

OO's Shack Gets OO

A Couple of 'Tourists' From the Southwest Go 'Sight-Seeing' in Odd's 'Modest Little' Home

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WELL, ALL I KNOW is just what I read in the papers, and what I see hither and thither. Was in New York not long ago, and I rang up O. O. McIntyre. Amon G. Carter (the man who unconsciously elected "Ma" Ferguson Governor of Texas), well, Amon was in New York at the time kinder dodging his own paper's editorials, so we visited O. O. McIntyre. I hadent seen him in a long time, and I had heard he was kinder feeble and grouchy, and was doing well enough to have the gout along with it, so for old times sake I thought I would see if he was still living. My acquaintance with him went away back to the Ziegfeld midnight frolic days, when he was our press agent. All a press agent had to do for Mr. Ziegfeld was to see that the war got on the front page along with Mr. Ziegfeld's girls.

Well, Odd (that's his name, Odd, Odd). Both O's stand for Odd. He was odd enough to stand for another O at birth. But his folks not knowing that he would get odder as ne got older, thought double Odd would be enough to start on. He comes from away out in Ohio. You see Ohio has two O's in it, too. When Odd was a kid out in Ohio their alphabet didnt consist of much else but O's. So when they give a child an initial it had to have an O in it. He was born at a town called Golopolois, Ohio. So you see those Ohioans do the best they can on what O's they got. He left there with the first Ford and never gets back there much. You see when I first met him I was just a boy working in the chorus of Ziegfeld's show.

But lets get down to some modern data. I was in New York on my way from South America and I had heard so much about the Odd Odd McIntyre's Apartment. Its one of the show places of New York, and its located on Park Avenue, which is the fashionable street this year.

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WELL, HE IS AWAY UP in the top of one of those.

Its where you can own your own apartment, even if its in with a lot of others. His deed calls for apartment 96, located 345 feet straight up from where the ground would be on Park Avenue if there was any dirt on it.

There is more dirt on the people on Park Avenue than there is the houses are built on. Well lets get back to Odds deed, it reads 345 straight up. Then the deed reads straight north till you hit Apartment 97. Then you go west till you run into just space. Then the deed turns you south till you hit a bathroom, you come out of the bathroom keep straight ahead till you hit a Henry the Eighth crossed with a Roy Howard room, that puts you back at your original corner. Then your deed in a thing like that has got to tell how high you run, after your floor originally started at 345 feet. It says you go straight up till you hear knocking on the next apartment floor above asking McIntyre to keep those d—— dogs still. Now that ought to give you a pretty good idea of the McIntyres apartment boundry. You dont need a road map to find it, you want a sextant and plumbing line.

Well I looked up a sight-seeing tour place and got a ticket to go through his apartment. There is certain days of the week and certain hours that you can go through. Well Amon he was tagging along, he said he had been up there when you didnt have to pay, but Amon kinder stretches things sometimes. Amon never got in as a guest. Well there was a big crowd got off this buss we was on, and it took elevators to haul us all up.

Mind you, he dont get any money out of this. Its a kind of a charity fund that goes to men who want pearl gray spats but cant buy em, but the whole thing is just a darn liberal and fine thing of Odds to let people see him at work and at play, and see his MODEST LITTLE Home. There is a lecturer goes with you, and he points out everything and introduces you to Odd, and Odd is mighty gracious and nice to everybody the same as he is nice and considerate to everyone in his writings. Old Amon Carter was gaping around over the place trying to peek into everything while the guide wasent looking. He kept trying to find at which room Odds property stopped and Vanderbilts started.

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ODD HAS ON A kinda blue ensamble (Jump on your dictionaries you Rogers readers). An ensamble is a kind of a kimona, only its got a belt around it and that makes it masculine gender. He had on kinder fur boots, very roomy and worth while. His hair is just starting to turn black again after being white for years. I was awfully interested in his dog Kennells. They are in the same place he lives in, and are kept just as clean and nice.

He has two dogs, one a bull dog that cant hear. Odd used to try his jokes on him and the dog went deaf purposely. I had never seen a deaf dog before. But he dont show his affliction at all. Just as many fleas as if he could hear em on him. The other was a little white Sealingham. He can hear, I dont know why, but he can, so he hears everything then tells the other dog. One of em is named Billy and has been to Europe more times than Peggy Joyce. The Sealingham has never been off Park Avenue. He is just a country dog. The maid had just had em over to Roxies to see the show, and she brought em in and cleaned all the Odd things off em.

Odd asked Amon and I to stay after the other tourists had gone, so we sit here for awhile and talked about old times, when people wasent ashamed to say they was Republicans. He is the most widely read writer on New York, or anywhere else in the U. S. He has got more clothes, and more different words than any writer writing outside of a book.

He is not a critic, so he can see the last act. He's got a Rolls Royce car and he delivers all the high brow writers to their homes to give em a treat from the subway. I am sure glad I went. I think its Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5, and its embraced in a tour that starts from the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. When we was coming down another party was going up. It was mostly friends, book and play writers who write about columnists and try to sell em. They was going up for a sandwich. So dont miss this when you go to New York.

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