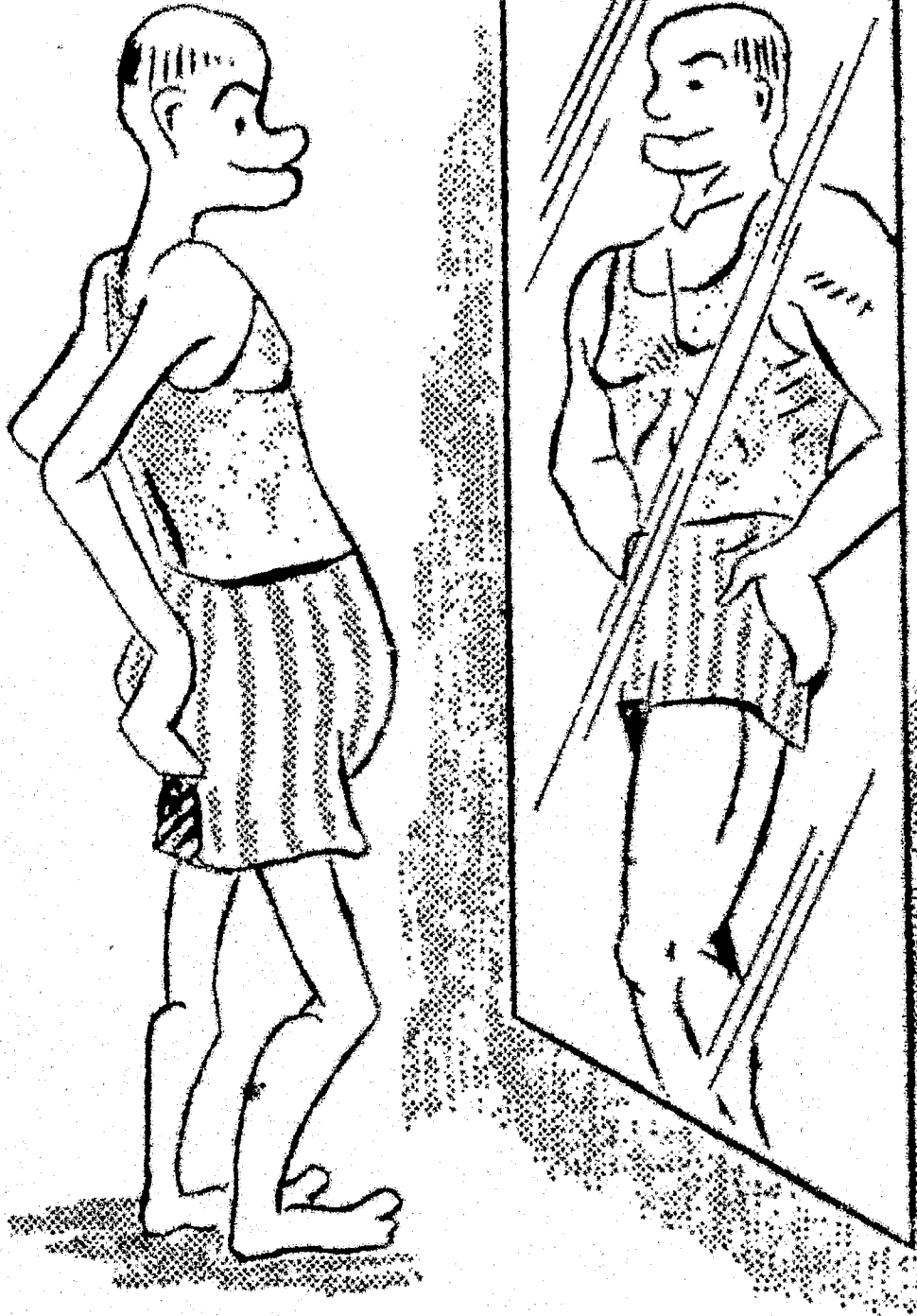


Magic Mirror



Late News Flashes

New York -- Rocky Marciano, heavyweight champion, passed up a personal appearance tour that would have netted him \$70,000-- to go into training for his match with Jersey Joe Walcott.

Toledo -- Chuck Davey, who has been signed to meet the titleholder, Kid Gavilan, went into training here yesterday. Later, he will move his camp to Chicago.

Notre Dame -- Flabby Phinias Scuddle, who hasn't turned a gear mentally or otherwise, since the Christmas Holidays, says he is in perfect condition for the coming exams scheduled for late January.

"From my view," he assured us, as he surveyed himself in a mirror, "I'm fit in every way -- ready for the bell."

"My mental attitude is very good too," he explained. "I keep telling myself that I can knock these finals for a 'looper,' as Shakespeare would say, ha, ha!"

Well Known Character

Phinias is a well known character about the campus and downtown South Bend. Most people don't know whether he's enrolled at Notre Dame or at Walgreen's. He's traveled extensively, too -- up and down Michigan Avenue; and has done most of his lab work with the Rexall boys. He eschews St. Mary's, however -- "I can't follow their majors; and I can't stand their minors," he complained wearily in a fine Thomistic vein.

Phinias has been resting since his return from a glorious tour of the mashed-potato circuit throughout the Holidays. He recalled that he had never missed a meal, and sometimes took three helpings. "It was a wing-ding," he added, borrowing the phrase from his knowledge of Chaucer.

"I keep telling myself that I'm in great shape," he emphasized, patting his stomach. "Yessir, my mental attitude is good, too. Want to know the secret of my success?" We didn't but we got it anyway.

"I study the profs, rather than the books," he confided triumphantly. "Ever look at exams in that light? No, well, that's a new slant on the whole picture. I don't bother with books much. Pretty clever, eh what?"

"But," we timidly countered before this show of brilliance, "suppose the prof doesn't know you've been studying him? Suppose he asks you something in the book?" We left him pondering this low blow.

Friday, 7 am. Requiem Mass in Sacred Heart Church for Robert Smith. Be there!