

We've Been WONDERING

WHY those parents were so shocked that their screams could be heard for miles when informed by the Gendarmes that their children were being held by juvenile authorities. Under certain circumstances the self-same parents might have been informed by the city morgue.

WHY that foul-mouthed self-styled big shot whose favorite expression is "ah been rich for thirteen years" is so far behind in house payments that foreclosure is inevitable.

WHY that female kitchen mechanic (strictly from ignoranceville) doesn't stay with the pots and pans, instead of making the front scene wearing a dirty dress and apron, hair that hasn't been combed in days, and explaining to the waitress, "ah doan lak dese ol glasses to drink frum, a'm gonna bring me a jug to drink outta."

WHY Mr. Man-about-town doesn't make up his mind which political side he is on. All three sides are taking a dim view of his antics.

WHY that soul sister who doesn't hesitate to let any and all know that she has been saved, doesn't try a little soul saving on her penitentiary-bound offsprings.

WHY the sequences of 31-32-35-36-40-44-46-48, and 61-62-64-65-67-75-77-80, are supposed to be lucky for persons born in February, March and April.

WHY that certain Charlie who was recently appointed to represent a portion of that big business firm's holdings in Bronzeville doesn't get the message. Authority through force or threats of force doesn't scare Bro; it just 'heps' him to your fear and insecurity.

WHY it takes some folks too long to realize that friendship cannot be bought. When trying to buy friendship, one loses two ways. They waste money and create contempt.

WHY boss Charlie is so slow getting the message? Success depends on the support of other people. The only hurdle between you and what you want to be is the support of others.

WHY ex-roomers don't say nice things about their ex-landladies, like one poor Henry used to room with. Never had to ask permission to use the bathroom; never stuck her nice nose into my affairs unannounced; gave a surprise party for poor Henry; was kind enough to invite three ex's, two current, and one maybe-so. Deeds, such as those mentioned, really endear landladies to one, bless them all.

WHY bean-head Bennie (the third man in the Bar-B-Q clique) didn't dare grow a beard until his romance went on the rocks and his boss took a short trip.

WHY many ofays take the words of their maids and flunkies as "gospel" as to the happenings in Bronzeville. This over-worked snow job, in many instances, has helped Bro and Sis hold their jobs, by telling Charlie what he likes to hear instead of what he ought to know.

HENRY 'P.' (for 'Puzzled')

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THE YELLOW JACKET AND THE BUZZ BOMB

By E. Sopp West

BILLED AS A Polynesian Princess, Lulanah had singed the Burlesque Circuit for more than a score of years. Actually, Lulanah was born in Flatbush, and her legit moniker was Mary Jane Brown.

Irrespective of Lulanah's mileage, and regardless of her place of origin, she was one gay doll and built like the proverbial brick house. She was a gas the night she was escorted to the grand opening of a fabulous Las Vegas Casino by a loaded Texas oilnaire.

It had been five years since the Doll had sent tingles up and down the spines of her burlesque fans. And, speaking of fans, we are reminded of the show stopper in Lulanah's act. After doing her Bubble Dance with a series of transparent rubber balls that got smaller and smaller until they were no bigger than a grape, this tomato would switch from bubbles to fans. The fans got smaller and smaller until she got down to the shocker. This is the awaited moment when the Polynesian Princess closed her fan dance using nothing but a pair of canary feathers.

At this point, Lulanah was stripped down to nothing but a smile to cover her "Body by Fisher". The bald-headed, middle-aged voyeurs who filled the first three rows at the old Gaiety didn't ooooh and droool any more than the tuxedoed first nighters' did when they dug this fine dish at the Vegas bistro.

But Lulanah had never been more sensational in her heyday under the lights than she was at the opening night on the Vegas Strip.

HER TEXAS-SIZED Texan was as proud as any Texan can be as he showed off the glamorous ex-stripper that night. Tex had been one of those front row droolers when Lulanah played the circuit in the East Texas oil fields. This was before he had his gusher of black gold, but Tex had never forgotten how this burlesque queen had made him bust out in a rash when she twirled her G-string and flung it around his steaming head some dozen years before.

This was ole Tex's big night. Everything was swinging right down his alley. Was he loaded--you better believe it! He was triple loaded. His pockets were bulging with stacks of Ben Franklins. His belly was bursting from a Gourmet Feast. His blood was boiling with wine and fiery passion. This night was already more than Tex had ever hoped for and promised even more.

All the studs in the joint were a bit envious of Tex, and sensing it, Tex was putting them on like a dirty prairie dog. He was glowing like the pink champagne that was going to Lulanah's fine head--This was "Sure Enough" Lulanah's night too. This was the night that the ole pro tomato would make the big kill she had dreamed of during all those years of trying to pick the right stage door John. She'd come close a few times, but never had been lucky enough to grab off a John who was really "sticking" like ole Tex. Sure enough, this night was it for the doll.

Tex and Lulanah were the brightest, gayest (See BOMB, page 16)

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