

Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

MEMPHIS, May 11.—Col. M. R. Meals is an auctioneer. He has sold more mules than any other man in the world. In 25 years of selling, he has knocked down around 1,000,000 of the long-eared species, and their total value runs to something like \$168,000,000.

Col. Meals is 48 and he has been auctioneering since he was 22. He loves auctioneering as "Paderewski loves the piano. He wouldn't trade places with anybody in the world; his life is exactly as he wanted it from the very beginning.

Col. Meals has auctioned in 27 states. So great is his "money-getting" reputation that people send for him from all over the country. From September to May, Col. Meals sells here at the Memphis stockyards.

—every Monday and Tuesday. He sells for Owen Brothers Commission Co., the biggest mule-sellers in America. The rest of the time is his own. He makes big money. He won't say how much. He has made as much as \$3000 in one day, and he won't take a private sale for less than \$100 a day. If he can't get \$100 a day, he does it for nothing.

A Colorful Figure

Col. Meals is an enormous and picturesque man. He weighs 350 pounds, and says he's not the least bit sensitive about his size. His suits are specially made, and he wears knee-high laced boots, hand made at \$27 a pair. They fit his legs tightly, and he says they help support his weight. Despite his size, his hat is only 7 1/2.

An auctioneer is a showman, and Col. Meals is not lacking in the tricks of the trade. He auctions always in either a derby hat or a flat straw sailor. He has 40 hats, and 40 walking sticks, which also are a part of the "business."

He pulls lethargically at a cigar. He has never smoked a cigarette in his life, and he does not drink. He says his only sin is cussing. He belongs to no lodges and to no church, and he has never married. He weighed 12 1/2 pounds when he was born.

He was raised on a farm a few miles out of Moberly, Mo. At a dinner party once, a lady asked

him whether it was Harvard or West Point he graduated from; she just couldn't remember. The truth is, he never got out of the fifth grade of country school.

He began practicing auctioneering as soon as he could talk. He used to drive his team along the road, selling hogs, plows, wagons and hay stacks to the thin air. One neighbor reported to his father there was something wrong with him—always talking to himself.

He got his first chance when he was 17—the auctioneer at a church box supper was so drunk they wouldn't let him in the church. Young Marvin did all the box supper auctioning around there for the next five years. He got no pay. Even had to buy his own box.

Entering the Big Time

Gradually he got a few farm sales. He really broke into it professionally when a man gave him \$25 and a \$14 suit of clothes to do a farm sale. It was a mail-order suit, and he picked every color in the rainbow—a regular Jacob's coat.

The same day, he won \$25 betting on a local election. So he took the \$50, put on his Jacob's coat, and left for Kansas City, for the auctioneer tryouts at the big mule markets there. It was his first venture into the big time.

There were 41 auctioneers on hand for the tryouts. Only one was to be selected for the permanent job. Most of them were veterans of the quick wit and the glib tongue. Each was given a few minutes of actual selling, and then the boss would call for another one to try.

Gawky young Meals was called at 3 o'clock on the second afternoon. He was scared to death. But he started selling. A shrewd old mule buyer from Des Moines was in the crowd, and he edged forward as the lad began to speak. This old man sensed something.

Finally he caught the young auctioneer's eye, and he said out of the side of his mouth, "Turn it on, kid." That was all young Meals needed. He rose to his six-foot two, kicked over a stool, and went to town. When darkness fell he was still selling, and no other tryouts had been called. That night, he signed a contract for his first job—the first of the only three jobs he has ever held in his life. The contract was for five years, at \$100 a week!

At the end of the bar was the free lunch department. As a rule, it consisted of half a dozen kinds of sausages, a big bowl of potato salad, and a good-sized order of cheese kept under a cone-like contraption made of wire netting which looked for all the world like a gigantic rat trap. Sometimes, fancy fans made of fringed pink-colored paper moved to and fro over the free lunch department. They moved by some mysterious power. Nobody, not even Father, knew where it came from. More often than not, though, a bunch of asparagus greens, hung from the ceiling, kept the flies away.

A Fortune in Brass

The front of the bar was reinforced with a brass footrail and there was a lot more brass up near the counter. On the floor were brass spittoons. A 20-foot-long bar had three Every additional 10 feet or bar called for one more spittoon. Indeed, there was so much brass around a bar that somebody in Indianapolis capitalized the situation and made what he called "The Barkeeper's Friend" which was a polish guaranteed to keep everything shining bright. He made a fortune out of it.

On the wall back of the bar was the "backbar." (Sixty years ago we talked a language free of euphemisms.) The crowning feature of the backbar was a mirror running the entire length of the counter. Sometimes it was so high that it touched the ceiling. In winter, the mirror was decorated with cupids, garlands of roses and even animals, like rabbits and squirrels, all splendidly rendered in soft soap. In summer, the entire reflecting surface was covered with pink mosquito netting.

The kegs of beer were kept under the front bar surrounded with cakes of ice cut in Broad Ripple. The beer was tapped straight from the keg, as good a way as any. I don't think saying, "This was the best scientific and enlightened era of beer pumps, coils and swiggle sticks. Out in the body of the room grouped around a big-bellied baseburner were a few tables, each with its complement of sturdy chairs. There were no chairs at the bar. Each table had a brass spittoon. In the rear was a private room dedicated to the pious players. While the Sunday entrance gave way to the Ladies' Entrance, the pinocchio room was called—what do you think? Sure, the Ladies' Room.

Those Mysterious Fans

The old-time saloon was a fortnight affair. After all, the art of drinking is one of sound and primitive instincts and calls for a fortnight architectural treatment. The old-time saloonkeeper knew how to handle it. He didn't doll up his place with decorations and Schnitzelbank mottoes. He went to the point. Which is to say that the old-time saloon was a room with cool pale walls, a calm ceiling and a rigid floor strewn with fresh redolent sawdust.

As a rule, the old-time saloon was a room about 20 feet wide and, maybe, four or five times that in length. Along one of its sides ran the bar. Even as far back as 1880, it was a magnificent fixture made of walnut or mahogany. The shortest bar was about 20 feet long.

Washington

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Although it was not his purpose to do so, Winston Churchill has given a most effective answer to those Americans who are saying that we ought to get into this war to save the Allies. The answer is carried in these revealing words of Churchill in the House of Commons: "Our numerical deficiency in the air—in spite of our superiority in quality, both of men and materials—condemns us, and will condemn us for some time to come, to a great deal of difficulty, suffering and danger, which we must endure with firmness until more favorable conditions can be established—as they assuredly will."

Time and again Churchill came back to that point, emphasizing Allied weakness in the air, and the time that will be required to overcome it. Without control of the air, the British could not use their navy to cut off the Germans in Norway. Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Secretary, described how when the British succeeded in establishing an airbase in Norway, a mass of 80 Nazi bombers swept over and destroyed it within a few hours.

The Allies have manpower and they have overwhelming superiority in seapower. But warfare has changed so that, until they can command the air, their other factors of greater strength are held latent.

We're Already Helping

So, as was pointed out here recently, what more can we do for the Allies than we are doing. We have placed our entire aircraft industry at their disposal. American Army and Navy orders give way to Allied

orders. The Allies can have the latest models that are in production. They have ample funds with which to buy these planes. Our production capacity is expanding almost miraculously. One authority says it is now at the rate of 17,000 planes a year and by the end of 1940 will reach an annual rate of 25,000 planes. Other estimates are lower, but in any case our capacity is considerably ahead of Allied purchasing.

So when Winston Churchill says the reason the Allies do not have the initiative "is our failure in the last five years to maintain, or regain, air parity with Germany," he points in the very direction in which the United States is helping the Allies to the limit.

Could We Do Any More?

For many months, long before war broke out, President Roosevelt engaged in a bitter battle with Congress over his determination to throw our aircraft industry into the service of the Allies. You recall the French plane incident. Before the war broke out, Mr. Roosevelt urged Congress to repeal the arms embargo so that planes might be shipped to the Allies. Losing the first battle, he returned to it after war broke out and succeeded in repealing the embargo.

That is the record with respect to American aid to the Allies, the kind of aid of which they are in most need, especially with the extension of the war into Holland and Belgium. Could we do any more with regard to supplying planes if we went into the war?

As the Allies control the sea, their essential commerce moves with little difficulty. Our Navy would be of little use to the British because they already have an overwhelming preponderance but owing to lack of air strength can make only limited use of it.

If that is the situation, and it appears to be, debate as to whether we should enter the war is beside the point.

My Day

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Friday.—After Wednesday's lunch in New York City, I hurried home to see a number of people. First and foremost, I saw a gentleman who has a vision of the way in which real low-cost housing might be developed for the benefit of groups which today are living in big cities in squalid conditions. He also has a desire to see private industry undertake a great housing program to eliminate slums in cities and rural areas and to replace them with medium-priced houses, either for rent or ultimate ownership.

More and more people are coming to believe that a big housing program is really needed in this country, that it should be on a low-cost level which should be achieved by economies in the building industry and not by giving the consumers shoddy materials and poor workmanship. I am always glad to find an interest in this kind of thing, even though it may not be translated immediately into action.

Our evening was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Flynn and some friends. I was happy to be with them and to see their boys, who were such delightful guests at the White House not long ago. They have a

little girl who was considered too young to come to Washington, and so she announced last night that she was going to stay up as long as I was in the house. Many people came to see me yesterday morning to talk of their special interests. I often wish I had the power to help all the worthwhile things brought to my attention. However, it is encouraging to have the opportunity to see the fine people who are working so unselfishly in so many different fields to achieve results for the benefit of their fellow human beings.

We had an early lunch and went to the broadcasting station and then motored to Hyde Park. The early part of the day was not as pleasant as Wednesday, and I was grieved for I thought I would not see the sun shining on our country surroundings. But, by the time we were ready to start, the sun came out and the drive along the park was beautiful, with the forsythias and trees and shrubs in bloom. After one night at my cottage, we started out again on our drive to Choate School in Wallingford, Conn. I thought all day of a trip we had taken a few years ago to St. Paul's School, when one of my nephews was head boy there. There is something very touching in the contact with these youngsters, so full of fire and promise and curiosity about life. One cannot help dreading what life may do to them and yet each generation starts out with the same high hopes and the same high spirit. Youth has courage and the spirit of adventure and we should give it our confidence.

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