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NEWS FLASHES.

Sir Gerald Billy, last year's President of the Royal Academy, hands the winner's cup in the "Schoolboy's Own Exhibition Art contest to a schoolgirl, ten year old Johanna Bryant. Johanna, who beat hundreds of rivals of both sexes, proudly points out the painting that won her the prize.

Caxton Hall in London sees the wedding of two little show people - Dorothy Williams and Freddy Rushton. Both are in their thirties, yet the groom stands only 3 ft. 9 inches tall. Dorothy, who is one inch shorter, has the part of Little Miss Muffet in pantomime. Freddy is one of the clowns. When the panto season's ended they hope for a honeymoon in Ireland. Over in the States, the U.S. Navy reveals the Martin Seamaster, the world's first multi-jet flying boat. Built near Baltimore, the Seamaster has swept-back, drooping wings, and a tall, T-shaped tail designed to keep clear of heavy seas.

The Martin Seamaster, which was built for minelaying operations, is claimed to be capable of speeds of more than six hundred miles an hour.