

DINNY'S COLYUM

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Do you want to know when Take Me Out To The Ball Game was writ? I'll tell you when it was writ. It was writ by Mr. Von Tilzer in 1908. I know it was in 1908 because I looked it up. And the words was writ by Jack Norworth and when you got to the place where it says One, Two, Three Strikes YOU'RE OUT you was suppose to holler it. And does anybody remember who Fred Merkle was? Well I'll tell you who Fred Merkle was, he was the guy in the World Serious game who hit a home run and forgot to touch second base and so they was a tie between the Giants and the Cubs and they was a riot. And that was in 1908 too.

Well times has certainly changed. This year it took only ONE strike and everybody was out, includin all the organ players who has jobs like Miss Helen Dell here in the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball park playin for the games. Of course it aint only the ball players who is on strike. Seems like everybody has the rite to strike any time. I remember that Mr. Cal Coolidge he got elected President rite after the Firest World War on account of he called out the Nashional Guard to stop the Police Strike in Boston. Well that aint quite the way it was. He only got elected Vice President then. He got to be President a couple years later when Pres. Harding up and died. But he never wanted to be President very much anyways and when it was the time for re-elction he just lay back

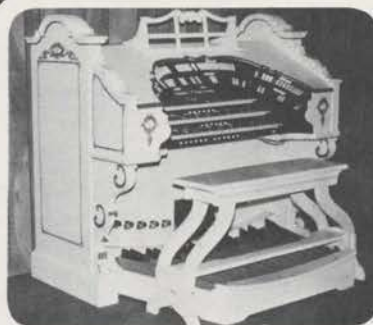
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and says I do not choose to run. And he didnt.

But nowadays anybody can strike. The Firemen strike. The teachers strike. The TV riters strike. The airline pilots strike. The bus drivers strike. The music arrangers strike. But the organists dont strike. They dont strike because they aint workin anyway. If it wasnt for the pizza parlors they wouldnt none of them be workin. Time was when you couldnt go into a bar at nite for a quiet drink without they was a organ player tootlin it up. So what happens? Nowadays the only organ you get to hear is a Hammond backin up some rock group. But if you want to hear The Mity Wurlitzer you got to go to a Pizza Joint.

Well that is all rite too. They is some crackajack Wurlitzers that has been hauled out of the old movie theyters where they was just gatherin dust and out here on the West Coast as they say they has been put back into shape and go into the Pizza Parlors where they have these fancy arrangements with glass walls so you can look in and see all the rows of pipes and then all them things like drum sets they call the Toy Counter and the Zilafones and the Bells and the Chimes and like that there is all nailed up on the walls so you can see them bein played and everything makes a racket and the organists they play loud to try to drown out the noise of all the peepul talkin and everybody has a good time includin the organists who are makin money for a change.

Well I guess I like things better the way they was when Mr. Fred Merkle forgot to touch second base. Mary Pickford was jest startin to be in the motion pictures and then pretty soon in a few years after they used a piano player and a drummer to play the music to go with the pictures why along comes the Wurlitzers and then pretty soon they put them on elyvaters and in the thirties they had what they called the De Looks theayters with a stage show and the organists aplayin solos up in the spotlight and big simpany orchestras that come up on elyvaters too to play a concert and then went down again when the picture started, and it was pretty excitin until along comes the talkin pictures and the depression all to oncet and nothin has been the same since. □



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