

BILLY WHISKERS

By FRANCES MONTGOMERY

The shortest man in the regiment with which Billy had come to France had taken it upon himself to see that Billy was properly fed, watered, and inside his own tent every night. For all his attention Billy was very grateful, for otherwise he would often have suffered for a drink and the proper things to eat while on ship-board. One grows very thirsty on salt water, and there was no place for Billy to get a drink by himself while on the ship. So this soldier had thoughtfully kept a pail of fresh water for him to drink in a place where he could get to it whenever he felt thirsty. And three times a day he gave him the proper food for a goat—not peanuts, raw potatoes or any other odd thing that happened to be handy. Some days Billy would have been stuffed on indigestible things sufficient to have killed him; on others the soldiers would have forgotten to feed him at all. So it was due to this one soldier that Billy arrived in France in good health.

He was so fond of Billy that he took great pains to comb his coat every evening before he went to bed, using an old currycomb he got from one of the artillerymen. The consequence was that Billy's coat shone like satin, and he looked from a distance as if he had bands of red, white and blue satin wound round him. He looked so fine with the little flags sticking out of his horns that the soldier always tried to keep them there. All this was quite a little expense to the soldier, Thomas Kelley, as Billy broke so many of the flags when he butted into things. Though this man's name was Kelley, he was an American. His father and mother were born in Ireland. They had brought a pet goat with them to America, and Tom could remember playing with it when he was a small boy, and often riding on its back. It was the recollection of that goat that made Tom so fond of Billy. One day he was thinking of the long rides he used to have on that goat's back when, looking up, he saw Billy coming toward him, and for the first time he noticed what an extraordinarily strong looking back Billy had.

"Why, I believe, grown man that I am, that goat could carry me as easily as my old goat used to carry me when I was a boy. Come here, Billy, and let me see if I could ride you."

Billy trotted over to when he stood, and Tom got on his back and found he could ride him splendidly without his feet touching the ground if he held them up just a little.

Billy seemed pleased to have him on his back, and trotted off down one of the long lanes between the tents as easily as if Tom had been a child. This pleased the soldiers, and they cheered and called Billy all sorts of pet names.

The soldiers stuck a big flag in Tom's hand, tossed a hat on his head and gave him a sword to carry, calling him Captain Butt. Billy behaved so well that after that whenever the company marched Billy was at the head of the regiment, right beside the flag-bearer. And, what was better yet for Billy, Tom was made flag-bearer, and both were as happy as Punch over this.

One of the regiments had a big baboon for a mascot. They dressed it in soldier's uniform of khaki, with hat, toy sword and a little rifle. Now this baboon was Billy's aversion, and they hated each other like a cat and dog. They had come together only once, but that once was enough to last them all their lives, for they had fought terribly and had had to be separated or they would have fought until one or the other was killed. As it was, hair flew in all directions and both came out of the battle with black eyes and long, bloody scratches. It happened in this way:

The two regiments were counter-marching one day and the regiment claiming the baboon as a mascot passed the regiment that owned Billy. The baboon on seeing the flag in Billy's horns jumped on Billy's back and pulled the flags from his horns

and tried to hop back to his place in the other regiment. But Billy, feeling something on his back pulling at his flaps, hunched his back like a bucking broncho and tossed the baboon over his head, where he lay still in front of him. Before he could jump up and escape, Billy ran his sharp horns into him and was about to butt him when the baboon got to his feet and came toward Billy, snarling and showing his long, sharp teeth and waving his long arms. His arms were so long that he managed to slap Billy over the side of the head with one hand while he pulled his beard with the other. With a squeal of pain Billy gave a plunge forward, hitting the baboon in the pit of the stomach and sending him keeling over backward. With a cry of rage and pain, the baboon was on his feet in an instant and then on Billy's back, where he began to bite and claw as if he intended to skin him alive, and he would have done so, too, had it not been for the soldiers who separated them. They had a hard time doing it, as both animals were so furiously mad that they did not stop fighting at first, although the soldiers showered blow after blow upon them with the butts of their rifles. And forever after Billy hated the sight of a baboon or a monkey of any kind.

Now this camp in which Billy found himself was one of the many outside of Paris, and as the soldiers were busy going through all sorts of drills and maneuvers from early morning until dark, Billy soon grew tired of hanging around doing nothing, so he determined to sneak out of camp and see what the country around looked like. But how to get out was a question, for the Captain had issued strict orders to all the sentinels and soldiers not to allow Billy to escape or go outside the camp.

But one day he found his chance. An old French woman driving a donkey hitched to a cart loaded with vegetables, a goat tied underneath, came walking into camp. Her donkey had gotten scared at a dog that barked at the goat, and it ran away. In spite of all efforts, it had run straight into camp, upsetting the sentinel when he tried to stop it. After the donkey had been caught and the old woman had offered profuse apologies for her donkey's behavior, Billy saw his chance to escape. He slipped under the wagon and walked out beside the other goat tied underneath, and the sentinel was so busy bowing to the old woman and assuring her that no damage had been done that he never saw Billy.

Billy kept close to the goat, so no one could see him, for a long time, and he pined the Nannie with questions until her head swam.

He asked her the name of the city he saw in the distance, toward which they were traveling, and though she was a French goat she understood him perfectly, for the language of animals the world over is the same. That is the reason a French goat can understand an American or an Italian goat as well as one born in his own country.

"That is Paris, the most beautiful city on earth," she said.

"How do you know that, as you never could have visited all the cities to compare them?" replied Billy.

"Oh, that doesn't matter! I have heard so, and besides, I know for myself that no city could be more beautiful. Such parks where flowers bloom and where the grass is ever green and the gold fish swim in the ponds and fountains, month in and month out! Then no city could have such wide, clean, handsome boulevards with big buildings and palaces on either side, to say nothing of the Grand Opera House and the stores."

"Don't be so sure of what you say," answered Billy, "for I have traveled and seen many cities in all parts of the world, and our own cities in the United States are not to be sneezed at. Your city of Paris may be beautiful, but I won't believe it is the most beautiful until I have seen it with my own eyes."

"Very well! Then come with us into the city."

Father Seeks News Of Acy Owens in City of Torrance

S. A. Owens of Twin Falls, Idaho, has written Mayor R. R. Smith in an endeavor to ascertain the whereabouts of his son, Acy Owens.

The letter follows:

"To the Mayor of Torrance, Cal.

"Dear Sir:

"I am writing to you to see if you can give me any information about Acy Owens. His last address was Carlton [probably Ironton] Hotel at Torrance, Calif. He is about 6 feet tall, dark complexion, dark eyes, about 50 years old and quite gray; has a dark mustache, but a little gray.

"If you can give me any information about him I will esteem it a great favor. It has been about a year since we have heard from him. I am his father.

"Respectfully,
S. A. OWENS,
330 Blue Lake Boulevard,
Twin Falls, Idaho."

A FISHY STORY

Laurence Crowell, local real estate dealer; Harvel Guttenfelder, proprietor of the Torrance Auto Electric shop, and his father, Chris Guttenfelder, spent the week-end near Banning, catching trout in the mountain streams, and, according to their statements, all the fish in the waters were caught.

As the above gentlemen, who returned Sunday afternoon, were late for church Sunday night, it may be that their story is worth a fifty-fifty consideration.

Trustees Approve Auto Camping Site

W. H. Gilbert and associates were granted permission by the trustees Monday to locate an automobile camp on Lot 3, Block 107, near Western avenue. Mr. Gilbert informed the board that the camp would be provided with modern conveniences, including sewers and lights.

AT HOLLYWOOD LUNCHEON

Mrs. Harry McManus of Andro avenue attended a luncheon and card party Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Edna See of Hollywood.

Other guests were Mrs. George Vossburgh, Mrs. Harold King of San Bernardino, Mrs. Lillian McDonald of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Al Myers and Mrs. Chapman of Los Angeles.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The time of the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary has been changed from the second and fourth Mondays to the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The regular meeting will be held tonight (May 20) in the First National Bank building at Marcelina and Sartori avenues.

All members are urged to be present.

LAFALOT CLUB

Mrs. Jessie Neff of Cota avenue will entertain the Lafalot club Wednesday evening.

Miss Helen Bodley and Billy Burgen, of Arlington avenue, were guests Sunday of Miss Aline Terry of Long Beach.

TORRANCE PERSONS AND PASTIMES

Comings, Goings and Doings of Folks Hereabouts

E. N. Tomkins and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richhart, of Gramercy avenue, attended the ball game at Gardena Sunday.

W. C. Haydon and Walter Berry motored to Riverside on a business trip Friday, returning to their homes here Sunday.

The new home being erected for Mr. and Mrs. George Woodside of Susana avenue will soon be ready for occupancy.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Woodward of Arlington avenue were Mr. and Mrs. Will Tolson and son, of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woodward and family, of Wilmington, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodward and family, of Madrid avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry of Amalpa avenue were dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. E. Shearer of Los Angeles.

Guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone of Athens were Mrs. L. J. Acree, Mrs. Rose Bell and Mrs. M. L. Acree, of Gramercy avenue.

Mrs. W. F. Barnes, who recently underwent a serious operation, is home from hospital and improving rapidly.

Mrs. C. J. Dexter and Mrs. Reynolds Dexter, of Los Angeles, were recent luncheon guests of Mrs. J. R. Richhart of Gramercy avenue.

POLICE GRAB 26 IN BOOZE RUNNER DRIVE

Saturday Night Campaign Nips 'Parties' in Bud

Traveling was tough on Arlington avenue Saturday night.

Co-operating with county officers in a wholesale campaign against rum-runners and scoundrels, Torrance police arrested 26 on charges of transporting or possessing liquor.

Police stopped and searched hundreds of automobiles on Arlington avenue and took into custody everyone with liquor in his possession.

The Saturday night drive against liquor law violators was general throughout Los Angeles county. Deputy sheriffs and city police nabbed an aggregate of 750 violators in the widespread offensive against the disciples of John Barleycorn.

The Torrance jail, advertised as empty last Friday, was filled to overflowing Saturday, and the tenants for whom there was no room in the local lockup were taken to the Redondo jail.

Monday was blue in police court, when City Recorder James King levied fines against offenders and set hearings for others who pleaded not guilty.

The campaign landed in the police net one man with burglar tools in his possession, another with a receipt for \$2000 ball on an embezzlement charge, and another who is wanted in San Diego, according to police.

Two following men, charged with possessing liquor, pleaded not guilty Monday morning and furnished bail of \$250 apiece: Victor Whitley, S. S. Phoenix, Lyman Titus, H. E. Phoenix. They were represented by Attorney Harry Elliott of Los Angeles. Their hearings were set for Friday morning.

J. S. Althart, charged with transporting liquor, forfeited \$250 ball.

Earl Clarkson, charged with possession, pleaded guilty and was fined \$100. He had a small bottle of whiskey when taken into custody.

E. J. Johnson, charged with reckless driving, forfeited \$50 ball. J. F. Nicholas, charged with a similar offense, forfeited \$100 ball.

Three men charged with drunkenness forfeited \$25 ball each.

At Sartori avenue and Redondo boulevard police took three into custody and held them for investigation. Police assert that B. Friday had burglar keys in his possession. The other two in the party were F. C. Hassan and John Franks.

E. L. Sheelty, according to Chief Anderson, led the chief and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett a merry chase, across country, through the oil field, before they booked him for reckless driving. Sheelty, according to Anderson, drove past the intersection of Arlington avenue and the old Redondo road at 35 miles an hour and refused to halt when flagged by three policemen. Anderson gave chase in the police car. The chief says Sheelty drove over pipes and between oil rigs, before he came to a halt at the edge of a sump hole, where he was booked.

The following pleaded not guilty to possessing and transporting liquor, and their trials were set for Friday: F. Thyne, Hall Pierson, William Welch, William Hughes, V. P. Whatley.

James Roberts, charged with possessing liquor and resisting an officer, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 or serve 90 days in jail.

Wilfred McCracken pleaded guilty to possession of liquor and will be sentenced Friday. He is out under \$500 bond.

William Loescher pleaded guilty to possession and transportation of liquor. He has his choice of a \$100 fine or a 30-day sentence.

H. B. Kleinstick, pleading guilty to transporting and possessing liquor, drew a \$300 fine or an alternative of 90 days in jail. Kleinstick, according to police, had a gallon and a half of liquor in his car when taken into custody.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berry of Marcelina avenue are entertaining friends from Idaho.

Frank White of San Pedro was a guest Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kiefer of Kern county.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ripple have moved from 1919 Carson street to the J. A. Pemberty home at 2129 Andro avenue.

Mrs. Olga Davis of Plaza del Amo and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wayt of Gramercy avenue attended the Angelus temple in Los Angeles Saturday.

Mrs. J. O. Moore of Gramercy avenue and Mrs. Joe Stone of Athens were Lomita visitors Friday.

Mrs. Frank Hagar leaves for her home in Reno, Nev., after several months' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Roy McFarland, of Arlington avenue.

Mrs. F. A. Zeller and children and Mrs. M. F. Peer were guests recently of Mrs. M. Shearer of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen of Kern county were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Varden of Gardena.

Miss Ethel Bodley of Arlington avenue and Ivan McRae of Los Angeles were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eshelman of Long Beach.

Mrs. Sarah Clark and Miss Olive Reed, of Los Angeles, were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Clark of Arlington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Theobald, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bale, Miss Elizabeth Lavender and Lester Theobald attended the Angelus temple Saturday evening.

A jolly party that spent Friday in Long Beach included Mrs. Harvel Guttenfelder and sister, Mrs. Harry Bale, Mrs. Laurence Crowell and Miss Elizabeth Lavender.

Dinner guests Sunday of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Zwick of Long Beach were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bale and Miss Metta Gibson.

Archie Woodington of Riverside was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodington, of Arlington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Proctor and Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber, of Gramercy avenue, were entertained Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone of Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Fitzhugh of Los Angeles were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh of Arlington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pemberty and daughter, Miss Jewel Peyton, left Sunday on a motor trip to Seattle, where they will spend a month with relatives.

Mrs. John A. Bowers Sr. was a guest Sunday of her daughter, Mrs. Nellie P. Pennington, of Los Angeles.

Miss Elizabeth Lavender and Lester Theobald were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richhart of Gramercy avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess and family, of Arlington avenue, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ault E. Shugg of El Monte.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Andrus and family, of Portola avenue, were Redondo Beach visitors Sunday.

Little Billie Newby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Newby of Gramercy avenue, was taken to the Hermosa hospital Monday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Tomkins of Gramercy avenue were guests Sunday of Mrs. L. Hall of the Villa Tract.

PRESENT PLAY AT SCHOOL ON FRIDAY NIGHT

'Just Women' Will Be for Benefit of the Woman's Club

The play "Just Women" will be presented at the high school auditorium next Friday evening by members of the West Ebell club.

The play is being given for the benefit of the building fund of the Torrance Woman's club, and the price of admission is so small, for both adults and students, that there is sure to be a splendid attendance.

"It is a scream," say those who have attended a performance, so don't miss it!

The following take part in the play: Mrs. H. T. Walters, Mrs. F. A. Clapsadel, Miss Elizabeth Tomson, Mrs. C. M. Abbott, Mrs. N. N. Brown, Mrs. C. N. Turner, Mrs. C. F. Henning, Mrs. Clara B. Sheldon, Mrs. S. C. Root, Mrs. J. A. Alred, Mrs. J. P. Fulfs, Mrs. F. C. Knox, Mrs. A. E. Tabor, Mrs. E. R. Meyers, Mrs. G. Brenninger, Mrs. Herbert Perrigo, Mrs. A. J. Sherman, Mrs. W. A. Swem, Mrs. F. J. Hibbs.

HARBOR CITY NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Dillon of Los Angeles, a Harbor City property owner, has returned to her home, after several days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brunton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woods were recent guests of friends in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Aspitte of Weston street were Los Angeles visitors recently.

The local Boy Scouts enjoyed a hike in the Palos Verdes hills last Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid luncheon, held at the church Tuesday, was fairly well attended.

Two new members, J. T. Aspitte and Dick Myerscough, were admitted to the Rose club at the last regular meeting. A "wienie bake" is planned for the near future, date to be announced later. Plans are being perfected for a social to be held May 27.

Mrs. Waters of San Pedro gave an excellent talk on "The Elimination of Fear" at the Parent-Teacher association last Wednesday evening. It is regrettable that there were not more members in attendance.

The final meeting of the school year will be held Wednesday, June 4, at 2:30 p. m.

Minnie Eckman, 12-year-old pianist of Harbor City, will be heard this evening, May 20, from the Times radio station between 7 and 7:30 p. m. Minnie is well known throughout the Harbor district for her musical talent, and the announcement of her part in the coming radio program will be received with great interest.

Richard Myerscough of 252d street is trying out the Oldsmobile that he purchased last week.

Mrs. Bennett's sewing class for little folks met in the primary room at the church Friday afternoon. This being the last meeting of the season, a surprise was awaiting them. Mrs. Bennett will be busy preparing them for other exercises, for Children's day and Flag day. The little folks had a most enjoyable afternoon. Wienes, cookies and apples were served.

VISIT IN RIVERSIDE

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Hess and daughters, of Poppy street, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Peterson of Riverside Saturday evening. They visited the Sherman institute and Indian school. The visit was of especial interest to Mr. and Mrs. Hess, since both formerly taught in the Indian schools in Nevada.

Mrs. Harold Chalton of 2085 252d street entertained a few friends from Los Angeles recently. The evening was spent in reminiscences of old times. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grimes, Robert Simpson, S. Westover, of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watten and daughter Phyllis, of Hermosa Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jones and family, of Harbor City.

Mrs. Mildred Augustin of San Francisco is visiting her aunt, Mrs. George Bennett, of Belleport avenue.

May Semmens of 257th street attended the San Pedro clinic Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Aspitte made a business trip to Torrance Thursday.

Clarence and Stanley Aspitte and Lee Green attended the Torrance theatre Wednesday and enjoyed Jackie Cookin in "A Boy of Flanders."

Mrs. Harold Chalton of 2085 252d street, accompanied by Richard Lloyd and Gordon Jones of 254th street and Miss Avis Chalton, attended the Torrance theatre Thursday evening.

Harbor City Boy Scout Troop No. 1 held their regular business meeting Thursday evening at the Firemen's hall. After the opening ceremonies the election of officers was held. The following were elected: Harold Higgs, scribe; Clarence Aspitte and Lee Green, patrol leaders; Frank Christensen and Donald Armstrong, assistant patrol leaders. A baseball team was also organized, with Floyd Higgs as manager and Simon Busermate captain. This team will soon be in shape to challenge any other team in the Harbor district. The boys took 30 minutes in first aid, after which boxing was enjoyed.

Harbor City Boy Rangers will meet at the home of A. E. Aspitte, Weston street, Wednesday evening, May 21, at 7 o'clock.

George Myerscough of 2236 258th street is very ill at his home with quinsy.

Chris Jones of the Harbor City bakery made a business trip to Long Beach Friday and purchased new equipment for the bakery.

NOTICE TO WOMAN'S CLUB

Election board for the Woman's club consists of Mrs. Kembal, Mrs. Zeller, Mrs. Milburn. Be sure and pay your dues so you can vote at the primary election Thursday at 2:30.

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PRAIRIE WILDFLOWER SEEKS HUSBAND DOWN IN GOTHAM WITH YARDSTICK



Miss Alyce McCormick.

Miss Alyce McCormick, "prairie wildflower," is in New York with her father, Frank A. McCormick, battalion commander of the Volunteers of America in five western states, looking for a husband. The man must pass a test of psychologists and then get her consent.

FOR SALE

GOOD USED FURNITURE — MUST SELL

1 9x12 Axminster Rug	1 Ivory Bed Set
1 White Rotary Machine	1 Baby Bed
1 Economic Refrigerator	1 Breakfast Table
4 Oak Dining Chairs	5 Doz. Quart Fruit Jars
3 Rocking Chairs	Must Be Sold in
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