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TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

By BARRY MURKAR

The little man with the sun-tanned face and white sideburns was reclining on the veranda of his modern brick home, when I called. Typical of his dress, were the gr trousers, brown shirt and yellow police braces. The little man, who is known to thousands of readers for the above characteristics of his person, was Gregory Clark, the famous Canadian writer.

"Who is that you have out in the car?" he asked as I mounted the steps.

"Oh, that's Susie," I replied, "she came along for the ride."

"Well bring her in. She can talk with the ladies of the house, while we are up in the den." And that is the way our interview with Gregory Clark began.

"Getting into newspaper work today, is much harder than it was, when I first started," pointed out Mr. Clark. "There is far more competition, and daily newspapers today seem inclined to hire experienced newsmen; rather than a greenhorn, who wishes to start in and learn the business."

At this point a green and white marble, fell from his pocket and rolled across the hardwood floor. Recovering it, he explained: "We have numerous cats around here, that pester my birds. I have a sling-shot and stand on the back steps and fire at them. I haven't hit anything yet, but I've scared the old heck out of a lot of cats."

"What do you advise a young person, who is interested in getting into newspaper work?" I asked.

Greg looked me square in the eye before answering. "My advice is to start at the bottom on a country weekly. Work hard at the job, and some day when your chance comes to work on a big newspaper—work harder than ever. Move heaven and earth to get the job, and at least you are started on the way."

And that me friendlies is the advice of one of Canada's top-ranking newsmen, who knows that it is no easy job to get to the top of the ladder in the newspaper profession.

"Now about you and Jim Frise the cartoonist. Do any of the stories you write ever really happen?" I inquired.

"The most of them develop from actual experiences of Jim and I", Greg informed me. "We have hunted, fished and chummed around together for 30 years. We started out together as cub reporter and cub artist, and although we are much alike in our play-habits we have a few differences such as Jim's preferring duck hunting to my deer hunting and he like billiards and the races, while I would rather go for a walk or drive in the country."

"Does Jim actually live around the corner?" was our next question.

"He lived around the corner from me for about 15 years," replied Greg.

"Tell me something about the Greg-Jim stories. Where do you get your ideas? How do you plan a story? How many words are there in a Greg-Jim story, and how long does it take to write one?"

Greg took a deep breath, settled back in his easy chair and began the answers to my questions.

"In 20 years, I have travelled thousands of miles. I have talked to men, women and children in all walks of life. Hundreds of them have contributed sayings and themes for my stories and have never known it. I tell the story to myself first, then Jim and I hold a story conference that he can get an idea for the illustration, which is very important. The story is written seven weeks ahead of publication. I drive an open car, and get out in the country as much as possible in search of material. I also mingle with the crowds on the street, and in the store. There are about 2,000 words in a Greg-Jim story and the actual typing is almost 2 hours, although the story takes four or five days planning."

"Whew," he gasped, "does that cover them all?"

"Did you ever write from other places, when you were covering a news story," I continued.

"I have sent them in to the office by wire, cable and mail from all over the world," stated Greg. "In Italy they tried to stop a story from going through. The were certain it was code. Finally they let it go, at six cents a word."

We then went downstairs where Greg's daughter, Elizabeth and Susie were chatting and eating frozen coke. Trust Susie to get in on the eats, I thought. Greg then showed us his collection of walking sticks, his books and animal mountings carved from wood.

After looking around the walls trying to find a Jim Frise cartoon of "Old Archie," we bade this new found friend and his family goodnight. Heading out along the Lakeshore Road for home, we had a very contented feeling way down inside. And I might add, a very happy feeling.

Sports – And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

FABLE (*With apologies to the late, great George Ade*). Once upon a time there was a Certain Province that had Very Liberal Sunday Laws. Whenever the Day of Rest rolled around John Citizen had his choice of attending church, ploughing up a golf course, sniffing the sweet aroma of burned gas on the highways, staying home and nagging the wife and kiddies, or attending church. If desperate he could even listen to the radio. But despite all this vast variety of entertainment, strange to say the Ingrate was still not satisfied.

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So at last a group of High Minded Philanthropists decided they would do something about it. They decided to send a Representative Delegation of Six to call on the Head Man of the Province; and included in this Representative Delegation were a Baseball Mogul, a Hockey Magnate, a Football Promoter, a Roller Rink Proprietor, a Moving Picture Impressario and a Sports Reporter, the latter being taken along because the Taxicab held six anyway and there wasn't any sense in wasting all that space.

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The Head Man of the Province received them most graciously and asked them, in his best Chesterfieldian manner, just what was biting them. So with one accord they proceeded to tell him of the Terrible Sufferings of John Citizen under the Liberal Sunday Laws, how their Soft Hearts bled for him Day and Night, and how something would have to be Done About It immediately if not sooner.

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At this point the Sports Reporter was heard to whisper, "What a Pushover this Egg turned out to be!".

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Then the Head Man of the Province said to them, "Did I hear you gentlemen tell me that, in making this Request, you have only the Interests of John Citizen at heart and have no—if you will pardon the phrase—Ulterior Motive or Motives, such as Red Propaganda, or Profits, or anything discreditable like that?" So one and all, singly, doubly and in concert, they assured him they were thinking solely of John Citizen.

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"You do yourselves Very Great Credit," said the Head Man of the Province, "and I can see that you are all High Minded Philanthropists indeed! So with your Assurance in mind I will immediately instruct—I mean, of course, request—My Legislature to pass an Act loosening up our Liberal Sunday Laws still further; so that now John Citizen will be able to have the Healthful Recreation of Baseball, Football, Hockey, Moving Pictures and Roller Skating in addition to the Vast Variety of Entertainment already at his command. And you, gentlemen, in return will——"

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At this juncture a Breeze that felt as though it came direct from the Upper Arctic seemed to sweep through the Reception Chamber causing the Sports Reporter to try and recall where he had put his Winter Blanket for safe-keeping, and what it would cost to get it out. But the Head Man didn't appear to feel it, and continued——

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"You, gentlemen, in return will be, I am sure, Only Too Glad to do Your Share. Interested as you are only in the Welfare of John Citizen you would naturally be Loath to Profit in Any Manner from the loosening of our Liberal Sunday Laws, and would desire to work what is vulgarly known as For Free. So I shall instruct—I mean, of course, request—My Legislature to frame the New Act so that all monetary returns, such as admission fees, etcetera, from any such new Sunday entertainments will be turned over, without deduction, to some Worthy Charity. As for you, Mr. Sports Reporter, I shall be pleased to make arrangements with your Esteemed Employer whereby any Emolument you might ordinarily receive for reporting such Sunday entertainment will be devoted to the same Good Cause."

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But now it was the Head Man of the Province who noticed a breeze—only this time it was the wind made by the Delegation of Six taking it On the Lam out of the Reception Chamber with the Sports Reporter three lengths in the lead. "Why wherever can they have gone so abruptly?" the Head Man said to himself. "I had so much more to say to them; and besides the Camera Man hasn't got here to Record this Historic Moment for Posterity!" Then a sudden thought came to him. "I have it," said the Head Man "Those High Minded Philanthropists are So Happy about what they've accomplished for John Citizen that they just can't wait to go and spread the Glad Tidings!"

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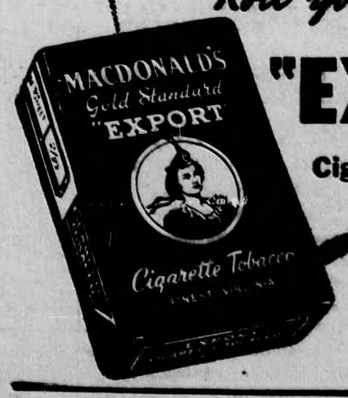

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