

Schnozzola

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Have you ever played it, Eddie?"
"Sure, I played it years ago with Jackson and Taylor."

"What kinda audience they got out there?"
"A little tough, but so far we been lucky on the road, and I don't see why we should miss there."
"Oh, great!" said Jimmy. Then he asked Lou of his experiences.

"It's a great town," said Clayton. "I played it three times. George Burns and Gracie Allen are there, and might stay over a day or two to catch our act."
"All right then," said Durante, "let's knock off the week at Minneapolis."

Concerning a time that still stands out as a sore memory, Jimmy says, "Our routine consisted of such numbers as 'I Can Do Without Broadway,' but 'Can Broadway Do Without Me?' Jimmy, the Well-dressed Man, and Eddie doin' his strut and numbers like 'I Ups to Him,' and I don't remember what we finished with. We had with us a kid workin' as a kinda secretary, Jack Harvey. He's one of our writers now."

"There was an act on ahead of us called 'The Cowboy and the Girl.' Now I'm standin' in the wings, and they got lines like 'Roses are red, violets blue, horses neck, do you? And this act was gettin' dynamite laughs."

"And so we are in high spirits, and I go out there. I look down at Gracie Burns and Gracie Allen in the audience, and they applaud like mad, but we get little applause from anybody else. And then I open with 'Jimmy the Well-dressed Man.'"
"Believe me, in all the years I been in the business—nothin', just nothin' happened. I got on a rac-

coon coat, and I remember hearin' someone in the audience sayin' out loud, 'He's not well dressed.'"
"And then we do 'I know Darn Well I Can Do Without Broadway,' and I come to a line where Shubert is supposed to be standin' in the wings, and he comes out and says, 'Jimmy, put in both knees, and Jolson goes.' Nothin'! Nothin' at all! And that was our biggest laugh in New York."

THEY GOT DISCOURAGED
"Now we're discouraged. Discouraged. Jackson didn't go so good with his number either. Lou got some applause for his dancin', but everythin' was kind of sour and we go off."

"To make things tougher, this kid Harvey is out on the street one day, and he walks against the lights, and a cop gives him a ticket, and he calls the cop a hick. And then headlines come out that one of the boys in the band called a cop a hick and we think this is a hick town. Well, I coulda died."

"Harvey was locked up. He needed ten dollars' bail or somethin'. I didn't let him have it. I says, 'Let him rot there!' None of us went down to the jail. We let him get out the best he could."

"And the act went very bad, and on top of this guy callin' a cop a hick, which was out of line. I said to Lou, 'Aw, please, let's drop the whole business and go home!'"
"Well, Burns and Allen are awful good people but they come to our dressin' room and they simply got to laugh about this. They had done well, and they always did do well. And around the bookin' offices in New York, every time Lou would show up, the booker would say, 'Do you want us to book you in Minneapolis?'"

The Minneapolis fizzle awakened the Schnozzola to the realities of American taste for comedy beyond the small area of Times Square. "We hadn't given them what they wanted," he says. "It was before the big broadcastin' days, and sound was just comin' into the movies, and I found out that Broadway and New York ain't the whole world. There's a great big country outside of it, and each place has a solid humor of its own, and you got to have an act that is right down to earth."
"It wasn't the fault of Minneap-

Smith

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above the temporary success of our party. Let us think for ourselves."

Smith spoke out against any further increase in taxes. "Heaven forbid," he said. "Today the tax rates have risen to such an extent that there is little incentive for the average man to work harder because of the attitude of the government taking so much of what he earns."

The senator urged a reduction in federal expenditures down the line. Particularly in foreign aid, he said, is the spending excessive. He told of a conversation with two members of the British parliament who feared that "our gifts to Great Britain were undermining the incentive of many of the ordinary citizens of Britain."

As for the Truman administration, Senator Smith said: "It seems that during the past four years we have indeed lived through a period of perfidious patronage, in the belief by some that political support can be bought and paid for and delivered at the next election."

"We cannot deny that in these recent years, under our present administration, our party has become infested with political pup suckers and panhandlers. We have seen the spectacle of simpering sycophants being close to the throne. We know that throughout America there is the feeling that, if you belong to the right gang, then you have access to portals that should never be opened to the unworthy."

"Shall we," Smith asked, "condone the activities that have brought shame to our civilization? Shall we gloss these things over and try to forget and have others forget? Or shall we go forth with a determination to weed out of government those who would engage in nefarious practices which have embarrassed us from one end of America to another?"
Smith said it was not enough for the Democrats to point to the sins of the Republican Party. "We must, as Democrats, rely upon ourselves for the reform that must come," he said.

Honor Dr. Hunter On His Birthday

Dr. W. B. Hunter, Harbitt County Health Officer, was guest of honor at a birthday party given at Johnson's Restaurant Friday by the staff of the Dunn and Lillington Health Centers.

The party was arranged hurriedly and the sponsors were unable to secure a cake. However, an excellent luncheon was served and Dr. Hunter was presented with a box of cigars.

Present in addition to Dr. Hunter were: Miss Irene Lassiter, Miss Mabel Alston, Mrs. Hattie Barnes, Mrs. Glenn Johnson, Miss Gertrude Parker, Mrs. Ruby J. Hood, Miss Lily Taylor, Miss Virginia Pittard, and M. H. Canady.

Burglars Enter Cleaning Plant

Burglars entered the dry cleaning plant operated by James McDougald some time during the weekend and stole approximately \$72. It was reported to the Dunn Police Department.

Entry to the establishment was gained by prying boards off the boiler room in the rear of the place. Officers are investigating the break-in.

LODGE TO MEET
There will be a state communication of Neill S. Stewart Masonic Lodge of Erwin, Tuesday evening, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. There will be work in the Fellowcraft Degree. Visiting Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

Two Accidents Are Reported

Two wrecks in Erwin and one near Bule's Creek were reported this morning by Highway patrolmen and Dunn police. All three occurred yesterday.

A 1950 Chevrolet Coach, driven by Mr. Marjorie Turner Morgan and owned by Andrew Olden, both of Dunn Route 3, pulled into the main highway after stopping for a stop sign and was hit by a 1946 Plymouth, driven by James Gaster of Erwin.

Damage to each car amounted to about \$75, and no charges were placed against the drivers involved. Lovett Baxton Ryals of Route 3 Dunn was proceeding north on North 16th Street in Erwin, driving a 1941 Dodge when a 1947 Chrysler, driven by Dannie Kirbell Maness, Dunn Route 3, travelling east on West I Street collided with him. Damage was about \$25. Patrolman Paul G. Albergine investigated both crashes.

Bernard J. Greer of Greensboro, reported to the Dunn Police Department, that while he was travelling south on 421 just south of Bule's Creek an unidentified car without lights came out of a side road.

Greer told police he was forced to apply his brakes and due to the wet condition of the road skidded into the bank. The other car, he said, failed to stop.

In 1940, eggs and poultry accounted for only 6 per cent of North Carolina's cash farm income.

Truman

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the newly-formed North Atlantic command, the primarily - naval branch of the pact defense system headed by Adm. McCormick.

They pointed out that the Second Marine Division actually is already under McCormick's command, in his dual role as commander in chief of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet. It would require only the issuance of a mimeographed order, experts suggested to "comm." the division to McCormick's Atlantic Pact headquarters at Norfolk, Va.

NCAA Area Tourney Tickets Go On Sale

RALEIGH — Tickets went on sale today for the Eastern Regional NCAA basketball playoffs which will feature Kentucky's defending national champions, the Southern Conference champion and two other top-rated teams.

The playoffs are scheduled for March 21-22 at the 12,500 seat William Neal Reynolds Coliseum, Kentucky, loser of only two contests this season, is tabbed the team to beat.

Winner of the Southern Conference tourney here March 6-7-8 will automatically get a berth in the NCAA playoffs.

The two other places in the NCAA show will be filled by squads from a list headed by Seton Hall, LaSalle, St. Johns and Holy Cross. In the March 21 games, Kentucky will battle one of the at-large teams while the Southern Conference champion takes on the other. Winners of the two games clash in the finals March 22.

be understood that no longer will rascality and corruption be condoned; but rather that the Democratic Party, and those in power in its name, will prosecute and punish, and remove from office every person who fails in a public trust."

U. S. farm population changed relatively little from 1932 to 1942.

The cost of most types of credit is still higher for farming than for other commercial and industrial activities. For the most part, interest rates now are about the same on private as on government loans.

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