

### Double-Take

By BOB BARNES

... Just a little tonic grows-ups take for their health, son.

### PRISCILLA'S POP

—By Al Vermeer

YOU'RE HAPPY WITH YOUR PUPPY, AREN'T YOU, PRISCILLA?

OLIVER'S HAPPY WITH ME, TOO!

THAT WAS A NICE BIRTHDAY PRESENT, WASN'T IT?

IT SURE WAS, POP!

AND YOU WON'T TROUBLE ME ANY MORE FOR A HORSE, WILL YOU?

GOSH, NO.

—By Charles Kuhn

THAT CAN WAIT TILL MY NEXT BIRTHDAY!

### GRANDMA

—By Rouson

GOLLY, BUT TH' TIME PASSES TERRIBLY FAST THESE DAYS!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, GRANDMA?

WELL, I NO SOONER GET A GOOD CROP O' CALLOUSES ON MY KNEES FOR MARBLE PLAYIN'—

THEN GEE!! BASEBALL SEASON COMES ALONG!

### OUR BOARDING HOUSE

—with Major Hoople

UNCLE BULGY—I MEAN AMOS—THIS ROLLER NECKTIE IS TERRIFIC!—CAN I WEAR IT TO SCHOOL? I COULD HAVE MORE FUN WITH IT THAN A MONKEY WITH A FIRE HOSE!

HAK-KAFF! YOU WHAT! WELL—HM! I'M NOT USING IT TODAY, SO WHY NOT?—BUT BE CAREFUL OF IT, LEANDER!—THAT'S NO JOKE—IT'S AN IMPORTANT INVENTION THAT MAY SET A NEW MODE FOR THE MODERN BEAU BRUMMELL!

HAR-RUMPH!

LEANDER WANTS TO AMAZE HIS FRIENDS

### FERNAND

I haven't been hitting too well lately, so I'm hinting for the pitcher to co-operate a little!

### SANDY HILL

—By Bill Dwyer

OH, MY GOSH!... HE'LL CATCH HIM FER SURE!... I-I NEVER AIMED FER JAKE TO GET CATCHED!... I FIGGERED HE'D CLIMB A TREE!

RUN, JAKE! RUN!!

YIP! YIP! YIP!

### Blackwood on Bridge—Dale's 'Guess' Is Right, But He Reasons First

MRS. KEEN had enough to respond to her partner's opening bid of one heart. But she couldn't bid clubs. The reason is that her hand was not strong enough. To respond at the two level, you need at least an average hand in high cards. Add one king to Mrs. Keen's hand and she would have been barely justified in responding with two clubs.

Mr. Dale, the four-heart contract, Mr. Muzzy led the queen of spades. The ace killed dummy's king and Mr. Muzzy won the second trick with the 10 of spades. The suit was continued and Mr. Dale ruffed with the jack of hearts.

At this point the old master had to decide whether to go after clubs or diamond for his 10 tricks. If Mr. Muzzy had exactly three clubs to the queen, that suit could be run, after trumps were extracted, and three diamonds from the closed hand discarded. But the odds were much against that distribution of the cards.

Mr. Dale properly decided to go after diamonds. He led the nine of hearts to dummy's 10. He returned the deuce of diamonds (not the nine) and finessed the jack. Mr. Muzzy won with the ace and led back a trump.

MR. DALE then pulled all the outstanding trumps and had the king of clubs left in dummy for an entry. He led a club to the king and now pulled the nine

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH  
Mrs. Keen  
S-K 8 3  
H-10 4  
D-9 3 2  
C-K J 6 4 3

WEST  
Mr. Muzzy  
S-Q J 10 7  
H-7 3 2  
D-A 6  
C-10 8 5 2

EAST  
Mr. Champion  
S-A 9 5 2  
H-8 6 5  
D-Q 7 5 4  
C-Q 9

SOUTH  
Mr. Dale  
S-5 4  
H-A K Q J 9  
D-K J 10 8  
C-A 7

The bidding:  
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
1H Pass 1NT Pass  
4H All Pass

of diamonds, dropping the eight from his hand when Mr. Champion refused to cover. This left the lead in dummy and another diamond finesse assured the making of the contract.

Note that Mr. Dale would have gone set if his first diamond lead from the board had been the nine. In that case the second diamond lead would have taken in his own hand and, with no more entries to the board, he would have had to lose a trick at the end to Mr. Champion's queen.

### FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger

I haven't been hitting too well lately, so I'm hinting for the pitcher to co-operate a little!

### TRY IT

WOODEN SPOON STICK PUPPETS

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PINKING

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The other night I saw a TV show acted out with stick puppets and staged by Browne Troop 79 under the direction of Mrs. E. D. Peele of Indianapolis, Ind. I inquired how the puppets were made so that I could pass this idea on to you Try-Iters.

Stick puppets are really wooden spoons tacked with a fine nail to a section of dowel rod so that they can be made to perform by the manipulator. It seems to be easier to tack the spoon to the dowel rod before you glue on the costume. Dowel rods are sold 36 inches long, so just cut them in two.

You can see that I designed a Hansel and Gretel couple with Hansel having pipe-cleaner arms. For clothes just cut out a front and matching back piece and glue them to the spoon. Paint or ink in the features and add yarn hair or a cutout hat. To make a rabbit use white toweling, bows, and paper ears, and he is ready to hop onto your stage!

**TOMORROW—Sew Button Easter Bunnies.**

### States of the Union

HORIZONTAL  
1 "Pine Tree State"  
6 "Cotton State"  
13 Command  
14 Bounds of experience  
15 Requires  
16 Throat  
17 Lymphoid organs  
18 Measure of weight  
19 Poetry muse  
20 Automotive organization (abbr.)  
21 Singing voice  
22 Alternatives  
23 Impudent  
24 Kenya's capital  
25 Outmoded stage  
26 Rust fungi  
27 Oriental coin  
28 Mineral rock  
29 Rents  
30 Corridors  
31 "Green Mountain State"  
32 City in "Keystone State"  
33 Pastry  
34 Greek gulf  
35 Dead  
36 Ink smears  
37 Soak  
38 Of the side  
39 River in France  
40 Dropsies  
41 Mohammedan prince  
42 Grades again  
43 Mates (slang)

VERTICAL  
1 "Treasure State"  
2 Interstices  
3 Agreeing exactly  
4 Masculine nickname  
5 Gaelic  
6 Finnish city  
7 Pillage  
8 Tuscan river  
9 Encore  
10 Dyes  
11 Teeth  
12 Having a handle  
13 White oak in "Golden State"  
14 Bird  
15 American  
16 Ischemia  
17 Rowing tools  
18 Look intently  
19 Frozen rain  
20 Unhappier  
21 Came in  
22 Greek coins  
23 Curer  
24 Roofed passage  
25 Musical instruments  
26 Coat with metal  
27 Spoiled child  
28 Strike  
29 River in Estonia  
30 Tumor (suffix)

### County Schools Select Spellers

Marion County schools are now holding their own spelling contests to select the two best spellers in each township.

The township winners will compete against Indianapolis school pupils in the semifinals of The Times Spelling Bee on Thursday night, May 8, at the World War Memorial Auditorium.

The finals for the spelling bee will be Friday night, May 9, in the World War Memorial.

The spelling bee, which will determine the area champion who will go to Washington, D. C., to compete in the National Spelling Bee, is open free of charge to grade school pupils under 18 years old.

Here are the centers where Indianapolis pupils will compete in the preliminaries:

APR. 15 AND 22  
CHRISTIAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, 1300 English Ave.—Schools 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

### CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

But how can you grow up to be a famous gunman if you don't do your homework?

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