



The Kaiser-Frazer corporation's "Singing Sentinels", Chuck Faris, Herman Click, tenors; Bill Cryer, baritone and Ken Rogers, bass, will appear here March 27 at Quanton school under the auspices of the P.T.A.

"Any Way You Slice It"

BY HAL P. BUERGE



If I may, and still remain in line, I'll write my column all in rhyme. You'll probably think old Hal's a jerk, but I want to see how it would work. My stint this week will not be long, my poetic instincts aren't too strong. I'll dash a paragraph or two—you may be bored, I'm warning you. So if you think you should stop now, you'll not hurt my feelings anyhow. Feel free to leave, just walk right out; I'm not the kind to fret and pout.

I will not promise, if you stay, that you'll learn much from me today. Perhaps you don't and never will, but this I threaten will be nil. No purpose do I have in mind, as I sit here and grind and grind. To fulfill a bargain that was made, I must let reputation fade. So just to prove I'm not too phony, I'll now proceed to slice baloney.

Perhaps you've heard of one Bob Hall, who is at the public's beck and call. He travels 'round for P'fessors beer and if you haven't you should hear him stand against the wall his audience to enthrall with complicated verse and rhyme that leave his lips, line after line.

He knows no bounds, he has no prep, extemporary is his rep. He talks of you, he extols things, exposes your weakness and clips your wings. He's performed on radio and on the stage and in all English speaking nations he's been the rage.

He never talks as you or I in accents plain on subjects dry. He makes you laugh and sometimes cry and I know you'll hear him by and by. I'll bet you have a dozen times and are familiar with his rhymes. In vaudeville or in a British pub. He gets around most everywhere and where he goes you, too, get there. You see since leaving vaudeville for P'fessors brew he builds good will; and so he goes where people go to entertain and make a show.

Let W ednesday noon he entertained the Lions, those hooling, scolding, roaring scions whose purpose it is in the community to guard all eyes, so folks might see. They'll buy you glasses if you can't, or they'll supply a dog; an aid to help the blinded man through overlasting fog.

The Lions meet here once a week and at every meeting hear men break! They speak of subjects broad and fine, but seldom put their thoughts in rhyme. And if they do, they long prepare, don't pull their topics out of air like this Bob Hall I speak about who turned the Lions inside-out by making fun of everyone who sat about the room in metered phrase and clever prose he helped dispel the gloom.

The gloom's not thick at service clubs, his job was not too tough. But his splendid frosts with spoken word pleased everyone enough to make them laugh and laugh some more, they split their sides with glee; especially when this extemporaneous bard put his rhyming tongue to me.

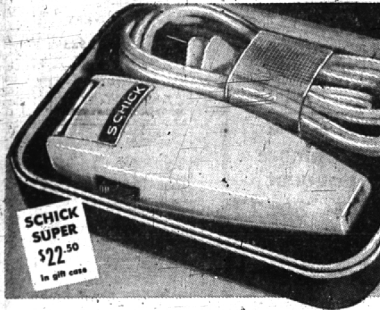
The Eccentric caught its usual ribs, we never can escape. Our friends all like to make with fun and seldom they berate. Bob Hall was no exception and as he spoke, said he: "I've told your club about your sheet and now we'll wait and see, what kind of mention your old rag, in turn, will give to me."

This may not be my very best, but if I'm understood, I've tried to even up the score, I've done the best I could. If in the state of Michigan every year, Bob Hall outsells every other beer, then I'll chase 'round and as I pass, I'll be sure to grab a glass.

I'm going now and as I go, I just want Bob Hall to know; that as I write my rousie die grace, your job is not in danger, as Eccentric poet laureate, I'd make a good Lone Ranger.

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