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ANNOUNCER: And now, let's see what's going on down in Pine Ridge. Well, as we look in on the little community today, we find Lum and Abner studying the membership list of the NLAS. Listen.

LUM: I grannies, Abner, jist lookit this.

ABNER: Haw?

LUM: Jist lookit this. Here's another member whose membership's up fer re-renewal agin.

ABNER: Lemme see that. Doggies, agin? Seems like they jist re-renewed not more'n a year ago.

LUM: Yeah, well, it...wait a minnit, whut's the matter with me? It WUZ a year ago...this here's their sixth an' final issue under their ole subscription.

ABNER: Doggies, air we gonna be able ta let 'em re-renew fer \$6.00 agin?

LUM: Yeah, I b'leave so, Abner...we're doin' a purty good job o' keepin' expenses down, and we've been gittin' some awful good donations lately... speshul from that thar Tape Liberry we started ta cirkalate the tapes o' all our ole shows.

ABNER: I jist love ta listen ta them thangs, myself...ha ha ha...speshul them when you'd go on vacate, an' I'd have th' whole thang ta myself... ha ha ha!

LUM: Now, that'll be enuf o' that, Abner. We gotta figger out someway ta let this member know he needs ta send in his six bucks agin.

ABNER: Well, doggies, Lum, he's a-readin' this here letter rite now; why don't ya jist come right out an' say so?

LUM: Yeah, glad I thought o' that. Member readin' this here letter, we shore have been proud ta have ya fer the last year, and we're a-lookin' forward ta havin' ya with us fer another year.

ABNER: Amen.

LUM: Jist send in yer re-renewal ta our Zekatif Seketerry, Tim Hollis, an' he's at Route 3, Box 110, Dora, Alabammy, 35062.

ABNER: He orta be livin' in Pine Ridge, the little crittur.

LUM: Oh, an' don't fergit ta write "RENEWAL" on the outside of yer envellup. He's got so much ta be takin' keer of, he 'preciates anything ya kin do ta help speed up his job. We'll be lookin' ta hear from ya real soon!

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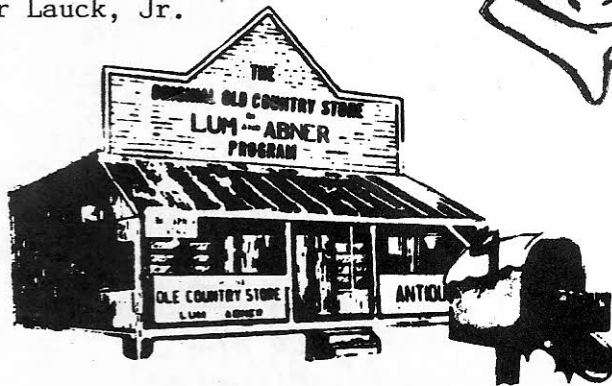
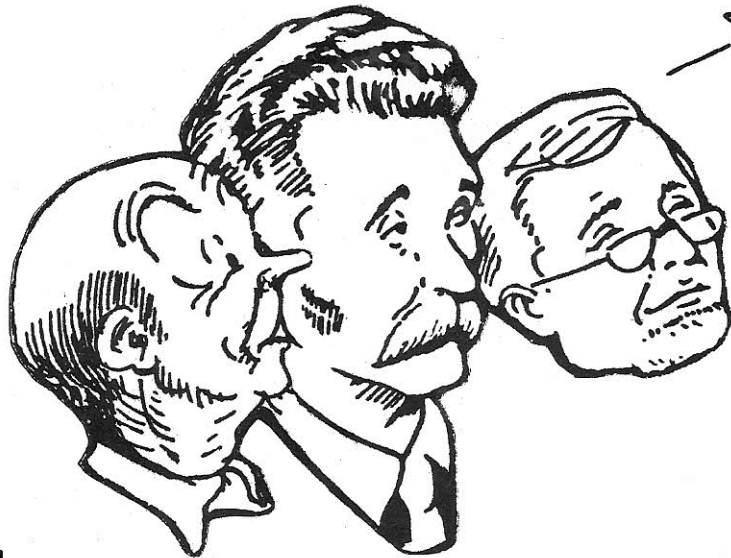
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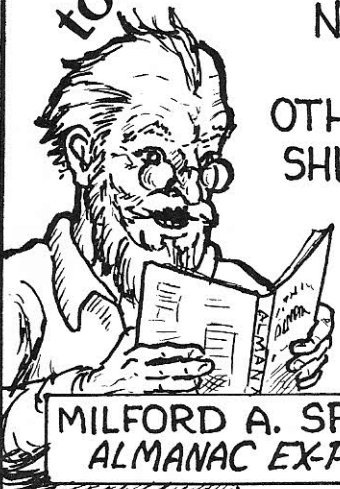
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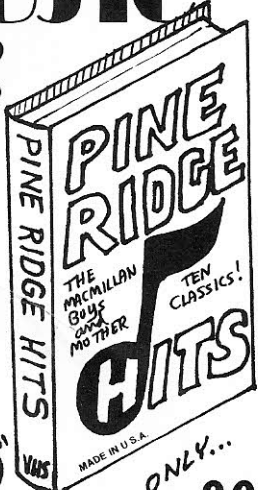
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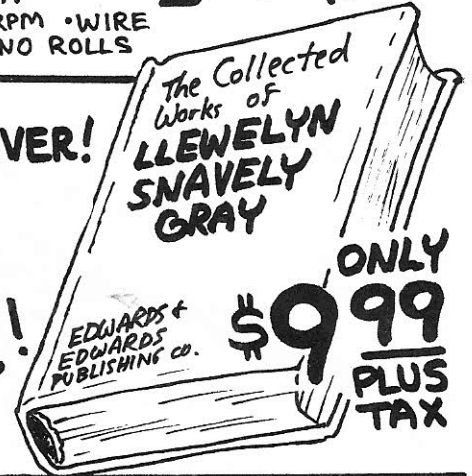
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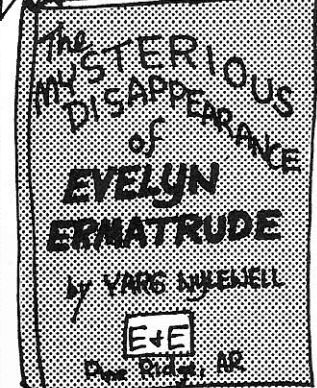
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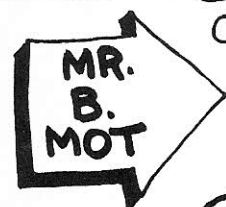
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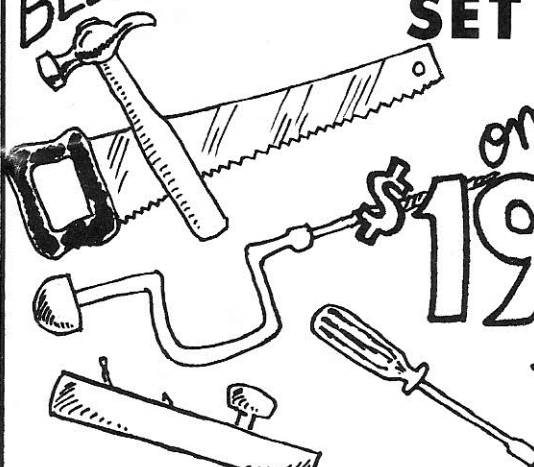
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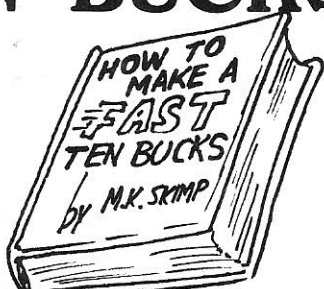
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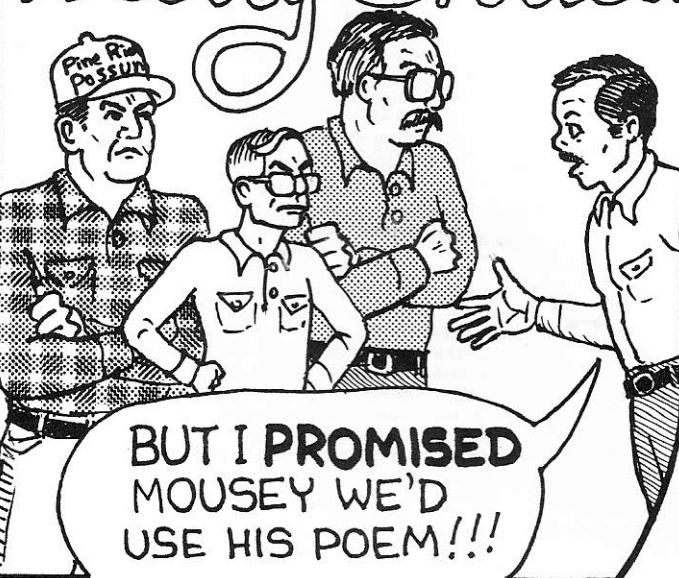


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To us ossifers,
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LUM and ABNER In the News

REPRINTS OF PAST LUM & ABNER ARTICLES

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1938.

LUM AND ABNER ENTERTAIN VETERANS.

(Photo by Star Staff Photographer.)



Lum and Abner (at the microphone) entertaining patients at the Veterans' hospital. Inset: Gene Hamilton, announcer for the pair, who assisted.

Grim faces of disabled war veterans at the veterans hospital smiled yesterday afternoon when Lum and Abner, chief characters of the Pine Ridge radio sketch, produced an impromptu skit of comedy and hillbilly harmonizing in the institution.

Lum and Abner, the Ford characters of the NBC network, will head a gala radio revue in Cadle Tabernacle beginning at 8:15 o'clock tonight. The revue, which will be open to the general public without charge, is being brought here under the auspices of the Indianapolis Ford dealers' organization.

Lum and Abner Tour Wards.

Lum and Abner, who are Chester Lauck and Morris Groff, respectively, toured the wards, visiting the more unfortunate veterans who were not able to leave their beds and attend the program in the recreation room. The program, however, was

distributed to them over the radio system. Following the hospital program the couple visited Ford dealers, where they were greeted by fans.

Started by Flood Disaster.

The two have not always been so fortunate and it took an Arkansas flood disaster to start them towards their present success. While attending the University of Arkansas a request for contributed services in a flood relief program was broadcast. The two young men responded and their efforts resulted in a contract as a regular feature of a Southern station. Later they moved to WTAM as a sustaining program and were selected by the Ford group as their representatives on the air.

Local Stars to Aid.

Among the headliners of the air that will assist Lum and Abner in their revue tonight will be Irene Beasley, songbird of the South; the

Maple City Four, Stubby Gordon's dance orchestra, the Pine Ridge string band and quartet and the Walker sisters. Local entertainers from WKBF, including two old-time bands, Jess Hall, widely known whistler, together with the 1,300 voice Tabernacle choir also will take part in the entertainment.

Broadcast From Stage.

While the program will begin at 8:15 o'clock, the portion between 9:30 and 10 o'clock will be the regular Lum and Abner Friday night sociable and will be broadcast direct from the Tabernacle stage for the WEAJ network. WKBF will handle the network detail. The revue will tour the country and will visit New England after leaving this city. It is the first time that a complete radio program has gone on tour and broadcast its programs for network consumption direct from the entertainment stage.

There will be no reserved seats.



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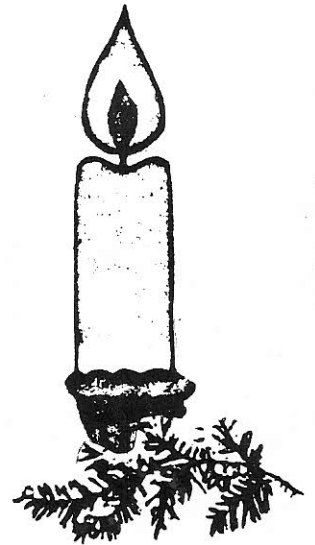
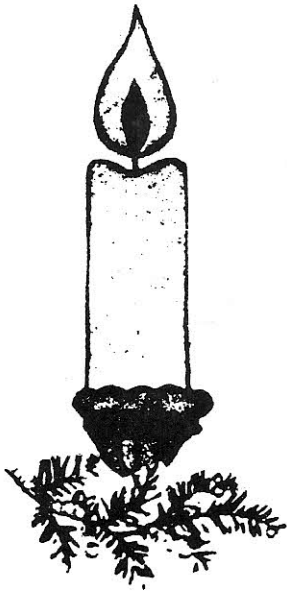
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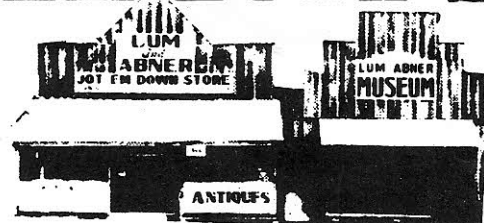
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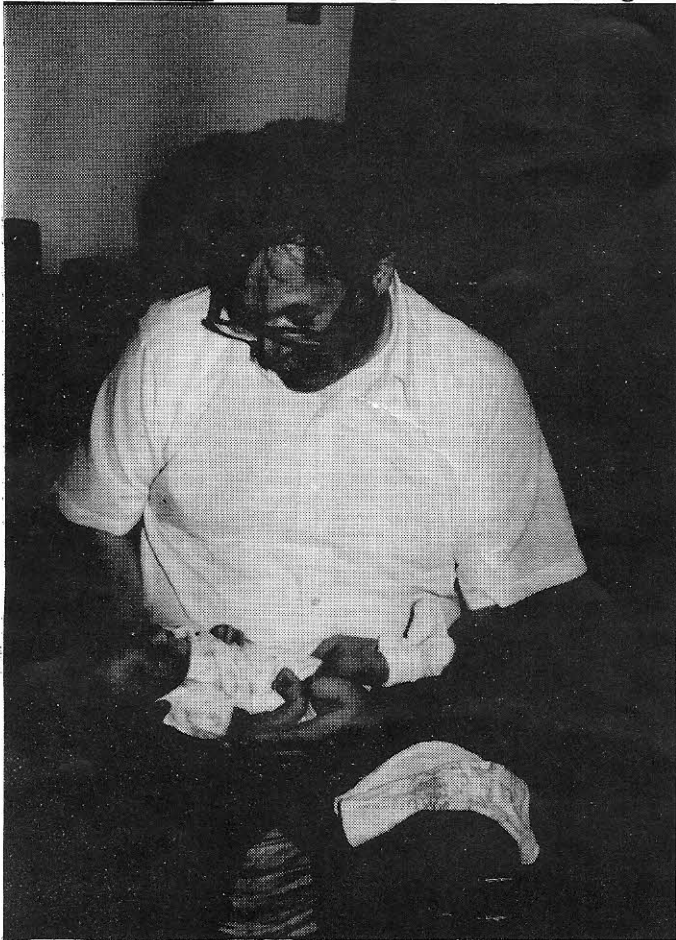
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“AND NOW...”

Well, as I type this column, the results of the big 'lection are on the crystal set, and it sounds like Lum didn't git 'lected presi-dent, but there's still lotsa good stuff goin' on!

Last issue, we reported the blessed event in the lives of Rex and Peggy Riffle, that being the birth of Emily Katherine on August 18. Here is the photo of the proud papa and daughter that didn't make it to the Journal in time for publication. Congrats

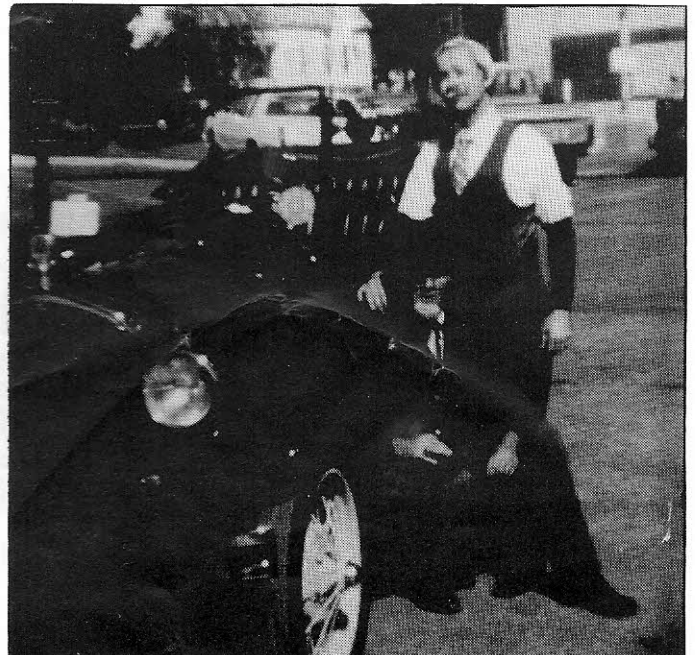


While we are on the subject of new babies, Gary Stivers (cartoonist for "The Golden Era") and his wife became parents for the fourth time with the arrival of Grant Miller Stivers on September 20! The NLAS seems to be becoming one big, happy family! If you become a proud parent or grandparent (or great-grandparent!), send us the news and a photo, and we'll work it into "And Now..." as soon as we can!

Talented member Kurt Jensen of Murphysboro, Illinois has been active lately with his portrayal of Abner Peabody. As you may remember from an article in our August, 1987 issue, Kurt and partner Ed Frost, who imitates Lum, have been involved in presenting programs on old time radio for a number of years.

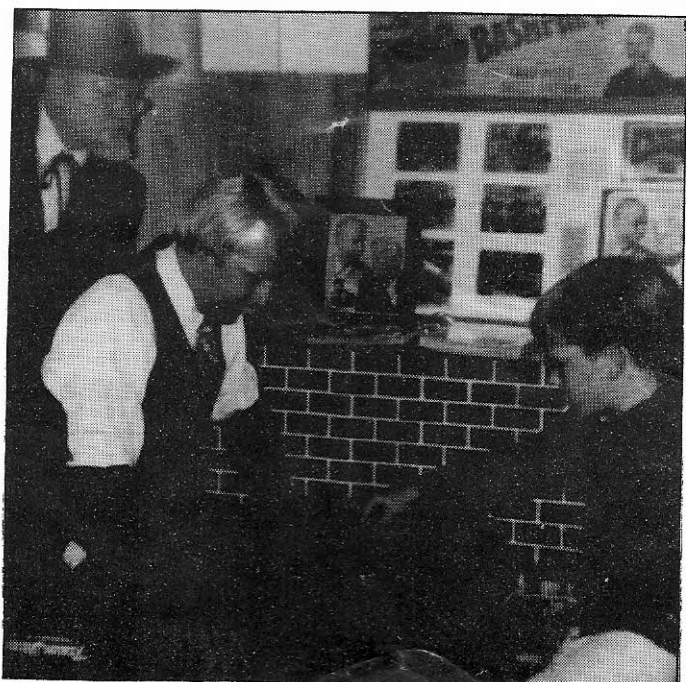


Unfortunately, Kurt and Ed have become separated by distance. Both men are pastors, and Rev. Frost has been called to another church. Their last "big" performance together was at the October, 1987 Big Lakes Parade, Big Lakes Gospel Jubilee and Mack's Super Foods promotion. Ed and Kurt, as Lum and Abner, rode in the parade while performing a comedy routine around Mack Janes (owner of Mack's) and his son Tommy Mack. The parade was televised by WSIU Channel 8, Carbondale, Illinois. Kurt and Ed were interviewed by host Irv Coppi, and helped provide colorful commentary for TV as well as radio. WGGH of Marion, the station which carries the Lum and Abner reruns, also asked Kurt and Ed to do a little out-loud talkin'.





Following the parade, Kurt and Ed spent a couple of hours challenging "youngins" to games of checkers, after which they participated in the third annual giveaway drawing held by Mack and Fritzi Janes of Mack's Super Foods (sponsors of L&A on WGGH). Kurt and Ed had appeared all three years for Mack's.



Naturally, Kurt was asked to appear again this year, but what about "Lum"? The distance between the team of Jensen and Frost prevented a reunion, so Kurt was forced to search for another Pine Ridge character: Cedric Weehunt! Now, who in the southern Illinois area is perfect to play the part of Cedric? You guessed it - none other than our own vice-president, SINGIN' SAM BROWN! (Seriously, before he "whops me on top of the head with somethin'", I always thought he was really the Dick Huddleston type!)

Donning a bright orange "Pine Ridge Possums" cap, bib overalls, and his familiar plaid shirt (he has dozens of those shirts), Singin' Sam became Cedric for a day. Of his performance, Sam said, "It was nothing to brag about," but I'm sure he gave it his best.



The parade was rained out, but "Abner" and "Cedric" were able to assist with live radio remotes, appear and assist with the Mack's giveaway, and fill in with entertainment between performances of gospel quartets. Word has it WGGH Radio and Mack's Super Foods were very pleased with the "Abner and Cedric" team, and expressed their hopes for a future reunion of Ed "Lum" Frost and Kurt "Abner" Jensen, with Sam "Cedric" Brown making three. Keep up the great work!

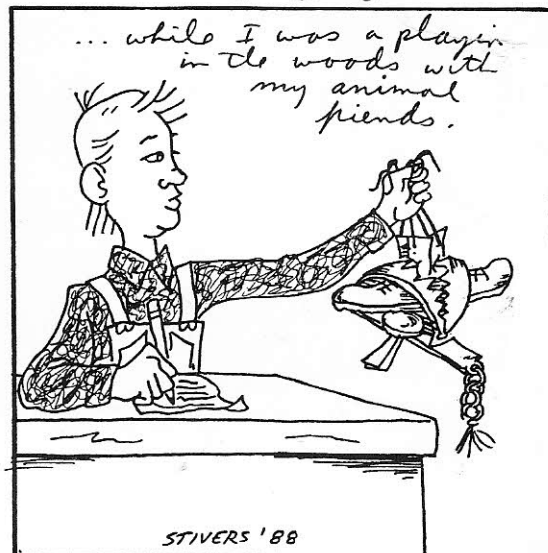
While we are on the subject of Singin' Sam Brown, those of you who remember our discussion of the AETN (Arkansas Educational Television Network) documentary, "Lum and Abner - Laughter Never Dies", will be pleased to know that our vice-prez is working on details that just might bring that program to your PBS affiliate! Essentially, what Sam is attempting is to interest other PBS stations (or possibly the national PBS organization) in running the AETN documentary. If you would like to see this documentary in your area, please write your area PBS station and express your desires. Inform them that the program is well-produced, and will fit into a one hour time slot.

That wraps up this edition of "And Now...!" Members, be sure to keep us informed of any Lum and Abner-related events you hear of! Until next time...

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by Gary Stivers



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