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NEW HIKA APPEARS; PLOTINSKY EDITOR

By Al Shavzin

No longer does the once familiar Runyon greeting sound along the Middle Path. No more do men of Kenyon end the singing of The Thrill with the traditional cheer. The word *hika* has practically disappeared from the vocabulary of the Hill-dwellers. But besides being the conventional Middle Path *hello* (in days so remote as to be beyond the clear recall of even so venerable sage as Professor Ashford and Timberlake) and part of an old Kenyon yell, *hika* played yet a third role in the life of the College. It was the name of Kenyon's literary magazine, founded by a group of the Hill's sophomores and juniors in the fall of 1934. After working on the publication all winter, it first appeared the following March, and proved to be successful. Several writers of some literary distinction had their first pieces printed in *Hika*. George Lanning, Jim Wright, Richard Gibson, Lloyd Parks, and Walter Elder. *Hika* was discontinued a few years ago, however, due to lack of funds. Now *Hika* is returning to enhance Kenyon's high literary reputation.

Editing *Hika* this spring will be Mel Plotinsky, assisted by an editorial board of Bob Forsyth and Bob Clark. Clark has also been the chief organizer of *Hika*'s business staff. According to Editor Plotinsky, the spring issue of *Quarterly* size will contain 40 pages, with a new and original Hans Gesell design to add sparkle to the cover. Included in the features which will appear when the magazine reaches the stands on April 24, will be the following: articles on government, philosophy, science and literature; a short story or two; a poetry section; a dramatic fragment, and a movie letter. As there will be, happily, a wide diversity of contributors, most pieces will be short, no prose piece extending beyond 1500 words.

Adding their words of wise encouragement will be faculty advisors Charles M. Coffin and John C. Ransom. The financing of this first effort will be met mostly by advertising, but partly by student subscription. It is the aim of the editors to prepare a publication which will be comprehensible to the average Kenyon student, and yet still maintain high literary standards.

It should be emphasized again, that, although *Hika* is nominally a student's literary magazine, it is not limited to literature or criticism of literature. Writings on any subject which meet the editors' criteria of style and content will be printed. For now that the Kenyon magazine of General concern, The Advocate, has become entirely defunct, *Hika* must fill this place as well.

Original Play Wins Trophy

By Gene Nassar

Bob Forsythe, writer of the winning play, accepted the interdivisional play contest trophy for the Betas which is now their permanent possession. Delta Tau Delta placed second.

The award winning play, His Father's Shop, featured Fred Papsin, Miss Lee North, Mrs. Phil Holt, John Seaman, Roger Alling, and John Carpenter. The action revolved around old Nick's (Papsin) dejection of the airs put on by his son due to his education. It ended tragically when old Nick losing an arm forces his son to discard his dreams for the future and work in the hated shop.

The Middle Kenyon production was a liberal adaptation of Aristophanes' *The Wasp*. It was a delightful farce due mainly to the efforts of the actors Dan Kramer, Trevor Barker, Jules Kluger, and Jim Minarick.

The Bexley boys did a wonderful acting job on E. P. Conkle's *Minnie Field*. In their hill-billy parts George Spratt, Gene Norman, George Anderson, Welch Tester, and Robert Elder were perfectly type cast.

The Alpha Deltas' offering, *Today is Friday* by Ernest Hemingway, concerned the crucifixion of Christ as seen through the eyes of three Roman tribunes played by Eugene Mio, Dan Smart, and Charles Mignon.

A tremendous all-enveloping spoof of the Kenyon faculty was attempted by Delta Phi and author Robert Greenberger. Titled *Rocky's Cocktail Party* it spared no one and produced twenty-one talented mimics.

The *Heart of Age* by Eric Bercofici presented by the Deltas had for its theme, Man's childlike loneliness and despair. John Urnes, Jim Conway, Bill Humphrey, Harry Reed, Charles Schwartz, Mary Dell Wintermute, Bruce Richardson, Dave McPherson, and Jack Donaworth gave the barroom scene a realistic haunting atmosphere.

HUGHES, FERGUSON WIN STUDENT ASSEMBLY POSTS

TKA Won By MKA

First place in the Tau Kappa Alpha Forensic Society contest was taken by the Middle Kenyon Association. The individual prize winning speaker was Ralph Treitel of Middle Kenyon. Delta Phi placed second in the divisional contest and one of its pledges, Dave Krutzman, was second in the individual ranking.

Trevor Barker, renowned mathematician turned satirist, delighted the audience with a lampoon of Senator McCarthy. Waving a paper containing a list of an ever-decreasing number of Kenyon "subversives" and warning us of the danger of this tight "organization" of men refusing to sing at Sunday noon chow, he advised us to watch everyone — even the R.O.T.C. officers.

Armand Lavalley wove his remarks about Krishten Namurti's book "Education and the Significance of Life. Using the technique of surfacely disclaiming and berating the "idealist" the man of "love and understanding," he subtly emerged as a champion of Namurti's assertions that man should be "a dreamer." The practicalness, the realist approach so evident in these modern times, Lavalley implied, constitute a grave danger to Mankind.

Dave Kurtzman attempted a definition of the aim of a liberal arts education. He quoted from a poem by W. H. Auden which attacked the liberal arts as serving only the student. Kurtzman noted that, while accepting the fact that absolute truth will never be found,

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TV Set Reinstated By 2-1 Margin

In School elections held Wednesday, Jim Hughes was elected Student Assembly president and Wilson Ferguson, the new secretary. In the preliminary balloting on Monday, Hughes and Jim Wallace were nominated for president, and Ferguson and Chad Vogt for secretary. On this ballot too, the TV set was voted back into the lounge by a 2-1 majority. The new officers will take office following vacation along with the new student council.

Truce Begins Tomorrow

Tomorrow morning at 11:30 nearly every Runyonite will take advantage of a ten day truce with the faculty. Armfuls of dirty clothes will be stomped into suitcases, and hundreds of us will head for the border (of Gambier Corporation.)

Spring Vacation's the time for the big things — a trip south, pinning the hometown sweetheart, parties, political science term paper.

The Dean reminds all students that overcutting costs money, and that the "truce" officially ends at 8:30, April 7.

Schwartz Team Begins Tour

Dr. Paul Schwartz and his wife, Katherine Schwartz, performed in a two-piano recital in the Great Hall of Peirce Hall on Wednesday, March 24, at 8 P.M. The Schwartz team played the same works that are scheduled to be heard on their concert tour during Spring vacation.

Prior to this, on March 18, the student body had held its first assembly of the year, voting a TV set back into the Peirce Hall lounge and nominating officers for the student assembly. The first order of business was consideration of the "TV set problem." The set had disappeared earlier in the month and had been recovered a number of days before the meeting. Fred Papsin, assembly president, stated that it had been "spirited" to the attic of Peirce Hall and that the disappearance had been an "inside job." A hand vote was taken and the set was voted returned to the lounge. A revote was taken by written ballot on Monday, however, to get a more conclusive student opinion.

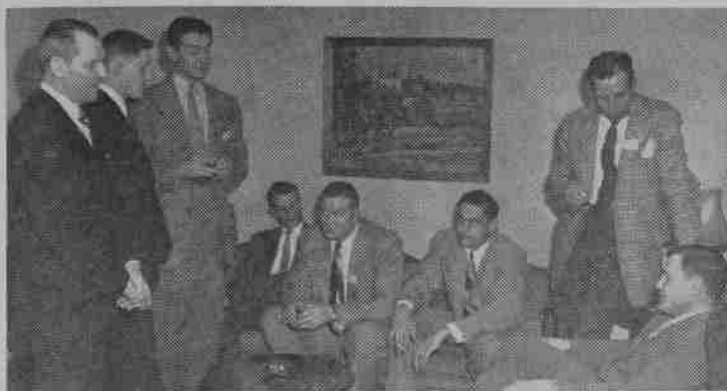
The nominating committee presented its slate of candidates: for president Dave Cummings, Bob First, Jim Wallace; and for secretary Al Spievach and Willie Ferguson. Spievach, however, declined the nomination. Further nominations were taken from the floor with John Foulke and Jim Hughes nominated for president and Bruce Richardson, Bill Ostrander, Tegtmeyer, Bob Greenberger, and Chad Vogt nominated for secretary.

No Band Yet Cummings Says

The campus is restless again. Whose orchestra is playing for our Spring Dance Weekend formal? The social committee hasn't been able to make any final arrangements yet. The committee has contacted a number of orchestras. Names such as Woody Herman, Les Elgart, Tony Pastor, Claude Thornhill, and Tommy Tucker have passed around the Hill, but we regret to report that arrangements with none of them will be possible.

Dave Cummings, head of the college social committee, is still trying, however, to bring a "name" band to Kenyon for the dance, and he urges one and all not to despair.

Seniors, Alumni Confab



Shown above are several of the senior class with President Chalmers, Joseph W. Scherr, member of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Council and Jess W. Falkenstine at a party in the Alumni House.

The Seniors met with the Alumni Council Saturday, March 13th. The council informed the seniors of the business of the alumni. This was followed by a banquet in Peirce Hall.

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Editor's Corner

With Spring officially here and vacation upon us, it is a good time to look back over the winter months and sprinkle about a few editorial-bouquets and brickbats.

My first bouquet is to the AFROTC for a very fine dance and exhibition display last weekend. The band they chose, Joe Weisberg's, was one of the best I have heard here. Disorderliness, the bane of many Kenyon dances, was non-existent, and a good time was had by all. I certainly hope that this will become an annual affair.

An equally well-deserved bouquet goes to the swimming team. To my way of thinking, not enough can be said, to adequately praise Coach Bob Bartels' crew. Their winning ways have brought Kenyon fame of the kind that will help erase the memory of that fatal event in Mount Vernon and bring added prestige to all of us at Kenyon.

My third bouquet goes to Roy Styers for bringing back wrestling to the Kenyon scene. Not only did he revive it, but he developed some potential champions in Eb Crawford, John Wilkin, Tom Wigglesworth, and Dave Katz. We urge that wrestling be made an official school sport next year in recognition of the fine contribution made by Roy Styers and his Wrestling Club in bringing added honor to Kenyon.

My first brickbat goes to our own President Chalmers. For two years now, I have suffered through the athletic awards assembly, as he unknowingly mispronounced team members' names and used the wrong nicknames. To me this is careless and inexcusable. It would take very little time for him to go over the pronunciations with one of the coaches, and it would certainly save embarrassment for all concerned.

My second brickbat is to the student body as a whole for its lack of support for the concert and lecture series (with the exception of the last one). We are supposed to be men schooled to appreciate the arts. We have failed to show it, and generally seem apathetic, as we on the Collegian have tried to point out in past issues.

I have saved my last brickbat for Dean Bailey and the Pan Hellenic council. In the past few issues of the Collegian we have shown, and the Dean has agreed, that second-semester rushing needs some revision to make it work. Yet, to our knowledge, not one step has been taken to even study the problem, let alone come up with a positive solution. We once again urge that some action be taken. It is time for deeds, not words.

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Dear Editor:

It is perhaps a fitting tribute to the lethargy of a bulk of the Kenyon student body that the television set recently installed in the Peirce Hall lounge has acquired so many patrons. And it quickly becomes an indictment of the widespread attractiveness of this mindless indulgence, television.

As a modern innovation in communication, television must not be ignored. But as a watchword, or a topic of ceaseless discussion this insipid provider for our more banal selves ceases to be benign and becomes dangerous.

True, there are shows of interest and enjoyment that we may watch in an off-moment for pure relaxation, and surely no harm will come from that. But the effects of television mania, which is easily contracted as a malignant disease, are in turn the causes of the television rut which consists of a complete loss of powers of intelligent discrimination.

We rationalize the degrading aspects of the average television program by our recognition that television is yet young, and will, in time, improve. This may be so, but since the average program on television today is planned and executed to serve the Neo-Neanderthal mind, why must we as college students who have been gifted with a higher education ridicule and ignore that gift?

In the future we are to directly participate as professional men in social, political, economic and cultural activities for the improvement of ourselves and those less fortunate than us. Before we can be fully worthy of our attachment to a liberal arts college, we must disassociate ourselves from that which will stifle us in our steps.

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The College Scene

By Phil Currier

Harvard's recent Freshman Smoker turned into quite a blast, according to the *Crimson*. On tap for the evening were Al Capp, Rita Gam, Tom Lehrer, and 20 kegs of beer. A traditional beer-drinking spree followed the entertainment but it "degenerated into a beer-spilling contest interspersed with occasional fist-fights." The Freshman football team, serving as waiters, doubled as bouncers and "mauled and evicted those who had trouble holding the free beer." Activity slowed down after a prankster's bomb exploded in a freshman's face, critically injuring him. I wonder if that is a typical Harvard party. If so, the ivy in the league must have a stormy growth.

I have come to the conclusion that the problems encountered here at Kenyon are more or less universal. A number of schools have been devoting newspaper space to muddy paths, lack of parking space in certain places, poor roads, etc. The *Case Tech* mentioned that 2,500 books are missing from their library. The *Flat Hat* of the College of William and Mary brought out the "disgusting facts" connected with disappearing silverware. It seems that the cafeteria began the year with 8,000 place settings and now has less than 3,000. I can recall a sleepy morning last year, when the tables of Pierce Hall were colorfully decorated with pink and blue baby spoons. Maybe William and Mary should investigate its chapel.

Speaking of investigations, it is interesting to note that many college newspapers are now mentioning the name of that certain senator. He seems to have replaced the problem of the high price of coffee. It is encouraging to note that most papers censure Mr. McCarthy and his tactics. The Ohio Wesleyan Transcript went as far as any other paper when they called him the Communist's best friend. I find coffee a more tasteful subject.

I noticed that William and Mary along with its silverware shortage, has a familiar laundry problem. As one writer put it, "I realize that they have a tough time, and that they do a good job, but I'd like to know what kind of a machine tears buttons off your shirts and blows them through your socks." That same writer mentioned that if you aren't home when your laundry is delivered, don't worry about a thing. They just slip it under your door.

It took an article in the Akron *Buchtelite* to keep me informed of Kenyon's wrestling team. So, for anyone equally uninformed, Kenyon came in second in the Ohio Conference Invitational Tournament. That same article mentioned a guy named Dave Kates from Hiram. Could they mean Dave Katz of Kenyon?

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Hurling Big Question For Kenyon Nine

"It will all depend on our pitching," said Coach Skip Falkenstine when asked about the prospects for the coming baseball season. With the rest of the team rounding into form, the moundsmen are still the big question mark.

Mike Taddonio, second pitcher on last year's mound staff, and freshman Rolly Webb are currently fighting for the opening day assignment. Lettermen Marty Waldman and Bill Williams both saw action last year and are expected to give Falkenstine some much needed help.

Pat Wilcox seems to have clinched the catching job. The freshman receiver looks like one of the better stickmen on the squad this year.

The infield is pretty well settled with the exception of first base. Dick Block, who played third and outfield last year, seems to have the inside track here. Bill Lowry will return to second, after alternating between second, third, and right field last season. Also expected to see action at second is freshman Judge Jones. Ron Kendrick and Don Fishman, both first year men, are making strong bids for short and third.

Captain Phil Pitney, who begins his third season, appears to be the only sure starter in the outfield. The other two outfielders will be chosen from lettermen Chuck Swartz and Frank Hagen, and freshmen Lloyd Warner and John Stauffer. Bill Williams and Mike Taddonio may do some flychasing when not on the mound.

The team has benefited from the fine spring weather, having had plenty of opportunity to practice outdoors. If the weather holds good, the squad should be in good shape for the opener against Fenn on April 10. The game will be played at Fenn.

E. D. Nails I-M Swimming Meet

Led by Dave Tarbell and Perry Pascarella with 24 points between them, East Division won the Intramural Swimming Trophy for the second straight year, edging Middle Leonard by six points. The Peeps won the meet in the final event, the 100 yd. free style relay as Pascarella passed three men in 25 yards to take second place.

Dave Tarbell churned through the water in a record 51.5 seconds in the 75 yd. individual medley preliminary to set the only new record of the meet. The second place Delts were led by sprinters Greiser and Keys and diver Jack Harrison.

All-Star Cagers Chosen

Last night the Collegian sponsored a basketball double-header at Wertheimer Field House. The main event was a game between the Kenyon varsity and the Intramural All-Stars. In the first game of the evening, the Kenyon swimming team, playing their first and last game of the season, met a rugged and determined Faculty team. Results were not available at press time.

The All-Star team was selected in a poll conducted by the sports staff. Each competing team in the "A" League voted in the contest. The results were compiled on a point basis.

Bill Weidrich of Bexley led in the balloting, followed closely by Barry Cahill of East Division. Rounding out the first team were Gene Mio of East Wing, Dexter Seto of East Division, and Hugh McGowan of South Leonard.

Seven men were chosen for the second team as a result of a three way tie for the fifth slot.

FIRST TEAM	
Weidrich	(B)
Cahill	(ED)
Mio	(EW)
Seto	(ED)
McGowan	(SL)
SECOND TEAM	
Foulke	(NL)
Fullerton	(EW)
Waldman	(WW)
Martin	(ML)
*Block	(ML)
*Wilcox	(L)
*Thomas	(SL)

*Tied

Three Matmen Gain Conference Finals

On Saturday, March 12, the Kenyon wrestling team entered the Ohio Conference Championship, held at Akron. None of the Lords was able to bring home a trophy, but three of the matmen did make it to the finals.

Ed Crawford, John Wilkin, and Dave Katz all qualified for the finals. Crawford and Katz, wrestling 177 and 137 respectively, were pinned by their opponents. Wilkin lost a close decision in the 147 pound finals.

The team had three dual matches this year, losing to Akron and Ohio Wesleyan and tying Oberlin.

LORDS OPEN IN EAST



Pictured above are three of the returning stalwarts of last year's lacrosse team. Left to right are Fred Papsin, Butch Aulenbach, and Tookie Cole.

Monday, March 29, will mark the opening of the 1954 Kenyon lacrosse season as the Lords meet Washington College in Chestertown, Md. This game is part of the team's eastern trip during Spring Vacation. Two days later, the Lords will face the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

Both schools represent top-flight lacrosse teams and will undoubtedly provide Kenyon with their toughest opposition of the year. Coach Bill Stiles is not too optimistic about the Lords' chances in either game. With the season only started, the team has not had sufficient chance to work into top playing form. Injuries to a few key men will also hamper the Lords.

The present team is marked by the lack of veteran mid-fielders and an experienced goalie. Dick Evans, George Thomas, and Bob King are the tentative starting midfield. Jack Gammon, Bob Anderson, Al McCormick, and Dave Cummings have a chance, however, to win a starting berth.

Freshman Charlie Opdyke and sophomores Bob Smith and "Rocky" Nelson are all fighting for the net-minding job. Nelson saw plenty of action last year and holds an advantage in experience, but no one has sewed up the position.

Stiles is more optimistic about his attack and defense as both units have returned practically intact. Co-Captain "Tookie" Cole, Fred Papsin, Jim Wallace, and Al Spievack have returned to do the goal-getting.

The defense this year is unchanged, but injuries during early practice have hurt here. Co-captain "Butch" Aulenbach will be out for two or three weeks with a badly pulled muscle, and Joe Culp is having trouble with an old foot injury. Veterans Phil Bentley, Bob First, and Bill Detlinger round out a very powerful rear guard.

ACTION HEAVY IN I-M LEAGUE

East Wing Cops Title

In the final game of a three-team playoff Tuesday night, the Green Wave of Alpha Delta Phi jumped Beta Theta Pi by a score of 38-25. The game was a nip-and-tuck affair until the final four minutes when the victors poured on the steam to pull away.

The "A" League season ended in a three-way tie between Bexley, South Leonard, and East Wing. Each team finished with a record of 10-2. The Betas moved past Bexley last Friday by a score of 40-21.

The "B" League championship was won by Middle Leonard, led by the high-scoring Bill Detlinger. The league was honored this year by the entry of the Faculty team. The Faculty started fast, but the long and punishing season soon took its toll.

Peeps Top Trophy Race

On the strength of victories in the foul shooting contest and the swimming meet, East Division took a sizeable lead in the battle for the intramural championship and the Pasini Trophy. The trophy is awarded to the division compiling the highest total of points in all the intramural events throughout the year.

The early pace-setter, North Hanna, has slipped to a distant second. Defending champion Middle Leonard is a very close third.

Tentative dates for coming intramural events are as follows: March 25, Volley ball elimination tournament starts; April 9, Softball League begins; week of April 12-16, Track meet; and April 26, Tennis elimination tournament starts.

PASINI TROPHY POINTS*

East Division	417 3/4
North Hanna	234 5/6
Middle Leonard	221 7/12
South Leonard	206 1/3
East Wing	204 5/6
South Hanna	158 5/6
West Wing	149 1/2
Bexley	140 3/4
Middle Kenyon	122 5/6
Middle Hanna	112
North Leonard	109 1/2

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Treitel Wins Contest; Attacks New Criticism

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the quest, the never-ending attempt to come closer to the truth is, indeed, the purpose of the liberal arts.

Dick Yee set forth the various reasons in favor of statehood for Hawaii. Recognizing that party politics has and will remain the main stumbling block to statehood for Hawaii, he discredited the attempts of U. S. senators to refuse statehood for the islands. Noting that the islands are free from prejudice and pay taxes equal to those of the United States citizens the arguments against statehood, Yee said, are completely shattered.

Ralph Treitel amusingly accused "complexity" as being "What's Wrong with Poetry Today." Tracing the evolu-

tion of poetry from the cave man era (complete with native chants), he attacked the "new criticism," accused poets of madness and obscurity due to starvation, advised government subsidies to struggling poets, and urged "uncomplicated poetry to suit the simple American."

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Great news from Bill Gray, Chairman of the Movie Committee! Rosse Hall is the place to catch some of those movies that have been established hits. Each of the next four programs provides first class movies. "A Streetcar Named Desire" will be shown on April 10th. The movie is based on Tennessee Williams' masterpiece of the stage, and it features Marlon Brando and Vivian Leigh.

April 17th brings "O Henry's Full House." Several stories of the famous short-story

writer will be brought to life by a cast of present-day Hollywood stars.

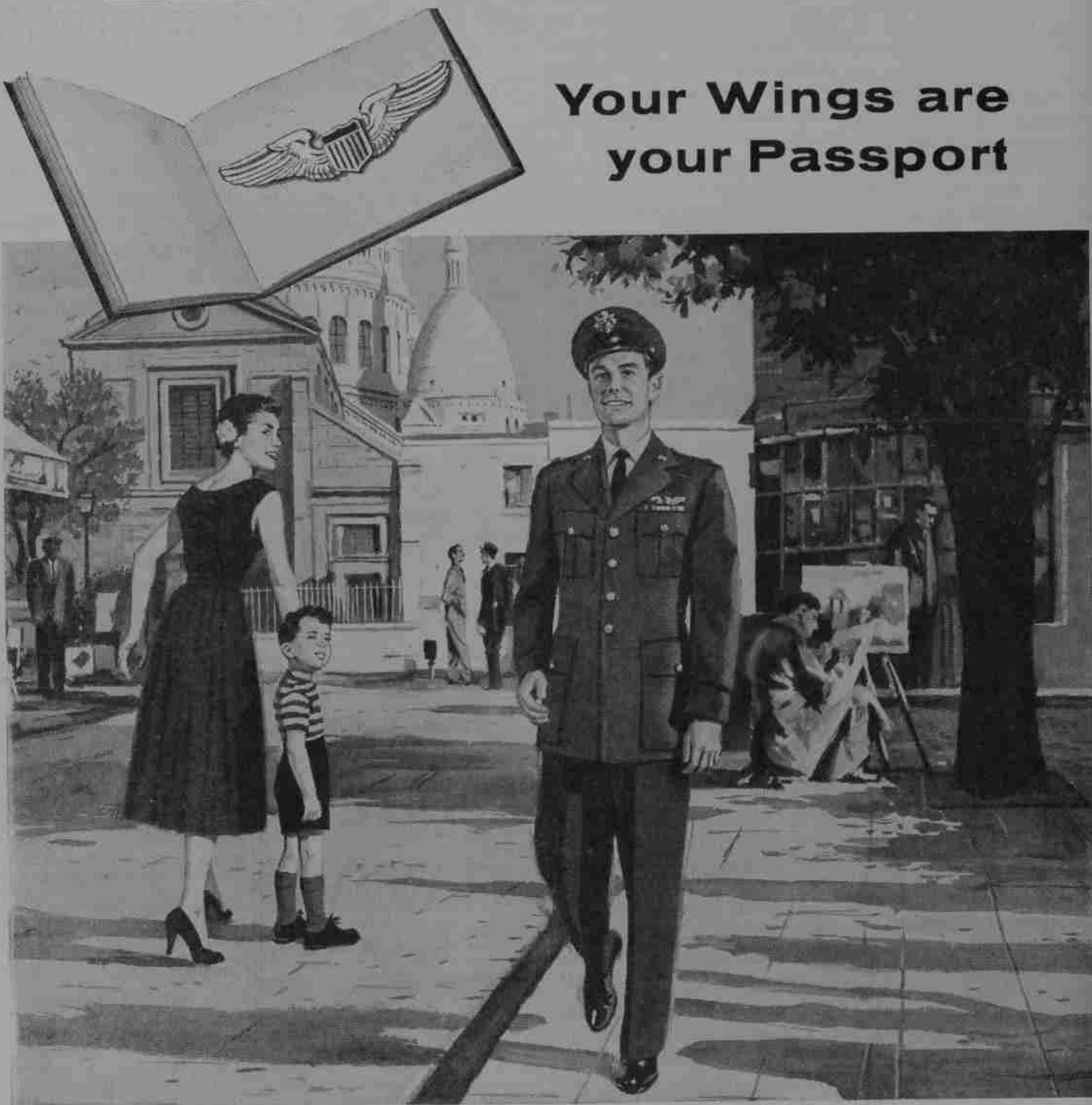
Another movie classic, "Rhapsody in Blue," will be presented here on April 24. It stars Robert Alda, Joan Leslie, and Al Jolson. Another Alee Guinness flick will be presented on May 1. This time it is "Kind Hearts and Coronets."

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