

"Nobody's Business"

— BY GEE MCGEE —

(Exclusive In The Star In This Section.)

SMART ALEKS

A smart Aleck is a guy who thinks he knows ten times more than anybody else knows—when, as a matter of fact, he's the only person in a crowd that thinks he's not half-witted.

The youngster who meets you in the road, and intentionally shaves your fenders with his fenders just to scare you, is called a smart Aleck by the party of the first part, and a darned fool by the party of the second part, meaning the old man and his old lady in the car that got frightened.

Uncle Joe came home a few nights ago and said: "Look-y here, Minervy, don't you never trade no more at Hatten & Missem's store. I went in there and called for a can of pink salmon and paid for that kind, but that little smart Aleck, Lite Waite, gave me a can of chums, and he knowed it at the time, too."

Among the many other things that nominate a fellow for the office of Smart-Aleck is a continued effort to kiss a girl that don't do nothing like that. There are several country girls in the United

States like that, even if it has become stylish to smoke a cigarette instead of eat a ball of candy.)

A 100 per cent Smart Aleck will poke ice down a girl's back, and ask her if she's got one or two pockets in her teddies, and wear false mustache at a carnival, and laugh at an old man who walks kinder wonky, and call his mother "the boss," and wash his hands in the finger bowl and tell everybody he knows better.

Very few Smart Alecks ever attend church, but in case they do happen at one, in order that they might maintain their reputation, they drop a button in the collection plate, and invariably walk out of the church while the preacher is preaching.

There are very few Smart Alecks over 21 years of age, but there are some up in the forties. Just last week, I saw an old bachelor tickling a flapper with a broom straw under the chin, of course, and when she found out what it was, he have her a slab of chewing gum.

Hospitality.

A school teacher told me the

other day that the word "hospitality" sprung from the Greek word "hospitality," and she order know what she's talking about. If you'll think about it, those words do sound like they have the same root and derivative.

But when I went to the hospital a few years ago I wasn't shown the kind of hospitality that I understood was common among common folks in the country. The first thing they did to me was simply astounding. If not surprising. They made me shed all my nice clothes, and handed me a little old shirt with no tail to it, and minus a back, and it had to be tied in the rear with strings instead of being buttoned in front with buttons. I never felt so undressed in all my life—when I had to wear it in front of all them good-looking nurses.

And the next thing they did to me was—jerk me out of the bed, shirt and all, and load me on to a cot with wheels on it, and roll me down the hall at about 25 miles per hour, and ooze me into a room full of doctors, nurses, and bone toters. They razored me and knifed me and sawed me and cut me all to pieces, and when I woke up a few hours later, I weighed 23 pounds less, and felt like a gum ball. About 450 dollars worth of my diaphragm had been severed and released.

And that's what they call hospital hospitality. The only thing that didn't ache about me for the

next 10 days was a whisker on my neck. I felt like I had been run over by a caterpillar tractor and soaked in Red Devil lye. The first thing I missed was my backbone. It had been cut out from Dan to Beersheba, but that was hospitality. A few days later, I began to miss some of my innards. I hurt so bad from my knees up I thought once of calling a lawyer.

Of course, nobody would think of doing without a hospital. I dearly loved the place after I got where I could hold the nurses' hands while they were taking my temperature, and I think there's where hospitality begins—and frequently ends. I found the rates a little high, and have always thought that if the hospital would make bargain rates that there would be a great deal more sickness. When a man has to pay from 10 to 20 dollars a day to be sick, he simply gets well and goes on back to work.

Hospitals are emanators of much conversation. People generally, and women especially, delight to tell about the gall stones they have parted with, and the appendixes they donated, and the liver and lights they hired a fellow to cut out, and then there are wons to be measured that are no more, and various other things. But after all, I've got my doubts about the word "hospitality" springing from the verb "hospitality."

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NO. 11 TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY FUND FROM JANUARY 1ST, 1928 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1928.

Receipts	
January 1, Balance	\$302.01
3-17-1928 Received from H. A. Logan	500.00
Received from S. A. Pruett for grading his road	22.35
Received rebate on gas	12.00
Received from J. G. McNelly for grading his road	12.00
Received from H. A. Logan	200.00
Received from H. A. Logan	384.60
Dec. 15, 1928 Received from H. A. Logan	500.00
Received Dec. 22 from John Ramsey	7.00
Rebate on gas	21.44
	\$1,961.40

Disbursements:

C. A. Brittain for gas and oil	\$94.60
A. G. McNelly for labor	3.75
C. P. Downs for labor	7.75
J. M. Deveney for labor	4.65
John S. Hunt for road service	15.50
A. M. Pruett for road service	6.00
E. J. Craven & Co. for supplies	19.68
Zero Mull for road work	2.00
The Star Publishing Co. for publishing	5.20
F. J. Craven and Co., machinery	500.00
A. A. Warlick & Co. for supplies	4.50
J. J. Newton for labor	3.05
A. M. White for drayage	1.25
A. A. Parker for labor	4.50
J. R. Price for labor	1.75
Gordon Newton for labor	19.75
J. M. Newton for labor	12.93
O. C. Downs for labor	8.50
W. D. Downs for labor	22.87
Jason Turner for putting in fills	12.00
A. M. Pruett for road service	6.00
John S. Hunt for road service	15.00
C. A. Brittain for gas and oils	63.77
E. J. Craven & Co. for grader blades	13.70
F. M. Newton for labor	16.25
Gordon Newton for labor	19.75
C. A. Brittain for gas and oils	10.00
A. M. Pruett for road service	15.00
John S. Hunt for gas and oil	15.00
Aug. 18th Zero Short for putting in fill	12.00
J. T. Newman for truck and road work	3.63
A. C. Brackett for lumber	7.82
H. G. McNelly for freight and hauling	1.81
Ramsey and Brittain for grease and gas	7.19
D. M. Wortman for shop work	5.05
A. A. Warlick for supplies	2.87
Gordon Newton for labor	19.25
J. M. Newton for labor	7.87
D. D. Downs for labor	9.87
C. A. Brittain for gas and oil	522.44
W. W. Towery for labor	5.60
John S. Hunt for road service	6.00
A. M. Pruett for road service	7.50
J. A. Deviney for labor	1.60
Aphas Short for labor	1.50
Alvin Downs for labor	1.50
Aug. 20 Norris Supply Co. for welding	26.00
Mauney Supply Co. for supplies	3.00
C. A. Brittain for gas and oil	43.53
G. K. Newton for labor	6.00
B. A. Parker for labor	9.00
Marvin Huff for labor	8.00
Moody Hoyle for labor	5.32
N. H. Parker for lumber	16.80
Gordon Newton for labor	24.50
J. M. Newton for labor	20.00
John Hamrick for labor	16.00
A. M. Pruett 3 days service	9.00
A. C. Brackett for lumber	20.97
Gordon Newton for labor	24.25
Noah Pruett for labor	22.13
A. A. Warlick for supplies	3.84
W. L. Pruett for gas	12.65
Maton Johnson for lumber	4.00
John S. Hunt 5 days road service	15.00
A. M. Pruett road service	3.75
First National Bank on note	363.00
Darse Smith for drayage	1.73
E. J. Craven for supplies	23.25
Z. B. Weathers & Sons for piping	21.00
Gordon Newton for labor	36.22
Noah Pruett for labor	47.00
John S. Hunt for road service	9.00
A. M. Pruett for road service	9.00
C. A. Brittain for supplies	107.00
S. A. Pruett for labor	6.00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1928	4.05
TOTAL	\$1,961.40

JOHN S. HUNT, Sec.
A. M. PRUETT, Chr.
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