JUST IN FUN

Going Out

Conceited Young Man: "Have you an opening for an intelligent man with a university education?"

Business Man: "Yes. And don't slam it as you go out!"

Sole Heir

"Who's the long and lanky dame?" asked the stranger.

"That tall and stately lady," said the local citizen rebukingly "is the sole beneficiary of a $100,000 life insurance policy."

Honest

After the weekend guest had departed, the hostess was tidying up.

"There," she exclaimed in disgust. "I knew that friend of yours wasn't to be trusted. I've just counted the towels and one of them is missing."

"Was it a good one?" asked hubby anxiously.

"The best we had! It was the one with 'Grand Palace Hotel' woven in it."

Absolutely

The employer, on leaving his office, was instructing his new secretary what to say if anyone called while he was out.

"I may be back this afternoon," he told her. "And then again, I may not."

The girl nodded brightly.

"Yes, sir," she said. "Is that definite?"

A Smart 'Un

A school inspector, having ended his investigation into the class's knowledge, smiled at them genially and said:

"Now, it's only fair that I should give you a turn, children. Can anyone ask me a question that I may answer it?"

Presently he heard a voice.

"Please zir, I knew a man who has two eggs for breakfast every morning. He doesn't keep hens, zir, he doesn't steal eggs, or buy eggs, zir, and nobody gives them to him. Can you tell me where he gets them from?"

The inspector thought and finally had to answer: "No, I'm afraid I cannot. Well, where does he get them from?"

"Please, zir," said the boy, "he keeps ducks."

Double Duty

MacTavish purchased a pair of boots which were guaranteed for a year.

After eleven months he returned them and complained that they were not standing up to the guarantee.

"Are you sure they fit you all right?" asked the manager.

"They fit me a' richt," was the reply, "but my brother on night shift says they're a bit too tight for him."

Suspicion's Finger

The express pulled up with such suddenness that the passengers were hurled in a heap on the floor. Quickly the guard came along to reassure them. "Somebody pulled the communication cord and the brakes acted too quickly. The last coach has left the rails. There will be a delay of three hours." "Three hours!" cried a young man. "I'm to be married this afternoon." "Are you the fellow who pulled the cord?" asked the guard, suspiciously.

Then Sparks Flew

One of those very small cars had run out of petrol on a country road, and knowing it was a long tramp to the nearest garage, the motorist stood by the roadside and signalled for help. A large and magnificent car pulled up, and out stepped the very superior driver.

"Could you spare me a drop of petrol?" said the stranded one.

The other eyed the tiny vehicle and asked acidly:

"Are you sure it's petrol you want, and not a new flint?"

A Catch In It

Applicant: "And if I take the job am I to get a rise in salary every year?"

Employer: "Yes, if your work is satisfactory."

Applicant: "Ah, I thought there was a catch in it somewhere."

Intelligent

The teacher had written 92.7 on the blackboard, and, to show the effect of multiplying by ten, had rubbed out the decimal point.

"Now, Alfred," she said, "where is the decimal point?"

"On the duster," replied Alfred.

Know Your Hockey Stars

By ED FITKIN

One dynamic youngster who should be a great favorite with Toronto fans is Howie Meeker, 22-year-old rookie right - winger. They don't make 'em any more spirited than Howie the Howitzer" and his bid for an N.H.L. contract was one of the most enlivening aspects of the Toronto team's training sessions at St. Catharines. The diminutive, chunky starboard winger, an amateur last winter, was the only graduate of the hockey school conducted by the Leafs before the regular training campaign got underway.

Howie Meeker
Right Wing

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His story is a heart-warming one. Two years ago he lay in a military hospital in the north of England, his legs gashed and pock-marked with shrapnel wounds, wondering if he'd ever play hockey again. The young Canadian had been severely wounded when a live grenade exploded at his feet during training manoeuvres. The explosion hurled him eight feet in the air and ticketed him for a four-month sojourn in the hospital.

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Howie still maintained his hopes of someday becoming a pro hockey star, despite the injury. After leaving the hospital, he took a physical training course, found out that his legs were going to be all right, then took two more P.T. courses and qualified as a sergeant instructor. Soon after that he went back into the European combat zone. It was his second invasion as Howie had previously spent three months on the Continent in the fall of 1944, helping to repair bombed railway rolling stock. He had enlisted in Stratford, Ontario, with the No. 1 Canadian Railway Workshop Company in April, 1943, and went overseas seven weeks later. He served in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

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Meeker, who starred with Stratford junior teams before enlisting, returned to Canada on the last day of 1945 and, on getting his discharge, he signed with Stratford seniors, and was one of their most consistent scorers. In the playoffs, after leading the Stratford scoring drive, Meeker was halted by a broken arm.

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Howie signed with the Leafs last spring and celebrated by getting married a week later. His hockey ambition always has been to play for the Leafs and now that he's up with them, he won't go down if he can possibly help it.

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Born at Kitchener, Nov. 4, 1924, Howie got his hockey start in public and high school competition, then starred with Kitchener's Junior "B" team in 1940-41. He migrated to Stratford the next season with Stratford's Junior "A" team before enlisting.

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His parents live in New Hamburg, which is close to Stratford, and Howie has four young brothers —Ken, Chuck, Tommy and Dick—rooting for him to make good in the N.H.L.

Irish Take Over

There are far more people of Irish blood in the United States than in Ireland, D. V. Brogan, professor of political science at Cambridge, told the Royal Dublin Society.

Between 1820 and 1920, nearly 5,500,000 Irish people settled in the United States, becoming the "basic proletariat of the country. The only parallel in history was the migration from Portugal to Brazil.

Even so, said Professor Brogan, the proportion of Irish stock was higher in Newfoundland, Australia and Scotland.

GEDDIG A CODE IN DA HET

She's getting a cold in the head—they hope. Mrs. Lesly Adamson and her husband, David, were among 24 volunteers who agreed to risk taking colds to aid research at Harvard Hospital, Salisbury, England. Above, she receives nasal drops containing cold virus. Below, after being exposed to virus, the Adamsons greet a visitor who is protected by plastic hood. Human guinea pigs' reward for sacrifice was two weeks of "easy living" in prefabricated hut.

Edison Missed Being A Canadian Because of Father's Rebel Spirit

Thomas Alva Edison, world-famous inventor whose 100th birthday anniversary will be observed internationally on Feb. 11, 1947, missed being a Canadian only because his father chose to side with the forces of William Lyon Mackenzie in the ill-fated Papineau Rebellion and was forced to flee to the United States for safety.

The inventor's father Samuel Edison, Jr., fled the village of Vienna in Bayham township, Ont., in 1838 after Mackenzie's attempt to seize the government failed. A year later he settled at Milan, Ohio, where Thomas Alva was born in 1847. Two of Tom's brothers, Marion and William Pitt Edison, and a sister, Harriett Ann, were born in Vienna. Tom spent some of his summer holidays with relatives in Vienna.

Worked in Sarnia, Stratford

Pioneers migrating westward from Nova Scotia founded Vienna village in 1811, and among them were Tom Edison's great grandfather, grandfather and father, the latter a youth t the time. The great grandfather, John Edison, had been one of the original settlers at Digby, Nova Scotia, to where he and his family had migrated from New Jersey at the close of the Revolutionary War. During the war, he was a Tory and loyal to the Crown, and as such had been ordered hanged for giving aid to the British troops. His sentence, however, was commuted to banishment from the United States.

Tom's ancestral ties with Canada were to be augmented later when, as a youth, he worked in Canada as a telegraph operator at Sarnia and at Stratford Junction.

First Black Eye

Some of Edison's most interesting childhood experiences occurred when he worked as a newsboy and candy butcher on the Grand Trunk Railroad train running between Detroit and Port Huron. His family moved to Port Huron when he was seven and continued to reside there until Tom was grown.

It was an ordinary boy brimming with normal deviltry, not as the soon-to-be inventor of such miraculous things as the electric light, the phonograph and the motion picture, that young Tom received his first black eye in Sarnia in 1860. The then Prince of Wales, traveling as Lord Renfrew, was to stop off at Sarnia during a tour of Canada, and Edison was among a group of Port Huron lads who crossed the river to see the visiting royalty. In a dispute over the Prince, later Edward VII, the Canadians whipped the Yankees and Tom received a blackened orb as a memento of the occasion.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

Secret?

Eating onions is one secret to good health, says a doctor. What does he mean, secret?

—Timmins Press

Must Stay Neutral

Some countries which remained neutral during the war have been refused membership in the United Nations. Thus, they will have to remain neutral during the peace.

—Punch

Don't Be Hasty

Appear hesitant and reluctant when granting something that is asked of you, lest the beneficiary will feel he should have asked for more and will be disappointed.

—Kitchener Record

Plenty Around

United States Senate, Washington reports, is in need of 13 experts on railroads, weather forecasting, television and woodchucks. Shucks, there are that many around any village cracker barrel.

—Windsor Star

Pays To Listen

When you talk you say only something you know: when you listen, you learn what someone else knows.

—Brandon Sun

New Drive Set

Now that somebody has said that bacon is going to be in even shorter supply, store-haunting harpies can be expected to put on a drive to hog what remains.

—Woodstock Sentinel-Review

The Better Way

To drive slowly in winter, says a wise contemporary, is better than to be driven that way.

—St. Thomas Times-Journal

Truth Is Weapon Against Communism

"If we are to preserve the American way of life, the menace of Communism must be met and its forward march halted," says J. Edgar Hoover in the current issue of the American Magazine . . . And that goes for Canada and the Canadian way of life, also.

You may not know it, but Communistic influences are at work in this country, the same as in the United States. It is subtle, well-prepared propaganda. We've been getting some by mail, with certain paragraphs marked in red pencil.

The best way to combat Communism is to expose it.

"A Communist, steeped in stealth, trickery and deceit, cannot long survive the truth, says the head of the F.B.I. "The healing rays of spotlight of public opinion focused on Communism will have the same curative effect that X-rays have upon cancerous growth, if applied in time."

And Fast

The will of a New York woman left $10,000 to her chauffeur. Relatives will probably claim he drove her to it.

—Chatham News

Clean-Up

"A new broom sweeps clean." But nevertheless it's doubtful that Abbott can clean us any cleaner than Ilsley cleaned us.

—Ottawa Citizen

Want To Bet?

A small town is one where you can't find any place to do anything you shouldn't.

Kiwanis Magazine

"I Remember When . . ."

Neighbors are people who come over when you are sick—and tell you how sick they used to be.

—Chatham News

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