

OWL LAFFS



A WISE OWL

Have you picked out the ugly Valentine you're going to send me? Make it good, cause I don't insult easily and anyhow, I'll know who it's from cause there's certain people just wouldn't be happy if they weren't being nasty. I often thought I'd mail it, right back, but I hate to spoil anyone's fun.

That little blonde not too far from the high school is pretty smart. When she writes love letters she always makes a carbon copy cause she feels the same about two boys. Sure saves a lot of time, and wear and tear.

Little Tommy was going to his first party and his mother was a bit worried about his manners. "Now what are you going to do when you've had enough to eat?" she asked, and little Tommy replied: "Come home."

A group of boys were exchanging stories about the opposite sex. "Aw,," sniffed a superior senior, "girls are a dime a dozen." "Gosh," sighed a freshman, "and to think all this time I've been buying jelly beans."

Learning of the need for "heavy water," a Gravel Hill woman wrote to the Atomic Energy Commission offering to sell the "heavy water" in her well. "I've carried pails from that well for forty years," she wrote, "and lately they've been getting heavier; and heavier."

"So you are knitting a vest? But surely that would be too small for anyone to wear?" remarked an uptown lady to her neighbor. "Yes, but that doesn't matter—it's for charity," answered the busy knitter. She evidently takes "it's not the gift but the giving" entirely too broadly.

A Marietta father looked hard at his wife and then at his son: "That boy has taken money from my pocket." "How can you say that?" his wife protested. "Why, I might have done it." Father shook his head. "No, you didn't, there was some left."—Then it definitely was not the old lady!!

"A toast," shouted the hobo, raising his tomato can; "here's to the holidays, all 365 of them."

Remember, men. Be sure you are right—then do what your wife tells you.

A boy Soph asked: "What are you going to do tonight?"

A girl Soph answered: "Nothing special. I'll probably write a letter or two, read a paper, listen to the radio and so on."

The boy suggested: "When you come to the 'so on' would you mind putting a couple buttons on my shirt?"

It takes two cars to make an accident. Eliminate half of the cars and you get rid of all accidents.

A doctor says that one million women in this country are overweight. These, of course, are round figures.—I can account for one.

Insurance Man: "Now, that amounts to a premium of \$6.90 per month for straight life. That's what you wanted, isn't it?"

Freshman: "Well, I'd like to fool around a little bit on Saturday night."—Delinquent!

One way of getting back on your feet is to miss a car payment.

I was watching two ants running like the wind across a cracker box. "Say for Pete's sake," puffed one of them at last, "what are we running so fast for?" "Add the other ant explained: "Can't you read? It says right here 'Tear along the dotted line!'"

SHORT STORY

A Misunderstanding

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

I'LL NEVER FORGET the spectacle of Joe Abbott and Count Obeid fighting. Thinking of it, I am more apt to shudder than smile. Though it certainly had amusing aspects.

You see, Joe is an American. And he wasn't used to the way they did things in Luandia.

Anyway, when Joe and I stopped off at Cabindas on our world cruise, we were much pleased with the place.

That night we had dinner at the Plaza and it was there that we first saw Kandace. She was sitting alone in a booth, and when she caught Joe staring at her boldly, she nodded and smiled at him.

Instinctively I knew, when I saw the tall dark man come through the door, that Joe was in for trouble. And I was right. The tall dark man strode toward the booth and there was something about him that caused my blood to creep. I stood up, but was by no means quick enough. The stranger had grasped Joe by the coat front, jerked him to his feet and slapped his face.

Joe was hauling back for a haymaker when my arms closed about him.

After a while a messenger came in and handed me a note. I read it and looked sourly at Joe. "Now you've done it. That was Count Obeid and that was his girl you insulted."

"Insulted?" said Joe. "And he wants to fight a duel with you. He realizes our boat sails first thing in the morning, so in order to accommodate us he'll await our pleasure at dawn. He will do you the honor of permitting you to choose your own weapons."

Joe shook his head and tried to grasp it. "That punk—the dope who smacked my jaw—wants to fight a duel? You mean like they do in Sabatini's books?" "And I can choose my own weapons," Joe went on. He stood up. "Come on."

I followed him, not quite daring to use force in stopping him again, yet ready for any emergency. We went back to the Plaza. The count and his girl were, of course, gone. Joe made inquiries, wrote down an address and beckoned me to follow. A taxi deposited us before a pretentious looking house of white adobe. A servant admitted us and presently Count Obeid appeared.

"You're giving me the honor of choosing my own weapons," said Joe. "I'll take these," and he knot-



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ted up his fists and held them under the count's nose.

"Those!" said the amazed count. "Yeah," said Joe, "and on your honor as a gentleman you can't refuse. Also, why wait till dawn?"

WHAT followed was pitiful. We trooped into the back yard. Joe and the count took off their coats and squared off. Grinning, Joe stepped in and delivered a quick one-two on the nobleman's chin. Blood appeared on his mouth.

He swung wildly. Joe set him back on his heels. The count came in again and Joe knocked him down. He got up and came back for more.

"Listen, old horse," he said, "you're as dumb about the customs back in America as I am about them over here. Only I didn't have the guts to fight you your own way—and you, well, by gosh, there are danged few Americans can take it the way you have. And right here and now I rise to remark you have my apology, and I'll tell that dame so, too, if you'll tell me where she lives."

Well, the count only caught on to about one-third of what Joe meant and grinned and offered his hand.

Ten minutes later the three of us were sitting around a fire in Kandace's living room, laughing and talking and drinking punch and telling each other that it was too bad there wasn't a perfect understanding about customs of different countries, and agreed that if such were the case every one would be happier.

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MUTT AND JEFF



THE LOW DOWN

HICKORY GROVE

Well folks, putting a finger on the exact spot where the USA has a screw loose is my chore for today's illuminating lecture. And before going further—and to nip in the bud any back-talk from any striped-pants or horn rimmed unstart, saying there is no loose screw—I ask anybody if we are not in more of a dilemma now than ever before in our history. Never in history has the Govt. prescribed more gargles, lotions salves and the quacks are still at work on us. With the medicine we have taken we should have been up and around long ago.

Now, the question is to locate the loose screws before the old chaise caves in complete, like when the free, loose and easy liverers there in Rome finally burned down the whole town. Nobody then saved even his other shirt, if he had one left by that time.

We are getting on thinner and thinner ice as we put more and more of our eggs in one big Govt. basket. When the bottom drops out, nobody sits pretty. Our Govt. is already too big and pompous—but still bending every effort to take in more territory.

But the loose screw. What makes us such a sucker for Big Govt.—that is the query. Send no box tops—just send answers. Thank you folks.

Yours With The Low Down
JIMMY

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL CAGERS

CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES FADE

Elizabethtown High put a crimp into our local basket ball team's championship hopes last Friday evening, defeating Mount Joy by 64 to 26 score at E'town

Mount Joy	G	F	T
Wilson F	2	3	7
Estock F	1	0	2
McCue F	2	2	6
Shupp F	1	0	2
Bowman C	2	0	4
Koser G	2	1	5
Bates G	0	0	0
Miller G	0	0	0

Totals	G	F	T
Elizabethtown	10	6	26
Goodling F	7	8	22
Chapman F	4	2	10
D'Agos'o F	3	0	6
Chittum C	2	3	7
Meckley G	0	0	0
Weaver G	3	9	15
Lambert G	2	0	4

Totals	G	F	T
Mount Joy	21	22	64
Elizabethtown	8	6	26
E-TOWN	10	17	64

SECTION I	W	L	Pct.
Manheim Boro	6	1	.857
Elizabethtown	6	1	.857
Mount Joy	4	3	.571
East Hempfield	2	3	.286
East Donegal	2	5	.286
Marietta	1	6	.163

Friday Night's Results	W	L	Pct.
East Donegal 32, E. Hempfield 31.			
Manheim Boro 46, Marietta 37.			

JAY VEE LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Elizabethtown	7	0	1.000
Manheim Boro	5	2	.714
Mount Joy	3	4	.429
Marietta	3	4	.429
East Hempfield	3	4	.429
East Donegal	0	7	.000

Friday Night's Results	W	L	Pct.
E. Hempfield J-V 18, E. Donegal J-V 15.			
Elizabethtown J-V 35, Mount Joy J-V 9.			
Manheim Boro J-V 43, Marietta J-V 42.			

JUNIOR HIGH LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Elizabethtown	7	0	1.000
Marietta	5	2	.714
Manheim Boro	5	2	.714
East Donegal	3	4	.429
East Hempfield	1	6	.143
Mount Joy	0	7	.000

Tuesday's Game	W	L	Pct.
E. HEMPFIELD 10 7 7-31			
EAST DONEGAL 8 8 4-12-32			

MT. JOY LEGION BASKETBALL	W	L	Pct.
1949 - 1950 SCHEDULE			

January	W	L	Pct.
Monday 30—Rothsville	Home		
February 6—Paradise	Away		
Thursday 9—Marietta	Away		

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