



By E. G. Whitney
Today is April Fool or All Fool's Day. We urge you not to fall for that time honored trick—leaving a pocketbook on the sidewalk with a string attached to it.

Several quite famous jokes have been perpetrated on this day but practical jokers do not confine their pranks any one time of the season. Recently, a Detroit man called up a friend of his, who happened to be a prosperous small manufacturer, and disguising his voice, he told the business executive that he was Frankenstein, Detroit labor organizer. He said that he contemplated calling a strike among the manufacturer's workers but had phoned first to say that no strike would occur if salaries of all employees were raised, in the aggregate, \$14,000.

The executive thought it over, decided it was well worth \$14,000 to avoid a shutdown. Consequently, he called together his workmen and announced the raise to them.

Probably the meanest practical joker in the United States was the man who walked into a large, packed New York theatre house one evening, took a seat near the aisle and proceeded to release a large box full of moths. In a few moments they swarmed into the light thrown on the screen from the projector causing the management to close the show and refund patrons their money.

Then there is the one about the man who sent several guinea pigs through the mail with a wrong address. By the time postal authorities unravelled the problem they had more little pigs than you can shake a stick at.

Lastly, there was the fellow who inserted an ad in several New York papers announcing that promptly at noon time the following day governmental authorities would buy as many White Leghorn hens as were available for distribution to stricken farm areas. Owners were advised to bring their poultry to a busy district downtown. You can well imagine the resulting confusion.

It is reported that Francis, Duke of Lorraine, and his wife escaped from captivity at Nancy in April 1 when guards refused to heed the cry of a peasant, advising them of the escape. The guards shouted back to the warner, "Poisson d'avril," which meant April Fool.

In 1860 an English practical joker sent out engraved cards to a number of his friends reading: "Tower of London—admit bearer and friend to view annual ceremony of Washing the White Lions on Sunday, April 1, 1860. Admittance only at White Gate.

Guards spent the day explaining there was no White Gate in the Tower of London.

By Jane E. McClellan
Gleaned from the anecdotes of my social work friends: The story of the twelve year old incorrigible who drank twelve bottles of ginger ale just before a party his foster parents were about to give... they said he hadn't even so much as a burp to show for it... just last week SWF was asked to write in the autograph album of another twelve year old. In the book she found the following gem of wisdom from the pen of the seven year old brother: "Dear Jean-Keep yourself clean, Frank." Who said what was out of the mouths of babes?

Extremely personal column: An open letter to "Dike" (Dwelle)—"Come home at once all is forgiven. Your devoted family." Seems that "Dike" has written home only twice since Xmas and the Dwellers are beginning to wonder if they are to be honored by his presence in their midst anytime this spring. It is with pride that the boy's collegiate career is followed with keen interest by his family through the pages of The Eccentric. An enterprising publicity bureau at Dennison University keeps in touch with all that "Dike" is doing down there. At least, almost all.

Those industrious Girl Reserves from Barnum School didn't miss a soul going north, south, east or west of the four corners Saturday in their solicitation of funds for crippled children of the county. One little boy who had been helped by the Association came down and volunteered to sell tags... in the few minutes that he worked he disposed of 50 tags... "Heenie" Whalen is just before moving in at 228 Oakland, where open-house hours will be maintained on the usual schedule... With-out a moment's hesitation we'd say that Mary Jane Tippet was one of the smoothest looking gals in town... Waldo Bird, looking every inch the collegian that he is, was being very congenial the other night out in the Hills while waiting for a phone call... Have you seen the Monticello girls? All four of them, Dot Kates, Ann Caldwell, Virginia and Betty Hart are home for the spring recess... The Town Club job Friday should be quite a party... you'll see each other there.

Overhead in the Statter lounge: "Gee—I sure would like to live in Birmingham. The people have more FUN out there. They run around together all the time, and there's always something to do. And all ya' have to do to get in Detroit is get on the bus and there ya' are."

Architecture by MAURICE B. KRIMMINS FORMERLY WITH HALLACE FROST PHONE: 1415

COLONIAL PAPERS You Are Welcome To See Them Greens 125 W. Maple Birmingham, Michigan Try an Eccentric Classified Ad.

AIRPORTS
The National Airport Program, supervised by the WPA, was about sixty per cent completed on December 31, 1936. Nearly 2,000 projects have been approved and 794 projects and 534 airport sites have been completed or are being rushed to completion. The total cost of approved projects will reach \$155,248,100, of which about \$80,000,000 is being spent to provide employment for 45,000 men.

TO SIMPLIFY.
Many citizens of the Republic will endorse the opinion of Representative Rich of Pennsylvania, who insists that income tax blanks ought to be more simple. Mr. Rich doubted whether members of Congress "understand the returns" themselves. In this connection, it is worth noting that a special committee of the Internal Revenue Office is now studying possible methods of simplifying returns.

By Marguerite Elaine Porter
Is there going to be a wedding in your family this spring? If you are mother of the bride-elect, you are probably confronted with mountains of perplexing problems and questions. You are concerned, more or less, with what-to-be-worn for the entire family. There's the bride's trousseau, which requires so much time and attention.

Then there's the wedding to be planned, and the breakfast or reception. While the bride drifts through the spring days on rose-colored clouds, her over-burdened mother has to anchor herself firmly to earth and bear the brunt of the entire affair.

But whether one is the bride, the bride's mother or her Great Aunt Lucia, clothes must be an all-important consideration. In fact, wedding furnish the best excuse in the world for dressing in one's best bib and tucker, and so even guests are much concerned as to what should be worn, when and how.

The rule which governs the choice of the bride, her attendants and the wedding guests, is of course, the time at which the ceremony is solemnized. The bridal costume determines the character of dress to be worn by the wedding party. White or ivory is an almost universal choice at a first marriage, unless the bride is going immediately to the train. Then she selects smart traveling attire. Even with recent innovations in bridal costumes, the rule still prevails that a tulle veil is worn only with a white gown.

The exception to this rule is the veil of lace, which may be tinted to match the gown. Antique ivory lace is worn with a gown of off-white satin or taffeta, and if one so desires, lace of beige, pink, blue or any shade may be selected to harmonize with a gown of the same hue.

As for her accessories, one is always safe in choosing white kid or satin slippers with the white gown, but it is a good plan too, to consult with the shop where the wedding dress is made as to the type of slippers and other accessories.

"The bride carried"—one often wonders in describing a wedding, why, considering the type of gown or time of the wedding, the bride's flowers were so inappropriate. The elaborate snower bouquet is for the elaborate gown. A small round bouquet, or sheaf of flowers is carried with the simpler and less formal gown, and a corsage is for the tailored bride, dressed for traveling.

If the bride chooses to be married in the early hours of the day, her gown, and those of her attendants, should be simple. If the hour of the wedding is at noon or afternoon, whether it is to be a church ceremony, or at the home of her family, her gown may be as elaborate as her taste and pocketbook dictate.

For such a wedding (providing the ceremony is indoors) her attendants may wear satin, erve, velvet, or whatever harmonizes best with the bridal gown. Colors vary with the choice and fancy of the bride, with the season, with current fads and modes. When the bride chooses to be married in a going-away costume, she has only one attendant, a maid or matron of honor. The latter should wear a more or less tailored outfit consisting of a light-weight suit, which may be silk in summer, a small hat, and a corsage bouquet.

Both mothers at this type of wedding, are as simply gowned as they might be for church on Sunday, as are all women guests.

The garden wedding may be gay and colorful, with organdie or other sheer frocks for the bridesmaids, and hats of organdie or straw. The only rule to follow is that they must be similar in quality to the gown worn by the bride.

Election Notice
To the Qualified Electors of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland:
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1937
from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of electing the following officers:
STATE AND COUNTY
Two Justices of the Supreme Court
Two Regents of the University of Michigan
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Member of the State Board of Education
Two Members of the State Board of Agriculture
State Highway Commissioner
CITY
Two Commissioners
Two Members of the Library Board—Full Term
One Member of the Library Board—To Fill Vacancy
One Constable
and to vote on the following Propositions:
COUNTY OF OAKLAND QUESTION
"Shall act number seventy-nine of the public acts of nineteen hundred twenty-nine, as amended by Act No. 44 of the Public Acts of 1935, permitting the board of supervisors to provide for the establishment of districts or zones within which the use of land and structures, the height, the area, the size and location of buildings may be regulated by ordinance, and within which districts regulations shall be established for the light and ventilation of such buildings, and within which districts or zones the density of population may be regulated by ordinance, be adopted by this county?"
ANNEXATION QUESTION
"Shall the following described territory in the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, to-wit:
Part of the Northeast Quarter Section 26, Town 2 North, Range 10 East, Bloomfield Twp., Oakland County, Michigan, lying North of Oak Street, East of Pilgrim Avenue, South of Redding Road, and West of Lake Park Drive, as more particularly described in a petition for annexation filed with the Board of Supervisors for Oakland County,
be detached from the said Township of Bloomfield and annexed to the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan?"
IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk.
March 25
April 1
WANT ADS COST LITTLE AND GET QUICK RESULTS

JIGGLETTES
THE GOOSE step HANGS HIGH!
Illustration of a woman in a dress with a high, curved hemline.

Sliding in Safe at the Camera
Illustration of a woman in a swimsuit posing for a camera.

BROTHERS LOSE EYES
Baton Rouge, La.—A Christmas gift caused the partial blindness of two boys in one family here. Fred, 10, lost an eye when a playmate fired a match from the gun. His parents threw the gift away, but the next day, Charles, 12, picked it up off the fireplace. It raved and hit his right eye.

RE-ELECT April 5
MURRAY D. (PAT) Van Wagoner
DEMOCRAT
For State Highway Commissioner
He has never lost sight of the fact "that the people—all the people—own the Highways of Michigan."
ELECT DEMOCRATS
Superintendent of Public Instruction
ARTHUR E. ERICKSON
Justices of State Supreme Court
WALTER I. MCKENZIE
THOMAS F. McALLISTER
Regents of University of Michigan
EDMUND C. SHIELDS
JOHN D. LYNCH
State Board of Education
CHARLES M. NOVAK
State Board of Agriculture
Mrs. LAVINA MASSELLINK
JAMES J. JAKWAY
Vote Straight Democratic Monday, April 5

NEUTRALITY
Indications are that the House neutrality bill will not include the mandatory features of the Senate measure. While both houses apparently favor the same general plan of action, the House would allow the President some latitude in putting them into effect. The strength shown in the House for the discretionary provision indicates that there is little hope that the mandatory features can survive the inevitable legislative conference to iron out differences.

GIRL KILLS SELF
Hartington, W. Va.—Luisa Chapman, 2, shot and killed herself when she found a revolver in a shoe trunk of the family automobile. The little girl had been sent to the city for the summer. The family doctor says she was ten about 10 months old.

There's Style And Quality in Our READY-MADE SUITS FOR MEN 2 TROUSER SUITS \$29.75 TO \$34.50
Illustration of a man in a suit. Peck's S. Woodward - Near Maple

He Shaves With An Ax!
Illustration of a man shaving with an axe.
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Other pictures in this fascinating series will include: The Tree That Strangled a Temple; The Dog That Catches Fish; The Oldest Practicing Physician; The Boy With 12 Fingers and 12 Toes; The Mummy That Attends Directors' Meetings, and many other unusual pictures. Don't miss them!
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