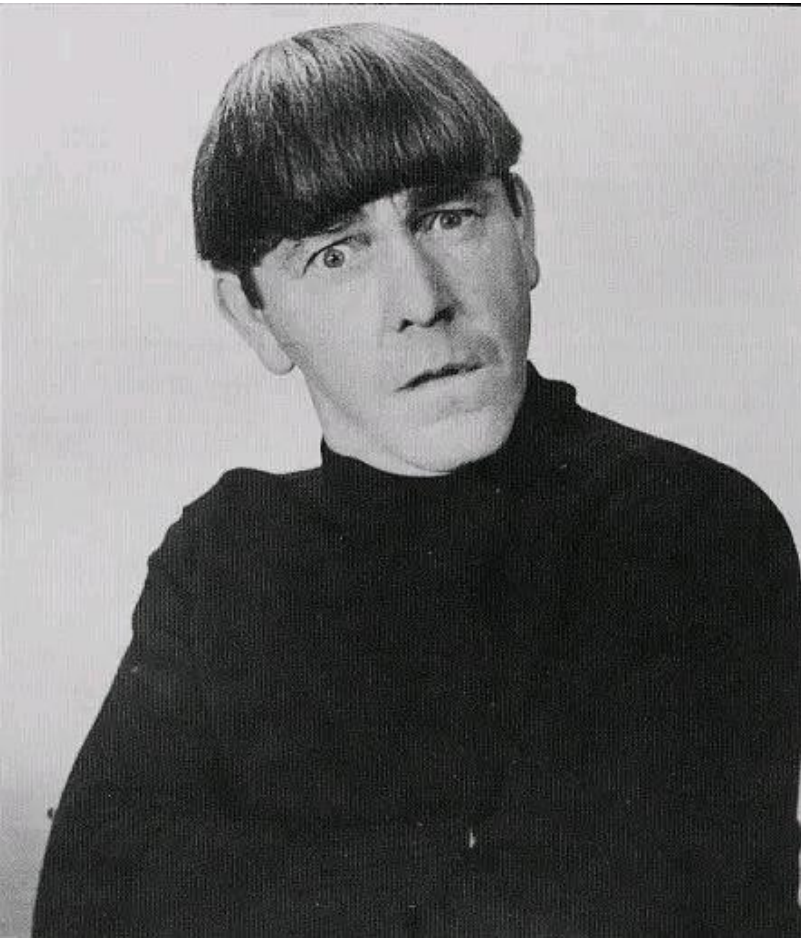


About Moe Howard . . .

In contrast to his roughneck public persona, Moe Howard (born Moses Horowitz) was, in private life, a quiet, dedicated family man, whose hobbies included reading, playing bridge, and making hooked rugs. The only one of the Stooges who really understood the value of a dollar, investments during his salad days left him a wealthy man at the time of his death.



Moe knew that brother Jerome (Curly) liked to spend his money on partying and women, and Larry Fine liked to spend his at the racetrack. So, he drew up an agreement where Larry and Curly turned over a certain percentage of their salaries to him. He, in turn, invested it for them. The result was that, while Larry and Curly were not as wealthy as Moe was, he ensured that their spendthrift habits did not result in their being broke when their careers ended.

In contrast to his rough exterior Stooge persona he played, who was always bullying and assaulting Curly, in real life he was very protective of his brother, taught him how to play the **ukulele, and in letters home to his younger brother always signed them "Your loving brother Moe."**

His famous "bowl" haircut came by accident. As a child, his mother always wanted a girl, and with Moe being the youngest at the time, she would play dress-up with him, putting him in dresses and bologna curling his long hair. One day, after being picked on for months in school, he and some friends hid in the shed, and he chopped all of the hair off, using a bowl as a guide. After doing so, he was so afraid to face his mother, he hid for hours. Finally coming out, after seeing his hair, she cried out that she was so happy he did so, simply because she couldn't bring herself to. His hair stuck with him all his life. Off camera, his hair was combed back so that it looked like any normal respectable gentleman's haircut. (IMDb) Happy Birthday, Moe Howard!

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