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On the behalf of the faculty and students of Armour Tech, we express our deep sympathy to Professor Walter Hendricks on the recent death of his daughter, Cynthia.

Gone, But—

Another year has slipped by to join the years in the dim obscurity of all time past. And with it has retired the eighth staff of the *Armour Tech News*. Having contributed another chapter to the history of this student publication, this body of young men, whose love for journalism is second only to that which they have for the concepts and application of the engineering sciences, has finished its task—a task which called for the unremitting efforts and aggressive application of the entire staff. A task which demanded that each individual, working in his specific capacity, be so oriented that the whole might be integrated into an efficient, smoothly functioning unit whose sole aim was the publication of a consistently better newspaper. A task which was conscientiously tackled and exceptionally well executed.

In time the efforts of these young men will be forgotten, the printed proofs of their labors will molder in the musty files, but to us, the succeeding staff, their work, and the pleasant memories of our contacts with them, memories of the rush and bustle of the inevitable last minute work, memories of unmerciful "ribbing" and yet a sense of thorough understanding—these shall be our inspiration and shall serve as a spur to goad us on to greater efforts. We shall try to see to it that the chapter following this be just as interesting and just as worthy as that written by the retiring staff. And we wish to take advantage of this opportunity to wish each and every member of that retiring staff the best of luck and as much success in their future endeavors as they have had in their management of the *Armour Tech News* in the past year.

N Y A Program

As a method of providing student aid the National Youth Administration project has had more far-reaching effect than any previous system—or rather lack of system, for aid to youth had not, evidently, been previously considered as a province of government. Although the project received its impetus as an emergency measure, such a move had long been considered advisable by educators and sociologists.

The popularity of the governmental student aid is evidenced by its increase over last year in both expenditure and number of students employed and this in the face of the increasingly better business conditions. The administrator of the National Youth Administration, Mr. Aubrey Williams, claims that ninety-eight per cent of the accredited colleges and universities in the country have adopted the program, being an increase of five per cent for the end of last year over the number at the end of 1935. For the entire country, 124,818 students, or one out of every fifteen college students in the country, are employed in the N Y A program. One out of every eight Armour students is thus employed. The increase in the number of students involved has not meant merely sparser distribution of funds, for the allocation for December 1936 was \$309,398 more than that for December 1935.

It may be remembered that opposition to the National Youth Administration was based on the fear that the program was merely "an opening wedge" through which the federal government would attempt to gain control of the educational

system. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why students had not previously been considered eligible to receive aid from the government, an emergency being required to prove that the youth of the nation is just as worthy of receiving governmental funds as are battleships, manufacturers and spoils system employees.

Now, as to how the N Y A is handled. Is it largely a spoils system itself, whence the underserving students receive pay for services which have been assigned but not rendered? If such is the case, as it undoubtedly must be in some instances, the fault lies more with human nature and dishonesty than with the manner of giving aid, agreeing that some form of help should be given the students by the government. No system on so large a scale could be devised which would assure absolute lack of dishonesty, but it is our opinion that the N Y A has experienced better cooperation than other governmental agencies with alphabetical nick-names.

The Junior Prom

In holding the Junior Prom in the winter time instead of at the end of Junior Week, and in converting the affair from a straight dinner dance to a table dance with dinner optional, the junior class broke tradition. That the winter time is more suitable for the dance is obvious, for at the time formerly held it was the edge of the summer formal season. The change from a dinner dance could have been considered a progressive step if a large loss had been avoided.

According to the junior social chairman the loss approaches that lost on last year's Junior Formal which was a dinner dance. If money is to be lost, it would seem more sensible to lose it on a dinner dance. Of course, dinner was optional at the affair, but as half-way measures usually turn out, the menu offered was not popularly received—about twenty couples ordered dinners.

When the dance without dinners was proposed, it was inferred that it would not be run at a loss. The Drake Hotel, probably Chicago's most exclusive and expensive hotel, a publicized high priced orchestra, and the souvenir bracelets added together formed an amount which called for the sale of about two hundred and ten bids to clear expenses. About one hundred and forty couples attended the affair. With the tables as arranged about the dance floor not more than one hundred and fifty couples could dance comfortably.

A major part of the expense could have been removed by not having the bracelet souvenirs. Actually the junior class treasury was used to buy these bracelets for all who attended the affair.

To lower the loss, a higher priced bid would have been necessary or a larger number of bids sold at a price somewhat lower. A higher priced bid would have met considerable opposition. Until the student body of Armour Tech wholeheartedly backs its social affairs and becomes aware of the value of social life, Armour dances from the uncertainty of support will most likely continue to be run at a loss. Financial losses are not entirely the fault of a social committee when the student body does not give the proper support.

As to the dance itself, it was a credit to the social committee and the class of '38. The setting was beautiful and the music and arrangements were good.

We do not advocate the running of dances for profit but we determinedly oppose the running of dances at a large loss when persons who have not contributed to a class treasury are permitted to enjoy its funds.

STUDENT OPINION

BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

Increased enthusiasm in the sport of bowling by an appreciable number of students has created the need for one or more tournaments. The bowling season will continue for at least three months, which affords ample time for beginners to improve their game and for arrangements for tournament play.

Three tournaments are sure to draw attention. One would be an open tournament for individual play, the winner, or winners, being determined on an elimination basis.

Another would consist of three or five men inter-department teams, the winner to be determined either by elimination or by a win and loss basis. A third would be restricted to a maximum of 4 teams, each representing its class. Play here should be of round-robin type, where each team would play every other team more than once.

It is hoped that an interfraternity meet will take place in the near future. With the price of bowling reduced 50 per cent for students bowling in the morning or afternoon at a bowling alley just a mile from school, there is every incentive for a lot of good clean sport.

Trophies or charms could be given to winners, which are certainly worth trying for in any sport. So repeating, let's have a good turnout for these tournaments and may the best man win.

Fred R. Anderson, '37.

The Slipstick

Cleave to the slipstick; let the slipstick fly where it may.

A belated Valentine to the girl in the R. Office:

*Up goes your nose at the sight of me
When you see that pan of mine.
Woncha turn it down just once today
And be my Valentine?*

To quote Eejay, "Zazu, the 230 pound mite." This columnist will weigh in with that worm before any group of our readers and will prove that that "pit-pock on the face of progress—eejay" outweighs him by at least five pounds. It's his excess muscle between the ears. This IS A CHALLENGE!!!

THINGS I'D LIKE TO INVENT:

Eye glasses with vertical stripes for bank tellers so they can recognize their customers when they meet them on the street.

An alarm clock with half a bell so when two people room together it only wakes up one.

Ink with spaces already in it so you don't have to raise your pen from the paper.

A bell that when you press the button it rings ten minutes ago. This is for getting the firemen to your house before the fire starts—if it should.

Socialist Father: Playing hookey from school again? What makes you stay away anyhow?

Son: Class hatred, father.

Social Worker: Do you owe any back house rent?

Relief Seeker: We ain't got no back house. We have modern plumbing.

"Everyone is crazy over me here," bragged H. O. B. as he sat in the basement of the lunatic asylum.

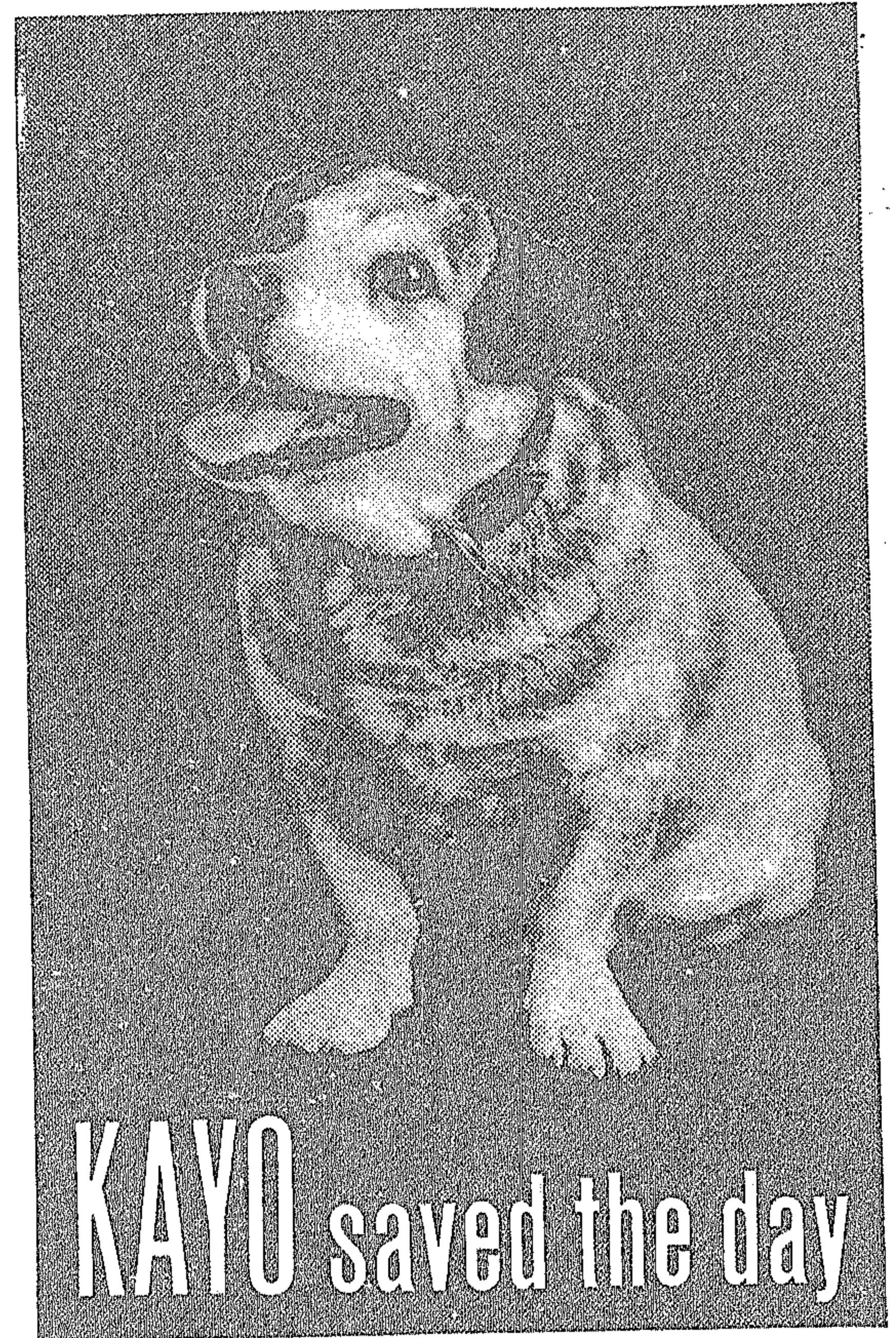
Overheard at the Junior prom: "And so Jerry is marrying Mickey by mutual consent?" "Yes, of her father and two brothers."

Dear Zazu: * * * For five years I've tried to make "The Line," "The Wake," "Steam Shovel," and other colymus. I never succeeded; not even once. Then I tried Eeejay and made it right away. He must be rotten, yes?

Don Q.

My censor is a peachy guy
I hope you think so too;
He sees three meanings in a joke—
When there are only two
and that's

ZAZU.



KAYO saved the day

A CHURNING flood had taken out the telephone line across a Colorado stream. Repairmen couldn't wade it because of quicksand—couldn't cross elsewhere and bring back the line because of obstructions.

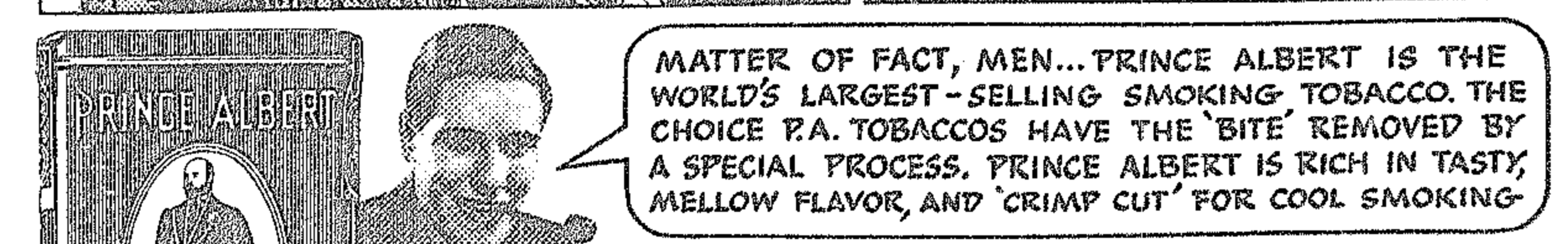
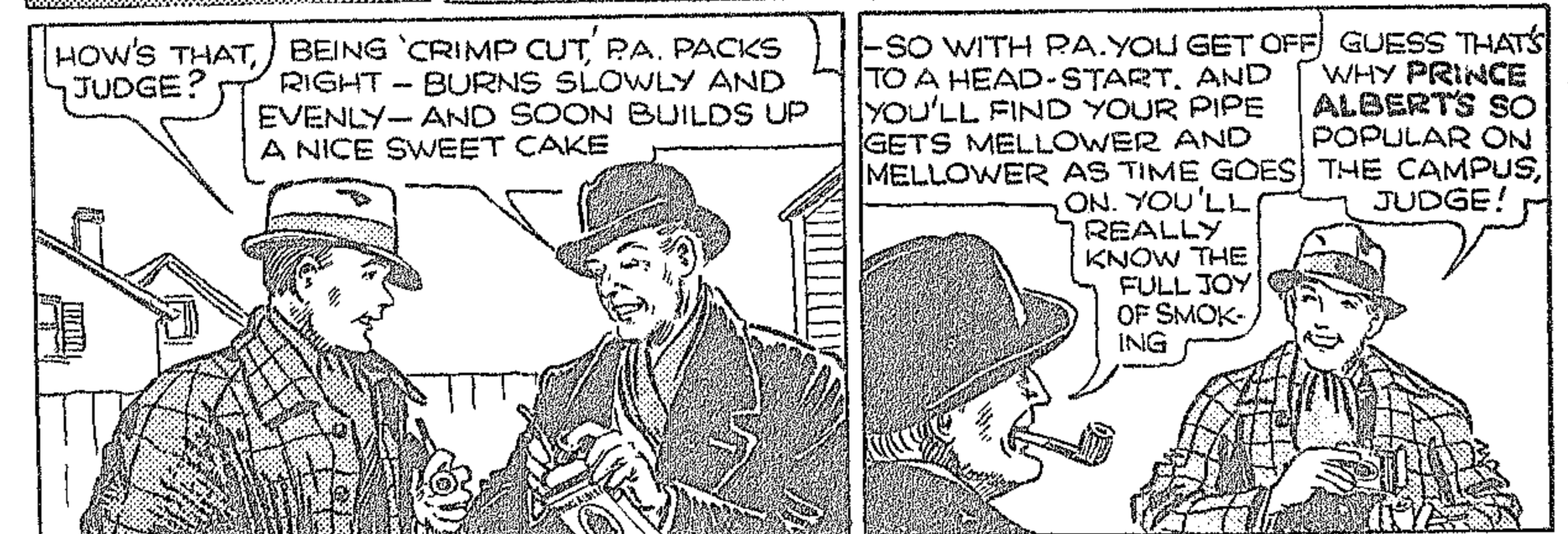
Then Kayo's master had an idea. He went upstream, crossed, came back and whistled. Kayo jumped in—swam across with a cord tied to his collar. With this cord, the wire was soon pulled over—communication was restored.

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