JUST IN FUN

His Second

A man telephoned his doctor: "Come over quick, doc. My wife has appendicitis."

"Nonsense," snorted the doctor, "I removed your wife's appendix three years ago. How can anyone have a second appendix."

"Listen, cried the husband, "Did you ever hear of anyone having a second wife?"

Sharp Hint

Mr. Spriggins (gently): "My dear, a man was shot at by a burglar, and his life was saved by a button on his coat which the bullet struck."

Mrs. Spriggins: "Well, what of it?"

"Nothing, only the button must have been on."

Animal Crackers

"Oh, oh, it's been enlarged for human occupancy!"

Competition

"I hope to get on, sir, I'm taking a correspondence course to learn how to make more money, sir."

"Hm! Well, it's just too bad for you, Jones. I'm also taking one to learn how to reduce expenses."

One Exception

"You can get anything at a mail-order house," remarked the lady next door.

"Everything, alas, but a male," sighed the spinster.

Better Than Nothing

Mr. Newrich: "Every time I fire this gun it kicks hard enough to knock me over."

Gamekeeper: "Well, sir, it must be a satisfaction to know you've brought something down."

Two New Theories in Conflict?

"Here's an odd order," said the mail order clerk.

"What is it?" inquired the assistant to the auditor.

"A woman writes in for a book on child psychology," replied the mail order clerk, "and a hair brush with a good stout handle."

Vacant Seat

The minister had preached for an hour and a quarter on the prophets—all the greater prophets and then the minor ones in turn. "Now we come to Habakkuk," he said. "Where shall we put him?"

"He can have my seat," said a wearied listener. "I'm awa' hame."

CANADIAN ROOSTERS TO SOUTH AFRICA

Blood lines of South Africa's White Leghorns are to be improved with the introduction of a Canadian strain. One dozen pedigreed cockerels left recently via Canadian National Express for Saint John, en route to the largest hatchery in southern Rhodesia. It will take five weeks for the birds to reach their destination. To ensure prime condition, the shipper packed four different feeds with the birds. Cod liver oil is part of their diet. The South African importer, Miss L. Halford of Queque, ships chicks by air throughout the Union.

Know Your Hockey Stars

By ED FITKIN

Rangy James Angus, (Gus) Mortson, 185-pound rushing defense rookie of the Toronto Maple Leafs, isn't exactly a self-made hockey star but he certainly didn't let timidity deter him.

Gus Mortson
Defense

Unlike a great many others in the past few years, Mortson did not come under the scrutiny of Toronto's scouts until he reached St. Michael's College. And he arrived at St. Mike's through his own efforts.

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Mortson, an eager youngster, figured he had a hockey future and realized that he would have to place himself in an advantageous spot if he wished to make that dream come true. He tried crashing the Oshawa Generals but didn't click; so he turned to the priest who managed the Kirkland Lake juvenile team with which he was playing and shortly thereafter he was enrolled at St. Mike's.

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Aggressive Gus required only 20 minutes or less to convince Maple Leaf scouts that here was a hockey bud beginning to bloom. By the end of the first period of his first game at the Gardens, Mortson's name was on file at N.H.L. headquarters as a potential Leaf. It was, as it turned out, a good thing for the Toronto management that such speed was utilized because two other clubs had scouts on hand at that particular game and before the final bell, each club had put in a bid to negotiate with Mortson. Toronto's margin, in one case, was two minutes.

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This happened in the 1943-44 season. That winter Gus starred with St. Mike's throughout the league schedule and then, after the Irish had been eliminated from the O.H.A. Junior "A" playoffs, he was picked up by Oshawa Generals as a military replacement. Gus helped the Generals win the Memorial Cup that year but the next season, back with St. Mike's and improving with age, Mortson was a big gun in the Memorial Cup triumph of the Fighting Irish.

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Thus, starting with the Kirkland Lake juvenles, who won the NOHA and All-Ontario Juvenile in 1942-43, Mortson played on three successive championship teams before starting in on his pro career. Signed by the Maple Leafs in 1945, he was optioned to Tulsa Oilers and played a leading role in helping the youthful Oklahomans fight their way into the United States Pro Hockey League finals. Gus, alternating between defense and left wing ,racked up 29 goals and 29 assists for 58 points in league competition and bagged one goal and eight assists in the playoffs.

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Though born at New Liskeard, Ontario, Jan. 24, 1925, Gus has lived most of his life in Kirkland Lake. Gus is a prospector in the off-season, and spent the past summer working in and around a place called Groundhog, in Northern Ontario.

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Conn Smythe nicknamed him "The Nugget" and thinks he can become one of the brightest of pro hockey stars. He's a defenseman with speed, has a good shot and revels in rugged going. He was one of those invited to take part in the special hockey school conducted by the Leafs in September and after a week's trial as a defenseman, he was assigned to Pittsburgh.

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Mortson couldn't conceal his disappointment, asked Smythe if he could try left wing instead of defense as he had had more experience up front. Smythe told him to go to Pittsburgh and keep on playing defense and he'd be back for a trial later on. Little more than two weeks later Mortson returned to the Leafs and did so well that he was retained to start the season. And if the will-to-win counts for anything, Gus will be around for quite a spell.

British 'Jets' in Lead

On the record, the British are pretty far ahead of the United States in development and production of gas turbine engines, both jet and propeller types.

Glenn L. Martin, who has been building and flying planes since 1909, told a Senate committee that the British are "at least 18 months ahead of us."

He sad that eventually such power plants will be the only type in use, and that the British may be flying the Atlantic with them a year or two ahead of United States air lines.

DIGGING IN TO BATTLE CRISIS

In workman's garb, Capt. Geoffrey Bing, foreground Labor member of British Parliament, shovels coal to help out in England's coal crisis. Reporting for work at 7 a.m., Capt. Bing joined a party of over 400 office workers idled by the fuel shortage who put in an eight-hour day helping unload coal from trucks.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

For Bed-Smokers

A new fireproof mattress is on the market, especially designed for people who smoke in bed. It is claimed by the makers that the smoker can burn himself to a crisp without the slightest trace of injury to the mattress. One never knows what wonders science will achieve next.

—Ottawa Citizen.

Mother Nature No Slouch

The fact that food left by Admiral Richard E. Byrd in his Little America camp in Antartica six years ago has been found still edible under 20 feet of ice proves that Mother Nature is no slouch herself at deep-freezing.

—Buffalo Courier-Express.

Share for the Victor

Surely something is wrong somewhere; Britain is spending twice as much annually to put Germany back on her feet as the British spent in their whole budget in 1902. And meanwhile Britain is in shaky financial condition as a result of two wars to crush German ambition. To the victors, apparently, belong the toils.

—Peterborough Examiner.

Same Old Admonition

A delegate to the Security Council at Lake Success, N.Y., said before a single gun is scrapped there should be an assurance of world peace. Merely another way of saying keep your powder dry.

—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

"Those Were The Days"

"In the good old days" we had shirts with tails, two pairs of pants per suit, no income tax, nice neighbors, road shows, parasols, the Western Fair, private enterprise, churchgoers, home-grown vegetables, a house to ourselves, time, and faith, hope and charity.

—London Free Press.

Corrected

Teacher: "Correct this sentence: 'Girls is naturally better looking than boys'."

Pupil: "Girls is artificially better looking than boys."

—Commerce Magazine.

Wakeful Passengers

Tomorrow's deluxe train, we are told, will have a movie theatre, a ballroom, a loud speaker system and radios everywhere. Passengers who wish to sleep will hop a freight.

—Edmonton Journal.

Pinching Times

It cost citizens of Blackwater, Mo., one dollar apiece to vote in their last election. These are certainly pinching times when a citizen has to buy his own vote.

—Guelph Mercury.

Think It Over

Some people, says a contemporary, are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

How You Can Get Quick Relief From Sore, Painful Piles

Most people seem to think the only way to get relief from their sore, painful piles is by local treatment. Local treatment may give temporary relief from the itching but you can easily see why such treatment will not correct the cause of your piles.

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Why Sea Divers Wear Breastplates

The first practical means of exploring the ocean's floor was, curiously enough, devised by an astronomer, writes W. P. Keaskey in the Christian Science Monitor. In 1714 Halley (the man whose name was given to Halley's comet) designed a diving bell.

A little more than a century later, Augustus Siebe invented a diving suit by means of which solitary divers could descend unattended to the sand or mud of the river or ocean's bottom. One type of diving suit consists essentially of a suit made of rubber molded between two layers of strong canvas. The suit includes a breastplate of metal to guard the diver against the pressure of water. Were it not for this protection, the water pressure would prevent him from expanding his lungs and drawing in air for breathing.

Helmet With Portholes

The diver's head is protected by a metal helmet which has three round windows or portholes. The air hose is attached to the back of the helmet. Through this hose air for the diver to breathe is pumped down from the ship or dock from which he descended. Since the air hose is subjected to very considerable water pressure, it must be reinforced with wire to prevent the pressure from collapsing the hose and cutting off the diver's supply of air. A special valve in the helmet lets out the air that the diver expels in breathing.

16 Pound Boots

The air pump plays a very important part in underwater operations, for it has been estimated that divers at extreme depths require as much as seven times as much air per minute as they would at the water's surface.

To make sure that he will be as heavy as the water he displaces, the diver wears boots with thick lead soles weighing about 16 pounds each and carries perhaps a hundred pounds or more of lead on his back and chest. Otherwise, the air in his suit might make him so buoyant that he would bob up to the surface like a cork.

Palomar Observatory

The 200-inch mirror which is to be mounted on Palomar Mountain in California is still being ground or "shaped" in the laboratories of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif. As matters stand, the telescope should be completed late this summer or early in the autumn, and scientific work should begin by January 1, 1948. It has taken nineteen years to bring the project to this stage.

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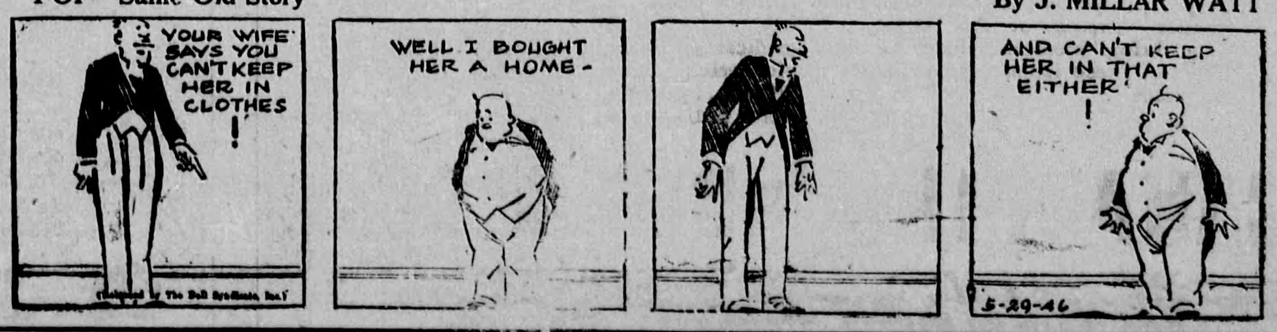
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