

AROUND The TOWN

with ZEB DENNY

The baby is one—one mischievous imp, one angel, one nuisance, one darling, one year old. One year old! A lot of water, a LOT of water has passed under the bridge.

The World War and Friday, May 13, 1938, are both far, far away—but vague, shadowy memories that are a remnant of my past dead self. For if I have not lived more since she came, I have been more wide awake—at least awake more.

At first I was amazed and dumbfounded. "A girl, did you say?" I shouted incredulously at our friend who brought the news to me. Somehow, I could not believe it was true. Why, what could I do with a girl? Girls (that is, little girls) had never played a part in my training. I did not know what were their tastes, likes and dislikes, habits, or their wearing apparel. And all that hunting and fishing and baseball I had planned—gone, gone with the wrong gender.

As I remember, she was a tiny mite with an old looking, wrinkled face which was nothing much but a pug nose and a tiny hole that emitted the most fairy-like sounds. I went by the hospital office to take the matter up with T. J. He consoled me. He said that we could take her home, try her out, and if we did not like her, we could return her.

At odd minutes I went back to the hospital—to see the missus. Soon I realized she wanted me to say that we would take the baby, and, out of the association of ideas and a few spellbound peeps at her chubby hands and bright eyes, I felt time begin to lag. Would the required ten days never end?

After awhile they did and home the two came.

That night I had a nightmare. I saw two huge creatures on bended knees over a tiny bit of squirming, yelling humanity. They worked and mumbled and sweated in the hot night air. What could two such huge animals be doing over so delicate a piece of life but working evil?

The next morning after breakfast I related my dream to the Missus. Said she: "Huh. That was no nightmare. That was you and I dressing the baby for the first time."

But I became expert in time.

Days grew into weeks, weeks into months, fuzz into hair, teeth into gums, and a doll-like form that lay passively in my two hands into a wild little animal that I can hold only by exerting main strength and listening to murderous yelps. And as time flitted, the house became cluttered with high chairs, swings, walkers—until I had to learn to walk anew to keep my daughter from growing up an orphan. She has not learned yet, and it is my guess that she thereby has saved her own life many times.

And there have been dresses—blues and pinks and roses—and bonnets and shoes and pictures and toys and a great deal of baby talk. She has nineteen dresses and odd accessories. I got a suit the year I married, whenever that was.

Last Saturday she had a birthday—her first one. She had a cake with a lot of icing and a lone candle on it. She didn't care for the candle, but in the midst of posing for a picture, she reached over and got a fistful of the icing. Yes, she is one.

A boy? What would I do with a boy?

May Goes To New York For A Week

J. F. May, local agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., now in his 22nd year with that company, left Sunday for the Metropolitan convention in New York City where he will be the guest of the company with all expenses paid.

He will be put up at the Hotel New Yorker where special clerks have been assigned to see that Mr. May and fellow workers are properly cared for in the big New York hotel.

Mr. May has been designated a "Blue-Ribbon Man" by President Leroy A. Lincoln for long, faithful and efficient service with the company. A special set of rooms for these "Veterans" has been set aside in home office building.

The convention starts Tuesday and ends Saturday night of this week. Main headquarters are at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel where Mr. May has been invited to five dinners on the five days.

At Convention

Rev. Gordon Price left Sunday to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City.

Junior Order Rally Harrellsville 23rd

A Junior Order District Meeting and Rally will be held at Harrellsville on Tuesday, May 23. At 3 p.m. Business Session, at 6 p.m. Barbecue Supper; at 8 p.m. Public Rally. Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn will give the main address of the evening. W. M. Futrell, District Deputy.

More Jobs Open At State Office

Carl W. Capps, Manager of the local office of the N. C. State Employment Service, announces the following job opportunities open throughout the State:

Maid, nurse; Loopers, hosiery; Superintendent, factory (building material); Estimator (construction); Teacher, Vocational (Home Economics); Draftsman, map; Plasterers, construction; Milkmen, hand (dairy); Dietician; Nurses, registered; Mechanic, automobile, Blower and Bender, neon tube (glass); Project Engineers; Senior Project Engineers; Mechanic, Tractor; Draftsman, mechanical; Composer, printing (wood).

Detailed information concerning these openings may be had by calling at the office of N. C. State Employment Service.

"Bobo" Starke of Carolina spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Starke. Miss Julia Fahey spent the weekend in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Norwood spent Sunday with relatives at Barley, Va. Mrs. Scott Benton spent the weekend in Scotland Neck.

WEEK-END SPECIALS

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