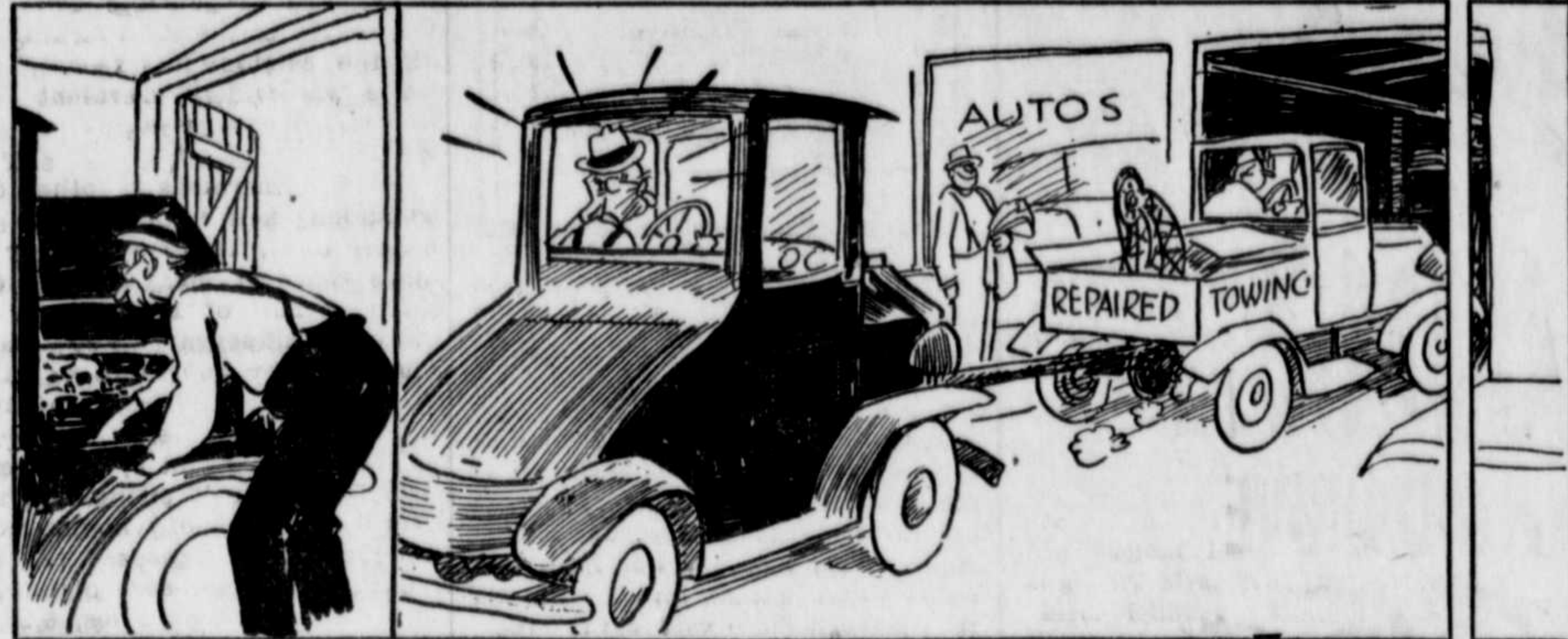


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**No Fare From Pop**

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**STRONG NERVE TOO**

"What a strong face that man has."  
"He ought to have. He has gone through the world on his cheek."

**Wise Boy**  
Tommy had sprained his wrist and did not want to go to school. "Your hand is bandaged up nicely," urged his mother, "and it won't prevent you from attending your classes."  
The lad still held out. He didn't want to go. At this point father took a hand in the matter.  
"Speak son, let's have the reason. Don't you know your lessons?"  
"I know them, all right," said his heir, "but too many boys owe me a licking."



**BROKEN PROMISE**

Real estate term: "Less than an hour out."



**THE PAPERS OF PRIVATE PURKEY**

Dear Oscar:  
I have not slept hardly a wink since reading about American forces being in Iceland and I wish you would not say like you did in your last letter that the boys sent there are lucky because it is so hot in American draft camps in summer. I would not like it if you were in Iceland of all places and how can you say Iceland is not so bad when all you know is what you have seen in the travelogues at the movie houses.

It is all very well to say that the climate is not so terrible and that it is not at all like the North Pole but when you are in the Arctic zone you are in the Arctic zone and your father says that Iceland is awful and Dr. Cook had all that trouble and where Admiral Byrd is always getting stuck in the ice floes.

Our groceryman who used to be a sailor says your father is wrong and has got his geography all mixed up. He says he was in Iceland and that he has seen it a lot colder in this country but if it is so good why did he only make short stops there?

I looked it up in a book at the free public library which was quite a job as every book on Iceland was either out or was being read in the reference room and I had to wait all day in line with a lot of America mothers who are as worried as I am about the place.

It is even farther away than I suspected. I never paid much attention to Iceland but I always had an idea it was just off the North American coast near Labrador. Why, Oscar, it is even farther away than Greenland which is so far away it is not on any map we ever had in our house.

It looks so close to the British Isles on the map that it almost seems like it got accidentally detached in a storm, and a yellow line with the words Arctic Circle printed in red letters goes right through the top of it in case anybody is in any doubt.

The atlas says it is a volcanic plateau covered by glaciers in the northern part and pastures and meadows in the south but it would be just your luck to get sent to the northern part and it must be terrible to be where there are volcanoes and glaciers all mixed in together. You would never know what underwear to put on.

Your father and I hope you stay right where you are so please do not talk about wanting to go to Iceland any more. I am sending you the things you asked for and will write more soon.

With all my love,  
Mother.

Dear ma—Just a line to let you know I dropped the idea of trying to get switched to an Iceland division on account it is too hot in this country just now. Do not worry. You are wrong about Iceland and so is pop. This time of year it has flowers and farm crops and even heat waves and before Americans have been there much it will have Miss America contests.

Even should I ever get sent there I have just read that its principal export is cod liver oil with you half been telling me was good for me all my life. The camp atlas says its best crop is potatoes with its alone enough to keep me from wanting to go there. I never seen so many potatoes since I got into the army and I have personally peeled all but two or three quarts of 'em. I wood want no part in saving any country which had more of them.

So do not worry. Tell pop he must of slept all through his geography classes at school. Lots of love,  
Oscar.

A draftee contributor who is stationed at one of the hottest camps in the country, heard of the occupation of Iceland with envy. "The lucky stiff!" he cried when told U. S. troops were there. "They must of had influence!"

"Iceland?" he was heard to remark later. "That's the place that used to be on the gingerale hour."

To casual visitors to America who listen to the radio it must seem that America is a land which has but three major worries: Scalp irritation, intestinal irregularities and diet.

**THE EXPLANATION**  
("Natur and Kultur, a German publication, quotes 10 scientists as saying Hitler and other splendid Aryans could not conceivably have developed from apes.")  
—News Item.  
There you have  
The big solution:  
Those boys had  
No evolution.

What the Nazi patience needs is a smaller exhaust pipe, if you ask us.



**Portlight**  
By **GRANTLAND RICE**

THIS may seem premature, but the midsummer date hasn't been early enough to check football gossip on more than a few fronts.

Most of the coaches I've run across are still uncertain about army enlistments and the draft, but there is no uncertainty about what might be one of Minnesota's greatest teams.

Bernie Bierman will deplore any such talk, just as any football coach would, but reports from Big Nine camps are all along the same line —

"Look out for Minnesota—speed and power—quality and quantity—a great combination in every way."

"Minnesota will be the best football team in the country this fall," a Michigan entry told me.

"If any team can go through the season unbeaten it will be Bernie Bierman's outfit, with a brilliant backfield working back of a big, fast line."

Which reminds us that Michigan has lost Tommy Harmon and Evashevski, and a combination of this sort isn't easy to replace. Bo McMillin writes that his Indiana squad

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By **VIRGINIA VALE**

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

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The box contained a set-chair—you know, one of those special chairs with a canvas back-rest that stars always have, with their names painted across the back. Susanna took one look at it and burst into tears. Her name had been spelled wrong! Not until a sign-painter had fixed it did she really feel like a star.

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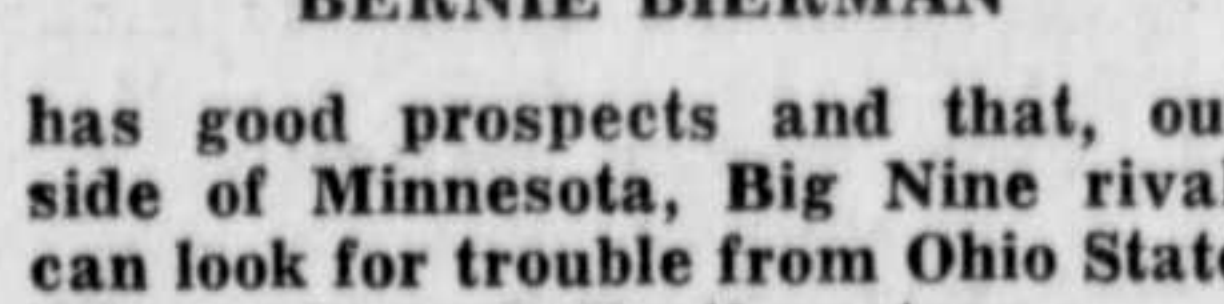
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