FOLLOW the FUNNIES

Here are real friends whose life's business is making you happy!

FRIENDS who never fail to make you laugh can always make you forget the painful pressure of your corns or taxes. On the Funny Page of this newspaper are a group of friends whose riotous antics shoo the blues away week after week.

F'R instance, there are Gene Byrnes' "Reg'lar Fellers," as likely a band of youngsters as ever busted a schoolhouse window. Jimmie Dugan, Aggie Riley, Pudd'n'head and Pinhead, Bump Hudson and the dog Bullseye are worth a chuckle in every line.

DESPERATE Ambrose, who becomes doubly dangerous when donning his vendetta hat, Pop Wimpus and Old Timer have become national institutions in the uproarious strip, "S'Matter Pop?" by C. M. Payne. One of the wildest, craziest comics in the world, this is still as true to life as cold oatmeal or corned beef hash.

SLIGHTLY daffy, of course, are "The Featherheads," but only daffy enough to do the things that all of us do that are good for a million laughs in our daily lives. Cartoonist Osborne's funny folk also come to you every week in this paper.

AND Finney. "Finney of the Force" is the answer to the charge that nobody loves a policeman. This genial flatfoot's humorous adventures, as portrayed by the young artist, Ted O'Loughlin, are a lot of fun for him and even more for you as you watch him walk his beat.

"MESCAL IKE" by S. L. Huntley brings you Mescal himself, Pa Piffle, Miss Sally Price, Dirty Shirt Mulloney, Muley Bates and the other salty citizens of Cactus Center. This hilarious strip has the excitement of a diamond-back's rattle, a kick like an untamed mustang and all the dry humor of a desert mule.

UNUSUAL insight into human nature and a keen sense of humor are the stock in trade of Magnus G. Kettner, who ranks among the truly great cartoonists of the day. In "Our Pet Peeve," "Along the Concrete," and his other cartoons, there is always a chuckle, often a real, constructive thought, but never a sting. Especially has Kettner caught the warm humor of small town and rural life.

Follow the doings of these friends of yours. They'll make your life gayer, your lot easier and your digestion better.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Man" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, September 3.

The Golden Text will be from Gen. 1:27, God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him."

Among the citations comprising the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible, Gen. 1:31: "And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

The Lesson-Sermon also will include passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, among which is the following, page 302, "Man's true consciousness is in the mental, not in any bodily or personal likeness to Spirit."

As many as 67,000 people in a day put in phone calls in New York city to hear the weather forecast announced mechanically.

Any form of government seems grand to those on top; any government policies seem good to those who get free hand-outs.

Short story of a widow and life insurance: (1) She gets the money. (2) She asks a prominent citizen how to invest it. (3) The end.

Bas Relief From Italy Now in Toledo Museum

Of all the bas-reliefs from the Italian Renaissance, the "St. Cecilia," by Desiderio da Settignano is perhaps the best known and most widely admired. This famous sculpture has been brought to America, through Sir Joseph Duveen, from the collection of the eleventh earl of Wemyss. With the aid of the Edward Drummond Libbey fund it has been acquired by the Toledo museum of art.

Dating from the middle of the Fifteenth century, the relief has been known only through an early and imperfect cast from which thousands of replicas and photographs have been made. Its great popularity has resulted in spite of these imperfect reproductions. Now for the first time in five hundred years the original of this masterpiece will be placed on exhibition for the enjoyment of the public at large. Previously it has been jealously preserved in private collections.

Originally in the collection of the great Brunaccini-Compagni palace in Florence, Italy, it passed to a prominent Italian collector and thence to Samuel Woodburn, of London. In 1854 it was acquired by the ninth earl of Wemyss of Gosford House, Edinburgh. It remained in the House of Wemyss until its recent trip to America.

It would have been beyond the wildest imagining of Desiderio da Settignano that his low relief would some day reside in a thriving industrial and cultural city, four thousand miles to the west. For in the days when Desiderio worked in the studio of Donatello, Columbus was not yet born. Yet so high was the perfection of the best Italian art in the mid-Fifteenth century that the delicate outline and wonderfully subtle modeling of the surface in Desiderio's "St. Cecilia" is virtually unrivaled today. Modern artists, unable to do the same thing better, have turned away from refined, naturalistic detail.

Collecting of Minerals Makes Popular Hobby

In your wanderings over the countryside you may encounter some one equipped with knapsack and prospector's pick, tapping quarry walls, smashing fieldstones or searching through mine waste piles in quest of fine mineral specimens, writes William D. Quinn in Nature Magazine. Occasionally the cry of "Eureka!" may be heard, and lead one to some enraptured advocate of the hammer gloating over a prize whose value is apparent only to himself.

Mineralogy draws its devotees from all walks of life. Business man or woman, teacher, lawyer, doctor, chemist or clerk—any will sneak away on the least excuse to spend an afternoon at the rock pile.

To become an enthusiastic "rock hound" one needs only to see a good collection, attend a meeting of any mineral club, or, indeed, merely catch the fever from one who has already been bewitched with the fascination of mineral collecting. Once in the fold the newcomer should supply himself with a good book. After reading such a book and following its suggestions, one is ready to begin hoarding specimens.

The bugaboo of all collectors is providing room to house the prizes. If you will have many visitors an exhibition case is the thing; otherwise a cabinet of drawers will prove satisfactory. A jeweler's or doctor's glass case with glass shelves is best, although a bookcase may serve the purpose. In a cabinet of drawers much room will be saved if they are shallow.

Department of Justice

The director of investigation of the department of justice has general charge of the investigation of offenses against the laws of the United States, except counterfeiting, narcotics and other matters not within the jurisdiction of the department of justice; of the acquisition, collection, classification, preservation and exchange of criminal identification records, and of such investigations regarding official matters under the control of the department of justice and the department of state as may be directed by the attorney general. He also has charge of matters assigned to him by the attorney general.

War Secretary's Son Executed

Midshipman Spencer, son of a secretary of war, Boatswain Samuel Cromwell and Seaman Elisha Small were suspected of mutiny on the brig Somers in 1842. Alexander Slidell Mackenzie was in command, and they were executed. Midshipman Spencer's father was secretary of war, and there was a great deal of sympathy for him and amazement at the extreme act of discipline, but the command was exonerated by a court of inquiry and court-martial.

$15,000,000 Estate Unoccupied

One of the most palatial estates in the world remains unoccupied, although an army of caretakers is kept busy around the grounds. It is the Van Deering estate, called Viscaya, at Miami, Fla., which cost in excess of $15,000,000. The mansion is furnished with priceless antiques collected from all over the globe and the gardens include plants brought from all sections of the tropical belt. The estate has been tied up in litigation for years.

31 VOLUNTEER FIREMEN TAKE DEPUTY MARSHALS' COURSE

Baltimore, August 28—With thirty-one members of County Volunteer Firemen in attendance, the two-day course of instruction for deputy fire marshals, held under the auspices of the Fire Extension Bureau, University of Maryland, at College Park, gave promise of great benefits for the State of Maryland in the matter of fire prevention.

As a result of the course, appointments of Deputy Fire Marshals in the various counties will be made on the basis of ratings by Chief J. W. Just of the Fire Extension Bureau and recommendations of the Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Speakers at the two-day course included State Insurance Commissioner John B. Gontrum, Chief Just, Deputy Insurance Commissioner Hazelton A. Joyce, and J. Bruce Bielaski, assistant manager of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and formerly Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The last named, in addition to discussing the cooperation between National Board Arson Division and the State Insurance Department, gave some most interesting data on arson fires, investigations and evidence.

Commissioner Gontrum expressed himself as much encouraged by the interest shown in the State's program to prevent fires and save propty and human life. He stated that, prior to the complete survey of public buildings to be made by the newly appointed special deputy marshals, a number of such properties already had been inspected, and that the officials in charge readily agreed to carry out the recommendations made by the Insurance Commissioner's office.

Much interest was shown by those attending the sessions in the work as outlined by the various speakers. Several hours each day were devoted to general discussions and questions and answers. It was brought out in the discussions that Maryland is far behind the majority of other states in fire prevention, and in the establishment of rules and regulations for the protection of property and life against fire.

HITCH-HIKING PEST

The hitch-hiking pest is again the object of motorists' ire.

Many complaints have reached the Keystone Automobile Club lately about the highway thumb-jerkers, motorists declaring that the importunities of the pests are not only annoying but frequently obnoxious. Curses and coarse jibes often are hurled at drivers who refuse to stop at the behest of free ride-grabbers.

George E. Keneipp, Manager of the Club, declared that so long as some motorists give hitch-hikers a lift, so long will this form of parasite continue to thrive. Motorists, it is asserted, have it well within their own power to squelch the pest. Unanimous refusal of drivers to pick up the ride moochers would soon put an end to the practice.

"There is no reason why a man who buys an automobile and pays a heavy tax to operate it should feel under any obligation to give transportation to any ride beggar who makes the request with a jerk of the thmub," he said. "The hitchhiker who confidently waggles his thumb at a motorists wouldn't think of getting a ride on a street car or train by the same means because he knows it wouldn't work."

Warning is given by the Club that motorists frequently have been repaid for their kindness "with a clout on the back of the head and robbed of car or money." Others have found themselves defendants in damage suits because of injury to the self-invited guests. Aside from these serious considerations, motorists are jeopardized by the appearance of the hikers on the highways. Cars often are forced to swerve sharply to avoid them, and crashes with approaching vehicles sometimes resulted.

FERRY CO. PROBE IS STARTED

The Public Service Commission has begun an investigation into the operations of the Claiborne-Annapolis Ferry Company to determine whether its rates should be reduced.

The investigation, undertaken by the engineering and accounting departments of the P. S. C., is expected to be completed in September. The findings will be presented to the commission by Joseph Sherbow, People's Counsel, at an open hearing.

A reduction in the rates has been sought by some of the large commercial trucking companies and by residents of the Eastern Shore who use the ferry service regularly.

The inquiry is being made under the commission's policy of making periodic checks of the operations of State utilities, it was explained.

Although many users of the ferry service favor reduced rates, no formal complaints against the present charges have been filed with the P. S. C., Frank Harper, commission secretary said.

During the summer the company operates twenty round trips a day, charging $1.50 for small and $2.00 for large cars for one-way trips. Passengers fares are 50 cents.

Last year the ferry company showed a fixed capital evaluation of $1,455,824; operating revenue, $452,179; operating expenses, $267,560, and net income $89,598.

STATISTICS SHOW INCREASE IN PRESBYTERIAN ENROLLMENT

An increase during the past year of 24,361 in the communicant membership of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America is reported in the annual statistics of the church made public by the Rev. Dr. William Barrow Pugh, stated clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

The total communicant membership is now 1,978,095, according to Dr. Pugh. The figures given in the annual statistical report cover the year ended March 31, 1939.

All Presbyterian membership statistics are based solely on the number of communicants remaining in full standing, according to the strict rules of the church relating to membership. They are based neither on the number of baptized members nor on the Presbyterian population. This broader constituency of the church is estimated at 5,000,000.

In addition to the net communicant membership of 1,978,095, the church includes 9,631 ordained clergymen. The Sunday School membership is 1,495,038. This is an increase of 11,847 over last year.

Contributions of the 8,794 Presbyterian churches totaled $39,902,280. This figure represents a decrease of $648,828 from the year 1937-38.

Contributions to benevolence objects and to current expenses of the churches showed no definite change during the year.

With local churches situated in every state in the Union, the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America continued during the past year to be, as it has been since its formal organization early in the 18th century, the national Presbyterian body. The 8,794 churches are supervised by 42 synods and 276 Presbyteries, and have 51,726 ruling elders and 24,890 deacons.

The per capita giving of the Church during the year was $20.65.

FIREMEN'S SHORT COURSE

The Tenth Annual Short Course for firemen will be opened at the University of Maryland, September 5, under the direction of Chief J. W. Just, Director of the Fire Service Extension Department of the University. The course is sponsored by the Maryland State Firemen's Association, The Fire Chief's Club of Maryland and the College of Engineering of the University of Maryland.

The program is expected to be the best ever held at the University and will consist of lectures, demonstrations and practical training evolutions.

Men of outstanding national reputations have been secured for the Instruction Staff, including Chief Harry K. (Smoky) Rogars, for the past eighteen years Fire Department Instructor covering nineteen middle wester nstates. Chief Rogars was formerly of the Wichita, Kansas Fire Department and is an Honorary Chief of the Chicago Fire Department. Also on the Staff will be Captian Hugh Ousley, Fire Department Instructor of Missouri and adjacent states, and formerly of the St. Louis Fire Department. Captain Ousley is one of the best informed men in the Fire Department Training Service.

A new feature this year will be the awarding of sixteen attendance pirzes, donated for the purpose by various manufacturers of fire department equipment.

"We have secured the services of the countries best Instructors," said Chief Just, "and have prepared a well balanced program that is entirely of practical nature, to make the Maryland Fire School one of the outstanding schools of the country. Many inquiries have been received from adjacent states and all indications point to a record attendance".

The school is available to all firemen without charge. Living accommodations, with meals, may be secured on the campus for $5.00 for the full three days. Men are to bring their own pillow and linens.

A glance at the various business barometers—and a cursory reading of the more experienced annalists and forecasters—produces some grounds of optimism. For several month industrial conditions have been improving.

Most significant recent event in the business world has been a fairly sharp rise in the index of durable goods production. Heavy industry almost always goes down first when a "depression" or a "recession" is pending and almost always goes up last when we are on the verge of a "recovery" movement. In June durable goods production jumped about ten points, later figures indicate that the betterment has continued.

Improvement is also evident in that all-important field—employment. According to Business Week, employment gained 400,000 in a recent month—biggest increase for that month in ten years. This upward trend in jobs, say most of the economists, should continue well into fall and perhaps longer.