

'If a Wish—'

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WNU Service.

THERE was an electric silence in the lovely room, broken only by the crackling fire and the soft ticking of an old banjo clock. The man, standing with his back against the mantel of the big roomy fireplace, searched the face of the girl anxiously as though to read there the answer to his fears. Lindsey Putnam had been "going with" Phyllis Rand ever since school days, and Lin had just confessed to Phyl that he was head over heels in love with the lovely, fiery, exotic Adele Thornton!

"It's not that I like . . . love you any less, Phyl; you'll always be the most perfect pal I ever had . . . it's just that Adele seems to sweep every sane thought from my head. She . . . well, I guess it's true . . . that I am crazy over her! I can't seem to think sensible thoughts any more . . ." Then the girl seemed to stir from her reverie, and, although he was not so sure about her eyes, they seemed hurt. Her mouth smiled gravely, and she rose and went over to him, laying her slim brown little hand on his sleeve as she said softly: "Lin—there's nothing I can say other than that I hope you'll be ever so happy! If a wish could make it so, I'm sure you'll be happy and contented with—the girl of your choice!"

Afterward—when he was striding home, Lin recalled that she had not spoken Adele's name, had, instead, worded it "girl of your choice," and he smiled tenderly at that thought; they were both of them so wonderful, so adorable. Phyl, like a keen, straightforward young boy, hiking and hunting and fishing; playing tennis and golf and riding with him over dangerous mountain trails, and Adele, soft, ultrafeminine, with her girlish gowns and helpless ways, and pretty, appealing manners.

With the door shut on Lin's retreating form Phyl flung herself into the deep cushions of the shabby old divan before the fire, and the hot stinging tears coursed down her tanned face for the first time since she could remember. How could he do it? How could he go around with her all these years, making the flower of love in her heart grow stronger and deeper rooted, only to tear it up casually and go after another girl? Was he quite crazy to think that their friendship could go on after he had given his heart to Adele? Didn't he know that these feminine women had nothing to divert their minds from such things as jealousy? Of course Adele's first action of proprietorship would be to suggest that he see less of dear little Phyllis!

Two weeks later, after Phyl had repeatedly turned down invitations to hike with Lin, or play golf or tennis, or ride over Pitcher mountain with him, on the grounds that that was Adele's privilege now, she opened the door one rainy fall day and found Lin standing on the wind-swept porch, a bunch of sumac in his hands and a comical expression on his face.

"Gosh, Phyl," he murmured as she took his dripping coat and hat, "it seems like home here. I know how crazy you always were over sumac . . . I remembered." Phyl had to force herself to drag forth the usual: "You should be giving them to Adele . . ." to which he replied dryly: "She hates 'em; likes only nice hot-house flowers that aren't messy." Phyl almost grinned as she took the sumac and went to find a vase for it.

"May I come again?" he pleaded after she had given him hot chocolate and sugar cookies and a golden wedge of squash pie.

"You'll find out it's a mistake, Lin, Adele won't like it!" remonstrated Phyl doubtfully.

"Well, there are so many things she doesn't like that one more thing added to the list won't make much difference," he growled; "why . . . don't you like me to come, Phyl?" he added wistfully, and Phyl fought to make her voice sound impersonal and even, as she assured him that it was always a great pleasure to have him come—to talk over old times.

"We did have such wonderful times together, Phyl," he mused, staring at the dancing fire.

"Didn't we?" she said, catching her breath softly.

"Oh Phyl . . . men are such fools . . . couldn't we go on . . . having good times as we used to?" he asked brokenly, his eyes telling her what he couldn't say.

"I . . . oh, Lin . . . I'm afraid . . . it's been so hard . . ."

"Afraid of what?" he asked gently, moving over to stand very close to her.

"Afraid I couldn't be strong enough to give it all up again," she muttered through clenched teeth.

"Need we . . . ever break up again, Phyl? It'll always be you with me, and nobody else . . . oh, my dear . . . let's not be blind again. You've been the girl of my dreams . . . always!" he cried as he swept her into his arms and she burrowed her hot face into the cool dampness of his rough overcoat.

So . . . Lin was happy, as Phyl had wished . . . and he had the girl of his choice after all. And Phyl? There never had been any question of choice with her; there never had been anyone but Lin . . . and there never would be, either!

Memories of Past Wars

A notable military record is associated with the history of Stark County, Illinois, research workers on the Federal Writers' Project, WPA., have learned while collecting material for a guide book to the state. John Stark, for whom the county was named, fought in the French and Indian war, 1763, was a Colonel at Bunker Hill and later in the War of the Revolution became a brigadier general. The area that bears his name now covers 290 square miles. Toulon is the seat of government.

Haunted Bridge

Illinois has its share of haunted house stories but accounts of haunted bridges are rare. At Henry, residents still tell of a nearby bridge that townsfolk avoided for many years. Research workers of the Federal Writers' project while compiling information for guide books, learned the explanation of the legend.

A citizen of Henry going home one night in a somewhat merry but sleepy mood, it is related, stopped to rest on the river bank underneath the bridge over Cow Creek. About midnight a party of young people paused nearby to chat. The talk turned to ghost stories. After one gruesome tale, the lone citizen shouted, "It's all imagination!"

The terrified youths, panic stricken, ran home and the next day spread the word that the bridge was haunted. Their story was so convincing, it is said, that for years some people would go miles out of their way to avoid crossing the bridge at night.

Interesting Notes

A bald-headed man in England had a portrait of King George tattooed on his head.

Seventy-five per cent of the school teachers in the United States are women.

Mrs. Elias Compton, 80, of Wooster, O., has been named "American mother of 1939" by the Golden Rule Foundation.

H. L. Ferris of Arkansas City, Kan., will not lie, at any rate not in bed. He declares he has slept in a chair every night for 46 years.

Offering a birth certificate as proof, Margaret Green, colored, applied for an old-age pension at Morrilton, Ark., and told officials she was 103 years old.

Ancient pits found in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada show that the aboriginal American Indians discovered and used petroleum.

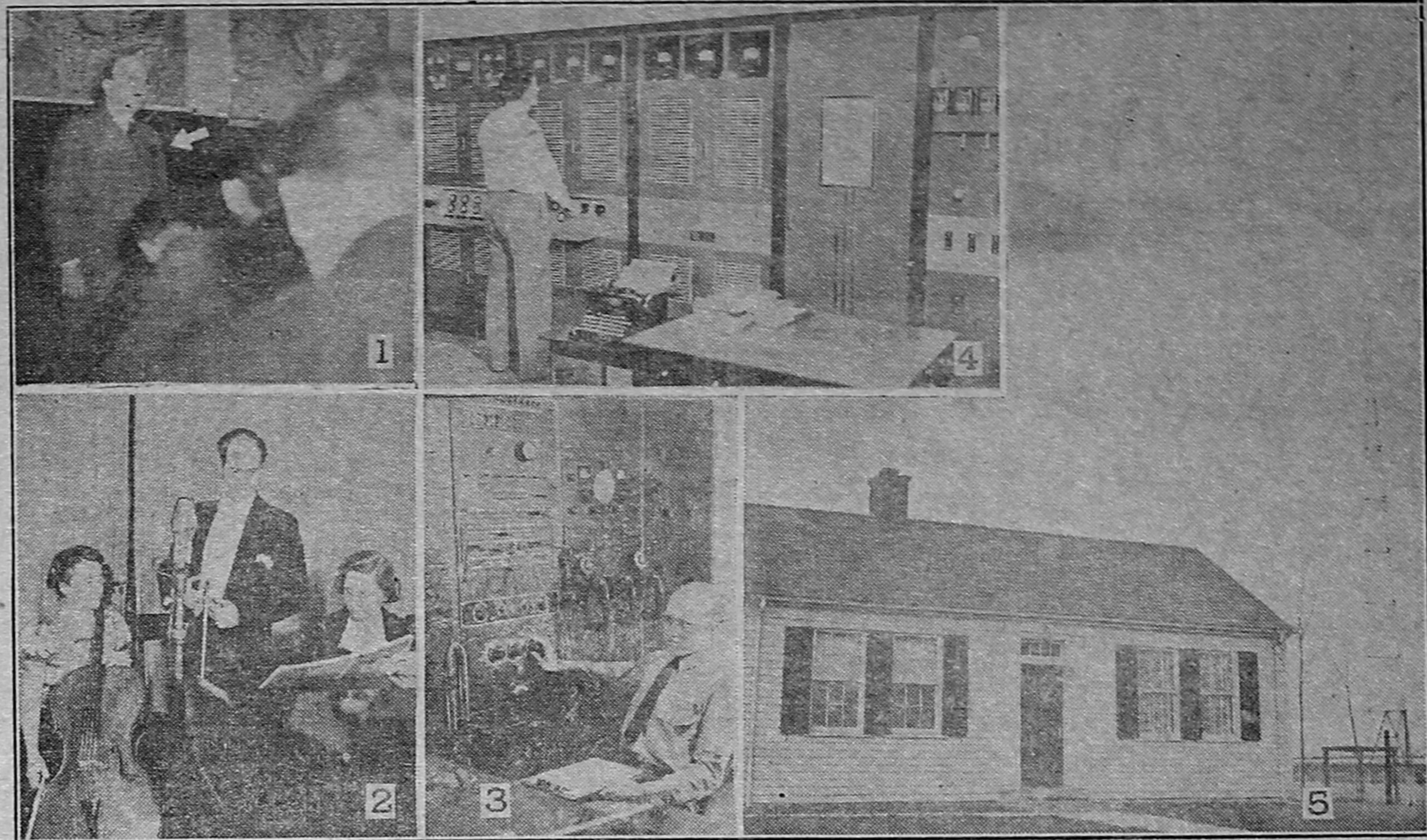
When Melbourne Dane, justice of the peace of Nipomo, Calif., marries a couple, he gives a rolling pin with his picture on it to the bride.

When an Indiana tenant thanked his landlord for painting his house, an investigation revealed that the painters had gotten the house numbers mixed and had painted the wrong one.



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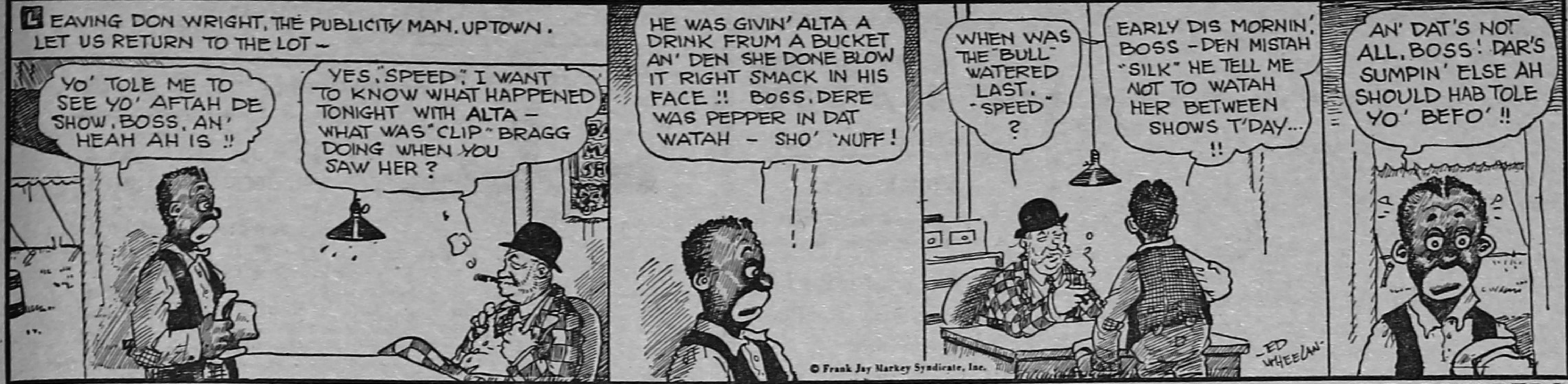
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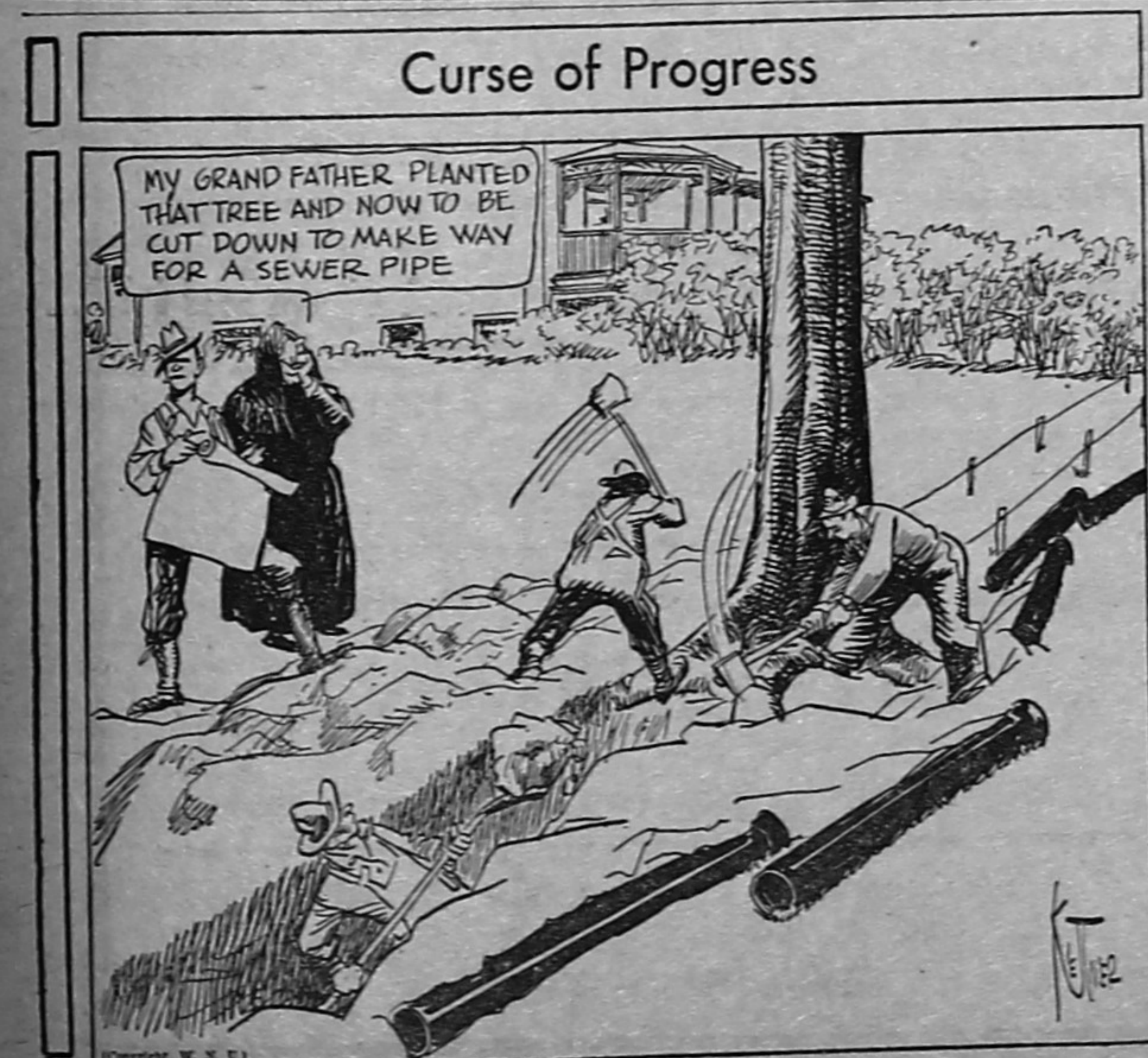
A New Jail Scandal



POP

Better Than Medicine

By J. MILLAR WATT



CURE

Voice over phone—I can't sleep, Doctor. Can you do anything for me?

Doctor—Hold the phone and I'll sing you a lullaby.

They Do at Home

Teacher—Some fish swim long, long distances. Can you name one?

Pupil—There's the goldfish that swims all the way around the globe.

A New Model

Visitor—What make is your grandson's new car?

Old Lady—I think I heard him say it was a Wow.

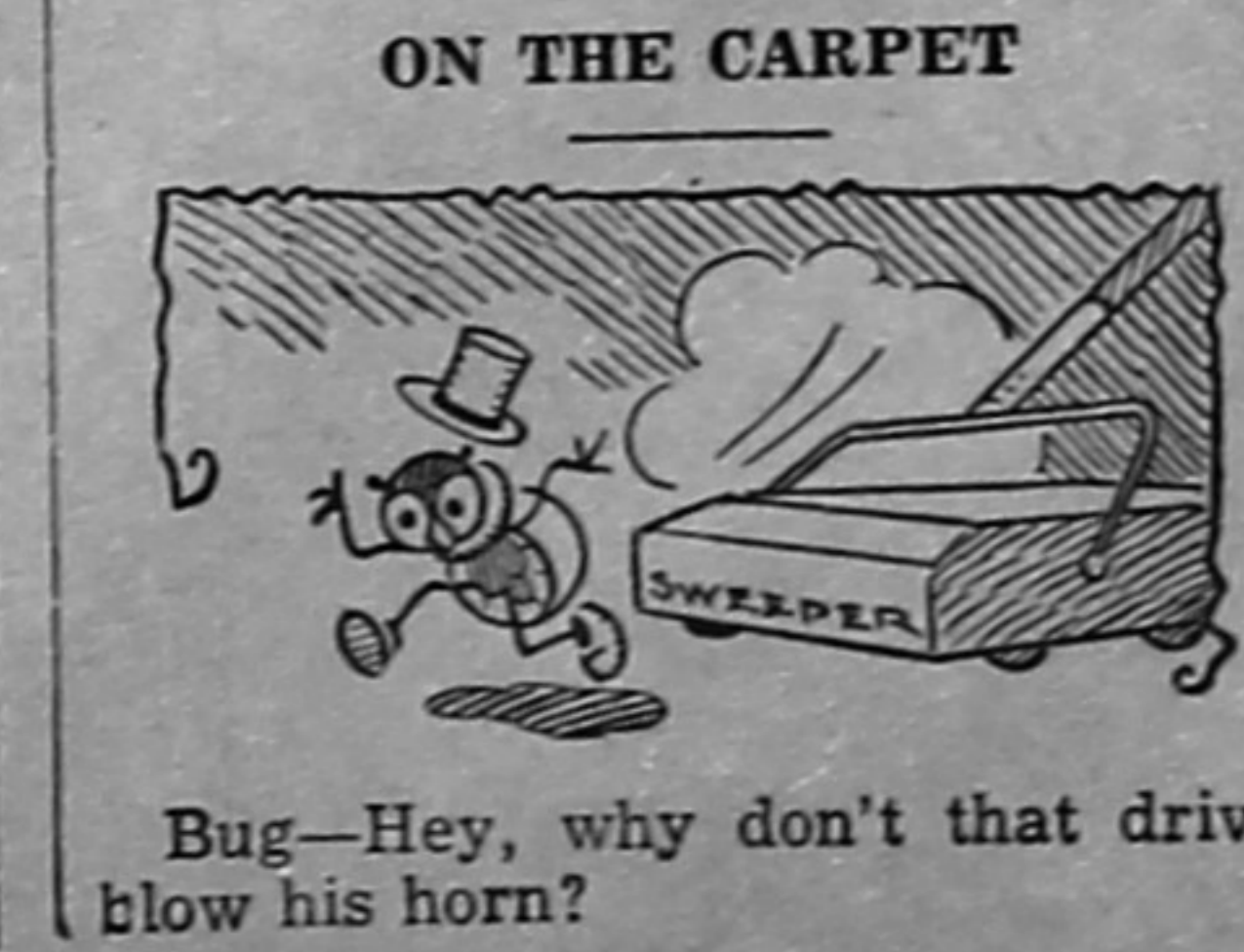
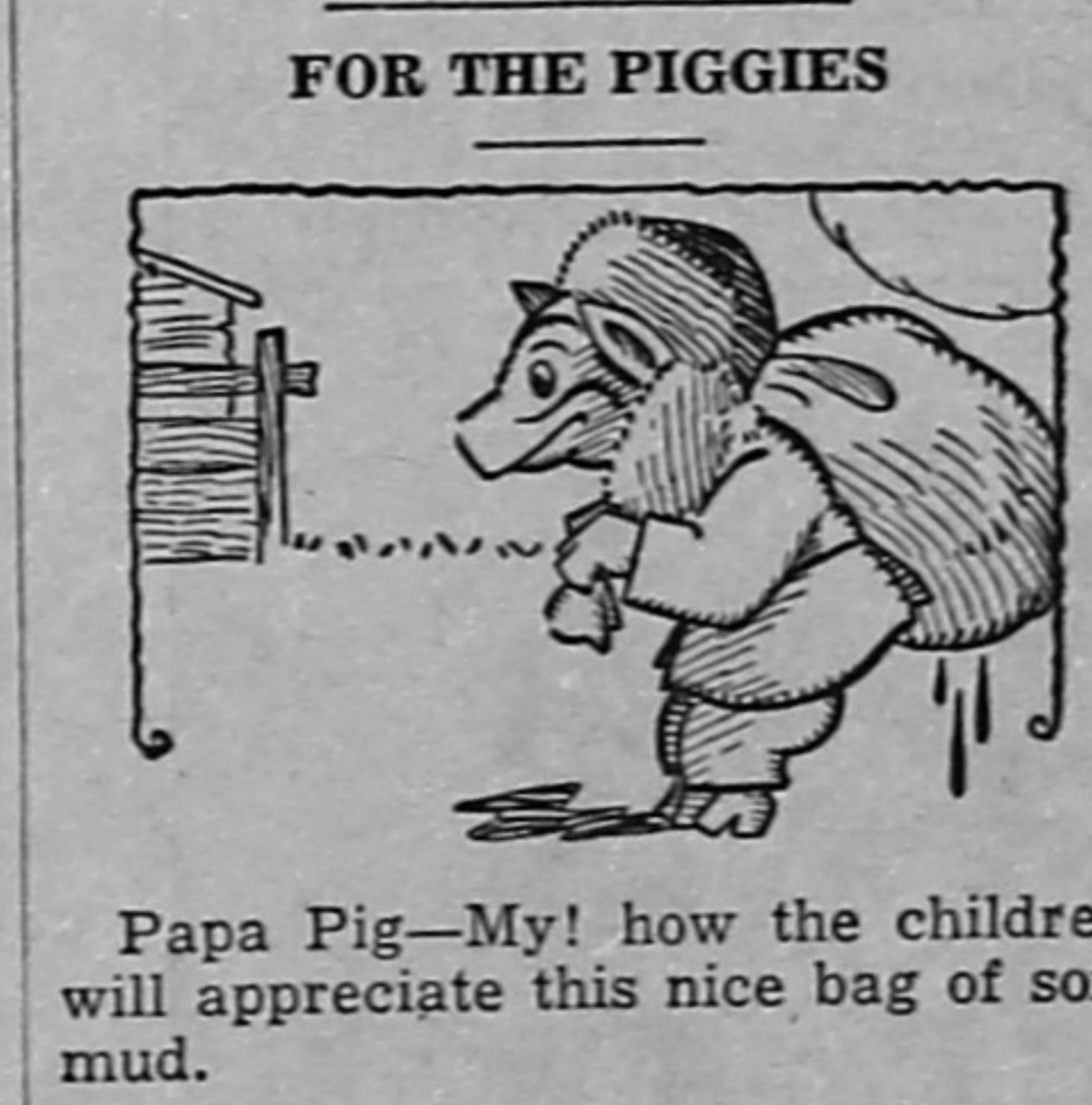
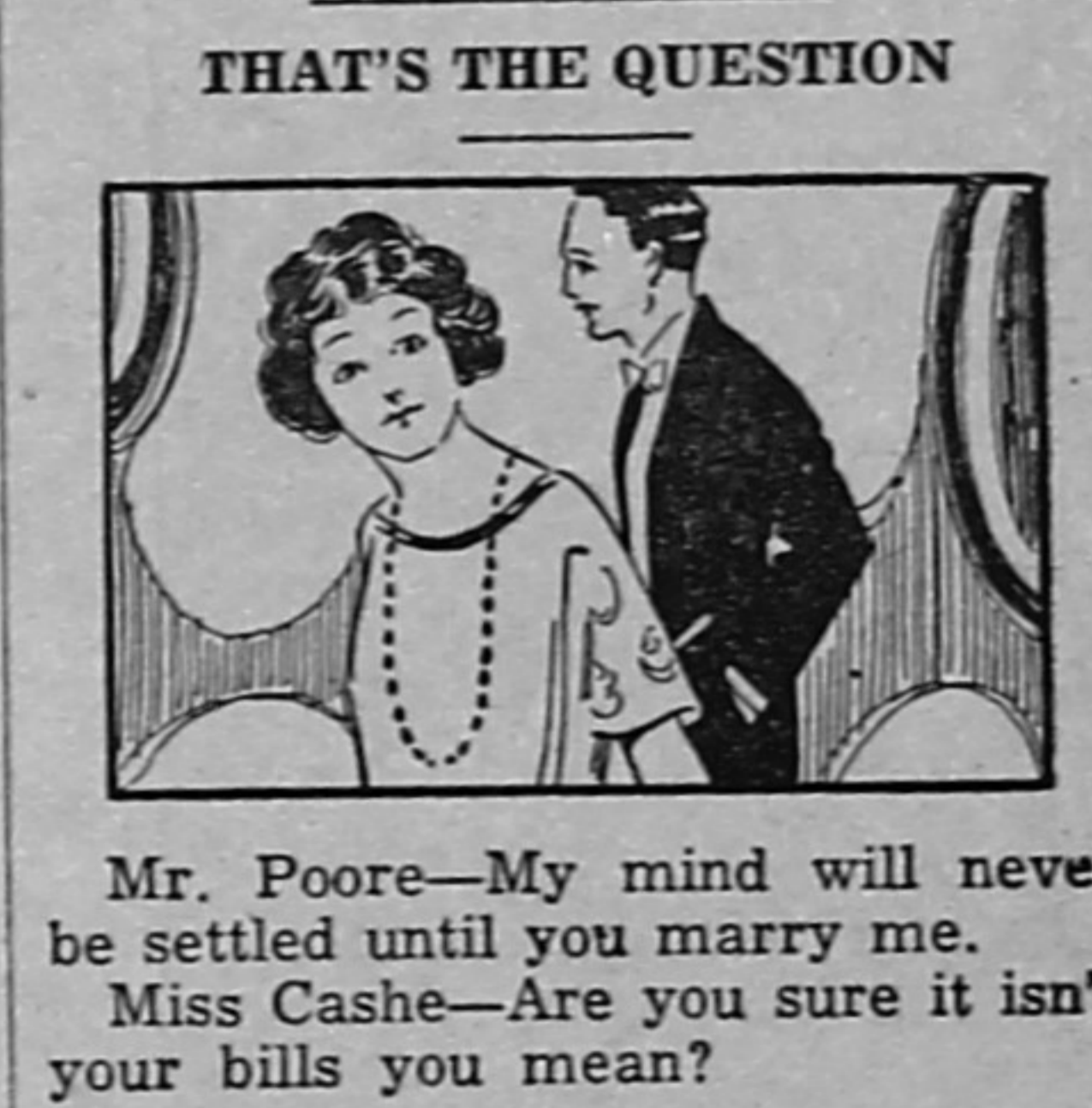
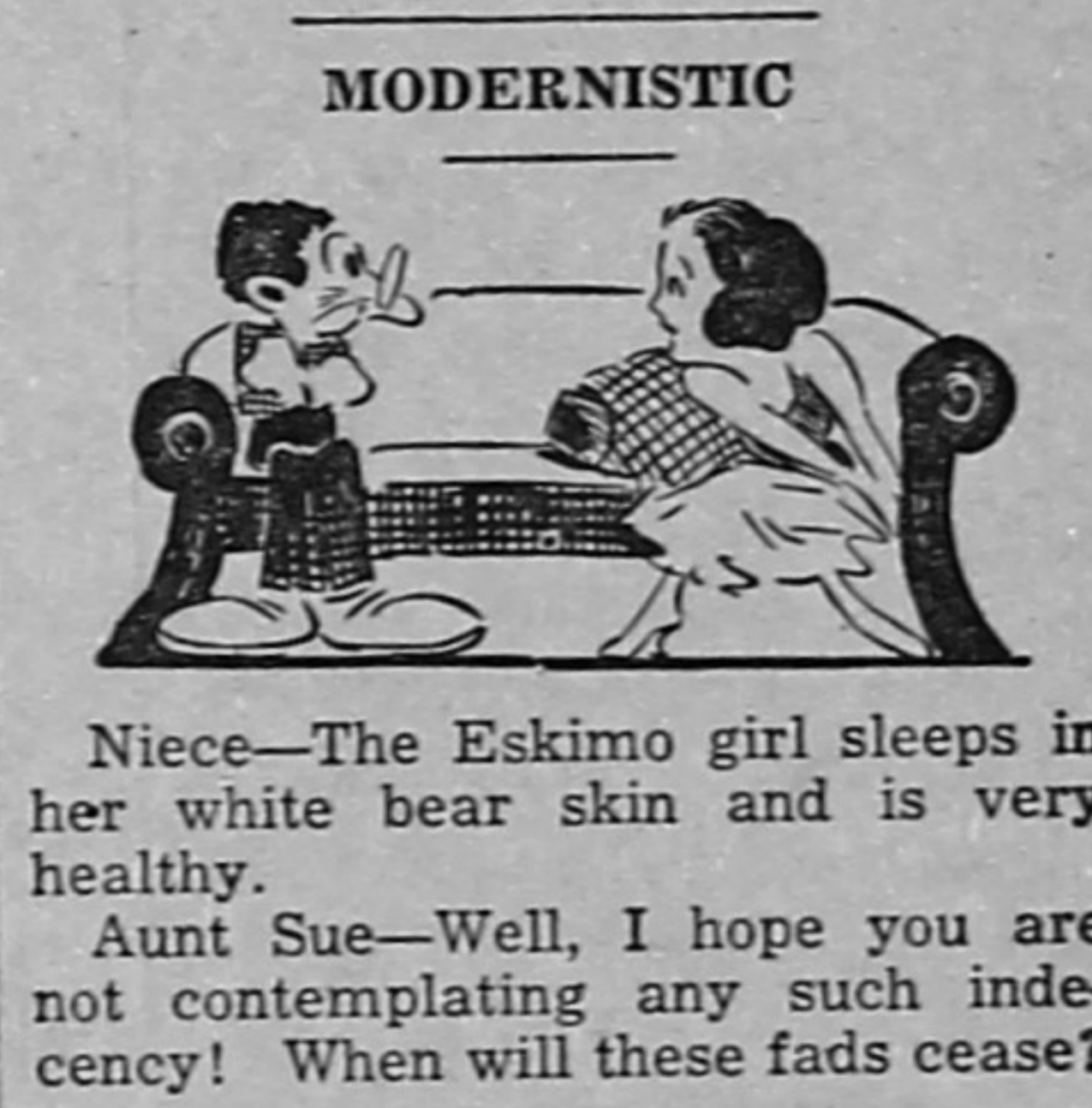
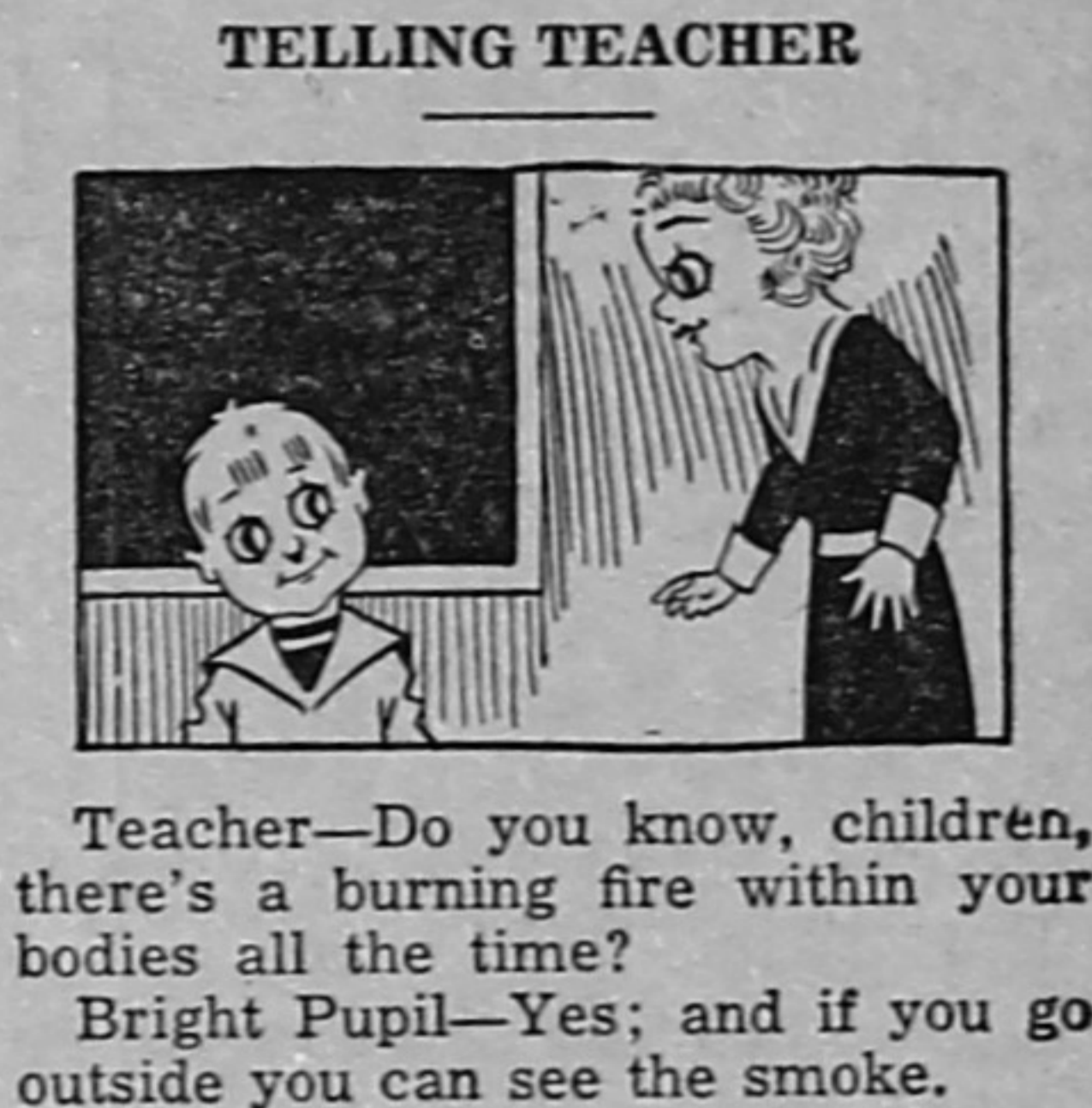
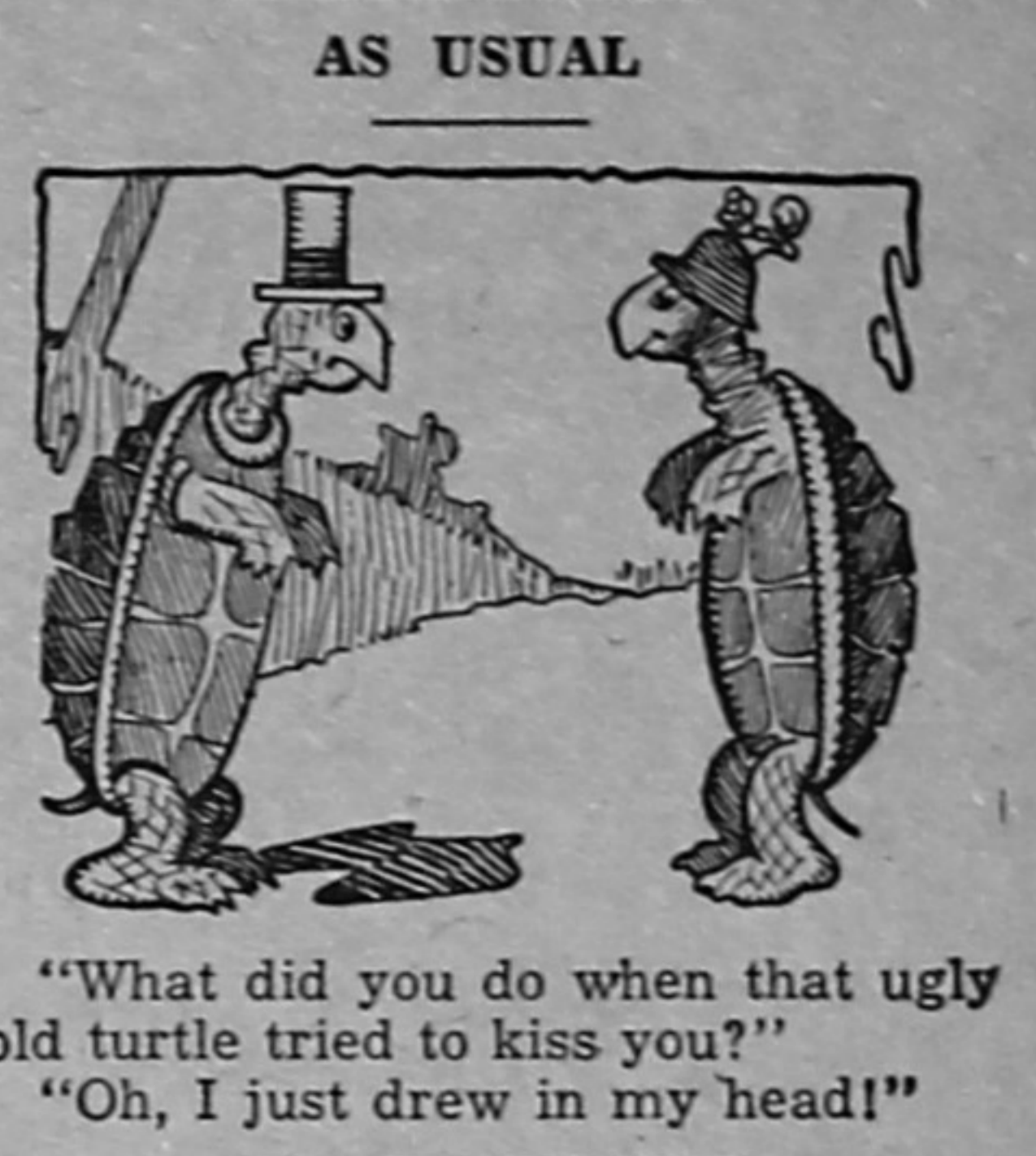
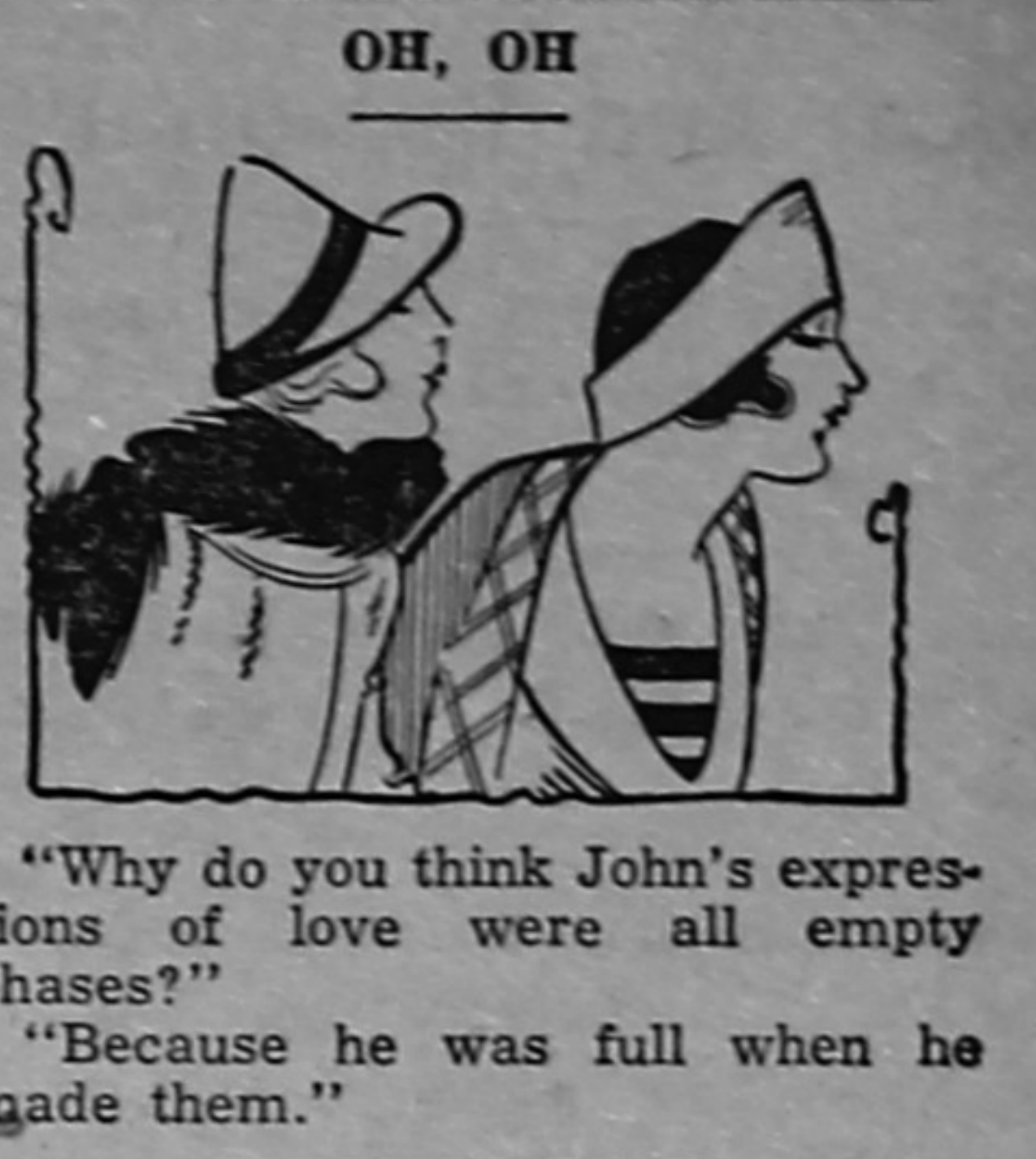
Unexpected Turn

"How is your wife coming with her driving?"

"Not so good. She took a turn for the worse last week."

Still at It

An historian says that women used cosmetics in the middle ages. They still use cosmetics in the middle ages.



Local and Personal

Clark Henson and family visited the oil fields at Clay City on Sunday.

Miss Marie Witt spent Thursday with Mrs. G. M. Neff in Danville.

Charles Messman, Sr., who has been quite ill the past few days, remains in a serious condition at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nohren, Lyman Mohr and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nohren.

Mrs. Frank Kracht and Pearl McCormick spent the weekend at the Robert Trimble home in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Arch Walker returned home Sunday after a week's visit with her son, Deane, at Overton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Henson and son, Philip, of Villa Grove, visited at the Clark Henson home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frick entertained at dinner, Sunday, Clarence Kilian and family, Howard Mohr and family, Oscar Limp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Messman visited their daughter, Miss Marjorie, at Jacksonville, Sunday. Miss Marjorie accompanied them to Meredosia where they spent the day.

Mrs. Bud Comer and daughter returned Tuesday after a two weeks visit with relatives at Anna. Her sister, Miss Juanita Barker, accompanied them for a visit.

Robert Potter entertained the following at dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Elliott, Miss Helen Potter, Lyl Potter and friend of Evanston; James Elliott of Champaign; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McClelland, son, Bobby, Mrs. Leanna Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Coryell, daughter, Ethel Mae.

Frank K. Lemon of Clinton, one of the three Republican candidates for circuit judges of this judicial district, was a visitor here Monday. Mr. Lemon paid The News office a visit while here. The two other Republican candidates are Frank B. Leonard of Champaign, and Wm. S. Bodman of Decatur. The election will be held on Monday, June 5.

Fourth "500" Win Aim Of "Flying Dutchman"



INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The "Flying Dutchman" is after his fourth win at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Louis Meyer, probably the greatest American race driver—certainly on the record—is again a threat in the annual 500-mile automobile competition here on May 30.

Meyer will be piloting what practically amounts to a new car. It is the same Bows Special which he built up for last year's race but which he hardly had time to prepare for the event. With a year's more work under the hood it should arrive at the track as one of the most formidable challengers for a slice of the \$100,000 in prize money.

Meyer, one of the most consistent drivers of all times, is also an expert mechanic and prepares his own car for the race—an added advantage.

Long View News

Mrs. Clara Boles of Hamilton, Ohio, spent part of last week in the home of Rev. J. A. Parker.

Martha Ann Doney has returned from Chicago where she spent a week with Marie Therese Dailey.

As a benefit for the girl scouts, Warren Filer's "Champaign County Accordion Band" gave a concert in the high school gym last Friday evening. They played to only a fair sized but well pleased audience.

Longview W. C. T. U. met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Raychell Hood, with Mrs. Irene Davis leading devotions and Mrs. E. C. Hagerman in charge of the program. Topic for lesson was "Alcohol as a Beverage."

Guest day was observed by the book club on Friday of last week with a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Jarman. Ten members and ten guests were present. Mrs. Raymond Evans of Champaign, gave a review of "Daughters of Queen Victoria." Tea and cookies were served.

Christian Church young people

of Champaign county met at the Longview church Monday evening with sixty in attendance. Chas. Barcus of St. Joseph presided in absence of the county president. The speaker was the Rev. Matzler of Hindsboro, with Milton Hunter as song leader. J. B. Smith, singer-evangelist gave a number of selections. Betty and Alberta Culton and Hoyle Hales sang two numbers and Esther Boyd gave a trumpet solo.

Must Report Automobiles

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Disappointments Fail to Daunt This Indianapolis "500" Veteran



try in the Indianapolis 500. This colorful driver will twist the wheel of the entry of Anthony Gulotta, cousin of driver Tony Gulotta, in the 1939 contest. Even if the fates are kind and Hepp catches the black-and-white checkered flag this year he will have given the great crowd no more of a thrill than he did in 1937 when he finished second. For the finish of that race was unquestionably the greatest in the history of an event crammed with thrills. And when the checkered flag came down the crowd applauded Wilbur Shaw's triumph by a margin of 2.16 seconds and Hepp's brilliant but losing battle.

That was the fourth time in eleven starts that Hepp had finished in the money. His next nearest approach to triumph came in 1931 when he finished third.

Heppburn has been a contestant at Indianapolis since 1925. He led the race for the first 100 miles that year. Then his gas tank burst and he was through.

Although one of the deans of the present-day drivers, Heppburn is still rated among the best.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Eleven disappointments, including one which would have broken a heart less stout, are forgotten these days as Ralph Heppburn, 42-year-old ace of the speedway readies himself for another

The Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma have their own newspaper printed in their own alphabet.

When some palooka stays in the ring a whole round with Joe Louis it will be news.

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