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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

### "MISTER GEORGIA TECH"

By: Jack Kelly

Except for two trips I made last year, that year, like many a one before it, would have taken its place in my memory as non-distinctive commonplace — another 365 days I had lived through. But I did make those two trips, hence, it became a distinguished year. Both of those trips placed me in Atlanta. Now, to a person who has never sojourned in that epic City, a mere trip there would be sufficient to make it a memorable year — ha, I grant you. But I am a lucky Irishman, I not only went there, I renewed my friendship personally with the original "Nure's Noblemen" who is also Mister Georgia Tech, the Honorable George C. Griffin.

I first met George Griffin when he was dispatched to Florida to head-up our Beach Battalion. We were quartered on the island off Fort Pierce. We always called it Fort Pierce. Anyway, we were in bad shape. Petty bickering among the Officers and actual scuffling among the men of the outfit. We not only needed someone to head us up, we needed someone who could bump our heads together, shake what brains we had, if any, into the right corners of our skulls, and set us off fresh. Very, very few men could have filled that bill. Personally, I knew that the idiots in Washington could never make a proper choice for the job. I also knew that if the wrong men was sent to us, we would have had the nearest thing to a full-scale mutiny the Navy had had in years.

Lady Luck smiled on us. Some idiot in Washington made a mistake and, fortunately, we got us a hunk of man named George C. Griffin. He became "Skipper." Skipper had been the Dean of Men at Georgia Tech for some years past and his skill with men stood him in good stead.

The Skipper took us aggrieved folks and our grievances and, frankly, I don't know exactly what he did with them. All I know is that he dispelled them. They were no more. They vanished. The first time I realized they had gone was the first time I suddenly knew that everyone had been getting along for a couple of weeks with no belly-aching. What a man! We definitely needed twenty hours or so a day to get us in shape so — George Griffin worked you 22. Not only that, he worked with you. He led you. Skipper could be two miles away from your activity but you just knew he was leading you.

We were short on Officers, so Company Commanders also had one of the Platoon for their very own. I had C-Company and Platoon C-8. They were tops! Not too long on book-learning. A little short on manners. Lots of kids had had better raising than mine. Griff caught me in one of the tents one day shining some of the guy's shoes. He never mentioned it. He knew someone had to show these kids how to do things. The Skipper got to the point where the Navy finally did something right. They broke up the Battalion and sent him to other duties. If they hadn't done that, I know that George Griffin could have led those kids and Officers into or against anything he could dream of — including the U. S. Marines.

That's the gentleman I renewed my friendship with! The years have dealt kindly with the Skipper. He still looks the same. Personally, the mirror constantly reminds me that a quarter of a century has passed. Whenever I forget it, one of my kids from the Platoon passes through Town and he is no longer a kid — he's fortyish. What keeps Skipper young? The answer is Miss Genie. That beautiful little girl will have to be the subject of another column. Probably a love letter because Miss Genie deserves the best, and she got it in George.

### Disturbed

By: Clara Casada

Our county is full of mentally sick people of many different kinds and degrees but what I don't understand is why people treat them as if they were some kind of casualty. They don't need your pity, curiosity or your knowing stare. What they really need is love and understanding and a whole lot of gentle care. If you had a stroke or a heart attack would you consider it a disgrace? Then couldn't your mind and nerves get sick and you still be one of God's human race? In this day and time people have many problems that might be personal, domestic, financial or social which create tension and strain. These things combined with the fast living of today are almost too much for the nerves and brain. Your attitude and your ways of thinking are what makes things wrong. This kind of sickness could happen to you because it happens to people who are very strong. If you have someone close to you who has this kind of illness, take my advice, before you feel ashamed of them, think twice.



Zing in Spring

## CROSSROOTS AND OPINION

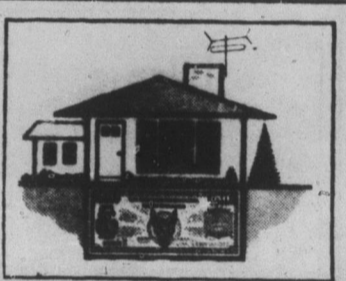
**MARATHON, N. Y. INDEPENDENT:** "Unemployment is rising, and a wave of emigration is causing concern among British leaders, for it is draining their country of its most capable people. Doctors, engineers and other highly trained and productive people are leaving for other countries in great numbers, with Canada, Australia and the United States, the favored destinations. It is logical to suspect that there is some connection between Britain's welfare state and the spreading impoverishment of her people, and the unwillingness of her most highly skilled people to risk their futures there. We are reminded of President Eisenhower's remark about the ultimate in security being a man serving a life sentence in a federal penitentiary."

**MOOREFIELD, W. VA. EXAMINER:** "Some of our fellow publishers give us a hard time every year when we get worked up about our various and sundry tax forms, a state easy to get into around the first of the year. We have heard that all of us work the last three months in every year for the various taxing bodies and we don't doubt it a bit. We might add that you also work the first month out of the year for the same tax bodies. A mere report on the number of the various forms makes you dizzy. . . . We reiterate our annual offer. We'll give the government our business if it will just pay us the taxes."

**JOHN DAY, ORE., EAGLE:** "Three cheers for Congressman Al Ullman who has severely criticized the U. S. Defense Department which has announced the purchase of 10 million pounds of lamb from Australia and New Zealand. . . . To us, government purchases of American-produced meat for the military service is far better than some of the agriculture subsidy programs that are offered. And we'd like to know if Australian mutton is that much cheaper after it is shipped to the United States."

## IT NEVER FAILS

**TERRE HAUTE, IND., TRIBUNE:** "There is no longer available space for the storage of waste. . . . Ours is a society that casts off much of what it uses. Life for millions of Americans will be far less pleasant than it might be a few years hence if better means of waste disposal are not found and applied."



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This pocketed, pleated princess is dramatized in black and white, one of spring's most exciting combinations. The woman who sews can easily achieve this coveted casual look. Use a nylon coil Talon Zephyr zipper down the back and, for exquisite tailoring, press as you sew, always using a press cloth over zipper area. For "zing in spring" make it from Vogue Pattern 6991.

## CROSSWORD

ACROSS		DOWN		Answer	
1. Social division of India	6. Grates	11. Oil of rose	12. Conscious	13. Shop	14. Proof-reader's mark
15. Bugle call	16. Pass through a sieve again	17. Rhode Island (abbr.)	18. Ever (post.)	19. Overhead train	20. Forward
23. Rabbit	25. Snobbish	27. Engine covering	29. Artists' stands	32. Overhead	33. Bird's claw
34. Pronoun	35. Frothed	38. Projecting end of a church	40. Seoul is its capital	41. Pitcher's target	42. Ruhr city
43. Avid	44. Peruses	45. Birds			