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Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

If you can't be in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day, the next best thing is to be in Boston, Massachusetts, that is. I was there this past Patty's Day, as I have been on several past occasions. This time it was icy cold. Temperatures ranged from maybe 5 to 7 degrees above zero. That is cold for watching a parade but, for those who marched, it was worse. It is the first time I have ever seen Irish gals (or any other Nationality, for that matter) with "blue legs". Blue from the cold. How they stood the marching with the scant clothing, I'll never know, because, to have enquired would have been to invite a punch in the nose.

But, the Parade was grand and the colleens were beautiful, despite their dreadful hued legs. Everything else was green, as was fitting to the occasion. Even the beer was green. Green in color, that is, not in age. It takes a bit of nerve to drink a glass of green-colored beer. No place but Boston will you find it, I was told. I don't vouch for it because, in Boston, the Irish will tell you many things. Especially will they do so on Saint Patrick's Day.

I missed my old friend "Hup-Hup" Kelly. Poor dear "Hup-Hup" was called home, so to speak, when he crossed the street against traffic about three o'clock in the morning. Or maybe it was the other way around. In any event, poor dear "Hup-Hup" lost the contest. One of the few he ever lost in his 80 or 85 years of life, all spent in Boston. Mr. Kelly received his pension from the State of Massachusetts for 10 these many years due to his faithful service to "His Honor" Michael J. Curley.

Mr. Curley, of course, was Mayor, Congressman, and Governor — repeatedly. Once, he even was elected while he was in jail. But this is an article on the late departed "Hup-Hup" Kelly, who served "His Honor" well. His job was relatively simple, and the nickname derived from it. All Mr. Kelly did was to enter offices, banquets, gatherings, and whatnots, just prior to the Grand Entrance of James Michael Curley. Mr. Kelly would bellow out "Hup, Hup on your feet!" And all of those gathered for the occasion would arise, and cheer their heads off. Thus, they kept on the payroll, got contracts, and whatever else comes to those who back a winner. Old "Hup-Hup" kept his job, which defied an official listing, and eventually retired on a pension sufficient to keep him in coffee money. Coffee, I said. "Hup-Hup" did not touch the hard-stuff.

This year, I missed Mr. Kelly's not telling the splendid tales of the old Irish. He told political tales of Boston, and folk-tales of

Ireland. Whether he was born in the United States or had ever been in Ireland, I never knew or inquired, because good manners forbids questioning a man who tells a fine story as to its accuracy of detail. Hup-Hup had a splendid tale of the wise old lady in Ireland who was the only person there ever to find a stick with only one end to it. Sure now, when you get to thinking in it, it would be wonderful thing to see indeed. It pure defies the imagination. I have thought on it quite a bit, but, as yet, I have not conjured up a vision of what it would look like. Once, I mentioned it to "Mutt" Burton, who assured me he would think on it too. Now we all know that Mutt is a philosopher of no mean degree, but, would you believe it — he has never yet reached a conclusion, although I do understand from his wife that he searches diligently for one to confound me.

Good luck to Mutt in his search and God grant Hup-Hup reached home safely.

Drugs Effective In TB Cure

Pills, pills, pills. Millions of people — those who need them and those who don't — take them all the time.

What about those who do need them and don't take them? When the illness is a serious one — for example, tuberculosis — some problems and some dangers arise.

Since the early 1950's, when effective drugs were developed against TB, prolonged hospitalization of patients has been decreasing. The majority of known TB suffers today are clinic outpatients. Their treatment consists mainly of drugs (usually in large quantities) provided by the clinic and taken daily at home.

Unfortunately the system doesn't always work smoothly. A patient with TB in mild form can feel fine and start wondering why he has to go on taking those endless pills. The people at the clinic whose job is to help him get well may forget that they are dealing, in some cases, with a person unaccustomed to carrying out strict instructions or perhaps unable to grasp them fully. Sometimes an extra effort is needed on the part of the clinic worker to put himself in the patient's place and try to bridge a gap in understanding or emotional conditioning.

Various methods have been tried for surmounting this "communications gap". Some clinics have supplied medication dispensers, with each day's supply of pills in a dated compartment. Others have experimented with



'Pied Piper Of Hamelin' Given By Elementary School May 12

Members of the Burnsville Elementary P.T.A. are busily engaged in getting ready for the school production of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin", which will take place in the Parkway Playhouse Friday evening, May 12. Rehearsals are underway; costumes, charmaned by Mrs. Bill Hess, are in the making; Mrs. Vint Westall and her co-workers have their job cut out for them in getting the playhouse all cleaned up and in readiness. Kenneth Laughrun, head of the scenery committee, is doing his usual fine job; Mrs. Scotty Moore, sound effects, is working out her problems; Mrs. Paul Biggerstaff, business manager, also has her work cut out for her. And boss of it all is Mrs. Joe Warner, President of P.T.A. Now if you P.T.A. members think the people mentioned above expect to do the whole job you are sadly mistaken. They are depending on all of you to pitch in and help. So, if you have not already done so, get on the telephone to any of the above mentioned and volunteer your service. This is an ambitious undertaking, and will need the cooperation of every P.T.A. member. And what would the "Pied Piper" be without lots and lots of children, which there will be in abundance. The characters will be drawn from children in the upper grades, with Mark Warner as the "Pied Piper". His supporting cast includes Charlie Metcalf, Marsha Ranks, Robby Byrd, Carolyn Allen, Marjorie Laughrun, Janet Ruffoe, Harrison Tyner, and Charlie Bone. Of course there will also be a number of children in minor roles.

"pill calendars" with the day's dose physically attached to each date. Dr. Thomas Moulding, of the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, suggests the possibility of supervisory home visits by nurses or health workers. Writing in the National Tuberculosis Association Bulletin, he acknowledges that this would be expensive but points out that it would help free some public funds now spent on TB patient hospitalization.

Any way you look at it, TB remains an important problem. Ask your Christmas Seal association for its free booklet, "Face About TB and RD (Respiratory Disease).

This promises to be an entertaining evening. Let's all get behind the P.T.A. in every way possible, and don't forget to reserve that night — May 12th — PARKWAY PLAYHOUSE. Let's support our school, our children, and especially our P.T.A.

Fire Drill Urged As Highlight Of Spring Clean-Up

Spring Clean-Up Week, which serves the dual purpose of brightening your home and getting rid of fire hazards, is also a good time to hold a fire drill if your family has not done so recently, the American Insurance Association recommended today.

It's very simple:

- Gather all members of the family together tonight and work out two ways of escape from the house in case of fire. Then, if one escape route is blocked, you can use the other one.
- Tell the children to go to their beds and hold a practice drill as if a fire occurred in the night.
- In the drill, one of the parents at an unexpected moment should shout, "FIRE! Lets get out of the house."
- With a little practice — two or three rehearsals — every member of the family should be able to get outside of a one-story or two-story home in less than a minute.
- And, in working out your escape plan, instruct all members of the family to go to a pre-arranged meeting place upon leaving the house so it can be ascertained that everyone is outside.

IN CASE OF FIRE

At home —
Quickly get everybody out of the house.
Call the fire department immediately.
(Be sure everyone in your family knows how to call the fire department.)
At public gatherings —
Walk, do not run, to the nearest exit. Call the fire department immediately. Keep calm.
—American Insurance Association

Raleigh Report

By: Ernest Messer

On April 5, the North Carolina House of Representatives passed a "brown bag" bill.

Under the provisions of this act, whiskey is permitted to be stored and consumed in homes and in clubs in dry counties.

Wet counties can, by issuing a license, permit whiskey to be consumed in restaurants.

I tried to amend the bill to submit the entire question to a vote of the people. My amendment was killed.

A bill to require the picture of the owner to be on every drivers' license has already passed the Senate.

Proponents of the bill claim it will prevent the falsification of driver' licenses and will prevent persons who have no license, or whose license has been revoked, from using a borrowed license.

Such a card would also provide adequate identification for other purposes — say, for one who needed to cash a check.

My objection to the "picture" license is that it will increase the cost for a driver's license from the present \$2.50 to \$3.25. There will also be some problems in processing the license.

A bill to permit abortions under certain conditions is getting considerable attention throughout the State. The bill has already passed the Senate and now goes to a House Committee.

Representative Clyde Auman introduced a bill last week to exempt persons over 65 from the provision of the law which requires, them to have a fishing license and a trout stamp. This bill will have a lot of opposition but it may pass.

A move to restore the use of planes for patrolling the highway is having trouble in the Senate. But indications are that the Senate will restore the use of planes to the Highway Patrol. Then the proposition will have a chance for a trial flight in the House.

The Appropriations Committee will have to make the final decision about State Aid for local airports. The bill to provide this aid has been approved by committees in both houses and referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Since I have been appointed to serve on the Appropriations subcommittee, I will have no further predictions to make concerning appropriation. ??