



By L. L. STEVENSON

Johnny Roventini, who is 43 inches tall, celebrated his twenty-seventh birthday recently. He received many gifts because he has a large following. One, however, was of special significance. It consisted of a life contract to appear on the air programs of a large cigarette company. The amount involved was not announced but it must have been considerable since Johnny, before the life contract, had an income ample enough for him not only to support himself but to act as the principal support of his father, mother, brothers and sisters, a family of 10 in all. When he first went on the air he acted on occasions as call boy at Park avenue and other parties where a smart page was held to be essential to the general scenery. Now his paging is done only before a microphone. Outside jobs are no longer necessary.

The part that Johnny plays on the air is an easy one for him. As a matter of fact, he spent some time rehearsing for it. For his rehearsals, his pay consisted largely of tips. As a page boy at the New Yorker he was going through the lobbies shouting "Call for Mr. Smith" or something like that, and an officer of a tobacco company happened to see and hear him. He fitted right into the picture in the mind of the executive and was hired without any formalities whatsoever. So now his picture appears on cigarette cartons and he's saving up to retire. He has two hobbies, hunting and ping-pong. When he hunts, he uses a specially constructed gun—and he does bring home game. In ping-pong he's a wizard. Because he reaches only to the table top, he can swipe at the ball both underhand, the conventional way, and overhand, and has such a powerful stroke he smashes many balls.

Despite the fact that news is a most perishable commodity, not infrequently it travels long and circuitous routes before it is published. In mind is a dispatch which appeared in a New York morning paper. It was written on the way down the Yangtze river and was fled for transmission by cable at Shanghai. From Shanghai it traveled to Manila and from Manila to San Francisco. From San Francisco, it came to New York to the syndicate whose correspondent filed it. From New York, it went to London where it appeared in the Daily Mail. The London correspondent of the New York Times picked it up and sent it to his paper where it was published. Incidentally, it was received in New York in the Times building and from there sent to London.

That reminds me of Frank Sibley of Boston. Years ago, the steamer Portsmouth went down off Cape Cod. Newspaper men were sent from Boston to cover the wreck and above all to identify the vessel. From wreckage that came ashore, they picked up a good story since the Portsmouth was an important steamer. But while they were working, such a blizzard came up that wires went down and roads were blocked. Bottled up, apparently all the newspaper men could do was wait for a chance to get back to their offices. Sibley, however, knew that the American terminal of the French cable was at Orleans a short distance away. He made his way to the cable office and sent a story to Paris with instructions that it be cabled back to Boston. Thus his paper scored a notable scoop.

Get a lot of fun out of reading the 1938 Almanac for New Yorkers, the second edition of the metropolitan data prepared by the federal writers' project of the Works Progress administration. The publication is a mixture of past and present, with a number of jingles and no end of information. For instance, it is a violation of the sanitary code to sleep in one's bathtub. The first houses supposed to have been occupied by white men on Manhattan were on the site of 41 Broadway. In 1854, it cost an Indian 30 cents to be ferried from Manhattan to Long Island, while for all others the charge was only 15 cents. September 28, 1904, a woman was arrested for smoking in an automobile on Fifth avenue. Those are mere samples.

Paul Revere's Ride Only Fraction Over 12 Miles
Lexington, Mass. — Painstaking measurements, with the use of contemporary road maps, reveal this paradox:
That Paul Revere, on his immortal midnight ride, covered only 12 66-68 miles.
Whereas William Dawes, the little-known express rider who fulfilled a similar purpose over a different route the same night, covered 16 61-63 miles.

FOODS, FACTS and FOIBLES



FAMOUS GOURMETS OF HISTORY
THE DUC D'ESCARS, WHO WAS GRAND MAITRE D'HOTEL FOR LOUIS XIII., IS SAID TO HAVE DIED OF A BROKEN HEART BECAUSE HE HAD NOT GIVEN HIS NAME TO A SINGLE DISH.

THE BARTLETT PEAR—MOST POPULAR VARIETY IN THIS COUNTRY—HAS AS ITS ANCESTOR, THE "BON-CHRETIEN", OR "GOOD CHRISTIAN" PEAR OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

THE GREEKS BELIEVED THAT ARISTAEUS, A DEMIGOD, SON OF APOLLO AND KING OF ARCADIA, INVENTED CHEESE.
FISH WAS SALTED AND PRESERVED IN EGYPT AS EARLY AS 6000 B.C.
PORK CAME INTO USE AS A FOOD ABOUT 1000 YEARS AFTER THE FLOOD, ACCORDING TO PAGAN AUTHORITIES. IT CAME ABOUT THUS: WHEN CERES FOUND A FIELD OF WHEAT INVADED BY A PIG THE GODDESS HAD THE ANIMAL KILLED AND AFTER HAVING COOKED IT, DISCOVERED ITS EXCELLENT FLAVOR.



Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK
New York.—BUSINESS—More so than ever, news became an important and highly valued commodity last week to U. S. businessmen. Exporters, importers, speculators, farmers, in fact all businessmen whose stock in trade anyway depends on foreign markets, literally devoured the news reports from Europe. For while normal business operations are still going on in America, it is realized that origination of constructive future plans is well nigh impossible as long as war or the fear of war rules over Europe.

Equally upsetting to U. S. business last week was a hurricane which interfered with trade and normal living for a thousand miles, from Atlantic City, throughout New England, to Montreal and Quebec. Occurring in the heart of a highly industrialized part of the country, the damage was put at more than \$100,000,000. Then thousands are homeless and at least 500 dead. Though Indian legend may record worse, it is believed to be the most severe storm ever to strike America's northeastern seaboard.

Washington—Nearly one quarter of the population will be in school this fall. The Department of the Interior estimates record-breaking enrollments as follows: Elementary schools, 22,400,000; high schools, 6,750,000; colleges and universities, 1,350,000. Reason for the big enrollment is traced back to the high birth rate averaging 23 per 1,000 population in the

Autumn Ball
EDENTON, N. C.
MONDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 3
MUSIC BY
Bob Riley
AND HIS ORCHESTRA
Direct From Summer's Engagement at Myrtle Beach
EDENTON'S NEW ARMORY
"Albemarle's Finest Dance Floor"
SCRIPT—\$1.50 10 'Til 2

ing program. If that fails, what shall follow—debt repudiation, inflation, or political and financial collapse?" Observers viewed Woll's attack on the present tax structure as significant of a new trend in labor's move to further cooperation with industry.

WHAT RETAILERS ARE DOING
—Wondering if the new advertising stunt of New York State could be applied to their business. The slogan, "The State That Has Everything," is being printed on the checks it uses to pay bills and salaries. More than 2,000,000 of such checks are issued annually . . . Recognizing that comfort is a more potent argument in selling shoes to men than style. This was the finding of a recent survey which tallied the opinions of 5,000 men in all sections of the country. Distributing to women in grocery stores a handbill consisting of extracts from the food and home making articles in McCall's magazine. Each handbill features 10 or more products carried by the store. The magazine furnishes "ratings" for these handbills which the stores turn over to their local printer.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR—Ice cream in cans; all that is required is to open the can, whip the contents and pour into the ice tray of a mechanical refrigerator . . . A newly introduced woolen blanket carrying a six-year guarantee against moths . . . Larger windows and windshields in the 1939 model cars now being seen here and there on city streets, result of public demand for better driving visibility . . . Gasoline stations distributing football score books and game forecasts this autumn . . . A new way to cool drinks without diluting the water with melted ice; glass tubes filled with colored liquid are first cooled in the ice box, then used to stir the drink . . . An automobile of revolutionary design, in construction at Rochester, N. Y.; super-streamlined, it has only three wheels, two in front, one in back, an air-cooled motor, wheelbase of about 125 inches, and will be priced at about \$500.

HEADLINES IN NEW YORK—Farm income from marketings in first eight months is \$4,307,000,000, off 14 per cent from last year . . . Lumber output rises contra-seasonally; orders advance; shipments top year ago . . . Czech bond prices fall sharply; investors appraise their value in terms of defaulted German securities . . . Southern Railway places additional orders to complete a \$15,000,000 reconstruction program . . . Price cut of \$2.50 a ton for steel rails expected to spur railroad purchases . . . R. H. Macy & Co., reports sales of \$54,953,500, net loss of \$601,039, for first six months of 1938 . . .

NO MORE FREE SEED
This year the U. S. Department of Agriculture celebrates its fifteenth year of attempting to convince American farmers that it does not have seeds to give away, says a recent department pamphlet. The practice was discontinued in 1923.

PEANUT REPORT

Virginia-North Carolina Section: Very little Virginia type farmers' stock is moving but the market, though largely nominal, is somewhat weaker. Prevailing prices can be quoted nominally about as follows, per lb., on a delivered basis. Jumbos 4-4 1-8c, Bunch 3 1/2-3 1/2c, shelling stock 3 1/4-3 1/4c. Old crop Spanish farmers' stock is not in demand though very little remains unsold. A few new crop Spanish peanuts are now being dug.

Shelled and cleaned Virginias are rather inactive, but prices are holding fairly firm though variations in price ranges are wider than often occurs. Spanish peanuts have strengthened slightly in sympathy with higher prices in the Southeast but few sales are being made. No. 2 shelled goods are scarce and are being offered only in small lots.
Prevailing prices, per lb., f. o. b. shipping points follow. Cleaned—Virginias, jumbos 6 1/4-6 1/4c. Shelled Virginias, extra large 7 7-8-5 1/2c, mostly 8c; No. 1, 5 1/2-5 1/2c; No. 2, scarce 5 1/2c. Spanish, No. 1, 5 5-8-5 1/2c; No. 2, scarce 5 1/2c.

PENDER ROAD NEWS

Raleigh B. Perry, who has been a member of the Marine Corps for the past four years, stationed at Quantico, Va., returned home Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Briggs, of Gliden, visited Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stallings Sunday afternoon.
Mrs. Lucius Blanchard, of Hertford, visited Mrs. Mary J. Wood on Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stallings spent the week-end with Mrs. Stallings' mother, Mrs. R. A. Perry. Mr. Stallings has been transferred from Washington, D. C., to Richmond, Va. Until he is permanently located Mrs. Stallings will remain with her mother.
Mrs. Seaton Davenport is reported to be improving.
Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eaves were Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Berry, Mrs. B. A. Berry, Mrs. Mamie Farmer, Raymond Farmer, Miss Sallie Sue Skinner, Stephen Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stallings, Mrs. S. I. Cullipher, Mrs. R. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Matthews and daughter, Carolyn, and Jordan Smith.

TAYLOR THEATRE
EDENTON, N. C. — WE HAVE THE SHOWS
Enter the Movie Quiz Now—\$250,000 Cash
Thursday (Today) and Friday, September 29-30—QUIZ PICTURE—
Robert Taylor and Maureen O'Sullivan in "THE CROWD ROARS"
Saturday, October 1—
WILLIAM BOYD in "HEART OF ARIZONA"
"FIGHTING DEVIL DOGS" No. 7 — OUR GANG COMEDY
Sunday, October 2—QUIZ PICTURE—
WAYNE MORRIS and CLAIRE TREVOR in "VALLEY OF THE GIANTS"
Matinee—3:30. Night—9:15. Box Office Opens 3 and 9 P. M.
Monday and Tuesday, October 3-4—QUIZ PICTURE—
DON AMECHE and ARLEEN WHELAN in "GATEWAY"
Wednesday, October 5—QUIZ PICTURE—
PAT O'BRIEN, MARGARET LINDSAY and JIMMIE FIDLER in "GARDEN OF THE MOON"
Thursday and Friday, October 6-7—A SHOW OF SHOWS—
Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche in "ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND"

County To Advertise On October 11th.
I Will Be Compelled to Advertise All Property On Which 1937 Taxes Have Not Been Paid
On Tuesday, October 11th.
AND SELL
On Tuesday, November 15th.
PAY NOW AND SAVE COST OF ADVERTISING
J. Emmett Winslow, Sheriff