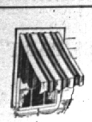

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"I-Spunky Jones"

by Marjorie Elaine Porter

Whoever started this gag about love at first sight, was pretty darned right! Maybe some of these cautious boys sit down and argue with themselves about being in love, but not the undersigned. When love hit me, it was a knock-out, and I'm still taking the count.

Did I fall for Linda and did Linda fall for me! So I'm sitting on top of the world. Just before I met her, was I low! Ready to chuck everything. I was all for quitting school and bumming my way around the world. Then the Big Moment came along.

After I'd known her two weeks, I decided we'd get married and I'd quit school, and go to work for Linda. That was what I decided, but Linda had a few ideas of her own. Long before she knew me, she told me, she'd made a few decisions herself, and one of them was to get her degree at the U.

I used every argument I could think, of, but it was no use, and I wanted her more than anything. She looked so pretty, sitting there in the moonlight. Somehow I knew I'd never meet any other girl, because there isn't any other girl like Linda; that I'd care so much about! I talked myself hoarse, then I got sore, and I guess I did the spoiled kid act 'till it got under her skin.

We were canoeing, but a canoe is no place to change a girl's mind, so I pulled into shore, and we sat on the bank.

"Now listen, Spunky," she said, "you act as though we'd known each other two years instead of two weeks. And even if I did want to leave school, and run off with you, and get married, I just couldn't do it. I like you—maybe I love you—I don't know yet—how can anyone be sure in two weeks?. Well, anyway, I couldn't marry you because I'm not going to let Dad and Mother down. They're making sacrifices to put me through college. It's been their ambition for me ever since I was a tiny girl. I guess I was still in rompers when they started a little bank account for my college education.

"Dad went without luxuries. Mother scrimped and saved to put money in that fund. I saved my pennies too. You see, it was a family affair, my going to college! It was something they wanted so much that I grew up with the idea.

"And now I'm a junior, and after all those years of planning and saving, do you think I'm going to disappoint Mother and Dad and give up hope of a degree? I am not. If we did this now, we'd both be sorry later on.

"Besides, aren't you forgetting your own Mother and Father? Don't you think they have hopes for you just the way mine have for me? We'd be a couple of crazy kids to run off and get married now. Be your age, Spunky!"

I "got nix on the preaching" I told her. "Go ahead and finish if you must. But I'm going to quit now and go to work, whether you like it or not. A year from now I'll be sitting pretty with a good job and we can get married."

"Yes? That's what you think! Well, let me tell you something, Spunky Jones, if you leave now just because you've got spring fever and think you're in love, I wouldn't marry you now or a year from now or ever!

"What the heck, Linda?"

"I mean it. The man I marry isn't going to be a giver-upper! You've gone this far and if you're going to quit just because you feel like quitting, then that's all I want to know. That's probably what you'll do all the rest of your life, get bored and give up. You'll never get anywhere that way, Spunky, if I'm going to marry you. I want you to be . . ."

"Something that I'm not, I guess," I interrupted. "You can't make me over, Linda."

"Who wants to? I'll take you as is, that is—if—"

"If I get my degree?"

"Maybe."

"Is that the best you can do?"

"Ask me a year from now, and I'll tell you."

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I did ask her, a year to the day! I told her I had my degree in the bag, so what?

"You mean 'so when?' don't you, Spunk?" she asked laughing.

So we get the day.

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here, has been specializing in actuarial mathematics at Ann Arbor, and on July 1 will assume a responsible place in the organization of the Ohio National Life Insurance Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio. He will locate at the home office. In his freshman year at Ann Arbor he was honored by membership in the Phi Eat Sigman fraternity, and is also a member of Beta Theta Pi, the same fraternity his father became a member of during his college days in Ann Arbor.

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Wallace Gail, of Birmingham, senior at the University of Michigan, has been chosen color bearer for the 1936 Commencement by the president of his class.

Bob D. Hilty was chosen to serve as an Honor Guard.

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Henry Peck—Caesar said that his wife must be above suspicion and yet you always suspicion me when I go out anywhere.

Mrs. Peck—I don't suspicion where you go. I know it.

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Court of Awards in which many youths will receive honors . . . As a grand finale, Birmingham's young people will pleasurably while away the evening hours this Saturday under the beguiling influence of ——— orchestra.

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What the Community House Means to Birmingham
By Peggy Hadjisky
Grade 9—Barnum

"Billy," called a lusty-lunged lad of eight.

"Billy is at the Saturday Club, at the Community House," was the reply.

"Boy, but that is a swell place though, jus' las' Sadderday I made Mom a present, don' know what I would a done if it wasn't for the Saturday Club at the Community House."

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"Hello, oh that will be marvelous, thank you. Mother did you hear that? Tom has asked me to the Community House Dance. Isn't it . . . !"

* * *

"Good evening, Mrs. Smith, would you and your husband come to the lecture at the Community House? It is tonight in the big auditorium. We shall start early because it will be packed."

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"Yes, thanky mam, and God bless ye," wavered an old man who had just received clothing, food, and work with the generous aid of the "Community House."

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With these short glimpses into the life of young and old and rich and poor alike, you can see what the Community House means to Birmingham, as a means of social social service, recreation, and in some cases a livelihood.

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What the Birmingham Community House Means to Me
By Frank R. Peabody
Grade 10A—Baldwin

"Keep the Heart of Birmingham Alive." Webster's definition of the word heart is, "Vital, or chief part." As the human heart sends useful blood through its arteries, the Heart of Birmingham radiates service and welcome to all the people of Birmingham. Our City needs a Heart to sustain its life just like the body.

The human heart has veins to supply it raw material. Are the veins of the Community House functioning properly? Are they flowing with the funds needed to keep the Heart going? The answer is up to you, Mr. Public.

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Preamble for the Community House Drive
By Charles Lyle
Grade 8A—Adams

We, the people of the city of Birmingham, in order to have a more perfect community, establish community spirit, insure a suitable place for social events, provide for the common interests, promote the general friendship, and secure the blessings of wholesome activity to ourselves and our children, do appreciate and support the Community House of Birmingham.

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What the Community House Means to Me
By Howard Ward
Grade 7A—Barnum

The Community House is the heart of you and me. We made it. We built it, now let us preserve it. Let us make and keep it the foundation of Birmingham. We should save it that the welfare may continue. You and I should look forward with enjoyment to helping the Community House, even if it is the only enjoyment we have. Birmingham grows with the Community House. I am growing up with the Community House, and you growing up with me. How lucky we. Truly we have a great Community House.

Judges in the Essay contest were Mrs. Lee White, Mrs. William Essery and Mrs. J. Darby Taylor.

Slogan Winners Name

The three slogan judges, Mrs. Forbes Hascall, Mrs. Fred Mellinger, and Mrs. W. Whiting Raymond, awarded honors in the slogan contest to six students. Fred Hallett, eighth grader at Adams School, was selected for first place winner. His contribution was:

The more you contribute
The more we distribute.

Jane Collins, another eighth grader, was named as second place winner for the following:

A penny, a nickel, a dime, a dollar,
Give what you can without a holler.

Dorothy Mathews, Senior high student at Baldwin, was one of three given honorable mention for her contribution, which was as follows:

Place to go,
Place to know,
Let's keep it so.

The other students receiving honorable mention were Mary Ann Mead, seventh grader at Quarton School, who wrote:

Use it, boost it, but don't lose it.

and, Theo Firth of the Ninth grade at Barnum School, who sent in the slogan:

Our house by the side of the road.

While neither an essay nor slogan, the original contribution turned in by George Scott was considered as the most unique of the various writings submitted to the judges. George, who is a Senior high student at Baldwin, composed the following:

Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts
GiRl Reserves
FarM and Garden
GIrl's Service League
BusiNess Girl's Club
LeaGue of Women Voters
ExcHange Club
WelfAre Work
WoMen's Catholic League

Saturday Children's Club
Heart Of Birmingham
Monday Book Review
Thursday Musicale
University Men's Club
LioNs Club
International Relations
Thursday Nite Dinners
Y. M. C. A.

Home of Social Groups
ROtary Club
A. A. U. W.
Saturday Nite Dances
TEachers Club of B'ham

Listed below are the names of additional contributors to the House Roll Call.

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seems so intangible and yet frequently a discussion of it might lead to impractical generalizations? A most conscientious member of the panel said that human nature has remained much the same for six thousand years, why expect to do much about it now, we must therefore aim to the bill. A veteran of the last war who actually enjoyed it, insisted he would never again participate in other than a war of defense, though he hastened to add that if anyone attacked England he'd be right in there fighting. England represented our type of civilization. If she were destroyed, we would be destroyed, he said. One frank soul admitted he came confused, nothing enlightening to him had been said and he was afraid he'd be leaving just as confused as he came but would add nothing to the discussion of such an involved question. Perhaps some confusion results because we expect to accomplish too much immediately and therefore we refuse to tackle the matter of fundamentals, which lead to peace, slowly, gradually but surely. We must learn not to become disheartened because we don't at once solve all aspects of this problem of world peace.

There were rather unique recommendations made. One business man insisted that we should give away all our gold. Gold caused wars. Armed forces had nothing to do with war. There always is a period when the country with much of the gold is respected and is safe from attack, but as soon as foreign nations can in some way build up an armed force then these envious nations attack the country with the gold. So said he if you will retain much gold you must also retain a large standing army to protect it.

I think it was a school master on the floor who said that war was not started by any particular group, that is, the politicians, the leaders, the old men, the propagandists or the munition manufacturers (he argued, this last named group enjoyed a good war scare for it meant increased business but war itself caused them more grief than it brought profit, foreign nations can in some way build up an armed force then these envious nations attack the country with the gold. So said he if you will retain much gold you must also retain a large standing army to protect it.

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A military man on the panel insisted there was no evidence large standing armies lead to war but, rather to the contrary, much evidence that the small army invited attack from other nations. Here is one of the interesting thoughts advanced by one of the men. If said all of life depended upon balance, that we have successfully, we had in a sense to balance each other as individuals; that nations had to do the same thing. If, for example, one nation greatly increased its armed forces then all the other nations would have to do exactly the same thing or the armed forces of other nations would even get out of its control. If, however, all nations would agree to reduce their forces, then each nation including ours could do the same thing. If nations insisted on increasing their armed forces regardless of the others then we should all have to join in this ridiculous competition until the bankruptcy of some of the nations once more checked it and balance was restored. One progressive soul advocated that we join a league of nations or something similar, and that we combine our armed forces with all the other nations in this league interested in peace and that then we even fight if necessary to compel the "bad boy" nations to adhere to the principles of world peace.

One of the panel jurymen advocated that to solve our youth problem by putting all young men between certain ages in either the army, navy, or air forces and the young women, in the auxiliary work which they generally do in war times. This would eliminate the problem of the great army of unemployed youths and what is more it would teach them discipline, a quality which is sadly ignored by the average home and school. The nearest we approached to what might be called extreme idealism was the suggestion that perhaps if we devoted more time to the unarmed forces such as right thinking, honor, right acting, living up to treaties made, we should not have to concern ourselves about whether or not we should increase our armed forces to make for world peace.

There were two or three men who felt that though our Christian teachings were against war and the armed forces which seemed to lead to war, nevertheless we just must ignore these teachings until more or the world is converted to them and all of mankind has experienced the change they were intended to bring about in us. One juryman admitted he saw nothing inconsistent between armed forces defending the right and Christianity. One reminded the group that out of some three hundred years of the history of the world, some twenty eight were over religion. Still another felt that as soon as the nations of the world could get together to practice sound economic principles, we would not have to fret about this question of an armed force of defence.

And so we all talked and thought. Wouldn't you say that it was a really promising sign in the midst of such busy lives as most people live these days, that some one hundred people took off time to sit together with a panel jury of twelve men to discuss conscientiously conditions which would bring about peace? What is more there was no expert present to assist or any individual with an axe to grind. One may not agree with all the conclusions reached but certainly if similar groups, in the same way frequently met this much talked about problem of peace something would happen in the world.

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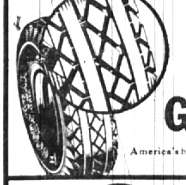

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