



OUT OUR WAY

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Humorous Anecdotes Sprout From Human Oddities In Manhattan

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NEW YORK—(AP)—Manhattan snapshots: Everybody lives by his own brand of logic, and one kind won't necessarily suit another. There is a waitress in a beanery here who should be in her heyday—If life really began at 40. She lives entirely on the tips from patrons, and collects her wages from the boss only once every four years. The last time

she let her wages pile up for four years, the mousy little plate slinger said: "Well, when you go out for an evening—you want to be able to hold up your own end." The lady wasn't joking, either.

My favorite New Yorker is George ("The Real") McCoy, the best armored man I know against misfortune. Hard luck can't even dent—let alone break—this hack man's falstaff. George, now in his middle years, was a pioneer sidewalk radio interviewer. He served as an army sergeant overseas, and he and his microphone gave belly laughs to scores of thousands of homesick troops on leave in Algiers and Naples.

Today this chunky, red-faced Irishman probably knows as many people around town as Jim Farley. The radio spots have been fewer in recent years, and George beats a living out of Broadway by driving a cab. "Every day is a new day to me," he says. "Most people want to live and let live, I want to live and ad lib."

Unique In Expressions And in many a mid-town bistro, he's more widely quoted than Shakespeare, Walter Lippmann—or Milton Berle. George dislikes stuffed shirts more than anything in the world, and enjoys puncturing them. "A stuffed shirt," he says, "is just a public bandage on a private intolerance—or an ulcer that needs curing."

Recently George started driving his hack on Sundays because he figured he could save \$30. "I really take in only \$10," he says. "But if I didn't work, I'd spend \$10—so that makes \$20. On the other hand, if I didn't work, I'd have to borrow the \$10 I'd spend—so, altogether, I'm really saving \$30."

Currently "the real McCoy" is worried over the way people in Manhattan are corrupting the pigeons. "More pigeons getting run over every day," he says sadly, "and that's a shame. They have seen so many people jaywalking that they won't get out of the way of cars anymore. They're confused—they think they're pedestrians, too."

It takes so little to make some folks happy note: There is a middle-aged lady who lives in Greenwich Village and years to be an opera singer. She is taking lessons from a merry old rascal whose only training as a voice teacher is the years he spent tuning pianos.

Recently a friend who visited her in the small practice room she rents found her weeping with joy. "The maestro at last told me I had hit one perfect note," sighed the dear lady.

Air For Arias Then she began strumming her own accompaniment on the piano, and started singing. Every few moments she would pause, uncork a small bottle, sniff from it vigorously, then quickly recork it again.

"What are you doing?" asked the amazed friend. "Oh, the maestro told me all the best voices were trained in Italy," she said. "Since I can't afford to go there, he is importing Italian air for me in these bottles. It helps me immensely."

"Why do you keep putting the cork back in?" "The maestro warned I must use the air sparingly," said the lady complacently. "It's expensive to import. I pay him \$1.50 a week for each bottle."



"GET ME A LAWYER"—That's the order this youthful traffic offender is barking to Wickliffe, O., police. The shepherd pup was brought into the jail by a hurried motorist. "He's sitting in the middle of the street and blocking traffic," the motorist complained. When he refused to give his name or dog license to the booking officer, the pup was tossed in the clink.

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California Unit Biggest In Proposed New Highway

WASHINGTON, July 2 — (AP) — More than one-tenth of the cost of the proposed \$11,266,371, 616 express highway system would be in California, a detailed report of the Public Roads Administration showed yesterday. The greatest mileage of construction — 2,764 miles — would be in Texas. But because of lower construction and land-acquisition costs there, that state would rank seventh in the overall expenditure. President Truman recommended the agency's 37,000-mile program called "highway need of the national defense," to Congress. It calls for a seven-fold increase in the current construction rate and completion of the system within 20 years.

The agency said completion of the program — involving relocations and improvements of present roads and building of bridges and tunnels as well as new highway construction — would provide the nation with an adequate highway system linking all major cities, production centers and defense areas. A state-by-state summary of the system, first of its kind to be compiled listing rural and urban mileage and costs, includes: Idaho — rural, 608.2 miles, \$46,773,000; urban, 8.7 miles, \$3,470,000. Oregon — rural, 675.2 miles, \$94,450,000; urban, 27.8 miles, \$23,465,000. Washington — rural, 521 miles, \$118,363,500; urban, 58.5 miles, \$66,096,500.

Daily Worker Editor Released From Jail

NEW YORK, July 2 — (AP) — John W. Gates, editor of the Daily Worker, was released from jail early today after serving a 30-day sentence for contempt of court at the Communist conspiracy trial.

Some 40 demonstrators gathered in front of the federal house of detention at 7 a.m. to greet Gates only to learn that he was released shortly after midnight. The demonstration was planned by the Civil Rights Congress. Three other defendants, also cited for contempt, have been sentenced to jail for the duration of the trial.

Installment Credit Now Up To Nation's Dealers

WASHINGTON, July 2 — (AP) — The terms allowed installment credit buyers are up to the nation's dealers today. The government has nothing more to say about it.

Federal Reserve Board authority to limit installment credit terms has expired. Congress purposely let it lapse.

For the past nine months the

Federal Reserve Board has made its controls more and more lenient so that those expiring June 30 actually were no stiffer in most respects than dealers used to impose of their own accord in pre-control days.

Some officials thought it possible used car dealers may now require less than the usual one-third down payment.

Unemployment Boosted By School-Age Youths

WASHINGTON, July 2 — (AP) — The June wave of school-age youths seeking jobs boosted unemployment to a seven-year high of 3,778,000.

Reporting this, the Census Bureau said two out of three of the new job-hunters managed to find work. So the number of employed also rose, reaching 59,619,000. This is tops so far for 1949 and barely below the one-time goal of "sixty million jobs."

Of the 925,000 additional jobs developing in June, 721,000 were on farms and 204,000 elsewhere. The increase in non-farm jobs was a cheery development. It ended a steady decline that began in December and has been the main point of concern over the labor situation since the decline



HOODED VIOLENCE INQUIRY—Rep. Emanuel Celler (left), chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee investigating Alabama's hooded mob violence talks with three figures in the inquiry as it opened in Washington. Left to right: Rep. Celler; Clarke Stallworth of The Birmingham Post, who was assaulted recently when he sought information about the violence; Rep. Laurie Battle (D, Ala.), in whose district much of the violence has taken place, and Clarence Lake of The Birmingham News.

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