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THE MAD 1960 CALENDAR 4



Calendars describing the delightful months of the coming year always make us sick, so here's MAD's version to make you sick.





A sure way to make a TV show a success is to put some teeth in it. Here's one show that's done it! They've featured a comb!



One of the reasons TV's so bad is: the networks listen to crank letters! One of the reasons MAD's so bad is: we ignore 'em!

MAD'S HELPFUL REPAIR HINTS 21

Here's an article which offers helpful hints to home owners. And here's a helpful hint we offer you: skip this article!

MAD'S MODERN FOLK MUSIC 24



Authentic old folk music has preserved our ancient lore. MAD's modern folk music will probably run into some up-to-date law.

"BEFORE" AND "AFTER" ADS32



You know those "Before" and "After" photos that show miraculous changes? The biggest miracle is that people fall for 'em!

HISTORICAL MOVIE PREVIEW37



MAD reveals how Hollywood deliberately makes mistakes in a historical film so that you'll make the mistake of seeing it.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS 44



MAD roasts an old Xmas chestnut till it's cool enough for a Beatnick to read it over a Jazz background of "Jingle Bells."

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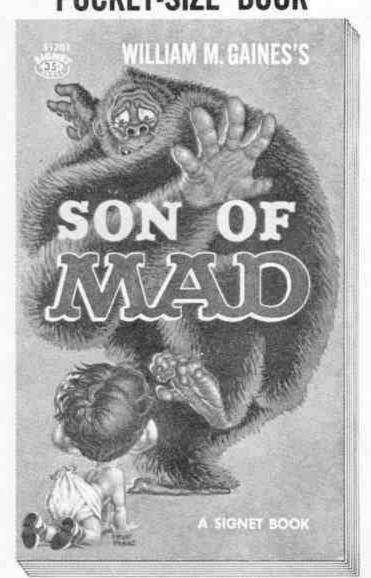
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Yes, we're giving this 7th addition to our MAD family an upper berth in our affection, mainly so he'll get the chance to fall on his head like the 6 others before him: "The MAD Reader," "MAD Strikes Back!", "Inside MAD," "Utterly MAD," "The Brothers MAD," and "The Bedside MAD"

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LETTERS DEPT.



BEST IN THE BUSINESS

I thought your October issue (No. 50) was really great. I think you are the best satirists in the business.

Ira Epstein Forest Hills, N. Y.

Yeah, but in what business? — Ed.

NEWSWEEK

Hey, what gives? When I try to act reasonably intelligent and buy a sane magazine for a change, namely NEWS-WEEK, I still can't escape MAD! Because when I turned to page 57, there was Alfie's smiling puss, along with Al Feldstein's and Bill Gaines's. Have you guys taken over that magazine, too?

Miriam Anver Chicago, Ill.

I was thoroughly surprised when I picked up the August 31st issue of NEWS-WEEK and found an article about you clods at MAD. I never thought you'd get into a high class magazine like that. Either MAD is getting better, or NEWS-WEEK is getting worse!

Fred J. Voss III Detroit, Mich.

DON MARTIN AND WIFE

Don Martin may be a nervous wreck from his financial dealings with MAD, but it doesn't look like his wife is any better. In "The New Chair," she calls him "George"! I'd look into this, Don, if I were you!

> Leon Schor Franklin Square, L. I.

It clearly states in the introduction that Don Martin is about to describe the night his wife gave him "The New Chair." Then, she proceeds to call him "George." If this is Don's wife, why does she call him "George"?

Johnny Osborne Paramus, N. J.

Don's wife calls him "George" because they have never been properly introduced! —Ed.

JAZZY TITLE

Why don't you guys buy out the Time-Life Corporation. What a jazzy title MAD LIFETIME would make!

D. Lewin No Address Given

IN GOOD HANDS

Many thanks for the amusing plug in your "TV Ads We'd Like To See" Department of the October issue (The Ill-State Ad). I think more people have mentioned that MADitem then you would believe. More, perhaps, than I would have heard from had I been on the front cover of NEWSWEEK, say! Anyway, far beyond my wildest iMADgination. But I think I would have been in better hands if Mort Drucker had done the art work.

Ed Reimers Northridge, Calif.



Woodbridge's Reamer

You would have been in good hands if George Woodbridge had drawn you, Mr. Reimers. He was drawing a guy named "Ed Reamer"! Here's Mort Drucker's rendition of "Ed Reimers"! But for being such a good sport, Mort's original is on its way to you!—Ed.



Drucker's Reimers

CHANGING MEANING

You MAD idiots have written a story which is a really great example of sloppy work. You know how to run down a fine magazine. You clods are masters of degredation. Seriously, though, I have never read an article with more truth than "Changing Meanings For Fun And Profit." Keep up the good work.

Dan Atchley Houston, Texas

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Your publication, as evidenced on the cover, is cheap. In fact, yours is the cheapest outfit I've ever dealt with! Because the only publishing house in the country that does not provide a prestamped return card for subscription renewals must be cheap! But coming from the hometown of GM, I am obviously GM, too (Gone Mad), for I am renewing my subscription. Seriously, though, your satirical wit is a welcome relief in an age of stifling conformity. Keep hacking away at the santification of mediocrity. There remain some few of us who appreciate your efforts.

Dr. Leonard W. Moss Ass't Prof. of Sociology and Anthropology Wayne State University Detroit, Mich.

Actually, our expired subscription notice is not pre-stamped because we have faith in our readers, and confidence in our magazinel—Ed.

I would like to extend my compliments to you on the continued quality and impressive pertinency of your publication. I think the spirit of MAD is very well exemplified by the fact that the expired-subscription card is not self-addressed and stamped, which I consider evidence of faith in the reader and confidence in the quality of your magazine. You will, of course, find my renewal enclosed.

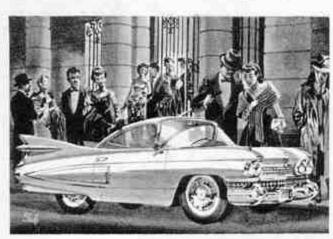
Priscilla De Vantier Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Actually, our expired subscription notice is not pre-stamped because we're cheap!—Ed.

SMALL CAR THREAT

While looking through your trashfilled pages, I came across the article entitled "How To Fight The Small Car Threat." When I saw the picture of the squashed Cadillac, I went wild. Detroit is missing a good bet not adopting this new design. Without a doubt, it is the neatest car I have ever seen.

> Joe Coleman Washington, D.C.



A Good Bet

I'm wild about your compact little Cadillac. I understand it's called a "MADillac." I'd like to know when it will be on the market.

Ed St. Yues Assonet, Mass.

FROM CEYLON



The enclosed photo was taken in Trincolmalee, Ceylon. There are numerous captions that could be tagged to it. For example: "Nearly everybody in Ceylon reads MAD," or "What kind of man reads MAD?"

Al Whitmer Canal Zone, Panama

Or "50 Million Natives Can't Be Wrong!"

—Ed.

RACE WARM-UP



Thought you might like to see this picture of the Cornell University Junior Varsity Crew reading MAD before the big race with Princeton at the Eastern Sprints this year. By the way, they lost!

Thomas W. Gittins Ridley Park, Pa.

What did you expect?—Ed.

MAD TIME CAPSULE

You boys had a great idea with "The MAD Time Capsule." The only thing you forgot to include was every issue of MAD ever printed!

Brooks Scofield La Mirada, Calif.

JUNG IN HEART

MAD is very popular here, especially in the Section of Psychiatry. Carl Brunsting, M.D.

Mayo Clinic Rochester, Minn.

Among the doctors . . . or the patients?-Ed.

ODD-BALL TEACHER

I am an English teacher. I am an odd-ball English teacher because I like MAD. Once I sent a contribution to MAD which you did not print. Perhaps this meant my contribution had real merit. But I didn't care. I still like MAD. I shall read parts to my English class, because some of the kids (Imagine!) don't read MAD. Maybe they will enjoy it as I do. Maybe my principal won't. Maybe soon I will not be an English teacher any more. Then you will be sorry, because I will have more time to send you contributions, and you will go bankrupt sending them back to me.

George T. Appleton Charlotte, Mich.

Maybe you will be sorry because we may print one of your contributions. Then you'll have to go back to teaching English!—Ed.

MAD EXPEDITION



Thought you might like to know that a recent successful expedition to the summit of 14,495 foot Mt. Whitney had as its glorious leader none other than the MAD kid himself, Alfred E. Neuman. His name is signed (forged, that is!) in a register at the top, for posterity. Without his inspiration, several of the sicker members of the party probably would have fallen by the wayside.

Donald L. Dickson Torrance, Calif.

Instead, the whole sick crew made it!—Ed.

TIRED OF INSULTS

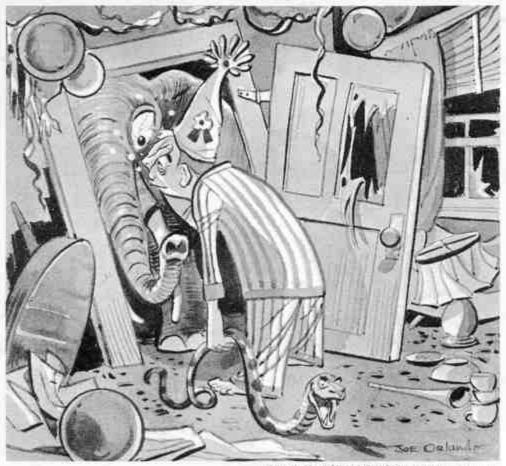
I'm getting rather tired of people writing in to your "Letters Dept." and calling you "clods" and "dolts" and "idiots" and "morons." I wonder if these people realize that putting together a magazine, even a MAD one, is no snap, and that it takes a lot of brains to think up ideas and new articles every month. I want to congratulate you on a great job, and hope you'll continue the good work!

Peg O'Mally San Diego, Calif.

The clods, dolts, idiots and morons at MAD thank you for the kind words. We'll try!—Ed.

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JANUARY



Especially Painted for MAD by Joe Orlando

Pour a dose of Pepto-Bismol, Toast the New Year with a swallow! Sick of slushy January? Wait and see the months that follow!

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FEBRUARY



Especially Painted for MAD by Bob Clarke

Leap Year month means one more day of Winter's gloom and things that tire us:
Like those women catching men, while
Clods like us are catching virus!

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MARCH



Especially Painted for MAD by Wallace Wood

Poets who praise winds of March should Meet their ends in bloody ways: Caught by girls who wear short skirts, and Angry men who wear toupees!

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APRIL



Especially Painted for MAD by Frank Kelly Freas

Sing, you fool, of April showers!
Sing of how they help the buds!
When you're singing from your rooftop,
We'll row by—come April floods!

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Frankly, we're getting sick of those calendars that come out every year! You know, the kind that show gorgeous pin-up girls with hardly anything . . . oops! Wrong kind of calendar! We're certainly not getting sick of those! But we are getting sick of those calendars with nauseating pictures, and even more nauseating poems which try to prove how much more wonderful each month is than the one before. So we've decided to come out with our own nauseating calendar, which won't try to prove anything! Except, maybe, that nineteen-sixty is gonna be another miserable year!



CALEMANA CAR

DIRECTIONS FOR ASSEMBLING THE MAD 1960 CALENDAR



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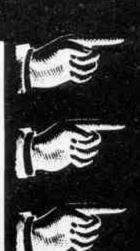
Tear out pages 6 and 7, and cut months along dotted lines.



Paste page 7 back together so you can read what's on page 8.



Forget whole idea and go get a decent pin-up girl calendar.



MAY



Go pick flowers, nature lovers, May has on her verdant cloak! Take your choice, what will you have now: Poison ivy or poison oak?

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JULY



Especially Painted for MAD by David Berg

This month's best for summer driving!

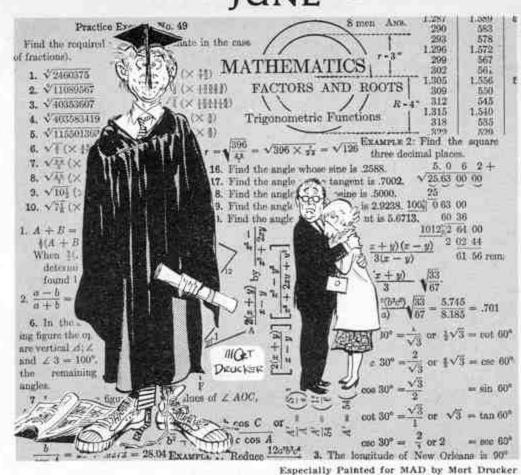
Start out early: six o'clock!

That way, there won't be much traffic

Going once around the block!

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JUNE



Clod of 30, graduating!
This much, friend, we will acknowledge:
If, till now, school's been tough going,
Wait till you get into college!

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AUGUST



Especially Painted for MAD by Joe Orlando

Every Summer has it's "dog days!"

This month has the "doggiest!"

Why should we waste clever rhymes on

Stupid months like Augiest?

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SEPTEMBER



Especially Painted for MAD by George Woodbridge

If you choke on stifling air that Summer constantly conceives, Fall is here! Cheer up! You're free to Choke on smoke of burning leaves!

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NOVEMBER



Especially Painted for MAD by Don Martin

Stuff your gut with tons of food and Then collapse while muscles pound. Don't claim Thanksgiving's the reason! You eat this way all year 'round!

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OCTOBER



Especially Painted for MAD by Wallace Wood

Halloween's the time for pranks, so

Keep your eye on every tot!

Oops, there goes your gate! Your house! Say—

How's your new split-level lot?

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DECEMBER



Especially Painted for MAD by Bob Clarke

Close the year with gifts and cards to People you detest and curse! If you think '60 was bad, friend, '61 will be much worse!

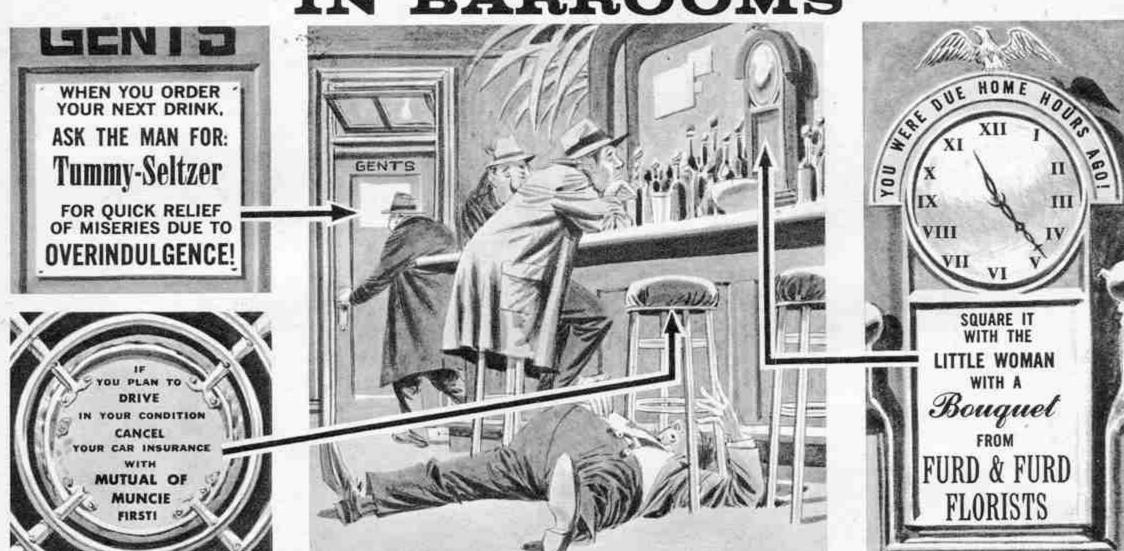
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INSIDE PITCH DEPT.

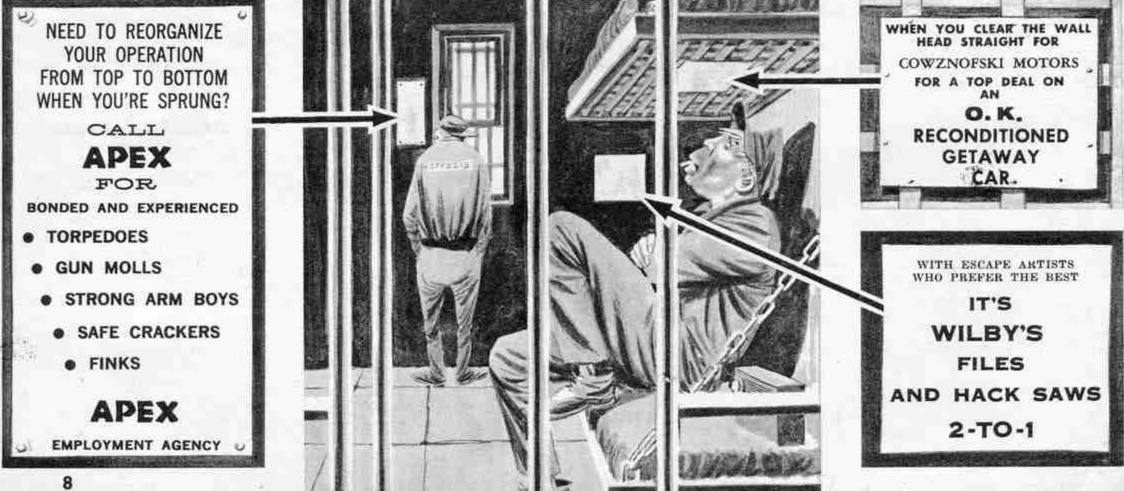
It seems as though the grey flannel set is getting desperate these days. Lately, everywhere you lookbe it sides of busses, backs of menus, fronts of matchbooks, inside ball parks, outside ball parks, trash receptacles, beer coasters or roller coasters -you see an advertisement. Today, the ad men are searching frantically for any usable space which might be utilized for commercial pitches. We hear that even hotel room walls are being considered as spots where ads could be placed for greater impact. MAD foresees where it could all end if advertising men go for broke to get their message across in . . .

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

IN BARROOMS



PRISON CELLS





AD SPACES

WRITER: TOM KOCH

IN AIRLINERS

* COMMERCIAL
AIRLINE ACCIDENTS

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LAST YEAR!

PLAY SAFE!

TAKE THE BUS AND ARRIVE ALIVE WITH US!

GRAYHOUND







ON PAY ENVELOPES

NORTH AMERICAN VEEBLEFETZER CO. PAY ENVELOPE

NAME: Ralph C. Wretched

SALARY: \$90.00 DEDUCTIONS: \$82.27 NET SALARY: \$7.73

SQUANDER IT ALL

The Sitting Duck

TAVERN

Stop off on your way home, before the old crow gets her paws on it!

PITTANCE
INTO A
REAL BANKROLL
AT

DIRTY DAN'S FLOATING CRAP GAME





IN DRESSING ROOMS

Gain Financial Independence

BEFORE YOU'RE TOO PUNCHY TO ENJOY ITI

MAKE BIG MONEY

TAKING DIVESI

FOR DETAILS, CALL

LEW ESKIN'S

BOOKIE SYNDICATE

QU-3-3217

(Ask for Big Lew)



DEFENSELESS!

PACK EACH GLOVE WITH A

Lucky Brand

HORSESHOE

"Every One A Knockout!"

MADE OF FINEST TEMPERED

GERMAN STEEL

MAYBE YOU'D DO BETTER IN THE

FLYWEIGHT CLASS!

REDUCE

THE MEDICALLY APPROVED WAY

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LARDOFF'S

IN HOSPITAL ROOMS

Each day in this Hospital takes you further into

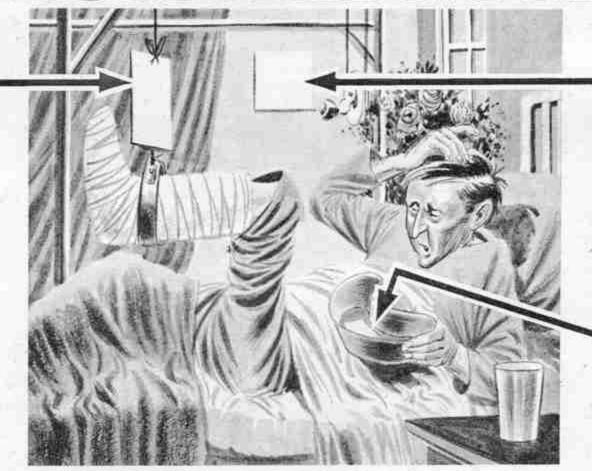
HOPELESS DEBT!

HIRE AN AMBULANCE

THE GREAT NORTHERN FINANCE CO.

FOR A FRIENDLY

LOAN



DON'T PUT THOSE
IMPORTANT FINAL
ARRANGEMENTS
IN THE HANDS OF THE
INCOMPETANTS

YOU LEAVE BEHIND!

DO IT YOURSELF

TODAY!
TOMORROW MAY BE
TOO LATE!

Dormant Schlepp & Sons Licensed Morticians

"Your last wise move"

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE THOUGHT-PROVOKING ARTICLE

"IS YOUR DOCTOR USING YOU FOR A GUINEA PIG?"

in the current issue of

The Readers' Digest

IN GOVT. BUILDINGS

BACK TAXES Got You UPSET?

Wise & Heimer



GOLD MEDAL AWARD INTERNATIONAL RUSSIAN ROULETTE FESTIVAL ENDORSED BY LEADING SUICIDES EVERYWHERE



The World — Looks Brighter When You Drink . . .

OLD OVERSHOE

100 PROOF ** CONVENIENT HALF-GALLONS FOR DROWNING MAJOR TROUBLES

SOLVE YOUR
TAX PROBLEMS
THE MODERN WAY!
FILY

PARAGUAY NOW!

No Questions Asked.

Andy's Andes Airlines

HAIR 'M, SCARE 'M DEPT.

If you've never seen "777 Sunset Strip" on TV, you're obviously not a teenager! Each week on the show, two Private Eyes named Stew Daily and Jess Spence take turns solving cases. Supposedly, the one not handling the case on any given week is allowed to show himself occasionally, but he's kept in the background. Actually,

the one that is handling the case is kept in the background too! Because the main purpose of this program lately seems to be to find every possible excuse for sneaking in Koukie (a hiptalking, hair-combing car-parker) for the teenagers who are wild about him. Which is why a situation of near-catastrophe occurs on . . .

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: LARRY SIEGEL THE

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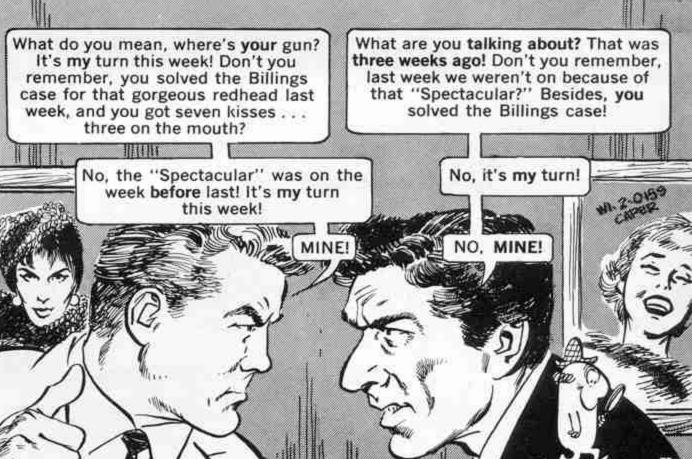
KOUKIE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS

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(Clap-Clap)



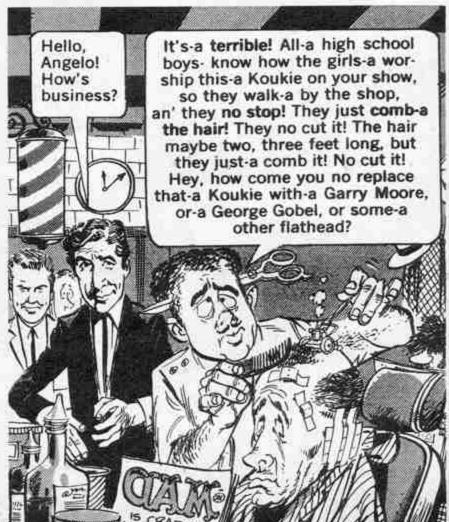






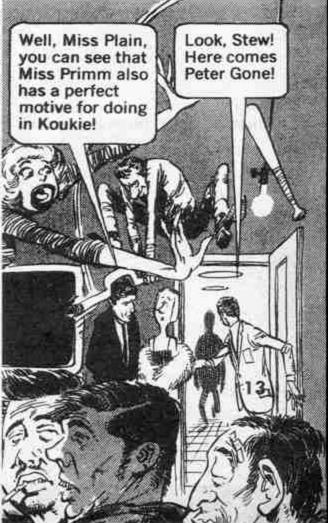


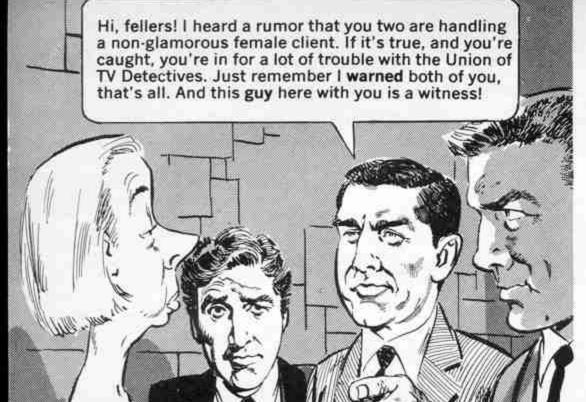










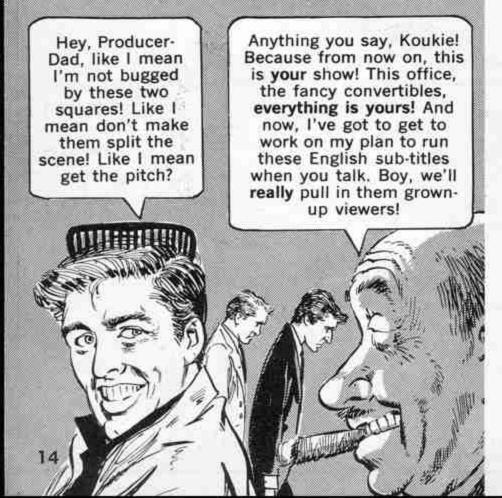






Man, wait till
I sound the
crazy good news
buzzer! Koukie
is back! This
is Endsville!

Daily and Spence! You're both fired! You're also under arrest
for kidnapping Koukie! Your motive was the strongest of all:
Jealousy! You knew you were slowly losing the show to him, yet
you weren't men enough to fight it out on an artistic level!
Such as having songs written about you and your comb, appearing on teenage TV shows, and having hundreds of intellectual
articles about you printed in the fan magazines, like "Koukie
Reveals His Toothpaste Brand" and "Koukie Carries Out His Own
Garbage" and "Why Koukie Loves Chinese Restaurants"....



It'll be like crazy doing the Sherlock bit, and lipping the cool chicks! Well, I guess I'll cut out now! Later . . .

INDEED, I CERTAINLY AM FOND OF MY NEW OFFICE. IT WILL BE DELIGHTFUL BEING A DETECTIVE AND GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO KISS SOME NICE YOUNG LADIES. WELL, I THINK I'LL LEAVE NOW. GOODBYE.

Man, like I dig this new pad the most!

Thanks for the wheels, Dads. I've got something on the front burner, so I'm going to cool it! No refueling, now, but I may cop a slurg later. You dig how it is when you've got the Zorros and you can't pick up on the "Z"s?

C R A Z Y!

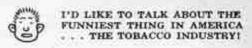
WE REGRET THAT SOMETHING HAS

OBVIOUSLY GONE WRONG WITH THE

SOUND ON THIS PROGRAM. PLEASE

STAND BY WHILE NECESSARY

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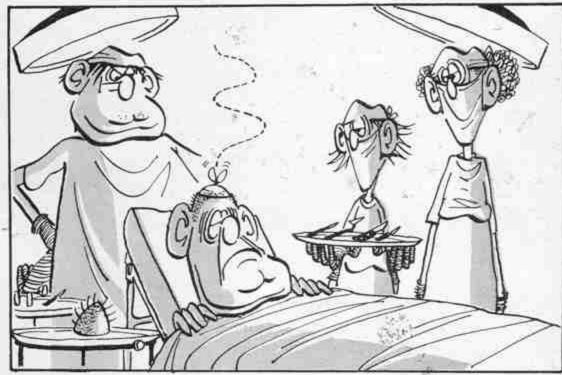
Don Martin, MAD's maddest artist, has finally come up with an explanation for his unique artist talent. It all goes back to the time he underwent . . .

THE BRAIN OPERATION

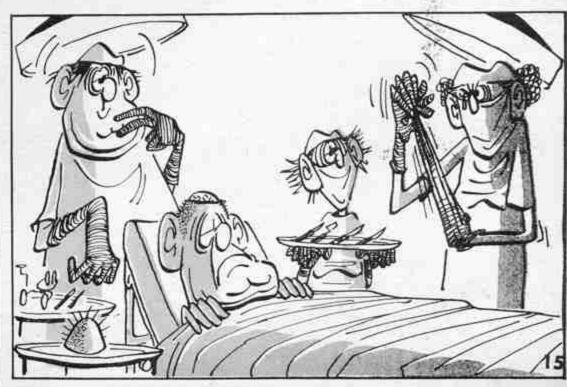














CRANKS A-MILLION DEPT.

When we were kids, we learned a simple and rather succinct phrase which pretty well summed up what Democracy was all about—mainly "The Majority Wins!" Unfortunately, the television industry doesn't seem to believe in this. Rather, they insist upon remaining at the mercy of so-called "Public Opinion" in the form of a few crank letters. Instead of fighting back, the networks prefer a more civilized way out, called "total surrender." To show how this sorry situation works out, we've prepared this behind-the-scenes study which demonstrates the power of the relative minority who write...

PROTEST LETTERS

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

This report card is a disgrace, Marmaduke! I don't think you're trying very hard at school!

But I am, Mr. Murphy! My teacher says I'm her most trying pupil!

0

WRITER: SY REIT





HERE, FOR

EXAMPLE, IS A

TYPICAL TELEVISION

ROUTINE WHICH SEEMS

HARMLESS, BLAMELESS

AND MAINLY

MIRTHLESS





AND HERE ARE A FEW OF THE HUNDREDS OF LETTERS OF PROTEST THAT CAME IN THE NEXT DAY



I found your use of the name Marmaduke for the little boy in last nights show extremely offensive. I don't think there's anything funny about the name and I resent the implication that people with this name are usually stupid, or dummies, or something like that, Why don't you use a name like Stanley or Horace, or Helvin: Those are funny names! yours truly. Marmaduke Sternwallow II

Gentlemen,

as recording secretary of our local PTA, I must say I was shocked at the way you ridiculed education on last night's show! a poor report card is no laughing matter! How can we instill respect for learning in our children when they are exposed to shows like yours, lampooning our educational system?

- angry Mother

Contlemen-

Last night you showed Marmaduki wearing a straw hat, indoors! How can we teach our kids good manners when you set such a bad example for them?

Television is a vital force in todays community. When are you people going to wake up to your responsibilities?

-Despoiring Father

Fearless, Inc.

COVERS THE COUNTRY

May 25th, 1959

Gentlemen:

Last night you showed Marmaduke wearing a straw hat. Don't you realize that this sort of thing can ruin the felt hat industry?

Television is a vital force in today's community. When are you people going to wake up to your responsibilities? Cordially,

President,

Fearless Felt Hat M'f'g Co.

GREEK CONSULATE Washington, D. C.

Έφημερίδες της Δυτικής Εύρωπς υπογραμμιξουν Dear Ιδιαιτέρως: σημερον, ότι ή Σοδιετική εκδοχή της έν Μόσχα λογομαχίας "- English is Greek to me!" μεταεύ τοῦ Αντιπροέδρου τῶν morons! Ἡνωμένων Πολιτειῶν καὶ του πρωθυπυρ dumbkopfs! Δὲν να διστασω να επαναρχίσω τον αγώνα big low-suit! Sincerely Wours

Consul General

dince your program is watched by millions of youngsters allower the country, the use of suggestive material is uncalled for and your ventriloquists referrence renforgivable. to somany knights (sie nights) during the dark ages is an obvious, and deliberate attempt to inject sex into a family scious excuse. enough to throw good taste to the winds? of this practice continues, of well forbid mychildren to watch your profram! and my grandchildren too!

Shocked Varent

Dege MARMADYKE AND SO MR MURPHY-YOUR SHOW STINKS. OKAY MAYDE FOR A THREE OR FOUS XCAS OLD BUT NOT FOA BIG KIDS Like Me im Five SINSERELY YOURS JIMMY AXOLOTL

may 25, 1959

Im getting sick and tired of the way you people always make cats the butt of your jokes. Why did the man have to spell CAT? why not DOG or CHIPMUNK OL AARDVAARK? Speaking for thousands of cat lovers, this sort of treatment must stop! I am throwing away my TV Set.

disgustedly Elvira Tuttle

Gentlemen Despute the fact that we work long hours, and are extremely undersead teachers here in america are still maligned and insulted at every turn

your show last night gave the impression that all we do no yoke and ked around with our pupils

you would have done better to show how difficult our not is, trying to teach children in overgrowing

classrooms with limited facilities. The future of America lies with our young people, and the future of our young people his with their

Our responsibilities are great ! teachero and so are yours! Lets have mo more of the -cludiquant Jeacher

May 25, 1950 Lear Sir. el am a teen ager. a deliberate dap at teenagers. Why loes everyone with on teem agers? school and report cards and stuff, What's funny about school and report you probably hate rock and roll, too! and Fabian Everybody is against us teenagers! wait till we take over!

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

RS:ek

DL -- 5-25-59 -- 10 PM

STRONGLY PROTEST BARBARIC MIS-USE OF PAST PARTICIPLE AND SUBJUNCTIVE CLAUSE IN LAST NIGHT'S SHOW (EXCLA-MATION POINT) HAVE YOU PEOPLE NO SENSE OF SHAME (QUESTION MARK) SIGNED: J.J. WATKINS, PRES. ENGLISH LANGUAGE SOCIETY

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

May 25th, 1959

-9M.B.

On behalf of our membership, I hereby protest your reference in last night's television program to the killing of flies. How long, sirs, must this wanton disregard for insect life continue? Will the senseless slaughter never cease? The fly, I admit, is not without its faults-but let us try to remember that it is still one of Nature's creatures. If more of us tried to see things from the fly's point of view, what a happier, kindlier place our world would be. This applies to the entire genus "Diptera," including gnats, fleas and mosquitos.

Respectfully, RODNEY MUDGE Secretary

S.P.H.A.

Society for the Preservation of Historic Accuracy

May 25th, 1959

Dear Sirs:-Contrary to the statement on your television program, the Dark Ages did not extend from 400 A.D. to 1200 A.D. Scholars generally agree that the Dark (or Middle) Ages may be said to commence with the fall of the Western Roman Empire, in 476, and terminate with the discovery of America by Columbus in 1492. No doubt you will be anxious to correct this grievous error immediately.

We suggest a complete and frank statement by the President of your Company, to be made on a combined international, multi-channel network. Hoping we will not be compelled to take further steps, I am, Sincerely,

J. Finchley Doob Associate Director

this great big grand and glouous country of ours when television comedians stoop of our when rearraion comeagan stook so low as to make funct of our quat big gland and glorious flag quat big in which your ventuloquat called our flama called our flying colors "flying crullers"!
Have you chicked this commus past affiliations? - Proud American

what have you guys got against the Cooks

and Bakers Union, anyway?

What are you - a bunch

alecs pardup member of Local 842

of anti-labor smart

gentlemen.

gv:svr

Protective Association National Cabbage Growers

Dear Sirs: The use of the phrase "cabbage-25 May, 1959 head" is an uncalled-for slur. For your information, the cabbage has served long and well in building healthy bodies and helping to keep our nation strong. It is regretable that you must look for socalled "laughs" at the expense of an innocent and harmless vegetable. Our organization feels that a retraction is in order.

Very truly yours,

Gertrude Vetch, Director

Gentlemen-The dummy on your TV show looks exactly like my daughter, Henrietta Unless you apologize publicly I will turn this matter over to my lawyers.
sincerely,
albert Furd

SO, AFTER A WHILE, WHEN THE SHOW WAS DUE FOR A RE-RUN, THE NETWORK DECIDED TO PLAY IT SAFE

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THEY CUT
OUT EVERYTHING
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OF A CONTROVERSIAL
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AND IT
WORKED FINE,
BECAUSE ONLY ONE
LETTER OF PROTEST
TURNED UP THE
FOLLOWING
DAY

NBC

30 Rockefeller Plaza New York 20, N. Y.

August 24, 1959

Dear Murphy and Marmaduke:-

As per our option clause (Para. 71, Lines 181-3), your contract with this network is hereby cancelled.

The Trendex rating on last night's show was terrible. It is obvious that your popularity has waned. Something seemed to be lacking in your performance. You just weren't your "old selves" on last night's show. Therefore, we feel that the only solution is to drop your program.

Robert Sarnoff

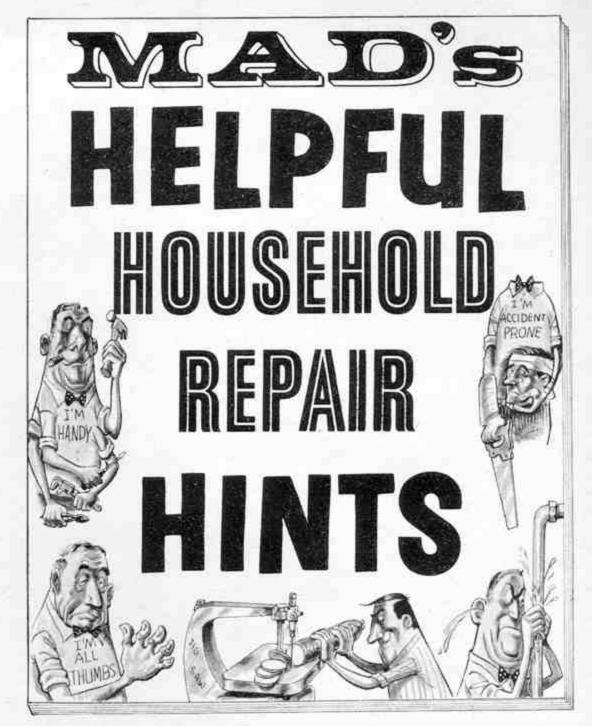
Sincerely yours,

Murph, I don't know what to say I simply count understand what hoppened. Certainly, out no foult of ours here at the network. It's no foult of ours here at the network. HI I can say is, oh well—that's show fig.

BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

With about 50% of the population owning their own homes (in partnership with some banks), and with the cost of labor and materials sky high, the "home repair" problem has become a gigantic one. The tendency these days is to "do it yourself and save!" So we prepared the following article to help the situation. Mainly, you may not want to try it once you read...





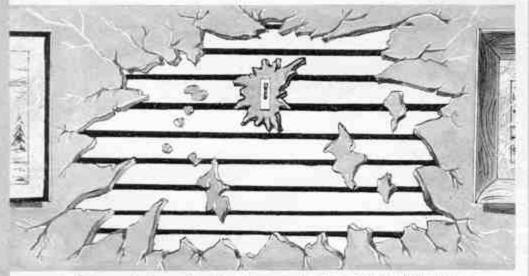
WRITER & ARTIST: DAVID BERG

HOW TO FASTEN OBJECTS TO WALLS

(WITHOUT CRACKING THE PLASTER)



To fasten object to wall without cracking plaster, place adhesive or cellophane tape over spot where nail is to go.

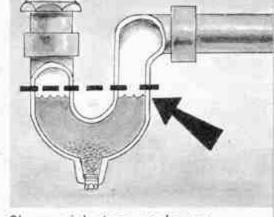


Drive nail through adhesive or cellophane tape. Note how tape prevents plaster from cracking directly beneath it.

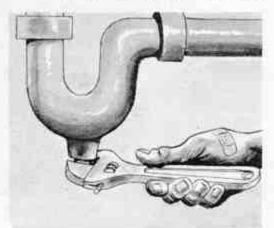
HOW TO CLEAR CLOGGED SINK DRAIN



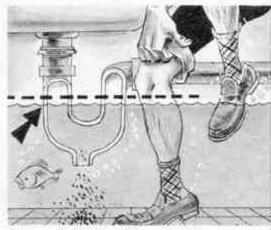
If chemicals, snake, or the plumber's friend fails to unclog sink drain, trouble is usually in the sink trap.



Clever sink trap works on principle that water seeks its own level, preventing odors from entering kitchen.



However, "U" shape tends to collect dirt, which blocks drainage. Use a wrench to remove plug at base of trap.



Dirt will be released. Also odors. Also plenty of water, and you'll see clearly how water seeks its own level.

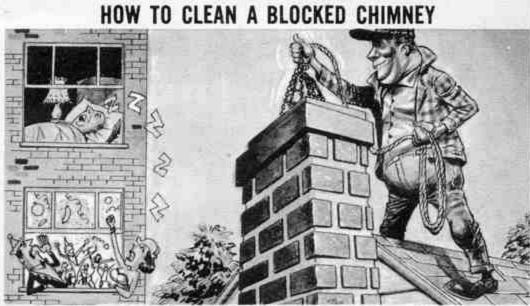
HOW TO REPAIR A DEFECTIVE LAMP



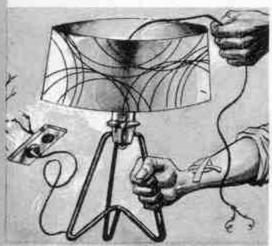
(1) An ordinary lamp socket is easily removed from its shell by depressing side of cap gently, and pulling up.



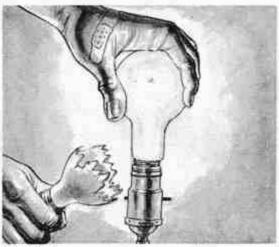
(2) Check for loose wires. If none, socket is probably defective. Remove it, and replace with a new socket.



Tie weighted bag or tire chains to end of rope and lower into chimney. Shake the rope gently, hauling up and down.



(3) If lamp still does not work, the wire is probably defective. Remove it, and replace it with a new wire.



(4) If lamp still does not work, check if bulb's burnt out. That's usually what's wrong in the first place!

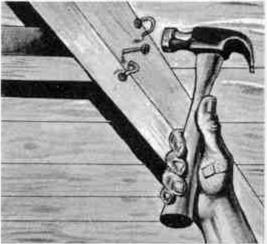


This will effectively loosen dirt, soot, and those other obstructions that may have been blocking up your chimney.

HOW TO ELIMINATE A SQUEAKY FLOOR



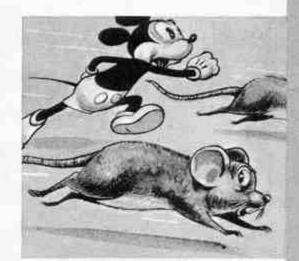
Locate squeaky area and drive wedges between floor joists and all loose boards.



Drive finishing nails into 2 x 4 below, through squeaking boards, at sharp angle.



Nail length of 2 x 4 firmly against underside of floor boards in the squeaky area.



Squeaking will stop because all that pounding frightens off mice living under floor.

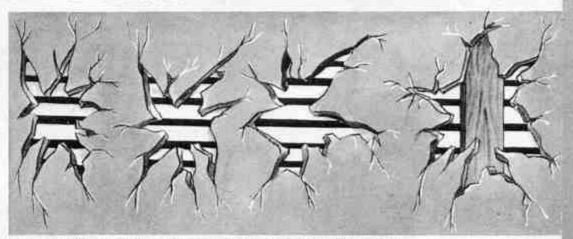
HOW TO LOCATE A STUD BEHIND A WALL



To locate a wall stud, pad head of hammer with cloth.



Begin tapping along a wall, listening closely to sound.

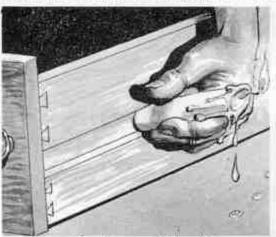


Spaces between studs emit hollow booming sound. When you hear dull muffled sound, you've finally located the stud.

HOW TO REPAIR A DRAWER THAT WON'T SLIDE OPEN EASILY



A stubborn sticking drawer many need sanding. If this does not cure trouble, all joints should be re-glued.



If drawer still sticks, see if bottom has slipped from grooves. Replace, and rub paraffin on sliding parts.



If drawer still won't slide open easily, try throwing out all the extra clothes and junk you've gathered in it over the years. You'll see how smoothly it'll work after that!

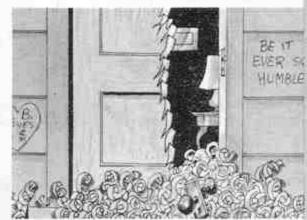
HOW TO RELEASE A STICKING DOOR



If prolonged periods of rain or damp weather cause a door to stick so bad it can't be opened, here's what to do:



Wedge door in open position and use a plane to shave down excess wood. Make sure you shave enough to release door.

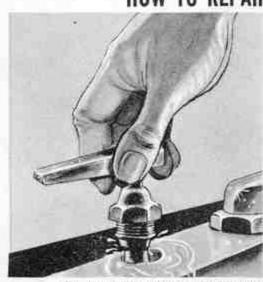


If shaved enough, door won't stick any more. If shaved too much, door won't even have to be opened any more.

HOW TO REPAIR A LEAKY FAUCET



(1) Loosen and unscrew nut located under faucet handle.



(2) Remove faucet assembly by turning counterclockwise.



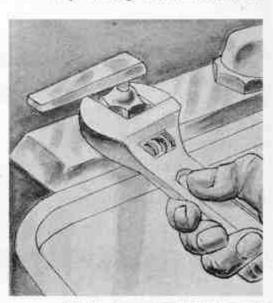
(3) Take out worn washer by removing screw securing it.



(4) Replace old washer with new one. Replace old screw.



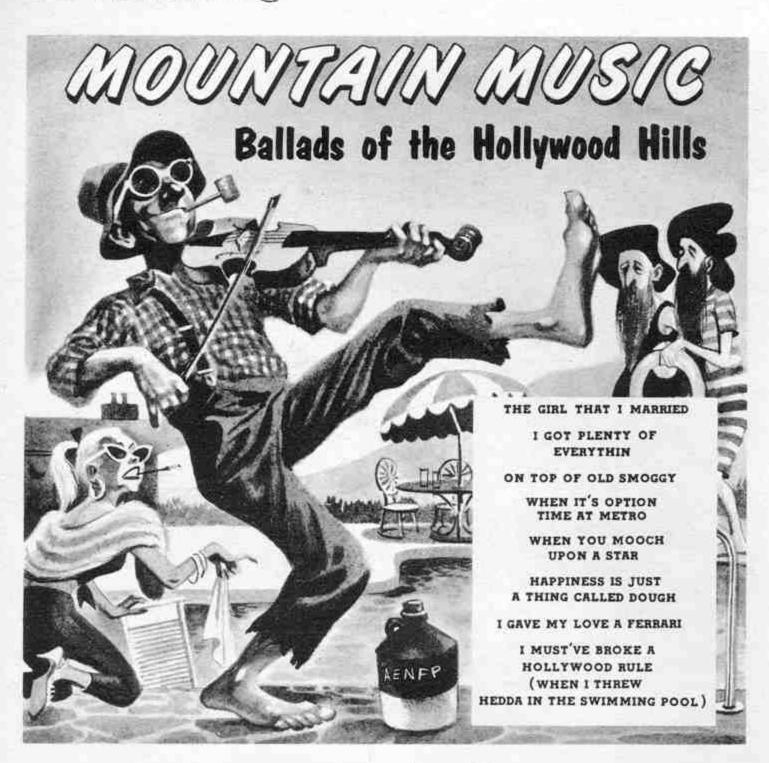
(5) Replace faucet assembly by turning unit clockwise.



(6) Rescrew and tighten nut located under faucet handle.



Oh, yes! We forgot to tell you! Make sure that you shut off the water first, before you start fooling around!



TURKEYS IN THE CRAW DEPT.

The sudden renewed inte the United States has too by singers and recording co long-forgotten songs and b look an easy chance to ma offers the following recor folk songs, which we stole fr All kidding aside, gang, w after scouring the Hinter on the spot where Mr. His wrote them!) Here, then, is

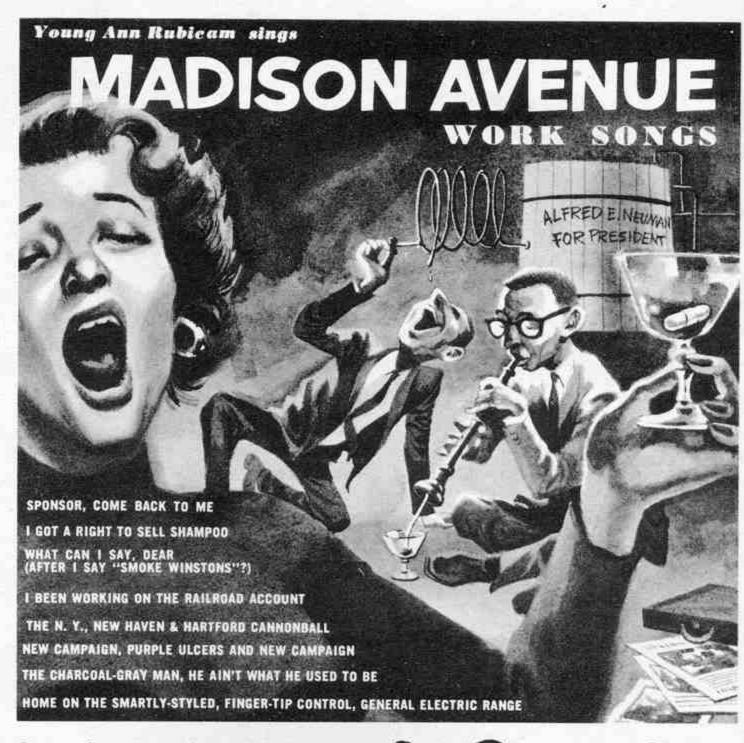
ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

MAD'S MODERN





rest in folk music here in ched off a frantic search impanies for more of these allads. Never ones to overake a fast buck, MAD now d albums of authentic old om some authentic old folks. The found these folk songs ands. (We just happened inter buried them after he a genuine, collection of . . .



WRITER: TOM KOCH

FOLK MUSIC

AUTHENTIC MIDWESTERN Truck Driver Songs

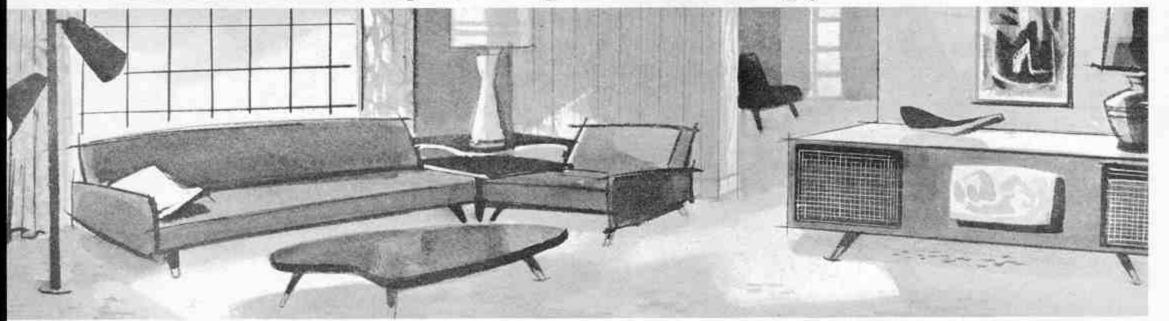




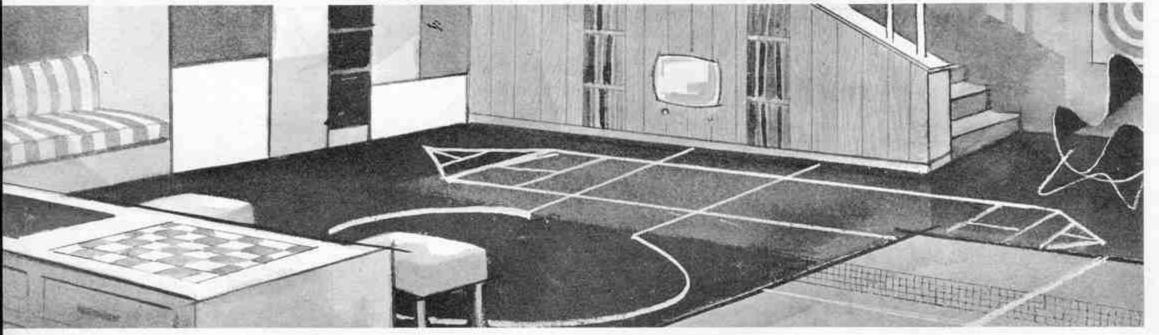


All the while the Smedleys skimped and saved, they planned their spacious

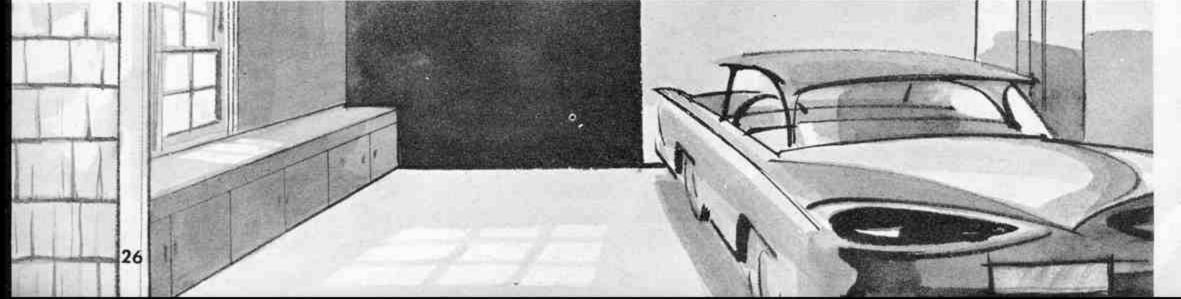
THE LIVING ROOM . . . A spacious arrangement for entertaining guests in relaxed, open comfort.



THE FAMILY ROOM ... A playroom-den with a designated place for every imaginable toy and game.



THE GARAGE . . . A sizeable enclosure for a car, plus storage space for gardening implements.

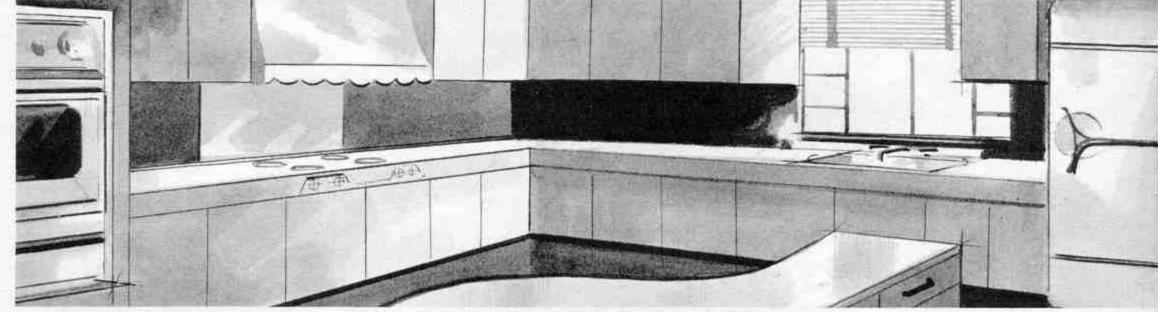


family living in a tiny, overcrowded apartment (at left)

This is the story of the "Smedleys," a typical American dreaming of the day they could save enough money to buy a home of their own . . . a dream home with plenty of . . .

Dream House. And here's how it shaped up in the Architect's drawings . . .

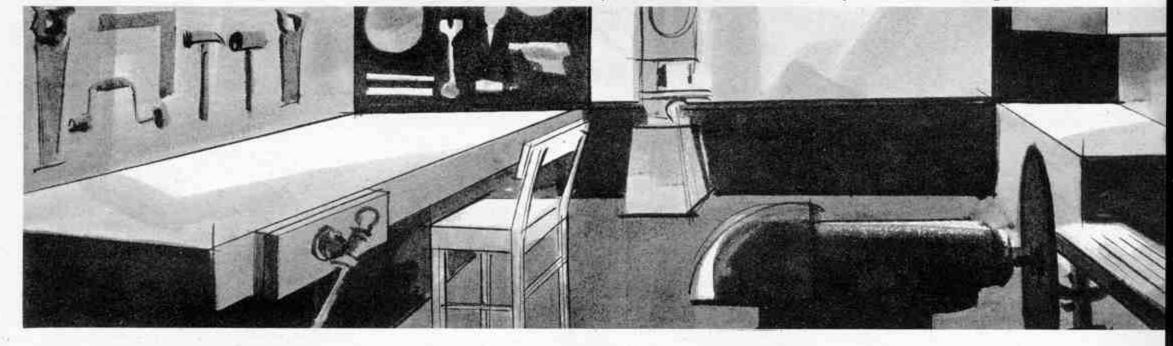
THE KITCHEN . . . A carefully-planned layout, including roomy work-areas, ample cabinet space.



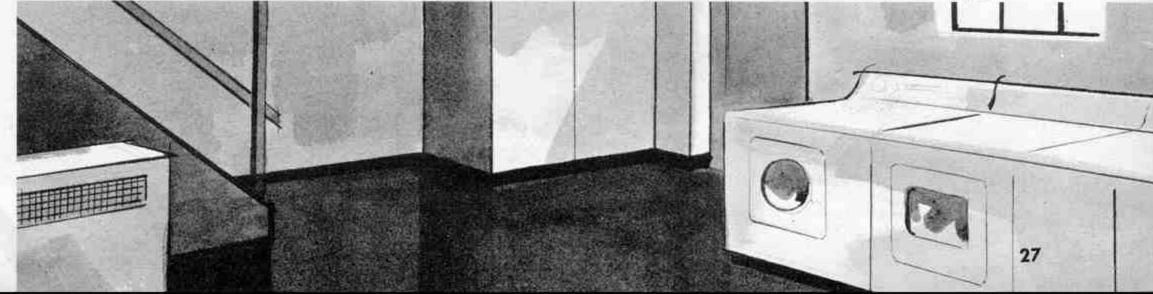
ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

WRITER: AL JAFFEE

THE WORKSHOP . . . A large, well-equipped "do-it-yourself" unit for every conceivable project.



THE BASEMENT . . . Extensive areas for an efficient home laundry and other modern appliances.



THE SMEDLEYS FINALLY BUILT THEIR DREAM HOUSE, AND MOVED IN. NOW, IT'S A

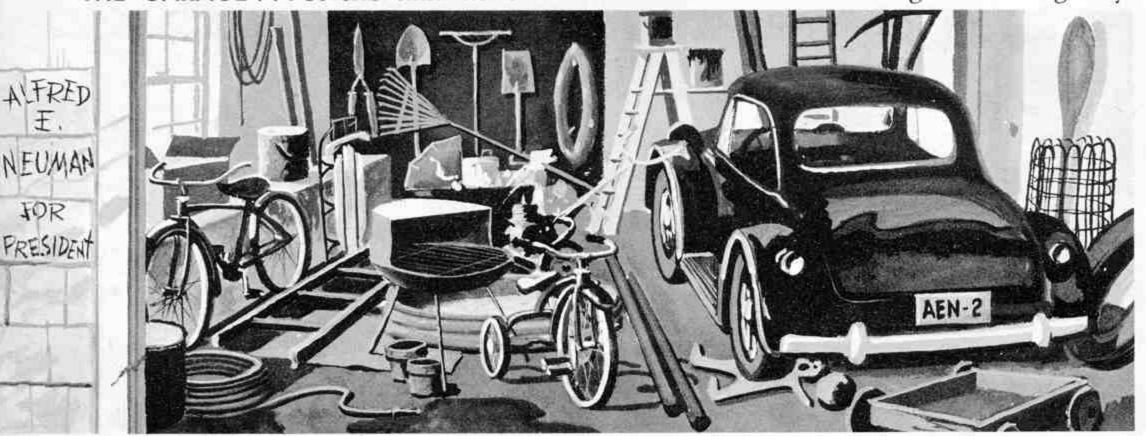
THE LIVING ROOM . . . They've furnished it to the fullest with a collection of fake antiques.



THE FAMILY ROOM . . . It's next to impossible to get the kids to put them toys and games back.



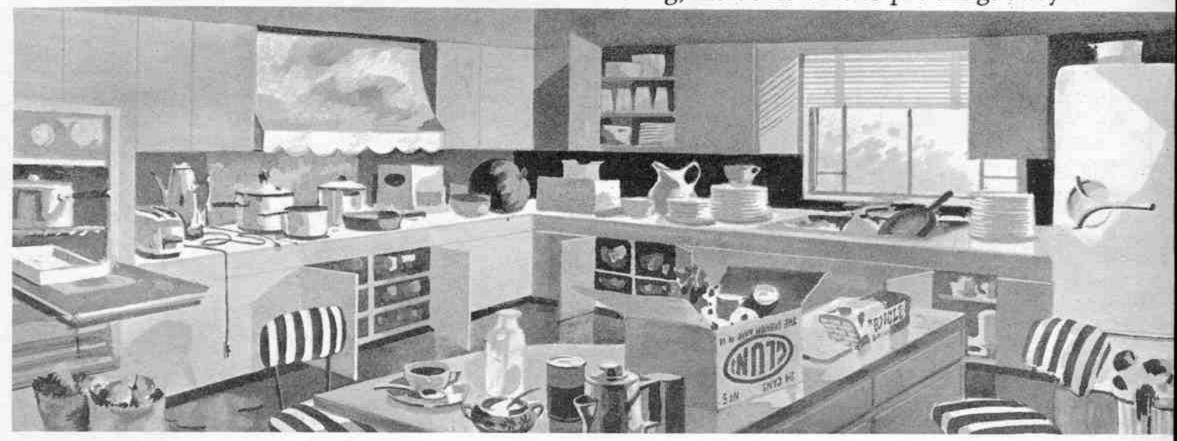
THE GARAGE . . . Several extra items have to be stored that weren't figured on originally.



IN OTHER WORDS, LIVING SPACE IS SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE TEND TO FILL UP AS

FEW YEARS LATER! LET'S SEE HOW THEY'RE ENJOYING ALL THAT LIVING SPACE...

THE KITCHEN . . . With rushed meals and coffee-klatching, there's no time to put things away.



THE WORKSHOP . . . When it comes to "do-it-yourself", Pop has no time to "clean-it-himself".



THE BASEMENT . . . Since there's no living space in the rest of the house, Mom relaxes here.



CASH 'N CAROL DEPT.

Every year about this time, the song writers in Tin Pan Alley come up with a brand new bunch of Christmas songs. Most of these songs are heard a few hundred times, and then they're never heard of again. And there's a good reason for this. Mainly, they're lousy! The other day, we were walking behind a famous song publisher when he happened to drop a package. We picked it up, opened it, and found . . . you guessed it . . . dirty laundry! But on the outside wrapping were scribbled the lyrics to these . . .

SURE-FIRE 1959 Christmas Songs



ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

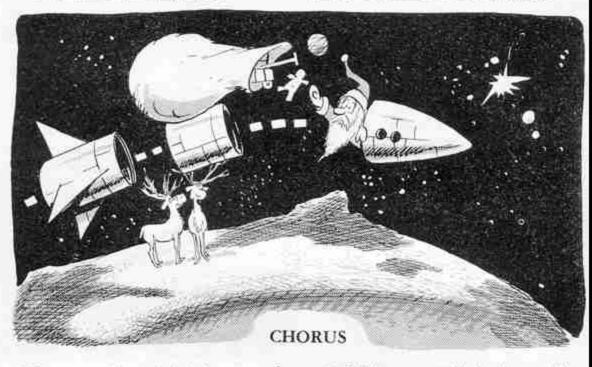
WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

Here Comes Santa in his 3-Stage Rocket!

(Through The Troposphere)

VERSE

You can talk of all your missiles Like the Jupiter and Thor, Like the Atlas and the Titan And so many, many more; But on Christmas Eve there's gonna Be an awful big surprise; 'Cause that's when "The Santa Rocket" Will be zooming through the skies!



Here comes Santa in his 3-stage rocket Through the troposphere! It goes so fast you can hardly clock it; No more slow reindeer! So, kids, you needn't bother waiting For St. Nick tonight! He went so fast, he's now rotating As a SANTALLITE!



The Things I Love at Christmas

The cards that come unsigned; The ads that rot my mind; The string of lights that blows the cellar fuse;

The gifts that come to me Delivered C.O.D.; These are the things I love at Christmas!

The mobbed department stores, With small revolving doors That give my eye its yearly purple bruise;

The wrappings that come loose; The lamp made from a moose; These are the things I love at Christmas!

That pair of yellow hose, dear;
Those green and scarlet ties;
And all those other clothes, dear,
That somehow miss my size!
The eighty times they play
"White Christmas" every day;
That feeling of good will
I always lose;

The savings that are gone Because we're overdrawn: These are the things I love at Christmas!



Christmas in Biloxi

VERSE Don't make me go To Kokomo, Seattle, Troy, or Boston! Don't send me back To Fond du Lac. Duluth, Cheyenne, or Austin! Don't steer me down To Allentown, Des Moines, Detroit, or Asheville! Don't point the way To San José. Columbus, Butte, or Nashville! I want to spend my Christmas where There's Cornpone, Grits and Moxie; So put me on that Dixie plane And fly me to Biloxi!

CHORUS

Christmas in Biloxi, With fritters toastin', And possums roastin', For you I care!

Christmas in Biloxi, With turnips fryin', And buzzards flyin', All through the air!

I choke up deep inside when I extoll yuh! I'd cut off my right arm for some magnolia!

Christmas in Biloxi Corn likker yeastin', Boll weevils feastin', Take me back there!

The Christmas Mambo



Pick up a wreath
(Cha cha cha)
With your front teeth
(Cha cha cha)
And you're doing
(Cha cha cha)
The Christmas Mambo!

Mix an Eggnog
(Cha cha cha)
With the Yule Log
(Cha cha cha)
And you're doing
(Cha cha cha)
The Christmas Mambo!

It's easy,
Exciting,
And exotic!
(Cha cha cha)
You're looking
Extremely
Idiotic!
(Cha cha cha)

Now look at me
(Cha cha cha)
Knock down the tree
(Cha cha cha)
Because I did
(Tch tch tch)
The Christmas Mambol



The Santa Rock

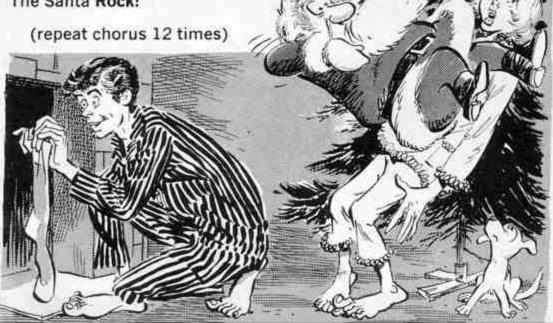
VERSE

On Christmas Eve, 'round twelve o'clock, St. Nick, he's gonna hit our block! So honey, let's hang up that sock—And rock!

That jolly gent will have a rack
Of platters in his great big sack;
He'll slide right down our chimney stack—
And rock!

CHORUS

Oh, yes, we'll rock, Santa, rock! Oh, yes, we'll rock, Santa, rock! We're gonna rock, Santa, rock! We're gonna rock— The Santa Rock!



Santa Is Caught In Our Chimney!



Oh, goodness! Oh, gracious! Oh, golly! Oh, gee! I wonder what all the commotion can be! Someone is shouting and cursing at me! Why, Santa is caught in our chimney!

He's sweating and fuming and screaming out loud! And soon he will gather a very big crowd! Such terrible language should not be allowed! Why, Santa is caught in our chimney!

His coat is all dirty and covered with dust! He's coughing and choking and full of disgust! I think his suspenders are starting to bust! Why, Santa is caught in our chimney!

I fear that his temper is starting to show! His nose is all red and his cheeks are aglow! Perhaps I should put out the fire below! Cause Santa is caught in our chimney!

DOUBLE-CROSS EXPOSURE DEPT.

As far back as we can remember (meaning last week, which is as far back as we can remember), magazines, newspapers, and television have been using "Before" and "After" advertising. These are ads where they show a picture of some clod before using a product, and the same clod after using the product. Usually, the after picture is so phonied up, and the changes are so fantastic, that there's really no connection with the before picture they started with. So—because we hate leaving ill-enough alone—we hired a private eye, dressed him in an Ivy League suit, and turned him loose on Madison Avenue. And now, MAD presents the results of his investigation—documentary proof—our unvarnished, unbelievable, and absolutely unnecessary report which reveals...

THE TRUTH ABOUT "BEFORE" AND "AFTER" ADS





THE REDUCING

TYPICAL "BEFORE" PICTURE



"BEFORE" photo shows frowsy woman weighing 369 lbs. standing before share-cropper's shack located in poorer section of city garbage dump. Besides being overweight, she suffers from acne, baldness, and taking fuzzy pictures.

THE SLEEPING TYPICAL "BEFORE" PICTURE



"BEFORE" scene shows baggy-eyed man tossing sleeplessly on rickety bed. His pajamas are wrinkled, the sheets are torn and dirty, and the room furniture is old and dingy. It looks like this guy hasn't slept in two or three years.

COURSE AD

TYPICAL "AFTER" PICTURE



"AFTER" photo shows same woman slimmed down to 118 lbs. Potato sack has turned into Dior original, and she's not only lost her weight, she's lost her address. Now stands before \$50,000 house with swimming pool and Cadillac.

ARTIST: WALLACE WOOD

MAD REAL "AFTER PICTURE"



REAL "AFTER" photo from MAD's file shows woman lost exactly 8 lbs. This just makes potato sack look baggier. Only other change is that share-cropper's shack has begun settling into ooze. So is woman. She's still pretty hefty.

PILL AD

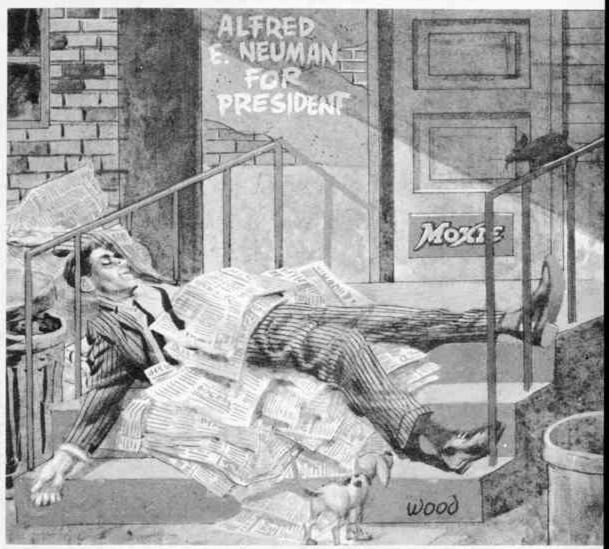
TYPICAL "AFTER" PICTURE



"AFTER" scene shows same man sleeping soundly. He now wears silk pajamas, bed has contour sheets, and room is refurnished in Swedish Modern. Sleeping pills' secret ingredient, "pancake make-up", has erased bags under eyes.

MAD REAL "AFTER PICTURE"

WRITER: SY REIT



REAL "AFTER" scene from MAD's file shows that sleeping pills actually do work. Man fell fast asleep, missed work, got fired, lost mortgaged home, was divorced by his wife, and now spends life sleeping in skid row doorways.

THE HOME PERMANENT AD

TYPICAL "BEFORE" PICTURE



"BEFORE" picture shows seedy-looking girl wearing seedy-looking dress attending dance in seedy-looking school gym. Friends group around, laughing and jeering at her because she's got drab, lifeless hair. She's miserable and unhappy.

TYPICAL "AFTER" PICTURE



"AFTER" picture shows same girl at next dance with her new home permanent. She's now a social success. In fact, she's now Queen of England. Gym resembles Westminster Abbey. Friends, led by Sal Mineo, all kneel at her feet.

THE EYE MAKE-UP AD

TYPICAL "BEFORE" PICTURE



"BEFORE" shot shows girl in rags scowling in mirror. She suffers from "no eye make-upitis". The symptoms are obvious. She has wrinkled eyes. She also has a wrinkled forehead, a wrinkled nose, and mainly wrinkled teeth.

TYPICAL "AFTER" PICTURE



"AFTER" shot shows amazing results of eye make-up. Girl has turned into fashion model. Mirror has turned into ships porthole. Mop has turned into Ricky Nelson. Guy who makes eye make-up has turned into millionaire.

MAD REAL "AFTER PICTURE"



REAL "AFTER" picture, from MAD file, shows that home permanents really work. Girl now has beautiful hair. But friends still group around, laughing and jeering at her because now she's got dishpan hands from taking too many.

MAD REAL "AFTER PICTURE"



REAL "AFTER" shot indicates application of eye makeup has indeed caused change. Girl is still miserable but now sports two beautiful shiners given to her by an older sister, whose mascara and eye make-up she swiped.

THE TOOTHPASTE AD TYPICAL "BEFORE" PICTURE



"BEFORE" scene shows shabby bum who obviously needs a job. Also a bath. Man is suffering from unsightly teeth. Man is also suffering from strange disease which causes concentric rings to emanate from his mouth as he breathes.

TYPICAL "AFTER" PICTURE



"AFTER" scene shows results of single brushing. Teeth sparkle. Man has new suit of clothes, and new job as top State Dept. official, as mouth rings are gone, and protective shield covers teeth, keeping him from talking sense.

MAD REAL "AFTER PICTURE"

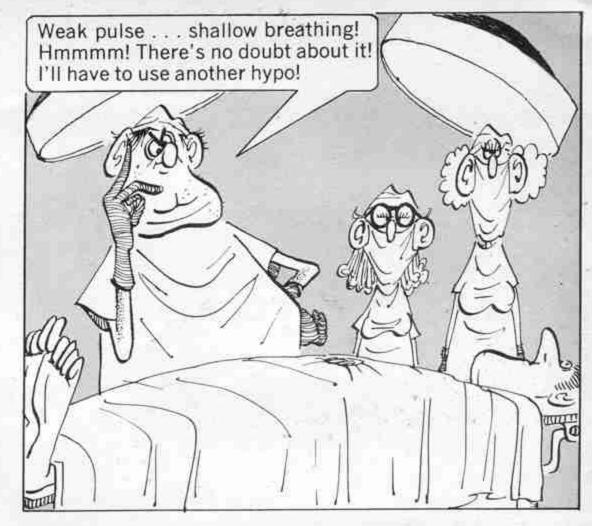


REAL "AFTER" scene from MAD file shows that invisible protective shield really prevents decay. It also prevents food from entering mouth, so man starves to point where he ends up as "before" in "I was a 97 pound weakling!" ad.

DON MARTIN DEPT. PART II

After Don Martin walked out on "The Brain Operation" (pg. 15), he found it increasingly difficult to keep from blowing his top . . . mainly because it wasn't nailed down! So it didn't take long before he found himself back . . .

IN SURGERY











35mm HISTRIONICS DEPT.

The other day, we went to see a movie called "John Paul Jones." Yeccchh! Did you ever notice how, in historical films, short homely American heroes are always played by tall handsome actors? How historical figures who never met are close friends? How the actors playing these historical figures do nothing but run around shouting famous slogans? How they show up at events

often confused? We got to wondering about the psychology and motivation behind Hollywood historical movies. So we asked our good friend, producer Darryl F. Sfortz, to give us a private screening of his latest historical film, fogether with his private analysis. Come along with us now as . . .

MAD GOES TO A HISTORICAL MOVIE PREVIEW

ARTIST: JOE ORLANDO

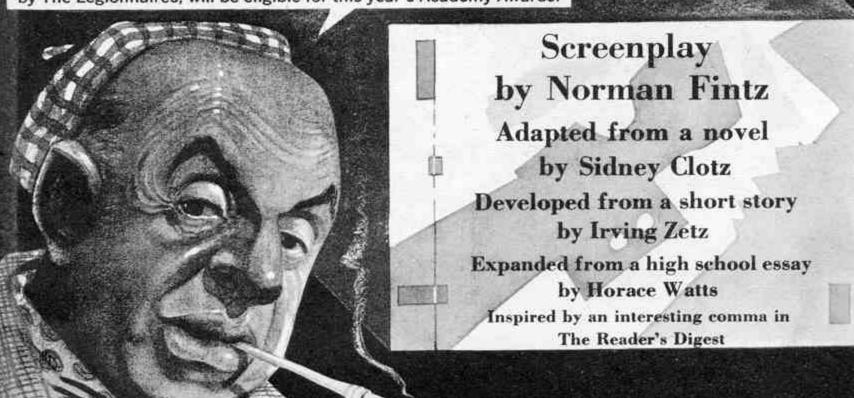
WRITER: LARRY SIEGEL

All right, Melvin ... Roll it!

As you can see, we've titled this film, "George Washington Strikes Back!" We used this title because it's catchy, historical, sure-fire box office, and mainly because the picture's about James Buchanan, who few people know or care about!

GEORGE WASHINGTON STRIKES BACK!

Originally, we planned to release this film on July 4, 1960, but we have pushed the date up to Dec. 31, 1959. This was done so that the American public can see this important picture as soon as possible. Also, so the patriotic song, "Yankee Doodle, How I Love Ya," sung by The Legionnaires, will be eligible for this year's Academy Awards!



Yankee Doodle, how I love ya!
Yankee Doodle, you're my joy!
Yankee Doodle, I think of ya!
Yankee Doodle, you're my boy!
Yankee Doodle, I keep singing!
Patriotic-ly, I shout:
Yankee Doodle, how I love ya!
Till the opening credits
All run
Out!



All historical films must have an acknowledgment at the beginning. It looks impressive, adds prestige, and covers up the fact that we really got our historical data from bubble gum cards and back issues of "History Comics!"

We open the picture with James Buchanan as a boy. As you can see, he's wearing rags. In all historical films, for dramatic purposes, the hero must start off as a poor boy—even if he were really rich!

WE WISH TO THANK THE U.S. ARMY, THE U.S. NAVY, THE PRESIDENT, THE SECY. OF STATE, REAR ADM. WILLIAM ABISCH, THE JERSEY CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF MISS ZINN'S HISTORY CLASS AT POTRZEBIE HIGH SCHOOL EXCEPT SEYMOUR GETZOFF, WHO WAS ABSENT, FOR THEIR INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE IN THE FILMING OF THIS MOTION PICTURE.



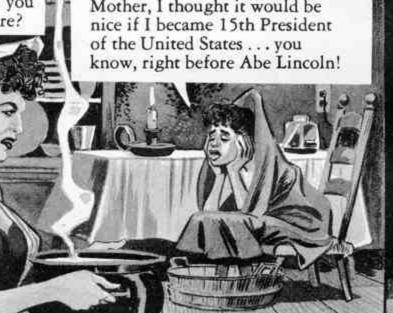
Notice how subtly we worked that in? That, of course, is the pivotal point of the film. And immediately, the tension is heightened. But it's still early in the picture, so our hero must continue to be discouraged, even by his kindly and understanding mother . . .

James, what is this wonderful dream you have for the future?

Well, kindly and understanding Mother, I thought it would be nice if I became 15th President of the United States . . . you know, right before Abe Lincoln!

In all historical films, our hero always has a

wonderful dream for the future. He also always



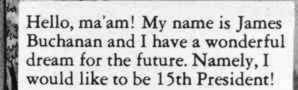
I'll "15th President" you!
Better you should do something worthwhile . . . like

But kindly and understanding mother . . . Spencer Tracy did that in "Edison The Man!"



Now, here's the big scene where young James meets pretty Daisy DuPont, his bride-to-be. Actually, there never was a Daisy DuPont. In fact, Buchanan never married. We threw her in for historical reasons. So we could get sexy shots for our newspaper ads!

So much for James Buchanan's boyhood. And about time, too! It took a month to film, and our No. 1 box office star: tall, handsome Lance Boyle, who plays Buchanan as a man, collected \$5000 a week for doing nothing. Lance, as you know, is a perfect choice for James Buchanan as a man—mainly because he doesn't look anything like him! You may recall that Lance played Napoleon, Caesar, Nostradamus, Sun Yat-Sen, Betsy Ross, and Abe Lincoln. Matter of fact, he wore his Lincoln makeup for this film. All we did was remove the high hat, mole and beard!



How nice! I'm inviting some important people to a ball at my house tonight who might be able to help you. Why not come as my guest? My address is 732 Elm Street, here in Philadelphia!







In historical films, you must bring in historical events whenever you can. But you must do it subtly, so the audience doesn't expect it. Like this, for example:



Life, Look.

something

like that!

Common Sense

And now for the dramatic historic meeting between James Buchanan and John Paul Jones, which should really cause quite a stir among the movie-going public. Mainly because Jones died when Buchanan was one year old!

call this magazine

of yours, Tom Paine?

Now watch how cleverly we work up to a dandy action-type climax in what ordinarily could have been a very dull historical film.

give me death!



Matter of fact, Buchanan, there's a peach of a sea battle coming up tomorrow between my ship, the Bon Homme Richard, and the English ship, Serapis. Why not join me on board? You will be able to hear me shout my famous slogan!

Mr. Henry?

Well, I did plan on becoming 15th President, but I suppose that can wait a few days. Besides, this sounds more exciting!



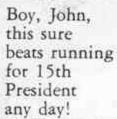
Say it

Joe .

ain't so.



Now for the thrilling climax! Watch it carefully, and enjoy it. Meanwhile, I've got to leave. We're starting to film "Son of George Washington" this afternoon. As you know, it's the thrilling story of the life of Calvin Coolidge! So, goodbye! And . . . oh, yes . . . make sure that you put out the lights when you leave . .



I'm glad you like it, James! And just wait until that British officer asks me if I have yet begun to fight! I've got a slogan in my pocket here that's a beauty! Oh-Oh! Here comes the Serapis now . . .



Ahoy aboard the Bon Homme Richard! Captain John Paul Jones! Have you yet begun to fight? Did you hear that, John! Now's your chance to use that slogan!

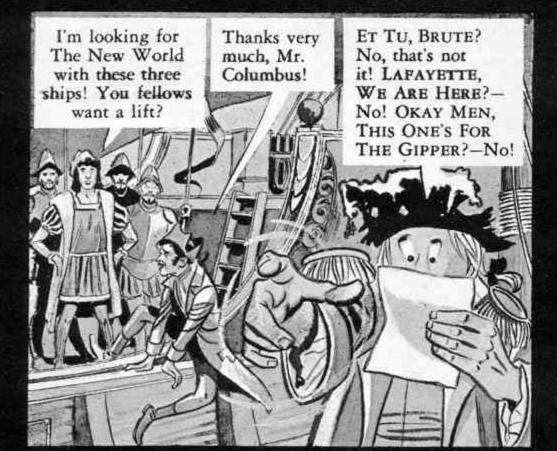
Hmmm! I was sure I had that slogan here someplace! Or did I leave it in my other uniform?





All right! Here's another piece of paper! You ask me if I have yet begun to fight, Sir, and I say . . . YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER, BUT YOU CANNOT . . . Ooops! That's another letter from Ben! How about TIPPECANOE AND TYLER TOO! No, that isn't it either!









SO THEN THESE CLOWNS CAME OUT WITH THE "DOUBLE FILTER!" THE EXTRA FILTER WAS SUPPOSED TO KEEP THE HARMFUL INGREDIENTS FROM REACHING THE ORIGINAL FILTER!

We picked up an early edition of our daily paper a few weeks back, and were shocked to read that the Queen Elizabeth had been in one heck of a big collision with another ship. However, when we read a later edition of the same paper, we noted a change in the story. Mainly, it wasn't such a heckuva big collision after all! In fact, it was not much more than a paint scratch! Which got us pretty sore! Not about the collision. About the fact that newspapers sure change news from one edition to the next! F'rinstance, here is a typical newspaper's early edition, which is called



★ FIRST EDITION ★



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MASS SLAYER, 8 OTHERS ESCAPE SING SING





Convicted mass-murderer, Mike Mosholu (above) and 8 other kill-crazy prisoners broke out of Sing Sing Prison today. The dangerous men were reported to have made their escape in a departing garbage truck. Mosholu is believed to be the gang leader.

TYCOON'S SON MISSING: KIDNAPPING IS FEARED

By Hermione Zitzlaff (Daily Splash Correspondent) FLYSCRATCH, Tenn., Nov. 2-Little Melvin Sternwallow, son of millionaire, Elihu Sternwallow, is missing and presumed kid-napped. The boy has not been seen since early yester-

Melvin's distraught parents told this reporter that the boy left the house yesterday to see some friends. A neighbor, Miss Sophie Frimp, revealed today that she'd noticed a mysterious man in a black jacket loitering near the Sternwallow mansion yesterday. Police working on the case were given an accurate description by Miss Frimp. So far, this is the only important clue turned up in the investigation.

Melvin is the sole heir to the Sternwallow fortune. His father, known as the "Cut-Rate King," is owner of see factories manu-

facturing war-surplus items, including the famous "Vee-blefetzer."

Police believe that the family's wealth may have been an important factor behind the kidnapping. However, no ransom notes have as yet been received.

Dinner to Honor Daily SPLASH Staff

The reporters, correspondents, and editorial staff of The DAILY SLASH will be honored tonight at a special dinner to be given by the publisher, Otto Culpepper. The staff will be cited for its excellent coverage of local, national and international news.

Special mention will be made of the many exclusive news stories gathered by The SPLASH reporters and correspondents throughout the years.

CAIRO DESTROYED BY ATOMIC ATTACK!

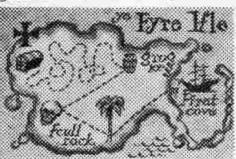
BULLETIN (Special to The Daily Splash) Cairo, the capital of Egypt and one of the world's great cities, lies in ruins today. A report received in The Daily Splash newsroom indicates that a tremendous blast has wiped this ancient city off the face of the map.

GOLD DISCOVERED

By Monroe Pippit
(Daily Splash Correspondent) HOGSHEAD, Ariz. Nov. 1-Gold was discovered near Hogshead today, in an old abandoned mine long believed played out. A huge nugget, part of a rich lode, was spotted early this morning by Hiram Filbrick, who

owns a farm nearby. Although early reports supply little information, it is believed that the rich gold strike will bring thousands of prospectors into the area. A reliable source states that the newly discovered vein may stretch for miles.

As a result of his discovery, Filbrick will probably become one of the richest men in the state. At today's prices, an ounce of pure gold is worth about \$35.00.



Site of big Arizona gold strike

According to a reliable source, an atomic bomb was the probable cause of the destruction. It is not known as yet who was responsible for the bombing, or the reasons behind it.

In Washington, U.S. officials were expected to issue statements regarding the bombing at any moment. Forthcoming announcements are also expected from Moscow, London, and the U.N. Headquarters here in New York.

The report did not indicate how many people have died as a result of the blast. The fate of Egyptian leader Gamel Abdel Nasser is also uncertain. Several attempts by this newspaper to contact its correspondents in Cairo, so that more facts could be learned, have met only with failure.

In any case, The DAILY SPLASH predicts that this bombing is likely to change the entire course of the Cold War.

Air Traffic Heavy Over Boston

BOSTON, Mass. Nov. 2 (Special to The Splash) -The amount of air traffic over Boston was unusually heavy today, according to local Boston officials.



After the First Edition hits the streets, a newspaper then finds it has two very important things to do. One-it has to come up with some fresh news, even if there doesn't happen to be any! And two-it has to change all the mistakes it made in the First Edition! This is done by adding late information, subtracting misinformation, and then coming out with

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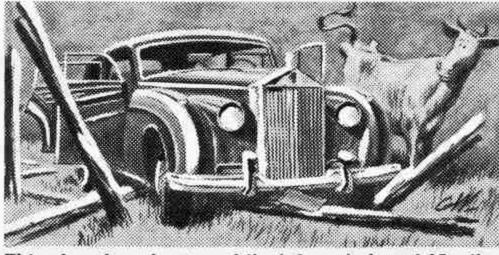
Partly Cloudy today and tonight. High in the 60's, low 50-55.

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STATEWIDE SEARCH FOR SING SING ESCAPEES



This abandoned automobile (above), found 35 miles north of Sing Sing Prison, is suspected of being the getaway car used by four convicts who reportedly vaulted the prison wall today. Mike Mosholu, previously believed to be the gang leader, was discovered in the prison hospital, suffering from the mumps.

F.B.I. TO BE SUMMONED IN KIDNAPPING CASE!

By Hermione Zitzlaff (Daily Splash Correspondent) FLYSCRATCH, Tenn. Nov. 2-The Federal Bureau of Investigation may be called in to help solve the Sternwallow kidnapping case, it was announced here today. But Police working on the case don't think so. Under the law, the F.B.I. can be summoned after 24 hours in a kidnapping.

Meanwhile, Police have checked out the "mysterious man in the black jacket" seen by a neighbor near the Sternwallow house yesterday. He turned out to be the boy's father, who was carrying out the garbage.

The whereabouts of young Melvin, missing since yesterday, has continued to baffle authorities. Investigation has revealed that the boy is no relation to Elihu Sternwallow, the millionaire man-42 ufacturer of war

goods. Melvin's father is Max Sternwallow, a cheesecake taster who makes \$85 a week, when he's working. Police are expected to check their files for men with criminal records who are known cheesecake eaters. for a lead.

Publisher to Speak at **Daily SPLASH Dinner**

Otto Culpepper, publisher of The Daily Splash, announced that he will address the special dinner to be given tonight honoring the newspaper's staff.

"I personally want to express my appreciation to the staff for The DAILY SPLASH's excellent coverage of the news," stated Culpepper. "This is the finest crew of reporters, correspondents and editors I have ever had the pleasure of working

WORLD AWAITS FATE OF BOMBED CAIRO

The entire world today awaited further details concerning the fate of Cairo, which was reported destroyed this morning. Apparently the blast, which may have been an atomic explosion, has crippled all radio and telegraph facilities in the Egyptian capital.

ARIZ. GOLD

by Monroe Pippit (Daily Splash Correspondent) HOGSHEAD, Ariz., Nov. 2 -The great Hogshead Gold Strike threatened to reach epic proportions today. Thousands of prospectors are expected to converge on this richly laden area mo-mentarily. They will join farmer Hiram Filbrick who discovered a large vein of the yellow metal yesterday.

As a result of the early edition Daily Splash scoop, revealing the rich find, hundreds of New Yorkers are reported leaving their jobs today and heading for Arizona. It is believed that the size of the Arizona strike will equal or surpass that of the great California bonanza of 1849. If so, then the onrush of gold-seekers will turn this quiet community of 37 into a roaring boom



Prospector leaves for Arizona

According to many old timers, this is the greatest day for Arizona since it became a state in 1912

At all events, as of this moment, Cairo appears to be cut off from the rest of the world.

News of the holocaust, which was first carried by The DAILY SPLASH, has thrown the major powers into a state of cautious silence. As yet, no word has come from any of the world's important capitals. It is believed that both Washington and Moscow are waiting for the other to make the first comment.

It is not known who was responsible for the blast, or the reasons behind it. The Daily Splash's military expert, General Howard Marlin, U.S.A. (ret.) suspects that a plane flying at an extremely high altitude could have bombed the city without being detected. He also offers the possibility that the bomb may have been an experimental Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) with an atomic warhead, which somebody launched accidentally.

Boston Highways Jammed

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 2, (Special to The Splash) -Highways leading out of Boston have been unusually crowded today, local officials announced. The large amount of road traffic followed an earlier report of extremely heavy air traffic over the city.

After the Second Edition is distributed around the city, the newspaper gets one more chance to come up with some fresh news and correct all the mistakes it's made in the two earlier editions. This, of course, is twice as hard, since the mistakes in the First Edition have only been made worse in the Second Edition! But somehow, they always manage to publish

THE FINAL EDITION

★★★ FINAL EDITION ★★★

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS THE NEW YORK

DAILY SPLASH

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Rain tonight and tomorrow followed by hurricane winds.

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MARTIANS INVADE BOSTON!



Tidal wave of terror as frantic Bostonians flee from Out-of-Space invaders across famed Boston Common.

COUPLE ELOPES IN TENNESSEE

FLYSCRATCH, Tenn. Nov. 2 (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Boris Hendershot today announced the marriage of their daughter, Fanny to Mr. Melvin Sternwallow, 35, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Sternwallow. The couple had eloped early yesterday.

SHORT CIRCUIT SETS OFF ALARM

OSSINING, N.Y., Nov. 2, (AP)—A short circuit accidentally set off the Sing Sing prison alarm here today, but officials reported there was no panic. The cause, a thumbtack holding

up a pin-up picture of Vera Hruba Ralston, was quickly removed. There have been no escapes from Sing Sing Prison for the past four years.

DAILY SPLASH STAFF FIRED

The entire staff of The DAILY SPLASH was discharged today by Otto Culpepper, the newspaper's publisher. This includes the paper's editors, reporters and correspondents.

Culpepper stated that the reason for the mass-dismissal was "poor judgment in writing and editing news stories."

He also announced that the dinner tonight honoring The DAILY SPLASH staff had been called off.

Miss Sophie

THOUSANDS JAM HIGHWAYS AS FLYING SAUCERS LAND

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 2 (AP)—The entire population of Boston is fleeing for their lives today in the wake of a confirmed invasion from Mars.

Early reports indicate that highways leading out of the terrorized city are packed with panicstricken men, women and children.

CAIRO BEGINS CIVIC CENTER CONSTRUCTION

CAIRO, Ill., Nov. 2 (AP)

— Workmen today began blasting operations as the City of Cairo, Illinois, inaugurated its program to tear down seventeen old tenements in preparation for the construction of a new Civic Center, to be completed in 1968.

FARMER FINDS GOLD TOOTH

HOGSHEAD, Ariz., Nov. 2 (INS) — Hiram Filbrick, owner of a small farm near here, found his missing gold tooth today, in an old abandoned mine. Filbrick, who had lost the tooth last week when he smacked into an old shoring timber in the mine, figures he was pretty lucky to find it at all. "It's pretty dark in there, y' know!" he stated.

The Martians landed in force this morning, arriving in a fleet of flying saucers estimated at more than 1000. For several hours, the huge circular space crafts hovered over the city, blasting key points with destructive rays.

It is not known how many are dead as the result of this surprise attack but estimates run into the hundreds of thousands. The city is rapidly becoming a deserted, charred waste as every car, truck and bus capable of carrying people, heads out of the city.

The saucers, which landed at important street intersections, each carried an army of alien creatures. Each of these interplanetary invaders was armed with a death-dealing ray

So far, Boston is the only city on Earth to be threatened by the Martian force. Every newspaper, and all TV and radio stations throughout the world were alerted to the danger this morning.

Police believe that the family's wealth may

A COOL YULE DEPT.

Back in the 19th Century, when Clement Moore wrote "A Visit From St. Nicholas," it was very popular among the younger set. Today's younger set, unfortunately, can't appreciate it because they speak a totally different language called "Hip Talk." So, in order to revive its popularity, here's

OLD YERSION

A Visit From St. Nicholas

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And mama in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter! Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow

Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below,

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On Cupid! On Donder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away al!!"

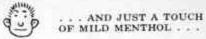
MAD'S UP-The Night



'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the pad Not a hipster was swinging, not even old Dad; The chimney was draped in that stocking routine, In hopes that "The Fat Man" would soon make the scene;



The moon and the snow were, like, faking together, Which made the scene rock in the Day People weather, When, what to these peepers should come on real queer, But a real crazy sleigh, and eight swinging reindeer,

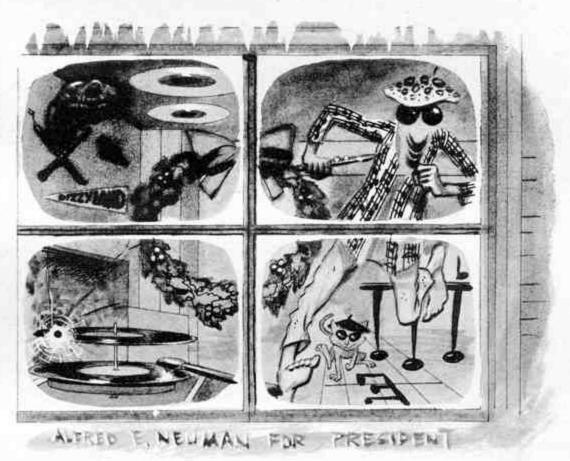


TO-DATE VERSION OF Before Christmas

NEW MAD "HIP" VERSION



The wee cats were laid out all cool in their beds, While sounds of the "Sugar Blues" wailed through their heads; And my chick in her "Castro," and me on the floor, Had just conked out cold for a forty-wink snore,



When out of left field there came on such a ribble, I broke from my sack to see what was this dribble! To the glasspane I cut like a B-Western movie, Tuned in on the action, and, Man, was it groovy!



With a hopped-up old driver on some frantic kick, I was hip in a flash that it must be St. Nick. Much faster than "Bird" blew, this group was no drag, And he rocked, and he rolled, and he pegged them by tag:

"Like, Dasher! Like, Dancer! Like, Prancer and Vixen! Go, Comet! Go, Cupid! Go, Donder and Blitzen! Fly over the shack! Make it over the pad! Now cut out, Man! Cut out, Man! Cut out like mad!"

OLD YERSION

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkle, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddlar just opening his pack.

His eyes—how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad face and a little round belly,

That shook, when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all! And to all a good-night!"





As sidemen in combos pick up as they stomp, When they swing with the beat of a Dixieland Romp, So up to the top of my bandstand they flew, With the sleigh full of loot, and St. Nicholas, too.

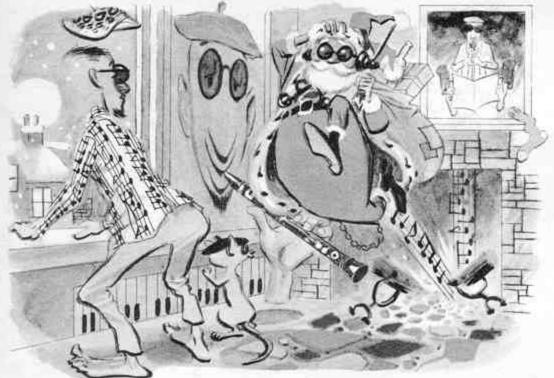


His lids—Man, they sizzled! His dimples were smiles!
His cheeks were like "Dizzy's," his beak was like "Miles' "!
His puckered-up mouth was, like, blowing flat E,
And his chin hid behind a real crazy goatee!



He blew not a sound, but skipped right to his gig, And stashed all the stockings, then came on real big, And flashing a sign, like that old "Schnozzle" bit, And playing it hip, up the chimney he split;

NEW MAD "HIP" VERSION



And then, in a quick riff, I dug on the roof
The jumpin' and jivin' of each swinging hoof.
As I pulled in my noggin, and turned around fast,
Down the chimney came Nick like a hot trumpet blast.



He was wrapped up to kill, Man, a real kookie dresser!
And his rags were, like, way out! Pops! He was a gasser!
A sack full of goodies hung down to his tail,
And he looked like a postman with "Basie's" fan mail.



The tip of a butt he had snagged in his choppers, And he took a few drags just like all cool be-boppers; He had a weird face, and a solid reet middle That bounced when he cracked, like a gutbucket fiddle!



He was shaking with meat, meaning he was no square, And I flipped, 'cause I'd always thought he was "longhair"! But the glint in his eye and the beat in his touch Soon gave me the message this cat was "too much"!

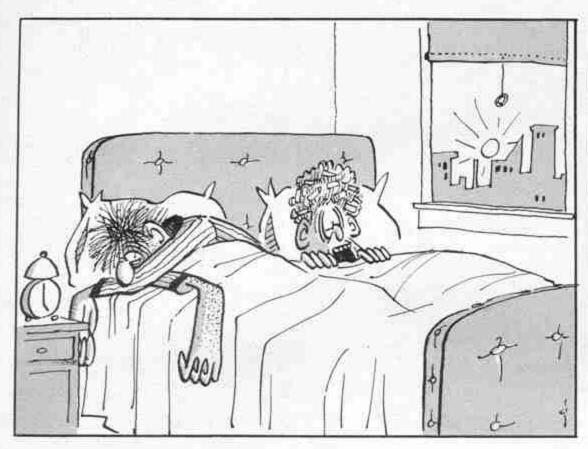


He flew to his skids, to his group blew a lick, And they cut out real cool, on a wild frenzied kick.

But I heard him sound off, with a razz-a-ma-tazz: "A cool Christmas to all, and, like, all of that jazz!"

And now, for his parting shot, Don Martin tells what it feels like to be . . .

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