

Joe Louis, Like Everyone Else, Finds It A Hard Thing To Quit

By Hal Boyle
New York.—(AP)—One of the hardest things in life for any man to master is the fine art of quitting.
This 24-karat truth is pointed up anew by the decision of Joseph Louis, the eminent pugilist, to resume his former calling.
At the ripe old age of 34, having amassed enough gelt of cushion his declining years, Joe announced he was through with his precision fistic bombing. He decided to trade in his gloves for a typewriter and launch a new career as a columnist-commentator for a Harlem newspaper.
Trying a new job was no insurmountable hurdle to Joe. He was a

newsboy, shine shoes, ran errands, delivered ice and worked in a automobile factory before he found how easy he could quit his income merely by doubling his fists.
But now Joe has changed his mind again—as have many champions who wanted to quit at the top—and he's going to try one more fight next June, when he'll be 35.
"Just one more, Joe."
It's hard to resist that plea. Sometimes the plea comes from within a champion's own heart. More often it comes from his retainers and the men around him who want to keep him in action to finish feathering their own nests.
It's a trun of politicians, busi-

nessmen and warriors as well as athletes. There's always a group that wants them to stay in their pitching after their own minds tell them it's time to step down.
"Just once more," they're told. "We need you. We can't win this time without you. Just once more."
It is hard to resist such flattery. The "You're-the-only-one-who-can-do-it" flattery. And so the aching muscles or the weary mind goes back "just once more" into the fray. And too often what happens is what happened to Jim Jeffries when he emerged from retirement for a flabby rendezvous with Jack Johnson at Reno in 1910, to Jack Dempsey when he took on Gene Tunney a second time, and to Napoleon when he met a fellow called "the Iron Duke" at a wide place in the road called Waterloo.
But quitting at the right time—at the peak—is even more difficult for the common man than it is for the champion in any field.
To the ordinary man an enforced retirement isn't just a blow to his ego—it's usually a catastrophe caused by illness or accident. And planned retirement is to him a goal near the end of his life's run—a short dreamy interlude before death grabs him.
It's hard to quit. Perhaps the most gracious "quitter" of our day is Winston Churchill. He quits every time the voters toss him out, and goes off and writes some best-selling memories and

paints some pictures.
Then, refreshed in spirits, Churchill rides back again into high public office on the changing tide, smiling and eloquent as ever and holding no resentment against the voters.
This unsinkable cork in the flood of modern history is the real political heavyweight of our times. He quits only to try again—and he's made more come backs than yo-yo.

Local Sailor On Efficient Ship

The USS Bexar, the ship on which Bennie L. Overton of 100 Roanoke Ave., is serving as quartermaster, third class, has just been awarded the Battle Efficiency Pennant and "E" for general excellence during the past year. The ship got a pennant called a "meatball," a red triangle with a black circle in the center. Each enlisted man with six months of service aboard her receives a cash award and the right to wear "E" on the sleeve of his uniform.

Norlina Men Enlist In Navy

Warrenton—Jeff Roy Devine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Roy Devine, and William Joseph Egerton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Obrien Egerton, both of Norlina, enlisted in the Navy on September 9, for a period of three years. They will receive basic training at the Naval Training Center at San Diego, Calif., before being assigned to units of the fleets, it was announced by James F. Moore, local Navy recruiter.

State Employees Group Will Seek Separate Director

Raleigh, Sept. 20(AP)—The plans to present the next general assembly a proposal for a separate director of state personnel.
Under a bill drafted by an association committee and approved Saturday at its annual convention, state employees would be removed from the administration of the state budget bureau. The proposed personnel director would be in charge of all state employees except teachers.
At the final session of the association's two-day annual convention, Mason P. Swearingen was re-elected president. Leonora (Ikey) Carawan was named vice president, succeeding John R. Branham, and George W. Moore was chosen secretary-treasurer, succeeding Wynona Fowler. Asheville was picked for next year's convention.

Littleton High School Opens With Assembly

Littleton — Littleton High School began its 1948-49 term Wednesday, September 15. A general assembly in the auditorium started at 9:15 o'clock with the invocation by the Rev. Julian King. Rev. W. F. F. Little followed with scriptures and remarks. F. H. Eason, Principal, then made the announcements and introduced the teachers. The benediction was given by the Rev. H. L. Davis.

Weldon

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bloomer and children left last week for Canton, N. Y., where Bloomer is a professor at Sarah Lawrence University.
Mrs. Jack Foster of Portsmouth, Va., visited her daughter, Mrs. Buddie Miller, at the Country Club last week.
Mrs. Cam Tilghman, Miss Ann Tilghman, Mrs. Paul Merchant, Miss Pauline Merchant and Mrs. David Dickens spent last Tuesday in Richmond, Va.
Mrs. C. R. Kee of Seaboard is visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Blowe.
Miss Mary Ann Daniel has gone to Chapel Hill to resume her work at the University of North Carolina.
Miss Ola Bell Whitehead has returned to Ohio State Univer-

sity in Columbus, Ohio, to resume her studies.
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Neal attended the American Legion Convention in Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. Phill Darden of Suffolk is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anthony.
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip King and son have returned to their home in Washington after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Mitchell.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell and daughter, Patsy, of Hampton, Va., visited Mrs. T. A. Chappell recently.
Miss Elizabeth Clark has returned from a visit to Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Clark in Chapel Hill.
Mrs. Frances Oakes has returned from Virginia Beach, where she spent the summer.
Miss Mildred Stephenson has left to enter Stratford College, Danville.
Mrs. A. P. Ellis and Mrs. L. W. Edwards spent a few days in Durham last week.
Mrs. C. A. Taylor of Richmond, Va., visited friends in Weldon Thursday.
Mrs. Elliott Clark of Craddock, Va., spent the weekend in Weldon.

Sam Baugh, Washington Redskins passing star has been playing football for 20 seasons—four in high school, four in college and 12 in the National Foot-

DEATHS

MRS. C. A. LYLERLY
Mrs. C. A. Lylerly, 70, died early Monday morning in the Roanoke Rapids hospital, after an extended illness.
Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 3 p. m. at the Rosemary Methodist Church with the Rev. W. R. Stevens officiating.
Burial will be in the family plot in Cedarwood Cemetery.
Mrs. Lylerly is survived by two daughters: Mrs. William Sutton of Philadelphia and Mrs. Marie Vester of Norfolk, Va., two sons: Clarence and Arnold Lylerly, both of Roanoke Rapids.

SPEAKER SAYS

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candidates everywhere. Negro publisher Marshall of Macon, Ga., is the Progressive nominee against Georgia Senator Russell. So many speakers at the Progressive convention in Philadelphia were Negroes that the newsmen wisecracked that "from the way Negroes are assigned positions of prestige, one would conclude either that Negroes compose 75% of the membership of the Progressive party or whites are being discriminated against. A majority of speakers at the Philadelphia convention were Negroes; nearly all were either from the South or from Negro districts in the North the object was to sell the Progressive party to Negroes, especially to the Southern Negro. The Communist leadership behind Wallace know that persecuted, underprivileged minorities nearly always vote as a unit. Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has pointed out that the Negroes voted almost 100% in the recent primaries in Tennessee, Georgia and other areas. In 1936, 1940 and 1944, the Negroes voted 99% for Roosevelt and the whole Democratic ticket

in Harlem. Negroes are beginning to vote in numbers in the South. This year, 30% will vote in many Southern areas. Wallace leaders expect a larger percentage in 1950. In most Southern states, the Negroes will determine the election winners in 1952, except the Wallaceites, because the whites will be split among Democrats, the Dixiecrats, and the Republicans who are making gains throughout the South. In the North, the predicted depression will vote out the Republicans, and vote in the Progressives.
"I am merely reporting the expectations of the Communists controlling Wallace," repeated Wick. "I am not passing judgment either on their prejudices or on their capitalization."

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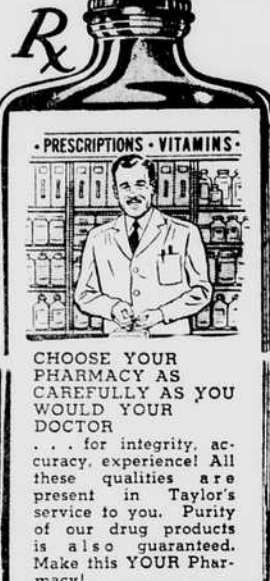
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