

Bebblin' About
A Gift And Grinning Blonde
 J. P. Brady

THANK YOU 'SOMEONE' FOR THE KNIFE AND FORK
 I knew the very minute I walked into the restaurant Saturday afternoon that something was a'brewing.
 Maybe it was the smile on the waitress' face that let the cat out of the bag. Then again, it could have been her laughing, "someone left you a package", as on this happy note she reached in back of a booth and brought out a long cardboard package.
 Anyway, I ended up with the package.
 Crude lettering on one side

cautioned that the package contained a "genuine boar weapon" and that it would be extremely dangerous to use it on wild turkey.
 A letter attached informed me "It is with great pleasure that we invite you into the 'Boar Club' . . . to get you started in the right way, we are sending you free of charge the basic materials for all beginners. Practice often and when you are satisfied with your efforts, go up and fell a few."
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"that's all I know . . . no, I don't know who he was."
 Well, "little boy", whoever you are, trot over and tell those who asked you to deliver the package they touched me deeply with the thought behind the gift. And tell them, too, that I will always treasure it.
 It was really something I've always wanted — a little bow and arrow set.

BALDWIN WALLEWS OUT ANOTHER GOLFING ACE

Some fellows live a lifetime and never, no never, come close to a hole-in-one.
 Hole-in-ones, you know, aren't at all easy to come by (I guess I've made a hundred of them, Grady) but M/Sgt. Harold Baldwin, a local golfer and career soldier is fast proving they are really nothing at all when a fellow knows what he's doing.
 Harold recently poled his second hole-in-one within a year's time.
 The sergeant, whose dad (Harley Baldwin) pilots a cab in Franklin, got his latest ace while playing on the Atlanta General Depot's golf team against Fort McPherson. He used a nine-iron on the 115-yard hole, so we learn here.
 Congrats, Sarge, and may you stretch it to three.

AND MAY ALL YOUR TROUBLES BE SMALL

Read in the daily press a couple of days ago where the new super aircraft carrier, USS Forrestal, was "launched", following christening ceremonies.
 Launched was put in quotes, I learned after reading the story, because the carrier wasn't really launched at all — just moved a few feet after being whacked on the snoot with a bottle of champagne. The story explained that the huge sea warrior would really be put afloat later.
 Putting launched in quotes in the story recalled the time I "dated" a good-looking blonde dancer with a USO show. (I say she was good-looking because back in those days the only qualifications a woman had to meet to catch the eye of a sailor were two legs and hair).
 As one of Uncle Sam's sailing stalwarts (I would get violently seasick wringing the water out of my socks) I was chosen (Brady, take one step forward!) to spend the day and "date"

this blonde for a story in a magazine. This story was designed to prove that even the lowest enlisted man (and there were none lower than I) could have a wonderful time when USO shows operated on his morale. This blonde was the surgeon who was going to remove my blues and brighten my day. I was ready!
 I'll never forget the thrill I experienced when she smiled at me as the photographer took the first picture. (The fact she was the first woman I had seen in several moons was immaterial) This initial shot was of her whistling at ME as I walked down the street.

And so the day progressed, with this blonde smiling prettily at yours truly and yours truly (I wasn't sure of my name, rank, or serial number at this point) smiling back and the photographer smiling at both of us — in the mess hall as we ate lunch (her comment was "I'll die before I'll eat that stuff"). To which I replied, "You'll die if you do eat it", walking hand and hand along the beach, playing through the surf, supper of roast pheasant under glass (standard menu according to the published article), and a "date" at the movie.

After all of this smiling from her I somewhat fancied myself the Don Juan of the base, although my mirror continually belied the fact. But that fetching smile this little blonde had

turned my head and frankly, my ardor would have boiled soup.
 The picture shooting sessions over, the smiling photographer disappeared and I bravely approached my "date".
 "Let's take in supper somewhere . . . a nice, quiet, secluded place," I began accosting her ear.
 The smile disappeared from her pretty face and she looked me critically up and down.
 "Shove off sailor!" she snarled, powdering her nose. "Honestly, the slob a girl has to put up with to get a little publicity."

A chastened "Don Juan Brady" (a nickname I obviously acquired) sneaked off into the night.
 So now you know why the "launching" of the USS Forrestal perturbs me greatly.
 If the carrier's "launching" isn't anymore successful than my "date" was, it probably will be ordered to duty in the Sierra desert.

Union P. T. A. Meet To Feature Christmas Program On Tuesday

A short Christmas program and guest speaker from Dillard, Ga., will mark a meeting of the Union P. T. A. Tuesday evening, it has been announced.
 Set for 7:30, the Yule program will be by the children of the fifth grade.

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