JUST IN FUN

That's Right

"What does this expression 'Sez you' mean?" asked the judge.

The clerk of the court replied: "My lord, it appears that this is a slang expression of American origin which has gained regrettable currency in the language of our people through the insidious agency of the cinema, and is, I am led to understand, employed to indicate a state of dubiety in the mind of the speaker as to the veracity or credibility of a statement made to him."

"Oh yeah? 'said the judge.

Waiter

A man who had been arrested on suspicion was appearing before the magistrate. "What were you doing when the policeman came?" asked the sergeant. "Waiting sir," replied the prisoner. "What were you waiting for?" "For money?" Who was to give you money?" "The man I had been waiting for." "What did he owe it to you for?" "For waiting." "Enough of this tomfoolery," snapped the magistrate, who by now was very angry. "What do you do for a living?" "I'm a waiter sir," replied the innocent man.

Shy

She was a painter in water-colors and very proud of her work; also her complexion was the envy of her acquaintances.

At a party one night she sat next to a shy, awkward young man, who cudgelled his brains to find something to say.

She tried to open conversation with him. With becoming modesty she said: "I expect you have head that I paint?"

"Yes," he replied gallantly, looking at her face. "But I don't believe it!"

Why Should He

Working in a factory a man got his coat caught in a revolving wheel. He was whisked up and whirled round and round till the foreman managed to switch off the machine. The workman fell to the ground and up rushed the foreman.

"Speak to me, speak to me," he said in great agitation.

The victim looked up.

"Why should I," he said. "I passed on three times just now, and you didn't speak to me!"

Hard Enough

While Firestone, Edison, Ford and Burroughs were touring a light and a tire on the car went wrong. Mr. Ford went into a store and said to the proprietor: "What kind of lights do you have?"

"Edison," was the reply.

"And tires?"

"Firestone."

"You will be interested to know that Mr. Edison and Mr. Firestone are in my car, and that I am Henry Ford."

As the man was putting on the tire Mr. Burroughs, who was well adorned with white whiskers, leaned out of the car, and the man looking at him, said: "If you tell me you're Santa Claus, I'll crown you with this spanner!"

Poor Bait

Father didn't approve of a lot of things which happened these days, especially did he dislike the modern modes.

"Pah!" he snorted. "I don't know what the world's coming to. Let me tell you that your mother never dressed to catch a husband the way you girls today."

But her daughter was ready for that one.

"No," she replied, "and look what she got."

Correct?

Teacher: "Who can tell me what the former ruler of Russia was called?"

Class: "Czar."

Teacher: "Correct, and what was his wife called?"

Class: "Czarina."

Teacher: 'Correct, and what were the Czar's children called?"

A pause, and then a small, timid voice piped up: "Czardines."

A Tell-Tale

Mother (at party): "Why did you allow Mr. Softly to kiss you in the conservatory?"

Daughter: "Why, ma?"

Mother: "Oh, you needn't 'why ma' me! One side of his nose is powdered and one side of yours isn't, and the people have noticed it."

Crowded

Bess: "You want a raise? Why didn't you live within your means?"

Employer: "I do, sir, but you don't realize how I am crowded for space."

THREE WISE DOGS

An appealing event at the Royal Winter Fair's Horse Show was the demonstration of shepherding by Wm. Martin, Maple Creek, Sask., and his three faithful and intelligent Border Collies

VOICE OF THE PRESS

In Peace, Too

What a lot of us have forgotten is that while it is heroic to die for one's country in time of war, it is just as necessary to live for one's country in time of peace.

—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Dangerous Suggestion

Mr. America, we must assume from his press statements, is not a married man. He advocates that girls, to regain curves, health and beauty, take to weight lifting. Such a wife might be a fit mate for Mr. America who weighs 205 pounds, all bone and muscle. But the average husband will get from his statement only nightmares of coming home late some night to be clanked between the eyes by a 200-pound bar bell or some similar gadget used by weight lifters. A man wouldn't be safe in his own home.

—Windsor Star

A statistician tells us that it would take 19 centuries to spend a billion dollars at the rate of $1 a minute. So to keep our money from being eaten by moths we throw in a war every now and then, and get rid of the stuff at the rate of a billion a month.

—Ottawa Citizen

Ribbon Flood

The War Department of the United States got off on the wrong foot by cheapening the system through authorizing too many medals. It strikes at the value of all awards when a soldier can wear a line of six ribbons though he has never been within bomber range of the zone of action.

—Detroit News.

Here is Progress

A bank in Dayton, Ohio, has set up a window at the side of its building so that motorists can drive up and make deposits or cash cheques without leaving their cars.

—Chatham News.

If Ever

It takes only one-fourth of a second to wink the eye—and years and years to explain it to the Missus.

—St. Catharines Standard.

Glowing Headlights

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REPORT BABS HUTTON WILL WED AGAIN!

Barbara Hutton, left, heiress to the Woolworth five-and-ten fortune, will marry Count Alain D'Eudville, right, head of Moet and Chandon, world's largest champagne producers, according to the Spanish News Agency CIFRAS. She previously was married to Georgian Prince Alexis Mdivani; Count Haugwitz-Reventlow of Denmark, father of her 10-year-old son, Lance; and Cary Grant, screen star.

Sugar Beet Industry Important To Sound, Permanent Agriculture

Editor's note: A few weeks ago an article on the sugar beet industry in the United States appeared on this page. Following is a review of the industry in the Province of Ontario, by M. McIntyre Hood Director of Publicity, Ontario Department of Agriculture.

After reaching a low ebb in the year 1941, the sugar beet industry of Ontario has since that year showed a steady upward trend, and this year of 1946 has seen a substantial measure of recovery, with the largest acreage and the largest production within a six year period. The recovery is by no means complete, nor has production returned to its pre-war levels, but the movement in the growing of sugar beets for processing into sugar has been definitely upward, thanks partly to the subsidies paid by the Ontario Government, and it is hoped that within the next two or three years it will have returned to normal proportions, so that the full capacity for the manufacture of sugar from beets in the factories of Southwestern Ontario may be utilized.

World Shortage of Sugar

The production of sugar the world over has for the last few years been far short of requirements. For the whole year of 1945, the shortage of sugar as compared with the normal requirements of the world reached the staggering total of 2,400,000 long tons. In the face of that situation, and with little improvement effected in 1946, it is essential that every sugar-producing area in the world do its best to increase production. So far as Canada is concerned, it is imperative that this country produce as much as possible of its own sugar needs, so that it will draw a correspondingly smaller amount from the sadly depleted world sugar pool. Normally, Canada produces only about 20 per cent of its own requirements of about one billion pounds a year, but that percentage is attained only at the maximum production. Since 1941, sugar beet production has been far below normal, although since 1943 it has shown steady increase.

Ontario's Sugar Plants

There are in Southwestern Ontario two sugar plants, one at Chatham and one at Wallaceburg, operated by the Canada and Dominion Sugar Company, Limited. Since 1941, only one of the plants has been able to operate, because there have not been enough sugar beets grown to operate them both. It takes 200,000 tons of beets to operate the Wallaceburg plant at capacity and 210,000 tons for the Chatham plant.

This year there was still a lack of sufficient sugar beets to operate the two plants, although the production was much better than in 1945. The total acreage for 1946, of sugar beets, was 23,375 acres, compared with 17,660 acres planted in 1945. This acreage provided a crop for 1946 of 210,000 tons of beets, or 8.98 tons per acre, as compared with 164,000 tons, or an average of 9.30 tons per acre in the previous year.

While the situation has been improved to the extent indicated by the above figures, it is not yet good enough. This season's beet crop is all being processed at the Chatham plant of the Canada and Dominion Sugar Company, and will provide sufficient raw material for a run of about 80 days duration, which is approximately five-sixths of a fully capacity run. Current estimates, on the basis of sugar content, are for an output of 55,000,000 pounds of granulated sugar, about 10,000 or 11,000 tons of dried beet pulp, and from 1,500 to 1,800 tons of molasses.

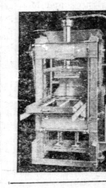
Good Rotation Crop

For this year's crop, growers are receiving approximately $13.00 per ton for beets delivered to the factories, and $12.25 per ton for beets delivered to outside points. This makes the gross value of the crop per acre $117.00 and $150.00 respectively, so that with 23,376 acres planted, the sugar beet crop represents approximately two and three quarter million dollars to the growers in Southwestern Ontario.

This sugar beet industry is of great importance to a sound and permanent agriculture in Southwestern Ontario. It is a good crop for the farmers to grow, as part of their rotation, because it feeds and cleans up the soil and leaves it in excellent condition for other crops. It also plays its part in providing a longer working season for farm labour, providing employment at seasons of the year when other work is not available on the farm. It is also important to the industrial life of the Southwestern section of the Province, since the operation of the sugar processing plants means considerable employment in the Chatham area.

The Answer

So the final answer to the question—how do we pay our way in the world—is the perfectly obvious one—by working.



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SPOTS OF SPORTS

By FRANK MANN HARRIS
("A Six Bit Critic")

Pretty late in the season to be talking football; although, to a real gridiron fan it's never too late —or too early—for that. But what happened in the recent Army-Navy game brings up, once again, the old question of whether or not the "convert"—the try for a single point after a touchdown—could be dropped completely without doing the grand old game any real harm.

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In case you've forgotten what happened in the Army-Navy "classic" — (American football seems to be as crammed with classics as a High School Library) —this was the setup. The great Army team, unbeaten in 28 or maybe it was 128 straight games, was looked upon as a mortal cinch to trim Navy, in fact most of the betting was that its winning margin would be 25 or more points. And when, with the game more than half over, the score stood Army 21, Navy 6, it looked as if the price-makers hadn't been very much out of line.

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Then, all of a sudden, Navy started playing football and bulling Army all over the lot. They marched down the field for a second touchdown, and then did it all over again for a third. And they were within easy spitting-distance of a fourth when the gun sounded to bring respite and relief to a very badly scared bunch of Cadets. Yet, when it was all washed up, the final score stood Ar.. y 21, Navy 18—a three-point margin for the favorites.

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How did they get those three winning points? Through superior team-work, power, or strategy? Nothing of the sort, but simply and solely because the Army squad included an educated toe that converted all three of its touchdowns, while the Navy gunner was badly off-target and missed all three of theirs.

And while such a thing probably never happened in quite such dramatic style, or in quite so important a game, there have been plenty of instances right here in our own Canadian football where victory or defeat hinged on one man's ability to hoist the pigskin over the crossbar and between the upri hts.

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And that is the point of the whole matter—that co.ve ting touchdowns is pretty much a one-man show. There is little the kicker's teammates can do to aid him, and even less the opposition can do to defend against him. There are even te s us that lug around specialists who do nothing else—who appear on the field only when the ball has been jammed over the line, and who disappear just as promptly as soon as their "strenuous" chore is finished. Kicking experts is pretty much of a stunt affair; in fact we once lived in the same neighborhood as a 16-year-old girl who could beat the boys all hollow at doing it. All of which will possibly explain why there are many of us who think that football might be improved by forgetting the whole thing completely and, after a major score, just taking the ball out on the field and kick'ag off without bothering with any target-shooting.

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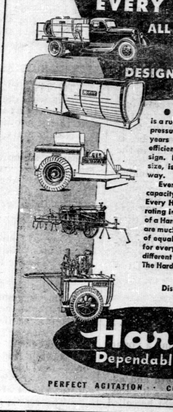

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