

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — I asked Blossom Seeley what no polite man ever should ask a lady.

"How old are you, dear?"

"How do I know," said the pretty old gal who once was known as the "Golden Girl" of Broadway.

"I've lied about my age so much that time trails behind. Put it this way, mister. I'll settle for what Jack Benny says."

That 39 stuff—the longest 39 years in show business."

Blossom Seeley and her hubby, Benny Fields, were at a guest table where they are appearing as a team at a supper club here. And "Bloss," as Benny calls her, doesn't look a day older than any date she wants to pick on the calendar.

Younger, mostly. Charm she still has and a minimum of chins—all considering that she made her debut at whatever age in the year 1906.

All through the conversation, Benny kept heckling his lady, and butting in, too.

Two Presidents

"We were the only big comedy team ever to play before two Presidents at the same time," Benny gravely. "Woodrow Wilson and Warren Harding."

As history has it the two Presidents happened to be in the big house on Pennsylvania ave. at the same time. Harding was in the driver's seat and Wilson was his guest as a former tenant.

"That's the way it always goes," Blossom said, "Benny is always butting in. He is right, on that one, though, and he generally is. As I remember it was at a luncheon, and we sang, without any musical background."

Blossom and Benny still can sing, and they also can ham it like in the old days.

Then the conversation got around to the way show girls dress today, and the undated lady had a few things to say about that, too.

"The style in the old days was to wear as many petticoats as possible, she said. "With two or three pairs of pants on, nothing showed. And then along came the raw hide business, where if

you didn't show almost everything you were out of business. That's where temporarily I went out of business."

Television Helps

Television, according to the seasoned lady trouper, has done something to bring back more sensible dress. A voice, she said, still weighs a little heavier than the lack of clothes—"in the nicer clubs, of course," Blossom added.

At the sitting I had with Blossom and Benny, the lady was more than proper. She asked me to count her petticoats. Of course, I declined. But she assured me that there were three.

Her gown was a sensible white, flowing thing and about her neck she had a white chiffon scarf that was low enough to show the string of pearls Benny had given her for her "X" birthday.

A lot of people had forgotten about Benny Fields and Blossom Seeley until they made a comeback after the movie, "Somebody Loves Me," portrayed their lives.

Dog With Taste for Bread

Robs Store of 75 Loaves

Kalamazoo, Mich. — (U.P.) — Storekeeper Henry Topoll had to get up early to find out who robbed him of 75 loaves of bread in six months.

Topoll told police he saw a bloodhound take a loaf out of a newly delivered box of bread and wander down the street with it in his teeth.

He said the dog apparently knew the days and the early hour when bread deliveries were made to his store.

He took only white bread, Topoll added.

Farm Production Tripled By Use of New Machinery

Chicago — (U.P.) — One farm worker 50 years ago produced enough food and fibers for himself and seven others, while today one farm worker produces enough for nearly 20 persons.

According to the American Meat Institute, this has been made possible by a 160 per cent increase in tractors on farms, a 230 per cent increase in the use of milking machines, 320 per cent more combines and 320 per cent increase in the use of commercial fertilizers.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Gloria Swanson Toys With Reply Duke of Windsor Would Give To Princess

By GLORIA SWANSON

Written for United Press

London — (U.P.) — If Princess Margaret's Uncle David, better known as the Duke of Windsor, were to write to his niece regarding her present situation—what would be his advice?

I can't help toying with the idea. Uncle David is the only qualified member of the royal family whose advice would not be theoretical, since he has a measuring stick of experience to judge the joys of living like "other people."

It is not at all unlikely that such a letter would contain great wisdom, gathered during 19 years of living as a former king among the commoners.

What Advice

Would he tell Margaret that the privileges of royalty are not as great as the freedom of the average man? Or would he say this life of the average man is a rugged road and, if not born to it, one can find oneself a displaced person? Might he say that all difficulties can be compensated by great love?

I wonder if he would tell her that, if he had it all to do again, he would make the same decision.

On the other hand, he might say that if the group captain and the princess set aside their love for the laws of the church and the good of the crown, it might have a better chance to endure.

This way it would probably go down in history as a great love story.

He might write Margaret that she is too young to realize that the one who has the least to sacrifice has a greater responsibility.

In the case of Captain Townsend, who is not only a man but one of some years, think how he could prove his love, his character and integrity by insisting that this young princess should not make these great sacrifices for him.

Old Cliche

Because of that old cliche "Time will tell," as it has an unrelenting way of doing, Uncle David might remind Margaret that should the marriage turn out to be an unhappy one, there could be no divorce, nor playing the role of the "innocent party."

While I am speculating, I might as well go the whole hog and wonder what "Wally" of Windsor would be able to offer Townsend in the way of good advice. For example, how to make the person who has sacrificed for love happy.

Painter Falls From Roof; Paint Tumbles After Him

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — Things probably could have been worse, but William Garske, 59, thought they were bad enough.

Garske, a painter, fell 25 feet while working on a house job. That's bad. But he fell into a hedge. That's good. But it was a thistle hedge. Not so good. And his bucket of paint splattered all over him and the bush. Worse yet.

Modern Equipment of No Use For Moving Puppy

Adrian, Mich. — (U.P.) — Firemen, police and department of public works employees made no progress, despite their extensive equipment, in getting a puppy out of a drain line.

Volunteers opened a sewer manhole and tried to poke the dog out with a pole. That failed, too.

Finally Clarence Krueger, a fireman, leaned over the end of the open tile drain and whistled.

Out came the puppy.

Chicago Police List Own Ten Most Dangerous Men

Chicago — (U.P.) — Chicago has its own "public enemy" list.

Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor asked the chief of detectives to prepare a list of the 10 "most dangerous men" every month.

The list, suggested by the Chicago Daily News, will be published in the police department's daily bulletin and submitted to newspapers.

Citizens will be asked to notify the detective chief, John T. O'Malley, if they have any information regarding the men on the roster of "top Chicago public enemies."

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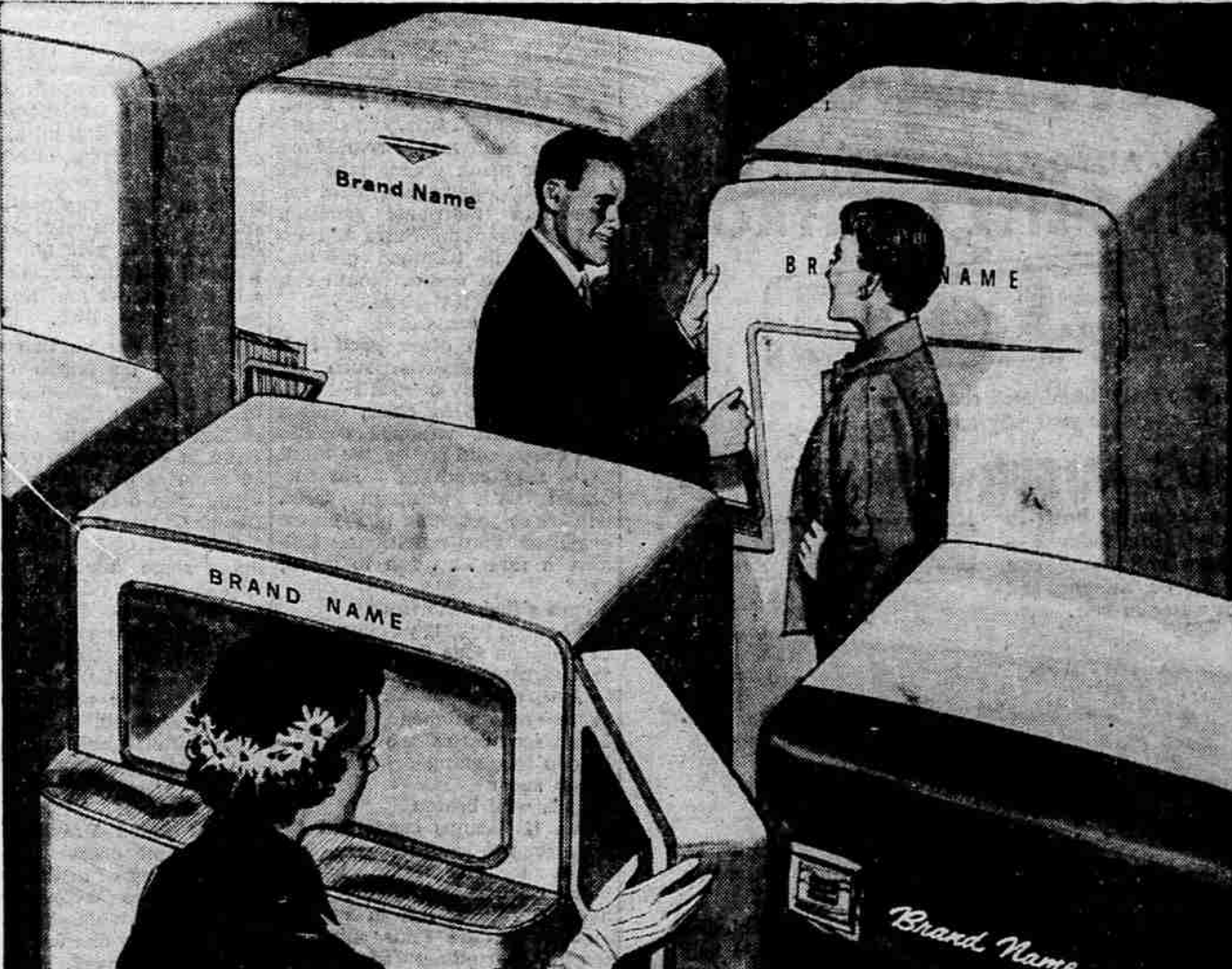


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How do you dare make such an important purchase without having an expert check it over for you? What makes you so sure you're getting your money's worth when you say, "I'll take that one?"

The answer's obvious. You look for the brand name on the refrigerator—your "guarantee." You've learned to follow this first rule of safe and sound buying:

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