JUST IN FUN

Had It

A man consulted a real estate agent for a write-up of the property he wanted to sell. When the agent submitted his descriptions of the property, the owner exclaimed: "Read that again." After the second reading, the owner said:

"I don't think I'll sell. I've been looking for that kind of place all my life, but until you read that description I didn't know I had it."

Still Going Round

"Well, did you get any surprise presents for your birthday?"

"Yes, rather. I got a book from Bill I lent you last year."

Which?

"Could you pay for an operation if I thought one was necessary?"

"Would you think one was necessary if I couldn't pay for it?

Extravagant

"Weel, Angus," said Donald, "I hear ye've got married?"

"Ay, Donald."

"An what kind of wife hae ye got? Can she cook?"

"No. I don't think so."

"No."

"Then whit can she do?"

"Man, Donald, she's a grand singer."

"Ach, mon, ye're daft," said Donald in disgust. "Widna a canary hae been cheaper?"

Animal Crackers

"Sure, pin-stripes are the latest things."

High Finance

Little Mrs. Newedde was still rather shy about asking her hubby for more money, but the time came when she simply had to.

"Jack, dearest," she said at breakfast time, "will you please lend me £1, but only give me half of it?"

"Yes, darling," said her husband, puzzled. "But why only half of it?"

"Oh, well, don't you see, then you'll owe me ten shillings and I'll owe you ten shillings, so we'll be square, won't we?"

Just That

Wife (sorrowfully); "I've just received a letter from poor, dear mamma. She says she is feeling very seedy."

Husband (with a grunt): "I suppose that means she is going to plant herself on us."

No Hoarder

The banker's daughter threw her arms around the neck of her bridegroom-to-be.

"Oh dear," she exclaimed, "dad's going to give us a cheque or a present!"

"Excellent!" exclaimed the happy young man. "Then we'll have the wedding at noon instead of two o'clock."

"Why, dear?"

"The banks close at three!"

From Him

"I want something really nice for a present," explained the shopper to the assistant.

"For your husband, madam?"

"No, from my husband," came the reply, sweetly.

Keep It Up

"Now that I've told you about my past, do you want to marry me?"

"Sure."

"I suppose you'll expect me to live it down?"

"No!" I'll expect you to live up to it."

Understand Now

Visitor: Why is the church bell ringing, Sexton?

Sexton: 'Cos I be pulling this 'ere rope, mister!

In Expectation

"What is a debtor?"

"A man who owes money."

"And what is a creditor?"

"A man who thinks he's going to get it back."

AND NO ONE WAS HURT

This big Dakota plane sits suspended at a precarious angle on houses in Northolt, England, where it crashed. Neither passengers of the plane nor residents of the houses were injured.

MARY STILL INTERESTED IN PICTURES

Despite the fact that she has not been seen on the screen for some years, Canada's own Mary Pickford is still vitally interested in movies. On the occasion of a recent trip to England, Mary demonstrated her interest by visiting the set of "Great Expectations", the movie that is now delighting audiences throughout Canada. She is seen above with David Lean, director, and John Mills, who plays the part of Pip in the picturization of Charles Dickens' great novel.

RISE OF A NEW STAR

A young gentleman of Great Expectations is fourteen-year-old Anthony Wager, of London, England, who was chosen from a field of over 700 aspirants for the part of Young Pip in the Cineguild adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel "Great Expectations" which is now being shown in theatres across Canada. An average boy, young Anthony had no previous stage or screen experience but gave such a tremendous performance that he has already been assigned to two other pictures. He is one of the young stars being brought forward by J. Arthur Rank, the British cinema mogul.

"What's in A Name?"

The modern trend has reached even into the realm of that age-old fraternity — the junkmen, says The Vancouver News-Herald. No longer may they be designated as junkmen, for at their convention in San Francisco this month they will be known as the National Association of Waste Material Dealers.

Aluminum Houses

British factories soon will be producing an aluminum house every 2½ minutes; 54,500 will be completed by next fall; and families can move in with their furniture five hours after the house sections arrive on a vacant site.

John Wilmot, Minister of Supply, gave these facts as the 10,000th aluminum house was delivered.

Voice of the Press

How It's Done

There are two ways of acquiring old furniture. You can buy it or raise a family.

—Hamilton Spectator.

A Question of Shape

The winning team in the cross-cut saw contest at the Royal Winter Fair—a couple of the boys from old Kebbec—sliced through a 21-inch log of green maple in a minute and 47 seconds. It was nice going. We knocked one off last summer in an hour and 47 minutes. But the saw wasn't in good shape. And neither were we!

—Ottawa Citizen.

Button Collector

In his thirty years in the ministry, an American preacher has built up a world-famous collection of buttons. Somehow this seems a reflection on his congregation.

—Edmonton Journal.

Surely Not

An expert says we must produce eggs "the way we produce automobiles." Does that mean the hens must go on strike periodically?

— Brandon Sun.

Wide Highways

Modern highways are the kind wide enough for five cars to smash at the same time.

— Quebec Chronicle Telegraph.

Costly Sneeze

A sneeze, which some would rather have than their breakfast because of alleged benefits to the human system, cost a West Virginian some $1,250. He lost control of his car and smashed into another. There's a time and place for everything—including beneficial sneezes.

— St. Thomas Times-Journal.

How To Make Fortune

A chemist declares that 87 different things can be made from coal. There's a fortune for some ingenious fellow who can make a decent fuel of it.

— Chatham News.

Let Her Go

An English war bride returning to the Old Country because of dissatisfaction with life in Canada declared that she was "homesick for the sight of an English dance hall and an English pub."

That type won't be missed from this country.

—Northern Daily News.

Secret Is Out

A man in Virginia is 97 and has never consulted a doctor. Bet he's sick of apples!

—Peterborough Examiner.

Only Time For Action

Old men dwell in the past, and young men look to the future. But wise men know that the present is the only time for action.

— Fort Erie Times-Review.

Know Your Hockey Stars

It has been said that an earthquake wouldn't ruffle Walter (Turk) Broda—and that isn't far from the truth. The happy-go-lucky Leaf netminder, who was away from the N.H.L. for two seasons and most of a third, is back as large as life and determined to regain possession of the Vezina Trophy. He's the only Toronto netminder to ever win that award.

W. (Turk) Broda
Goal

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Broda, who was born at Brandon, Manitoba, May 15, 1914, got his hockey start in and around that section of the province. Like nine out of ten goalies, he had the netminding assignment thrust upon him. He wanted to play defense but he was too small and it was goal or nothing. So Turk guarded the hemp. That was around 1929 and 1930. By 1933 he had made such strides that he had migrated to Winnipeg to play for the famed Monarch juniors. He was also placed on Detroit's list and in 1934-35 he was workout goalie for the Red Wings. Chuck Gardiner, then acclaimed as the greatest goalie in hockey, was Turk's idol and he gave the chubby Polish boy some pointers that helped his play considerably.

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In 1935-36, the hockey fates started to work for Turk. He became regular netminder for Detroit's minor pro team, the Olympics, and it was during that season that Conn Smythe invaded Windsor Arena on a scouting-for-a-goalie mission. Smythe was there to look over Earl Robertson — but he wound up with Broda, who stole the show. The Turk became Toronto's custodian in 1936-37 and remained as such until he joined the Canadian Army in the summer of 1943.

His most successful season was 1940-41 when he won the Vezina Trophy in rather dramatic fashion. The Turk seemed to be sitting pretty for the netminding award with only four games left to play that season. He had yielded only 87 goals and was seven up on his closest rival, Johnny Mowers of the Detroit Red Wings. But . . . in the next game, played in New York, Broda had one of those nightmarish experiences. Rangers started throwing pucks past him early and often and the Turk couldn't do anything to stem the avalanche. Rangers won the game 8-5, and instead of having the Vezina Trophy tucked away, Broda was one goal behind Mowers, with each having three games left.

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Turk yielded three goals in his next game, Mowers two. That put Johnny ahead, with 96 goals against Broda's 98. In the next game, Turk held Chicago to one goal, while Mowers was allowing Boston Bruins two. So with one game left, Mowers was ahead, 98 to 99. The Leafs' final game that season was in Chicago—and Turk rose to the challenge to blank the Black Hawks, 3-0.

Detroit's final game was not played until a couple of days later — in Boston. Mowers, with one game to go, still had a one-goal edge on Broda. That night the whole Leaf team—including a fingernail-biting Turk — watched the duel for they were in Beantown waiting to start their playoff series with the Bruins. And that night the Bruins smote down the Wings, 4 to 1 . . . and an ecstatic Broda left the rink as winner of the Vezina Trophy by the dramatic margin of 99 goals to 102.

In addition to winning the coveted cup, Turk was also picked as the league's all-star goalie for 1940-41. He had five shutouts that year.

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The season before all that happened, Broda had given indication that he had become a big league goalie . . . for in 1938-39 he finished the 48-game league grind with a 2.229 goals against average, yielding 107 markers all told, and produced eight shutouts. In 10 playoff games that year, he kept up his stellar puck fending and was beaten only 20 times. He also came up with another pair of shutouts to make his total 10 for the season.

After winning the Vezina in 1940-41, Turk kept up his good work in the ensuing season. In 48 games he conceded 136 goals and was runner-up to Frank Brimsek and also the second all-star team's goalie. In the memorable playoff battle with Detroit that year, Turk proved his mettle when he stepped into the Motor City and blanked the Red Wings in the sixth game of that epic series. He had racked up six shutouts in league games—but that was the only one he notched in the playoffs. It couldn't have come at a more propitious time—for the Leafs went on from there to take the Stanley Cup in the greatest comeback of all time.

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Turk was runner-up to Mowers during the 1942-43 season, giving up 159 goals in 50 games—an average of 3.018 per game. That summer he went into the Canadian Army and the same year wound up overseas. He served in England and Holland and came through unscathed, his only injuries emanating from sports competition. Playing in a softball game, he tore ligaments in his ankle sliding into third base and spent considerable time in the hospital. Then, just before returning to Canada, Turk stopped a puck with his mouth in a hockey game, lost several teeth. In England, he played hockey with the 23rd Field Artillery and later with the 4th Division Artillery team which won the championship.

In his first 10 games, Broda scored nine shutouts, and in an 11-game league schedule he conceded only two goals.

Broda is married and has three daughters . . . Barbara, Bonnie, and Betty.

He worked at Conn Smythe's sand pit during the past summer and also polished up on his golf game, which is the envy of his mates.

Rural Journal Says Communism Enemy of Farmers

About Communism there is much that Americans do not know. We do know that Communists want to destroy our form of government. They hate our way of life, says The Farm Journal, Chicago.

Why they desire so intensely to uproot a system that has accomplished so much, and why they are willing to work so furiously to create confusion and disturbance, are mysteries to most of us.

Communists persistently worm their way into farm organizations, push into radio and publishing, sneak into government jobs—everywhere with the same vicious intent. Always the purpose is to create and fan discontent and dissatisfaction. Whatever is against a stronger United States they are for.

The Communist takes advantage of every crack in the armor of Americanism. He is for strikes because they slow up production. He is for big spending because it weakens the nation. He agitates for government to take care of everything, because he knows that government bungling gets discontented groups to play his game. He never rests.

He will even support some things that are right, because he specializes in fooling well-meaning honest Americans into aiding his effort to make chaos.

If you catch him at any of his tricks he screams that you are a red-baiter and a dirty Fascist, plotting to fool the common people.

One thing Americans do know about Communism. It is a treasonous enemy for which there can be only one treatment. That is to recognize its ideas and acts, and stamp them down ruthlessly.

REG'LAR FELLERS—Strong Come-back

By GENE BYRNES