JUST IN FUN

Irony

A woman got on a bus and took the only empty seat, next to a harmless-looking reveller. Soon she opened a map of Manchuria and began to study it.

The reveller gazed at the map for a while and finally addressed the woman in an interested tone: "Sure you're on the right bus?" he asked.

A lady who had ordered ice from a new ice man heard the familiar ring of the dumb waiter the next morning. She seized the rope and began to pull but found the effort unusually taxing. Nevertheless, thinking the ice man had gone, she bent all her energies to the task and pulled away until the dumb waiter rose to the kitchen level. Then there appeared not only the cake of ice, but a small boy sitting on top of it.

"Young man," demanded the housewife, "why did you make me pull you all the way up here?"

"Because," explained the youngster with a smile, "I thought the ice might be too heavy for you to get into the icebox, and I came up to help you with it!"

Both in the Eye

"Last week a grain of sand got into my wife's eye and she had to go to the doctor. It cost me $5."

"That's nothing. Last week a fur coat got into my wife's eye and it cost me $500."

Ont the Waiting List

"I can't promise you anything," said the automobile salesman to the disgruntled customer, who slammed the door on the way out.

"What did he want?" asked the dealer.

"Oh, he wanted to know if he couldn't turn in the 1946 model which he hasn't received, for a 1947 model."

Pasted Together

Mother had baked a two-layer cake for Daddy's birthday. Aged-Three, telling a neighbor about it, said: "We have two cakes for Daddy and we are going to paste them together with icing."

You Never Can Tell

You never can tell when you're likely to have a change in luck. Sometimes it comes at the most unexpected moment. Like the prim school teacher who was making a trip with a group of children and stopped for lunch at a restaurant. The children noticed a garish slot machine in the restaurant and asked what it was. The teacher launched into a lecture on the evils of gambling. In order to emphasize the futility of trying to get something for nothing, she said she'd show the children what she meant. She marched over to the slot machine inserted a nickel, said "Now, watch what happens," pulled the handle, and out poured a flood of nickels. She had hit the jackpot!

Not Too Old To Learn

A group of elderly women were discussing ways and means of raising funds for their church organization. One suggested organizing a class in glove making.

"Do you really think that's necessary at our age?" asked an old lady in the rear.

"What—glove making?" asked the other.

"Oh, I thought you said love making."

Ford's Answer

A favorite story about Henry Ford is the one told on the occasion of the Fords' fiftieth wedding anniversary, when a reporter asked: "Mr. Ford, to what do you attribute your successful marriage?"

The kindly automobile man answered: "The formula is the same as one used to make a successful car—stick to the same model."

Self-Appreciation

"Just listen to that man talking to himself," commented the wife to her husband. An elderly man, walking in front of them, was talking to himself in a very serious and admonishing tone. Apparently he overheard the remark for he slowed down and lifting hat, bowed deeply and with twinkling light in his eyes said: "Pardon me, madam, but it is necessary to talk to someone sensible sometimes."

HOLD EVERYTHING

"Mother spends all her time wandering through the stores . . . so she decided to make it pay!"

PATROLMEN OF BAVARIA'S MOUNTAIN WATCH RESCUE INJURED SKIER

High in Bavaria's rugged alpine mountains, a three-man Mountain Watch team comes to the aid of a ski accident victim. First aid already has been administered, and the injured man is being lifted into a toboggan for the trip down the mountain. Many of these ski patrolmen served in the German mountain troops during the war; the U.S. Army has carefully screened them to make sure they had no Nazi connections other than military service they could not avoid.

Typical member of Bavaria's famed Mountain Watch is Carl Reger, 23, who was born and raised in the mountains and has been in the Bergwacht for eight years. On his left breast pocket he wears the red and white badge imprinted with the edelweiss, flower of Bavaria, the red cross, and the inscription "Bergwacht."

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American Red Cross Representative

Garmisch, Germany — They sweep down from snowy heights at breakneck speed; they leap yawning crevices with uncanny skill. In their veins, so they say, flows the blood of mountain goats; on their chests gleams edelweiss, the flower of Bavaria.

These are the men of the Bergwacht, world's greatest mountain-safety organization.

Bergwacht means "Mountain Watch." Members of this fabulous group, who jest among themselves about the renewed strength they receive from goat's blood, have saved the lives of 116 Americans since V-E Day.

Some 348 of them toiled for 464 hours, at great personal danger, to save those lives. Others put in a total of 168 hours to bring back bodies of 11 Americans killed while climbing, hunting, or skiing in the Bavarian Alps.

The great influx of sports-loving Americans and the release of the Germans from the regimented life of wartime has made the months since V-E Day the busiest on record for the Mountain Watch. Since then, its men have rescued 1555 persons, and have recovered the bodies of 57 casualties. Because most deaths are due to falls into almost inaccessible places, it is not uncommon for 27 to 30 Bergwacht men to spend three to five days on a recovery mission.

An all-volunteer group organized in 1920 and sponsored by the Bavarian Red Cross, the Bergwacht is made up of the mountain country's best men. They may be asked to join or they may apply and wait to be accepted, but in either case any sturdy, experienced Bavarian skier and mountain climber considers the Mountain Watch a top honor.

A Bergwacht man gets no pay; he must attend special school twice a year; he goes out day or night, into blinding sun or raging storms, to find and save anyone who needs help. If he is a barber and a call for help comes while he's shaving his best customer, he puts down the razor and answers the call like an American volunteer fireman.

Testimony to his skill is that in the 26 years of some of the most dangerous work in the world, no member of the organization ever has been killed on duty.

Though the chief factor in a man's selection for the Bergwacht is his mountain experience, intensive training in first aid is vital to his success. Reaching an injured victim is only the first part of the job, for often a life hangs on the skill of men trained in emergency first aid practices. Since war's end, all Bergwacht men have received training in American Red Cross first aid techniques.

A small group of Bergwacht men has been hired by the U.S. Army for full-time work at Army resort areas. These men serve as instructors and safety supervisors around the trails and ski slopes, aided on weekends by other, volunteer, Bergwacht men.

Before the war most men of the mountain watch were in their twenties or thirties; now the ages range from 16 to 65. Once a man puts on the edelweiss pin of the Mountain Watch he is qualified to wear it as long as he can do his job.

Although there are 2576 of these sturdy climbers, organized roughly into units in 64 towns and villages in the Bavarian Alps, when the phone rings for help, they go out as teams, two men on a routine patrol, four on a search, eight or more on a difficult recovery. In summer, when there is no snow in the lower reaches of the mountains to facilitate movement, eight to ten men constitute a rescue or recovery team.

Mountain folk say the Bergwacht men can go anywhere a mountain goat can.

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Weather Flights Over North Pole

Army B-29 Superfortresses have begun weather flights over the North Pole and will make daily flights over the Pole, beginning in May.

Brig.-Gen. Donald M. Yates, chief of the Army Air Forces Weather Service, flew on the first flight last week. He said this was the start of routine A.A.F. weather reporting from the very top of the world.

Yates said that from now until May, weather-equipped B-29's will fly periodically from California to Ladd field, Fairbanks, Alaska, then fly north over Point Barrow, circle over the Pole and return to California by way of Alaska.

Beginning in May, he said, the squadron of converted super-bombers will move to Alaska and begin daily flights over the Pole from a base there.

On the first flight, Yates said, the B-29 was in the air 16 hours and 30 mintes. As it flew over the Pole, an uncoded message was sent out giving weather conditions.

Weathermen say most U.S. weather originates in the North Polar area.

No "Amber" Light; Accidents reduced

As a road safety measure, the experiment was made in Glasgow some time ago of cutting out the amber light on the change from red to green in the automatic traffic signals.

The experiment has been so successful that the Highways and Planning Committee of the Town Council have decided to recommend to the Ministry of Transport its general use throughout the country.

The Glasgow experiment, carried out during the past six months at a number of the busiest crossings in the city, has been successful in reducing the number of road accidents.

An Experiment With Mayonnaise

Occasionally, during summer days in the country, far from shops, we run short of some food commodity, in spite of careful planning. When faced with such a plight, we are apt to resort to experiments. One such that proved most successful was the extending of a small quantity of mayonnaise with the white of an egg. We beat the latter until stiff and then whipped it gradually into the mayonnaise. The result was a sufficient quantity of delicious, fluffy dressing which saved the day for our luncheon salad.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

Will Help Our Stories

One pleasing feature about the recent storm is that we will be able to tell our grandchildren 20 or 30 years hence about the good old fashioned winters we used to have.

—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Works Faster Here

An exchange tells that in Turkestan professional women weepers will cry for six hours straight. More accomplished women and softer hearted men have cut the necessary time in this country to a minute or so.

—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

A Sure Sign

A person may know that old age has marked him for its own when he begins to notice how much his associates have aged in the past few years.

—Kitchener Record.

Advance Agents

Those early robins are now believed to be advance agents sent in to look over the spring housing situation.

—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Style Note

A magician has been in the news for getting out of a locked safe in 30 seconds. We'd like to see him get out of the back seat of some of the new car models in double that time.

—Peterborough Examiner.

Professionalized

Everybody's becoming a professional these days. Over in the United States they're even issuing degrees of janitorial engineering to caretakers of buildings. And we understand some of the panhandlers are insisting on being called professional coin collectors.

—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Not Guilty

We're convinced that Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone—but never contemplated the party line.

—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Or Something Else

Safety experts say the kitchen is the most dangerous room in the house. And particularly so in the vicinity of the sink, where a domesticated husband is apt to develop a bad attack of dishpan hands, or dropping a Spode plate.

—Ottawa Citizen.

A Bare Fact

Only a few months ago the gals were tinting their bare legs to simulate stockings. Nylons being made in the U.S. are said to be so sheer that they are virtually invisible. The trade name for them is "Nude."

—Fort Erie Times-Review.

Weak Link

One of the great trouble-making factors in a democracy is the readiness of the average individual to exercise his right to believe anything that he has never heard before.

—Montreal Financial Times.

Wide Camouflage

The Germans held property in Canada, which officials of the Canadian Government had no idea about until papers and records were found when Germany was invaded. The art of camouflage was never limited to war zones or bomb targets.

—St. Catharines Standard.

Masterpiece of Absurdity

The Russians have barred the Salvation Army from their part of occupied Germany on the ground that "the Army" is a quasi-military body. Absurdity, aided by Joe Stalin and pals, has achieved what looks like its masterpiece.

—Brantford Expositor.

Nothing Owing

There is no Communist who does not render a higher loyalty to another country, and in support of it he is ready to destroy this one. Canada owes him nothing, and surely decent labor unions should declare themselves similarly free of such a debt.

—Windsor Star.

Methodist Millions

"It is the greatest gain in any church in any year in the history of this country." Thus Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York greeted the March 4 announcement of the Methodist Council of Bishops that the Methodist Church had won 1,021,210 new members in the United States during 1946, topping its "Year of Evangelism" goal of 1,000,000 converts. Of the new Methodists, 540,265 joined by confession of faith and 480,945 transferred from other faiths and denominations. The United States membership is now close to 9,000,000.—Newsweek.

Royal Yacht Retired

Britain's 4,700-ton royal yacht, the Victoria and Albert, which was built in 1899 and has been used on many state occasions, is to retire from active service.

The yacht, which is no longer regarded as seaworthy, will in the future be used for residential purposes by the king and queen when they visit Portsmouth, where the yacht now lies.

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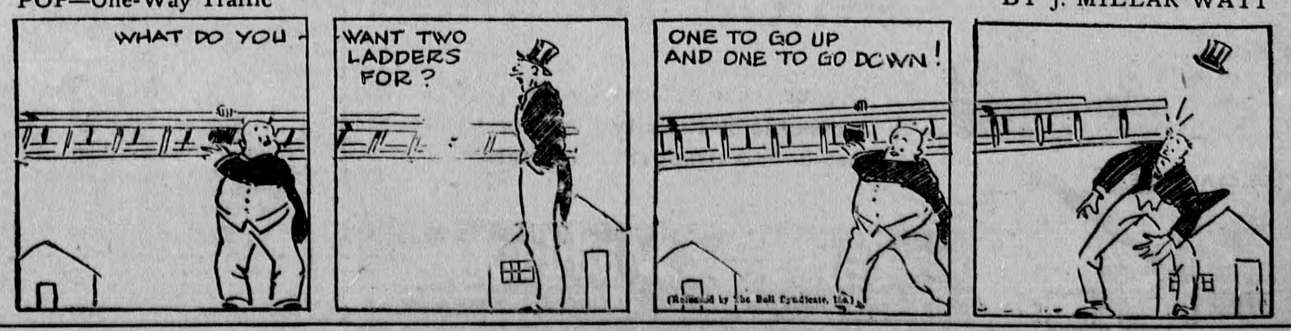
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