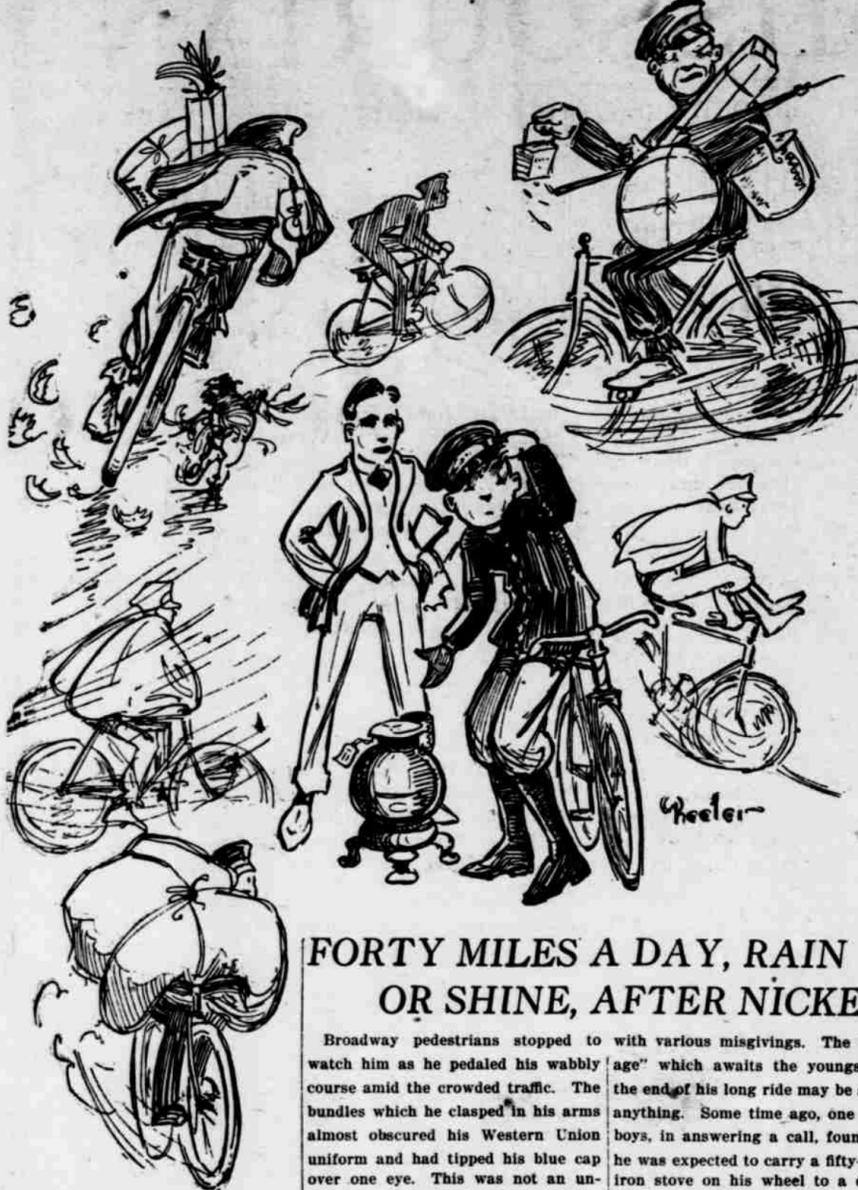


THE MESSENGERS AND THEIR ERRANDS



FORTY MILES A DAY, RAIN OR SHINE, AFTER NICKELS

Broadway pedestrians stopped to watch him as he pedaled his wobbly course amid the crowded traffic. The bundles which he clasped in his arms almost obscured his Western Union uniform and had tipped his blue cap over one eye. This was not an unusual sight but the fact that the handle-bars of the sixteen-year-old's bicycle has been removed and that he was guiding himself by contortions his body caused considerable curiosity along his route for George is somewhat of a trick rider.

His full name is George C. Gilliland of the Columbia Western Union messenger boys and he is the oldest in point of service. He has delivered messages and packages for over a year and is night clerk at the local office. George works nights without pay as he is the first on the waiting list as regular clerk and is training himself for the promotion which will come sooner or later.

Three other boys share George's work in delivering messages in Columbia: his brother Chase, commonly known as "Chink," Ernest Martin, whose chums have christened him "Buzzard," and Roy Weldon, who for obvious reasons goes by the name of "Sleeper." These twentieth century centaurs are constantly "on the jump." Their bicycles seem a part of them and are used in carrying "messages" in the shape of anything from an oil stove to a corsage bouquet. The bearings of the bicycles are never allowed to grow cold, as the boys average from thirty to forty miles each day, according to "Buzzard's" speedometer.

Following a phone call for a boy to deliver a package, the boys start out

with various misgivings. The "package" which awaits the youngster at the end of his long ride may be almost anything. Some time ago, one of the boys, in answering a call, found that he was expected to carry a fifty-pound iron stove on his wheel to a distant part of Columbia. The owner of the stove however, admitted that perhaps the stove was "a little heavy" when he saw the look of dismay which crossed the face of the bewildered lad.

But it is not only the weight of the packages which bothers these bicycle centaurs. One dry-goods store sells quilts which are made by a Columbia woman. It is the duty of the boys to carry the enormous packages of cotton batting from the store to the woman's home each week. The packages are often larger than both boy and wheel, and unless it is an unusually windy day the load is delivered safely.

Wrong addresses are the "Jonahs" which constantly menace the boys. After searching for hours for an address in Westmont it is often discovered that the person in question has moved to Paris road several weeks before.

A social event in Columbia usually means another task and many invitations must be delivered. Corsage bouquets from the florist, a garden rake or a biscuit cutter from the hardware store, several enormous hat boxes from the milliner or half a dozen pairs of shoes to be rushed to a co-ed for approval are among the variety of things delivered by the messenger boys.

Death, Dan Cupid and the Stork, ride on the handlebars of their bicycles. Flowers for a funeral, candy to a co-ed from her admirers, or an-

nouncements of new-arrivals are all delivered in their turn.

At the end of the month the number of packages carried by each messenger is counted, and he receives half of the money earned. This is above his regular salary and tips from his many Columbia friends.

The elements play an important part in the work of the boys. Rain, snow and wind do not make bicycle riding a pleasant occupation, and only experts such as they could stick on the unsteady machines in a forty-mile gale on a rainy day. But you will see them pedaling about in all kinds of weather for the more packages delivered the more nickels jingle in their pockets.

Charity Organization to Meet.

The annual meeting of members of the Charity Organization will be held tomorrow at 4:15, Commercial Club.

TELLS OF LIFE ON THE BORDER

Asbury Roberts Writes of Building Breastworks and Sham Attacks.

An interesting feature of national guard life along the Mexican border is told in a letter R. S. Clough has received from Asbury Roberts, a University student last year, now first sergeant in Company F, Fourth Missouri Infantry, stationed at Zapata, Tex. Several other University students of last year are in the same company.

"We recently completed a new set of breastworks that would withstand the whole of Carranza's forces," Sergeant Roberts writes. "So just for a dedication, the captains announced to their companies it was rumored on good authority that some Mexicans were gathering across the river and that a raid was planned for that night.

True, our scouts noticed some horsemen over there, but out of that little evidence was developed a full-sized case. As usual we had to do some exceptional drilling, and at a whistle we had to fall into the trenches ready for action, just as fire horses drill at 9 o'clock every night in the cities." Sergeant Roberts expects to return to Columbia the latter part of next month on a furlough.

Paul Super, to Speak at Y. M. C. A.

"Hawaii, the Cross Roads of the Pacific" will be the subject of an address by Paul Super in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium at 6:45 o'clock tomorrow night. Mr. Super was graduated from the University in 1904. He has spent ten years in Honolulu, studying the natives on that island.

Christian College Notes

Mrs. Florence Everline of Topeka, Kan., is the guest of her daughter for the week-end.

Misses Louise and Marsena Johnson are entertaining Miss Margaret Blackwell of Fayette and Miss Frank Johnson of Mexico over Sunday and Monday.

Miss Linnie Morris of Centralia is the guest of her sister, Miss Sara Morris, a college senior, over Sunday.

Mrs. C. R. Rogers of Carrollton is the guest of her daughter, Miss Clifton, for the week-end.

Miss Mary Banks was the guest of Miss Louise Miller for the Halloween party on Saturday night.

Miss Kathleen Drummond of St. Louis is the guest of her sister, Miss Louise, for the week-end.

Mrs. Gussie B. Couchman of Bunce-ton is spending several days at the college the guest of her daughter, Miss Emma Peyton Hurt.

Director Isaac E. Norris gave a short talk at chapel hour on Saturday about the life and work of Josef Hofmann closing with an analysis of the program for Monday night. One hundred and twenty-eight of the students and faculty have secured seats for the Hofmann recital.

Epsilon Nu Delta, the college honor sorority, held their weekly meeting on Thursday night in Dean Hall's lecture room. Miss Eulah Franklin, president, presided and the program was devoted to a discussion of Galsworthy's "Justice." Parts of the play were read and reports were made of the present prison reform movement in Missouri.

BUT HE WILL SEE TEXAS PLAY

J. L. Stephens Almost Recovered From His Long Illness.

J. L. Stephens enjoyed his first stroll yesterday morning after his long illness at Parker Memorial Hospital, where he has been suffering from typhoid fever. Mr. Stephens has practically recovered and within a few days will have regained sufficient strength to leave the hospital permanently.

"Next Saturday I will watch the Tigers defeat Texas," said Mr. Stephens, who is one of Columbia's most enthusiastic football rooters and who, until this year, has always been pressed into service as a speaker at the football mass meetings. Until this fall Mr. Stephens had missed only one football game played by the Tigers on the home field. That was a game with Grinnell College played here in the 90's.

The Ladies Aid of the First Baptist Church will hold a rummage sale November 3 and 4 at the corner of 10th and Cherry street. S. 48-51.



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