

Gags

BEST LAUGHS OF THE WEEK

MOPSY by GLADYS PARKER

DAD, IT'S A SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL BIRTHDAY PRESENT, AND MY FAVORITE COLOR, TOO.



GLADYS PARKER

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THE WORLD AT ITS WORST by Gluyas Williams



IN THE MIDDLE OF A SHARP LECTURE TO JUNIOR ON ELBOWS, SITTING UP STRAIGHT, NOT PLAYING WITH THE SILVERWARE AND TABLE MANNERS IN GENERAL, USING HIS FATHER AS A SHINING EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW, YOU OBSERVE THAT DADDY ISN'T KEEPING HIS MIND ON HIS WORK.

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J-45 WILLIAMS

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Neher



"You've made such great strides in medical science, Doctor, that I'm almost ashamed to tell you my same old syndrome."

Wanted Dead or Alive

Joe—Yes, my grandpa was a politician all his life.
Bill—Why, I never knew that.
Joe—Yes, he spent part of his time running for office and the rest running for cover.

Some Mixture

Nit—Why do you call this a mid-get cocktail?
Wit—Because all you put in it is a little squirt of this and a little squirt of that.

Vacation Fun

Jones—I had a very pleasant vacation last summer at the Crowded Arms hotel in Atlantic City.
Smith—You're lying. The Crowded Arms hotel is in Philly.
Jones—In Philadelphia? Why that's why it took me so long to walk down to the beach.

Retort

Mrs. Jones—I insured my voice for \$1,000.
Mrs. Smith—And what did you do with the money?

Rough Trip

Jones—Have you ever been down and out?
Smith—Sure and glad of it.
Jones—When was that?
Smith—After my first airplane ride.

Very Popular

Nit—Have you heard the new Egyptian National anthem?
Wit—No, how does it go?
Nit—It's something about "My Mummy Done Tol' Me."

Same Difference

Brown—My wife is very poetic. She wakens me at sunrise often and says, "lo, the morn."
Blue—Yeah, my wife does the same thing but she says, "mow the lawn."

Teacher's Pet

Johnny—There's only one good thing about school.
Jimmy—What's that?
Johnny—You can't have a vacation without it.

GRASSROOTS

by WRIGHT A. PATTERSON

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FARM SOCIALISM WILL DISCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT

THERE IS IN IOWA a farm that I know. It started when a young farmer and his bride moved in from the East and settled on a 160-acre government claim. That rolling Iowa sod was first turned by a plow in the early 1840s. To that first 160 acres the adjoining claim of equal size was added when another settler, after proving up, sold his land for \$5 an acre. Since then other acres have been added, until now its 640 acres represent a mile square farm, all or no part of which could be bought for \$150 an acre. The difference between the value of a government claim, or the \$5 an acre price of the second farm, represents that farm family's contribution to our national wealth.

I recall that farm when I think of the efforts some rather powerful minorities are exerting to remake America on communistic, or state socialistic, lines. Should they succeed, that farm, like all others, would be nationalized. It would pass into the control of a bureaucratic government. There would no longer be a personal incentive for maintaining the quality of its soil. The family, descendants of that early pioneer, who now operate and maintain it, might continue to live there as tenants of the government. With them would be other families assigned to those acres by government. All would work under direction of a government boss. That boss, that commissar, would tell those on the farm what, where, when and how to plant; what cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry and other farm animals to raise. Those assigned to that farm would be permitted to retain such portion of what they produced as was needed to feed them on a prescribed standard. All other production would go to the government to be distributed to those of the cities and industrial workers.

That is the socialism, called by whatever name you wish, that those who would make America over are working to effect. It would take away all incentive on the part of the individual. It would be regimentation under a totalitarian system of bureaucratic government. It would tend to decrease, rather than increase, the national wealth. Unless workers were driven as slaves it would decrease, rather than increase, production.

WANTS AMERICAN FORM OF PROGRESS

Personally I want a system that permits me to go forward if I have the ability to do so. I want an incentive. I want to play a part in the betterment of the nation. I realize I cannot accumulate wealth that will be mine for longer than my brief time on earth, but what I may create remains for posterity, and mine is the pleasure of creation.

Our American way of life has built a great, a wealthy, a powerful nation. A nation to which the world turns in its day of trouble. The difficulties for which we are asked to provide relief were occasioned by governments whose people were regimented under socialistic methods that created dictatorships. For myself I ask the American form of civilization, and I believe the vast majority of Americans will echo that wish. I have no objection to Communism for the Russians if they want it, but I want none of it.

THE NATURAL RESOURCES of Russia, consisting of essential minerals, forests, fertile and productive soil, are greater than those of any other nation on our globe. Russia is not burdened with an excessive population; it amounts to but 22 people for each square mile of Russian territory. Russia has had a quarter of a century in which to demonstrate the advantages, if any, of the communistic or state socialistic economic system.

In the year just preceding the German attack on Russia the average earnings of her people, men, women and children, were \$130 for the year. For that same year the average annual income of each of the people of the United States, men, women and children, was \$587. In England it was \$454, in Canada, \$402, in Belgium, \$187. Only three countries, China, Japan and India, had lower average annual incomes per individual than Russia. Despite such a showing there are those who are attempting to supplant our private enterprise economic system with the communistic or state socialistic system of Russia, and are resorting to every possible subterfuge to accomplish that purpose.

IT IS QUITE PROBABLE that General MacArthur knows more about handling the Jap situation than do the bureaucratic-minded government officials in Washington. The President gave MacArthur a job to do, but the underlings of Washington, including some members of the senate and house, would like to tell him how.

THERE WILL BE a new joy in living with the war, and then the strikes, all in the past, and we can safely count on a new car.

Kathleen Norris Says:

The Problem of Sally Kent

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"Pack a suitcase with comfortable clothes and a box with provisions, and put them in the old car. Then say to him, 'get in, we're going places,' and head west."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"MY HUSBAND has come home so changed, after two years in active service as a marine," writes Sally Kent, "that I find myself for the first time in my life with a problem that is too difficult for me to solve. I wonder if other women are facing like troubles, now that the war is over, and if you have helped them and can help me.

"I am 31," the letter goes on. "David is two years older. He was drafted in 1942, and left me with a baby girl of three and another baby coming. We were both anxious that he should do his share as a soldier, and I tried to do mine at home. We moved to my mother's house, and there my son was born just two years ago. Mother keeps boarders; I had helped her all through my girlhood and took my old place now; planning meals, marketing, making beds, and superintending the changing personnel in the kitchen.

"Mother has always prospered, and in crowded war times she prospered exceedingly. My weekly budget to David—a few lines anyway every day, and often pages—were always cheerful, and snapshots of David and Jimmy kept him in touch with their progress. This was for me—as for many wives—a lonely time, a time with anxious moments, but a time of much deep happiness, too. Mother's life has never been easy—she found this interval refreshing and delightful, and the children were wonderful.

Dislikes Boarding-house.

"David came home willing to accept all this, but within a few days I knew something was wrong, and now everything is wrong. He doesn't like living in a boarding-house, he thinks Diana is badly spoiled and he seems completely indifferent to the baby. Of course, the children did not know him, and when a dark, thin, nervous daddy was added to their little scheme, they didn't like it.

"I try to make allowances for the war-worn nerves of a man who has known nothing of home life for more than two years; I try to keep things serene and cheerful, and of course it is understood that as soon as he resumes work and is able to support it, we will have our own home again.

"But this is not enough. He wants me to leave the children and go away with him. Where doesn't seem to matter. He wants to go West, to buy a farm, to pioneer in the Canadian north, to do anything except settle down here, realize how lucky he is to have a comfortable home, no immediate financial pressure, and a devoted wife.

"Obviously, this is just what I can't do. I'd like a change myself. I'm not in love with bedmaking and dusting. But you can't pioneer with two small children as companions, and financially any such change would be a desperate chance.

"We love each other; there isn't any triangle complication; when we take long walks together, as we do in the evenings, there isn't any quarrelling or unpleasantness. But it all comes out to this; David wants me to throw away the security I have built up so painfully and slowly in all these long months. I want him to return to normal—he is certainly not normal now. Please advise a woman anxious to save her marriage, and the man she loves, if she can."

My advice, Sally, is compromise.



He doesn't like boarding-houses.

UNSETTLED

That strange and frightening change that comes over men after they have been in military service for two or three years is a great trial to their wives. Women who have been waiting for weary and anxious months to end, suddenly find their dream of a happy future shattered. Here is her husband home at last, and for good, but he is so different! He is not the man who said goodbye so sweetly and sadly on that awful day when he left for overseas.

No, he is not the same. He is moody and querulous, unable or unwilling to fit into civilian life. Nothing pleases him. He is indifferent to his loving wife's best efforts. Often he has some outlandish scheme, like moving to some distant part of the country and trying a completely new business.

The story in this issue concerns a returned soldier named David. He wants to leave their two children with someone, anyone, just so they are cared for, while he and Sally go West, to look for a farm. He also thinks about pioneering in the Canadian northwest. Farming is completely new to him, but he wants to do almost anything except to settle back to his old job in the old town.

We American women will have to do a lot of compromising if we are to help our returning servicemen to readjust themselves to conditions that seem strangely smug, safe, self-satisfied to them, after the horrors and loneliness and abnormality of war.

Head West in Car.

Get someone to look after your babies, no matter what you have to pay her. Pack a suitcase with comfortable clothes and a box with provisions, and put them in the old car. Then say to him, "get in, we are going places," and head west.

Years ago a nervous husband I knew got this treatment—my own husband, in fact—and before we had gone a hundred miles he was beginning the cure, quiet, amused, expectant, happy. We drove 6,000 miles, the most inexpensive travelling there is, except on foot. The most thrilling, for you may stop anywhere, eat when you like, try anything.

You'll find your old companion beside you sooner than you dream is possible. You find him rested, soothed and presently eager and alert again! You'll talk plans, explain away difficulties, share problems. You'll agree that Diana is a little spoiled; that there is no place for a young couple like their own home; you'll say the baby is exactly like his dad.

Give him a six-weeks break. Give yourself the same. November is beautiful travelling weather, and a marriage like yours is worth saving.

Medical Care in Rural Areas Is Inadequate

In the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Rowntree, chief of the medical division of the selective service system writes: "Surveys of the health situation among the rural families in some of the states indicate that a large proportion of farmers have poor health, that the facilities for health services are below normal requirements and that there is a pitiful inadequacy of the care provided regularly for the lower income families.

An analysis of some of the surveys indicates that between one-third and one-half of the lower income groups have no medical or dental care whatsoever. Of the 16,000 cases of serious illness reported by farm families in Texas and Oklahoma, less than one-half had a doctor's care. Only one out of three births was attended by a physician."

Because of the inadequacy in most rural counties of the public health services and hospitals, the death rate at almost any age level is greater in rural areas than in urban centers.

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