

**MUSINGS XXIV
OCTOBER 2012 TO JANUARY 2013**

BAPTISMS ARE FOR CHILDREN. (BABIES) CHRISTENINGS ARE FOR BATTLESHIPS AND OTHER SHIPS. (OCEAN LINERS) ETC.

SEEN ON A CHICAGO NEWS PROGRAM. REPORTER ASKED A MAN ON THE STREET IF HE KNEW WHERE THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE WAS. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW. HE TOLD THE REPORTER HE WAS FROM TENNESSEE.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A PERSONAL WELCOME TO FATHER BILL O'DONNELL TO ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND. MY CHILDREN AND I THINK HE IS GREAT. I FIND HIM TO BE DILIGENT, OBSERVANT, COMPASSIONATE AND A DOER. DOER IS A WORD WE DON'T HEAR ENOUGH OF IN THIS ERA.

AFTER NOT WORKING FOR 20 YEARS, I NOW HAVE A JOB. I WILL BE WRITING A ½ COLUMN FOR THE ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND BULLETIN. THE SUBJECT IS "ANYTHING". I AM SURE SOMEBODY WILL TAKE ME TO TASK. NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE CONTROVERSY. IT MAY KEEP PEOPLE READING THEM. IT SHOULD BE INTERESTING. FOR ME IF NOBODY ELSE. P.S., I DID NOT APPLY FOR THE JOB.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK PEGGY COLLINS FOR DOING A SUPER JOB OF PRINTING MY ½ COLUMN EVERY WEEK. SHE MAKES SURE ALL OF THE GRAMMAR IS CORRECT, COMMAS WHERE THEY BELONG AND WHERE THEY DON'T. ALSO THE RESEARCH SHE DID ON MY ½ COLUMN ON WALTER WINCHELL. PEGGY AND MIKE COLLINS HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THE ST. MARGARET'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY FOR THE LAST 6 YEARS. THEY DO AN EXCELLENT JOB. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM ON MARCH 2ND. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID. MY FAMILY AND I WILL BE THERE. PLEASE STOP BY AND SAY HELLO. I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO SEE YOU.

FATHER O'DONNELL MUST THINK I AM WILL ROGERS. WILL WAS A HUMORIST/JOURNALIST FROM OKLAHOMA IN THE 1930'S. WILL DIED IN AN AIRPLANE CRASH WITH HIS FRIEND WILEY POST. WILL WAS SO GOOD AT WHAT HE DID THAT NOBODY REPLACED HIM. HE ONCE SAID THAT HE ONLY KNOWS WHAT HE READS IN THE NEWSPAPERS. WILL DIDN'T LEARN MUCH FROM THAT, DID HE?

I HAVE BEEN TAKING PRESCRIPTION STEROIDS (DR. RICHARD FARRELL) FOR ABOUT A YEAR TO EASE THE PAIN IN MY ARMS AND LEGS. BECAUSE OF THE STEROIDS MY SHIRTS SHRUNK. I GAVE MOST OF THEM TO THE AMVETS.

MY APPLICATION FOR "DANCING WITH THE STARS" WAS REJECTED. NO WING-TIP SHOES ARE ALLOWED.

PAPER CLIPS UNOPENED (STRAIGHT FROM THE BOX) DO A BETTER JOB OF CLEANING YOUR EARS THAN Q-TIPS. VERY SAFE ALSO.

I WONDER HOW MANY BABIES BORN DURING "HURRICANE SANDY" WILL BE NAMED SANDY?

I REMEMBER ONE OF MY HIGH SCHOOL SUBJECTS WAS THE LATIN LANGUAGE. 2 UNSUCCESSFUL YEARS. THE NAVAJO OR ESKIMO LANGUAGES WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE BENEFICIAL.

NOVEMBER 2ND LEO HIGH SCHOOL HELD THEIR ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY IN THE LEO COURTYARD. I WAS VERY PLEASED TO BE ASKED TO SING "GOD BLESS AMERICA" AND "THE LEO FIGHT SONG". GRAND DAY. MARINE CORPS HONOR GUARD AND OVER 100 LEO ALUMNI IN ATTENDANCE. CHANNEL 7 COVERED THE EVENT.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE SEEN ANY PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES DO A COMMERCIAL FOR GILLETTE RAZOR BLADES. "SHAVE AND A HAIRCUT" SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN LOST WITH THE CURRENT GENERATION.

IN THE 1930'S WALTER WINCHELL WAS THE KING OF THE RADIO AIRWAVES. "GOOD EVENING, MR. AND MRS. AMERICA FROM BORDER TO BORDER AND COAST TO COAST AND ALL THE SHIPS AT SEA. LET'S GO TO PRESS." WALTER WAS A VERY WEALTHY MAN. A LOCAL LAD SAW WALTER AT THE \$2 WINDOW AT THE RACE TRACK AND ASKED WHY A WEALTHY MAN LIKE HIM WAS AT THE \$2 WINDOW. WALTER REPLIED, "I CAN AFFORD IT. CAN YOU?"

AT THE BISHOPS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., CARDINAL DOLAN SUGGESTED RETURNING TO MEATLESS FRIDAYS 52 WEEKS PER YEAR. I UNDERSTAND THE PENALTY FOR EATING MEAT ON FRIDAYS WOULD BE 15 YARDS AND LOSS OF DOWN.

OVERTIME GAMES IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GAMES ARE MUCH MORE EXCITING THAN THE GAMES IN THE NFL. ROGER GOODELL IS PROBABLY THE DUMBEST COMMISSIONER OF ANY SPORT IN THE WORLD. HE SHOULD GET A JOB ON A FARM IN GREENLAND, ICELAND OR NORWAY. HOW ABOUT THAT SUPER BOWL IN NEW JERSEY IN FEBRUARY? BRILLIANT!!

I BOUGHT A TAN SUEDE SPORTCOAT LAST WEEK THROUGH A MAIL ORDER HOUSE WHERE I BUY ABOUT 90% OF MY CLOTHES. TO COMPLETE THE SET I NEED A PAIR OF SLIPPERS, A PIPE, A DOG AND A FIREPLACE. SO FAR ALL I HAVE ARE THE SLIPPERS.

AT THE EVERGREEN PARK POST OFFICE THERE WERE 6 MAILBOXES. NOW THERE ARE 3. ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, THE 3 BOXES ARE STUFFED. COMING OUT OF THE TOP. I WONDER WHOSE BRILLIANT IDEA THAT WAS?

RECENTLY A BALTIMORE SPORTSCASTER CRITICIZED THE BALTIMORE FANS FOR NOT BEING BOISTEROUS ENOUGH AT THE RAVENS GAMES. HE SUGGESTED THAT THEY QUIT DRINKING BEER AT THE GAMES AND SWITCH TO HARD LIQUOR. I DON'T THINK I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN THE PARKING LOT AFTER THE HOME GAMES.

GOD SPEED TO NORTHWESTERN, NOTRE DAME AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS (OUR 3 LOCAL TEAMS) AT THEIR BOWL GAMES ON JANUARY 1ST AND 7TH.

MY SON JIM IS NOW THE BUSINESS MANAGER AT LEO HIGH SCHOOL. THE EARNER TRADITION AT LEO MARCHES ON. I LIKE IT VERY MUCH.

I JUST BOUGHT 2 SWEATSHIRTS (ONE REGULAR AND ONE HOODIE) FROM JIM PIKO (MARATHON SPORTSWEAR) EARNER'S PUB – EYRECOURT- COUNTY GALWAY. NUMEROUS CHILDREN HAVE ORDERED SOME ALSO. WE WILL LOOK GOOD AT GAELIC PARK AND SUNDAY MASS AS A GROUP.

EYRECOURT IS A SMALL VILLAGE IN SOUTHEASTERN GALWAY. GET OFF THE EXPRESSWAY AT BALLINASLOE. HEAD SOUTH FOR ABOUT 4 MILES. JUST ASK FOR EARNER'S PUB.

THIS LETTER WILL NOT ARRIVE AT YOUR ABODE UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS. THIS IS YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD. HOPE YOU KEPT CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS AND ENJOYED YOUR TIME WITH YOUR LOVED ONES. I DID. PLENTY OF DUCK BLOOD SOUP WAS ON HAND.

SOME MORE QUOTES FROM TOM EARNER IN EYRECOURT, COUNTY GALWAY:

“WHEN YOU HAVE NOTHING TO SAY, SAY NOTHING.”

“IT'S EASY TO BE GENEROUS WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY.”

DANIEL BURNHAM WAS THE ARCHITECT OF CHICAGO'S LAKEFRONT. BURNHAM HARBOR, GRANT PARK, BURNHAM WOODS, OUTER DRIVE, ETC. MR. BURNHAM SAID "MAKE NO SMALL PLANS." MY MOTTO IS "MAKE NO BIG PLANS."

MY SONS AND I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO BECOME VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CAMPAIGN FOR BILL DALEY FOR GOVERNOR. IT SHOULD BE EXCITING TO HOB-NOB WITH THE DALEYS.

TO ALL LEO PEOPLE. PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE LEO ALUMNI BASKETBALL NIGHT ON FEBRUARY 8TH. ST. LAURENCE AT LEO WITH POST GAME PIZZA AT FATHER PEREZ. ALWAYS GOOD CAMARADERIE AND OLD STORIES.

8 GREAT-GRANDCHILD ARRIVED ON JANUARY 7TH, 2013. ROBERT JAMES KELLAM IS THE 1ST CHILD OF MEGHAN EARNER KELLAM AND HER HUSBAND BOB. BOB IS ONE OF "CHICAGO'S FINEST."

UNTIL NEXT TIME WHEN A FEW MORE IDLE THOUGHTS COME INTO MY MIND.

GOD BLESS,

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GENE EARNER

29 SWEATSHIRTS WITH THE LOGO OF:

EARNER'S PUB
EYRECOURT
COUNTY GALWAY

HAVE BEEN PURCHASED AND ARE NOW ON THE BACKS OF 29 OF MY DESCENDANTS. IF YOU SEE ONE IN THE "HOOD", YOU WILL KNOW WHERE THEY CAME FROM. STOP AND SAY HELLO.

Blarney Roses Grow

CHORUS:

Can anybody tell me where the Blarney Roses grow?
Some say down in Limerick town, and most say in Mayo
It's somewhere in the Emerald Isle and this I want to know
Can anybody tell me where the Blarney Roses grow?

T' was in the glens of Antrim, near the town of Cushendall
One morn' I met a damsel there, the fairest of them all
T' was with my young affections and my money she did go
She told me she belonged to where the Blarney Roses grow

Her cheeks were like red roses and her hair a raven hue
Before that she had done with me, she had me raving too
She left me sorely stranded, not a coin she left, you know
Did the damsel that belonged to where the Blarney Roses grow

CHORUS

There's roses in Killarney and there's some in County Clare
But upon my word, the roses, lads, I can't find anywhere
She blarneyed me and by the power, she left me broke, you know
Did the damsel that belonged to where the Blarney Roses grow

A-chusla gra mo chroi young man, she murmured soft to me
If you belong to Ireland, it's yourself belongs to me
Her Donegal come-all-ye-brogue, it captured me you know
Good luck to her, good luck to the place where the Blarney Roses grow

CHORUS