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Ventnor News Funny Man

Herb Test Writes a Few Kind Words
in Introduction of His Column
to New Friends and Old

By H. C. TEST

Look, children! at the funny man. That one over there in the first column—the one with the bald head and the red nose.

Isn't he an odd-looking rooster? You'd think, children, that they had brought him up in a length of gas pipe, wouldn't you? And he certainly must have been around when they gave out feet. And look at his ears stick out.

Those deep lines on his face look like trouble, don't they, children? They're not. He never had a trouble in the world. Those lines came from grinning—grinning at himself whenever he started to take himself seriously. He's got over that now, but those lines will always remain there to remind him not to think that he is the most important person in the world, and to keep him from starting something that will make him laugh himself to death at himself.

You see, children, men in his line musn't have troubles. When they feel sorry for themselves they have to hide it so we'll get our little laugh at what they say and write; when they feel like crying over some injustice or wrong to some poor people or little children they must go off by themselves and cry so they won't disturb us or make us feel bad or anything like that.

Men like that man there think a lot of children and dogs. If that man passed a child that didn't smile or a dog that didn't wag its tail he'd probably go off home and look at himself in the glass and sit down and ask himself what in thunder ailed him. I wouldn't wonder if he would get worked up twice as much as he would if some big man informed him that he was a damfool or something. Isn't he soft?

That's the way he has to be about everything. So long as he makes us laugh or tells us some little gentle stories and makes us feel good—that long he holds his job. He musn't let us think that he knows anything about us that we wouldn't wish him to know; and he must listen to us so he'll know just what we like and give it to us, or we'll write letters to his boss and say he isn't what he's cracked up to be and all that.

'Cause we're his real bosses, you know. Why, children, that man wouldn't get along a day if we didn't like him or like what he writes. We could just put him—well, we might say that we could put him on the bum. We could take the twinkle out of his eyes and wipe his smile off his face just as easy. Let us stop reading his writing, and we could just plain make him a tramp.

But we won't, will we, children. We know that when he takes us apart to see what makes us tick that he don't mean any harm. We know that he don't care whether we roll by him in our limousines or holler at him from alongside our dinner-pails on the curbstone; that he knows we've got simple, gentle hearts and that when people can't see our goodness that it's not because the goodness isn't there, but because they haven't got the right kind of eyes to see.

Did George V. Hobart Write These Lines in Ventnor

"What is the difference between hooch and liquor?"
"If you live, it is liquor."

"Your eyes intoxicate me. It must be the eye-balls."

—From "Letty Pepper," at the Globe last week. Book by George V. Hobart and Oliver Morasco.

Jetty Planned For Longport

State Board of Commerce and Navigation Votes \$50,000 for Erection of Beach Builder

Longport is to have the big jetty which is now apparently the only means to be taken to save the lower island resort from practical annihilation from ravages of the sea. On Saturday night, before the members of the New Jersey State Board of Commerce and Navigation at the Seaside, mayors and commissioners from practically every resort city from Atlantic City to Cape May, expert engineers and state and county officials with heads of civic bodies, voted unanimously recommending that New Jersey appropriate \$50,000 for the jetty and on Sunday, after a visit to Longport and an exhaustive study of the situation, the Board of Commissioners pledged their support in securing the money from the present legislature.

Mayor Edward L. Bader, of Atlantic City, made the motion which secured the support of the meeting for the Longport jetty. State Senator Charles W. White pledged his support to the measure and Mayor William S. Grieb, of Longport, with Commissioner Edwin M. Goldsmith, City Clerk W. S. Gilmore, C. F. Bonsor, a big Longport property holder, and other prominent citizens of the lower beach, promised that the State aid will be met by both money and intensive effort to rebuilding the Longport beach line and again make that section one of the finest points on Absecon Island.

At their inspection meeting, on Sunday, the State Board of Com-
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Brehman to Retire Godfrey Candidate

Announcement That Present Mayor Will Not Stand for
Reelection Followed by Rally of Former
Mayor's Friends

Mayor Amor W. Brehman will positively refuse to stand for re-nomination at the coming fall primaries, and former Mayor Charles Godfrey will enter the lists for the office. This was the report which caused the first stir in what promises to be one of Ventnor City's liveliest political years and which was basis for much discussion yesterday both in Ventnor and Atlantic City.

While Mayor Brehman could not be located for a direct statement before going to press, he has made the positive assertion to some of his closest Ventnor friends that he would not again accept the place of head of the city government. Other interests and a proposed trip abroad claim his time and attention and he is reported to have said that he is satisfied that his administration has laid foundation for Ventnor progress which he believes will be permanent without his continuing in active politics to extent of holding office.

Mr. Godfrey refused to make

any formal statement of his intentions but strong pressure is being brought to bear upon him to have him become an active candidate. Those who favor his candidacy feel that his former experience and his high standard of business and political aims would make him not only a strong candidate but do much to bring about a number of important projects after his election.

One of the important points being considered by those who favor the Godfrey candidacy for the Mayorality is the probability that it would serve to end factional strife in Ventnor politics. It is known that one of the positive conditions which Mr. Godfrey has made is that he shall not be merely the candidate of a faction but that he must have the pledged backing of those who have the best interests at heart. For this reason a number of prominent citizens and heavy property owners have been approached and are reported to have spoken in his favor.

Grand Lion Feeding

Ventnor members of the Lions Club of Atlantic City have received official warning from Secretary Tom Christiansen to be at their formal Wednesday feeding at the Hotel Breakers today at 12.45 P. M. instead of the former 1 P. M. Failure to conform with this rule will subject the delinquent to penalty which includes solo singing or declamation. Harry Newman, Vice-President of Lions International, will be the speaker of the day. There will be important final discussion of the plans for the Lions Charter Banquet in the Egyptian Roof Garden of the Breakers on Saturday night next and some new stunts by Lion Tamer Harold Brand and his Jungle Jazz Jinglers.

Elks to Elect Tonight

Atlantic City Lodge of Elks, in which many prominent Ventnor citizens are officers and members, will hold their annual election tonight. The following new officers will be elected without opposition: Exalted Ruler, Assemblyman Joseph A. Corio; Esteemed Leading Knight, Eugene Schwinghammer; Esteemed Loyal Knight, Joseph Altman; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Clarence E. Knauer; Secretary, George Stoddard; Treasurer, James K. Carmack; Tyler, John H. Dierolf; Trustee, David C. Reed; Representative to Grand Lodge, Harry Jones; Alternate, City Solicitor W. Frank Sooy; Delegate to State Lodge, City Commissioner Louis A. Steinbricker, with Chief of Police Robert C. Miller as alternate.

IN OUR NEXT
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We will inaugurate a weekly summary of the events of the world with a special portion devoted to Absecon Island.

Board of Trade Legion's Guests

Ventnor's Leading Civic Organization
Entertained at Smoker Given
by Harvey Post

With the members of Harvey Post, American Legion, as hosts, the Ventnor Board of Trade was royally entertained last night at the Chelsea Yacht Club. The program arranged for the occasion smacked throughout of life in the trenches, with the boys who went overseas re-enacting many humorous incidents which formed a part and parcel of the grim realities of war.

The festivities began immediately after the arrival of members of Harvey Post from Ventnor City Hall, where they held a short business session prior to the smoker planned in honor of the Board of Trade. An excellent luncheon was served by Henry Betchea, Ventnor caterer, and cigars donated for the occasion by Manager Coles, of the Ventnor Pharmacy, were then distributed among hosts and guests.

Taking prominent parts in the entertainment that followed were Presston Crook and Enoch Turner, both of whom saw active service during the World War; Alex Porter and Dr. Massey, whose baritone solos were thoroughly enjoyed by his hearers. The distribution of attendance was one of the enjoyable features of the smoker.

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Paving Plans Now on Way

New Ordinance First Step Toward
Better Highways

Ventnor City is assured of both general and specific street improvement during the present year as result of the action of City Council on Monday evening, when the ordinance calling for paving of nine of the principal crosstown arteries of travel was passed on first reading. While the new ordinance calls for the surfacing of the highways selected with asphalt on a concrete base, there is no binding decision on the part of the progressive Ventnor legislators to stick to that material as final. In both public and private, the leaders of City Council have declared that they will use every effort to please the taxpayers both as to materials and costs of paving, and there will be general discussion and full investigation of the latest in paving methods before the final passage of a paving ordinance and awarding of contracts.

Probably the most significant utterance of the evening came from Chairman Harry W. Corkran, of the Street Committee, at the close of the long and general discussion by officials and taxpayers presenting favorable and unfavorable opinions as to the paving project. "We of City Council ask for the passage of this paving ordinance on first reading to get the matter fully before the people of Ventnor," he said in substance. "However, we, of the Street Committee and other members of City Council, whom I have consulted, are not entirely committed to asphalt or any other material. It is our intention to use every effort to secure what is the very best for Ventnor and our study of the question will include consultation with Thomas Wasser, State Highway Commission Engineer, and others of the highest authority on paving matters before we ask for a final decision." Mr. Corkran also informed the taxpayers that paving of the street designated would tend to divert heavy travel to those highways to the great saving of other streets and he promised that gravel and other materials now used on these streets

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