

# COME AGAIN' HARRINGTON

By Maurice Vincent

THE gentleman entering the Silver Dollar Cafe wore tan gloves and carried a silver headed cane. The cane was the type that concealed a long and wicked blade. The gentleman, Mr. Franklin Quincy Harrington by name, was known by the police of three continents for certain felonious activities concerning the banking profession. Every literate person in the world had heard of "Come counter, tipped his hat at an extraordinary confidence man since "Yellow Kid" Weil.

Mr. Harrington placed his ornate walking stick atop the counter, tipped his hat at an expensive angle and looked at the waitress who appeared to be slightly flustered. She was staring at the man as she might gaze at an exotic bird.

"Coffee, my dear," said Mr. Harrington gently. He had a weakness for pretty girls and Trexy Hartman was decidedly a pretty girl. Mr. Harrington's tastes were generally pretty jaded . . . and expensive. But this girl could well be an exception, Mr. Harrington mused.

"What is the name of the banker in this village, my girl?" asked "Come Again." He waved a hand expressively and on his little finger glittered a stone large enough to blind a locomotive head-on.

"Mr. Grahe Hartman . . . sir," said Trexy. She blushed as Mr. Harrington gazed at her in a fashion that would lead you to believe she had just recited one of Einstein's equations from memory.

"And where does Mr. Hartman . . . live?" asked Mr. Harrington softly. It was his fashion to first make a social call on the bankers of his choice. What went on at those conferences only the bankers and Mr. Harrington were aware. Mr. Harrington considered this knowledge as business secrets and the bankers were generally too reluctant to bring up the subject . . . even to the police.

"Mr. Hartman . . . lives across the street (she pointed with a pink finger) in the white house got green shutters." "Mr. Hartman . . . the banker is my grandfather . . ." she added. Then Trexy done a very unusual thing. She reached for a package of money, the weeks receipts from the Silver Dollar Cafe, and handed them to the gaudy stranger.

"Would you . . . give this money to my grandfather . . . for deposit?" she asked shyly. Then she smiled at Mr. Harrington as innocent as a child. Mr. Harrington dropped his walking stick with a great clatter. Muttering to himself, he picked up his cane, and then, in a flash, dropped his gloves. The gentleman's poise had left him.

"My dear," said Mr. Harrington sadly. "You have just ruined a fine career."

Trexy looked at him, not understanding. There was a light in his eyes that no one, except Mr. Harrington, had been privileged to see. "Come Again" Harrington recognized the look and it made him a bit sad to think of the wasted years. As he arose from the stool, leaving his coffee untouched, he looked at the shabby interior of the Silver Dollar. He glanced at the lovely features of Trexy Hartman.

He handed the money back to the girl. "Must be getting a bit soft," he muttered. He picked up his gloves and stick and prepared to leave. He reflected for one brief instant upon the banker and his good fortune to be spared a visit by the world's most accomplished scoundrel.

"Will you come again?" asked Trexy anxiously.

"I doubt it," said Mr. Harrington. Then he smiled bleakly. "Congratulations your grandfather upon his good fortune . . . just tell him that 'Come Again' Harrington will not pass this way again. He'll understand. Then, with a polite tip of his expensive hat, he was gone.

## MINERAL BOOK COMMITTEES TO MEET MAY 19 IN SPRUCE PINE

The Mineral Book Committee of the cooperating libraries of Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey counties will meet on May 19 at Young's Restaurant, Spruce Pine, for supper and a short business meeting. Dr. and Mrs. Donald Brobst will be guests of the committee. Dr. Brobst is a geologist employed by the United States Geological Survey and is now completing a survey of the permatite deposit in the Spruce Pine area.

Dr. Brobst will give a talk at the Town Hall, Spruce Pine at 8 p. m., the same evening on the geology and geography of this section. The public is invited to attend this talk.

R. T. Dent of Spruce Pine is chairman of the mineral book committee that is building up a collection of books on minerals and mining industries for use by public libraries throughout the state. The collection now includes more than 400 books with over 150 individual titles. Lists of the books owned may be consulted at the library quarters in Bakersville, Burnsville, Newland or Spruce Pine or may be requested through the bookmobile service. Mitchell County Library at Bakersville catalogs and prepares the books for use, and the subject catalog of the collection is kept at the Bakersville headquarters.

The library boards of each county appoints representatives to serve on the Mineral Book Committee. Mrs. C. R. Hamrick and Rush T. Wray are the representatives of the Yancey County Public Library Board.

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## YOUR brain budget

1. The science of kinematics relates to (a) motion; (b) figures; (c) relationships.
2. Otiose means (a) vain; (b) still; (c) apparent.
3. A shako is (a) walking stick; (b) tall military cap; (c) foul weather garment.

### ANSWERS

1. Pure motion.
2. Vain.
3. Tall military cap.



- Q—Can you tell me how hunting and fishing ranks with other sports?  
A—In 1953 there were about 32 million hunting and fishing licenses issued. For the same year, baseball drew 18 million paid customers. Rodeos drew 20 million and horse racing about 30 million.
- Q—Can you tell me actually how many attended the dinner in Washington for Speaker Sam Rayburn? Who got the money?  
A—There were 3700 places set. More than that number attended at a rate of \$100 per plate. The dinner was in the National Guard armory and was served by the combined cuisine of the Mayflower and Statler hotels. Profit went to the Democratic National Committee.
- Q—Which President was it who is said to have been drafted and hired a substitute to serve in the army for him?  
A—Grover Cleveland was drafted for service in the Civil War by the Federal Army. He hired a substitute, then a legal right.
- Q—Can you give me the names of other army officers besides Eisenhower who became President?  
A—Generals Grant and Zachary Taylor became president. Other presidents have performed military service in some capacity, including Jackson, William Henry Harrison, Pierce, Tyler, Johnson, Lincoln, Hayes, Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and Truman.
- Q—What are the qualifications prescribed for a president?  
A—He must be a natural-born citizen, at least 35 years old and for at least 14 years a resident of the United States.
- Q—Does the Library of Congress have a file of newspapers?  
A—The library receives 770 American newspapers and 870 foreign. Only 210 American newspapers are preserved in binding microfilm; 800 of the foreign papers are preserved. The library has about 20,000 periodicals.

## DALE CARNEGIE

AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

IF YOU think you can write a story or a song or a poem, the chances are you can't. It must be in you, or you would not be clamoring for expression. Having it accepted by a publisher of stories or a house that brings out songs, or selling a poem is another matter.

A publisher once told me that one of the greatest mistakes in the profession was a writer not knowing his market, and sending his work to some publication or publishing house for whom it was wholly unsuited. Naturally when a writer has put down on paper his innermost thoughts and feeling he thinks at once of publishers' names that he sees most frequently. So off goes his work to one of them, regardless of whether those particular houses go in for his "type of stuff."

So the second thing for a writer to do is to learn his market. Many a good piece of work has gone unread, or a lovely song unsung because this has not been done.

An unknown name is of course another obstacle. Carrie Jacobs Bond, whose "The End of a Perfect Day" is sung all over the world, could not get it published. So she had it printed and went from door to door selling it.

The late Dr. Charles Wakefield Cadman wrote some music to an Indian legend and called it "The Land of the Sky Blue Water." Eight publishers turned it down. Most of them gave him mild encouragement, however. That song, long before Mr. Cadman died more than a decade ago, sold more than a million copies, after the eighth publisher recognized its quality and its possibilities.

I could go on and on with similar recitals. So if you want to write something—anything at all—write it, and don't allow yourself to become discouraged!



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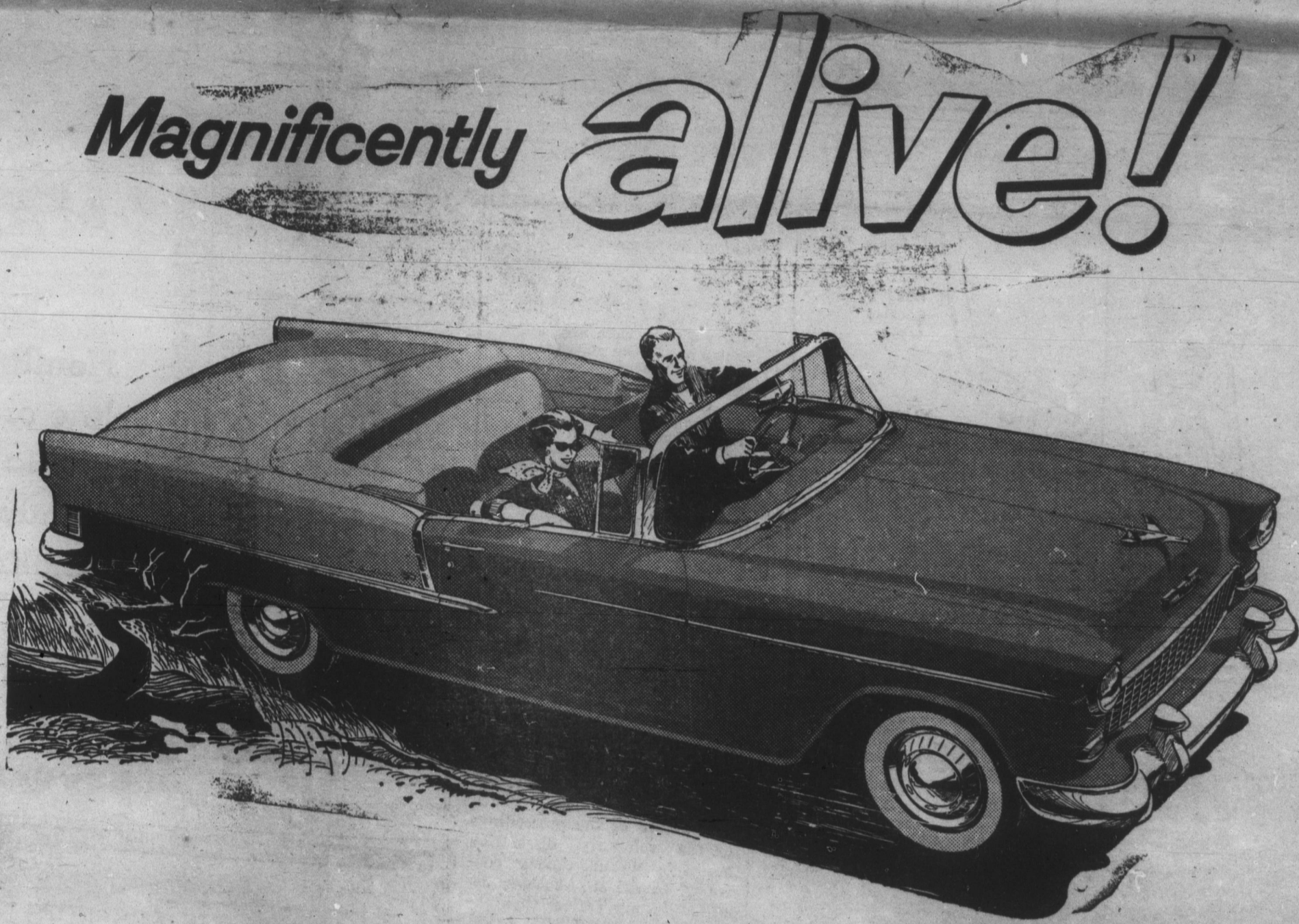
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