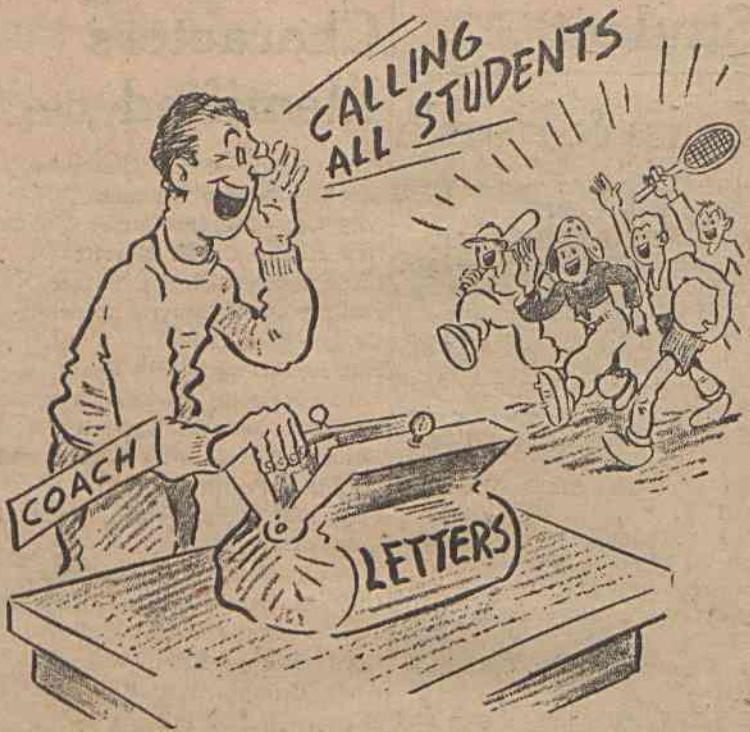


It's About Time, Fellas!



Chatterbox

Operator: Number, please? I say there, what number do you wish? 31XR4? Thank you. I will ring it for you. Oh say, is that you, Mabel? I hardly recognized your voice.

How's Henry and the kids? Is, I never can remember his name any way number four, is he over his measles yet? Heard he was a lovely dotted Swiss pattern. I was awfully disappointed in my case. My speckles were a horrible shade of red. Thank heavens Ezra didn't see me then. You remember Ezra, don't you Mabel? He's my boy friend. The one with red hair and all those freckles. I believe you met him when he sported me to the coon fry down in Hollow Junction last month.

I say there, Mabel, have you heard about Bill and Cissy's latest spat? I happened to overhear, now mind you I wasn't eavesdropping, far be it from me to even think of such, well as I was saying, my key sort of acci-

dentally touched Cissy's line and I just didn't take time to unconnect right off and I couldn't help hearing what was going on could I?

Well, it seems she, Cissy, saw Bill sitting at Pop's soda fountain drinking his second malted. She knew it was his second because there was an empty glass in front of him on the counter. And he never even used to go into Pop's for as much as a drink of water much less two malteds. She declared that blond working there had something to do with this. By the way, did you know she is a peroxide? Can tell it from just looking. I bet Cissy's just about right. She's doing Bill exactly right not letting him escort her to the corn shucking come Saturday night. Umph!

"Take that she-blond," she told him and it wouldn't surprise me a mite if that ain't what he'll do. 'Course Cissy's already eating her heart out. She's real stuck on Bill. Has been for the past seven years. Looks like sometime he might break down and pop the question. But then you can't rush things like that. Guess he needs a little time to think about it before getting hitched.

Night After Report Cards

'Twas late Wednesday night, and not a student was about. Seems just that afternoon report cards came out. The books were now opened by the parents with care. In hopes of some passing by their students fair. Now the children were looking at their books all right. But their thinking was pertaining to Saturday night. John in his "Tux"; Mary's new gown. Or who's the new boy that just move dinto town? When upon the front door there just came a loud knock. "Oops" yelled Betty, "It's 8 o'clock". Away she stumbled like soft falling snow. To greet "Big Bill," her new found beau. The moon was shining, the fire was hot. She just had to date Bill home-work or not. When to her dismay her parents growled, "NO". All you study is let me go!" Now Bill had a temper, and that Betty knew. "O. K.," he shouted, "we're just through!" Quicker than a flash, he left her there. And away he rode in the cold winter air. "Now Mother, now Daddy, can't you see? All the trouble you cause little me? I can't have that and I can't do this, Look at the fun you made me

Heard about Belles new arrival? Why yes, it came day before yesterday. I took the call thru to the Doctor when she was took and sort of kept my ears open for news. Wasn't long before I heard all about it. It's a girl again. Looks like their luck would change sometime, don't it? And guess what! It had a tooth when it was born. Yes siree! A genuine tooth all the way through. Which is more than it's pa has. What? Didn't you know? Yes, Luke had every single one of his teeth, upper and lower, out. His new ones are due in about two weeks so Dr. Jerk, the one that's making plates, told him when he called to inquire about it the other day.

Jeb Brown is going out of business. That's right. Seems since he made that mislick and cut a nap out of Zeke Wilbough's neck everybody is purposely avoiding him. Guess Tom's Barber shop will have to work overtime on Saturday night now to get around or else the men folks around these parts are gonna have to start a new style of long hair.

What's that, Mabel? You say you have to go now? Well it's been real nice to visit with you again. Hope your family gets along better. Before you ring off, how about telling me what you're going to wear to that hoighty-doighty Estelle Minsfur's wedding shower. I really would not bother about going but I'm just dying to see the inside of that house and I'll probably never get a chance like this again. Your red silk you say? Well, then I'll see you there. Bye, now.

Operator: Number, please? What number do you wish? 31XR4? Why, Mabel, of course I'd be glad to ring it for you.

miss!" Bill's done left me, all alone, Hurray for the day when I get grown. So back to my homework (darn that stuff) If only I'd of passed, it wouldn't have been so rough. And now to concentrate on Spanish alone, Excuse me a minute, but do I hear a phone? Pick up the receiver, with a forlorn "hello," "Yes, this is Betty, how ya doing Joe? No, I'm not sick, yes, I'm very much alice, Only you see Joe, I MADE A FIVE.

Too many late hours, not enough work, The teacher told me I was just an ole jerk. Mother's mad, Dad gave me heck, Why did I take chemistry instead of Home Ec. No, you can't come over, I've got to read, Three more reports is all I need. Goodness me it's almost morn, And still I've got to practice my horn.'

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