JUST IN FUN

Understood

Wife: "Well, dear, I'll meet you at the Biltmore at twelve for lunch."

Husband: "All right, but please don't be any later than one."

Truthful

A coal merchant advertised for a boy, and in due course a number applied for the job.

"Do you like work?" he asked one of them.

"No, sir," was the prompt answer.

"Then you can have the job," said the coal merchant. "You are the first boy I've seen who has told the truth."

In Technicolor

The film producer visited his oculist and complained of seeing spots before his eyes.

"Well, smiled the oculist, "there's nothing serious about that. We'll have you fixed up in no time. Why, thousands of people see spots before their eyes."

The producer smiled.

"Yes, I know that," he replied. "but mine are in technicolor."

Wise Words

"If you make out your income tax return wrong, you are in the hands of the law," says a contemporary, "and if you make it out right, you are in the hands of the receiver."

The "J" as "H"

A woman travelling by train was talking with a man in the next seat. In describing her holiday, she said that she had visited San Jose.

"You pronounce that wrong," said the man. "It's San Hosay. In California you pronounce all the j's as h's. When were you there?"

The woman thought for a moment, then answered, "In Hune and Huly."

Off The Wire

The young reporter thought that the old man in the potato-field looked the last word in rusticity.

"Good morning," he said. "Lovely day."

"Ay," answered the oldest inhabitant, leaning on his hoe. "But there's rain coming."

"How do you know that?" the reporter asked. "Red sky at morning — shepherd's warning, eh? Or perhaps you've means of your own?"

Dunno nothing 'bout that," was the reply. "But it was on the wireless last night, and in all the papers this morning."

Her Choice

Brother Tom: "Yes, I like him well enough Polly, but how did you ever happen to marry a man a head shorter than you are?"

His Married Sister: "I had to choose, Tom, between a little man with a big salary and a big man with a little salary."

Different

He asked the lady for her hand;
She yielded to his wishes;
But now that they are wed she sets
His hand to washing dishes!

Simple

Master of House: "Why did you tell your mistress what time I came home last night after I had told you to be quiet about it-"

Maid: "I didn't sir. She asked me what time it was, and I told her I was too busy getting breakfast to notice."

8 Killed, 100 Hurt

Wreckage and overturned cars litter the Southern Pacific tracks near Bakersfield, Calif., where the San Francisco-to-Los Angeles Owl jumped the rails, killing eight persons and injuring 100.

ALASKAN MANEUVER

Throwing cold water on the old Hindu rope trick, a couple of Task Force Frigid soldiers prove you can do it without being a fakir—if you've got Alaska's 56-below-zero temperature. First, Sgt. Carl Muldoon of Geneva, N.Y., gave the rope a few applications of water and let frigid nature take its course. Half an hour later, Muldoon tootled on an icicle flute while Pfc. Boxy Herd, Mineola, N.Y., registered amazement.

Know Your Hockey Stars

By ED. FITKIN

Bigger and heavier and considerably stronger than when he broke into pro hockey as an 18-year-old junior ace in 1942-43, Bud Poile is expected to be a standout man for the Leafs this season. Six feet tall and packing between 185 and 190 pounds in playing condition, Poile is quite a hunk of hockey player. He's a right-hand shot — and what a shot! Pucks don't fly any faster than the way Poile propels 'em and that deadly drive and his playmaking ability have earned him the nick-name of "Point-a-game" Poile. Bud,, prior to this season, has played 74 N.H.L. games and has 64 points to his cerdit.

Norman (Bud) Poile, Centre

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In 1942-43, his only full season as a Leaf, Bud scored 16 goals and had 19 assists for 35 points in 48 games. In playoff competition the same season, he bagged 2 goals and 4 assists for 6 points in 6 games. During the 1943-44 season, on leave while transferring from the Royal Canadian Air Force to the Canadian Army, Poile played 11 games with the Leafs. He scored four goals in his first start and in the 11 games collected six goals and eight assists for 14 points. Last winter, back from overseas service, Poile played nine games for the Leafs and clicked for nine points—one goal and eight assists.

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Like Gaye Stewart and Gus Bodnar, Poile is a product of the Thunder Bay hockey incubator. He was born at Fort William, Feb. 10, 1924, and began his climb to hockey's big time via the bantam-midget-juvenile route in his home town.

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Scout George (Squib) Walker, who nabbed him for the Leafs, says that Bud was "a super star" as a junior. He and Bodnar were team mates with the Fort William Hurricane-Rangers for two years and after Bodnar won the scoring championship of the Thunder Bay League, "Squib" promised Poile a trip to Toronto to see the Leafs in the Stanley Cup playoffs if he could win the scoring title the second year. Bud did and got his trip. The next season he was playing for—not just watching—the Leafs.

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Poile joined the Canadian Active Army in April, 1943, transferred to the R.C.A.F. and then returned to the Army. He went overseas in July, 1944, and served with Sigals Corps in Italy, France and Germany. He was in Oldenburg in Northern Germany on VE Day. Prior to returning to Canada last March, Poile was picked for an All-Star Army Headquarters team that toured France and Czechoslovakia. He spent his 22nd birthday last Feb. 10 in "Gay Paree." Bud was married in 1943 shortly before going overseas.

Britain Slates Humble Folk For High Posts

Columns are being written about the fact that the son of a butcher is being slated for the governor-generalship of Australia, says the Ottawa Journal. Why? Surely it has ceased to be news that sons of butchers and bakers and other humble folk have won by divine right of intellect to the highest posts of power! And not merely in new countries like Australia, the United States and Canada. In England, where they are supposed to have a caste system, democracy in government but not in society, any number of men, sons of poor homes, have risen to the summits —look over the records of Mr. Attlee's ministers! More, turn to the supposedly blue-blooded Conservative party and note that the descendant of a Yorkshire bare-knuckle fighter and runner rose to be Lord Chancellor—F. E. Smith, later Lord Birkenhead.

It is an inverted snobbery which assumes it is wonderful news when a poor boy rises to the height to which his intellect entitles him.

Sly Dog

"John, I hope I didn't see you smiling at that girl."

"I hope you didn't, my dear."

Swiss Boom

Switzerland is an island of prosperity in the midst of Europe. Figures just received show that industry is humming, everyone is at work, the cost of living is stable, and prices have fallen a bit. The tourist trade reflects this situation, as foreigners have been flocking back to Switzerland in greater numbers than ever since 1934, to enjoy the good things of life to be found there as nowhere else in Europe.

—Ottawa Citizen.

FLYING TO LONDON

Making his first trip to London since he was appointed United Kingdom High Commissioner to Canada last year, Sir Alexander Clutterbuck, K.C.M.G., M.C., is shown checking in at the T.C.A. passenger office at Montreal before departure of the big Trans-Canada Air Lines transAtlantic plane for London. Sir Alexander plans to remain in London for two weeks, during which time he will see Lord Addison, Secretary of State, Dominions Office, to discuss routine matters and keep in touch with the latest developments.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

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The folly of betting on horse races is generally admitted, but gambling on the human race continues—which seems to involve a similar risk.

—Kingston Whig-Standard.

A Billion

It's not likely that you'll ever get the chance, but just the same it would require 19 centuries to spend $1,000,000,000 at the rate of $1 a minute.

—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Meanest Mishap

The season's most embarrassing mishap happened to two New York thieves who stole a truck, and then got the horn stuck just as they were driving away.

—Edmonton Journal.

Parental Surprise

When you looked forward to the time when your offspring would be big enough to do things for themselves, you did not realize what they would do.

—Brandon Sun.

Know Not Unity

Pandit Nehru claims all the freedoms for the people of India, and few will deny his right to do so. But a sovereign people need unity as well as freedom and of the first principles of unity the Indians seem to have not the foggiest notion.

—Vancouver Province.

Current Affairs

An educational experiment applied to Britain's fighting Services during the war, which proved highly popular and successful has resulted in an important new development in methods of education in Britain's schools. It is the introduction of current affairs as a regular subject into the educational syllabus. This change is a direct outcome of topical discussions and informed guidance which were arranged by the War Cabinet to ensure that every fighting man should have adequate opportunity to acquire a basic knowledge of world affairs. "Current Affairs" is now a well established item on all school schedules.

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It's Still Work

Mrs. Blank—Do you want employment?"

Tramp—"Lady, you mean well, but you can't make work sound any better by using a big word for it."

Definition

Apartment: A place where you start to turn off the radio and find you've been listening to the neighbors.

—Peninsula Light.

Fuel First

A chemist announces that 87 different products can be made from coal. People who struggled with some of the war-time coal will wonder why the scientists didn't concentrate on making a decent fuel of it and forget about the other things.

—Kingston Whig-Standard.

War Bride, Babies Given Big Welcome

The recent publicity given to that small group of English war brides who reported their unhappy experiences in the United States is no doubt overshadowed by the thousands of brides who received a royal welcome. The following story is authenticated by the writer, who participated in collecting the money mentioned, says H. B. E., in the Christian Science Monitor.

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G.I.'s of the 82nd Airborne Division, returning home on the Queen Mary, were particularly charmed with three young traveling companions—rosy little triplets, aged perhaps eighteen months, on their way to America with their mother. It soon became known that their father was an ex-G.I., now discharged and waiting in the States for his English wife and babies, and immediately something was in the air.

The Queen Mary steamed into New York harbor, the young father was on the dock, to be greeted, not only by his family, but with a check for several thousand dollars — a welcome-home gift to the babies from the thousands of Americans on board.

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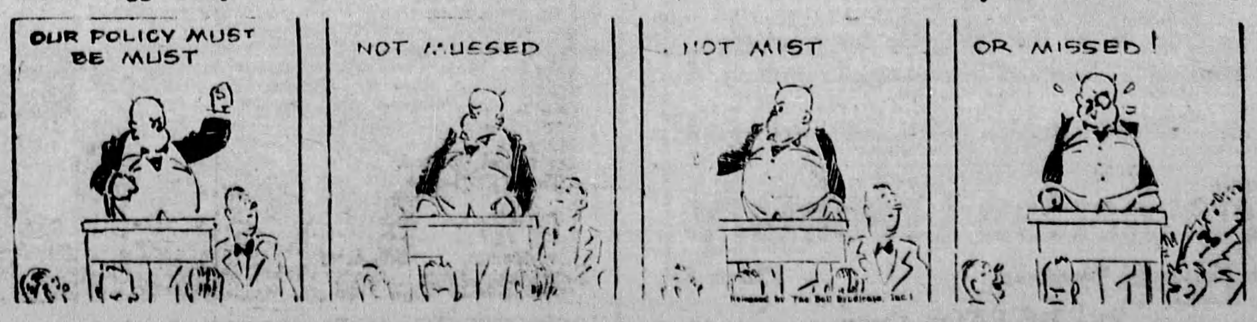
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