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EDITORIAL

We wonder what Hitler and Hirohito think of Benito.

The war may develop into a contest between the home fronts.

Now is the time to buy War Bonds instead of buying that gadget that you want.

Front-line soldiers may have the war on their minds but our politicians are thinking about November, 1944.

Money spent for war purposes is expended to save us from destruction, and if it achieves that purpose, it has done all we can expect.

By comparison with the people of other countries, Americans still live in luxury.

Even increased income taxes have not convinced some Americans that the nation is engaged in a serious war effort.

Our own prediction is that Hitler will not make a speech, celebrating the fourth anniversary of his invasion of Poland.

We certainly can't prevent inflation if the people of the nation insist upon it but, personally, we have had one experience and that's enough.

The good farmers of Centre county, who raise most of their food, will not go hungry next year, regardless of what happens to the nation's food supply. Feeding the family this winter is going to take intelligence, imagination and stick-to-it-iveness.

MORALE TOP HEAVY

Allied morale is so high it is bending under its own weight. One columnist remarks that the "war has gone stale politically." War workers are reporting easing up on the job. Heads of war industries say they are badly in need of workers, one plant president in the east saying they could use 10,000 more employes now. People are beginning to write to newspapers asking when they can expect the boys back home.

Foreign correspondents report the situation is similar in England. One American newspaperman returning from the war fronts to London says he was astounded to find Englishmen making bets the war would be over by Thanksgiving or Christmas.

This excessive optimism is causing concern among the Allied high command. As one American admiral remarked recently, "Americans must show that they can take the good news as well as the bad."

And "taking" it means tempering it with common sense and good judgment.

We are battering the Axis now. Reports from Europe say 73,000 persons are homeless in Berlin, Hamburg is said to be practically destroyed, as well as many other German cities. Allied reconnaissance flights show that two months after the American raid of June 22 on the second largest Nazi synthetic rubber plant at Huls is still out of operation, and Regensburg's Messerschmitt factory, source of 30 per cent of Germany's fighter planes, will be out of commission at least six months. It was estimated this would deprive the Germans of from 1,500 to 2,000 planes.

One American air general says that if these Allied raids are intensified this fall, German economy may collapse by the first of the year.

But generally, few high military men are placing their estimates for the end of the war earlier than next spring. And there are some who say it may continue months longer than that.

It is dangerous for us to count upon a speedy end of the war in Europe. Of course the end may come quickly. But, then again Germany may fight desperately on . . . it still has millions of fighting men . . . for an indefinite time.

Hitler's appointment of Heinrich Himmler, blood-smeared Gestapo chief, as chief of all internal German affairs, except labor, which comes under Hitler, is an indication the Nazis are tightening their iron grip on the German people in anticipation of internal strife. Yet, such is the organization of the Nazi party that it might, through violence, hold together a beaten nation for a considerable period.

Public complacency on the home front could so weaken the armed effort that the decisive blow could be delayed many months, at a corresponding cost in Allied lives.

It is vitally necessary that we maintain the initiative we have attained. And we can't do it by expecting Germany to fold up at any moment.

Hitler has been on the offensive. That has been blocked, and even reversed. But once he digs in on a strong defense line, it may take many great battles to crush him.—Altoona Tribune.

TWO HURT IN CRASH

Three automobiles and a roadside gasoline station were damaged to the extent of $600, and two men were slightly injured in an accident about a half mile north of Milton. The injured were Percy A. Webb of Danville, and Paul Firestone of Lancaster county. The accident happened when Webb's car skidded as he approached a car parked along the road while repairs were being made.

There will be friction in the United States as long as politicians promise minorities more than they deliver.

TWO CARS DAMAGED

Cars operated by Ray H. Miller, of Beech Creek, and Dorothy B. Miller, of Salladasburg, were damaged to the extent of $250 in a collision in Flemington borough Saturday. Ray Miller stopped at the stop sign before entering Route 220 from a side street, then pulled out onto the highway directly in front of the Salladasburg car. Miller was arrested for failure to yield the right of way. The Salladasburg car was being driven home from the Mill Hall plant of the Sylvania Products, Inc.

—Are you investing in War Bonds?

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I am but nineteen years old and my husband is in Arfica. I get awful lonesome. Do you think there would be any harm in my having a date occasionally with one of my old friends? I love my husband dearly.

LONESOME—Va.

Answer:

You were probably the one who just couldn't wait until the war was over to get married, but now, since your husband is gone, you want to enjoy all the blessings of being married and single at the same time.

What if you are lonesome? What about your husband in Africa, or probably, Sicily, by now? He has more to worry about than just being lonesome, I imagine. It is all right to go to parties and socials with a crowd, but it is definitely not cricket to be having dates with other men while your husband is fighting to keep us free.

There is plenty of work to do to keep all of the girls and women in the United States busy, if they will only look for it and busy people have very little time to think about being bored. So get to work.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:

You are always advising people to plan their spending and saving together, but what do you do when you have a husband who refuses to discuss anything relating to money? Who looks as if you have a deep laid plot to extract an extra dollar from him if you mention the increase in cost of anything—who always tells the bad news about finances, but never mentions the fact when money is easy? How can I save when I have nothing to begin with?

PUZZLED—Ala.

Answer:

Well, Sister, you have me there. It would take a wiser woman than I to tell you what to do under such circumstances. Your letter should be required reading for brides, however, as it will make them realize how much easier it is to have such problems settled before marriage than afterwards. I am afraid you have waited too long to do anything about your situation.

LOUISA.

PORT MATILDA

Cpl. Paul Daughenbaugh and 2nd Class Petty Officer Lester Daughenbaugh were home on furlough, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Daughenbaugh served them with a chicken and waffle dinner. Cpl. Paul Daughenbaugh was home on a 10-day furlough, being stationed at Fort Fisher, N. C.

The Neighborhood Garden Club held a flower show Saturday, August 28, in Pringle's store room. They also had a bake sale. The flowers were exhibited by the club and local people. They also exhibited vegetables raised in many Victory gardens. Considering the dry weather we have had the flowers and vegetables were very good, and some perfect specimens was exhibited. There were some beautiful baskets. Out of 14 classes and 118 entrants, the following prizes were won: Adah Marshall 11, Mary Pringle 5, Grace Weaver 5, Florence Williams 3, Edith Ghaner 3, Hannah Williams 2, Mrs. Garner 2, Edna Shultz 1, Sue Thomas, 1, Martha Hall 1, Mayme Eves 1, and Charley Crain 1. The judges were Mrs. W. J. Emerick and Mrs. Hunter of Bellefonte. Other folks from Bellefonte were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller who brought the judges, Mrs. Balser Weber of Howard, and Mrs. Ethel Shrum of Harrisburg. The ladies of the club were very well pleased with the flower show and hope to have a bigger and better one next year.

Mrs. Grace Weaver, Mrs. Mary Pringle and Mrs. Adah Marshall attended the flower show in Philipsburg last Friday.

The Baptist Missionary Society held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. F. S. Bish Tuesday evening, August 24, with twelve members present. The program was in charge of Mrs. Annie Williams. After the meeting the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Harvey Hoover, who has been at the Cresson Sanitarium for his health, has returned home and will be able to go back to work in a few weeks.

William Bennett has left to join the armed forces, and Mrs. Bennett is going to Pittsburgh with her sister to stay awhile.

William Shultz returned to Niagara Falls, where he has been employed for some time.

The Garden Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Floyd Ghaner at Stormstown. They had Miss Soissons of the West Penn to show pictures of canning and also had many samples of dehydrated vegetables, and gave a very interesting lecture on both canning and dehydration, also informing the club of the danger of oven canning due to the glass jars being of such poor quality. The meeting was very interesting and was well attended. The hostess served the club with delicious refreshments and all the golden corn ears they could eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Gruber and family of Franklin, are spending their vacation with Mrs. Gruber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Williams.

PENN STATE HERD QUALIFIES FOR REGISTRY

With only 50 herds in the entire United States qualifying for the Progressive Breeders' Registry of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, the Holstein herd at the Pennsylvania State College has achieved this honor.

Rigid health standards and qualifications of high milk production have been met by the cows. One cow has had an average milk production of about 28 quarts daily for seven years. Every cow in the herd has been bred by the College.

AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF

After being blown through a window by a bursting shell and stunned by a 14-foot fall during the bombardment of Sand Island, Marine Staff Sergeant Dale Lester Peters of Breckenridge, Michigan, struggled to remove large aerial bombs from nearby burning hangars. He has been awarded the Navy Cross for exceptionally meritorious service and disregard of his own safety during this action. What hardships are you willing to disregard to invest in Payroll Savings?

Query & Answer Column

G. S.—How many persons have been killed or injured in industries during the war?

Ans.—The Office of War Information says that job accidents in the United States from July, 1940, to January, 1943, the 30 months covering the defense program and the first year of the war, brought death to 48,500 workers and crippled 258,000 other workers.

C. M.—How did the yard originate as a measure of length?

Ans.—According to English tradition King Henry I stretched out his arm to give us this measurement of length.

M. K. R.—How old was Aaron Burr when he held the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Revolutionary War?

Ans.—Burr was only 20 when he attained this rank.

Y. B.—What causes fingernails to have ridges and break easily?

Ans.—It is believed to be due to a lack of calcium in the diet.

T. N. A.—What is the meaning of the word Amerind?

Ans.—Amerind is a coined word meaning American Indian.

W. I. L.—Has Haile Selassie's name any significance?

Ans.—Haile Selassie means the power of the Trinity.

C. W.—When was the Model "T" Ford discontinued?

Ans.—The Ford Motor Company says the 15,000,000 car, officially the last of the Model "T" series, rolled out of the shops on May 25, 1927.

R. G. B.—What is the State bird of South Dakota?

Ans.—The Legislature recently designated the ring-necked pheasant as the official State bird of South Dakota.

M. P. M.—In how many states do women serve on juries?

Ans.—The Council of State Governments announced on July 5 that 28 states permitted women to serve on juries.

M. C. D.—What city was named in honor of Charles Darwin?

Ans.—Port Darwin in Australia was named in honor of the great naturalist.

P. H. F.—How many of the common penny postcards are printed in a year?

Ans.—The Government Printing Office prints 2,500,000,000 penny postcards a year.

J. A.—Were there any woman delegates to the United Nations Food Conference at Hot Springs, Va.?

Ans.—The only woman delegate was Miss Josephine Schain.

G. T.—What does a package of cigarettes cost in Britain and how much is the tax?

Ans.—In Britain 20 cigarettes cost 47 cents, of which 37 cents is tax.

H. C. M.—Where and when was General Alexander born?

Ans.—Sir Harold Rupert Leofric Alexander was born in Ulster in 1891.

R. E. O.—Is there any word describing the occupation of one engaged in camouflage work?

Ans.—Such a person is known as a camoufleur.

R. H. S.—Will all members of the WAC be subject to overseas duty?

Ans.—They will be subject to call anywhere their services are needed.

T. F. F.—How extensive are the roots of the giant sequoia trees in California?

Ans.—The roots of one of these trees may spread over two or three acres.

H. C. C.—What part of the earth's population is Chinese?

Ans.—About one-fifth of the population of the world is Chinese.

J. M. A.—When is the earth farthest from the sun this year?

Ans.—The earth was farthest from the sun on July 4, at 6 a. m. The distance at that time was 94,452,000 miles.

S. O. E.—For whom was the Gideon Society, which distributes Bibles to hotel rooms, named?

Ans.—General Gideon was a liberator, reformer and judge of Israel, who delivered Israel from the desert raiders. A fascinating story of his daring and bravery is told in Judges, chapters 6 to 8.

T. A. M.—What is mercury used for in connection with the war effort?

Ans.—The largest consumption of mercury is in health supplies. The second most important use is a well-guarded secret. These two uses account for 60 per cent of the mercury consumed. It is also used as a catalyst, in scientific instruments, in munitions, to treat sandbags and tenting against mildew, and for many other purposes.

S. S.—How is Hirohito pronounced?

Ans.—Hirohito is pronounced as though it were written hee-roh-hee-toh.

N. S.—Please give some facts about Harry Emerson Fosdick, author of the successful book. "On Being a Real Person."

Ans.—Doctor Fosdick is one of our great American preachers. He is pastor of the Riverside Baptist church in New York City. For 20 years he has been consulted by thousands of persons on subjects that have little or no relation to religion. Out of this vast experience, the Rev. Dr. Fosdick has written the book which shows how a person can learn to accept himself as he is.

How Pennsylvania Helps Exceptional Children

(This is the fourth in a series of articles by Dr. Eugene McDonald, Supervisor of Special Education for Centre and Clinton Counties.)

Ralph was a pleasant, bright young fellow who wanted to be a newspaperman. He has finally found a job helping in a pressroom. He did so well during the first few weeks at this job, that he was given a job in the newspaper office. One of his duties was to answer the telephone. Ralph did not last long at this job because he was a stutterer and every time he tried to talk to people, he had difficulty. Consequently, any job that required him to meet the people was closed to him. He was completely discouraged by this situation and could not see much hope for his future.

Speech defects not only make a person sound peculiar, but they have a very serious effect on a person's personality. It is quite amusing to hear a young child of four or five say, "The wabbit wan awound the twee" or "g-g-give m-m-me some c-c-candy," but it is annoying to hear these things in an older boy or girl. Frequently children who cannot talk right draw into their shell, refusing even to play with other children because their playmates laugh at their speech or, as in the case of the stutterer, they find themselves unable to talk when in the presence of others.

Many speech defective children are retarded a year or more in school. This is not because they are not as bright as normal-speaking children, but because their language handicap often makes it difficult for them to learn to read and makes it hard for the teacher to understand their recitations. Because of this last condition, some speech defectives are reluctant to recite in high school. Just recently a high school sophomore stated that he did not intend to return to school next year because he was not getting along well. When questioned further, it developed that the boy was quitting because the teachers could not understand him when he recited and he was ashamed to talk before his classmates.

Many occupations are closed to the person who cannot talk plainly. For example, few employers would hire a salesman, stenographer, clerk, or telephone operator who cannot talk plainly. If the reader will just stop to realize how important a role speech plays in our everyday lives, he will appreciate the handicap suffered by the speech defective in social, as well as in occupational activities.

Speech defects are of several types. In the most prevalent type, the individual is unable to produce the speech sounds correctly. The most common disorders of articulation are baby talk, lisping, and foreign accent. Another type, stuttering, is characterized by an interruption in the rhythm of speech, such as the inability to get speech started, or repetition of certain sounds. Disorders of voice include nasality, harsh voices, raspy voices, high-pitched voices, etc. The causes of these disorders may be either structural or functional. If there is some difficulty in the speech structure such as a hole in the roof of the mouth, growths on the vocal chords, or poor muscular control, the cause of the defect would be classed as structural and the condition should be remedied before speech training is undertaken. Parents frequently think that their speech defective child is tongue-tied. However, it is only very rarely that tongue tie is the cause of a speech defect.

If a child's speech is defective and there is no accompanying defect in his speech organs, the cause is described as functional. This means that the defect is the result of improper learning. To illustrate, it is obvious that not all speech sounds are learned at the same time. The sounds, l, r, and s are usually the last learned. If a young child wants to say "red" before he has learned to produce the r sound, it is natural for him to say something nearly like "red," such as "wed." If his parents are amused by this baby talk and use it themselves when talking to the child, it is only natural that it will persist in this habit. One of the most vicious causes of articulatory disorders is the adult use of baby talk when talking with children. Since imitation plays such an important role in the learning of speech, parents should consider it a responsibility to use the same type of speech when talking with their children as they do when talking with adults.

Parents can help in the prevention of speech difficulties by following the advice given above and by refraining from another common parental habit—showing off their children. It is wrong to coax junior to recite "Mary Had a Little Lamb," or some other rhyme when he is tired, sleepy or under emotional pressure.

If your child shows signs of developing a speech defect, you should have him examined by a speech specialist. Many colleges conduct speech clinics where your child's difficulty will be diagnosed and suggestions given for helping him.

After a speech defective child enters school, his difficulty will be called to the attention of the Supervisor of Special Education who will examine the child and outline a program of speech training for the teacher to follow. Sometimes it is possible for parents to help by giving their child the prescribed speech drills at home. In all cases, it is essential that the parents be instructed in this work and cooperate with the teacher. Just recently one parent came to a school quite indignant when he learned that the teacher was giving his child speech lessons. "I would like to know what's going on here," he snorted. "I am sending my girl here to learn school work, not talking." Speech re-education is frequently a long-time job and requires as much practice as learning to play a musical instrument.

It is a common misconception that children will outgrow their speech defects. A primary teacher once remarked that she didn't worry about speech defects in her pupils because the children "got over their trouble as they grow older." It was pointed out to her that in her building there were four eighth grade pupils who hadn't outgrown the speech defects they had before they started to school. A great many colleges provide special training for college students who didn't outgrow their speech defects. This misconception is harmful because it encourages parents to neglect their child's speech trouble.

The longer a child uses a wrong speech habit the more difficult it is for him to learn the correct one.

In very serious cases, more specialized help than that given by the classroom teacher is required. Before the war, there were two excellent residential summer speech clinics in Pennsylvania. One was conducted by the Pennsylvania State College and the other was conducted by California State Teachers College.

In these schools children were given speech lessons three or four times a day for a period ranging from six to eight weeks. These schools have closed for the duration but will probably be in operation again after the war.

VEAL CAUSED ILLNESS.

It has been determined that the cause of sudden illness of several hundred air cadets at Selinsgrove, 50 of whom were seriously ill, was the eating of veal which had been kept too long. Nurses and physicians from nearby communities and townspeople assisted the Army doctors in ministering to the sick.

Wanted! Men and Women Who Are Hard of Hearing

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THE OFFICE CAT

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

Life Is Like That

Oh, where are the playmates of yesterday?
The fellows we knew in school?
Oh, what has become of the studious one,
And where, oh where, is the fool?
Oh, what has become of the orator,
Whose passion was to recite?
And the bashful kid who could speak no piece
Unless he succumbed to fright?
Oh, what has become of the model boy,
Who was always the teacher's pet?
And where, oh where, is the tough young nut,
The one we can never forget?

WELL, LET'S SEE—

The studious one, so we have been told,
Is driving a truck these days;
While the fool owns stock in a bank or two
And a railroad that always pays.
The orator that we knew so well
Is a clerk in a dry goods store;
While the bashful kid we knew has been
In Congress ten years or more.
The model boy is behind the bars
For stealing a neighbor's cow.
And you ask, what of the tough young nut?
Oh, he's a preacher now.

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Pen Pictures of Stupor-Men

HIDEKI TOJO

Hideki Tojo, him Jap Prime Minister, but General MacArthur him predict Tojo velly soon be Jap Prime Rib Corpse.

Tojo, him born December, 1884, first baby words being alle same: "so sorry please." Pretty quick, United States make Tojo sorry him ever born.

Long ago, Tojo him boast able whip Russia plus China, with both hands tied behind back. Velly soon, Japan lucky if her possess back.

About 1940, when Tojo him hear news about Japan join Axis, him stand on head for joy. Before United States get up off Japan, Tojo keep standing on head, 'cause other end too sore to sit down.

Premier Tojo, him one day deliver much too long talk over radio, mebbe because him sponsored by Jap tooth-paste manufacturer. Too bad him speak in Japanese gibberish, as everybody outside Japan imagine him so much Jap static.

Tojo him also declare Japs unstoppable. This bunk also made in Japan. When United States bombers lay plenty eggs on Jap cities, Japs not only stop dead in tracks, but run fast in opposite direction, no have time bury dead.

Premier Tojo him plenty smart, velly hard-boiled; alle same Japanese egg, which also no good account made in Japan. Tojo him have no hair on head, but him possess plenty moustache. This velly good for hanging rope on to.

Tojo, him soon join Mussolini.

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Embarrassed

We are told that a resident of a nearby county bought an Austin car and made a motor trip through the west. He was so embarrassed, however, by the jack-rabbits looking in the windows that he sold it before he came home.

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Fast Work

It is reported that a Western Union messenger boy in Washington was sent to deliver a message to the War Department. He went on a Monday, got lost for two days, and when he emerged he was a lieutenant-colonel.

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High Finance

"Darling," she said. "I've got it all figured out how you can buy a new suit. You take the money we've saved for your life insurance policy. I'll have the agent charge the amount, and deduct it from what they'll owe me when you die."

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It Won't Be Long

Two rabbits were on their honeymoon when they were set upon by two rabbit hounds. "Shall we attack them?" asked the groom.

The little bride blushed. "I think it might be better," she answered mildly, "to wait until we outnumber them."

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No Cause For Complaint

The parson had been strolling about the links, and wishing to drive home a small moral lesson said mildly, "I notice that the players that get the lowest scores are not those who swear."

"Why the hell should they?" replied his partner, as he dug up some more turf.

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Preparedness

The Scene: "On country road. Youth and fair maiden in car. Car falters, then stops.

Youth—"Out of gas, by cracky."

(Fair maiden produces flask from somewhere).

Youth (in a highly receptive tone)—"Ah, ha. What's in the flask?"

Fair Maiden—"Gasoline."

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He'd Like to Know

Hitler, so the story goes, had looted Michaelangelo's painting of "Moses" from the Louvre art gallery and carried it off to Berchtesgaden.

When asked by his associates why he had stolen this particular treasure he replied: "Oh, it's a great piece of art, you know."

But one of the Gestapo, spying on the boss, reported another explanation. He saw the Fuehrer on his knees before the great Jew, and he was saying: "Dear Moses, tell me how you got across the strip of water?"

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Getting It Right

The question of the correct plural of the word "mongoose" was solved by a gentleman who wanted a pair of these interesting and affectionate creatures.

He wrote to a dealer: "Sir, please send me two mongeese."

He did not like the looks of this, tore up the paper and began again: "Sir, please send me two mongooses."

This version did not satisfy him any better than the first, so he wrote: "Sir, please send me a mongoose; and, by the way, send me another."

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And in His Splendor

Visitor—"Is Solomon in?"

Wife No. 946—"Yes, all in."

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Over The Waves

The preacher had just finished a sermon in which he had said, "All liquor should be thrown in the river."

And the choir ended the service by singing, "Shall We Gather at the River?"

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So Would We

A big London furniture house, badly banged up after a heavy raid, displayed this sign in the window:

"BUT YOU OUGHT TO SEE OUR BERLIN BRANCH."

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Getting Down to Earth

St. Peter and St. Thomas Aquinas were having a golf game one heavenly day. St. Peter's first drive was right up to the cup for a hole in one. St. Thomas, brandishing his celestial club, stepped up to the tee and drove a hole in one, also.

"All right, "said Peter, "now let's cut out the miracles and get down to work."

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Stinging Reply

"Do I bore you?" asked the mosquito politely, as he sank a deep shaft into the citizen's leg.

"Not at all," replied the man, smashing the mosquito gently over the head with a book. "And, by the way, how do I strike you?"

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That's all, folks. The next time you are bored, buy a can of crushed pineapple and try to fit the pieces together.

—"SCAT."