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Marches Project to End?

COUNTY COUNCIL WITHDRAWS SUPPORT

THE news that Hereford & Worcester County Councillors have decided to cease funding the Leominster Marches Project leaves its future in jeopardy.

According to the political leader of the ruling party at County Hall, Councillor David Finch from Evesham, such projects should be 'self-sufficient'. This is a strange comment, since the project was never intended to generate income for itself, but to utilise resources to create employment, educational, welfare and social activities.

Since it commenced in 1981, the project has a solid record of achievements which have resulted in the creation of additional jobs, extra income from tourism, assistance to local and national organisations concerned with job creation, economic and educational development as well as co-ordinating local tourist groups and a number of training courses. Not forgetting giving a helping hand to village education projects, youth clubs, mums and toddlers groups and 'Signal'.

The Leominster Marches Project is the only community programme of its type in England. Its purpose is to act as a guiding hand and a support group until individual projects can themselves be left in the hands of local people.

Currently it covers most of the rural area of Leominster District Council, and it helps people to create activities which take some of the burden off the Central Government and County & District Authorities. As a result indirect savings are made in unemployment benefit and money for social services and income has been created of which the Government and Local Authorities receive their share.

The Project has not indulged in the type of activity which has become associated with Mr. Livingstone at the G.L.C. Its funding request to the County Council had the support of Mr. Temple Morris, Leominster District Councillors

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NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY, 1986

and the officers of the County Council and we understand that Sir John Cotterell also supports it.

The future of the Project now rests in the hands of the Community Projects Foundation in London.

If the refusal of Hereford and Worcester County Councillors to fund heralds the end our communities will be the losers. This would be particularly silly since the remark 'self-sufficient' appears to show a lack of knowledge of the activities of the Project.

Perhaps our knight may rally forth to battle!

STAUNTON-ON-WYE SCHOOL

ON behalf of the parents of the pupils of Staunton-on-Wye School I would like to thank all the people who helped to give the children a delicious Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, 17th December.

In particular I would like to thank Chris and Catherine, the proprietors at Worlds End Lodge who very kindly donated the use of their kitchen. Many thanks also to the friends of the school who donated so generously towards the meal, including Colonel Phillips, Sir John Cotterell, Drs. Beach, Mr. Edward Price, Mr. Philip Arthur, Mrs. Christine Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Doady, Mr. Roy Jenkins and Mrs. Jill Jelfs.

A special thankyou to the mums who worked so hard preparing the meal - Jill Jelfs, Barbara Arthur, Chris Reese, Anette Andrews, Wendy Bradshaw and Joy Trumper. Also Rev. Bryn and Mrs. Rees who said grace.

Shortbread and mince pies cooked and served by these mums were also enjoyed by the audience at the nativity in the afternoon.

The meal was a great success and much enjoyed by the children. For this I would like to give a special mention to Mrs. Jill Jelfs who organised everything and hopes to do the same again next Christmas.

THANKYOU ALL VERY MUCH.

Lin Stokes

STAUNTON-ON-WYE RESOURCE CENTRE

Voluntary Co-ordinator -
Mrs. Jackie Thomas, Court
Farm Cottage, Brobury.
Tel: Moccas 259.

Please contact the co-ordinator if you would like to use the duplicator, photo-copier or any other facility provided at the Community Resource Centre at Staunton-on-Wye School.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE

We extend a warm welcome to new residents of Staunton-on-Wye - Mr. M. Green and family of Greenways and Mr. Powell and family of Lower House. Also to Miss Jean Phillips of Silverdale.

Maurice and Catherine Colboughwood of Staunton-on-Wye extend their gratitude and thanks to the many kind friends who sent congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of their recent wedding.

Staunton-on-Wye

Manor Estates

by
RICHARD PANTALL



THERE were four manor estates in the parish, those of Staunton-on-Wye, Staunton Blisse, Over Letton and Kilkington, each with its lordship. They remained together under the same ownership from 1066-1615, when Thomas Tomkyns disposed of several properties.

SITE OF THE MANORS

Staunton-on-Wye was originally at Church House, a fine old black and white farmhouse situated on the bank under the west wall of the churchyard. A house of character with a bell-dome arch over the east entrance, and believed to have at some time been occupied by monks, it was pulled down in 1962 due to the ravage of death-watch beetles. The land extended from Church House across the parish, over Red Ley, including Brobury, and across to the common lands. When Capt. Thomas Downes purchased the Manor Estate, and that of Over Letton in 1777, the site of both manors was at Old Letton Court, his place of residence.

Staunton Blisse was at Bliss Hall, with land covering Bliss Hall, Hackford and the Pound Farm down to the common lands.

Over Letton was at Old Letton Court covering the area of the farm and part of Oaker's Hill.

Kilkington was at Kilkington Manor, and covered its lands which extended to Staunton Commons.

The manors were but a few of the many manor estates held by these large landowners of the time, neither of which had a residence befitting the occupation of his lordship. The Pychards lived at Ocle Pychard, the Baskervilles at Eardisley Castle, and the Tomkyns at Morningson Court and Garnstone Castle.

OWNERSHIP OF THE MANOR ESTATES

1066	Walter de Lacy
1084	Roger de Lacy
1101	Hugh de Lacy

<u>134 years</u>	<u>1200</u>	Granted to Sir Milo Pychard
<u>152 Years</u>	<u>1352</u>	Conveyed in marriage of Joane Pychard to Edmund Brugge of Letton
<u>53 years</u>	<u>1405</u>	Conveyed in marriage of Elizabeth Brugge to Sir John Baskerville of Eardisley Castle
<u>210 years</u>	<u>1615</u>	Sold to James Tomkyns of Monnington and Garnstone

Thomas Tomkyns broke up the collective ownership:

Manor of Staunton Blisse

<u>42 years</u>	<u>1657</u>	Sold to Thomas Symonds of Pengethley Court
<u>138 years</u>	<u>1795</u>	Sold to Major John Geers Cotterell of Garnons
<u>176 years</u>	<u>1971</u>	Farm sold to E & R Davies (tenants)

Manor of Kilkington

<u>44 years</u>	<u>1659</u>	Sold to Mrs. Mary Russell of Holwe Lacy
<u>15 years</u>	<u>1674</u>	Conveyed to her husband Sir William Dutton Bt. of Sherborne, Glos.
<u>122 years</u>	<u>1796</u>	Sold by Lord Sherborne to Major John Geers Cotterell of Garnons
<u>187 years</u>	<u>1983</u>	Sold by Garnons Estate Trustees to R.W.W. Pantall

Manors of Staunton-on-Wye and Over Letton

<u>113 years</u>	<u>1728</u>	Bequeathed by Lady Mary Tomkyns to her brother John Capel of Howe Capel
<u>27 years</u>	<u>1755</u>	Bequeathed by John Capel to his daughter, Mary wife of John Whitmore of Haywood, Callow.
<u>22 years</u>	<u>1777</u>	Sold to Capt. Thomas Downes of Old Letton Court.

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HALLOWEEN

The three Halloween Witches of Norton Canon, alias Gail, Gale and Catriona collected £5.45 which we are going to donate to the 'Pat Austen Fund.'

Thank you to all who contributed.

NATIVITY VIDEO

A video was made of the Nativity performed by the children of Staunton-on-Wye School.

The video is available for hire by parents and friends for a donation of 50p to school funds.

Please contact Mrs. Tipton, Head Teacher, Staunton-on-Wye School.

NORTON CANON LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB

The January meeting was indeed a 'social' affair. Members brought wine and refreshments, played one or two hilarious games, exchanged news and views and voted the whole evening a great success. Photographs of members in their earliest years, which had to be identified with a subject now forty or more years older, caused much laughter and incredulous comment and very few of the pictures were correctly identified.

The February meeting will be held as usual at 8 p.m. on Monday, 10th in the Village Hall. There will be a Tupperware demonstration and the usual raffle and refreshments.

New members always welcome.

CAN YOU GIVE A LITTLE LOVE ON VALENTINE'S DAY?

As many of you may know 1986 sees the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Arthritis & Rheumatism Council for Research. Together with other local branches the Leominster & District branch are making a special effort to increase its support to the charity.

We shall be manning a cake stall in Leominster market on Friday, 14th February for which all contributions will be gratefully received, as will your support also in buying from it.

If you have any gifts of cakes etc. for sale which you are unable to deliver personally to the stall please ring Margaret West - Pembridge 376, or Jean Tucker - Pembridge 8847. Haulwen Symonds - Weobley 318111 or Elizabeth Middleton - Weobley 318213.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

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Sponsored by Messrs. Melgray Hi-Tech Ltd., closing date for entries 8th March, 1986. Entry forms available from the sponsor at 53-54 Commercial Street, Hereford, or, for those living locally from Miss E. Warren, 76 Bearcroft, Weobley. Slides only - no prints on this occasion.

Congratulations to Dr and Mrs R Bulmer of Old Court, Brobury, on the birth of their daughter, Louise Christine, on December 26th last.

Part-time Parish Clerk required by Kinnersley & District Group Parish Council. Some knowledge of Local Government procedures and serving of Committees an advantage but not essential as instructions will be given. Ability to type essential.

Salary to be negotiated.

Application for this post should be made by letter to the Clerk of the Kinnersley & District Group Parish Council, Raven Lodge, Tillington, Herefordshire not later than 12th February, 1986.

Church Notices

Services during February

Sarnesfield

9th 10 am Holy Communion
23rd 10 am Morning Prayer

Norton Canon

2nd 9 am Holy Communion
9th 9 am Morning Prayer
16th 9 am Holy Communion
23rd 9 am Family Service

Staunton-On-Wye

2nd 11 am Holy Communion
9th 11 am Morning Prayer
16th 11 am Holy Communion

Byford

2nd 9.30 am Holy Communion

11th Norton Canon School
Governors meeting at
the school at 7.45 pm
13th Staunton-on-Wye P.C.C.
Meeting at 'Trisanna'
(Mr & Mrs M B Collingwood)
at 7.30 pm.
18th Deanery Synod at WEOBLEY

16th 3 pm Evening Prayer
23rd 10 am Family Service

Monnington-On-Wye

9th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Letton

9th 11 am Family Service
23rd 6 pm Holy Communion

Kinnersley

2nd 10 am Holy Communion
9th 10 am Morning Prayer
16th 10 am Holy Communion
19th (Wed) 7.30 pm Holy Communion
& Address
23rd 10 am Family Service

The Bishop of Hereford will
licence the Rev. Colin Sneyd
as Rural Dean in a Communion
Service at 7 pm and the Synod
meeting will follow in the
Willow Gallery.
LENT 1986

Special Meetings and Lectures

2nd 6.30 pm Thror. Yarm
Weobley with Mike &
Josephine Ware
16th 6.30 pm Forge Crafts
Weobley with James &
Jean Latham
17th 2.30 pm Fenmore, Meadow St.
Weobley, led by Kathleen
Anderson - 'How amiable
are thy dwellings'
17th 7.45 pm Willow Gallery
Weobley. 'What on earth
is the church for?'
a Bible Study given by
Fr. Matthew Jones,
R.C. priest in Ledbury
24th 2.30 pm Fenmore, Meadow St.
Weobley, led by Kathleen
Anderson - 'The goodly
fellowship of the prophets'
24th 7.45 pm Willow Gallery
Weobley. 'The church
is for mission' a lecture
by The Rev. John Clarke,
resident Methodist Minister,
National Agricultural
Centre, Stonleigh.

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BIRTHDAYS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Kinnersley

Susan Jarrett	6th Feb.
Phillip Sutton	7th "
David Bryan	10th "
Peter Griffin	14th "
Johnathon Owen	26th "

Norton Canon

Cathy Goodwin	2nd Feb.
Peter Knight	3rd "
Thomas Meredith	13th "
David Gittins	18th "

Moorhampton

John Bradley	27th Feb.
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Letton

Roawan Hoar	5th Feb.
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Staunton-on-Wye

Ian Howard	1st Feb
Edward Morley	17th "
Adwen Lynch	25th "

Help yourself to Health

EARDISLEY

On 8th January Annie Westoby held a relaxation session for the group Help Yourself to Health. The turn-out was small to say the least, but the session was very therapeutic in relaxing and releasing tension. Annie also works in the occupational therapy department of Hereford hospital.

NEXT MEETING

A demonstration and talk on the use of 'safe' cosmetics, and skin care, by Belinda Carter Jones.

WEDNESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY at
7.30 p.m. in EARDISLEY
VILLAGE HALL.

Admission 50p..

WEOBLEY AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

In December the society held its annual dinner at the Willow Gallery in Weobley, where a large number of members and friends pre-empted Christmas Day by partaking of a traditional Christmas dinner.

The entertainment which followed further enhanced their pleasure notably the showing of an hour-long film describing, in terms of colour, music and commentary a two-week journey down the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon, filmed and dubbed by Mr. Williamson. An exciting and beautiful record which deserved every bit of the appreciation shown subsequent to its completion. It must surely rate a 'recommended viewing in 1986' category.

Readers are reminded that the next meeting of the society will be on 22nd January when Mr. Tonkin will talk on timber-framed barns, with special reference to the brick barn at Black Hall Farm Kings Pyon. An opportunity will be afforded to study photographs of the barn and to learn the details of the intended rescue operation.

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The Buffet Dance in aid of Norton Canon Village Hall made a profit of £129.

We thank those who gave refreshments and prizes and all who supported it.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. David Lovelace on the birth of their son on Boxing Day.

We know no spectacle more ridiculous than the British public in one of its periodical fits of morality. Lord Macaulay

READER'S LETTERS

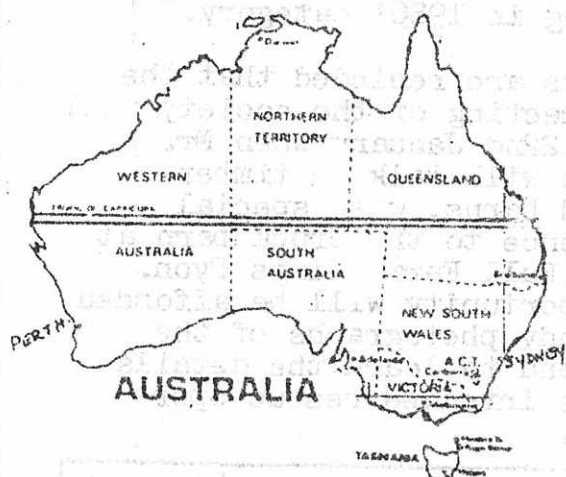
I was very touched by the warm welcome extended to my family and me in the recent edition of your magazine and I look forward to meeting my new neighbours as soon as possible. While other commitments prevent me from playing a full part in local life at the moment this will change in time and I look forward to a long stay among you.

A.R. Meredith
The Old Vicarage,
Norton Canon.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER 7 March 1986

CALL TO PRAYER

CHOOSE LIFE -
the more abundant life which
Christ gives.



Our sisters from the land of the Southern Cross call us to join them in joyous celebration on our Day of Prayer.

'In you, O God, we live and move and have our being.'

In your community a service will be held at:

St. Thomas's of Hereford
R.C. Church, Kington Road
Weobley.

11 am Coffee 10.30 am

All are welcome.

If transport is needed
phone Weobley 318229

A short while ago, I was listening on the radio, to Richard Baker's 'Start the Week,' and one of his guests said that she did not like being called 'dear.' She considered is patronising, particularly as she is young and black. Well, I am old and white, and I heartily agree with her!

I do not like being called 'dear' by all and sundry! Mind you, I don't mind 'my dear,' 'luv' or even 'darling.' What do others think?

J.C.

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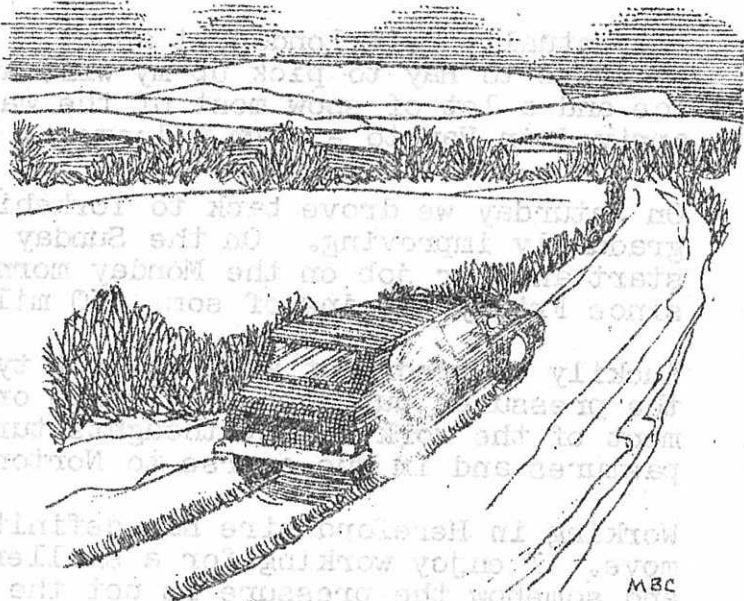
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A Week in the life of ---

An Accountant

by

MICHAEL BARKER



A week, let alone a day, in such a career might be thought of as the best way to reduce circulation or to cure insomnia, but like any other job it has stimulating and interesting times.

When I came down to live in Herefordshire it was because I no longer wished to work for a large multi-national firm and preferred life in a small less anonymous practice. In addition I wanted to spend more time with a growing family and if possible to live in the country. An added advantage was that my wife would be able to work in her family restaurant.

In Yorkshire I worked for one of the big national firms of Chartered Accountants and I had to work away from my home for as much as ten weeks a year, most of it in London. I enjoyed being in London but it was disruptive of home life.

In January 1983 I had a week which belies the supposed boredom of an Accountant's life and illustrates the potential variety of such a life. At the end of the first week in January 1983 my firm heard that one of its clients had made a major takeover of a company which was a household name. I was on my own as my family were at that time snowed up in Hay and I was asked to go to London on the Monday morning to await further instructions. My firm was asked to visit all the factories and offices of the acquired company and to report in some detail what had been bought, the equipment, the number of employees, major customers and suppliers etc. The journey was not uneventful as there was falling snow and single track on part of the A1 South. Having got to London I was then asked to write a report on the principal research establishment of the group near Oxford. I got to Oxford about 4 o'clock and the snow and cold was much worse there - there were three to four foot drifts and single track along each side of the dual carriageway. It was daunting to have to go in and meet new people, ask a series of questions as to what they were doing, why they were doing it and at the same time try to explain the effect of being taken over by another group. After a couple of hours I returned to the hotel. That night I think the temperature was something like minus 23 degrees and luckily I managed to get the car started and had a couple of very cold days working. I eventually finished the work on Thursday morn-

ing and then had to take my report back to London, where to my surprise I was asked if I could do another report starting that afternoon to be finished by Friday evening. I managed it although it was in a somewhat truncated form.

I eventually left London at about 5 o'clock on Friday and had to drive to Hay to pick up my wife and family. There was packed ice and a lot of snow most of the way down but I eventually arrived in Hay to a warm welcome at about midnight.

On Saturday we drove back to Yorkshire, the roads still bad but gradually improving. On the Sunday I had to return to London to start another job on the Monday morning having done a round trip since Friday evening of some 650 miles on snowy and icy roads.

Luckily this sort of week was not typical but the travelling and the pressures put upon by a large organisation affected my enjoyment of the work and my thoughts turned to a move to rural pastures and in due course to Norton Wood.

Working in Herefordshire has definitely proved to be a positive move. I enjoy working for a smaller firm and knowing everybody and somehow the pressure is not the same although there is plenty of work to do. The travelling has reduced considerably although to my surprise in the last few months I have had a week in Norfolk and two trips to Guernsey.

FOOTBALL ON TV

Like many working housewives I'm pleased that there is no longer any football on T.V. It's so good now to feel wanted for a change at weekends, instead of getting the usual grunt and 'Make me a cup of tea.'

Saturday

Out for a drink or maybe a meal with all the time in the world. It used to be 'Drink up, love, I want to watch football at ten past ten.' Now it's 'Take your time - do you want a refill, or a walk to help the meal go down, for there's no football on T.V. tonight.'

Sunday

It's a great pleasure now. It used to be dinner, then straight to square eyes and football and a grunt for the tea. Now it's 'I'll help you clear away and wash up.' Perhaps we may go for a walk or a drive in the car or even work in the garden. Then when we get back to the house he will make the tea, sit back and talk.

Yes, I'm pleased he's married to me at weekends as well now, instead of watching football on T.V. I remain anonymous as, like my husband, most men would not agree that it's great to be without football on T.V.

(-----and now it's back again!)

Outings

WHEN I first came to live in Herefordshire some years ago I discovered 'Outings,' something I hadn't come across since I was a child and went on Sunday School outings.

Each summer there is a Parish Outing, usually to the seaside, and we had received notices of these for several years before I finally went on this summer's outing, taking my young grandson and boarding the bus with all the other young ones, parents and grandparents for a jolly day at Weston-super-Mare.

But long before that I went with members of the W.I. on various outings to garden centres or museums or on shopping trips in distant cities. The Garden Club also hold many day, half-day and evening outings to fabulous gardens and arboreta and I don't think many of us will forget that cream tea we had in Tewkesbury!

The latest of my outings was with the Arrowvale Wine Club in September of last year, just when the wet summer seemed to be over and the Indian summer just starting. Nineteen of us boarded the coach, some in Norton Canon and others in Hereford, and we were on our way to the Loire valley in France to visit the vineyards and the chateaux. Not all the people on the coach were club members, but by the time we reached Portsmouth and were ready for the ferry crossing we were a happy party. Fortunately the sea was quite calm and we were able to enjoy the crossing. Then we were at Le Havre and on our way to Rouen for our first night in France.

The sun shone next day and we spent the morning sightseeing in Rouen, a quaint old-fashioned city with its art gallery, cathedral and Joan of Arc memorial. By that evening we were in Tours, where we stayed three nights, and from there each day we went to see how the wine was made and, on occasion, to taste it. We also went round two of the chateaux.

The sun shone, it was warm, and we picnicked by the Loire. It was over all too soon and we were on our way once more, this time to Cherbourg, and were back in Hereford by midnight.

There were no more outings to come for 1985, unless you count going out for Christmas dinners, but I am already looking forward to outings in 1986.

Barbara Ridge

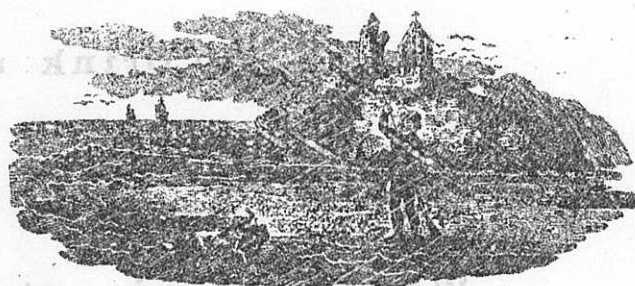
A conservative is a man who is too cowardly to fight and too fat to run.

A man is as good as he has to be, and a woman as bad as she dares.

Elbert Hubbard, American author

Love is like the measles; we all have to go through it.

Jerome K. Jerome



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I never expected to see the day when girls would get sunburned in the places they now do.

I don't make jokes; I just watch the government and report the facts.

Will Rogers, American humorist

What we call 'Progress' is the exchange of one nuisance for another nuisance.

Have loc Ellis

The actor who took the role of King Lear played the king as though he expected someone to play the ace.

Eugene Field, American critic.

If you would lose a troublesome visitor lend him money.

Benjamin Franklin.

A highbrow is the kind of person who looks at a sausage and thinks of Picasso.

A.P. Herbert



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