

JUST IN FUN

Going Out
Concocted Young Man: "Have you an opening for an intelligent man with a university education?"

Sole Heir
"Who's the long and lanky dame?" asked the stranger. "That tall and stately lady," said the local citizen rebukingly.

Honest
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A Smart 'Un
A school inspector, having ended his investigation into the clergy's knowledge, smiled at them generally and said: "Now, it's only fair that I should give you a turn, children. Can anyone ask me a question that I may answer it?"

Presently he heard a voice. "Please, sir, I know a man who has two eggs for breakfast every morning. He doesn't keep hens, sir, he doesn't steal eggs, or buy eggs, sir, and nobody gives them to him. Can you tell me where he gets them from?"

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Double Duty
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Suspicion's Finger
The expert pulled up with such suddenness that the passengers were hurled in a heap on the floor. Quickly the guard came along to reassure them. "Somebody pulled the communication cord and the brakes acted too quickly. The last coach has left the rails. There will be a delay of three hours." "Three hours?" cried a young man. "I'm to be married this afternoon." "Are you the fellow who pulled the cord?" asked the guard, suspiciously.

Then Sparks Flew
One of those very small cars had run out of petrol on a country road, and knowing it was a long tramp to the nearest garage, the motorist stood by the roadside and signalled for help. A large and magnificent car pulled up, and out stepped the very superior driver. "Could you spare me a drop of petrol?" said the stranded one. "The other edge of the tiny vehicle and asked: "Are you sure it's petrol you want, and not a new f---?"

A Catch In It
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Know Your Hockey Stars

One dynamic youngster who shows he is a great favorite with Toronto fans is Howie Meeker, 22-year-old rookie right-winger.

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She's getting a cold in the head—they hope. Mrs. Lesly Adamson and her husband, David, were among 24 volunteers who agreed to undergo risk taking colds to aid research at Harvard Hospital, Salisbury, England. Above, she receives nasal drops containing cold virus.



Howie still maintained his hopes of someday becoming a pro hockey star, despite the injury. After leaving the hospital, he took a physical training course, found out that his legs were going to be all right, then took two more P.T. courses and qualified as a sergeant instructor.

Soon after that he went back into the European combat zone with his second invasion as Howie had re-visited just three months on the Continent in the fall of 1944, helping to repair bombed railway rolling stock. He had enlisted in Stratford, Ontario, with the No. 1 Canadian Railway Workshop Company in April, 1942, and went overseas seven weeks later. He served in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

Meeker, who starred with Stratford junior teams before enlisting, returned to Canada on the last day of 1942 and, on getting his discharge, he signed with Stratford seniors, and was one of their most consistent scorers. In the playoffs, after leading the Stratford scoring drive, Meeker was halted by a broken arm.

Home signed with the Leafs last spring and celebrated by getting married a week later. His hockey ambition always has been to play for the Leafs and now that he's up with them, he won't go down if he can possibly help it.

Born at Kitchener, Nov. 4, 1924, Howie got his hockey start in public and high school competition, then started with Kitchener's Junior "B" team in 1940-41. He migrated to Stratford the next season with Stratford's Junior "A" team before enlisting.

His parents live in New Hamburg, which is close to Stratford, and Howie has four young brothers—Ken, Chuck, Tommy and Dick—rooting for him to make good in the N.H.L.

There are far more people of Irish blood in the United States than in Ireland. D. V. Brogan, professor of political science at Cambridge, told the Royal Dublin Society.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

Secret?
Eating onions is one secret to good health, says a doctor. Who does he mean, secret? —Timmins Press.

Must Stay Neutral
Some countries which remained neutral during the war have been refused membership in the United Nations. Thus they will have to remain neutral during the peace. —Punch.

Don't Be Hasty
Appear hesitant and reluctant when granting something that is asked of you. Let the beneficiary will feel he should have asked for more and will be disappointed. —Kitchener Record.

Plenty Around
United States Senate, Washington, is in need of 13 experts on railroads, weather forecasting, television and woodchicks. Shun, there are that many around any village cracker barrel. —Windsor Star.

Pays To Listen
When you talk you say only something you know: when you listen, you learn what someone else knows. —Brandon Sun.

New Drive Set
Now that somebody has said that bacon is going to be in even shorter supply, store-hauling hordes can be expected to put on a drive to hog what remains. —Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

The Better Way
To drive slowly in winter, says a wise contemporary, is better than to be driven that way. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Truth Is Weapon Against Communism
If we are to preserve the American way of life, the menace of Communism must be met and its forward march halted, says J. Edgar Hoover in the current issue of the American Magazine. . . . And that goes for Canada and the Canadian way of life, also.

Edison Missed Being A Canadian Because of Father's Rebel Spirit
Thomas Alva Edison, world-famous inventor whose 106th birthday anniversary will be observed internationally on Feb. 11, 1947, missed being a Canadian only because his father chose to side with the forces of William Lyon Mackenzie in the ill-fated Papineau Rebellion and was forced to flee to the United States for safety.

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MUTT AND JEFF—MAYBE JEFF'S GOT SOMETHING THERE, AT THAT
MUTT, I MADE UP MY MIND! WHY NOT? WELL, WHEN YOU GET MARRIED YOU HAVE NOTHING BUT WORRIES AND TROUBLES.

Stamp Will Honor Father of Telephone

A new Canadian four-cent stamp will be issued shortly to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Alexander Graham Bell.

His diary indicates he got the inspiration for the telephone while on a holiday at Brantford in 1874, and it was in that city that he made the first transmission of speech over a real line.

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SPOTS OF SPORTS

Those Montreal Canadians are reported to be squawking about the spotty nature of the refereeing that is being dished out by the arbiters of the National Hockey League. And, while by no means forgetting that the Flattering Frenchmen seemed to have few complaints that nature during the years when they were monarchs of the ice, they are somewhat inclined to agree with them in their beef.

Baseball players have a saying to the effect that you can get away with things in the grey that will get you tossed out of the park in the white. This simply means that umpires in the interests of order and decorum, are inclined to be much stricter with the white-uniformed home team than they are with the grey-clad visitors.

Personally, we like plenty of spice, both in our vicarious and in our hockey. "Get in there and battle them, kid, they can't hurt US!" is our constant cry of encouragement. "Get in there and root for it. Still, sometimes we can't help wondering what is the sense of framing a lot of rules and regulations, getting them nicely printed in a book, and then have your referees officiate, so to speak, by ear. When one judge gives a man 30 days in the jug for an offence that would get him nothing more than a warning from another, there's either something wrong with the laws, or with the judiciary. When the same thing happens in hockey—heck, President Campbell of the N.H.L. is a lawyer and should be able to figure out the analogy on his own.

One reason why basketball is rather slow in catching on as a major sport around Toronto may be found in a remark passed by a friend of ours recently. A real hockey addict, he had just seen his first basketball game and was asked for his opinion of the pastime. "The nearest I can come to describing it," he replied, "is to call it four-point-four hockey." For the benefit of some of our younger readers, to whom such a remark may sound rather cryptic, we might explain that back in the days of Prohibition there was a beverage called four-point-four beer. It looked like the real thing, poured like the real thing, even smelled and tasted—vaguely—like the real thing. But it lacked the real authority.

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