

## Baker Forecasts Better Living Conditions Soon

### Walker Student Staff Hears Dean Speak On New Improvements

Several phases in the long range program to improve living conditions at the Institute were brought out last Tuesday by Dean Baker in his address to the student staff of Walker Memorial. He also complimented the staff on their spirit and contribution to better living here.

One of the first projects to be completed, according to Dean Baker, will be the new cage for indoor sports directly behind the Armory on Massachusetts Avenue. Ground was broken for construction less than a week ago. The building is scheduled for completion by March 1. The construction will include glass walls and a row of pillars running across the building. The pillars will support a temporary timbered roof. Structural steel will replace the timber later. Some \$400,000 and many months in time will be saved by using this construction.

Construction on the new library will begin next Spring, but its eventual completion date is entirely dependent on building conditions in the next few years. There is, however, a chance of completion within the next two years, said Dean Baker.

By far the longest range plan, to start no sooner than five years hence, is the demolition of Westgate and Westgate West to make room for more dormitories, playing field, etc. A quadrangle may be effected, using a combination of new dorms and fraternity houses. A large dining hall with cafeteria, private dining rooms, and recreation facilities is not improbable.

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## Dr. J. Oppenheimer Speaks On Tuesday

### Atom Lab Head Gives A. Little Mem. Lecture

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Director of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton and, during the war, the Director of the Atomic Bomb Laboratory at Los Alamos, will deliver the second annual Arthur Dehon Little Memorial lecture in Walker Memorial at 8:30 p. m., Tuesday evening, November 25. Dr. Oppenheimer has chosen "Physics in the Contemporary World" as the subject of his lecture.

Dr. Oppenheimer is recognized as one of the world's most distinguished physicists, and before he became director of the project, which led to the development of the atomic bomb, he was widely known for his quantum theory, fundamental particles, cosmic rays and nuclear problems.

His work on the Manhattan project caused him to be described by the War Department as "a leading teacher and a man of boundless energy and rare common sense," while former Secretary of War Stimson cited Dr. Oppenheimer's "genius and leadership" in view of his important contribution to the war effort.

Although Dr. Oppenheimer believes that "a scientist cannot hold back progress because of fears of what the world will do with his discoveries," he has indicated his concern with what the world does do. He was a member of the Lillenthal board and is chairman to the Atomic Energy Commission.

## LOOKING BACK ON HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNIOR PROM



Upper L.H.Cnr: Revelers dancing to the surprisingly sweet strains of Krupa's band. Upper R.H.Cnr: The maestro himself catching up on some important reading. Lower L.H.Cnr: Mr. Geiger and Professor Schell beaming down on Jay M. Jennis, '48 and Joseph L. "Josie" Sanders who showed how far fraternal love can go. Lower R.H.Cnr: Variation of the same twenty-four hours later, The winners of the Mardi Gras costume contest, a "mother and son" combination flash prize-winning smile.

## Eight Teams Left In Intramural Football League

### Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Westgate, Grad House Favored to Win

After six weeks of competition the intramural touch football league has been narrowed down to eight teams, representing the two most powerful aggregations in each of the four sections into which the league was divided. These eight will pair off this week-end to decide which four will enter the round-robin final, which in turn will determine the school champion.

The records of the teams that will meet this week:

- Section I  
CHI PHI  
43 Alpha Epsilon Phi 0  
7 Phi Gamma Delta 0  
6 Lambda Chi Alpha 0  
vs.  
LAMBDA CHI ALPHA  
14 Phi Sigma Kappa 12  
8 Phi Delta Theta 6  
0 Chi Phi 6  
8 Phi Delta Theta 0
- Section II  
DELTA KAPPA EPSILON  
26 Pi Lambda Phi 0  
8 Senior House 6  
15 Theta Chi 12  
vs.  
THETA CHI  
35 Theta Xi 0  
22 Phi Kappa Sigma 0  
12 Delta Kappa Epsilon 15  
18 Senior House 2
- Section III  
WESTGATE  
27 Delta Tau Delta 0  
7 Sigma Chi 6  
Hayden-Bemis forfeit  
vs.  
MUNROE-WALCOTT  
0 Sigma Chi 6  
26 Delta Tau Delta 6  
6 Sigma Nu 0  
12 Sigma Chi 2  
Hayden-Bemis forfeit  
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## Geiger Describes Setup Of Frosh Athletic Program

By MR. IVAN J. GEIGER

The compulsory athletic program for freshmen (not engaged in inter-collegiate activities) will commence Monday, December 1st. Administrative details and difficulties pertaining to lockers, staff, facilities, and gear have prevented an earlier start. Conditions are far from ideal at the present time but the program is to get under way with some adjustments to come later.

All freshmen will receive mimeographed detailed instructions at a later date. Announcements will also be made at lectures and published in The Tech.

Freshmen who will participate in this program are advised to be equipped with a complete gym uniform by December 8th. Non-marking, light-colored rubber-soled shoes are stipulated; white T-shirts and trunks are recommended; sweats shirts are optional.

Swimming tests will be administered to all freshmen during the first week of the classes for which times will be published later.

This program is designed to give every entering student an opportunity for sports education. The emphasis is to be on the opportunity and instruction is to be offered in many different sports. There will be no organized calisthenics or "monkey drill" as it is more popularly known.

## FOR ALL VETERANS

The Veterans Administration office at the Institute is compiling a list of veterans who have not yet received subsistence checks. All those eligible for subsistence who have not received their stipend should report at room 20-E-221, between Nov. 21 and Nov. 28.

## Magoun Delivers First Lecture On Marriage Advice

### Discusses Nature of Love and Romance; Next Talk on Tuesday

Speaking before several hundred people in Room 10-250, last Tuesday, Professor F. Alexander Magoun of the humanities department presented the first of his series of lectures, "In Preparation for Marriage."

Professor Magoun told his audience that "there are usually three important events in a person's life: birth, marriage and death." We have control only over the second. So far "the people of our country have not been doing a good job on marriage." One out of three ends in failure.

After his introduction, Professor Magoun went on to discuss the "nature of love." He said, "the family is where there is love. Deep in the hearts of each one of us is the yearning to love or be loved."

When one partner of a married couple tries to change the personality of his mate, he is not expressing true love. "The self righteous father who compels his son to attend a certain college" because HE went there, is not expressing love towards his son. If a boy knows what he feels, and what he wants, he is to be praised.

A successful marriage will only come about if both members are emotionally mature, and slight deviations will not affect the marriage. Perhaps it is so that unless a person learns what love is at an early age, he will never know its true meaning. "Maybe we must learn as children. Experience of loving will teach you better ways to love."

In conclusion the professor stated that there was "no substitute for love or marriage. We all seek to love or be loved, otherwise we will seek other things." The professor warned that love won't solve all of life's problems. "Love is something which will produce intellectual soil, and emotional climate."

## Packed Crowd Hears R. Frost Talk on Poetry

### Famed N. E. Writer Declares Position On Science and Art

Impressive is the only word to describe the lecture by Dr. Robert Frost last Wednesday in Huntington Hall. Over seven hundred student, faculty members and secretaries filled Huntington Hall beyond capacity to hear the noted poet.

President Karl T. Compton introduced Dr. Frost who then took over to give a short talk on the comparative attitudes of science and the humanities. He showed immediately the sense of dry humor that was evident throughout the lecture. Speaking of his seat in humanities at Dartmouth College he defended his visit here by claiming science as one of the minor humanities.

### Stresses Field of Poetry

Dr. Frost stressed immediately the fact that poetry is not written for any group to appreciate but belongs to everyone. Poetry has been described variously as rhythmic, exact, intense insight and metaphor.

Pointing out that in many respects these same words may be used to describe science, he explained his tolerance of science. Countering the statement that the sciences were taking over in every new field he explained the atom bomb with a simile about fuel. Wood deteriorates in time but may be made to deteriorate rapidly by burning it. Similarly uranium decays over a long period but suddenly some one found out how to speed up the process.

Going on from there he explained how science has a toehold on the universe but to do more than exist the intangible forms of expression were necessary. As a sense of humor is necessary so an inner poetry, if not an outer expression of it, is obligatory for a person to really live.

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## Ski Lectures Draw Overflow Audience

### Indoor Skiing Lessons To Begin on Monday

Speaking to an overflow crowd of enthusiastic skiers and skieuses last Wednesday afternoon in Room 6-20, Mr. Rockwell Stephens, presented the second ski lecture in the current series being presented by the Technology Outing Club. President of Ski Sport, a nationally known manufacturer of ski equipment, Mr. Stephens spoke on taking care of ski gear and on some aspects of waxing skis for varying snow conditions.

Lectures to be given on the following four Wednesdays are entitled, "How to Ski," "Skiing First Aid and Safety," "Snow Conditions" and "Where To Ski in New England." Professor James Lowell of Boston University, original director of the National Ski Patrol, has been engaged to deliver the lectures on first aid and safety.

### Sign-up Lists

Sign-up lists are also available for the indoor ski school at Newton which is giving a reduced rate of \$12 to the Technology students for the five weekly lessons.

Robert H. Stebbins, manager of the ski team, introduced Wednesday's speaker, Mr. Stephens. Among some of Mr. Stephens' suggestions were an emphatic plea to keep the surfaces of skis completely covered with lacquer or varnish since scratches and bare spots allow harmful moisture to enter the wood.

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## Techmen Discover Method For Using Pennies In Pay Phones

By SANDER RUBIN

Last Tuesday we left our Techman with the bugged telephone about to be descended upon by a representative of the telephone company. When the phone man arrived at the Barracks the subscriber was out, but he quickly located the telephone in question with the intention of removing the extraneous equipment before the Techman's return.

However, under the desk on which the phone was placed he found such a maze of connections that he declared to sympathetic bystanders, "I can't figure out this mess; I'll have to wait until the budding engineer gets back." The telephone company takes the long view on such shenanigans. As long as the subscriber pays his bills they'll usually let him keep his instrument, but they'll continue to remove any gadgets he attaches.

### Who Needs a Nickel?

Methods for making pay station calls without sacrificing a nickel to the cause receive special attention. The most elementary procedure is to place a penny in the nickel slot, holding it against the side of the slot with a key. By giving the key the proper twist, the penny is projected into the slot in such a fashion that it closes the contacts intended only for a five cent piece.

The story is told about one Techman who was out on a double date when one of the party had to make a phone call, but although five dollar bills were abundant, no one had a nickel. The Techman came to the rescue with his penny flipping skill. His date exclaimed, "So that's how you do it!" She then explained that her father was a big wheel in the phone company and he had been bothered for some time by the penny problem.

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## 5:15 "INDIAN" POSES



Publicity for the 5:15 Club's annual Thanksgiving Dance reached a new high when this Indian braved the corridors of Building 10, molesting students and secretaries.

## Lab Ass't Injured In Bldg. 6 Explosion

A fiery blast injuring a lab assistant and causing minor damage to the laboratory in Room 6-322 was caused last Friday by an explosion of undetermined nature. Apparatus which was in use at the time had been operating for a year and a half without accident.

The injured assistant is Miss Jean Kilduff. First aid was administered to her immediately by Dr. John W. Chamberlain and Dr. Walter O. Blanchard.

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## TCA-WSSF Drive Reaches \$8015.71

### Advisory Board Meeting Held Today at 4:00 P.M.

As of Friday, Nov. 14, the final totals for the T.C.A.-W.S.S.F. drive were \$4679.60 for the T.C.A. and \$3336.05 for the W.S.S.F., a total of \$8015.71 [sic]. (Approximately \$150 was received after the close of the drive.)

Today all remaining unredeemed pledge cards are being turned over to the Cashier's Office, and letters are being sent to the pledgers thanking them for their pledges.

Chairman Percy R. Ziegler, '00, of the T.C.A. Advisory Board has announced that a Board meeting will be held today at 4:00 p. m. in Dean Baker's office.

Reports of the three secretaries, "particularly the most successful Freshman Camp and T.C.A. Drive in history," as well as reports on the nursery and laundry projects, will be given. Special discussion is scheduled on both methods of preventing "floods" in the T.C.A. office and the advisability of accepting donations for a possible chapel.

## Tech Students To Get Xmas Seals

### Cambridge Association Will Mail Seals Monday

Beginning Monday, November 24, the Cambridge Tuberculosis and Health Association will mail Christmas Seals to all the Technology students residing in Cambridge. About 1500 students will receive the seals, which sell at one dollar for one hundred seals.

During the spring of 1948 the Association hopes to give free chest x-rays to 80,000 people who work or live in Cambridge. M.I.T. students have come in contact with the Association before, when the Association and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health conducted the chest x-ray campaign at the Institute last spring.

The association also supports a free x-ray clinic every Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening at the Cambridge City Hall Annex. The Cambridge Association is one of the oldest of the local organizations.

The purpose of having everyone x-rayed is to discover any tubercular people who are not aware of their condition. Treatment of these cases eliminates them as carriers of the disease to others, besides the obvious benefit of curing the case itself.

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Of Swimming Team

This year, as in the last twelve, the swimming team at Technology is being whipped into shape by Coach Gordon Smith. The squad has been practicing every afternoon since the end of field day competition. With much of the preliminary training already out of the way the first time trials of the current season were held on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Among the seventeen varsity men returning this season will be Jim Leonard, captain of last year's team, and Jack Searle, who will lead the squad of 47-48 into com-

petition. Other returning varsity men are; Ben Dann, Dick Pitler, Henry Morgen, Paul Hurlburt, and Dave Kellom. Bob Pelletier, Carl Mellen, Bob Edgar, and Frank Conlan who formed the nucleus of last year's frosh team are also eligible to swim for the varsity this season.

In addition to our entrance in the New England, Eastern, and National competitions at the end of the season the mermen of Technology will meet the teams from Harvard, Tufts, R.P.I., Worcester Poly and others. With time trials already being held and the team quickly rounding out into shape the team will open the season with Brown University on December 6 here in the Alumni Pool as a part of the Saturday afternoon Techs- apoppin weekend.

Brown Trounces  
Tech Booters 4-1

On Wednesday afternoon, November 19, at Briggs Field the Cardinal and Grey Soccer Team went down in defeat to the Brown eleven, 4-1.

Brown took a 2-0 lead in the first half as their offense hit for the jackpot from about fifteen yards. The Bruins added one more goal in third quarter as Tech substituted freely. With the Beaver team completely revamped in the last quarter, Harry Falcao took a pass from "Moose" Marlio and shot the ball past the goalie in the left corner of the goal. But that finished the Tech scoring, with Brown adding one more safety to clinch the victory.

Tomorrow the Beavers travel to Springfield to oppose the Springfield college team, rated as one of the most powerful in the East. Tech will go into the game as the underdog, but the players are looking for an upset of the mighty Gymnasts in the season's final game.

The Beaver  
Barks

By FRANK HEILENDAY

In the last week, the Institute was surprised by a set of hand drawn posters announcing the birth of a football game between the classes—'48 vs. '49, '50 and '51.

All this sudden burst of spirit in football at Tech was brought about by the birth of an idea for football at Tech in the minds of Bill Osgood and Dennis Allegretti, both of the senior class. Allegretti had been coach of the sophomore team at Field Day and knew that in Briggs Field House over 60 complete uniforms were available for bringing interclass football to Tech.

With this idea and energy to cut the red tape ahead, Dean Baker was approached, as was Athletic Director Geiger, A. A. President Rodgers, and Paul McNaughton, manager of the Techsappopin weekend. Despite the fact that the posters, hand drawn at that, were only put on Wednesday morning, the rally at 5:00 p. m. on the same day saw over 45 men ready to begin football practice.

By Monday more than 85 men had signed up for practice and all that was needed was a coach for each team. Allegretti was to play for the seniors and Jim Phillips, who coached the frosh team this Field Day, was unable to devote every afternoon to the job, and with no coaches available the whole idea of a classwide football team was dropped as suddenly as it was started.

A turnout of 45 men in less than 8 hours' notice and the signing of 85 men to the prospective teams certainly show that Techmen want to see football at Tech, and even more important, Techmen do want to try out for the team.

Harriers Place  
In Upper Half  
At 1C4A Event

Henze Crosses Line  
Leading Engineers;  
Meet Ends Season

On Monday, November 17, at Van Cortland Park in New York the Tech cross-country team brought to an ending the 1947 season. The Beaver runners placed as a team in thirteenth place of 26 teams in the IC 4-A championships. This must be considered a great improvement over the teams showing in the New England championships last week, as Tech now placed ahead of Maine and New Hampshire.

Manhattan College won the title this year scoring 86 points, while Syracuse was second with 107 markers. Of the New England Colleges, Rhode Island placed 6, Yale 10, MIT 13, Dartmouth 14, Maine 15, New Hampshire 18, and Connecticut 23.

Henze, Noss Lead Tech

Hank Henze once again proved to be the best runner for the Cardinal and Grey team, as he placed in 48th position of the 182 runners finishing. Oscar Noss ran splendidly and finished 62nd. Francis Jablonski came in at the 89th place, and the sophomore contingent of Paul Lobo, 96th, Gordon Hunt, 98th, Vinson Simpson, 112th, and Sam Holland, 127th, finished the order of the Beaver runners.

Coach Hedlund was very pleased with the performances of the Tech runners as they placed higher than was expected. The absence of Captain Knapp hurt the team's chances for a higher rating in the final standings. This is the second year in a row that the Beavers have placed in the upper half of the team scoring by one position.

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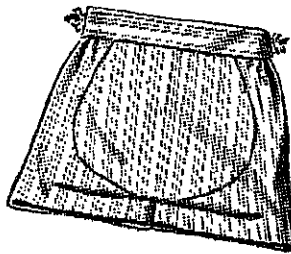
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## Dr. Compton Given M. Hartley Medal

Awarded on Tuesday By Nat. Acad. of Sciences

The Marcellus Hartley medal for "eminence in the application of science to public welfare" was awarded to Dr. Karl T. Compton on Tuesday, November 18, by the National Academy of Sciences.

In making the award the Academy stated that Dr. Compton had been named as the winner for 1947 "because of his notable contributions of an original character to the science of physics, his long and valuable career in the field of education and university administration, and in recognition of his eminent service in the wartime research effort of the nation, and in the reinforcing of collaboration and understanding between civilian scientists and military men."

During the war Dr. Compton served as chief of Field Service in the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

## Frost

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Reading and listening to poetry was likened by Dr. Frost to going to a play in which the poem could be played and given different forms of expression.

### Reads Poems

Dr. Frost went on to read several of his poems. Starting with a sonnet on "Sarcastic Science" to put the group at ease he read and recited from memory both humorous and serious poems. Many of these poems were familiar, as "The Code" and "Mending Walls." Others were from his more recent works. Finishing up with two poems on "Rugged Individualism," Dr. Frost closed the meeting.

The reception of Dr. Frost as the first guest lecturer in humanities was enthusiastically received. The turnout was a tribute not only to Dr. Frost but to the interest of the Technology students. In the early stages of his lecture there were many self-conscious titters that ran through the group as he spoke of the relation between the humanities and science.

## Baker

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Dean Baker cited the necessity for gracious living in the total education of the student, and complimented the student staff of Walker Memorial for their contributions towards this end. He particularly noted the preference displayed by employers for Tech men who had taken part in activities of some sort, in preference to those with only high scholastic standings.

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## Intramurals

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### Section IV

#### GRADUATE HOUSE

31 Delta Psi 6  
2 Sigma Alpha Epsilon 0  
20 Phi Mu Delta 6

vs.

#### SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

18 Theta Delta Chi 6  
0 Graduate House 2  
19 Wood-Goodale 0  
39 Delta Upsilon 13  
53 Phi Mu Delta 0

These eight teams are the only ones remaining who have yet to lose two games, which is the condition for elimination. Four of the teams, one in each section, are undefeated and will have to be beaten twice to be dropped from the league. The other four have been beaten once and a defeat this week-end will eliminate any one of them.

The big game of the week will be the match between the Graduate

House and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. These two teams may well be the finest at Tech. Their first meeting ended in a 2-0 victory for the Grads but the teams are so evenly matched that the result might easily be reversed this week. George Browne of SAE is one of the most dangerous men in the league. His amazing running and passing guided SAE last week to the most crushing victory of the season as they whipped Phi Mu Delta 53-0.

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## DAFFY DEFINITIONS

Here's a column inspired by one of man's most fundamental motivations—his primitive urge to make a buck. And why not?—a buck's a buck. Get daffy, chums.

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Synonym—the word you use when you can't spell the word you want.

Pedestrian—a married man who owns a car.

Hangover—the penalty for switching from Pepsi-Cola.

Snoring—sheet music.

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You've really got us to the wall when we'll pay a buck apiece for these. But that's the deal. \$1 each for those we buy.

## GOOD DEAL ANNEX

Sharpen up those gags, gagsters! At the end of the year (if we haven't laughed ourselves to death) we're going to pick the one best item we've bought and award it a fat extra

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## Little Moron Corner

Murgatroyd, our massive moron, was observed the other afternoon working out with the girls' archery team. Somewhat unconventionally, however, instead of using bow and arrow, Murgatroyd was drawing a bead on the target with a bottle of Pepsi-Cola. When asked "Why?" by our informant, who should have known better—"Duuuuuuh," responded Murgatroyd brightly, "because Pepsi-Cola hits the spot, stupid!"

\$2, legal tender, for any of these we buy. Brother, inflation is really here!

## HE-SHE GAGS

Know a He-She gag? If you think it's funny, send it in. If we think it's funny, we'll buy it—for three bucks. We'll even print it. Sheer altruism. Take ten—and see if you don't come up with something sharper than these soggy specimens:

She: Why don't you put out that light and come sit here beside me?

He: It's the best offer I've had today—but I'd rather have a Pepsi.

He: Darling, is there nothing I can do to make you care?

She: D. D. T.

He: D. D. T.?

She: Yeah—drop dead twice!

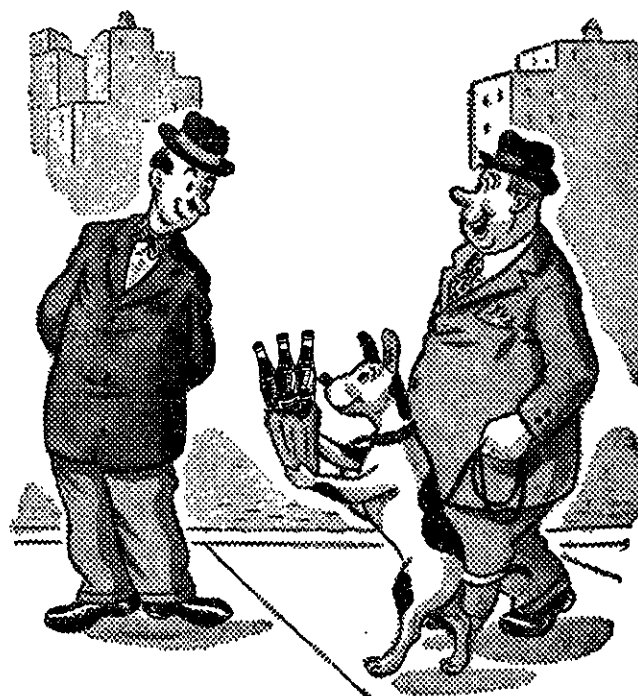
She: Right now I'm interested in something tall, dark and handsome.

He: Goah! Me?

She: No, silly—Pepsi-Cola!

Yep, we pay three bucks apiece for any of these we print. You never had it so good.

## Get Funny . . . Win Money . . . Write a Title



“ ”  
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