

CC Rider

Tom Is Terrific

By E. CLARY

You can talk about Superman, Mighty Mouse, Tarzan, and Fearless Fosdick, but Tom Terrific is still my number one (1) hero. I watch him on Captain Kangaroo every single morning, except when my mommy makes me leave early for college.

Sometimes I watch the Dancing Bear, too. He taught me how to do the jerk the other day.

But surely you all remember the little boy, Tom Terrific, and his wonder dog, Mighty Mansfred, who were always foiling some evil plan of the villainous Crabby Appleton. Well, Tom's last adventure was so suspenseful that I went a week without brushing my teeth after breakfast just to see it all. That's pretty hard for me to do because I'm on the winning side in a toothpaste test.

The adventure began, as usual, in Tom's split-level tree house. Tom was expounding on the merits of his noble Mansfred, and Mansfred was boning up. (Also chewing the fat.) Suddenly, Tom received a brain wave which informed him that Crabby Appleton was again engaged in an evil undertaking. Like a good boy, Tom immediately put on his thinking cap in order to see clearly what Crabby was doing.

While Tom sat there, the rotten Appleton deed flashed across his skull and my TV screen. It seemed that the Crabby one had fallen in love with a beautiful secretary but that the feeling had not exactly been mutual, shall we say. No, we shall tell the truth and say that she just couldn't stand the crabby creep.

Being put down had peeved Appleton no end and, being such a louse, he had decided to take out his wrath on all the secretaries all over the world. Yes, that villain had decided to burn all the paper in the world, thereby eliminating the job of secretary. As the brain wave faded away, secretaries in mass were chanting: "Oh help us Tom Terrific. Please help us you sweet little kid."

Now who was Tom to turn his public down? Nobody. Hence he quickly swung into action. First Tom turned himself into a jet plane (he can be what he wants to be, and if you'd like to see . . .) and let Mansfred fly him to the most wicked city on earth, where Appleton had set up his furnace the Infernal Sweat Shop.

Upon arriving at Derita, Mansfred crashed, or shall we say crushed, Tom in a briar patch. Tom's tail went up in flames but he swiftly turned himself into a fire extinguisher. He soon controlled the blaze before it reached any of his vital instruments. It didn't even melt his sun visor, but I'll bet he thinks twice before he becomes a plane again.

Tom and Mansfred experienced some difficulty at first in trying to find Appleton. Tom put on his thinking cap and when he next looked up he found a clue. Sure enough, right there on main street was a huge, red and chartreuse, blinking, neon sign which inconspicuously read "Appleton Secretarial Unemployment Agency." Tom realized that he would never have discovered that clue had it not been for his thinking cap.

The Terrific One adjusted his marvelous thinking cap to conjure a plan while his wonder dog wondered when he was going to be fed. Acquiring a plan, Tom waited for night fall, then turned into a key and unlocked Crabby's door. Mansfred turned the knob, ambled inside, and slammed the door with his tail, forgetting to remove Tom from the key hole. Needless to say, this left Tom in the groove.

Undaunted, Tom turned into water and dribbled through the key hole and onto the floor. Mansfred, being thirsty as well as hungry, lapped him up. At that moment, Appleton leaped from behind a huge stack of foaming paper, capturing Mighty Mansfred.

The wonder dog began to pant while endeavoring to wriggle away and Tom got wind of what had taken place. Like a flash, he turned into the universal antidote, forcing Mansfred to eject him. Tom landed at Crabby's feet and immediately turned into a bear trap. Appleton's screams of agony soon brought police who took him into custody.

As soon as Tom turned back into a boy he congratulated Mansfred for a job well done and marched outside to the cheers of a crowd of secretaries, who were chanting "Hooray for Tom, he's a sweet little kid." He then walked away with his wonder dog who was still wondering when his next meal would come.

As the adventure ended, Tom Terrific demonstrated that his last case had made a man of him, for he turned into a bar. I can't wait for the next exciting adventure.

ON PRESENTS

In closing, I feel I must tell you of a most unusual exchange of gifts between two lovers. For Christmas, he gave her a box of candy and a tube of Clearasil and she remembered him with a weight lifting set and a corset. These gifts strengthened the affection of each for the other and now they have set a date to be married. Little things mean a lot!

Campus Opinion

Cafeteria Should Not Be Closed For Class Meetings

By SHARON DAILY

Many students have voiced strong reactions to the closing of the cafeteria during class meetings last Wednesday. These are some of the students' reactions.

Jim Thurman, sophomore felt that the action didn't do any good. "I don't see that closing the cafeteria for only half an hour helped any. People just found some other place to go until it opened."

Beth Groom, senior, said she didn't think the action should have been required. "I don't think it should be necessary. However, the administration felt that it was."

Jayne Connell, freshman, said that the action of closing the cafeteria for the meetings "was pretty immature. A university bound student government should find better methods of generating interest in school affairs."

Jerry Taylor, freshman, was unhappy with the principle of the action. "I think that the Student Union was built for the students to use at their leisure and that no student should be forced to go to any other activity during his free time."

"Many people didn't go to the class meetings because they felt like they were being forced to do so," continued Jerry.

George Vaughan, president of the freshman class, represented another view. "It was a very good idea. Of course, it didn't help a heck of a lot!" said George.

Said Don Stewart, freshman: "The idea of trying to get students to go to meetings is OK, but, the method was wrong."

"I didn't particularly like it," said Jack Blythe, sophomore.

Jim Crawford, junior, didn't particularly appreciate the action either. "It was the craziest thing since high school. The students should be allowed to think for themselves and not let others do it for them."

College Chorus Looking Forward To Easter Festival Next Semester

The Charlotte College Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Harvey L. Woodruff, is looking forward to a big event to take place during the second semester this year. The event will be an Easter Festival featuring the Lenten and Easter Sections of Handel's Messiah. It is

to be performed by the combined choruses of the Cleveland County Choral Society of Shelby, the Western Carolina Choral Society of Asheville, and the Charlotte College Chorus.

The Festival will be given in three separate performances. The first will occur on Sunday, April 25, in Asheville. The second will be on Tuesday, April 27, in Shelby. After these two performances, the group journeys to Charlotte for a concert at Myers Park Baptist Church on Sunday, May 2, at 3 p.m.

Mr. Woodruff hopes that all students will make plans to attend one of the performances. Most people are unfamiliar with parts two and three of Handel's Messiah and he feels that some of the best music of this composition occurs in these sections.

All those wishing to take an active part in this program should talk to Mr. Woodruff soon about taking chorus next semester. The course meets on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 until 11:30. Mr. Woodruff will be in his office for interviews until 2:00 on Tuesdays and until 5:00 on Thursdays.

Jan. 17-Feb. 10 Are Dates For Book Exchange

In keeping with past practice, the Circle K Club will again sponsor the popular Book Exchange. Here is a resume of dates, times and places concerning the Exchange:

Books will be taken January 27, 28, and 29 (Wednesday-Friday of Exam week).

Will continue through the 8th, 9th. Book sales begin February 5 and 10th.

Books will be handled on consignment basis.

The profit taken in from book sales will be placed in the club treasury and used for campus projects.

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