

Notes To You

The writer of this column has, among other things, the chore of looking through from 20 to 30 weekly papers each week. On the whole, it's a pleasant task, and you'd be surprised at the things that get into print.

Each paper has a flavor of its own, it seems, and to this each individual correspondent adds a quota of spice. This we suspect, is due to the fact that correspondents of weeklies are permitted to retain a goodly proportion

of their individual style. It is seldom that the weekly editor ever gathers sufficient strength to sift through his correspondent's material in an effort to obtain a single predominant style for his paper.

This columnist has tried it a number of times, and failed. The other week, for example, we made an effort to deal with the matter of "quiet but pretty" weddings, as we felt that the degree of noise at the ceremonies was not a matter of interest.

It did no good, of course. Even the prettiest weddings continue to be quiet according to the copy reaching this desk.

Undaunted, we take up cudgels against another practice which seems universal among our correspondents. This is the habit of adding to the

list of guests present at an affair, the name of the hostess and the guest of honor, both of whom, of course, have already been mentioned several times in the story.

To make a long story even more tiresome, we would point out that when it is stated that "Mrs. Black entertained for Miss Brown, a bride-to-be of this month," it is hardly necessary to list Mrs. Black and Miss Brown among the guests at the end of the story.

Just to show we are not quite the old fuddy-duddy we seem to be in this matter, however, we offer all correspondents of this paper double their usual rate for any story in which the hostess and the guests of honor fall

to show up.

jfw

We join with you now in two minutes' silence—to be spent in hoping that some, at least, of our correspondents are also readers of this paper. Quiet, please!

jfw

Next to watching a chess match in slow motion or standing on the sidelines of a race between two paralytic turtles, the least exciting thing we've found to date is the exhibition put on by the bandy-legged specimen who writes those lame-brained editorials on the front page.

We've watched him sitting in front of a typewriter for hours and have yet to see him type out a word that made sense. His trouble seems to be that

he has nothing to say and that he hasn't the faintest idea of how not to say it.

He usually starts off on Monday morning staring fixedly at his typewriter and muttering into his beard. By noon he has about two paragraphs written. Five o'clock sees about half a page completed. Then, promptly at six o'clock, he springs into action, pulls the paper out of the machine, tears it up (his one sensible act of the day) and goes home to supper.

Tuesday, the routine is repeated again, except that he jumps up from the machine every hour to bother the rest of us about what he calls "doing a little work around here." This gets him nowhere, of course, but seems to afford him some emotional outlet.

On Wednesday he goes through the act again, only this time he gets up from his machine every half hour, and as well as bothering the people in the front office he barges around the print shop and tries to make things tough for the lads out there.

Then, on Thursday morning, it happens. With everyone else putting in a last-minute effort to get the paper to press, he goes into a spin and starts rolling off reams of editorial copy. As a result the paper carries as usual, under the "Editorial" heading, a mass of drivel.

We're offering you this explanation at the request of the rest of the fellows round here, decent chaps all of them, who would hate to have you think that they had anything to do with that

double-column guff on the front page. We just work here, is all.

NOT NEEDED

Wife: "The doctor said at once that I needed a stimulant. Then he asked to see my tongue."

Husband (alarmed): "Good heavens! I do hope he didn't give you a stimulant for that dear."

THE BIGGEST

Pilot: "Drinking and love-making are the pastimes of fools."

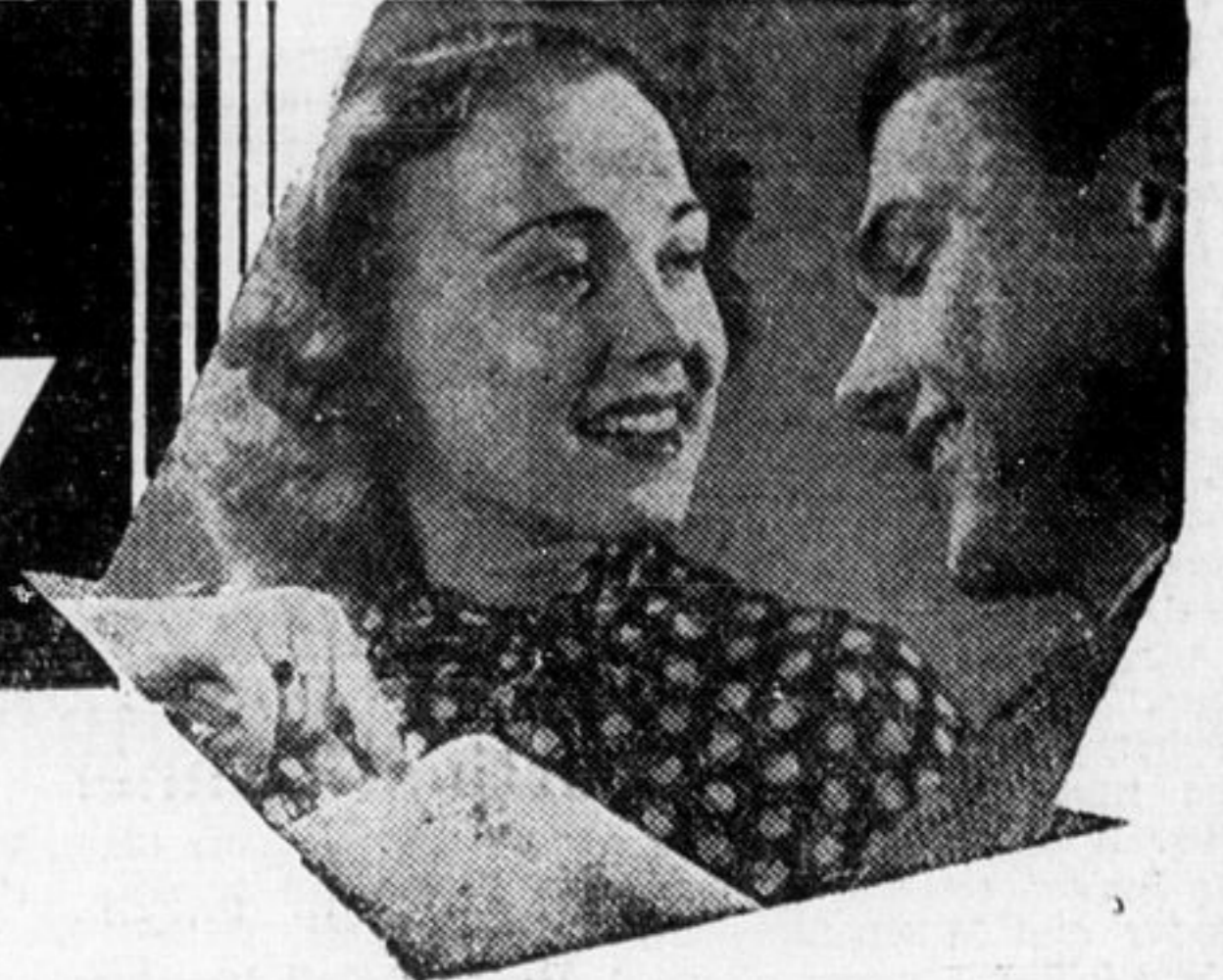
She: "I suppose you're the intellectual type?"

Pilot: "Oh, no, I'm the biggest fool you ever saw."

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