



NOW 21 YEARS OLD—Lil Abner, central character in Al Capp's popular comic strip which appears daily in The Mail Tribune, is 21 years old today. That doesn't mean that Daisy Mae's husband is actually 21 years old—it was 21 years ago today that Capp first put pencil to paper and came up with the characters he remembered from a hitchhiking trip taken years before through the mountain country of Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee. The author has drawn a special strip for Lil Abner's anniversary showing Capp and his family, Abner and his, with a neat little bit of homely philosophy thrown in. It's on our comic page.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Note my name included in list of "native Brooklynites who have made good." I am flattered because of the mention but I was not born in Brooklyn. I spent a very happy boyhood in the beautiful borough across the bridge, also went to grammar and high school there. My affection for Brooklyn is second to none. However, I was born in Manhattan. So was my mother. And my mother's mother.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. You have described Mme. Suzy Volterra as "the most beautiful widow in Paris." How old is she? Is she considering marrying again? Anybody special in mind? A. Mme. Volterra, who is not only the most beautiful widow in Paris but one of the wealthiest, is 37. Answering a query about marrying again, she said, "I would not care to live alone all the rest of my life." However, she said she had nobody special in mind as a matrimonial prospect. Q. Did you say that a Pittsburgh businessman used to spend his vacations playing baseball with the Pirates? A. Yes, sir. His name was Ernie Diehl.

Argument
A group of Baltimoreans seek to involve me in a discussion as to what have been the best films of certain female stars. I never dodge a good argument. Therefore, I say Barbara Stanwyck's best film was "Double Indemnity"; Garbo's, "Camille"; Dietrich's, "The Blue Angel"; Colbert's, and Greer Garson's, "Random Harvest."

Faithful Fan
What's the record for continuous writing of fan letters to a film idol? Have heard of a woman who has been writing fan letters to John Boles for 29 years. Ever since she first saw him in the film version of "The Desert Song."

Among the Married
Physicians continue much favored as husbands by feminine celebrities. This is especially true of film actresses. Is interesting to note the majority of marriages between cinema luminaries and physicians have been successful. Dentists also do very well as spouses of celebrities. Irene Dunne's husband is a dentist. I wonder what kind of

Neuberger Attacks Conservation Record

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) attacked the administration's "sorry record" on conservation. He asserted yesterday that President Eisenhower "has decided not to restrain those who would maraud what survives of the public domain of the United States."

He predicted in a statement that natural resources development will one of the main issues in the 1956 election campaign.

He charged that the administration is trying to "turn back the resource clock" to the period before such famous Republican conservationists as President Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot won the battle to set aside the national forests.

wives feminine physicians make. I have heard that a woman doctor is only happy when married to a physician. I have asked our horses and women experts to check this situation. So, sir, if you are not a doctor don't marry a doctor until you check the report of our experts.

Asides
Turf scribe refers to night thoroughbred racing as if it were a new idea. Over 50 years ago thoroughbreds raced at night at Electric Light Park, St. Louis, Mo. . . . There are 16,000,000 women employed outside the home in this country. More than 50 per cent of same are married. . . . First newspaper I worked for was the Springfield, Mass., Republican. As a college correspondent. First newspaper I worked for on regular staff was New York Morning Telegraph. . . . Add to members of My Name Is a Poem club—Jill Hill, Glendale, Calif.

Old Air Force Documents Tossed Out

Denver—(U.P.)—The Air Force has cleaned out of its files enough old documents to make a stack three times as high as the Empire State building.

To bring its 144,288 master files on Air Force reservists up to date, the records center said yesterday, took the efforts of 1400 temporary civil service workers, a squad of lawyers, a college professor, a medical interne and a platoon of GI college students.

Col. James T. Quirk, who directed the "record-perfection project" said such things as birth certificates, marriage licenses and college diplomas were mailed back to the reservists. Copies of temporary travel orders and other military documents cluttering up the place were burned.

Stacked together, the discarded papers would have been 3458 feet high. Laid end to end, they would have stretched 2456 miles.

Medford Gets Money From Highway Fund

Salem—(U.P.)—Apportionment of \$2,321,772 out of the state highway fund revenues to the cities of Oregon has been completed, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said today.

The amount represents 10 per cent of the revenues to the state highway fund for the six months ended June 30 from motor vehicle registrations, gasoline taxes, motor transportation fees and fines for violations of the motor vehicle law.

Cities participating in the apportionment, set aside for maintenance of city streets, included: Astoria, \$37,216. Corvallis, \$48,915. Eugene, \$114,912. Klamath Falls, \$47,913. Medford, \$57,495. Pendleton, \$37,096. Portland, \$751,774. Salem, \$135,656 and Springfield, \$37,533.

The world's largest non-citrus fruit market area is located around Benton Harbor, Mich.

Coast Guard Officer's Commission Held Up For Security Reason

Washington—(U.P.)—The Coast Guard disclosed another "Landy Case" yesterday, one in which a commission has been withheld from a Coast Guard officer candidate for security reason involving his mother.

The man was identified as Apprentice Seaman Norton Pierre Gaston of San Francisco, who was graduated eighth in his class April 1 at the Officer Candidate School of the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn.

A Coast Guard official said that "in getting his background and security information, there has been a delay in granting his commission."

The Coast Guard refused to

give any details of security findings except that they concerned Gaston's mother.

In a similar case, the Navy recently denied a commission to Eugene W. Landy, 21, honor graduate of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, on the grounds that his mother once was a Communist. Senators, congressmen and others have interceded on Landy's behalf, and Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas announced Aug. 6 that he would personally make a "full and impartial" investigation of the Landy case.

Gaston's attorney said that Gaston's mother, Mrs. Jean Grisez of San Francisco, "was

never accused of being a Communist" but was accused of having been a member of several organizations on the attorney general's so-called subversive list.

Case Being Studied
At San Francisco, Mrs. Grisez declined to comment on the case. She said she would issue no statement until she had conferred with her attorney.

A security screening board has already passed on the Gaston case and referred it to a local security board which is now considering the case here.

A review board will go over the case when the local board finishes, the Coast Guard said, and the secretary of treasury and

the commandant of the Coast Guard will review it afterward.

Gaston, 23, who graduated in June, 1954 from the University of California, finished eighth in his Officer Candidate School class.

Gaston declined to comment on the case. He has been assigned temporary duty with the Coast Guard here.

Beeville, Tex.—(U.P.)—Funeral services were held yesterday for Mrs. Mary Margaret Borglum, 80, author, former publisher and widow of Gutzon Borglum, who sculptured the Mount Rushmore Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Buenos Aires Police Quell Demonstration

Buenos Aires—(U.P.)—Police and firemen using clubs and fire hoses yesterday broke up a demonstration before a cathedral here. Several persons were arrested.

Police stopped all passersby and searched them for arms and for pamphlets. Cars also were stopped and several occupants were removed.

Two fire trucks, four buses and eight patrol wagons rushed to the area to pick up the persons detained by police.

The crowd began gathering at

midday with the announced intention of paying homage at the mausoleum of San Martin.

Police moved in when the crowd started shouting "long live liberty" and other slogans.

The political truce which followed the June 16 revolt against the government of President Juan D. Peron appeared over. Reinforced troops and artillery units guarded the President's residence.

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