

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

Write For The Girls.

With all this getting ready for N'Year and trying to beat year's end taking back some of those Xmas presents you gave me, it makes me madder than a one armed paper hanger to be stuck with this space while you go business (?) chasing in DeeCee. Which gives me some other thoughts about you and your fellow bretheren. Darn it, there' noway I can figure you all out. This gal is about to shift all her protoplasmic weight to the other side of the fence, and change the usual "ah men" to a greater and holier "Amen." Finished. 30--and-tah-tah. There is no satisfying that gender at all. If you wear make-up, they want it off 'cause you look like a hussy. Then they'll take you out and go eye weary watching a doll who's got on more paint than an artist's palette. If other guys don't try to date, or wolf whistle, you, they think they've got a lemon on their hands. However when the others do cavort, they become jealous as a twin, and swear you're untrue.

If you'd rather bake an apple pie than go to the woman's club, you're a social dud and a household drudge. If you do and get to be president, there's a complaint about you being out all day and the house is going to pot. If you try to makd them give up smoking they sweat you're driving them to the devil, and when you say go ahead and smike 'emby the cartoons, the scream is that you're leading them there instead. Lord forgive if you don't encourage them to talk about their day at the office. You're not interested. When you do, you're naggin' again. If you don't come up with ideas for a new business scheme, they married the wrong girl. If you do, and it's sensational, they want to know what put you up to it and who gave you the idea originally.

The single men are worse than the married ones, and the married guys are no better than the widowers. The batchelors are afraid to be hooked; the married ones remember how it happened once and the widowers are too anxious. There's no denying that the male of the species is the greatest thing since God made little green apples, but there's no figuring you'll out no how. In fact, true to the song, a good man is as hard to find as a good cigarette, domestic and foreign blends included. Boy, this is one problem they messed up on in my algebra class so hurry home and tell this poor dollar scholar what's to be done. For while the opposite sex remains an impossible scoundrel, I do love mine dearly and sincerely...A lot of folks are going to fall in love with Cab Calloway all over again when he comes on the eye-ear level with the Guy Lombardo orchestra to sing in the final year of the seventies...It might interest you to know that retired news guy, Julius Adams is the producer of "Santa Claus and the Unicorn." However the only way he fits into the girly column is that the Harlem Dance Studio's 3rd. annual show is from a story by his daughter, Carolyn Adams with music and lyrics by Olive A. Adams, choreographed and staged by Julie Adams Strandberg. Miss Adams, wh's a co-director of the Dance Studio, conceived the story on inspiration from her two nieces, Laura Carolyn and Marie Elisabeth Strandberg. So there that's how the he got into the act.

You would never believe that Gladys Knight and Budday are legally at each others jugular. That waxworks just released the nicest looking album on the lady you ever wanted to eye. Simply called "Miss Gladys Knight," its cover is all face, Gladys's of course, with poppin' big orbs, lush lips and an a la "Billie Holiday" flower on the heart side of her coiffure. This solo debut of Gladys, without the Pips, is an unprecedented event as her interpretive power is at its peak. However don't expect any kissing and make-up deal as a result. In fact there just may be some more lawyer's argument since the lady is now under contract with CBS, I think. On this one The Jim Gilstrap Singers supplied the background vocals...Should you run into Thelma Carpenter get her to tell you some of those funny off the record stories which happened during the lensing of "The wiz." If revealed some would breakup a number of some believed pals...Hazel Sharper and her main man, her spouse, is reported to have run into auto problems in New Orleans. However as reported their Rolls is still safe in the garage. It's just their camper and sports car that hit upon

wreck stime, 'tis said...Beatrice Fearon, a lovely dental tech., is the darling of the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation. She has just been cited for her continuous coin rasing which has exceeded more than a grand todate...Young and talented Gayle Lorene Turner completed a critically acceptable turn as "Dorothy" in the B'way long running hit.

Guess ya just cannot go thirty without mentioning a few guys. Like this note you got from Major Robinson, kicking up the ink by show folks who are saying that Sparky Martin is being given the aromatic end of the stick. No uncle tom, they say he probably stepped on a few powerful booking agents' toes who concocted that news yarn about his involvement with shady characters..You wouldn't believe it by the title of the book, "The Homestead Grays," is not about the black baseball team which used to barnstorm out of Pittsburgh, but the heroic and historic 332nd. Fighter group which left its mark in the skies of Italy and the hearts of its people. It's the first tome ever about this group which included so many of your pals. Lee Archer. General B.O. Davis, Dr. Roscoe Brown, Chuck Williams and the late General Daniel "Chappie" James. No, none of them are referred to by name, but you can pinpoint them by their exploits...Clarence Jacobs, who served in your part of the war, the South Pacific, that's WWII girls, and his Bernice celebrated their 36th... Time is hot on the hells of '78 as it races towards political asylum in the archives of history. HAPPY NEW YEAR!...IZZYZR.

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