seven Presidents

Theatre, Friday morning January 31, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Essary's lecture "Where is Washington Leading Us?" is a not too serious review of the big parade in Washington, with many side-lights on the paraders, dealing with the measure of the moment in which every American has not a merely sentimental or political, but a direct pocket-book interest, without partisanship or bias. During twenty-five years of service as chief of the Washington bureau of the "Baltimore Sun" has seen seven Presidents

come and six got has covered every national convention since 1912; has traveled with every presidential candidate; has followed the proceedings of eleven congresses of the United States; has reported six international conferences and is the only man to have been president of both The National Press club and the famous Gridiron club. He is a frequent contributor to magazines and is the author of "Maryland in National Politics," "Covering Washington," "Washington Sketch Book" and books on other political subjects.

That Was All "What I say is true," insisted the witness. "The man threw a can over the fence and hit my wife in the face." "And you insist on saying that your neighbor seized the can and struck your wife deliberately?" "He did." "And did she give him any provocation?" "She gave him no provocation whatever. All she gave him was her opinion of him, a dirty look, and a smack on the head with a clothes-peg."

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