

## America introduces rabbit races

YES IT IS TRUE – everything does grow bigger in America. And the discovery of a new Super Lettuce that seems to have the power to multiply the growth rate of the consumer has had an unusual, some would say beneficial, side effect. Apart from now producing rabbits the size of large donkeys for the supper table (see our Casserole recipe in Liz's

Corner) – one young entrepreneur has started a craze for Racing Rabbits. Jockeys have equated the rabbit riding experience to that of riding a mad bull – but things will get better. Unfortunately crows do not seem to like the new Super Lettuce so the prospect of cheaper beef is not yet on the cards... but watch this space.



## New Times, New Look

By your fashion guru Wanda Gok

OUR READERS will be pleased to know that Christian Dior's New Look is no longer frowned upon. When it first came out many criticised it as a fashion that "wasted" fabric after the lean years of the war when less had to be more. Waists are still in – but now emphasised by wearing fitted jackets with a nipped-in waist and full calf length skirts (see illustration). This style can use 10 yards of material but really emphasises the key fashion word of today: Glamour. These New Look full skirts need support to look good and nylon is used extensively to create

buoyant net petticoats or paper nylon petticoats. Several petticoats often of varying styles are worn to get the 'just right' gentle swish required to make your Society entrance. Petticoats can be stiffened by conventional starch or a strong sugar solution. The lucky ladies stepping out today have a marvellous choice of style, fabric and designs to choose from – and some marvellous foundations to give just the right silhouette required to help Mr Right speed up his proposal!!! All these new styles are freely available in Mayfield High Street – so what are you waiting for!!!



## PERSONALS

### DRINKING PARTNER

- Being henpecked?
- Asked to nip down the stores too many times?
- Is the Garden done?

Contact Elwood P Dowd to become your drinking partner - oh must like pets

### OMAR GAFFNEY

Long standing family lawyer Suits prepared and served Medical negligence claims Commitment procedures Property matters Dispute negotiation (Gaming situations a speciality) Call at my offices but if no reply come to the club and ask for the "Judge"

### FOR SALE

**Fur coat**, hardly worn. Belonged to my dear recently deceased wife. Has very faint tyre marks on the back. £5 ono

**Lucky Rabbit foot for sale!** Rabbits feet provide good luck, good crops, many children, and prosperity. The foot is considered a powerful charm against evil because the rabbit's strong hind legs touch the ground before its front legs. This lucky rabbit hind foot is extra special because it is a real ancient charm: the rabbit was killed during a full moon by a cross-eyed person. For further details please contact Hilda Wiggle c/o the Post Office

**Mrs Prudence Walters** wants it to be known that her lovely daughter Maisie will shortly be returning home after a sejour in the country. Despite malicious rumours to the contrary, Maisie was only away for 6 months to get over a very bad bronchitis and nothing at all to do with her previous relationship with Hubert Smythe Robinson, who has been sent away to the Foreign Legion by his family.

**Ladies knitting circle** seeks new members. If anyone out there is nimble fingered and looking for an exciting new hobby, the Mayfield Ladies Guild is looking to increase its knitting circle to enable them to take on the job of knitting new covers for all the kneeling pads in Mayfield Church. If you are interested please contact Mrs Cummings at the local Haberdashery store.

**Stop Press!!** For one week only we are offering TWO years subscription to Good House-keeping for the price of ONE. For further details Contact Miss Bollinger on 01234 55678.

**Available free of charge:** One good size allotment with very good vegetable growing soil. The owner has given up gardening and is planning to live abroad after a very nasty hallucination one evening when he saw something he refuses to divulge eating his produce.

# THE MAYFIELD TATLER



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## Mysterious Thefts at Local Horticultural Show

Crime correspondent **Buc Run**

Police were baffled and local residents shocked when the Mayfield Horticultural Show was hit by a series of mysterious thefts on Saturday.

The thefts, which appear to have taken place between 2.00 and 2.30 pm, seem mainly to have been targeted at the prize-winning vegetable displays. Among the missing vegetables were Shirley Holland's prize-winning carrots and John Smith's giant lettuces, which won 'Best in Show'. Shirley Holland, who also won the 'Most Unusual Shaped Vegetable' category, said "Why

would anyone steal a humorously shaped celery? It doesn't make sense." Police are asking for anyone who was at the show between 2.00 and 2.30 pm to contact them, in case they may have seen something. In particular, they are hoping to speak with Mr Elwood P Dowd, whom witnesses have placed at the crime scene at the time the vegetables went missing. In the same vein and pos-



Crime scene

sibly connected are the large foot prints that were reported near Jason's grocery shop last week. The local police stated that there were no signs of a break-in although Mrs Munch reported that a big bunch of carrots had gone missing from her allotment. Mr Root, Chairman of the local allotment society, said "I have a rough idea who's rabbit it is" – but was hoping to start courting the sister of the owner. When asked Veta Simmons refused

to comment. A Mayfield resident (who prefers to remain anonymous) said that she saw a very large Rabbit – in a waistcoat – heading for the railways station. Indeed a few bits of chewed carrot were found on the platform but not enough to link them to the missing bunch. Despite this find it was considered prudent to refer the alleged witness to Chumley's Rest for Assessment.

- Mr Root at his allotment



## Chumley's romance

THE OCCUPANTS of Chumleys Rest have noted that there is definitely a romance blossoming between two of the staff there – this is leading to lack of concentration of the parties concerned. Betty Chumley, wife of the founder, said yesterday at a women's gathering – "isn't it romantic – I can hear wedding bells on the distant horizon! It is a long time since we had a wedding at Chumley's Rest and I have a super hat just waiting for the right occasion to make its debut! Obviously my husband has a slightly different view of the situation but as I said to him - so what if they get the odd diagnosis or prescription wrong – love should be forgiven everything – especially if it results in a Society Wedding!"

### STOP PRESS

Rumours allegedly reported that Veta Simmons will be holding a party for her daughter Myrtle in order to introduce her to Society via the well connected members of the Mayfield Womens' Guild



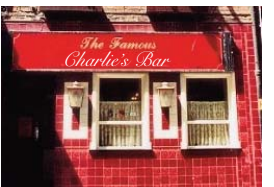
## Apex Cabs put price up!

Apex taxi's announced today that they could no longer maintain their current tariff-taxi drivers have become in-

creasingly arrogant and argumentative and are demanding large wage increases. What's your view?

## Charlies Bar

Takings are up on carrot juice recently – Charlie has had to go to several suppliers to buy the juice as the present supplier cannot meet demand.



## REMEMBER



We are always on the lookout for good strong men, come to that good strong women, to help with our productions either on stage or behind the scenes. Speak to one of the members if you need to know more! come on don't be SHY

Now showing at the Mayfield memorial hall for 3 days only

An Amateur Dramatic Production of  
 Mary Chase's Directed by STEPHEN KNOWLDEN  
**HARVEY**

a story about a man and his invisible rabbit

starring



COLIN HOLT  
as Elwood P Elwood



LYNN LUNN  
as Veta Simmons



KATIE LAIRD  
as Myrtle Mae Simmons



ANDREW BURNETT  
as Dr Sanderson



JONATHAN WHITE  
as Dr Chumley



ALEXANDRA BOND  
as Kelly



ASHLEY MUNSON  
as Wilson



RICHARD STEVENSON  
as Judge Omar Gaffney



CHRISSIE ROBINSON  
as Betty Chumley



JO WOODLIFFE  
as Mrs Chauvenet



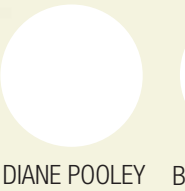
ANGELA ROWE  
as Maid



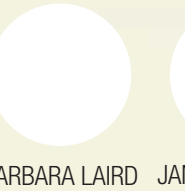
IAN FORGAN  
as Cabby



JOAN XXXX



DIANE POOLEY



BARBARA LAIRD



JANET DUCHESNE

as Society Women

Prompt and Costumes TONI MEHRA Properties ROSIE PICKERSGILL Makeup XXXXX XXXXX and Jess Lunn

Hair by LUCY 'PINUPS' Mayfield Stage Manager DAVID LITTLE

Set design and Construction STEVE KNOWLDEN, TONY WOODLIFFE, ROY HARRIS, KEN AUDSLEY, DAVID LITTLE

Lighting TONY WOODLIFFE Sound Effects JASON COOK Front of house LAWRENCE WILSON

Scene shifters PETER HORWOOD, DAVID LITTLE, LAWRENCE WILSON, JESS LUNN, STEVE KNOWLDEN AND CAST

Bar DAVID ROBINSON Hospital furniture supplied by XXXXXXX XXXX



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Directors View

INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR

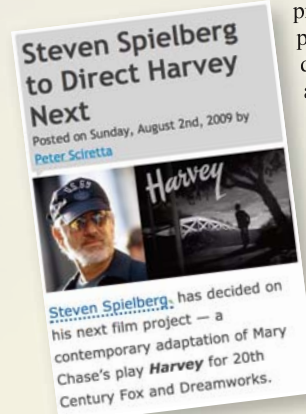
The Mayfield Tatler managed to get a rare interview with the director of "Harvey" this is what he had to say -

THE STORY OF Elwood P. Dowd and his rabbit friend has captivated me ever since I first saw the film version of Mary Chase's play as a child starring James Stewart. What interested me about *Harvey* as a child, was the possibility of magic in the world, the idea that a six-foot tall invisible rabbit could be just around the corner, sitting on a park bench was exciting to me. Then we grow up - adults! We stop seeing the world that way. We see life in a different light. Having spent some time in this "reality" I have found that Mary Chase's play is not just a sweet tale of a man and his Pooka for the kids, it is a gentle wake up call for those of us that have forgotten how to be nice. And those of us who haven't forgotten this, are often looked upon as "Crazy" or "Naïve". The characters in "*Harvey*" have become so enslaved by the notion of status that they no longer understand a man who simply wants to be pleasant. As you watch our production of *Harvey* I hope you'll remember that we are

pretending for you. We are pretending that being nice doesn't have to be seen as a "sickness".

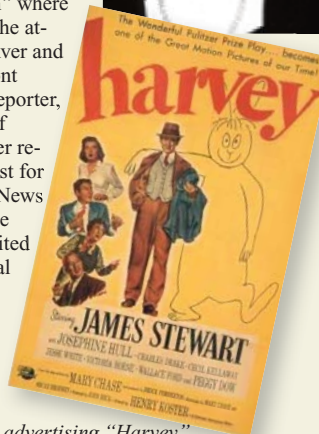
*Harvey* and Elwood are showing us that empathy is inside of all of us, let's not pretend it isn't. Enjoy the show.

By the way did you know that the other Stephen is also embarking on the remake of the film



Mary Chase

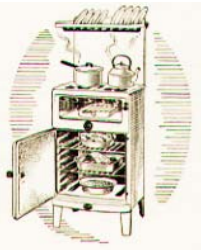
When she was a little girl, Mary Chase's three Irish uncles, Pete, Tim, and Jamie, amused her with stories from Celtic mythology of pookas and banshees. Chase was born in 1907 in Denver, Colorado, which is probably the model for the "western town" where *Harvey* takes place. She attended college in Denver and married Robert Lamont Chase, a newspaper reporter, in 1928. Chase herself worked as a newspaper reporter at that time, first for the Rocky Mountain News and then as a freelance correspondent for United Press and International News Service



Film poster of the day advertising "Harvey"

LIZ'S CORNER

Cooking with Elizabeth Craig



CASSEROLE OF RABBIT WITH BACON

- 1 rabbit
- 3 rashers bacon
- 2 medium onions
- 2 medium carrots
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup diced turnip
- 1 pint beef stock
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed herbs
- Tomato catsup
- 2 tablespoons flour
- Salt and pepper

For 4 persons - Blanch and joint rabbit. Remove rind from bacon. Chop and fry it till the fat flows, then remove to a casserole. Peel and slice onions, and scrape and slice carrots. Fry slowly in the bacon fat with celery and turnip, turning occasionally, till all fat is

absorbed. Stir in stock, herbs and catsup, salt and pepper to taste. Bring to the boil and turn into casserole. Place rabbit joints on top and cover tightly. Bake in a slow oven (325° F.) for 1 1/2 - 2 hours, depending on age of rabbit. When ready, cream flour with a little cold

stock. Strain stock from casserole into saucepan, then stir in flour. Bring to boil and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring all the time. If too thick, thin with a little more stock. Pour sauce into casserole. Serve with boiled steamed or mashed potatoes.

for that afternoon light bite

DROPPED SCONES

- 1/2 lb plain Flour
- Pinch Salt
- 1oz Sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon Cream of Tartar
- 1/2 teaspoon bi-carbonate of Soda
- 1 Egg
- Approx 1/2 teacupful Milk



For 22 scones Sieve the flour, salt, sugar, cream of tartar and soda into a bowl. Mix well and make a well in the centre. Add the egg and half the milk and stir, gradually beating in the dry

flour from the outside, with the remaining milk. The consistency should be a thick batter. Heat a griddle or thick frying pan, rub with a little fat and pour on spoonfuls of

the mixture. When the tops are full of bubbles, turn with a knife and cook the other side. Cool on a cake wire and butter before serving.

Handy Hints for the Harassed Housewife

- Step Cleaning** Use red ochre, a little milk mixed with the powder. It prevents the colour coming off when stepped on.
- Starch Bath** Two tablespoons of starch dissolved in a bath is an excellent tonic for the skin
- Stale Cake** To freshen. Put in a pudding basin, cover with a lid or plate and steam for half an hour. The cake will be like one newly baked.
- Tar**, to remove. First scrape off as much as possible then thoroughly damp the place with salad oil or melted lard and allow this to remain for 24 hours. If the article be of cotton or linen it should be washed in strong warm soap-suds. If it is of wool or silk, remove the grease with ether or spirits of wine.
- Tea Towels** If these leave fluff on your china, pass through a solution of weak starch water.
- Tired Feet** Bathe them in 2 quarts of hot water to which a handful of salt has been added. This will stimulate the circulation and remove the waste products which are responsible for the fatigue. Two handfuls of salt to a basin of hot water.
- Doorsteps** To keep free from ice. When washing doorsteps add a cup of methylated spirits to every painful of water used.
- Liquor stains** To remove. When white material is stained with wine, let it stand in boiled milk two or three minutes then rub the stains gently
- Pearl Necklaces** To clean. Submerge in a small tin of powdered magnesia, leave for a night and gently brush the powder off in the morning.
- Piano Keys** To clean. Take an old piece of muslin and dip it in alcohol. For very yellow keys use flannel moistened with eau-de-cologne. Fine powdered French chalk mixed with benzene is also good.
- Salt** An ironing hint. Add a pinch when making the starch; it will prevent sticking
- Scurf in the head** Apply gentle friction with a flannel dipped in olive or almond oil and when the oil has well soaked in and loosened the surf, the head should be washed with soft soap and warm water. Sulphur ointment should be rubbed in.
- Sheet iron** A piece of sheet iron, 10 or 12 inches square placed over a gas ring will, when hot, keep three or four pots boiling at once.

