

WALLY'S WAGON

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Her Magic Words

A COUPLE o' tourists came in the other day. They were a jolly pair, and the man started right in tellin' me about their trip to the Black Hills an' Yellowstone.

"The rumble of Old Faithful sounds like a Hereford bull with indigestion!" he laughed.

His wife got to talkin' too. She kept up such a steady stream of words that I couldn't stop her to ask what they wanted to eat.

"You have corned beef and cabbage, haven't you?" the husband finally asked me.

"You bet," I tell him.

When I brought the orders, she was still chatterin'. Then I noticed the man was fumblin' for his glass of water. His wife pushed it against his hand an' never dropped a syllable. I discovered all of a sudden that the guy was stone blind!

"THE mountains were wonderful," he says to me. "I could feel the altitude and the strength of the sun in the clear air."

I guess my mouth was hangin' open because his wife caught on that I was flabbergasted.

"Oh, George enjoys travelin' as much as I do," she tells me. "I suppose it seems my babblin' would drive a husband crazy. But I'm just reportin' to him. Matter of habit. We've been married a long time, you know."

"Well, ma'am," I compliment her, "next to seein' America, havin' you give an eye-witness report on it is probably the best thing your husband could ask."

"IN A way," George cuts in, "it is better to hear than to see. My wife doesn't really talk all the time. You see, she doesn't tell me about the ugly or sad or mean things we come across. Just quits talking. Lets me muse over what we've been seeing before. So all I get from her are the beautiful, exciting, interesting things — the bright side."

I got to thinkin' about those silent spots. You know, there's been a lot of times in my life where it would've been better if I talked at the right time only. It's kinda selfish to bellyache about troubles an' ugliness, then keep the beautiful to yourself! — WALLY BOREN



QUIZ 'EM

A news question-answer game

1. FOUR O'CLOCK RECESS

... What famous British custom may be on the way out?

Afternoon tea. There's a serious shortage of cups and saucers.

— A. C. S., San Pedro, Calif.

2. ON DECK ...

What will replace heavy Burma teak as a covering for weather decks on U. S. Navy ships?

A plastic wood laminate has been found to be as strong and hard, as long-wearing and non-splintering as teak.

3. AMERICAN BEAUTIES ...

How much will men spend on cosmetics this year?

An estimated \$225,000,000!

— R. O., Los Angeles, Calif.

4. MOVIEMAKERS ...

After the U. S. and England, what country ranks as the top motion-picture producing nation in the world?

India.

— W. C. M., Lynbrook, N. Y.

5. FINGERPRINTERS ...

In 1928, the FBI's files contained 2,000,000 sets of fingerprints. How many sets do they have today?

101,000,000.

— M. K., Newark, N. J.

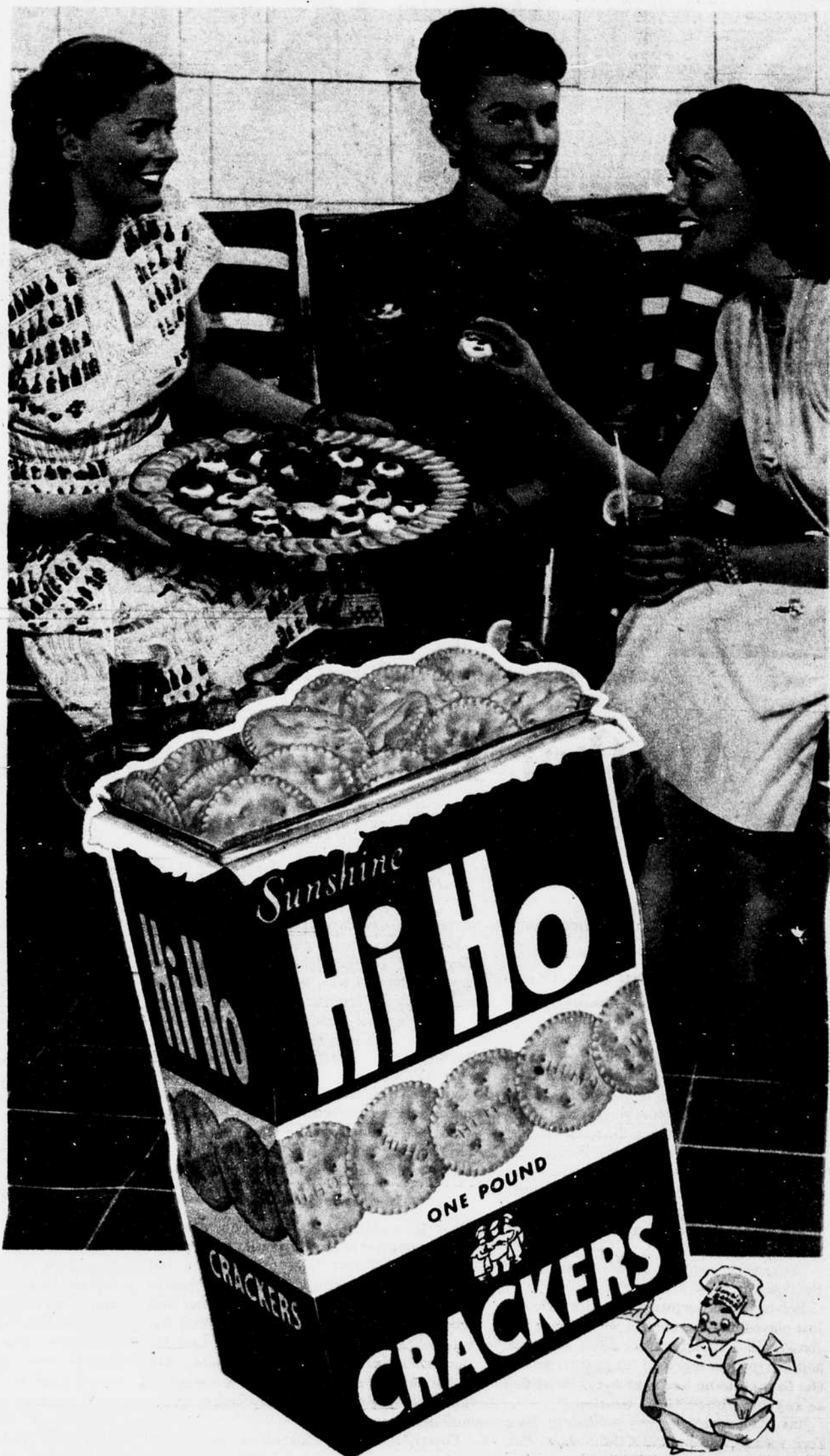
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