

Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

Once Bitten, Twice Shy!

By IRVIN S. COBB

A GENTLEMAN who lives in the northern part of Georgia went to Texas for a visit. One morning on the main street of a small town in the Panhandle, he met an aged negro whom he had known years before on a Georgia plantation owned by his father. After greetings, the



visitor made inquiries touching on the present circumstances of the old man.

"You're looking mighty prosperous, Uncle Henry," he said. "Still farming, I suppose? As I remember, you used to raise more cotton on your ten acres than any hand on the place."

"Naw, suh," said Uncle Henry. "I give up farmin' right soon after I moved out yere."

"What are you doing then?"

"Ise a minister of de Gospel. I tuk to followin' after preachin' fur a livin' an' 'ee been at it ever sence. I got a church out yere 'bout six miles from dis town an' I preaches reg'lar twict ever Sunday, not countin' prayer-meetin's an' revivals an' funel's an' weddin's."

Knowing that Uncle neither could read nor write, the Georgian was slyly moved to question him further.

"You deliver regular sermons then?" he asked.

"Yas indeed, suh."

"Well, do you take notes?"

"Naw, suh, not no mo', I ustler tek notes 'fore I learnt better, but now I me's dem niggers pay me cash."

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Alvo News

Mrs. S. C. Hardnock was on the sick list the last of last week.

Henry Miller visited his daughter, Mrs. Hattie Lovett, at Lincoln, last Friday.

Ted McCartney and family have moved into the property of Miss Alice Kellogg that was recently vacated by the McMaster family.

Mrs. Mark Nickel spent Thursday helping her daughter, Mrs. Albert Bornemeier of near Elmwood care for Rodger, who was quite ill with the summer flu that has been an epidemic among children during the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bobbitt, of Lincoln, were guests at the Mark Nickel home when Mr. and Mrs. Nickel had Mrs. Elma Stone of California as their guest, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Stone is a daughter of Mrs. R. C. Jordan and has been visiting relatives here during the past two weeks.

Going Into Business

S. C. Jordan has purchased the grocery stock at the Earl Bennett grocery and will take charge of the store as soon as he can dispose of his farm implements and get moved into town. They plan to move into Mrs. Betty Appleman's town property where the Bradley family have lived during the past two years.

Visiting Sister and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Turner and family of Marquette are visiting at the home of Mr. Turner's sister, Mrs. Orris Cook and family. The Turner family have been on a trip to Minnesota and places of interest and visited at the Cook home when en route to Minnesota and again on their return trip.

Business Changes Hands

The cafe in Alvo, which has been operated by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sofin was disposed of one day last week. Charles Roeloffs being the purchaser. Mr. and Mrs. Roeloffs are well acquainted in this vicinity and they should make a success of their business venture, as they are hard-working people, well qualified to operate the eating house.

Has an Infested Toe

Miss Nita Mullen has a very sore toe, which developed as a result of an ingrown toenail, which had to be removed. Accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mullen, she was at Murdock, where the toe was treated by Dr. Formanek.

Ill with Measles

Gwendolyn, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Gerbeling, of Murdock, has been ill with measles this week. It is thought she contracted the disease at a birthday dinner held in Lincoln, as one of the children present at that gathering was taken sick with them at that time. Gwendolyn is reported getting along very well.

Delegate to Convention

Mrs. Earl Fairfield attended the county convention of the W. C. T. U. at Plattsburgh Tuesday as a delegate from the local union. Mrs. Fairfield enjoyed a most interesting program.

Will Move to the Farm

Earl Bennett, who has sold his grocery stock, will move in about three weeks to the S. C. Jordan farm northeast of town, which they have

Breaks Create World Series Heroes, Goats

Glorious and Inglorious Feats of Past Are Recalled—Series Opens at Yankee Stadium Oct. 6.

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NEW YORK (UP)—When the blue chips are down and a couple of thousand dollars ride on every pitch, ball players react in strange unpredictable ways.

That's why the world series every October always produces a hero and a goat. Stars choke up in a clinch, make a hobble or take one out at a bad pitch which will make the fans forget records made over the 154-game grind and label them goats. Ordinary players will rise to the occasion, play better than they know and become heroes for a day or a week.

The world series opening at Yankee Stadium Oct. 6 will produce new heroes and goats—

Tony Lazzeri, Yankees' second baseman, who has been both a world series goat and a hero will close his career in the blue ribbon classic. Most fans will be rooting for "Poosh 'em Tony" to wind up wearing the hero's toga.

Lazzeri's Famous Strikeout

In the 1926 world series Lazzeri, then a raw rookie, went to bat in the seventh inning of the seventh and deciding game between the Cardinals and Yankees with the bases loaded. Old Pete Alexander, who had pitched the day before and evened the series, was called in to stop the rally. Alex, thinking he wouldn't pitch any more, had done some serious celebrating the night before and walked from the bull pen on uncertain legs. But he struck out Lazzeri, and the Cards won the series. Last year Lazzeri got his revenge. He came up with the bases loaded in the third inning of the second game and hit a homer off Dick Coffman.

Lou Gehrig will be playing in his sixth world series. He has a world series batting average of .386. Until last year, when he batted .292, he had never failed to hit better than .300.

The batting hero of the 1936 series was Jake Powell, Yankee outfielder who was only an ordinary player during the season, batting .299. In the world series he was "hot," and the Giants could not get him out. He made 10 hits for an average of .455.

The greatest pitching exhibition in world series history was supplied by Christy Mathewson, who hurled three shutouts within five days as the Giants beat the Athletics in 1905. He allowed only 14 hits in the three games.

Mathewson Nearly a Goat

Even Mathewson became something of a goat in the 1911 world series against the Athletics. Rube Marquard threw a home run ball to Frank Baker in the second game and the next time Mathewson in a ghost written article criticized Marquard's judgment. Marquard threatened to take a punch at Matty. The next day Mathewson faced the A's and he grooved one for Baker, and it went sailing out of the park for a game-winning homer. That's how Baker got his nickname of "Home Run." Instead of punching Matty, Marquard just laughed right in his face.

One of the biggest boneheads was pulled by Heinie Zimmerman, Giants' third baseman, in the 1917 world series. Eddie Collins of the White Sox was trapped off third base. It looked like he was sure out, but Zimmerman tried to run him down and Collins crossed the plate with a vital run before Heinie caught him.

The world series was a jinx to Ty Cobb, who played in 1907-08-09, without doing anything exceptional. He was almost helpless at bat. Babe Ruth was the opposite of Cobb. He thrived on big crowds, money games and pressure. The Babe hit above .300 in six world series, and established an all-time record by batting .625 in the 1926 world series against the Cardinals. He hit three homers in this series, a record later tied by Lou Gehrig in the 1932 series against the Cubs.

HOMEWORK SCORED BY BOARD

LONDON (UP)—Dramatic recommendations on the subject of homework for children are made in a report just issued by the British Board of Education. The report stated that no homework should be assigned to children under the age of 12, and that it should not exceed one hour a night between the ages of 12 and 14.

See the goods you buy. Catalog descriptions are alluring enough, but how about the goods when you get them?

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CONFERENCE SET BY ANGL-IRISH STUDENT GROUP

DUBLIN (UP)—Irish and British students will get together here early next year in a conference to discuss Anglo-Irish relations and thrash out some of the differences that have kept the two neighborly isles in a state of feud for 700 years.

About 30 debaters will be selected by the Irish Students Association and the same number by the British section of the International Student Service. They will represent all the Irish and the chief British universities.

The subjects for discussion will be: British foreign policy and the attitude of governmental and public opinion in Great Britain to Ireland.

Irish foreign policy, including the position of Ireland with regard to the British Empire.

The future of Ireland, with special reference to the aims of the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland.

The future of Anglo-Irish relations.

BOY'S TOY MENAGERIE BOASTS 307 ANIMALS

MENTON, O. (UP)—In the living room of his home, 10-year-old Orlo Carlton has installed a menagerie of 307 artificial animals.

The collection, made of glass, chinaware, metal, shell, celluloid and ivory, represents almost five years' work.

Orlo started his zoo when he was only 6. A glass greyhound, gift of a relative, was the first animal he owned.

Now he has 176 toy dogs and 131 other pieces, ranging in size from an inch-long mouse to a horse several inches high.

Orlo's original intention was to name every member of his collection, but he gave that up when it grew so large.

BOY CYCLES FOR FUN, 4,200 MILES IN YEAR

STONINGTON, Conn. (UP)—A year ago, John G. Soua, more familiarly known as Johnny Lulu, bought a bicycle with a speedometer on it. The other day he looked at the mileage recorder to find he had cycled 4,200 miles "for the fun of it."

Johnny works all day on the borough's garbage and rubbish truck. The 4,200 miles were pedalled nights and Sundays for diversion. His trips were to cities as far as Providence, R. I., a distance of nearly 70 miles. Johnny realizes telegraph boys, in the course of their duties, may roll up more miles yearly than he does.

METEORITE UPSETS COMPASS

MINSK, U. S. S. R. (UP)—A fragment of a meteorite has been found buried 3 feet deep in the ground in the Komarinsk district of Byelorussia. When brought near the meteorite the magnetic needle of a compass deviated from its normal position by 90 degrees.

AUSTRALIANS GOOD LINGUISTS

MELBOURNE (UP)—Officials of the Sorbonne University in Paris report that Australian students show a greater knowledge and capacity for French than those of any other country. This is attributed solely to a linguistic suppleness of the Australians.

SECRETARY "FAT AND 40" IN DEMAND AT LAST

BOSTON (UP)—Ralph B. Bristol, a hotel man, has been asked to find a secretary for a friend.

The specifications: "Fat, 40, wears thick glasses, capable and no sex appeal."

JAIL BARS TRANSIENTS

ASHTABULA, O. (UP)—Transients, once welcome at the city jail for overnight stops, no longer find hospitality. By order of the city manager, only old persons and cripples can bunk there now.

OIL HUNTED IN GASPE

QUEBEC (UP)—A search for oil and other wealth is to be started shortly on the Gaspe Peninsula by Quebec government geologists. Much of the peninsula is still comparatively unexplored.

U. S. FLEET IN SOVIET FILM

MOSCOW (UP)—A short reel film entitled "A Visit of Friendship" and dealing with the visit to Vladivostok of the U. S. Asiatic squadron will appear on the screens of Soviet cinema houses.

Your courtesy in phoning news to No. 6 is appreciated.

AVOCA NEWS

Charles Durham was called to Elmwood last Saturday to look after business matters.

The Avoca Lumber company was unloading and storing a car of lumber last Saturday and Monday.

Harry Marquardt and son Jack were in Eagle last Monday, where they were looking after business matters for the day.

George Sides, Union grain dealer, was looking after business matters in Avoca and calling on his friend, Fred Marquardt.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. Zaiser were in Lincoln Tuesday, where they had some business matters to transact and also visited with friends.

Claude Hollenberger has been busy painting the residence of Elmer Hennings and getting it in the best of condition before the coming of cold weather.

Wm. Maseman was in Syracuse a few days ago to have some dental work done. During his absence, Mrs. Maseman was looking after business at the store.

Charles Parmenter and family and Jean Parmenter of Northboro, Iowa, visited in Avoca last Sunday, being guests at the home of Ed Shackley and daughter.

Edward W. Thingan, WPA sanitation supervisor, who has charge of the manufacture and erection of toilets, was looking after business in Avoca Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Brendel were in Murray last Sunday, where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Seybolt. Dr. Brendel is a brother of Mrs. Seybolt.

Mrs. L. H. Carson, who was so seriously ill, is reported as being some better. She is being cared for by her mother, Mrs. Louis Allgayer, of southeast of Weeping Water.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tyrrell have been staying at Union for the past week, where they have been caring for the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Dye, who are spending a week in Minnesota.

Ed Shackley and daughter Miss Mueller and Miss Mattie Voyles were in Plattsburgh last Saturday, where they enjoyed the closing day of the King Korn Carnival. While there, all got their driving license.

Mrs. Morris Ruzse entertained at her home last Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Ernest Emshoff, the event being in the nature of a stork showed. A large number of friends were present and a very merry afternoon was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Ruhge entertained last Sunday for the day and dinner and had as guests for the occasion, W. O. Johnson and family of Weeping Water, Fred Ruhge and family and son and Lyn Hoback and daughter.

Elmer J. Halstrom and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. Zaiser were at Bee, which is located not far from Lincoln, where they attended a Catholic picnic. Miss Corinne Hallstrom was fortunate enough to win a sack of flour, which was one of the many prizes given.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Corbin, who have been living on their farm near North Branch during the summer, stayed at their home in town over the week end. They expect to come to town to reside during the winter, but will delay their coming a little longer until most of the fall farm work is done.

Postmaster W. H. Bogaard and son Clyde were enjoying a visit at Shenandoah, where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Thomas and their daughters, Aileen and Nadine. The day marked the birthday anniversary of Miss Aileen, and it was appropriately observed, all having a good time.

B. C. Marquardt and sister, Mrs. Emma Rawalt were in Omaha Sunday, where they were guests at the home of Floyd Almsbaugh, enjoying a very pleasant day and dinner there, and also having opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs. Minnie Kaufmann, who after a visit here and at Omaha, was leaving for her home in Oregon.

Has a Bad Knee

George Shackley, an energetic and hard worker, has an affection of one of his knees which requires the use of a pair of crutches to get about. Mr. Shackley has considerable work lined up ahead and is anxious to get it done before the coming of cold weather, but is unable to do anything just now with the injured knee. He is hoping it will soon be well and he can proceed with his work.

Birthday Anniversary

Elmer J. Hallstrom had a birthday anniversary last Tuesday, but the fact did not become generally known until the following day. That evening 157 of his friends got together and went to his home, where they showed him a merry time at a



sting party. Announcing their arrival with the sounding of their auto horns and other noise makers, they took possession and proceeded to stage a party.

Makes Change in Business

L. H. Tyler, who has been the funeral home director at Otoo, recently disposed of his business to L. A. Caldwell. The new proprietor and Mr. Tyler were visiting in Avoca Monday, the former getting acquainted with the people here.

Cannot Finish This Fall

Although we had supposed the paving (black top) on U. S. 34 (the O street road) would be completed this fall, we now learn that only the stabilized base is included in this year's work, and the top coat will not be laid until next spring. This part of the work is now nearing completion, and consists of mixing the sand, clay and oil and rolling it down on a well soaked road grade. It is this base that will carry the black top later and it must be well settled before the final top coat is applied. Traffic will be routed over the stabilized base during the winter and if anything will work it down the heavy traffic that passes over the O street road ought to do it, if it doesn't wear it completely out in that length of time.

There are still many skeptics who do not think the black top will stand up under the heavy pounding traffic that passes over this road, and would have much rather seen concrete paving over the ten mile stretch to complete the O street road. The first cost of black top is considerably less than concrete or other types of paving, and there is much of it in use on roads farther west in Nebraska.

Visited at Atlantic, Iowa

J. F. H. Ruhge and wife, Bertha Neumeister, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruhge and William Hoffman made up a merry group who drove to Atlantic, Iowa, where they visited and had an excellent dinner with H. W. Gellan, formerly a merchant in Avoca, but who now resides in the Iowa city, where he has lived for a number of years.

They enjoyed the trip very much arriving home late Sunday evening.

Church Fifty Years Old

The church at Leigh, where the Rev. J. M. Kokjer ministered many

years ago, is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, and a special anniversary service was held yesterday, being attended by Rev. Kokjer who made the morning address. Rev. and Mrs. Kokjer remained for the balance of the day's program and will return today. Leigh is located northeast of Columbus.

CHEF AGAINST GIVING DISHES TRICKY NAMES

ST. LOUIS (UP)—A chef tastes his dishes by smelling them, according to Pierre J. Berard, noted chef and officer of a society of epicureans. The trick, he pointed out, is to sniff and at the same time pretend you're chewing and swallowing.

Berard, chairman of Les Amis d'Escoffier, Chicago chapter of the Société Culinnaire Philanthropique of New York, has taken over the management of the kitchens at the Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis.

He insisted there must be an "accent on food." The true accent, he held, is attained through wise and skillful blending of food flavors that whet the appetite, thrill it and leave it with a sense of satisfaction.

A French name on the menu is justifiable if the dish has been created for some historic occasion, has a history of its own and has an easily translated name, he said. Otherwise, "short, plain English" is best.

HISTORY REPEATED 3D TIME

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (UP)—For the third time in 50 years the president pro tem of the state senate has acted as Missouri's governor. Sen. Albert M. Clark, Richmond, occupied the executive chair when both Gov. Lloyd C. Stark and Lieut. Gov. Frank G. Harris were out of the state.

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