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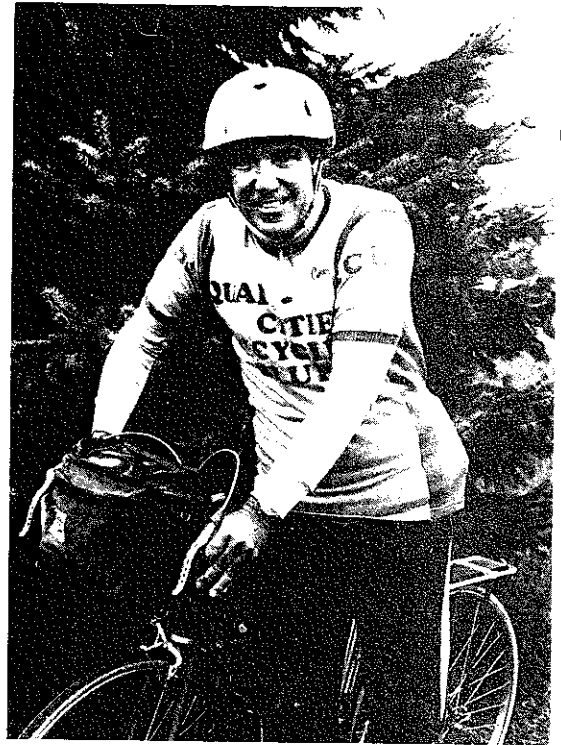
TOGIR?

Just when you thought you had all those tongue twisting acronyms down pat, the name of yet another ride comes floating to the top of the bicycle tour alphabet soup: TOGIR. Long "O", hard "G". Tow'-ger. The Other Great Iowa Ride. Now don't be put off if I tell you that this ride is different and unique, I know all too well that they all say that, but I'm telling you, this time they really mean it: TOGIR truly is different and unique.

First of all, TOGIR is not sponsored by any bike club. The entire project has been conceived, designed, planned, organized and funded by Carter LeBeau and Herb Page. Second, this week long ride will provide you with a hot shower, a bed to sleep in, and two hot meals every day. Third, it looks like something even a starving newsletter editor can afford.

Another unique feature of TOGIR is that it hops from college campus to college campus, somewhat like an extended TOMRV. The tour leaves from St. Ambrose in Davenport, and spends the nights at Clark College in Dubuque, Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Luther College in Decorah, Wartburg College in Waverly, Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, and returns to St. Ambrose. Notice the ride is a loop, quite unlike that other Iowa ride.

The ride is fully sagged and supported, with camping and sleeping bag options, patches, awards, and best of all, is routed through some of the most scenic terrain the midwest has to offer. The ride starts July 17th, and ends on July 23rd, in time to get you back for Bix or to get on the bus to get on over to the other side of Iowa for that other Iowa ride. The ride is limited to the first 1000 registrants, and price discounts are offered for early registration. Application forms are available only by sending a postcard to TOGIR, 2325 Fulton Ave., Davenport, Iowa, 52803. I might also mention that the registration brochure is the best I've ever seen, and well worth the price of a postcard. Hurry!

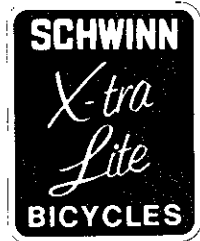
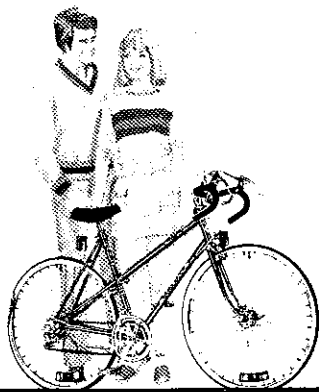


Carter LeBeau founder of TOGIR has been active in bicycling for over 15 years. A ten year member of the League of American Wheelmen, he has participated in LAW conventions and national rides all over the U.S. Carter has been a featured speaker at numerous bicycling conventions including the Midwest Bicycling Conference in Springfield and the LAW Convention in Denver. Active in Iowa bicycling legislative efforts Carter was co-founder of TOMRV and twice president of one of the most successful bicycling clubs in America (Quad Cities Bicycle Club)

Organizer of many successful charity bike-a-thons and century rides. Carter has toured on thousands of miles of bike trips. He recently concluded a coast to coast ride from Newport, Oregon to Washington, D.C. and is one of only a dozen riders to participate in all 9 RAGBRAI rides.

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WINTER MEETING PROGRAMS

While evenings are too dark to ride, the QCBC monthly meetings will feature the following programs:

JANUARY - "Wandering Wheels", a film about touring the U.S.

FEBRUARY - Fred Blessin and Leon Van Camp on bicycle safety.

MARCH - Preview QCBC's own film on TOMRV, as edited from the Happy Joe's coverage in 1979.

APRIL - Video tape of the WQAD Criterium last summer to kick off the 1982 Moline Criterium

The QCBC meets on the third tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. above the Browning Museum on Arsenal Island.

SECOND ANNUAL BUCKLEY CENTURY

BABFIC (Buckley's Annual Below Freezing Invitational Century) was held December 27th. Four QCBC members showed up at 7 a.m. at the bike path and rode 27 miles before joining the regular ride to Buffalo. There were 14 on this ride. Three of this group, Herb page, Carter led by Dennis Buckley proceeded on to Muscatine. They were accompanied by Ken Carver and Mike Bednt. There were many stops but the group had 90 miles before arriving back in Davenport. Once down the bike path finished the century. Dennis said Herb and Carter now Qualify for this unique club and hopes more will make it next year. He said also that if the temperature on ride day is above 32 the ride will have to be rescheduled.

P.S. There are no patches, no bananas, no sag wagons (of course not, you don't need water on this one).

DON'S SCHWINN CYCLERY

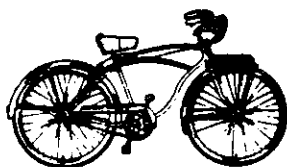
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RIDE SCHEDULE REPORT-SLO SUE

If we have accurately met our time schedule for printing and mailing your 1982 Ride Schedule, you will have received your copy as this newsletter goes to print.

Any comments and suggestions you have will be welcomed and will be forwarded to the 1983 Ride Schedule Chairman.

We are pleased at the number of riders who are enjoying the winter rides that have been scheduled. If you haven't tried winter riding, come join the QCBC for the next scheduled ride and see what you've been missing!

Your February ride reporter is Dick Wolbers.

FEBRUARY RIDE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEB. 6 - BETTENDORF SQUARE DANCE

9 a.m. - Eastern Ave., entrance, Davenport bike path. Ride to Hardee's, Spruce Hill's Drive, Bettendorf and return. 12 miles

SUNDAY, FEB., 7 - RAILSPLITTER'S RUMBLE

1 p.m. - LINCOLN Park, 38th St., and 12th Ave., Rock Island. Ride to LINCOLN School, Davenport and return. 3 miles

SATURDAY, FEB. 13 - SWEETHEART SUNDAE SPINNER

1 p.m. - Arsenal Island Clock Tower. Ride to Largomarcino's in Moline for Valentine treats and return. 6 miles

SUNDAY, FEB. 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY PATCH RIDE

1 p.m. - Meet all your QCBC sweethearts at Credit Island, south side of island near warmup hut of lagoon. Refreshments available.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20 - SNOW SHOVEL SHUFFLE

9 a.m. - Eastern Ave., entrance, Davenport bike path. Ride to Mary's Donut Shop and return. 24 miles

SUNDAY, FEB. 21 - PRESIDENTIAL SUNDAE

1 p.m. - Eastern Ave., entrance, Davenport bike path. Ride to Happy Joe's in Eldridge and return. 19.6 miles

SATURDAY, FEB. 27 - THE REYNOLDS WINTER WRAPUP

9 a.m. - Jaydon's parking lot, Milan. Ride to Reynolds and return. 22 miles

SUNDAY, FEB. 28 - THE EMEIS ELK HUNT

10 a.m. - Eastern Ave., entrance, Davenport bike path. Ride to Elk's Club, Emeis Park for brunch and return. 15.2 miles

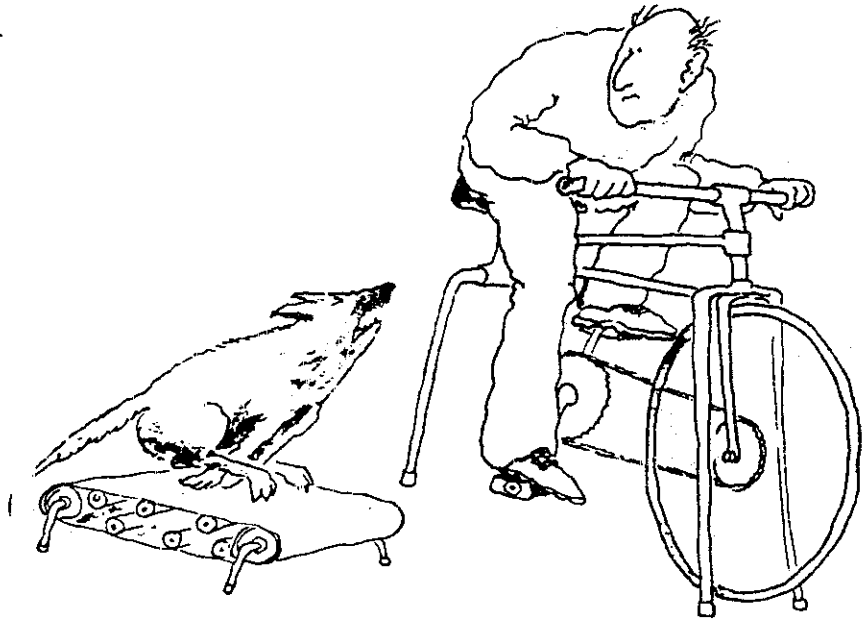
*** Refer to ride schedule directory for detailed routing and longer distance options for these rides.

BIKER'S LAMENT

This month's entry in the QCBC Newsletter fine arts section is a little piece of verse taken from a delightful book of poetry by Shel Silverstein. The book is entitled A LIGHT IN THE ATTIC (Harper and Row) and is great reading for kids up to the age of 89. This selection is quite appropriate for the biker in winter.

STANDING IS STUPID

Standing is stupid,
Crawling's a curse,
Skipping is silly,
Walking is worse,
Hopping is hopeless,
Jumping's a chore,
Sitting is senseless,
Leaning,s a bore,
Running's ridiculous,
Jogging's insane -
Guess I'll go upstairs and
Lie down again.



SUPERCALIFRAGILISTIC RIDE ATTRACTIONS!

'SNOWTIME FOR A PICNIC --- But We're Having One Anyway!

PLACE: Scott County Park, Whispering Pines Shelter
DATE: Sunday, January 17
TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: Join the QCBC for biking, cross-country skiing, skating, togoganning, and comradery. We'll build the fire and furnish hot chocolate and coffee - you bring the hot dogs, buns, and brownies.

CUPID'S CAPER - Valentine's Day Patch Ride

PLACE: Credit Island - Meet at south side of island near warmup hut of lagoon.
DATE: Sunday, February 14
TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: Refreshments available - All sweethearts who ride with the QCBC on this Valentine's Day Patch Ride will receive a special patch from your favorite cupid, Don Learn.

BICYCLING CLASSES OFFERED

Scott Community College in cooperation with the Quad Cities Bicycle Club is offering the following non credit bicycle related courses this winter and spring. Interested individuals must pre-register by calling the college community education office between 4:30 and 9:00 p.m. before January 23, (319) 359-7531.

Bicycle Repair and Maintenance

Instructor: Jerry Neff Jr.
Fee: \$7.00
Tuesdays 7 - 9 p.m.
Feb. 2 - 16
1230 E. 12th. Davenport

Effective Cycling

Instructor: Fred Blessin
Fee: \$20 + book: \$10
Tuesdays 6 - 9 p.m.
March 9- April 6
EICCD Board Room, 2804 Eastern Ave
Prerequisite: Bicycle Repair and Maintenance or equivalent experience determined by the instructor. Designed to develop the basic ability to ride regularly with competence and confidence. Established and sanctioned by the LAW, with LAW patch and certificate issued upon successful completion. Instructor is LAW certified.
Ron Holmes



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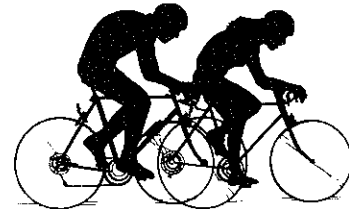
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NOTE ON ADVERTISING

Bob Miller is once again our advertising chairman, and a better man for the job could not be had. Bob has once again beat the bushes to bring in to our newsletter the businesses whose ads you see in these pages. The revenue generated through advertising is vital to the survival of our newsletter; I hope all of us will at some time help repay our advertising friends by doing business with them.

TOMRV 1982

Dick Wolbers has announced that planning for TOMRV 1982 is well under way. Registration forms for the annual event will be sent to all members with the January and February newsletters. This year the fun begins on June 12th, and ends on the 13th. For the faint of heart the fun will begin and end on the 12th.

One change of significance to some: non-rider meal tickets will be available only to those who work. There are at this time still some jobs left to be filled. Contact Dick Wolbers, 4192 18th St., Bettendorf Iowa, 52722, 332-7994.

HELLO! New Members

They seek us out even in the dead of winter:

Todd Neil
Pattian Wiebel
Lynda Shawver
Vern Johnson
Tom Bullis

(The last four there knew where to find us; They are re-enlisting)

Secretary Mary Keane says that due to high postage she has quit the practice of mailing membership cards to new members and renewals who live in the QC's. The cards can now be picked up at club meetings.



The advertisement for World of Bikes, Ltd. is enclosed in a thick black rectangular border. At the top, the word "bicycles" is written in a large, stylized, outlined font. Below it, "World of Bikes, Ltd." is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left, the brand names "Fuji" and "RALEIGH" are displayed. The "Fuji" logo is in a bold, black font, and the "RALEIGH" logo is in a black box with white text. Below the brand names is a detailed illustration of a bicycle. To the right of the bicycle is a logo featuring a lion rampant on a shield. Below the lion logo, the text "A COMPLETE LINE OF FINE TOURING & RACING EQUIPMENT" is written. To the right of the bicycle and lion logo, the phrase "Involved in all aspects of bicycling" is written in a cursive font. Below this phrase is a list of services: "PROFESSIONAL REPAIR", "SERV FOR MOST BICYCLES", "3 SPEEDS", "10 SPEED TOURING & RACING BIKES", "CHILDREN'S BIKES", "CHRISTMAS LAYAWAYS", "CLOTHING", and "EXERCISE BICYCLES". Below the list, the text "SALES - PARTS - SERVICE" is written. At the bottom right, the phone number "323-8227" and the address "3216 BRADY - DAVENPORT" are listed. At the bottom left, there are logos for "VISA", "AMERICAN EXPRESS", and "MasterCard".

FURD DOES RAGBRAI BY CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

by Ansel Brooks, Hawkeye Bicycle Assoc

(Editor's Note: Furd returned from RAGBRAI VIII sadder but wiser. After discovering the pitfalls of RAGBRAI, Furd wondered if he could ever safely participate in RAGBRAI again. As luck would have it, just as Furd's despair reached new lows, Furd received what follows. Furd's RAGBRAI saga continues.)

"So you want to go on RAGBRAI?" Does this sound familiar? You're at a party and your friends are just back from RAGBRAI. Suddenly, you notice that everyone has stopped talking. They are listening with rapt attention as your friends tell one hilarious RAGBRAI story after another. The place is rolling with laughter. "Wow! that sounds great!", you say to yourself. But who wants to go through a whole week of misery no matter how many beers you have or how funny the stories are. Besides, you aren't that crazy about bicycle riding, anyway.

Now, for the first time, you can have all the fun of RAGBRAI without any of the pain! From the same people who brought you the "Mangled Kitchen Magician", The "27-in-1 Lint Comb and Sequin Bobbin", and the "48-hour Disco Magic Album", comes BRAG IX, the RAGBRAI correspondence course. Now you can become the life of the party. You will amaze your friends and relatives with a seemingly bottomless pit of RAGBRAI folklore. Take our course and you will have, at your fingertips, endless humorous stories, tales of odd people and even odder behavior and untold accounts of pain, misery and depravation. We have enough to keep unsuspecting listeners reeling for hours.

And now the best part of all! You can become a RAGBRAI veteran and storyteller without riding your bicycle one inch! Friends! You have read correctly. You can now live every moment of RAGBRAI IX in the privacy and comfort of your home. As you go through our easy to follow, step by step and profusely illustrated course, you will live RAGBRAI IX. It will be just like having 5000 people bicycle through your living room for a whole week.

We kid you not! Our course was written by experts and nothing has been left out. You too can now live all those moments that make RAGBRAI's so memorable. Sounds fantastic, doesn't it? Well, keep on reading because here are some samples of the lessons you will receive.

WRETCHED RAIN RIDING (JULY IS USUALLY HOT AND DRY): Learn how to ride all day in a freezing rain totally unprepared. Begging, borrowing or buying anything that will keep you warm and dry. Intro and advanced futility. Sag wagon financing. (Note: for an additional \$5, students will be sagged to the end of the lesson.) For added realism, this lesson should be done in a cold shower for eight hours.

BARELY WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN: A sink or swim intro, intermediate or advanced hill climbing course. It's all rolled into one, folks. Due to the severity of this particular course, we are including, at no extra charge, two additional lessons: "Exploding knees; exploding the myth that hills are bad for knees", and, "Intimate gearing, an informal guide to your lowest ratios".

HEAD WIND HUSTLING: This is another toughie. Should be taken immediately following our hill climbing lesson. Included in this lesson are: "Creative tire watching, front and rear", "Spoke counting", and, "Unsuspected drafting".

EX-GRAVEL-GANZA: This lesson was written by some of the best tightrope artists still alive. A short but essential lesson. Included are "Body avoidance", "collision Maintenance", "Making tension work for you", and "Toe strap loosening I & II" For those interested in adding a touch of realism, try practice jumping on a pogo stick in a sand box.



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KYBO KAPERS: A multi-faceted lesson and one that has become our most popular. Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming demand for this particular lesson, we have a four week waiting line. Please bear with us and do not panic. We are moving as fast as humanly possible. Some of the topics you will learn in this lesson are: "Sensuous jaw clenching", "KYBO small talk", "Creative frustration", "KYBO agony", "Have you ever considered whistling?", and "KYBO etiquette" (discontinued).

There you have it. Dosen't it sound exciting? RAGBRAI IX awaits and it can be all yours for the incredibly low price of only \$344.49. Can you believe it? Now you can become one of the gang and the life of the party for next year if you act now. Why wait? Send our order now to BRAG IX, Sodem and Gomorrah, Iowa, 55555. Within the next few weeks, you will receive your first lesson and will be on your way to that special brand of happiness known only to bicyclists.

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MOLINE CRITERIUM TAKES SHAPE FOR '82

The Moline Criterium Committee met at the Eppard home on the afternoon of December 12th to discuss the 15th annual production of the Memorial Day Criterium, along with other racing activities of the 1982 season. In attendance were Wayne Eppard, Terry Burke, Dick Paulos, A. L. Mackusick, Butch Bobenmeyer, John and Deb Bolton, and Rich Weiss Of Monmouth who represented the USCF.

The racing schedule was reviewed with Rich. Burlington and Muscatine will be hosting criteriums on the Saturday and Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend and both of these races will be designated Regional Prestige Classics. After much discussion it was decided that we would apply to the USCF for recognition of our race as a National Prestige Classic. This would insure a high quality field in the senior men's and women's events; it also means an increase in prize money for the race. Increased funding will be supplied in part by co-sponsorship by Moline Consumers, distributor of Miller Beer in this area.

Since WQAD TV 8 is again interested in sponsoring a race, as they did last July, it was decided to approach them about telecasting the Memorial Day race rather than sponsoring a separate race. (In further discussion with TV 8 we learned that delayed broadcast of the race is a definite possibility; further discussions with TV 8, Southwest Bluff Business Association and QCBC representatives are scheduled for mid February). The QCBC will work closely with the Burlington and Muscatine clubs in advertisement and racer registration.

The 1982 edition of the Moline Criterium promises to be the most exciting we have sponsored. With 15 years experience, the race is one of the most professionally run in the midwest. WE are always open to new ideas and new blood. The organizational style of the Criterium committee is unique with little formality, much tradition, hard work, attention to detail and a good time for all. If you would like to help, contact Terry Burke or the Boltons.

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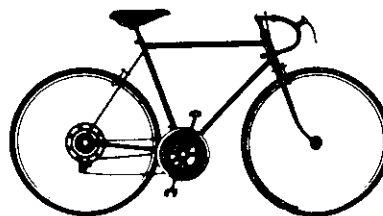
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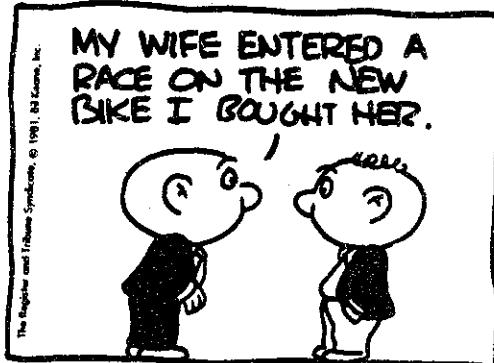
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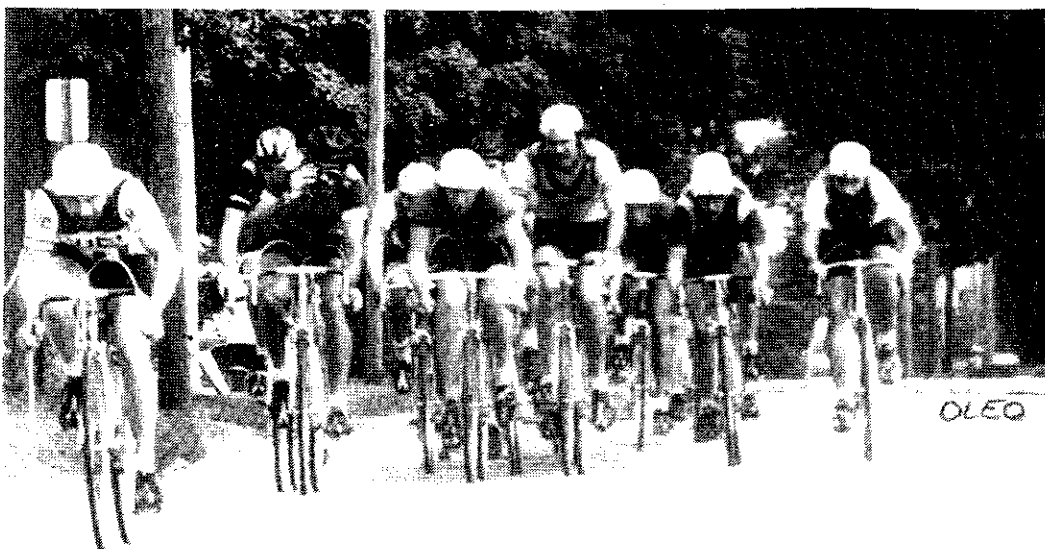
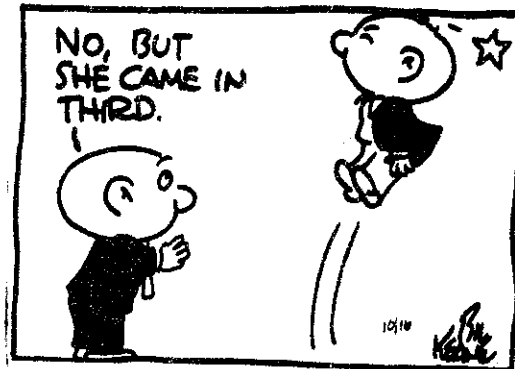


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LEE HAIGWOOD (CENTER) IN STERLING, IL SEPT. 13