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ANDY HARDY



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GOSH, I DREAD THIS! THE LAST TIME POLLY INVITED ME OVER FOR ONE OF HER OWN "HOME-COOKED DINNERS," IT KNOCKED ME OUT FOR A WEEK!

OH, WELL... HERE GOES...

GULP!

COME IN, ANDY! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME! DINNER'S ALL READY!

ER... SWELL, POLLY!

I KNOW YOU'LL JUST LOVE IT! I ORIGINATED THE RECIPE **MYSELF!**

OH... FINE!

START RIGHT IN WHILE IT'S HOT! I'LL GO GET MINE!

IT EVEN **SMELLS** AWFUL THIS TIME! I JUST **CAN'T...**

WHEN POLLY RETURNS... WHY, ANDY... YOU'RE ALREADY FINISHED! I HAD NO IDEA YOU'D LIKE IT **THAT WELL!**

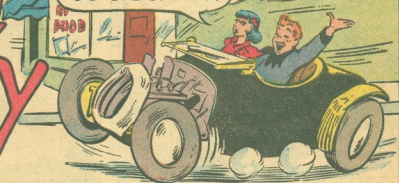
I DID SORTA EAT FAST...IN FACT, YOU MIGHT SAY I **WUFFED** IT DOWN!

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SO I SAYS TO HIM, "I HAPPEN TO BE THE ONE AND ONLY ANDREW H. HARDY!"

AND HE SAYS...

OH, ANDREW... YOU'RE JUST A BIG BAG OF WIND!



WHY CAN'T YOU REALLY DO THINGS LIKE **RONALD TWERP** INSTEAD OF JUST TALKING BIG ALL THE TIME?

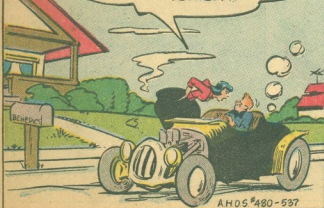
RONALD TWERP! THAT PILL?



WHY HE'S CAPTAIN OF THE GLEE CLUB, PRESIDENT OF THE DEBATING SOCIETY, AND...

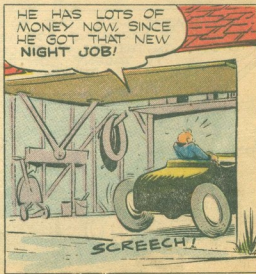
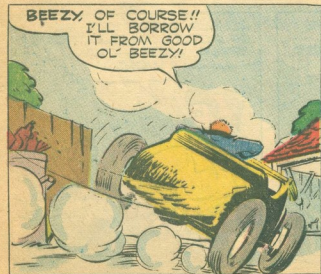
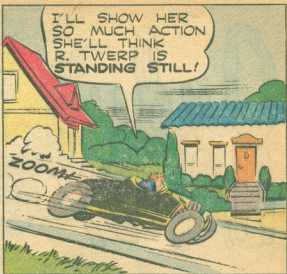
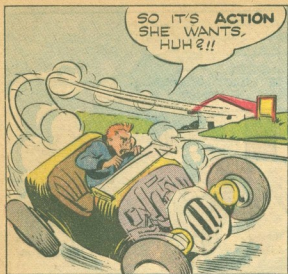


FURTHERMORE, HE'S GONE TO THE TROUBLE OF ARRANGING FOR ME TO SING ON THE BIG **WHIFF CHEESE TV TALENT CONTEST**, TONIGHT!



RONALD TWERP IS A MAN OF ACTION...AND **ACTIONS** SPEAK LOUDER THAN **WORDS!**





...BUT YA GOTTA LOAN ME THE TEN BUCKS, BEEZY...I'M A CINCH TO WIN WITH MY HETEROJET RUXLE AND OVERHEAD TRANSFRAXLE! I'M OFFERIN' YOU HALF THE FIRST PRIZE!



WISH I COULD HELP YOU OUT ANDY, BUT I'M FLAT BROKE AND LAID UP WITH THE MEASLES, BESIDES!



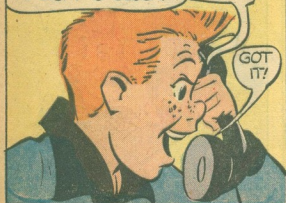
I WAS JUST GONNA CALL MY BOSS AND TELL HIM I CAN'T MAKE IT TONIGHT! Y'SEE, I GET PAID AFTER EVERY JOB, AND...



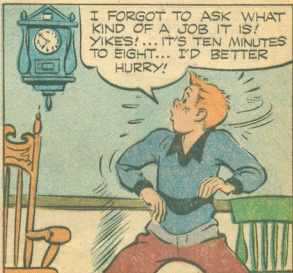
HEY BEEZY! I JUST HAD A GIGANTIC IDEA! WHY COULDN'T I SUBSTITUTE FOR YOU TONIGHT?

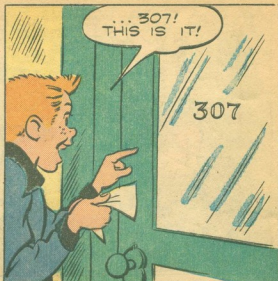


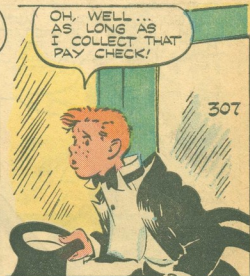
SURE, ANDY! THEN THE BOSS WON'T BE MAD AT ME FOR NOT SHOWIN' UP! REPORT TO ROOM 307 IN THE CHASE BUILDING AT EIGHT O'CLOCK!



I FORGOT TO ASK WHAT KIND OF A JOB IT IS! YIKES!... IT'S TEN MINUTES TO EIGHT... I'D BETTER HURRY!







ANDREW H. HARDY ISN'T GONNA
BE A GIGOLO FOR ANYBODY...
PAY CHECK OR NO PAY CHECK!



PAY CHECK? DID I
SAY PAY CHECK?
HMM... ON SECOND
THOUGHT...

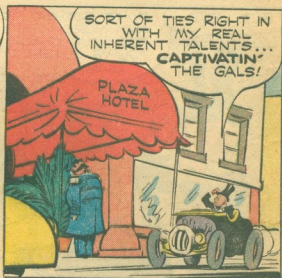


...I'LL GO
THROUGH
WITH IT
JUST THIS
ONE TIME!

AS A MATTER
OF FACT, IT MIGHT
NOT BE SUCH
A BAD JOB,
AFTER ALL!



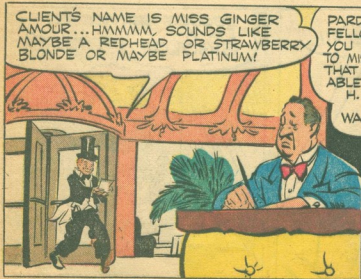
SORT OF TIES RIGHT IN
WITH MY REAL
INHERENT TALENTS...
CAPTIVATING
THE GALS!



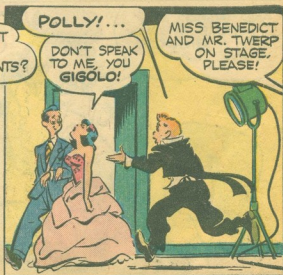
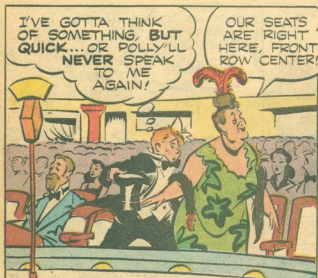
CLIENT'S NAME IS MISS GINGER
AMOUR...HMMMM, SOUNDS LIKE
MAYBE A REDHEAD OR STRAWBERRY
BLONDE OR MAYBE PLATINUM!

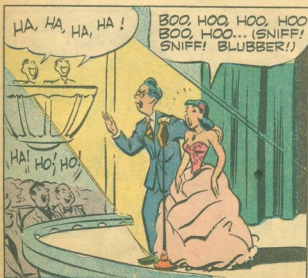
PARDON ME, MY GOOD
FELLOW, BUT WOULD
YOU KINDLY ANNOUNCE
TO MISS GINGER AMOUR
THAT THE HONOR-
ABLE ANDREW
H. HARDY
IS
WAITING!

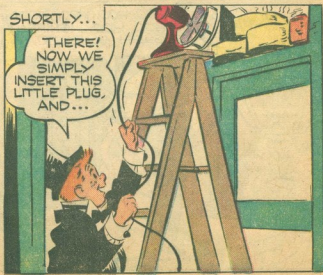
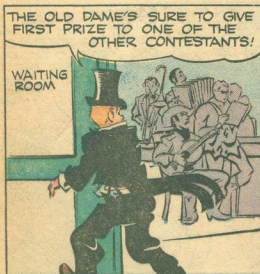
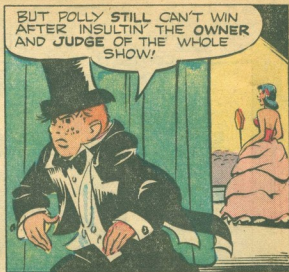
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
ANNOUNCE...
HERE I AM!
2 AM!

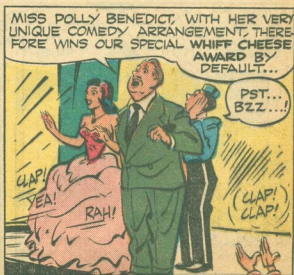
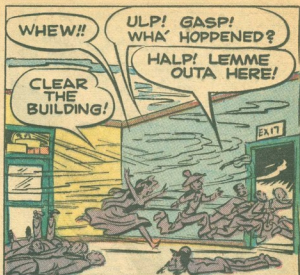








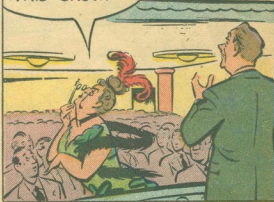




DUE TO ANOTHER UNUSUAL SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES, OUR AWARD OF FIFTY POUNDS OF RARE WHIFF CHEESES WILL NOT BE PRESENTED TONIGHT, BUT WILL BE DELIVERED TO MISS BENEDICT'S HOME TOMORROW!



HUMMPH! CAN'T EVEN JUDGE THE WINNER OF MY OWN CONTEST! I'M DROPPING THIS SHOW!



AND I'M DROPPING YOU, TOO, SWEETHEART! YOU CAN FIND YOURSELF A NEW GIGOLO!

HUMMPH!



CONGRATULATIONS, POLLY!

GOSH, I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THAT I WON, ANDY! AND AFTER RONALD RAN OUT ON ME!



WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HAPPENED TO ALL THE OTHER CONTESTANTS?

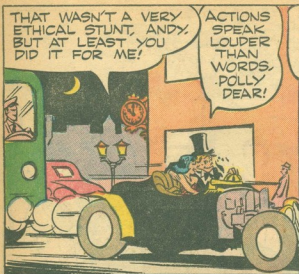
OH, THEY PROBABLY GOT ILL WITH STAGE FRIGHT!



'COURSE THAT RARE OLD WHIFF CHEESE MAY HAVE HELPED A BIT, TOO!

WHY, ANDREW HARDY!!





THAT WASN'T A VERY ETHICAL STUNT, ANDY, BUT AT LEAST YOU DID IT FOR ME!

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS, POLLY DEAR!

GOSH! ALL THAT CHEESE THEY'RE GOING TO DELIVER TO ME TOMORROW. I SUPPOSE I COULD SELL IT TO A DELICATESSEN OR SOMETHING...

BRILLIANT IDEA, POLLY! THEN WE CAN ENTER ME IN THE BIG JALOPY RACE TOMORROW! LOTS OF ACTION, YOU KNOW!



THE FOLLOWING DAY...



HERE'S YOUR ENTRY FEE, ANDY!

HURRY! WE JUST GOT TIME TO PAY AND GET IN THE RACE!

BIG HOT-ROD RACE
SPONSORED BY
WHIFF CHEESE
PRODUCTS



BIG HOT-ROD RACE
SPONSORED BY
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UHP!

THANK YOU!

ZIP!



I TOLD YOU I'D FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO SPONSOR!

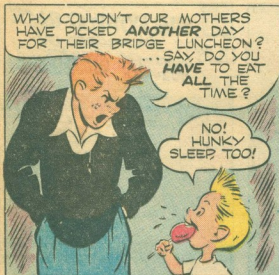
C'MON, POLLY... LET'S GO!

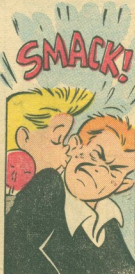
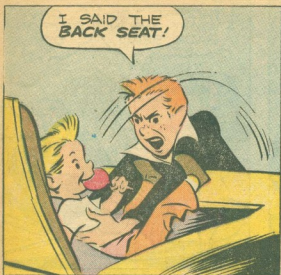


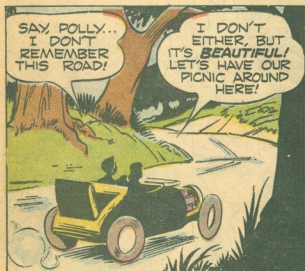
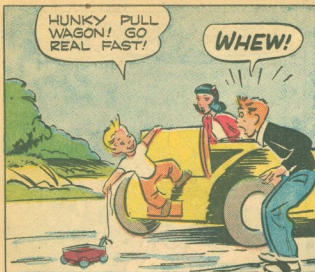
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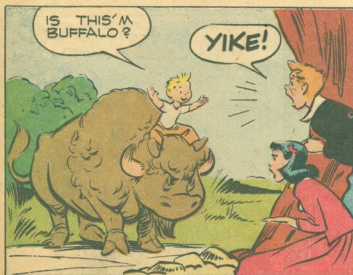
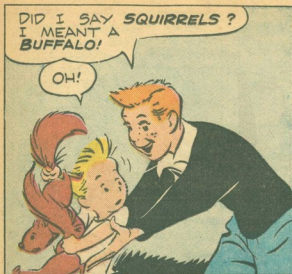
ANYWAY, I'M GLAD WE FOUND OUT BEFORE WE WON ANY MORE CHEESE!

TWO GLASSES OF WATER, PLEASE... AND HEAVY ON THE H₂O!

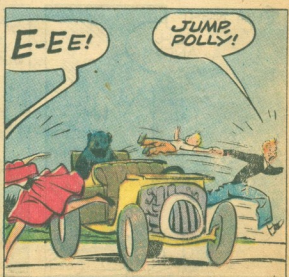
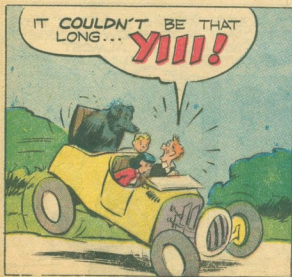


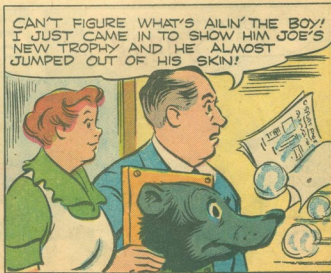
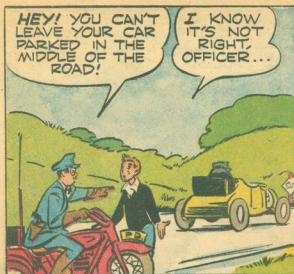












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'LO, SUGAR BUN... HOW'S ABOUT YOU AND ME GETTING BETTER ACQUAINTED?

SOME OTHER TIME, BUBBLES... I'VE GOT IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!

CARVEL
HIGH
SCHOOL



GOSH, POLLY! I'M SURE GLAD I FOUND YOU!

I TOLD YOU I'D MEET YOU HERE! WE HAVE A SODA DATE... REMEMBER?



SURE I DO... BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT! I JUST HEARD ABOUT A BIG DELIVERY-BOY JOB THAT'S OPEN! I'VE GOTTA HURRY OVER TO SEE ABOUT IT!

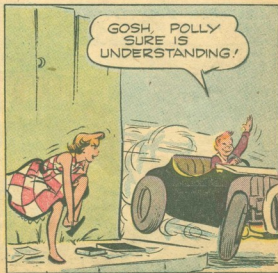


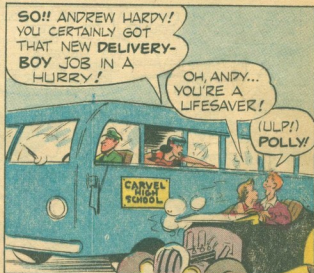
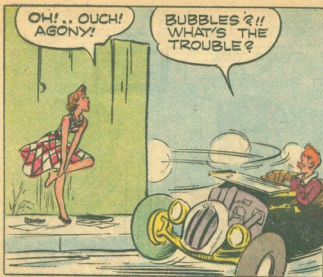
I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME, POLLY!

SURE, ANDY... YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN WANTING YOU TO GET A JOB!



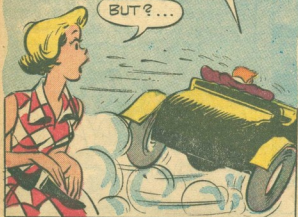
GOSH, POLLY SURE IS UNDERSTANDING!





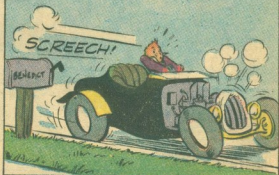
G' BYE, BUBBLES! HOPE YOUR ANKLE GETS ALL RIGHT!

BUT?...



I'VE GOT TO EXPLAIN THIS WHOLE THING TO POLLY RIGHT AWAY OR SHE'LL NEVER SPEAK TO ME AGAIN!

SCREECH!



I'M SURE SHE'LL REALIZE... POLLY'S ALWAYS SO UNDERSTANDING!

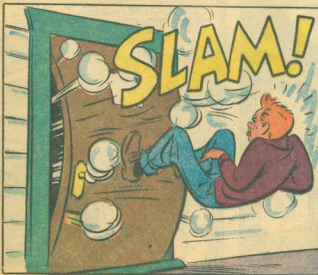


POLLY, I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN...

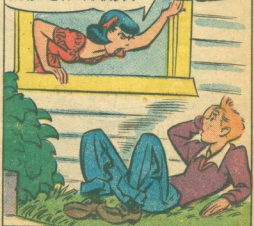
SO! IT'S YOU!!

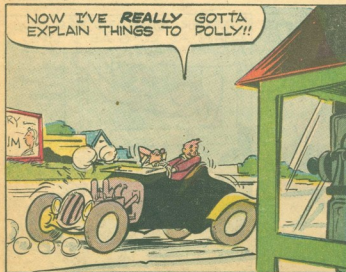


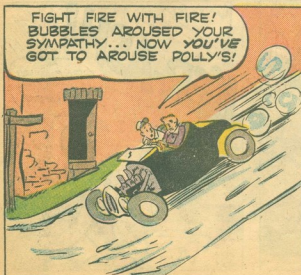
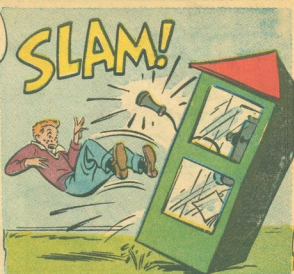
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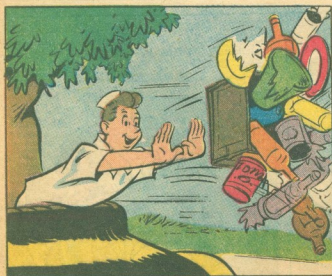
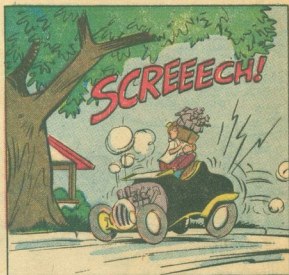
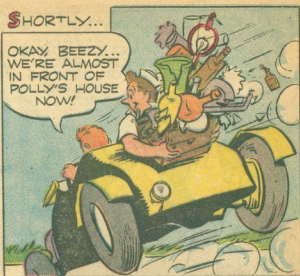


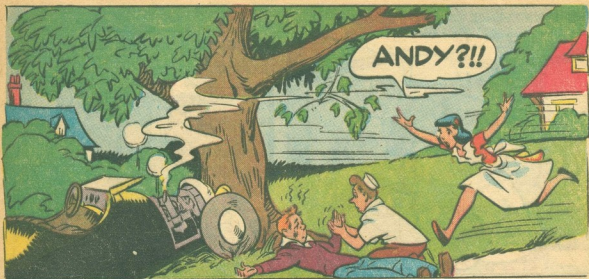
I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN AS LONG AS I LIVE, ANDREW HARDY!

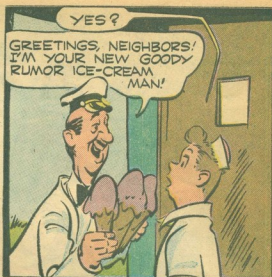


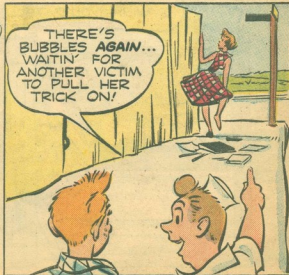
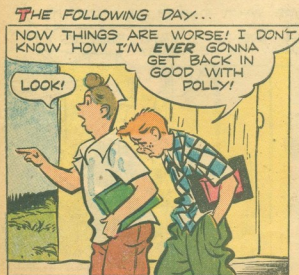
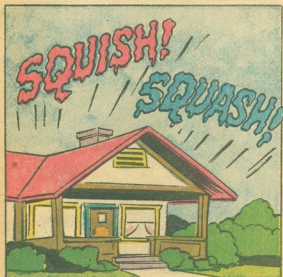




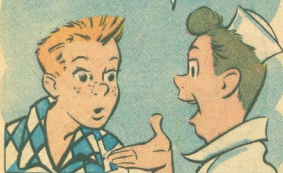






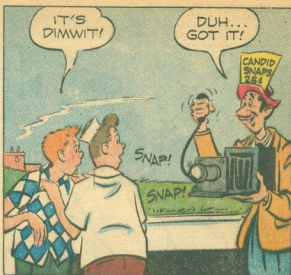


IF THERE WAS ONLY SOME WAY WE COULD **SHOW** THIS WHOLE THING TO POLLY, YOU'D BE BACK IN GOOD AGAIN, ANDY!



IT'S DIMWIT!

DUH... GOT IT!



BEEZY! I'VE GOT THE PERFECT PLAN!



THANKS, DIMWIT, OLD PAL! WE ONLY WANT TO BORROW IT FOR A LITTLE WHILE!

DUH...

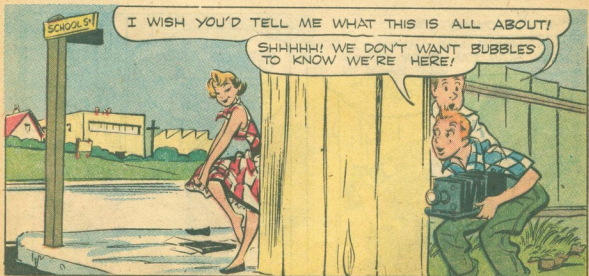
WHAT'S THE PITCH, ANDY?

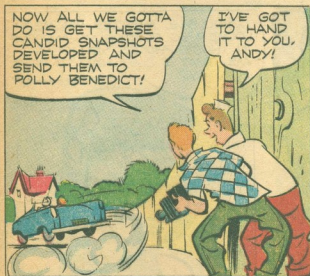
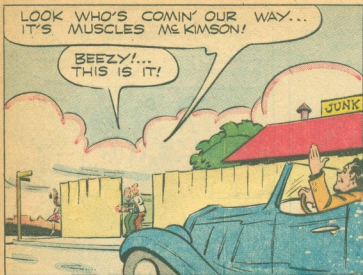


SCHOOLS!

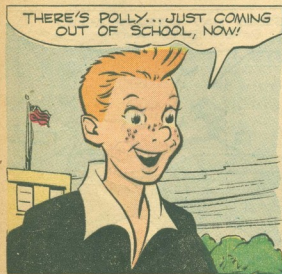
I WISH YOU'D TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

SHHHHH! WE DON'T WANT BUBBLES TO KNOW WE'RE HERE!





AT SCHOOL, THE FOLLOWING DAY..



OH, ANDY, I WANT TO FORGIVE YOU! THOSE CANDID SNAPSHOTS EXPLAINED EVERYTHING!



THEN WHAT SAY YOU AND ME PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF? HOW ABOUT TAKIN' AN AFTER-SCHOOL SPIN IN MY JALOPY AS OF RIGHT NOW?



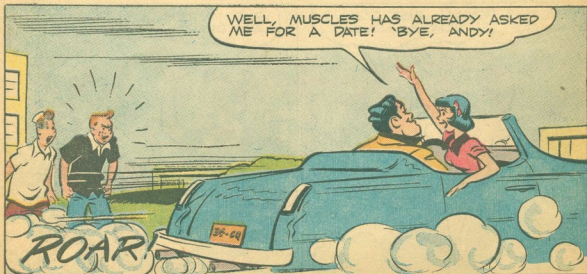
OH, I CAN'T THIS AFTERNOON, ANDY...



...YOU SEE, MUSCLES MCKIMSON LOOKED SO POSITIVELY HANDSOME IN THOSE PHOTOS YOU SENT ME, THAT I JUST **HAD** TO MEET HIM, AND...



WELL, MUSCLES HAS ALREADY ASKED ME FOR A DATE! 'BYE, ANDY!



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IF I DON'T FIND ONE HERE, I'M SUNK!

A TUX? WHY YES...I BELIEVE I HAVE ONE THAT'LL FIT YOU!

YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER, MISTER!

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

I PROMISED POLLY I'D TAKE HER TO TH' DANCE! I JUST **HAD** TO FIND A TUX!

IT USED TO BELONG TO WHODOODIT, THE FAMOUS MAGICIAN!

I DON'T CARE IF HE WAS A FAMOUS DISHWASHER... I ONLY HOPE IT FITS!

BOY! THAT WAS CLOSE! I JUST HAVE TIME ENOUGH TO PICK UP POLLY!

ANDY! YOU NEVER DANCED LIKE **THIS** BEFORE! EVERYBODY'S LOOKING AT US!

SHADES OF GREAT GRANDPAW! LOOKS LIKE TH' **BUNNY HUG** IS COMING BACK!

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LOOK AT THE BIRDIE...
WITH A BIG SMILE!

SMILE, I SAID...
SMILE!

PLEASE, ANDY... WE'LL TRY IT
ONCE MORE, AND THIS TIME,
GIVE ME A **NATURAL** SMILE!

YES, SIR...
I'LL TRY,
SIR!

ALL RIGHT... LOOK
AT THE BIRDIE!

OH, MY STARS! WHAT A **GRIN!**
IT'S LIKE A
HALLOWEEN MASK!

HMMM...
WAIT A
MINUTE! I
THINK I'VE
GOT IT!

ALL RIGHT, ANDY,
LOOK AT
THIS!

AH!

CLICK!