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Back in 1929 after certain members of the Faculty Club of Brown University succeeded in getting a full-fledged Sunday feature about Josiah S. Carberry family published in a near-by daily paper, standing kill orders on Carberry items were instituted in most Rhode Island news rooms.

Red-faced editors, who had let news items about Carberry and his exploits slip by their unsuspecting noses, soon learned that there was no such person. Consequently, anybody with the actual name of Carberry had not a ghost of a chance of getting their name in print.

Professor Emeritus Benjamin C. Clough, author of "American Imagination at Work" and curator of Carberryana at Brown, says that, surprisingly enough, there are some Brown men who have never heard of Carberry and a few who wish they never had.

"The Carberry saga goes back 33 years," writes Dr. Clough, "when a young member of the Brown faculty was idly looking over a university bulletin board. On a playful impulse, he wrote and posted an announcement of a lecture by Professor Josiah S. Carberry of the Department of Ceramics."

"The school had no such department and, needless to say, no Professor Carberry. In due time the notice was summarily torn down but not before a number of other faculty men gleefully spotted it. They took to signing Carberry's name to letters and telegrams, submitting research items in his name to learned journals, feeding items about his supposed academic dissertations to newspapers. Carberry developed into a full-bodied legend."

"The creation of Carberry stories and practical jokes caught on, spreading like a contagious lunacy among Brown alumni everywhere until even periodicals in such countries as Japan and Burma were being used to further the legend."

"It wasn't long before the mythical Carberry acquired

an equally mythical wife, two daughters by the names of Lois and Patricia and a devoted friend, called Truman Grayson. The latter suffers from a rare affliction, an unfortunate knack of being bitten by creatures whose names begin with 'A'—anteaters, aspids, aardvarks. In 1943 it was reported that he had been bitten by the Army Air Force!

"A jumbo postcard came from San Diego. 'I do not advise your sending Grayson down here,' it said. 'We are doing some work on the pigment of aphids. However, it is his own responsibility if he wishes to come.'"

"To get back to Josiah Carberry, Ernest Dickinson, author of a recent article on the life and times of Professor Carberry, says 'Of all Josiah's accomplishments, none is so widely known as his research in psycho-ceramics (psycho meaning roughly 'cracked' ceramics, 'pois')."

"I wasn't immune to the Carberry jokes myself. A clipping from the Middletown Press of June 11, 1936, was sent me by a kind friend—or, rather, sent to my wife: 'Engagement announced. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Carberry of Bullwinkle Farm have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lois to Dr. Ben C. Clough of North Providence, R. I.' (I know I got back at my colleague for that one, but I can't remember just what I did.)"

"You might think the young members of the faculty in 1929 had not enough to do. They had plenty to do; they worked hard. These were the recreations of the hard-working men. If we spent some time inventing and collecting Carberryana, it was not our main objective or occupation; it was perhaps our main avocation, though."

"The vogue of Professor Carberry from time to time dies and is forgotten, only to come to life again suddenly for no known reason. So far it has done no great harm. (Like all superstitious persons, I here knock on wood.) It is an innocent myth, an innocent practical joke."

Insurance Benefits Are Big Community Resource

Old-age survivors and disability insurance benefits are becoming increasingly important as a community resource, according to Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the Medford office of the Social Security Administration.

As of the end of 1961, more than \$10 million per year in benefits is paid to the more than 13,000 beneficiaries residing in the area served by the Medford district office. This area includes Jackson and Josephine counties and the Glendale area of Douglas county.

In Jackson county 8,761 beneficiaries are receiving \$578,899 monthly or a total of \$6,886,788 per year.

These benefits are intended primarily for the beneficiaries' economic security, but they help business in the community generally, Jacobson noted. Most of the money is spent immediately for food, clothing and other necessities.

Nationally, at the present time, social security benefits are being paid at the rate of more than \$1 billion a month to 17 million beneficiaries, Jacobson said.

Among the reasons for the increased number of beneficiaries is that medical science is prolonging life and there are more aged people also.

benefits are now payable to both men and women at age 62, disability benefits are payable at any age, and less social security credit is needed to qualify for payments.

In order to more efficiently administer the program and provide better service to the public, the Social Security Administration has recently completed a telecommunications network linking the 600 social security district offices with their record keeping headquarters in Baltimore and with the seven payment centers throughout the country.

The network, combined with the electronic data processing equipment in Baltimore, will result in a reduction of the paperwork involved in the claims and benefit operations, streamline routine clerical operations, and speed the payment of benefits, Jacobson added.

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