



# The Whitehursts' Dry Cleaning News

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Mark and Family David and Sherry

Champion Cleaners – Greystone is moving.

## Home Run!

Even though I was ten years old, I had been through my little league baseball try outs that was for eleven and twelve year old kids. They took a few ten year olds to fill in the teams. There was another league for ten and eleven year olds who didn't get called up to the Bigs.

I made the big league as a ten year old catcher. It seems there was always a need for catchers. I thought that selection was the best thing that could happen to me.

Dick was one of my pitchers that year. He was a tall, lanky 12 year-old, playing first base when he wasn't pitching. And Dick was more mature and always a step ahead of us regular guys. He seemed like a kid version of the Marlboro Man.

He had a way of talking to people that was above my grade. He was good at complimenting someone at just the right time. He was convincing, smooth, and confident.

I was in awe of this guy. His name was Clyde Head. It was years before I figured out why we didn't call him Clyde. Maybe he didn't like his name. Or maybe his middle name was Richard. It didn't really matter.

I don't remember much about our season that year or the next when I was eleven. Dick moved up the 13-14 year old league and I didn't see him as often.

Just before the start of my twelve-year-old season, Dick and I met up in the neighborhood. He was still way cooler than me. We headed down to the creek and sat down on a log. Dick

pulled out two half-smoked Winstons. He told me he got them from his dad's car ash tray. We lit 'em up and I thought maybe I could become the Marlboro Man.

We talked about grown-up kid things. Like how his dad let him drive his car because he cleaned out the inside car for him, including the ash tray. That's the moment I realized Dick was still years ahead of me.

I didn't have any cool grown-up things to say. So I asked him about hitting a baseball. I wanted to hit a home run and the upcoming season was my best chance since the field got much bigger in the next league up.

Dick explained that you get your power from your butt. You gotta get your butt in the swing. I didn't know exactly how to do that, but I acted like I understood. Then he told me something I didn't forget. He said, "You'll get one this year. Just get your butt into it."

It was opening day at Huffman Ballpark. I was thinking about what Dick said about using my butt. My second time at bat I hit an outside pitch over the right field fence. I was thrilled but I trotted around the bases like I had done it before. I thought that was cool. I was thinking about what Dick told me.

Game two of the season. Another pitch on the outside corner. My swing sent it again over the right field fence. I guess I figured that butt thing out. Two games. Two home runs. I was getting confident, thanks to the confidence he gave me.

I saw Dick at the ballpark after that game and I bragged to him about hitting two home runs in my first two games. He smiled and said something else in his smooth voice that I didn't forget. "Don't get too cocky." He laughed and added, "You won't hit one in every game."

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you are right."

~ Henry Ford

Up until that moment, I thought I could go yard every time at bat. But guess what. I didn't hit another homer all season. Or the rest of my baseball career. Or my adult softball career.

Dick was right – both times.

Thinking back to those days, I've come to realize that maybe Dick the Marlboro Man was more like Eddie Haskell.

But now I know why everyone called him Dick.

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## “Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”



### Sayings You’ll Only Understand If You’re Irish

Ireland has a lot to offer the world. Not only does it have amazing scenery, incredible sights, and notoriously fun citizens, the people also have a certain way with words.

The Irish are known in the US for their quick speaking and heavy accents, but they’ve also got a few out-of-the-box phrases that are worth noting. Sadly, if you aren’t from Ireland or of Irish descent, you probably haven’t heard half of them.

#### Quit acting the maggot

In the Emerald Isle, if your friends

are getting rowdy or making a fool of themselves, you’d say they are “acting the maggot.” This phrase could also be used to talk about anything that isn’t acting properly, like if your phone is on the fritz or the trains are running way behind schedule.

#### On Me Tod

People will say this when they’re going out alone or just alone in a general sense. It is said to come from Tod Sloane, an American jockey whose parents were out of the picture, leaving him a lone wolf during his childhood. He was a

successful horse racer in the West, but when he moved across the pond he was harshly made fun of for his riding style, and therefore “alone” once more.

#### Look At The State O’you!

A popular exclamation used in inner Dublin, “Look at the state o’you!” implies that a person’s attire, personal hygiene, intoxication level, or general demeanor is worrisome.

One might describe his drinking companion as being in a “bleedin’ state” if he “gets pissed” or “wrecked” on lager at the pub.

#### As Happy As Larry

While this saying may have originated in New Zealand, it has grown popular halfway across the globe in Ireland. People will often say they or their friends are “as happy as Larry” when they have no worries or cares in the world.

#### Story Horse

“What’s the story, horse?” — abbreviated as “story horse?” — is how you ask a buddy what’s up. It’s a less breezy greeting than its American counterpart and invites the other person to really dive into what’s been going on in life.

#### Tis Only A Stepmother Would Blame You

This one is a tad unfair to stepmothers everywhere. It basically means there’s no need to be embarrassed or feel badly about committing a small offense, especially if the deed is so insignificant that only a jealous, belittling stepmother could find fault with you.

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## St. Patrick's Day Toasts



• Here's to a long life and a merry one. A quick death and an easy one. A pretty girl and an honest one. A cold beer and another one.

• May your wishes come true and your truth be wise. Happy St Patricks Day

- Leprechauns, castles, good luck and laughter. Lullabies, dreams, and love ever after. A thousand welcomes when anyone comes... That's the Irish for You!
- May your blessings outnumber The shamrocks that grow and may trouble avoid you Wherever you go.
- May your glass be ever full. May the

roof over your head be always strong. And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you're dead.

**WE RECYCLE  
HANGERS**

**Did you know that there is a  
hanger shortage in the USA?  
And did you know that we  
recycle hangers?**

Rather than throw them out to be taken to the land fill, please return your unneeded hangers and we will reuse your hangers. We would appreciate if you would sort them into like kinds to help with this conservation effort.



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**Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:**

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots
- Wash Dry & Fold

**And we do...**

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We are part of the Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network (CRDN) - We handle textile and electronics restoration due to damage from smoke, fire, water and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service



▶ **Why did God invent Jameson whiskey? So the Irish would never rule the world.**



▶ **I WENT OUT DRINKING on St PATRICKS Day, so I TOOK a BUS HOME... THAT MAY NOT BE A BIG DEAL TO YOU, BUT I'VE NEVER DRIVEN A BUS BEFORE.**



▶ **How is a best friend like a 4-leaf clover? Because they are hard to find and lucky to have.**



▶ **What do they call the Irish jig at McDonald's? A Shamrock Shake**



▶ **How did the Irish Jig get started? Too much to drink and not enough restrooms!**

▶ **What's the main difference between an Irish wedding and an Irish funeral? 1 less drunk at the party**

**Time To Do This...**

- ✓ Dig out and remove rotted or damaged fence posts, mailbox posts, overgrown shrubs or damaged shrubs.
- ✓ Remove winter-worn branches from trees and shrubs.
- ✓ Make your first application of spring fertilizer. Spread seed in southern climates.
- ✓ Schedule small engine tuneups or perform tuneups after buying spark plugs, air filter elements, crankcase oil, two-stroke oil, gas stabilizer, fresh gasoline, lawnmower blade, string trimmer blades or line.
- ✓ Sharpen your shears, hoe and shovel, then pump up that wheelbarrow tire.
- ✓ As soon as the weather permits, by all means open your windows and start painting inside.
- ✓ Tidy up behind and under the dryer, then clean the dryer vent.
- ✓ Make room to store winter equipment and clothing by taking advantage of wasted spaces in attics, crawlspaces, closets and garage.
- ✓ Clean your coffeemaker with vinegar or scale-removal product sold at hardware stores.