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THE EVIDENCE OF GREATNESS—Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stands forth.—Prov. 25:17.

Only safe place for a speeder is the Sahara desert, where roads are as wide as they are long.

Almost any man could be happy with one dollar if none of his acquaintances earned more than fifty cents.

"MAKE ME A BOY AGAIN"

Once a year, at least, the publisher, business manager and circulation manager of The Observer find Time turning backward to make them boys again. There's a specific occasion responsible for it and we confess that we anticipate the affair with no small amount of pleasure. Not only because we can be boys again among boys, but because we are helped to recall some unusual and almost forgotten things from our own carrier-boy days.

We refer to the annual Christmas dinner party participated in by the twenty-two young citizens who get the paper in the mail and carry the daily routes of The Observer throughout La Grande. Last night was the occasion for the 1928 dinner and regardless of past records that have seemed unbreakable we contend that more food was consumed per boy this year than ever. And that, you will realize, if you ever see the gang in action, is terrible.

There are, no doubt, a fair sprinkling of men among the readers of The Observer, who can recall having what was considered (by mothers, at least) as a prize appetite. At the age of fourteen to sixteen, good healthy boys often have that affliction. They would rather eat than sleep and they dearly love to sleep. We rather pride ourselves on having possessed some such tendencies a good many years ago and we feel a sympathetic response from numerous male readers.

We cannot, however, claim to have established any eating records able to withstand the efficiency of this more modern age. We might have been pretty good then, but civilization progresses, and after watching two or three boys eat last night there is no longer any tendency to brag about the capacities of our youth.

Consider this menu for a moment: A fruit cocktail with combination salad on the side and generous quantities of celery and ripe olives to consume while waiting for something more substantial; an inviting plate of roast turkey with gravy and dressing, a satisfying portion of peas, French fried potatoes and cranberry jelly, hot rolls and butter, and milk or coffee; a thick slab of apple pie with snowy dipper of ice cream on top as a light dessert.

Variety, quality—and quantity. The average person would be well upholstered after completing such a menu. So would the average boy. But not all Observer carrier boys are average. Most of them are much above the average—and so you can readily understand it when we record that ten of the twenty-two at the table enjoyed a second helping of sliced turkey, dressing and potato.

That was hardly a starter. When the first serving of pie a la mode had disappeared, nine boys indicated that they still had an aching void and received another pie a la mode as a cure. It worked with all but two. These, 1928 champions, thought that they might as well take advantage of the invitation to eat all they wanted, so they called for another order of dessert. Both boys consumed the third piece of pie and the third dipper of ice cream thereon without a shudder. And to make the meal really complete, the third order for one boy had three dippers of ice cream on a double portion of pie.

A regular turkey dinner, two helpings of turkey along with the "trimmings," and what amounted to four pieces of pie with five dippers of ice cream! And the boy walked out of the hotel unaided!

Aside from the fact that Observer carriers are blessed with good appetites, we are mighty proud of them as boys and as co-workers. Being human like the rest of us they make occasional mistakes, but they keep them at a minimum when they are well and on their regular jobs. Last night, as they sat around the dinner table, they made a picture in which we can have excuseable pride. We admit, of course, that some of them had their hair combed and faces scrubbed and had on "store clothes" so they didn't look exactly natural except when eating, but that was a fine boyish way of paying tribute to the occasion. And we appreciated it.

We sincerely hope that the boys enjoyed the dinner half as much as we did, and we hope they'll all be back next year. The first dinner we had fifteen boys and this year the paper's family had grown to twenty-two boys. There's no sign that they started a famine, however, and we hope the community and The Observer continues to grow so that our Christmas parties can keep on getting bigger and bigger and better.

ABE MARTIN



Some people are called "Jakes" when their merely respectable. What's more provoking than not having anything less than a quarter when a subscription is taken up?

Rockne's Teams Win 92 Out Of 111 Grid Games

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 27 (AP)—Since Knute Rockne became football coach in 1917, Notre Dame has played 111 games, winning 92, and losing 13 and tying six. The athletic department has revealed in the football annual just released.

The record shows that 1925, when the Ramblers lost four games out of nine, was the poorest during Rockne's coaching. Yet, Rockne coached the team as one of the greatest he ever coached.

Of all the teams Notre Dame has met in the Rockne regime, Nebraska has been the hardest to defeat, the records show. Of nine games with the Cornhuskers, Notre Dame has won four, lost three and tied two; against the Army, the Ramblers have won eight, lost two and tied one.

Despite this great record, Notre Dame has had but three seasons in that period in which it came through its hard campaign without being defeated or tied. In 1919 and 1920, the Ramblers won nine without a defeat or tie and in 1924, they hung up 10 straight victories.

BEAVER FIVE LEAVES TODAY FOR TACOMA

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP)—Coach Amory Gill, with 14 men of the Oregon State college basketball team, were to leave Corvallis today on the second Oregon State post-season game.

The Beavers go to Tacoma for games this weekend. They will meet the College of Puget Sound Friday, and the Seattle club Saturday. The fifth team is composed mostly of University of Washington stars.

Joey Sangor Will Meet Tod Morgan

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—Discouraged but still ambitious, Joey Sangor, the Milwaukee featherweight, who threatened to retire from the ring following his knock-out by Armando Santiago, Cuba, recently, has settled down to a week of intensive training here for his 16 round championship bout with Tod Morgan, junior lightweight titleholder.

The championship match will be held at Milwaukee New Year's afternoon.

OUT OUR WAY



THIS? OH, THIS IS THE HOLE WHERE THE HANDLE COMES UP OF A INVENTION I JISS INVENTED THAT'LL PUT COAL IN THE FURNACE BY JISS PULLIN' THIS HANDLE AN—

WAIT A MINUTE NOW—JUST WAIT! YOU GO DOWN AND INVENT A LITTLE MORE ON THE MAIN PART OF YOUR INVENTION. MAKE THE HANDLE LAST, NOT FIRST. I'VE GOT ENOUGH HANDLES AROUND HERE WITH NOTHING ON THE OTHER END OF THEM BUT FORLORN HOPES.

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

RENE DEVOS TO FIGHT HUDKINS

Interest in Boxing Circles Perks Up With Sharkey vs. Stribling Talk

By Alan J. Gould
(Associated Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—One of the most important social events of the boxing season involves Rene Devos, the Belgian middleweight who is now connected with the Philadelphia Philadelphians. They will fight it out tomorrow night with the prospect that most, if not all of the white shirt fronts of the famous "400 millionaires" will be in evidence.

Devos, fast and a good hitter, has impressed critics as the best foreign 149-pounder to come to these shores since Tommy Milligan. He will find Hudkins the most willing and persistent opponent he has yet met.

There is no doubt whatever about it being a scrap when a career through the ropes. The lean-fair haired puncher from the corn country prefers the going when it is rough. The more punishment he absorbs the more willing he is to fight. Like the wildcat for whom he is named, Hudkins comes in his corner, ready for the spring of the tap of the bell for every round.

With the actual departure of Tex Rickard for Miami Beach, arrangements for definite arrangements for Young Stribling and Jack Sharkey to fight the most important heavyweight elimination bout of the winter in Florida. Tex seems to think that a change of scenery from the more or less make-filled indoor arenas to the invigorating outdoors will stimulate the heavyweight activity. At any rate there is no doubt of the attractive possibilities of a bout between the south's foremost contender for Gene Tunney's crown and the Hoosier contender who is when he has it but not so good otherwise.

Stribling and Sharkey are two of the fastest heavyweights in the game. Both have shown they can hit but it will take a decisive victory for either one to give the 1929 quest for Tunney's successor a good start.

MAY FIGHT FEB. 26

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—The New York Times says today that Tex Rickard will announce tomorrow from Miami, Fla., that he has signed Jack Sharkey to fight Young Stribling at Miami on February 26.

The Times says it learns that the difference between the promoter and Sharkey have been patched up and the boxer's financial demands met by a compromise and that the only thing that remains is for Rickard to make certain of his guarantee to Sharkey of a distinguished out-of-town referee, a condition of the agreement is that Sharkey must defeat K. K. Christy, Akron, Ohio, heavyweight, in their bout here Jan. 25. In the event Sharkey is defeated Paulino Lucena probably will replace him.

Al Karasick Pins Montana Grappler

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP)—Al Karasick, Portland light heavyweight wrestler, won from Tom Alley, Outlook, Mont., by two out of three falls in a match here last night. Karasick took the first and third falls, the first in 12 minutes, 40 seconds with a backward drop and the third in 4 minutes with a stand erect hold. Alley took the second fall in 12 minutes 25 seconds with a double reverse arm scissor.

Promoter Leavitt won two falls from Jim Thor in the preliminary.

Oh, well, if you must, do your shopping early on Christmas Eve.

Tip-Top Tapper



Yes, Claire Sheng, society deb, is on the stage now. She's a member of the Junior Aid League of the Lopus Hill hospital, New York, and will be in a show which the league is going to produce. Her part is to do a tap dance. And from the looks of things, she might be a tip-top tapper.

NIGHT FIGHTS

By the Associated Press

RUFFALO, N. Y.—Timothy Griffith, Stone City, outpointed Garfield Johnson, Pittsburg, (10).

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—Johnny Simpson, San Antonio, stopped Spoko Kelly, Chicago, (5).

Stagg Gives Up Track Coaching After 32 Years

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—The grand old man of Big Ten athletics, Amos Alonzo Stagg of the University of Chicago, has retired as track coach.

Finishing his duties as athletic director and football coach bearing heavily upon him and requiring all his time, Stagg has turned the track coaching task over to his protégé, Ned Morrian, one of the greatest runners ever to burn up a winter track for the Maroons. The change is effective immediately.

Stagg coached his first Chicago track team in 1896 and in point of service was the oldest active college track coach in America.

Morrian, completed on Chicago's team from 1908 to 1909, winning the conference 440 yard run all three years and the 220 yard hurdles in 1907 and 1908. He has been Coach Stagg's assistant during the past year.

MAJOR GENERAL WEBS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 (AP)—The famous Mrs. Major General Lykes Grant McAlexander, retired, known as "The Rock of the Marne," called for Honolulu Saturday with a bride said to have been Mrs. Grace Palmer Cook, San Francisco psychoanalyst and lecturer.

General McAlexander arrived here from Panama on the Trans-Pacific Steamship December 17. Efforts to interview him then failed.

By Williams

BEFORE MIKE

FRIDAY PROGRAMS

The National Broadcasting company program for Friday night follows: 7 to 8, Wrighty review; 8:20 to 9, Nightingale and the Rose; 9:30 to 10, H. C. A. hour; 10:30 to 11, Moon magic; 11 to 12, dance music.

The American Broadcasting company program for Friday night follows: 7 to 8, 9 to 10, Shon orchestra; 10 to 11, artistic ensemble; 11 to 12, dance orchestra.

KGQ—Oakland (790kc) 6, NBC; 7, special program; 8, NBC; 9, Western Artist concert; 11 to 12, NBC.

KFI—San Francisco (680kc) 6, NBC; 7, Gypsy and Matar; 7:30, 8, NBC; 9, string quartet; 10, dance band; 11, NBC.

KFWB—Hollywood (950kc) 6:45, music; 7:30, Spanish program; 8, light opera; 10 to 11, orchestra.

KHJ—Los Angeles (540kc) 6:15, music; 6:45, news; 7, concert; 8, club; 9:30, symphony; 10 to 12, dance music.

KFTR—San Francisco (610kc) 6, organ; 6:30, sports; 7, studio program; 8, "Great Ladies" 8 to 10, club, orchestra; 10, Amos and Andy; 10:30 to 12:30, orchestra.

KGQ—Spokane (1470kc) 7, ABC; 11, studio program.

KFI—Los Angeles (640kc) 6, NBC; 6:30, studio program; 7, NBC; 8, concert; 10, NBC.

KFON—Long Beach (1250kc) 6:05, orchestra; 8, theatrical stars; 11 to 12, dance music.

KYA—San Francisco (1230kc) 6, news; 6:15, music; 8, trio; 9, symphony; 10 to 12, recordings.

KNN—Los Angeles (1050kc) 6, quintet, organ; feature program; 7:30, review; 8, Do-Nuts; 9, Lion Tamers; 9:45, light broadcast; 10 to 12, dance music.

KGW—Portland (620kc) 6, NBC; 6:30, concert trio; 7, KOMO program; 8, NBC; 10, studio concert; 10:30 to 12, Hot Oats.

KHIQ—Spokane (590kc) 6, NBC; 7, concert, quartet; 8, NBC; 9, concert; 9:30, NBC; 10 to 12:30, Happy Caravan.

KPQZ—Hollywood (850kc) 8, symphony; 10 to 12, orchestra.

KOMO—Seattle (920kc) 6, NBC; 7, orchestra, quartet; 8, NBC; 12, news, music.

KCN—Portland (1150kc) 8, ABC; 8:30, O. M. Plummer; 9 to 12, ABC.

KGQ—Denver (820kc) 8, NBC; 7:55, Saltire cowboy; 8:05, music; 9:30 to 10, string trio.

KSL—Salt Lake (1120kc) 6, NBC; 7, concert; 8, trio; 9 to 10, dance music.



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