



If you scouts are beginning to wonder what to do with your vacation now that they are perceptibly dragging, there's really no better time for advancement. All the Merit Badge examiners are on the job, but if you are not up to Merit Badges yet you can always find someone to pass you on first or second class tests.

The names Squalus, Thetis, or Phenix are definitely not acceptable suggestions for the two new boats at Camp George. They are the only ones presented to date, however. If you have any suggestions, address them to the Scout Correspondent, care of The Eccentric. The only prize offered as yet is a plugged nickel, but then, even plugged nickels are mighty scarce these days.

B-T's annual trip to Camp George will be held only five days this year, on account of Scoutmaster George Scott's vacation falling so close to the beginning of the school. The date of the camp will be from September fifth to ninth, inclusive. This will insure the fourth year in succession that the entire troop has gone, and the troop has only been organized for four years. The custom was started by Mr. Weier when he was B-T's scoutmaster and is being carried on by Mr. Scott, but the boys themselves have usually earned the money by paper drives and bake sales during the year. This year, however, a slight additional

charge will be required, because the troop, in subscribing for Boys' Life for all its members last Spring, seriously depleted the treasury.

Camp George has been tried in the balance and found wanting in nothing that room toward making it a good Scout camp; at least it was so found by several of Mr. Main's friends in Scouting from Pennsylvania who visited him last weekend. The friends were Mr. La Faver, Scoutmaster of Troop 1, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, and two Scouts of his troop, Mr. Main and Mr. La Faver were in Scouting together in Pennsylvania when Mr. Main played such a large part in building a Scout Camp for the boys of Ellwood City. Camp George's beautiful location and waterfront especially impressed our visitors.

Still Learning from Father.
John MacPherson had married. Some weeks later he met Pat, his friend from Ireland.

"Well, John, said Pat, 'I suppose you had a lot of silver for wedding presents?'"

"Ay, mon," said John, "mostly silver they were."

"And what did your father give you?" asked Pat.

"Dad gave us a bottle of acid to test the silver wif," said the newly married man.

One Father Was Also a Grandad.
Here is a short puzzle to try on your friends. We clipped it from a South African paper:

There were three fathers, and each had two sons. All went to a concert where they could get only seven seats, yet each member of the family obtained a seat. How was this?

Very Often
It sometimes requires a keen sense of humor to crack a joke without making a break—Los Angeles Times.

McQuinn Proves Sluggers Can Get By Without Brawn

BY IRVING DIX

GEORGE MCQUINN, just a fraction less than 5 feet 11 inches and weighing about 165 pounds, stands forth as direct evidence that major league sluggers don't need brawn to maintain their pace.

McQuinn's brightest thing about the St. Louis Browns, is the smallest regular first sacker in the big-time but he doesn't regard his rather small stature as an obstacle in his path to becoming a contender for the American League batting crown.

Not that McQuinn is a pigmy because he isn't, but compared to hard-hitting first basemen like Jimmy Fox, Hal Trosky and Hank Greenberg, the Brownie star is on the smallish side.

He points out that batting power comes from the wrists and perfect timing in the swing, rather than from the muscles of the body behind the bat. The fact that McQuinn's batting mark bounced around 340 is proof that he has both assets.

McQUINN began his career in organized baseball with the New Haven Conn. in 1930, where he attracted the attention of Gene McCann, veteran scout for the New York Yankees.

He became Yankee property but not once during the eight years he belonged to them did he ever wear a Yankee uniform. After all, how could he or anyone else dislodge Lou Gehrig from first base?

After spending time with Scranton, Albany, Binghamton and Toronto, McQuinn was finally wound up with Newark in 1937 and proceeded to hit .320 and help the Bears to their 25th game margin over the International League.

His teammates included Charley Keller, Joe Gordon, Babe Dahlgren, Willard Hershberger, Buddy Rosar and Atley Donald, which gives you an idea why they were dubbed the Wonder Beers.

S'mythology

By A. LAURENCE SMITH

Who Knows the Law?
If an ex-justice of a State Supreme Court doesn't know whether he is married until told so by a District Judge, the chances of a lawsuit, how can it be held against the common man that "ignorance of the law excuses no one."

Human Rights
A home-made duck boat may be used to earn a living, while the \$100,000 yacht of the millionaire is just another toy; the cozier has only one dwelling, but the millionaire may have half a dozen; the loss of the cottage would be a calamity, while the loss of the yacht would be a mere inconvenience.

One of the others would frequently give opportunity to build a new one that would be better liked. Protection from invasion from illegal search and seizure is certainly as important to the poor as to the rich; that "a man's house is his castle" is a fundamental human right in democratic countries. The smaller a man's property, the less his power of resistance to evil men and evil laws; the greater is his need for the protection of law and order. "Human rights" without "property rights" would be an empty shell.

Strategy
When Secretary of Labor Francis Perkins' automobile caught fire in Yorkville, New York, the other day, her chauffeur ran it up in front of the Yorkville Fire Station, blocking the entrance so that the firemen couldn't get out. The chauffeur evidently learned strategy and blocking tactics from his employer.

To a Wise Woman
Hats off to the smartest woman in Michigan; she who hung a condemnation jury in a housing project suit, because she could not "conscientiously find public necessity in the project." Of course not; present housing schemes are nothing more or less than racketeering schemes for the purpose of spending the taxpayers' money on house building than on making women nutcases. We need only a simple revision in our tax laws: the people will build all necessary houses if taxes on houses are abolished.

Statues to the Great
In France a statue has been erected to Calais, a famous fighting bull. It is to be hoped that no one starts the practice of erecting statues to the famous voiced bull-throaters in the United States—this wouldn't leave us room for market gardens.

Judges-Saloons-Gambling
The judge who sentenced a bank president made two bulls' eyes when he took shots at the Liquor Control Commission and the Police Department. But the judge was chairman of the Com-



George McQuinn . . . on the small side, but belta 'em far.

McQuinn jumped at the chance when St. Louis bought him for the draft price. Even though it meant playing with a perennial second-division and major league tail-end club, at least it was an opportunity to perform as a regular in the big leagues.

He had had a previous trial with Cincinnati in 1936 but never was able to get going. He got going, all right, with the Browns, much to the relief of all the pitchers in the American League.

mission that definitely gave liquor licenses to well known operators of blind pigs during the prohibition era, and gambling in some of those places has been rather continuously wide open. Why?

Armament and Agency
The British are solving the unemployment problem in a manner which we may largely follow; armament and munitions manufacture. But when that work ceases, as it largely must, there will be a new army of unemployed; confronted with an enormous and growing tax bill; but the unemployed don't pay taxes. They can't. "Blessed be you poor."

Thanks for the Compliment
If Eddie Cantor's financial losses during the depression were as great as he leads his public to believe, it must give him a feeling of old time prosperity to be complimented with a lawsuit for \$751,000.

They Really Like Taxes
Why should The Small Business Men's Association spend their money on telegrams to Senator Vandenberg, asking his assistance in keeping taxes down? There are enough small business men to abolish taxes entirely, and if they don't do so it's because they like taxes, regardless of what they say. People are judged by their acts and not by their conversation.

Another Racket
If there is a lot of talk about rackets it's because there are a lot of rackets. The Mayor of Detroit informed the Council that he thought the Federal Government would put up \$40,000,000 to build a subway, which indicates that the Mayor wishes to lend aid and comfort (and some profit) to some of his friends who are land poor. The Rapid Transit Commission, headed by Col. Sidney D. Waldon, after making a survey of the effects of building subways in New York, reported that their construction increased land values from five and one-half to seven times the cost of construction. Are the people of Detroit so simple minded that they will let tax speculators? Col. Waldon said that it isn't fair to let these public profits trickle into private pockets.

And Another Racket
It isn't often that a public official will openly endorse a racket and describe it as such, but the Public Works Commissioner of Detroit has done exactly this. In the nomination of a river front drive in Detroit, he said: "The rapid decrease of property values in the downtown district, particularly along the river front, it is evident that we're paying for it now. You realize as well as I do that a river front drive certainly would restore land values, and if the experience of other cities is any criterion, it would vastly increase them." It's an old racket to spend the taxpayers' money to insure large profits from land speculation, but are the people who pay rent interested in seeing land values and rents steadily increasing?

Nice for the Boss
Employer—Perkins, you were brought home drunk last night. How do people know where you live?
Butler—I always carry some of your visiting cards on me, sir.

Historic Hoaxes

By Elmer Scott Watson

The Joke's on Him

WHEN Joe Miller, a famous English comedian of the Eighteenth century, died in August, 1738, he was discovered that his widow received as her legacy not but memories of an amiable and faithful, but improvident, husband.

Thereupon a certain publisher named T. Read, a shrewd fellow of speculative tendencies, engaged a man named John Motley to gather together all the current jests of the day and set them in type.

Soon afterwards there appeared in the bookstalls of London a volume which bore this imposing title: "Joe Miller's Jest, or the Wits Vade Mecum. Being a Collection of the most Brilliant Jest; the Politest Repartees; the most Elegant Hon. Mottos; and most pleasant short Stories in the English Language. First carefully collected by John Motley, and many of them transcribed from the Mouth of the Facetious Gentleman, whose Name they bear; and now set forth and published by T. Read, at the sign of the Grapes, in Pall Mall."

The book was immediately popular and was followed by an endless succession of "Joe Miller's" joke books. As a result, the name "Joe Miller" became firmly fixed in the consciousness of the English-speaking world as a synonym for "joke."

But the joke of it all is this: this man who, for two centuries, has been regarded as the King of Jest, was a solemn fellow who not only never joked in his life (except when repeating his lines on the stage) but was utterly unable to see the point of a joke when it was told him by other men.

Hat Tricks.
"Did you ever observe, George, dear, that famous designers take a lot of time to adorn most of our coats?"
George—I can't say I've noticed that, darling, but I've noticed that famous designers take many of my coats to adorn a woman's head."

Small Mercies
"Halls," exclaimed of said actor having died in said third quarter report, "a reduction, by George! That's good news! That's good news!"
"What! A reduction in profit?"
"Oh, no, not in profit—in deficit!"

Who Wrote It?
"Marcheta"

Mar - che - ta, Mar - che - ta,

'Apple' Crop



Apples to prick the apple, Bernardo Maniscalco, the budding grower of cactus apples, looks over 1000 samples of pineapple-shaped red and yellow fruit on his farm near Lakeside, Calif.

Crop will be ready for picking by September. Last year Maniscalco shipped 250,000 pounds of "fruit" to eastern markets.

Taft's Tub
Since 1900 more than 16,250, 000 bathtubs have been manufactured and sold in this country. The largest bathtub ever made was for President Taft and measured 84 inches long, 34½ inches wide and 22 inches deep.—Commentator Magazine.

Taking No Chances
After sitting through a performance of the film, "Jesse James," Nebraska outlaw kidnapped the neighbor and robbed him of the receipts. Next week's attraction: Shirley Temple.—Detroit News.

What is a Gentleman?
There aren't any, zizzle, unless the word could be applied to the man who removes his hat before striking a lady.—Liberty.

Maurice H. McMahon, Attorney, 2228 Bank Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court of the County of Oakland.
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1939.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of John H. Black, Deceased.

Grant H. Black, executor of said estate having filed in said Court his final account and petition for discharge, and nomination and allowance thereof, assignment of the residue of said estate, and the discharge of said executor.

It is Ordered, That the 21st day of August, A. D. 1939, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said account.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said hearing, be given in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and published in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

A True Copy.
Vernice G. Ford, Probate Register.

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English as she is understood. The colonel's wife sent the following note to Captain Green: "Colonel and Mrs. Brown request the pleasure of Captain Green's company to dinner on the twelfth."
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CHARLES A. SPARKS,
Oakland County Treasurer

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