"I-Spunky Jones"

by Marjorie Elaine Porter

Am I all set for the Big Drag tonight! Wait 'till the guys get a load of my new Tux. Oh, Baby! Will I go to town! And if that lug of a Stub Cabot cuts in on my dances with Joan—I'll smear that little Boston Bean all over the landscape.

That's the heck of it, when you find a honey like Joan, always too many other guys buzzing around. I can handle Stub, but that big egg of a Red O'Brien—Gosh! He's a pretty tough tackle! Scotty's saying his dough, and isn't even going, so he's one less to worry about.

I wonder what Joan will think when she sees me in my Tux? Probably won't say a gosh-darn-thing, just look at me, with her eyes half-closed, and that far-away, dreamy look like she was Cleopatra and I was Willie Winkie or some other kid. Heck! You never know what's going on back of those dreamy eyes of hers. She keeps a guy wondering what she's thinking about.

But, gosh! She doesn't have to talk. That baby can dance. And how she dances! Like a feather! A feather in the breeze, and what a feather! But every time I get Joan and swell music for the same dance, something happens. Either Red or Stub comes along and cuts in.

Gee! I could bust Cabot right on the nose. He acts like he thought he was Sir Walter Raleigh, and a

girl was Queen Victoria! When I do get a break and go places where Stub isn't, there's still O'Brien's red curly hair for Joan or some other swell girl to go nuts about. Women are that way about big guys with curly hair. I'm doggoned if I know why! After this drag tonight, I'm through with women for life! All except Joan!

But it's going to be different tonight. Guess I'll even knock Joan for a loop when she gets an eyefull of my Tux. Doggone! I'll make her talk!

Wish I knew how much she likes me! Once when we were dancing, I told her she was the swellest gal I ever knew, and so darn darned sweet, and I asked her what she thought about me. What do you think she said?

"You have an awfully cute chin, Spunky."

"What the heck can be 'cute' about a guy's chin?"

"Oh—a dimple in it, maybe."

Was my face red! "Nix," I said, "that dogged dimple is just a nuisance. Trying to shave around it, a guy almost cuts his own throat."

That was the first time I ever heard her really laugh out loud.

"And do you think I'll fall for that line?" she asked me.

"What the heck, what line?"

"You—shaving!" and she laughed again.

I began to get sore, but before I could say anything, up came O'Brien ith that forest-fire dome of his and cut in.

Of course that was before I got my Tux! Guess she'll think I'm more important when she sees me tonight! Don't think I didn't have a pretty tough time getting this Tux out of Dad, either! He said if I wanted a baseball outfit, he'd come across without a word, but he thinks a guy 15 isn't old enough for dinner clothes.

Gosh, Dad, a fella can't wear a baseball outfit to a swell drag like I'm going to," I told him.

"See here, Son, I consider baseball a necessary part of your physical education."

"And I consider associating with his friends a necessary part of his social education," said Mom, all of a sudden, surprising Both of us by going to bat for me. "You know I believe this phase of a man's training has been sadly neglected in the past," she went on, just knitting and not looking at either Dad or me, "As a result, the average man, today, positively rebels at the thought of getting into evening clothes. When a wife asks her husband to wear his dinner jacket, he seems to resent it as much as if she asked him to spend the evening in a straight jacket. It's time that Harrington broke the tradition, in our family anyway, so that by the time he's a man he won't 'fly at evening clothes like a balky horse.'"

Dad grinned but he didn't say anything. He knew what Mom was driving at. And so—well, I got my Tux.

I wonder what Joan'll think when she sees me tonight!

Collision Bruises Mother, Children

When their parked car was struck by a truck driven by Lester Smith, 1013 Chippewa street, Flint, Mrs. Ruth Harshbarger, 747 Smith street, her daughter Shirley, four years old, and son Jack, six years old, received minor bruises and a severe shaking up, Saturday, May 9. The impact of Smith's truck drove the Harshbarger car over the curb and into a lamp post, smashing the car's front end.

Mrs. Harshbarger and the children were examined by a physician and taken home after the accident. Mr. Harshbarger was across the street in a grocery store at the time of the collision.

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of this we are hoping to extend the hours for keeping open, beginning on September 1. Data which we have on hand indicates that longer opening hours definitely aids in further bolstering circulation figures.

The demand for books fluctuates during the year, the ups and downs being caused by school opening and closing, examinations, holidays, vacations and weather conditions. A tabulation of figures on 1935 and the first quarter of this year indicate that, on the average, well over a thousand more books were in circulation during the first part of 1936 as compared with the corresponding four months period the preceding year.

In 1935 circulation measured 6200 in January, gradually dropping off until the bottom was reached in July when only 4700 books were used. August saw a rapid ascension of the total, continuing through September and October and reaching the peak in November with a mark of 7300.

This year, starting with the December carry-over figure of 5000, the circulation leaped to 6900, skying to 7250 in February. A rather sharp decline was recorded in March and April although, as previously stated, the total averaged well over a thousand more books in use as compared with the same period during 1935.

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speeches were made by most of the officials.

Commission Meeting

Following the banquet, most of those present adourned to the City Hall where the acting officials took charge of the meeting. "Mayor" Freeman called for the minutes of the previous session to be read. Afterwards, the "Commissioners" were called on to offer suggestions for the more efficient operation of the municipal government and improvements for the city. After the "Commissioners" suggested that Quarton Lake be cleaned out, Maple and other streets be paved and new police cars be provided, Harold H. Corson, "just another weary taxpayer," arose and "protested" against such proposed wanton expense. He submitted the counter proposal that all city officials have their salaries reduced about 50 per cent and that half of the municipal employees be fired.

Following the taking of a picture of the acting commissioners at their desks, the regular city officials took over the meeting.

Members of the DeMolay chapter who participated in the day's activities were: Milton Freeman, Mayor; Jack Bell, City Manager; Walter Ashley, Clerk; Lloyd Stanley, Treasurer; William Bowden, Police Chief; Fred Gibson, Fire Chief; Jack Moore, Justice of Peace; John Black, Accessor; Duane Roy, City Engineer and Building inspector; Jack Emmerson, Head of Water Department; James Heacock, Public Works Superintendent; Junior Timm, Head of Health Department.

Theory Tested

Conservative—So you believe in dividing everything up, do you?

Socialist—Yes.

Conservative—Would you be willing to give me half your cows?

Socialist—Yes, most certainly.

Conservative—Would you give me half your chickens?

Socialist—No, that's different.

Conservative—What's the difference?

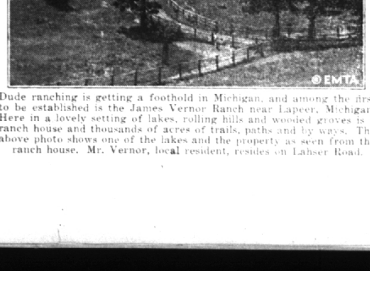
Socialist—Why, I have chickens but I can't get no cows.

Out of the Rut

"Remember, darling, you won't always be a junior clerk in a moldy old office."

"That's a fact! I've already got a week's notice."

LAPEER DUDE RANCH



Dude ranching is getting a foothold in Michigan, and among the first to be established is the James Vernor Ranch near Lapeer, Michigan. Here in a lovely setting of lakes, rolling hills and wooded groves is a ranch house and thousands of acres of trails, paths and by ways. The above photo shows one of the lakes and the property, as seen from the ranch house. Mr. Vernor, local resident, resides on Lahser Road.

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extending from Alpena to Adrian, and from Ithaca and Mt. Pleasant to Port Huron and Detroit; 13 clubs are located in the western portion of Ontario, from Sarnia, Windsor and Amherstburg, to London, St. Thomas, and Aylmer.

The office of District Governor is the directing agency for obtaining and carrying out throughout each District the plans and policies set up by Rotary International, headquarters of which are in Chicago.

Rotary, 31 years old, was founded in Chicago by Paul P. Harris, who has lived to see his little group of four grow into a total world membership of over 165,000, in nearly 4,000 clubs in 80 countries of the world. Since the founding of Rotary, many other worthwhile clubs have patterned their activities along the same lines of service aims.

More than 1,000 Rotarians and their wives were in attendance at the London District Conference, which opened with a special church service Sunday evening. Monday morning the plenary sessions started with addresses on various phases of community, business and professional, and world topics. The afternoon was devoted to 12 group discussions, each led by an outstanding Rotarian. Monday evening was devoted to the Governor's Ball, where Rotarians and their wives, dressed in the native costumes of lands where Rotary exists, participated in a Grand March, followed by dancing. During the evening an outstanding group of artists brought in from New York, Chicago, Montreal, and Toronto, entertained the assembled guests. Tuesday morning was devoted to another plenary session of addresses, concluding with a large noon banquet in the Hotel London, at which time Mr. Averill was presented officially as the successor of present Governor William M. Gray, of Chatham.

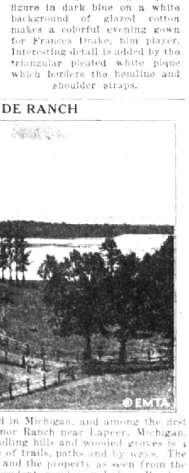
Oil Painting Presented

During the banquet a large oil painting of Governor Gray, painted by Harry Bissett, Birmingham Rotarian, was presented as a surprise by Ed Goldsmith, Ann Arbor Rotarian. Charles J. Shaw, member of the Birmingham Club, presented Governor and Mrs. Gray with a beautiful solid silver, hand made, set of two large ornamental candlesticks, the gift of the entire 23rd District.

Ed Laird, president of the Birmingham Club, and Harold G. Webster, participated in the Conference program. Mr. Laird assisting the committee in carrying out the program from the stage, and Mr. Webster making a talk on "Youth Service."

A year ago the 23rd District Conference was held at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, when the Pontiac and Birmingham Clubs were joint hosts.

Flamboyant



An unusually striking tropical figure in dark blue on a white background of glazed cotton makes a colorful evening gown for Frances Drake, film player. Interesting detail is added by the triangular pleated white pique which borders the hemline and shoulder straps.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Merlynn Smiley, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. recreation committee has called a meeting of his committee for Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 in the Community House to confer on plans for the summer activities and to organize a soft ball league. All managers and others interested in playing soft ball are urged to be present.

Theodore H. Millington, local writer and lecturer on economic and social problems, will address the University Lions club of Detroit on Wednesday, May 20, the subject will be, "Money, Sound and Unsound."

Roxane Lambie, of Birmingham, who is attending Indiana university this semester joined with the university's 50,000 living alumni and former students Wednesday (May 6) in celebrating the 116th anniversary of the institution's founding.

Edwin Deer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Deer of 500 Ravenoak road, who will graduate from Michigan's School of Dentistry June, has been offered an appointment as junior interne in oral surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He graduated from Baldwin High in 1931. He is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa and Delta Sigma Delta, dental fraternity, at Ann Arbor.

Miss Jessie Winter, head mistress at Brookside School Cranbrook, announces the opening of a summer play school for girls between the ages of five and 12 years. The school will open at Brookside June 22 and close August 1. The number of girls will be limited to 15 in a group, with three groups. The staff for the play school will consist of four teachers (creative work in music and outdoor dramatics will be taught.

Mrs. Robert F. Watt of Hanna street is in charge of the sale of tickets in Birmingham for a performance to be given by the Yale Puppeteers at the Women's City Club in Detroit, Friday, under auspices of the University of Michigan Women of Detroit. The performances, which are for the entertainment of adults and not children, will begin at 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Proceeds will be used for the Lucy Elliott Fellowship Fund.

Kirk Martin, who will graduate from Howe School next month, is among four seniors to be named members of the school honorary society, Alpha Delta Tau. Membership is based on academic and conduct records. Kirk is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martin.

Marjorie Kidder, junior at Michigan State College, has been elected to Theta Alpha Phi, national honorary dramatic society.

STAR DUST

Movie • Radio

★★★By VIRGINIA VALE★★★

MIRIAM HOPKINS sailed for Europe the other day, planning to spend her six weeks vacation traveling in central Europe and Russia, mostly by air. She left her little boy, Michael, in school in New York, which was hard to do, for she adores that small, yellow haired chap, and is doing a beautiful job of bringing him up. But he's rather young to go traipsing about Europe. She stayed in New York long enough to hear her latest picture, "These Three," which she made with Merle Oberon and Joel McCrae, hailed as one of the best pictures made in a long, long time. She also stayed long enough to annoy the people who wanted to interview her by promising each day that she'd see the interviewers the next, and then avoiding practically all of them.

And that's bad business; Katherine Hepburn proved that.

Of course you know how she has been treating interviewers for these none moons; just snubbing them right and left. A while ago she decided to give in, and told the press agent for her company that she would see a representative from one paper. And, according to the story, he began with the New York paper with the biggest circulation and went right down the line, and met with nothing but refusals!

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You've heard Rosa Ponselle and her sister, Carmela, on the radio; theirs are some of the loveliest voices to be found among opera stars. Well, now there's a family feud on in the Ponselle family, because Carmela's writing memoirs, and Rosa doesn't like the idea.

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Some years ago Willie and Eugene Howard, who are doing that new radio feature, "Folies Bergere of the Air," were appearing in a musical comedy. They lent a helping hand to a young man who needed a start; being the show's feature stars, they could do it. And now the world knows his name—John Charles Thomas.

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The news reels brought home to many of us the full tragedy of the recent floods, and it is a relief to know that some funny things happened in the midst of all that horror. The news reel companies usually have local people who, if anything interesting happens, photograph it on the chance the company will buy it. During the Pennsylvania floods, a free lance camera man phoned one of the news reel companies in New York, announcing that he had some good stuff. He was urged to send it right in by train. He said he couldn't, that no trains were running. The company checked up and found that one would leave that afternoon. Did he have a boat? Yes, he had his boat tied to the window sill. Well, then, he was to get into that boat and take his film to the railway station. "But I can't," he protested. "I fell out of the boat once and got wet, so I left my suit at the tailor's, and the water came in and washed away everything in his place — and I haven't any other clothes!"

The Reason

Mr. Tourist (awakened from a sound sleep): "What's the idea of those roosters crowing so early this morning?"

Mrs. Tourist: "I couldn't say, but I remember you got up early one morning and you crowed about it for a week."

Try an Eccentric Classified Ad.

They're still having a hard time at the Paramount studio with "I Loved a Soldier"; pretty soon people are going to think there's a jinx on it. Marlene Dietrich, you'll recall, walked out on it. Margaret Sullavan was then borrowed for it, and broke her arm. Now it seems to care for the leading role—so some unknown girl may get it, and if she does she'll be a sensational success, because that's the way things happen in Hollywood.

Dietrich

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There's no stopping these amateur hours on the radio. WMCA and the Intercity chain now have an Ugly Duckling amateur hour, (for singers who feel that lack of beauty keeps them from succeeding), a Comedy Writer amateur hour (this is the place for you if you want to be funny on the air); a stock company of professionals does the broadcasting; you just send your material in), and another one for song writers.

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ODDS AND ENDS . . . Wallace Beery was one of the most worried men on the coast when doctors told him that Carol Ann, his little daughter, would have to have her tonsils out . . . Mr. Beery has just returned from London, where she talked with British producers about Wally's making a picture there . . . Paul Whiteman loses five pounds every time he broadcasts, and then puts them right back on again . . . Charles Winninger, of "Show Boat" fame, is under contract to Fox, with "Walter Fong" as his first picture.

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Life's Little Laughs

Baseball Conversation

"I don't believe their pitcher is very scrupulous."

"What do you mean?"

"I just overheard someone say he pitches underhanded."

Different Methods

"It is now possible to cool the whole atmosphere on an entire house by our special apparatus," reads an advertisement.

Another way is to be late for dinner.

Let Them Hide With the Button

He eyed incredulously the pile of accumulated razor blades.

"I wish I could lose these old blades," he said to his wife.

"Hm," returned the wife, "why not lose them to your collar stud at right?"—Pearson's.

Seeking the Unusual

"Another fur lining! You want a fur to wear well, select one that will stand hard wear."—Fashion Note.

You know, we should never have thought of that.—Punch.

More Convenient

Woman—"No, I tell you I object to giving money at the door."

Tramp—"Well, ma'am, perhaps you'll hand it out of the window. I'm not particular."—Pearson's.

Well, Rather Not

Daddy—Your conduct is terrible, young lady, and I must remove you that I am your father.

Janey—You aren't going to scold me for that, are you, daddy?

Perfect

Superintendent—Have you any recommendations showing that you are qualified as a night watchman?

Tramshaw—Yes. Here is my doctor's certificate showing that I have insomnia.

Twice As Bad

First Burglar—What's the matter, pal? Automobile hit you?

Second Burglar—Worse than that. About two o'clock this morning I got into a house where a lady woke up and throughout I was her husband just getting home.

Give Him a Contract

AUTO DRINKER GIVEN 10 DAYS—Rochester (N. Y.) paper.

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land Young's Shoe Shop, Birmingham National Bank, Geo. B. Boutwell, Bloman & Kirk, Marguerite Beauty Shop, Birmingham Fruit Co., Lawson & Sell, Parks Coal Co., Economy Market, Birmingham Store, Home Parlor, Keller Hat Shop, J. H. Stover, Erwin & Smith, Parisian Bootery, Hawthorne Electric.

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