

Funnies Short Memories

La Guardia's Funnies

THOSE WHO LIVED in New York City many years ago will remember our mayor, the honorable Fiorello La Guardia, reading the Sunday funnies on the radio in 1945.

He did the readings during a citywide newspaper strike that year, when kids weren't getting their comics because the newspapers were not being printed.

He was Italian, and his best reading of a cartoon, in my mind, was for The Katzenjammer Kids. Using his best accent, the mayor really made it funny.

—Alfred Towne, Nashville, Tennessee

Oops, "Alley," Not Quite

MY FIRST NAME is Alice, and when I was little, my nickname was "Alley Oop."

I thought the comic strip of the same title was named after me, so as soon as the newspaper arrived, I would always read Alley Oop first.

—Alice Pencak, Mays Landing, New Jersey