

My Favorite Stories

By CARL GOERCH

Tommy Wofford is a resident of Norfolk, Virginia. He is eleven years old and delivers papers for the Virginia-Pilot, the morning newspaper in Norfolk. Tommy has had the route for over a year.

He collects from his customers once a week. Usually on Thursday. Tommy had very good luck with his collections until he came to a certain rather neighborly block on his route. On this block was a large apartment house in which several of his customers lived.

He called first on Mrs. Sanderson. "Good morning, Mrs. Sanderson."

"Oh, it's you, Tommy! I declare, I forgot that this was Thursday and haven't got a penny in my purse and won't have until Mr. Sanderson comes in at noon. But I tell you what you do; you collect from Mrs. Edwards, too, don't you?"

"Yes'm."

"Tell her when she pays you to give you a quarter for me. I'll return it to her this afternoon."

"O.K."

Tommy went upstairs and rang the bell on Mrs. Edwards' door. Mrs. Edwards answered it promptly.

"Oh, hello, Tommy."

"Good morning, Mrs. Edwards."

"I suppose you want to collect, don't you?"

"Yes'm."

"Come right in."

Tommy went right in and Mrs. Edwards got out her purse. She pulled out several coins, counted them carefully and then said: Good gracious; I've got only twenty-four cents this morning."

"Oh that's all right," said Tommy magnanimously. "I'll take the twenty-four cents and we'll call it square."

"But I don't want you to do that."

Just then the telephone rang. Mrs. Edwards answered it. When she hung up, she said: "That was Mrs. Sanderson. She wants me to give you a quarter for her."

"Yes'm," said Tommy. "I was just fixin' to tell you about that."

"My, my! What am I going to do? I hated to tell her that I didn't have a quarter. I borrowed fifty cents from her day before yesterday."

Tommy didn't say anything. Mrs. Edwards went into a deep study for a moment or two, and then her face brightened.

"Isn't Mrs. Jernigan one of your customers?" she inquired.

"Yes'm," said Tommy.

"Have you collected from her?"

"No'm I'm going around there in just a minute though."

"Well, I'll just keep this 24 cents. You tell Mrs. Jernigan to let you have 50 cents for me. Tell her I'll say it back to her some time later in the day."

Tommy sighed wearily and said: "O. K."

So he went around to Mrs. Jernigan's and rang her bell.

Mrs. Jernigan answered and greeted him with a bright smile.

"Come right in, Tommy," she said.

"I've come to collect," said Tommy.

"Let me get my purse."

Tommy eyed her somewhat dubiously as she began rummaging through the miniature suitcase. In a moment his worst fears were realized.

"Oh," she exclaimed. "I remember now that I spent my last cent yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Harris and I went to the movies. I've only got three cents in my pocketbook."

"Mrs. Edwards wants you to pay a quarter for her, too," and Tommy.

"She does?"

"Yeah. And Mrs. Edwards said for you to pay a quarter for Mrs. Sanderson."

"Mrs. Sanderson?"

"Yeah."

"But, my goodness; I can't even pay for my own. I hate this terribly. Let me think a minute."

She thought a minute, and then she said: "I've got the answer to our problem, Tommy."

"Yeah?" said Tommy.

"Yeah. You go to Mrs. Culpepper's. She's my cousin and she won't mind doing me this favor. Tell her to give you three quarters for me."

Tommy opened his mouth. Then he thought better of it and maintained silence. He put on his hat and went to Mrs. Culpepper's house, two doors up the street.

"Good morning, Mrs. Culpepper."

"Good morning, Tommy."

"Listen, Mrs. Culpepper. Have you got a dollar?"

"I believe I have. Why?"

"Because Mrs. Jernigan wants you to pay for her paper, and she wants to pay for Mrs. Edwards' subscription, and Mrs. Edwards wants you to pay for Mrs. Sanderson."

Mrs. Culpepper gasped. "Any more?" she inquired.

"That's all," said Tommy.

Mrs. Culpepper gave him the dollar-bill and remarked, as she handed it to Tommy, "Something told me I should never have moved into this block."

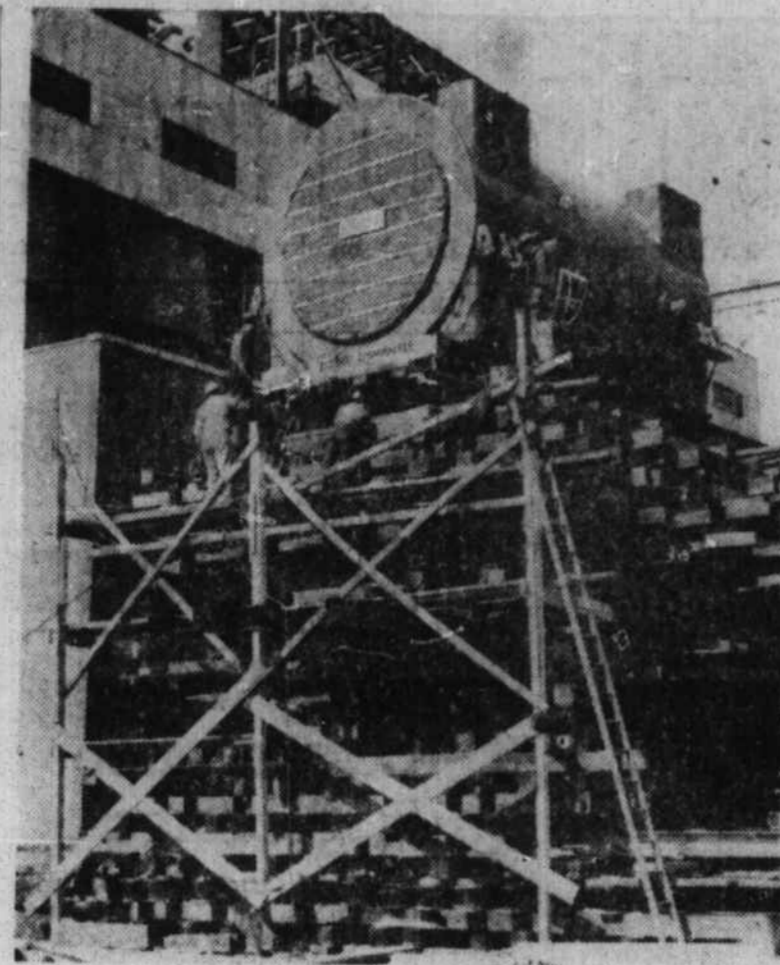
Tommy took the money and went out, firmly convinced now of a former half-formed theory that all women are more or less crazy.

Blind Lawmaker

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Robert D. Mahoney, blind since he was 15, is confident he'll keep pace with his colleagues in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Friends will read to him. His dog will lead him. He'll keep notes in Braille.

He has a wife, who also is blind, and six children, none of whom is blind.



HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP—Here is the heaviest single piece to go into the Louis V. Sutton power plant of Carolina Power & Light Company near Wilmington. It is the 319,420-pound stator of the second generator. Scheduled for service this summer, the unit will bring plant capacity to 300,000 horsepower. Here workmen tediously jack it up to the 25-foot pedestal on which it will rest.

U.S. Attorney General's Daughter Makes Debut

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—From nine to 10" read the engraved invitations the Attorney General and Mrs. Herbert Brownell sent out to their own friends to the debut they gave for their pretty daughter, Joan.

This caused a flurry of comment around town among the oldsters, who don't usually like to be told when they're expected to scam. "It'll take us a full hour just to get into our monkey suits and about as long to go down the receiving line," one man complained.

However, most of the big-wigs invited to this, the only debut of a cabinet bud this season, understood the motive behind the invitation... the party was for Joan and her friends, not for friends of Papa and Mama. The younger set had been invited for after 10. While Morton Downey came down from New York to play for the adults during their brief hour, a hot jazz band from Baltimore was scheduled to provide the waltz and samba accompaniment for the youngsters for the rest of the night.

The Brownells took over Fabulous Anderson House on Massachusetts Avenue, once the home of the former U. S. ambassador to Japan and Mrs. Larz Anderson, for the shindig. Now the national headquarters for the Society of The Cincinnati, whose members are direct descendants of officers of the Continental Army, Anderson House is often loaned to high government officials for high-jinks entertainment.

The well-intentioned plans of the elder Brownells didn't quite come off. When the younger crowd began to arrive from earlier dinner parties elsewhere they found the old folks still hanging around. What's more they were dancing to their orchestra in the ballroom!

Some, like Sir Roger Makins, the British Ambassador, and Sen. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), were really taking over on the dance floor, and, I must admit, could show the younger generation a thing or two. The ambassadors' daughters, Sylvia and Mollie, and Senator Fulbright's pretty Betsy, also a deb this season, were among those invited to stay on till the wee hours.

Even those who left shortly after the 10 o'clock deadline had an elegant evening. Champagne, cocktails, highballs and wonderful hors d'oeuvres were served. The youngsters, all sweet, sensible kids, had cokes and other soft drinks to go with their more hearty refreshments.

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PARENT PROBLEMS

The Green-Eyed Monster Often Hits The Eldest

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

NOT always, but often, it's the eldest of two or three little children that's hardest to manage. He may not have regained the position he had lost to the added children.

A Jealous Sibling
A Wisconsin mother of three children, 3, 1½ years and 7 weeks, writes of frequent and violent tantrums in the eldest: "This morning he flew into a rage because he could not have two teaspoons of vitamin emulsion. If he demands, say, a marshmallow immediately and doesn't get it, he flies into a rage. He is apt to seize the nearest object and hurl it to the floor in his anger. Also he will suck his thumb for long periods of time during the day. And he doesn't eat well."

"When he starts a tantrum I put him in his chair to sit for ten minutes. He generally screams the entire time."

Sharing Experiences
She relates ever so many intelligent ways she and the father have of doing and making things with him, going places with him, reading to him and encouraging his play with other children. He has been checked by the family physician.

Here in part is how I answered her: Go on, you parents, in your many affectionate ways with this child. Cuddle and rock him when all is well, if he likes it. For his good deeds praise him as your

Disappointingly Prompt

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Judge Edwin H. Satterthwaite admitted he was disappointed when Laurence H. Eldredge appeared at the appointed time in court.

During a recess, the judge explained that Eldredge has been his first professor at the University of Pennsylvania law school. On opening day, Judge Satterthwaite recalled, his train was late and he came in 30 minutes after class started.

"And you," the judge reminded Eldredge, "stopped your lecture and dressed me down something awful. You said a lawyer had to learn to be on time. Yes, you gave me quite a ride."

And, continued Judge Satterthwaite, "when I heard you were coming here today, I was waiting to see what time you came in. If you had been late..."

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