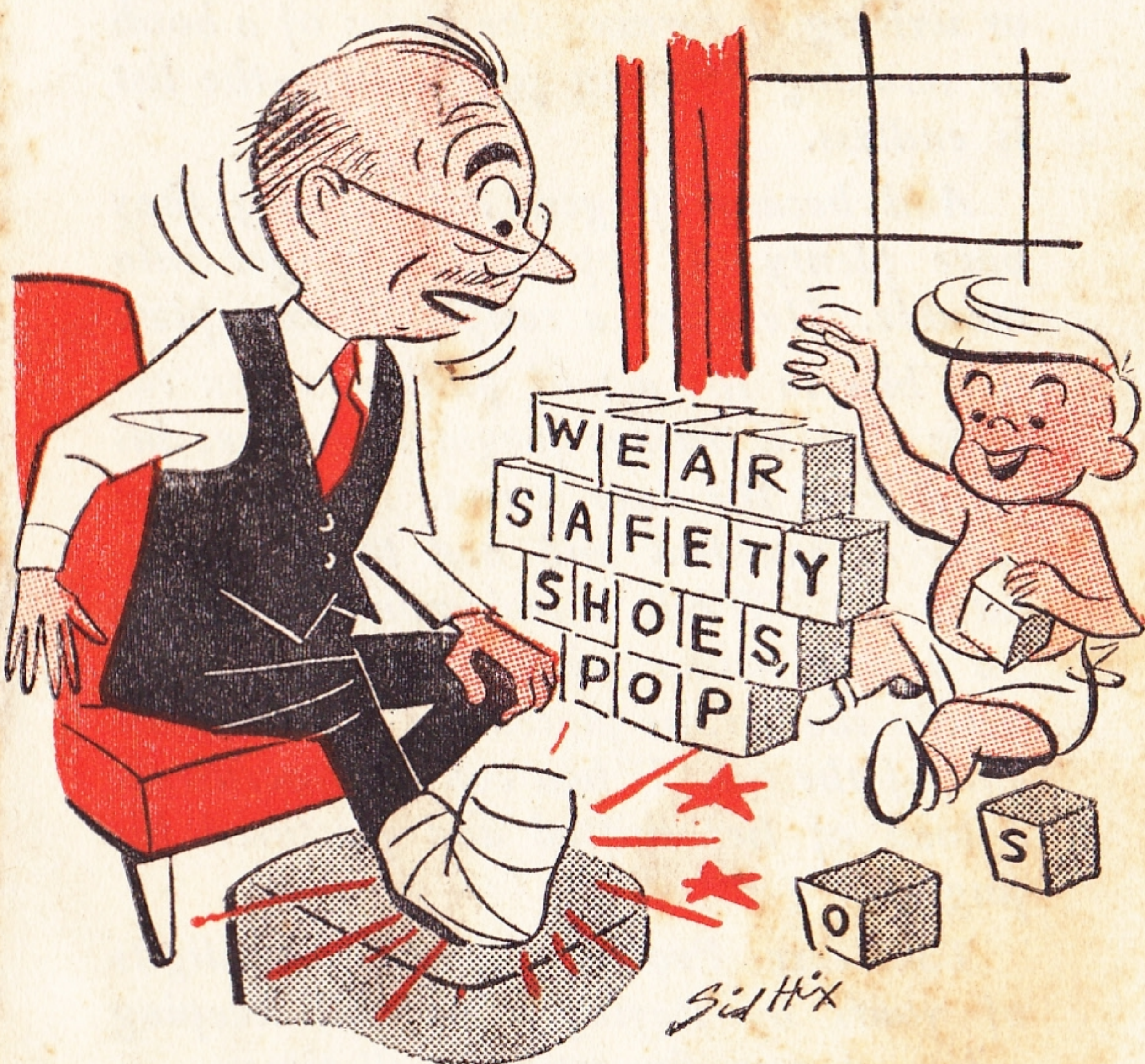


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## TEN REASONS

*EVER think about just how important those ten digits of yours are? They're mighty useful in just about anything you do. Take bowling, for instance, or eating or writing or turning the pages of a book or smoking or tying your shoes—the list is endless.*

*And because fingers are so busy they have plenty of opportunity to get into trouble. Here are a couple of examples:*

*While in the act of pulling a box car door shut, a trucker forgot to remove his hand from the door frame. A finger was severely smashed and had to be amputated. . . . While a trainman was riding on a side ladder without knowing what was in the car, he placed his arm over the end of the car. When coupling occurred, a load of ties shifted and fractured his fingers.*

*Take care. Protect those precious digits of yours by staying alert and keeping safety at your fingertips at all times.*

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**“Was he shocked over the death of his mother-in-law?”**

**“Shocked is hardly the word for it. He was electrocuted.”**

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**A lawyer was attending a funeral. A friend arriving late, slipped into a seat beside him, and asked: “How long has the service been going on?” The lawyer nodded toward the clergyman and said: “He just opened the defense.”**



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## EYES

IT'S a fact, not a gag, that poultry raisers often equip their chickens with special, red-tinted goggles. It's a practical method of preventing the chickens from pecking each other to death.

It's also a fact that smart railroaders wear eye protection on any job where there's any danger to the eyes.

Eyes are strictly rationed. Only one pair per person. And they're one part of the body that can be duplicated only in appearance, not function. Look out for your eyes. They look out for you.

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**A salesman rapped on the screen door of a house where, just inside and plainly visible, was a youngster painfully practicing on the piano.**

**“Sonny,” the salesman inquired, “is your mother home?”**

**The boy threw a murderous look over his shoulder, then growled: “What do you think, mister?”**



## REPORT ACCIDENT HAZARDS AT ONCE!



## GET ACQUAINTED

DO YOU know yourself? Do you really? Do you ever take a little time to get acquainted with that guy you've been running around with every second since you were born? Do you talk straight to him, and do you listen to what he truly thinks and feels about living?

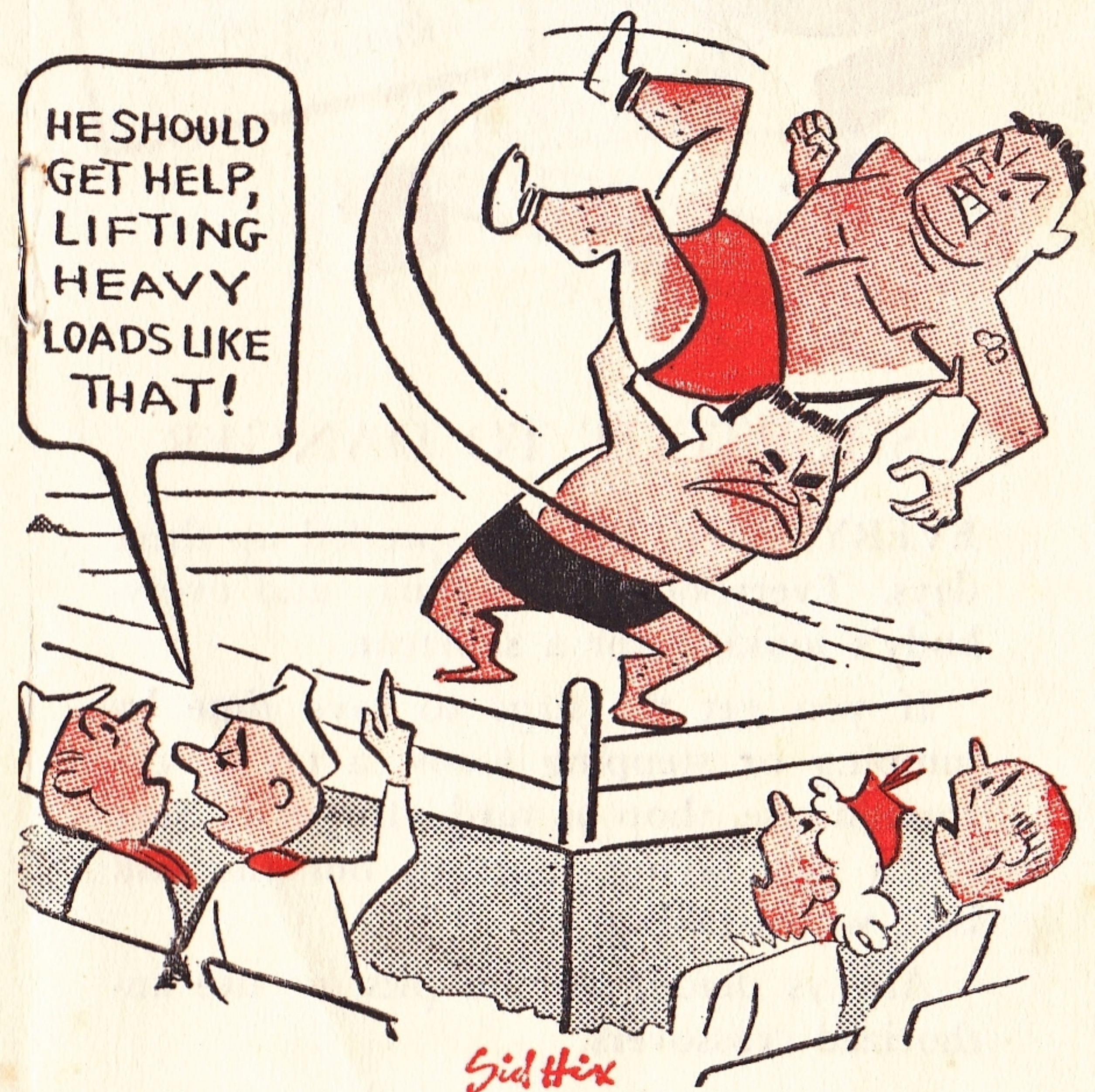
Is he a good guy to know? Is he a safe character to be hooked up with for life?

Reporter: "What shall I say about the peroxide blondes who had a fight at the baseball game last night?"

Friend: "Just say the bleachers went wild."

## EVERY RAILROADER'S OBLIGATION

- Work safely.
- Think of the safety of fellow workers.
- Use your knowledge and influence to prevent accidents.
- Report unsafe conditions.
- Contribute ideas to improve safety.







## SHORTCUT TO DANGER

EVERYTHING'S being speeded up these days. Everybody's in a hurry and everybody's looking for a shortcut.

If you get the urge to save time by jumping or stepping across a pit in the roundhouse, shop or yard—forget it. Sure it's a time-saving shortcut, but the risk isn't worth taking.

Always detour around pits, or use authorized crossovers.

## THE EXTRA BOARD

Joe gave Bill as many dollars as Bill already had. When Bill received this money, he asked Joe how much he had left, and promptly gave this amount back to Joe. Joe, not to be outdone by Bill's generosity, gave Bill back as many dollars as Bill had left, which left poor Joe flat broke and gave Bill \$80 altogether. How much had each man in the beginning? 40-20

Answer to last month's braintwister: It would be about 2:40 P.M. in Boston when the shout was heard, even though the sound left San Francisco at 8 A.M. According to the almanac the distance is 2,699 airline miles. This, divided by the speed of sound (738 mph) is 3 hours 40 minutes. Adding 3 hours for time difference between coast gives the answer.

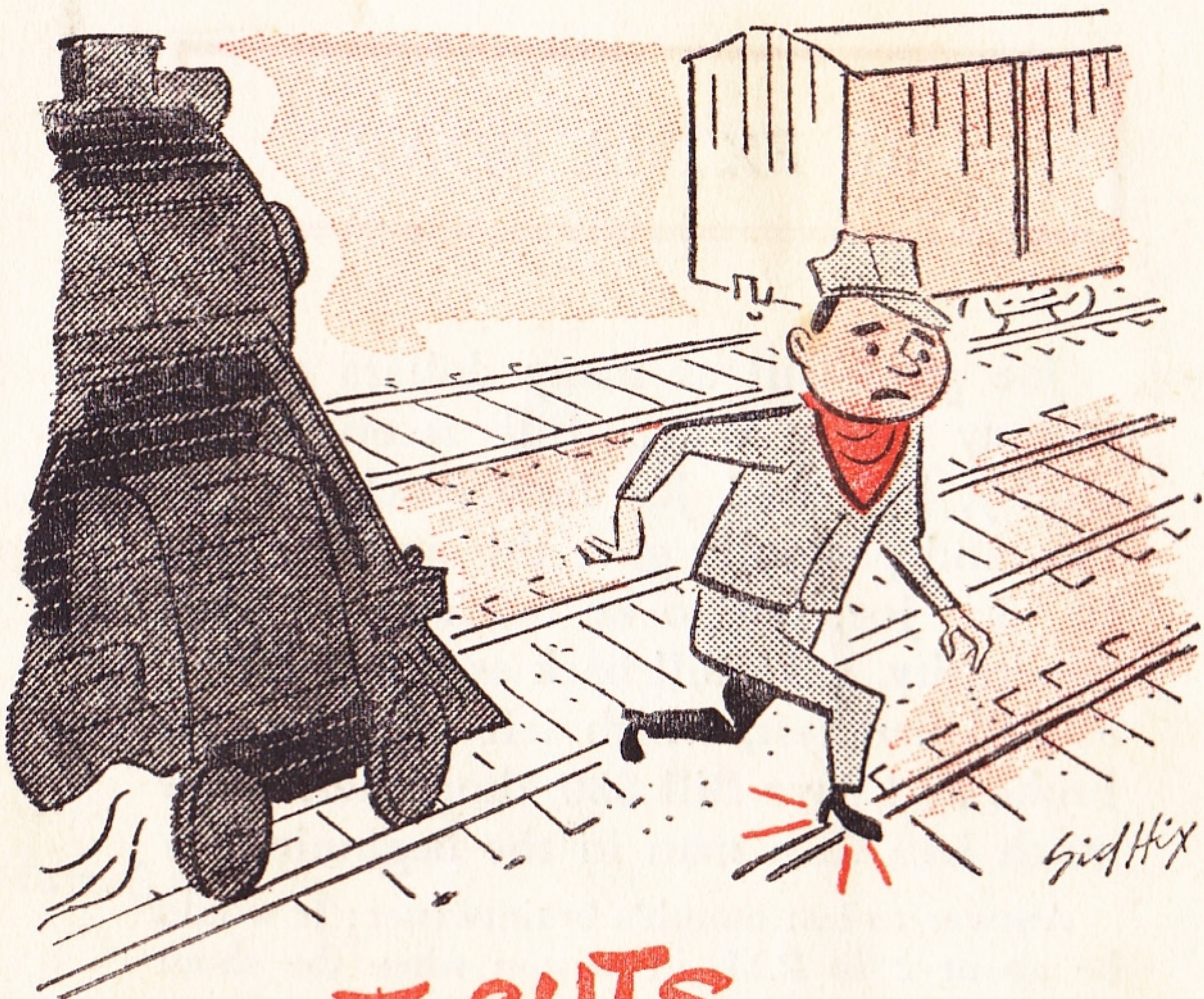
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*It's been said that a miser gets his wealth the hoard way.*

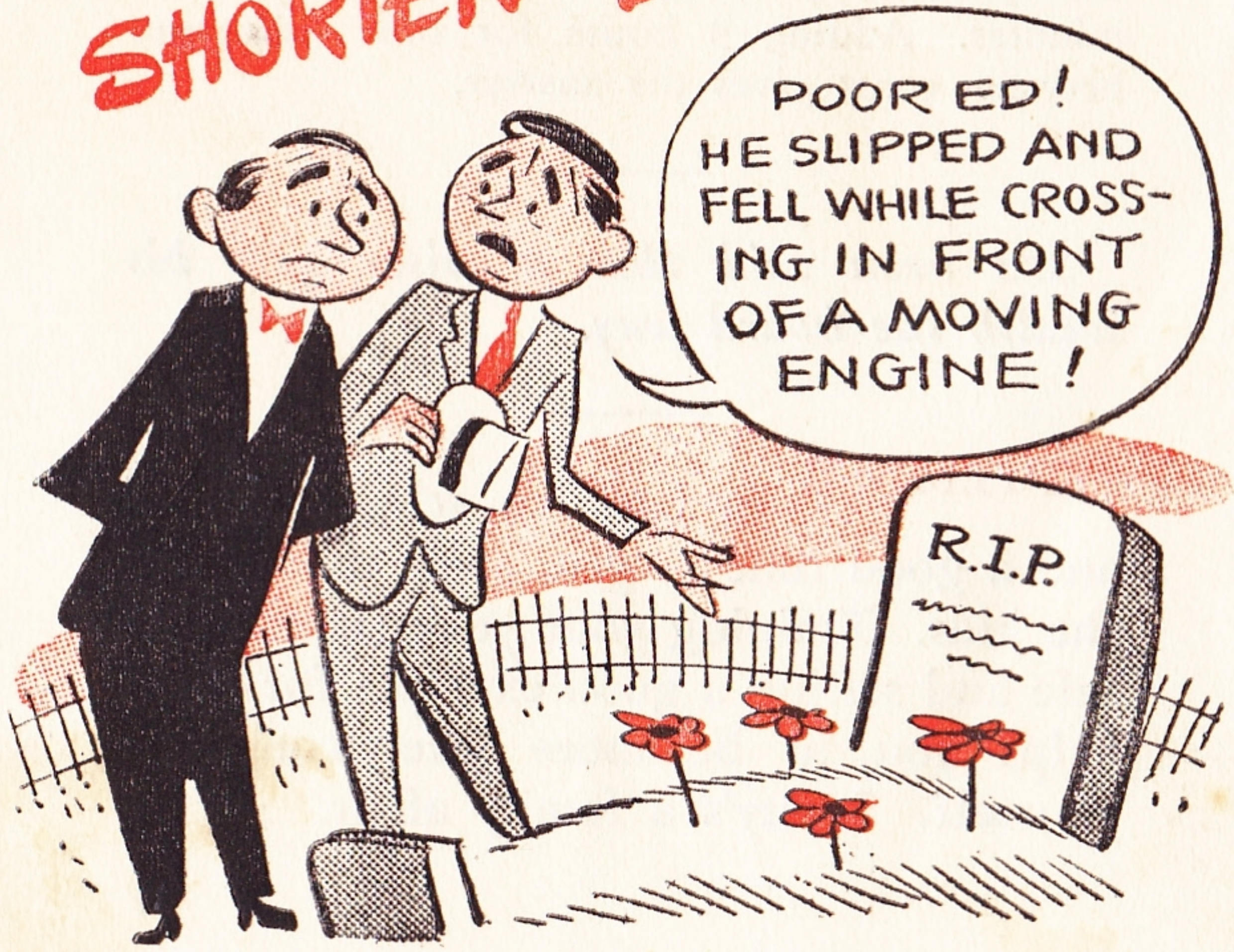
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**SEPTEMBER** is back to school time—and a good time to give some thought to the kids. Training your youngsters to be safe and setting a good example for them helps you to be more safety-conscious yourself. Safety's a family affair.





# SHORT CUTS... SHORTEN LIVES!



POOR ED!  
HE SLIPPED AND  
FELL WHILE CROSS-  
ING IN FRONT  
OF A MOVING  
ENGINE!

R.I.P.