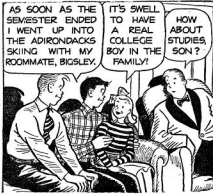




WE'RE GLAD YOU MADE IT, CORKY.

I TOLD YOU I WASN'T GOING TO PASS UP NEW YEARS DINNER, HERE.

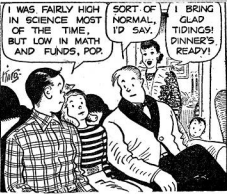
WE SURE MISSED YOU CHRISTMAS.



AS SOON AS THE SEMESTER ENDED I WENT UP INTO THE ADIRONDACKS SKIING WITH MY ROOMMATE, BIGSLEY.

IT'S SWELL TO HAVE A REAL COLLEGE BOY IN THE FAMILY!

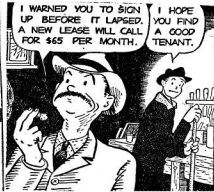
HOW ABOUT STUDIES, SON?



I WAS FAIRLY HIGH IN SCIENCE MOST OF THE TIME, BUT LOW IN MATH AND FUNDS, POP.

SORT OF NORMAL, I'D SAY.

I BRING GLAD TIDINGS! DINNER'S READY!





IT'S PAST THE FIRST OF THE MONTH, BLUFF.

I'M A LITTLE SHORT, MR. AVERY. COULD YOU LET IT GO TILL THE 10 TH?



MY INSURANCE WAS DUE AND I HAD THE DOCTOR TWICE. COULD I HAVE ANOTHER WEEK, MR. AVERY?

ALL RIGHT THIS TIME, MRS. WEED.



IT'S THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AND COLLECTIONS ARE SLOW. COULD I PAY YOU FOR TWO MONTHS FEBRUARY FIRST?



WALLET & BOBBLE ARE SURE GOOD PAY. I'D HATE TO LOSE THEM.



I'LL BRING THIS LEASE THING TO A HEAD RIGHT NOW.



WITHOUT A LEASE, SKEEZIX, YOUR RENT OF \$65 IS PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT, UNCLE AVERY.



I HATE TO ASK FOR IT, BUT BUSINESS IS BUSINESS, YOU KNOW.

SUPPOSE I GIVE YOU \$40 ON ACCOUNT AND THE REST IN A FEW DAYS?



YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD PAY, I'LL TAKE IT.

DROP IN AGAIN IN ABOUT A WEEK — IF WE'RE STILL HERE.



YOU'RE A GI AND WANT A JOB? JUST NOW WE ARE A BIT UNSETTLED AROUND HERE.



WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE WILL KEEP OUR PRESENT LOCATION—

PSST! SKEEZIX! I'VE GOT AN IDEA.



DO YOU THINK IT WILL DO ANY GOOD, SARGE?

HE'S GOT A GOOD FRONT. AVERY DOESN'T KNOW HIM. TRY IT OUT.



MR. AVERY? I UNDERSTAND YOU OWN THE WALLET & BOBBLE BUILDING, AND THAT IT IS FOR RENT.

WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT?



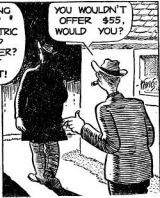
JUST A RUMOR. HOW MUCH ARE YOU ASKING?

A YEAR'S LEASE AT \$65.




YOU AREN'T JOKING ARE YOU, MR. AVERY? I WAS PREPARED TO OFFER \$30.

\$30! A BUILDING WITH SHOW WINDOWS, ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND RUNNING WATER? I WOULDN'T THINK OF IT!



YOU WOULDN'T OFFER \$55, WOULD YOU?




BIX, TELL YOUR BOSS I'M GETTING APPLICATIONS TO RENT THE SHOP. I'LL HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT THAT LEASE.

MR. WALLET SAYS HE'S WILLING TO PAY \$65 FOR A MONTH OR TWO.



WHAT DOES HE MEAN— A MONTH OR TWO?

HE'S SURE THINGS ARE LOOSENING UP AND RENTS ARE COMING DOWN. THAT YOU'LL SOON BE GLAD TO GIVE THEM A LEASE AT 1946 PRICES.



HE'S A WISHFUL OPTIMIST! BUT JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, BIX, I WOULD SHADE IT A BIT—JUST FOR OLD TIMES SAKE.



I WAS TALKING WITH MR. AVERY, MR. WALLET.

DID HE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT OUR RENT, BIX?



YES, HE DID, BUT MAYBE I SHOULDN'T TELL YOU. HE'D BE AWFULLY MAD.

WAS IT A SECRET?




YES, BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW. HE SAID HE'D BE WILLING TO SHADE THAT \$65 RENTAL A BIT.

IS THAT ALL! DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOUR CONSCIENCE.



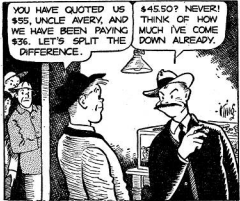
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE EXPECTED AND WANTED — THAT YOU'D SPILL IT TO ME.






I'VE GOT HIM DOWN TO \$55, SKEEZIX. NOW YOU TAKE OVER.

HERE GOES, MILMER.



YOU HAVE QUOTED US \$55, UNCLE AVERY, AND WE HAVE BEEN PAYING \$36. LET'S SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE.

\$45.50? NEVER! THINK OF HOW MUCH I'VE COME DOWN ALREADY.



ALL RIGHT. WE'RE IN A GENEROUS MOOD. WE'LL GIVE OURSELVES A \$10 RAISE. THAT WILL BE \$46.

I'LL TAKE IT!

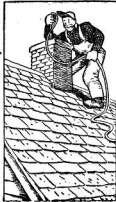
NOW WE'VE GOT THE SHOP RENTAL SETTLED, NINA, WE CAN RELAX AND ENJOY LIFE.

PEACE AT LAST!

SKEEZIX, WHAT'S THAT SMOKE FROM?

SEARCH ME!

FLUE IS CLOGGED. WE'LL HAVE TO PUT OUT THE FIRE.





DARLING; THERE'S NO WATER THIS MORNING.

OH-OH! PIPES ARE FROZEN.



THIS IS ONE WAY, NINA.



THEY'RE WORKING AGAIN. I HEAR WATER RUNNING.



HURRY, SKEEZIX! I LEFT ALL THE FAUCETS OPEN!

WE SEEM TO HAVE THE JINX STYMIED. EVERYTHING IS GOING FINE, NINA.

SEEMS GOOD FOR A CHANGE, SKEEZIX.



THERE GO THE LIGHTS AND THE RADIO! FUSE BLEW OUT.




NEVER MENTION THAT THINGS ARE GOING WELL, DARLING.

WHERE THE DICKENS DID THEY HIDE THE FUSE BOX?



SEEMS TO ME I'VE SEEN IT SOMEWHERE IN THE ATTIC.





I'M SURE THAT FUSE BOX IS UP HERE SOMEWHERE, NINA.



SKEEZIX! I HEAR A MAN'S VOICE DOWNSTAIRS!



STAY BACK, I'M READY FOR HIM!



IT'S THE RADIO— AND THE LIGHTS ARE ON!

JUICE MUST HAVE BEEN OFF AT THE POWER STATION.

AND LADIES—
HERE IS A
STUPENDOUS
OFFER
WHICH
YOU

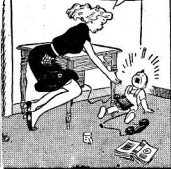
THEN YOU MIGHT SEE IF YOU COULD GET A LITTLE BACON.



AND BEFORE YOU COME HOME, SUPPOSE —



CHIPPER! ARE YOU HURT?



IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS, SKEEZIX. WE WERE DISCONNECTED.



SORRY, BOSS,
BUT THE TRUCK
IS OUT OF
COMMISSION.
SHALL I FIX IT?

YOU'D BETTER
FINISH THAT
FURNACE JOB
OVER AT THE
LEGION HOME,
SARGE.



THAT WOULD BE RIGHT
DOWN MY ALLEY, MR.
WALLET. I WAS TECHNICAL
SERGEANT IN THAT FOR
THREE YEARS.



WE HAVEN'T ANY SHOP.
THE WORK WOULD HAVE
TO BE DONE
OUTDOORS,
HACK.

I WOULDN'T
MIND THAT.



THERE'S THE
OLD BRUISER.
GO TO IT.





WE'RE DEVELOPING INTO SPECIALISTS AT THE SHOP, NINA. BLONEY IS GOOD ON MACHINERY, CEMENT WORK AND HEAVY STUFF.

SO WALLET & BOBBLE DO A LOT OF THAT.

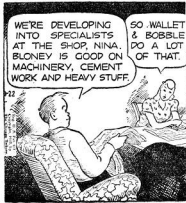
BIX TAKES OVER ON ELECTRICAL REPAIR, SMALL STUFF, LOCKS, KEYS AND GADGETS.

AND YOU'VE BUILT UP A GOOD BUSINESS IN THAT, SKEEZIX.

OUR NEW MAN, HACK, IS AN AUTO REPAIR MAN THAT MAY PULL US INTO SOMETHING. WHO KNOWS?

IT SEEMS FROM WHERE I SIT THAT THE EMPLOYEES LEAD AND THE BOSSES TAG ALONG.

THAT'S TRUER THAN YOU KNOW, NINA.

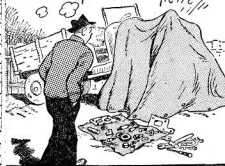


IT'S PRETTY COLD WORKING OUTDOORS TODAY. I WONDER HOW HACK IS DOING?

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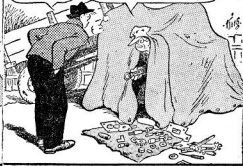


OH, HACK!



NOT BAD FOR A FROSTY MORNING.

A LITTLE TRICK I LEARNED UP IN ALASKA THE FIRST YEAR OF THE WAR.





YA KNOW, BIX,
REPAIRIN' THAT
TRUCK SHOULD OF
BEEN MY JOB.

WHAT DO
YOU CARE,
SARGE?



NO THIN', BUT HACK'S GOT IT
SCATTERED ALL OVER THE
PLACE. HOW DOES SKEEZIX
KNOW HE CAN FIX IT?

MAYBE HE'S
TRYING TO
FIND OUT.



BOY, WOULD I LAUGH
IF THAT BIRD HAD
HALF A DOZEN
PARTS LEFT OVER!

BEING A LITTLE JEALOUS
WILL WEAR-OFF, SARGE.
BUT DON'T LET IT
GET TO EATING YOU.



BOY, WILL I GIVE THIS TRUCK A WORKOUT!



HE'S TAKEN SOME BUGS OUT OF IT, BUT I'D OF FOUND 'EM IF I'D TAKEN IT DOWN LIKE HE DID.



WALLET WOULD HAVE RAISED HECK IF I'D OF PULLED IT APART! TAKE TOO MUCH TIME.



BIX, I'LL HAVE TO ADMIT THAT HACK DID A GOOD JOB.

IT WAS TOUGH, SARGE, BUT I KNEW YOU'D COME AROUND ALL RIGHT!

GOSH, THIS PAIR OF FLORIDA PANTS LOOKS AS IF IT HAD BEEN HIT BY A CHARGE OF BUCKSHOT!



HERE'S A PAIR THAT'S STILL GOOD.

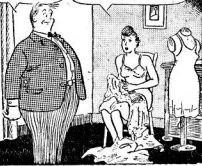


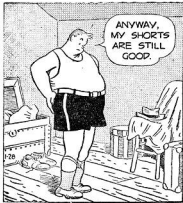
I USED TO CUT A FIGURE IN THIS OUTFIT!



I'M ALL SET, PHYLLIS. HOW DO I LOOK?

MERCY, NO, WALT! THEY'RE NOT WEARING THEM ANY MORE.





I SUPPOSE YOU AND AUNTIE BLOSSOM ARE ALL SET FOR FLORIDA, UNCLE WALT.

JUST ABOUT. BUT, BOY! HAVEN'T PRICES GONE UP, NINA!



I PAID ABOUT AS MUCH FOR A PAIR OF PANTS AS I USED TO FOR A SUIT, SKEEZIX!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? DID YOU JUST HEAR ABOUT IT?



I'M GLAD YOU'RE HAPPY ABOUT KEEPING JUDY. OF COURSE, LOLLYPOP IS ONE OF THE FAMILY, TOO—?

IT WASN'T IN THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT, BUT—

IT'S OKAY. BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER.



I'VE GOT A HUNCH,
NINA. WE'D
BETTER CHECK
THE GARAGE.

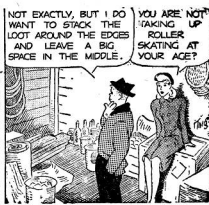
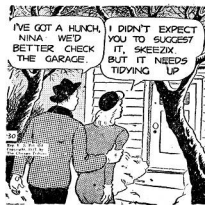
I DIDN'T EXPECT
YOU TO SUGGEST
IT, SKEEZIX.
BUT IT NEEDS
TIDYING UP

MY MOTIVES ARE
A LOT MORE
ULTERIOR THAN
THAT.

MAYBE YOU'RE PLANNING
TO PUT IN A STOVE
AND RENT IT FOR A
ONE-ROOM APARTMENT.

NOT EXACTLY, BUT I DO
WANT TO STACK THE
LOOT AROUND THE EDGES
AND LEAVE A BIG
SPACE IN THE MIDDLE.

YOU ARE NOT
TAKING UP
ROLLER
SKATING AT
YOUR AGE?





UNCLE WALT, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH YOUR CAR WHILE YOU ARE GONE?

IT WILL BE OKAY IN THE GARAGE. THERE'S PLENTY ANTIFREEZE IN THE RADIATOR.



BUT YOUR TIRES! AREN'T YOU AFRAID THEY'LL GO DOWN?

NO, THEY'LL BE SAFE.



AND YOUR BATTERY I'M AFRAID IT WILL GET DANGEROUSLY LOW!

I DON'T THINK SO. WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE IN FLORIDA ALL WINTER.



PERHAPS YOUR WORRY IS DUE TO YOUR WANTING TO KEEP THE CAR GOING YOURSELF. SKEEZIX!

YOU CATCH ON QUICK, UNCLE WALT.

SEND US A
POSTCARD,
AUNTIE
BLOSSOM.

AN' A
COCCANUT,
MOMMY!

JUDY, REMEMBER
TO MIND NINA
AND SKEEZIX.



YES, SERGEANT
BLONEY GOT
YOUR TRUNK
CHECKED
YESTERDAY.

AND WILL YOU
DROP INTO
THE HOUSE
TO SEE THAT
NOTHING HAS
FROZEN UP?

LOOK AT
MY CANNED
GOODS
IN THE
BASEMENT,
TOO, SKEEZIX.



I'M GLAD YOU THOUGHT
OF LETTING US USE
THE CAR WHILE YOU'RE
GONE, UNCLE WALT.

OF COURSE!
THAT'S WHAT
I INTENDED
ALL THE TIME.



THE FOLKS LET US
USE THE CAR. I CAN
GIVE YOU A RIDE
TO SCHOOL, JUDY.

BOY, HOWDY!
THAT'S SWELL.

POPPY DOESN'T
DRIVE TO WORK, SO
HE DOESN'T TAKE ME.

HERE'S YOUR
CORNER — ONLY
HALF A BLOCK
TO WALK, SIS.

OH, PLEASE, SKEEZY, DROP ME
RIGHT IN FRONT! IT'LL GIVE ME
A BIG BOOST WITH THE KIDS
WHO GET A RIDE EVERY DAY.



THERE'S YOUR
DRINK, CHIPPER.
NOW YOU GO
TO SLEEP!



THINGS DON'T WORK OUT.
I LOOKED FORWARD TO
GOING TO THE MOVIES
WITH NINA, AND JUDY
WATCHING CHIPPER.



I SAID, GO
TO SLEEP!



INSTEAD, NINA AND
JUDY ARE OUT SHOPPING
AND I'M BABY TENDER.




MARGE IS COMING OVER TO DO HER HOMEWORK WITH ME. IS THAT ALL RIGHT, NINA?

OF COURSE, JUDY.


THOSE PESKY KIDS ARE MAKING A TERRIFIC RACKET FOR HOMEWORK, NINA. PHONOGRAPH BLARING LIKE A STUCK PIG.

MAYBE YOU'D BETTER CHECK, SKEEZIX.

BUT SKEEZIX, WE JUST CAN'T STUDY WHEN IT'S QUIET.




SURE, MARGIE, COME ON.
I CAN PUT IT OVER.



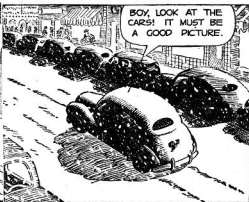
I GO OVER TO MARGIE'S TO DINNER
TOMORROW, NINA. CAN SHE STAY
TO DINNER WITH US TONIGHT?

WHY,
YES,
JUDY.



I'D THINK THOSE
KIDS WOULD AT
LEAST WASH THE
DISHES, NINA.

THEY HAVE TO
GET BUSY RIGHT
AWAY WITH THEIR
HOMEWORK—CAN'T
YOU REMEMBER?



JUDY DOESN'T
MIND STAYING
WITH CHIPPER
SO THAT WE
CAN GET AWAY.

AND SHE
LIKES DOUBLE
FEATURES—
AT 35 CENTS
AN HOUR.

I'M THE WINNER.
I GET TO ONE
MOVIE A WEEK
WITH YOU,
SKEEZIX, AND
ONE WITH JUDY.

DON'T BE
TOO SURE,
NINA. JUDY
AND I
MAY TRY
THAT, TOO.

HOW ARE WE EVER
GOING TO TELL WHICH
IS UNCLE WALT'S CAR?



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GOLLY, UNCLE WALT AND AUNTIE BLOSSOM DOWN IN FLORIDA DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE MISSING!



OR MAYBE THEY DO. THE FLORIDA PAPERS WON'T LET THEM OVERLOOK THIS COLD SNAP.

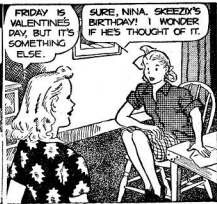
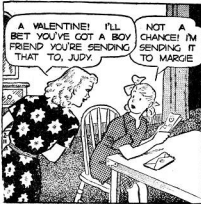


I HOPE THEY APPRECIATE WHAT THEY'RE GETTING.



HERE'S SOMETHING A LOT OF FOLKS WHO LIVE IN FLORIDA HAVE NEVER SEEN.







WRONG AGAIN, SKEEZIX. THIS VALENTINE IS NOT FOR MY BOY FRIEND. IT'S FOR MY GIRL FRIEND!

THAT'S OKAY. STAY A LITTLE GIRL AS LONG AS YOU CAN, SIS.



I'M NOT A LITTLE GIRL. I'M GOIN' TO BE TWELVE ON MY NEXT BIRTHDAY — THE 28TH.



BIRTHDAY!



I'M POSITIVE HE THOUGHT OF HIS BIRTHDAY WHEN I MENTIONED MINE, NINA.

THERE, THERE, JUDY! YOU DIDN'T TIP IT OFF. I'M SURE HE NEVER TUMBLED!



WE'LL HAVE A NICE CAKE FOR SKEEZIX ON HIS BIRTHDAY, JUDY.

DO YOU REALLY THINK HE DOESN'T SUSPECT WE'RE PLANNING A SURPRISE, NINA?



HE HASN'T SAID A WORD. I DON'T THINK HE KNOWS HE HAS A BIRTHDAY COMING.

I LOOKED ALL OVER TOWN AN I COULDN'T FIND ANY COMBINATION BIRTHDAY CARD AN' VALENTINE.



I'M KNITTING AGAINST TIME TO GET HIS SWEATER FINISHED.



LOOK AT THAT CAKE! IT FELL APART! WHAT ARE WE EVER GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

OH, BOY!
OH, BOY!

SKEEZIX, DO YOU KNOW WHAT DAY THIS IS?

SURE I DO, JUDY. FRIDAY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DARLING!

GOSH, I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF IT!

OH, BOY!

I'M SORRY, SKEEZIX. BUT YOUR CAKE FELL TO PIECES AND I HAVE TO BRING YOUR 26 CANDLES IN ON A PAN.



MR. WALLET, YOUR FOLKS
ARE HAVIN' A GOOD TIME
IN FLORIDA, AN' THEY
WISH YOU WERE THERE.

TOO BAD
THEY DIDN'T
KNOW THEY WERE
GOING TO MISS US.

YES. THEY
COULD HAVE
TAKEN
US ALONG!

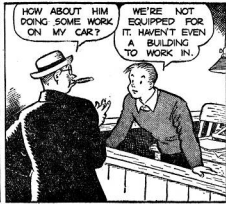
THAT'S A PICTURE
OF THEIR HOTEL—
WITH A CROSS
UNDER THEIR
WINDOW.

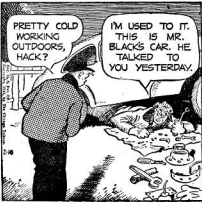
IT SAYS
HERE IT'S
THE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE,
AND THAT'S
THE JAIL!

SO THAT'S
WHERE HE
WISHES
WE WERE!

LOOK, SKEEZIX,
DOWN IN THE
CORNER— "IT'S
A JOKE, SON!"

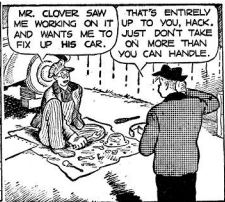






PRETTY COLD WORKING OUTDOORS, HACK?

I'M USED TO IT. THIS IS MR. BLACK'S CAR. HE TALKED TO YOU YESTERDAY.



MR. CLOVER SAW ME WORKING ON IT AND WANTS ME TO FIX UP HIS CAR.

THAT'S ENTIRELY UP TO YOU, HACK. JUST DON'T TAKE ON MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE.



THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE. I HATE TO SEE IT GET AWAY FROM US, MR. WALLET.

IF YOU CAN FIGURE ANYTHING OUT, LET ME KNOW.

MR. WALLET, EVERY SHOP IN TOWN IS TURNING AWAY WORK. I COULD KEEP BUSY DOING NOTHING BUT AUTOMOBILE REPAIR.

NOT ALL ALONE AND IN A VACANT LOT, HACK?

NO, I'D HAVE TO HAVE ONE HELPER AND A PLACE TO WORK.

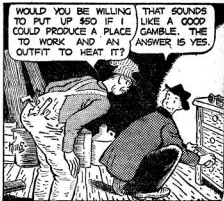
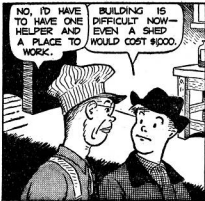
BUILDING IS DIFFICULT NOW—EVEN A SHED WOULD COST \$1,000.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PUT UP \$50 IF I COULD PRODUCE A PLACE TO WORK AND AN OUTFIT TO HEAT IT?

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD GAMBLE. THE ANSWER IS YES.

WALLET'S WAREHOUSE
ALL THE THINGS
YOU WANT TO BUY

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WILMER! LOOK! A
CIRCUS IN OUR
OWN BACK YARD!

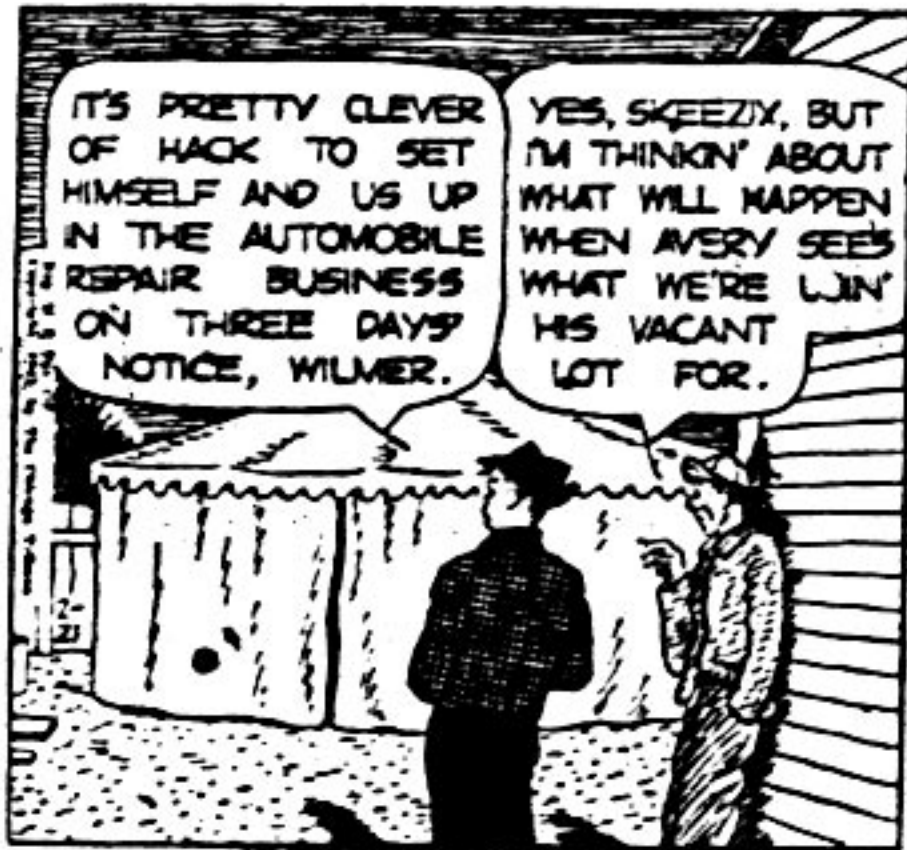
WHAT
GOES ON
HERE?

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, MR.
WALLET? I BOUGHT THE
OLD MERRY-GO-ROUND TENT
OF THE CARNIVAL THAT
FOLDED HERE LAST FALL—\$40.

VERY
GOOD,
HACK!

AND THIS STOVE USED TO
BE IN THE OLD FREIGHT
STATION, \$750. NOW WE'RE OPEN
FOR BUSINESS, MR. BOBBLE!

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SO NEITHER ONE
OF YOU KNOW
THIS ALOYSIUS
P. SPINDANGLE?

NEVER
HEARD
OF HIM.

DON'T
KNOW
HIM
FROM
ADAM.

THANKS
JUST THE
SAME, BOYS.

CAN
YOU
BEAT
IT?

HE NEVER
MENTIONED THE
TENT / OUT IN
HIS SPARE LOT,
SKEEZIX.

M. / BE HE
HASN'T
SEEN IT,
WILMER.

AVERY COULDN'T
MISS IT. HE'S
ALWAYS SNOOPIN'
AROUND.

AYERVY HAD THIS
ALOYSIUS P. SPINDANGLE
ON HIS MIND WHEN HE
WAS HERE SATURDAY,
SKEEZIX.

AND HE DIDN'T
NOTICE WED PUT
UP A REPAIR
TENT ON HIS
SPARE LOT.



WHAT DO YOU THINK
WE'D BETTER DO,
WILMER — TRY TO
GET AN OPTION TO
BUY THAT LOT?

LET'S LET IT RIDE.
HE MAY MAKE A
HOWL FOR MORE RENT,
AND HE MAY NOT.



I WONDER WHO
THIS SPINDANGLE
BIRD IS, ANYWAY.

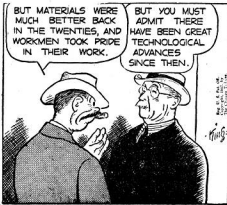
PROBABLY SOME
GUY AYERY
EXPECTS TO TAKE
FOR A RIDE.





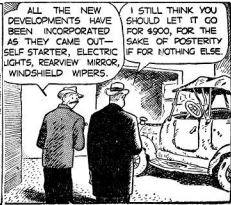
NO, MR. SPINDANGLE.
\$900 IS NOT ENOUGH.
PRICES ARE UP NOW.

NOT THAT
MUCH, MR.
AVERY.



BUT MATERIALS WERE
MUCH BETTER BACK
IN THE TWENTIES, AND
WORKMEN TOOK PRIDE
IN THEIR WORK.

BUT YOU MUST
ADMIT THERE
HAVE BEEN GREAT
TECHNOLOGICAL
ADVANCES
SINCE THEN.

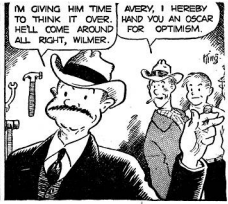


ALL THE NEW
DEVELOPMENTS HAVE
BEEN INCORPORATED
AS THEY CAME OUT—
SELF STARTER, ELECTRIC
LIGHTS, REARVIEW MIRROR,
WINDSHIELD WIPERS.

I STILL THINK YOU
SHOULD LET IT GO
FOR \$900, FOR THE
SAKE OF POSTERITY
IF FOR NOTHING ELSE.

Buy U.S. Post. Stamps
Everyday. Buy in
The Change Store

Walt



NO, MARCE,
JUDY ISN'T
HERE.

THAT'S WHAT I
THOUGHT, MRS. WALLET.
I WANT TO ASK
YOU SOMETHING.

TOMORROW IS HER
BIRTHDAY. DO YOU
CARE IF WE HAVE
A SURPRISE PARTY
FOR HER?

NOT AT ALL.
I THINK THAT
WOULD BE FINE!

I'VE BEEN
WONDERING
WHAT WE'D
DO FOR HER.

I'LL SCRAPE UP ABOUT
SIX GIRLS AND WE'LL
BRING EVERYTHING.
THANKS A LOT!



NO WORD FROM THE FOLKS.
THEY MUST LIKE FLORIDA.
THEY'RE STAYING LONGER
THAN THEY PLANNED.



HERE'S A BIRTHDAY
CARD FOR YOU, JUDY.
I HAVE A HUNCH THE
SURPRISE PARTY LAST
NIGHT WASN'T A SURPRISE.



I COULDN'T HELP
KNOWIN'; NINA. THE
KIDS IN THE GANG
HAD A GUILTY
LOOK ALL DAY.



THE HARD PART WAS
MAKIN' 'EM THINK I
DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT.



WELL, YOU PUT ON
A GOOD ACT
AND EVERYBODY
WAS HAPPY.



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WE HAD A FINE TIME AND A GRAND REST IN FLORIDA, NINA.

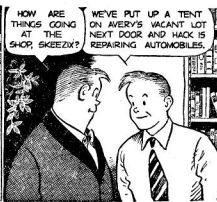
BUT NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO YOU GET A THRILL WHEN YOU GET BACK HOME!

HOW ARE THINGS GOING AT THE SHOP, SKEEZIX?

WE'VE PUT UP A TENT ON AVERY'S VACANT LOT NEXT DOOR AND HACK IS REPAIRING AUTOMOBILES.

BRANCHING OUT A BIT.

YES, AND IT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD. WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE HOW WE CAN MAKE IT PERMANENT.



WE'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT BUYING THAT LOT OF AVERY'S NEXT DOOR TO OUR SHOP, UNCLE WALT.

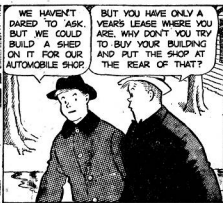
WHAT DOES HE ASK FOR IT?

WE HAVEN'T DARED TO ASK, BUT WE COULD BUILD A SHED ON IT FOR OUR AUTOMOBILE SHOP.

BUT YOU HAVE ONLY A YEAR'S LEASE WHERE YOU ARE, WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO BUY YOUR BUILDING AND PUT THE SHOP AT THE REAR OF THAT?

WE'D CONSIDERED IT, BUT IT WOULD TAKE A LOT OF MONEY.

YOU HAVE A LITTLE, AND WALLET & BOBBLE IS A GROWING CONCERN, YOU MIGHT FIND THAT YOU COULD SWING IT.



HAVE YOU COME TO PAY ME \$1000 AND DRIVE AWAY IN MY CAR, MR. SPINDANGLE?

NO. \$900 IS MY PRICE. THAT'S AS FAR AS I'LL GO.

YOU HAVEN'T EVEN RIDDEN IN IT. IT PURRS LIKE A TOP!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT, AND PRESERVE ME FROM RIDING IN IT! I WANT IT AS A RELIC FOR THE OCTANE AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM.

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT'S AN INSULT OR A COMPLIMENT. WOULD YOU MAKE IT \$950?

\$900 IS TOPS. LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU DECIDE.

I CAN DO BETTER. I'LL FOOL THAT BIRD, SPINDANGLE!



HERE'S A FIND FOR YOU! HOW MUCH AM I OFFERED?

I DON'T RECOGNIZE THE MODEL. WHAT YEAR IS IT?



LATE 1919.

THE BOOK DOESN'T LIST ANYTHING BEFORE 1927. BEST PRICE FOR THAT YEAR IS \$42.



I COULDN'T SAY WHAT IT'S WORTH, BUT I PAY \$35 FOR ANYTHING THAT COMES IN UNDER ITS OWN POWER.



MR. SPINDANGLE? SEEING
IT'S FOR THE GOOD OF THE
PUBLIC, I'LL ACCEPT YOUR OFFER
OF \$900 FOR MY CAR.

THE OCTANE AUTOMOTIVE
MUSEUM CAN BE SURE
IT IS GETTING A
FINE EXAMPLE OF A
PRE-PROHIBITION MOTOR
CAR AT A BARGAIN.

NEXT WEEK
WEDNESDAY?
IT WILL BE
WAITING
FOR YOU.

SORRY, LIZ! IT HAD
TO COME SOMETIME.



AYERY,
YOU
DIDN'T!

YES, EMILY, I'VE
SOLD OLD LIZ.

THERE, THERE! DON'T
TAKE IT SO HARD. WE'LL
GET ANOTHER ONE.

YES, BUT IT
WILL NEVER
BE THE SAME!

SHE'S JUST LIKE ONE
OF THE FAMILY. SHE'S
BEEN WITH US ALMOST
SINCE WE WERE MARRIED.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS
UNDER THE SEAT TO
TAKE OUT. HERE'S AN OLD
WINDSHIELD WIPER AND
A WRENCH FOR SOMETHING-
I FORGET WHAT.

I FEEL SAD.
IT'S THE LAST
RIDE IN OUR
OLD CAR.

YES, EMILY, IT GOES TO
SPINDANGLE AND HIS
OCTANE AUTOMOTIVE
MUSEUM THIS WEEK.



WHAT'S THE
MATTER,
AVERY ?

STEERING GEAR OR
SOMETHING HAS GONE
HAYWIRE! HANG TIGHT!



THERE WAS NO CONTROLLING HER, EMILY. STEERING ROD MUST HAVE DROPPED OFF.

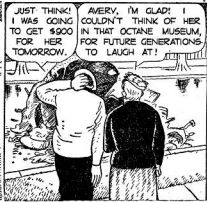
SHE WAS TIRED. SHE FELL TO PIECES LIKE THE ONE-HOSS SHAY.

JUST THINK! I WAS GOING TO GET \$900 FOR HER TOMORROW.

EVERY, I'M GLAD! I COULDN'T THINK OF HER IN THAT OCTANE MUSEUM, FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO LAUGH AT!

SHE WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE FAMOUS.

IT'S OVER NOW. THERE LIES \$900, DISINTEGRATED LIKE AN ATOM BOMB TARGET!



YES, SIR. MY CAR
COLLAPSED JUST
TWO DAYS BEFORE
I WAS GOING TO
GET \$900 FOR IT!

SO YOU HAD
TO TELL
SPINDANGLE
THE DEAL
WAS OFF.



I WAS ON EASY
STREET WITH THAT
DOUGH COMING IN.
NOW I'M POOR AS
A CHURCH MOUSE.

YOU CAN'T FOOL
US, AVERY. YOU'VE
GOT PROPERTY
SCATTERED ALL
OVER THIS TOWN.




A LITTLE
PROPERTY, YES.
BUT THAT
DOESN'T MEAN
ANYTHING WHEN
YOU NEED
READY CASH.

WE SYMPATHIZE,
DON'T WE,
SKEEZIX? DON'T
YOU THINK WE
COULD HELP THIS
POOR MAN OUT?


IT'S AN IDEA,
WILMER. IT
WOULD BE
OUR GOOD
DEED FOR
THE DAY






IF YOU'RE HARD UP FOR CASH, AVERY, HOW MUCH WILL YOU TAKE FOR THIS BUILDING WE RENT FROM YOU?

\$5000.



WE WON'T PAY THAT MUCH, BUT WE'LL GIVE YOU \$450 CASH FOR A 6-MONTH OPTION TO BUY IT FOR \$4500.

THAT'S HIGHWAY ROBBERY! THIS IS A FINE PROPERTY AND I COULD SELL IT RIGHT NOW FOR—



WE'VE HEARD ALL THAT, BUT IF WE DON'T TAKE UP THE OPTION THE \$450 IS YOURS FOR FREE. (WE'RE TELLING YOU!)

IT'S OUT OF ALL REASON AND THE WORST DEAL I EVER HAD OFFERED ME! I'LL TAKE IT.

THERE, FOR \$450
I'VE SIGNED A SIX-
MONTH OPTION ON
THIS PROPERTY
FOR \$4500.

DO YOU MIND
IF I KEEP
THE PEN FOR
A SOUVENIR,
AVERY?

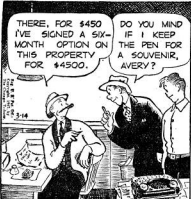
IT SEEMS TO ME YOU
FELLOWS PRODUCED THE
PAPERS ALL MADE OUT ON
PRETTY SHORT NOTICE.

THERE'S NO USE
LETTING IT DRAG.
"TIME IS OF THE
ESSENCE," WHATEVER,
THAT MEANS.

\$220, 240, 260—JUST
TO SHOW YOU I
TRUST YOU, I DIDN'T
COUNT THE ROLL OF
BILLS UNTIL AFTER
I'D SIGNED.

AND TO PROVE
WE'RE ON THE
SQUARE, WE
HANDLED YOU THE
WHOLE \$450.

THE NEW YORK
TIMES
MAY 14, 1934







EVERYTHING'S SWELL, WILMER, NOW THAT WE'VE GOT AN OPTION TO BUY THE BUILDING!

YES, BUT WE'VE GOT TO DIG UP \$4050 IN SIX MONTHS! IF WE DON'T, WE'RE SUNK!



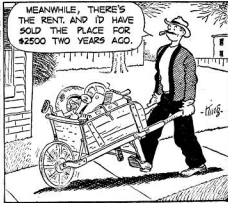
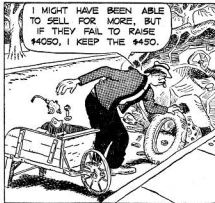
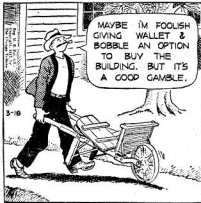
MAYBE YOUR UNCLE WALT COULD HELP YOU OUT AT THE BANK. HE'S GOT A DRAG THERE.

WE'RE GOING TO TRY DOING THIS ON OUR OWN. OUR ACCOUNT HAS NEVER BEEN LARGE AT THE FIRST NATIONAL, BUT—



FAT CHANCE THERE FOR A LITTLE OUTFIT LIKE OURS. BUT THEY CAN'T DO ANY WORSE THAN BRUSH US OFF.

WE'RE A YOUNG FIRM AND ARE GOING PLACES. I'LL GO RIGHT TO MR. ENRAY THE PRESIDENT. MY JOB IS TO SELL HIM ON WALLET & BOBBLE.





WE COULDN'T
HAVE A BETTER
SPOT FOR OUR
AUTOMOBILE
REPAIR SHOP,
WILMER.

ON THE SIDE
STREET AND
THE ALLEY,
TOO, SKEEZIX.
THAT'S HANDY.



WE COULD
HAVE A
FILLING
STATION
ON THE
CORNER.

WE MIGHT
WANT AVERY'S
EXTRA LOT
SOMETIME.
WHO KNOWS?

MR. ENRAY, I AM
WALLET OF WALLET
& BOBBLE. "WE
TACKLE ANYTHING"—
EVEN THE FIRST
NATIONAL.

I KNOW YOUR
LITTLE COMPANY
AND YOUR
SLOGAN, MR.
WALLET. WHAT'S
ON YOUR MIND?

WE ARE GROWING
STEADILY AND HAVE
INCREASED OUR
BUSINESS 500
PERCENT IN THE
LAST YEAR. WE NOW
WANT TO EXPAND.

WE HAVE AN OPTION
TO BUY THE BUILDING
WE ARE IN. WE WANT
TO TAKE THAT UP
AND BUILD A SHOP FOR
AUTOMOBILE REPAIR.
IT WILL TAKE \$7000.

TRAVELING FAST,
AREN'T YOU? THAT'S
A LOT OF MONEY
FOR A NEW CONCERN.
I'D LIKE TO SEE
A STATEMENT.

I HAVE IT RIGHT
HERE, MR. ENRAY.
BUT I CAN TELL
YOU, THERE IS
A LOT MORE TO
OUR BUSINESS
THAN SHOWS IN
BLACK AND WHITE.



YOUR STATEMENT LOOKS GOOD FOR A YOUNG CONCERN, WALLET. WHAT ARE YOUR BUILDING PLANS FOR THE SHOP?

I HAVE THEM ROUGHED OUT RIGHT HERE, MR. ENRAY.



\$7000 IS A LOT OF MONEY, BUT THE FIRST NATIONAL BELIEVES IN HELPING GIs GET ALONG IN BUSINESS.



WE CAN LET YOU HAVE THE LOAN. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET YOUR UNCLE WALT WALLET TO SIGN THE NOTES WITH YOU.

BUT, MR. ENRAY-



GOSH, THAT ISN'T THE WAY I WANTED IT AT ALL!



I'M BACK AGAIN, MR. ENRAY.
UNCLE WALT HAS OFTEN TOLD ME
NOT TO GO ON ANYBODY'S NOTE
UNLESS I'M PREPARED TO PAY IT
IF THE FIRST PARTY DEFAULTS.

GOOD
ADVICE,
SON.

THAT'S WHY I WOULDN'T
ASK HIM TO GO ON
MINE. ISN'T THERE
SOME OTHER WAY?

WITH PART OF THAT
\$7000 WE'D TAKE UP
THE OPTION. THEN THE
LOT AND BUILDING
WOULD BE OURS.

THE REST WOULD BE PUT
INTO THE NEW SHOP. A
MORTGAGE ON ALL THAT,
AND OUR PROSPECTS,
WOULDN'T BE TOO BAD AN
INVESTMENT, WOULD IT?

NO, WALLET,
IT WOULDN'T.
WE WILL
MAKE THE
LOAN.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW, HACK! THE BOSS PUT ME IN CHARGE OF THE MOVIN' AN' HEAVY HAULIN' DEPARTMENT.

I GOT A PROMOTION, TOO, SARGE.



I'M DIRECTOR OF THE AUTOMOTIVE DIVISION.

AND YOU, BIX? ARE YOU A SPECIALIST OR JUST A HOI POLLOI?

ME?



I'M IN CHARGE OF RADIOS, LOCKS AND KEYS, MOTORS AND MECHANICAL REPAIRS.

SAY, I HEARD THE BOSS CONGRATULATING YOU. YOU DIDN'T GET A RAISE BESIDES?



BUT I HAVEN'T FOUND
OUT WHY THE BOSS
AN' THE REST OF US
CONGRATULATED YOU?

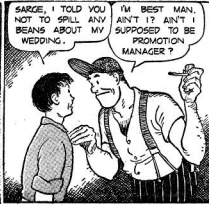
I THOUGHT
YOU KNEW,
SARGE

DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
YOU SIGNED UP AS BEST
MAN AT A WEDDING.

NO!
WHOSE?

MINE, OF
COURSE.

THEN I TAKE BACK MY
CONGRATULATIONS. NONE
OF THAT FOR ME
I'D NEVER PUT ALL MY
DATES IN ONE BASKET!



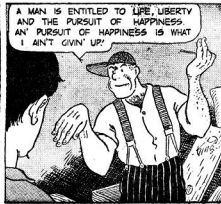
ABOUT THEM
CONGRATULATIONS. SIX—
I WAS ONLY OFFERIN'
CONDOLENCES AT THE
DEMISE OF A BACHELOR.

THAT'S OKAY,
SARGE BUT
HERE'S
ANOTHER
SECRET

BECAUSE I'M GETTING
MARRIED I MAY GET
A RAISE IF YOU'D GET
MARRIED, MAYBE
YOU'D GET ONE.

YEAH? IF I'D
SHOOT MYSELF
MAYBE I'D
GET FLOWERS.

A MAN IS ENTITLED TO LIFE, LIBERTY
AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.
AN' PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS IS WHAT
I AIN'T GIVIN' UP!





SARGE, THE BOSS
GAVE US ALL NEW
TITLES. LOOKS LIKE
IT'S IN PLACE
OF A RAISE.

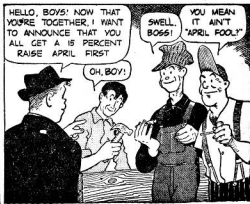


AND WHAT'S THIS
ABOUT BIX
GETTING A RAISE
BECAUSE HE'S
GETTING MARRIED?

I'VE
HEARD
THE
RUMOR,
HACK.



YEAH. LET'S PICKET
THE PLACE WITH
SIGNS, "UNFAIR
TO BACHELORS."



HELLO, BOYS! NOW THAT
YOU'RE TOGETHER, I WANT
TO ANNOUNCE THAT YOU
ALL GET A 15 PERCENT
RAISE APRIL FIRST

OH, BOY!

SWELL,
BOSS!

YOU MEAN
IT AIN'T
"APRIL FOOL?"

IT'S NEARLY
CHIPPER'S SECOND
BIRTHDAY. SKEEZY!

THAT'S RIGHT!
I'LL NEVER
FORGET IT—
APRIL FIRST!

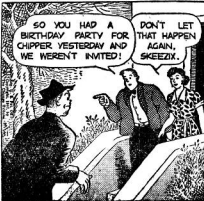
THAT'S TUESDAY. LET'S
CELEBRATE TOMORROW
SO THAT YOU CAN
BE AT HOME.

SUITS ME. IT'S A
UNIQUE OCCASION—
THE ONE AND ONLY
SECOND BIRTHDAY!

THERE WILL HAVE
TO BE A CAKE
AND CANDLES

NOT SO LOUD! AND
I'LL HAVE TO SHOP.
WHAT IS THERE
THAT HE DOESN'T
HAVE ALREADY?

GIVE
+



SO YOU HAD A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR CHIPPER YESTERDAY AND WE WEREN'T INVITED!


DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN AGAIN, SKEEZIX.



HIS BIRTHDAY DOESN'T REALLY ARRIVE UNTIL TOMORROW.

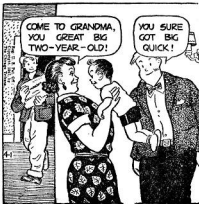
THAT'S GOOD. WE'LL BE AROUND, SON.

WE CAN'T OVERLOOK AN OCCASION LIKE THAT!



CELEBRATION YESTERDAY, CHIPPER, AND BIRTHDAY TOMORROW. YOU'RE SORT OF A LAME DUCK TWO-YEAR OLD!

BRING ME?



WHERE IS THIS
WEDDIN' OF
YOURS GOIN'
TO BE, BIX?

I DON'T KNOW.
JANICE WANTS IT IN
CHURCH, BUT THE
SMALLER AND QUIETER
THE BETTER, SAYS I.



WHAT ARE YOU, A MAN
OR A MOUSE? TELL HER
YOU WANT A JUSTICE
OF THE PEACE, AND
GET IT OVER WITH.

I WOULDN'T CARE
FOR THAT, EITHER,
SARGE. BUT WOMEN
ALWAYS WANT SUCH
A BIG WEDDING!

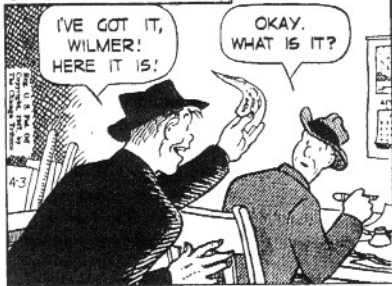


AS BEST MAN, I'M YOUR
BUSINESS AGENT. LEAVE IT
TO ME AN' I'LL SEE THAT
IT'S ALL DONE PROPER.



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GASOLINE ALLEY



I'VE GOT IT,
WILMER!
HERE IT IS!

OKAY.
WHAT IS IT?



OUR \$7,000 LOAN! NOW WE
CAN PAY UP FOR THIS
LOT AND GET GOING
ON OUR NEW BUILDING.

PUT 'ER THERE,
PARTNER! YOU DID
A SWELL JOB.



NOW LET'S GO OVER
AND MAKE AVERY'S
EYES STICK OUT!



TELL ME, JANICE,
DID YOU EVER
NECK WITH ANY
OTHER FELLOWS?

YOU TELL ME
FIRST, BO. HAVE
YOU, WITH ANY
OTHER GIRLS?

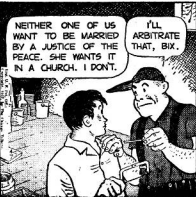
I'VE KISSED
ANOTHER GIRL.

I'VE KISSED
ANOTHER BOY. LET'S
CALL IT EVEN.

I'D NEVER HAVE
BELIEVED THAT
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN TO ME.


I ALWAYS
KNEW IT WOULD
HAPPEN TO ME—
AND IT HAS!

—Ming

A man in a white shirt is talking to a man in a dark shirt and a cap. The man in the cap is holding a small object, possibly a cigarette or a pen, and looking at the man in the white shirt. The background shows a cluttered room with various items on shelves.


NEITHER ONE OF US
WANT TO BE MARRIED
BY A JUSTICE OF THE
PEACE. SHE WANTS IT
IN A CHURCH. I DON'T.

I'LL
ARBITRATE
THAT, BIX.

A man in a dark shirt and a cap is talking to a man in a white shirt. The man in the cap is looking at the man in the white shirt with a slight smile. The background shows a cluttered room with various items on shelves.

YOU SAY NO CHURCH.
ALL RIGHT. JANICE
CAN HAVE HER CHOICE
OF PREACHERS. OKAY?

YES, BUT IN THAT
CASE WHERE CAN WE
HAVE THE WEDDING?

A man in a dark shirt and a cap is talking to a man in a white shirt. The man in the cap is looking at the man in the white shirt with a slight smile. The background shows a cluttered room with various items on shelves.

THAT'S WHERE I COME IN.
THE DUTY OF THE BEST MAN
IS TO RELIEVE THE GROOM OF
PETTY DETAILS. I'VE GOT
ALL THAT PLANNED!

IT'S MIGHTY NICE OF YOU TO RELENT AND AGREE TO BE MARRIED SOMEWHERE BESIDES IN CHURCH, JANICE.

IF YOU REALLY FEEL YOU'D BE SCARED, SIX, YOU CAN HAVE IT YOUR WAY.

FOR THAT, YOU CAN GET ANY MINISTER YOU WANT.

I'D LIKE REV. TRUBY. MAYBE WE COULD HAVE IT IN THE PARSONAGE.

SARGE HAS HIS HEART SET ON A PLAN OF HIS OWN. HE WANTS TO GIVE US A BIG SURPRISE.

SARGE! I'LL BET IT'S IN DIVING SUITS OR ON A FLAGPOLE!



REV. TRUBY, I'VE GOT A TIE-UP JOB FOR YOU.

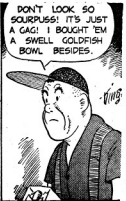
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, MR. BLONEY.

A COUPLE FRIENDS OF MINE, BIX AN' JANICE, WANT TO GET MARRIED, AN' THEY'VE PICKED YOU FOR THE JOB.

I KNOW JANICE AND BIX, AND I'D BE GLAD TO OFFICIATE. WHEN IS IT TO BE?

AFTERNOON OF THE 13TH. I'LL HAVE TO LET YOU KNOW THE PLACE LATER.

MY GOOD WISHES TO THEM. TELL THEM I'LL BE THERE.



BUT BIX WILL BE SUSPICIOUS RIGHT AWAY, SARGE.

NOT IF YOU GIVE THE ORDER, BOSS.

LOOK AT THIS PLACE, FELLOWS! PITCH IN AND DO A BANG-UP CLEAN-UP JOB.

OKAY, BOSS, IF YOU SAY SO.

THE BOSS GETS THESE TIDYIN' UP STREAKS EVERY NOW AN' THEN.

WHAT'S HE GOIN' TO START — A LINGERIE SHOP?





MR. AND MRS.
BIX BIXTON, OUR
CONGRATULATIONS!

AND WISHES
FOR GREAT
HAPPINESS!



THANK YOU FOR
DECORATING THE SHOP
AND SURPRISING US
BY HAVING THE
WEDDING HERE!

IT WASN'T
ANYTHING,
JANICE — I
MEAN MRS.
BIXTON!



WELL, SARGE,
HULDA CAUGHT
THE BRIDAL
BOUQUET!

YEAH, SHE'S THE
NEXT ONE TO
GET MARRIED—
SHE THINKS!

SHE HAD TO
STRAIGHT-ARM
JUDY TO GET IT.

NO WONDER! JUDY'S
GOT 10 YEARS TO GO,
AN' HULDA WASN'T
TAKIN' ANY CHANCES.

IT ALL WENT OFF
SWELL— NOBODY
BUSTIN' IN AT THE
LAST MINUTE WITH
AN OBJECTION.

AIN'T IT FUNNY HOW
THE GALS GET MARRYIN'
FEVER AT A WEDDIN'?
NO MAN EVER CAUGHT
IT THERE, HACK!

I'M BLOKE FROM BUILDING INSPECTION. YOU HAVE AN APPLICATION IN FOR A BUILDING PERMIT?

YES, WE HAVE.

YOU KNOW THIS PIECE IS ZONED FOR BUSINESS—NOT WORKSHOPS AND GARAGES.

WHY, THERE'S A SHOP A BLOCK AWAY AND A GARAGE ACROSS THE STREET!

THEY WERE BUILT YEARS AGO. I MIGHT HAVE TO STOP YOU ON THIS CONSTRUCTION.

YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT! WE'RE ALL SET TO START NEXT WEEK. I'M SURE IT'S ALL RIGHT, MR. BLOKE.



BLOKE, A BUILDING INSPECTOR, SAYS THIS LOT ISN'T ZONED FOR SHOPS AND GARAGES, WILMER.

UNCLE PERT KNOWS THAT CHISELER. HE'S AROUND LOOKIN' FOR GRAVY. DON'T HAND HIM A THING!



BUT HE SAID HE MIGHT HAVE TO STOP OUR CONSTRUCTION. HE WAS NICE ABOUT IT, THOUGH.

NICE, HECK! HE'S TRYIN' TO SHAKE US DOWN— PUT ON THE SQUEEZE.



WE CAN'T AFFORD TO STOP NOW. WE'VE GOT TO CONVINCE HIM—

I'LL TAKE OVER. YOU BE SHEET TO THE CUSTOMERS, SKEEZIX. I'LL HANDLE THE TOUGH BABIES



AS I WAS TELLING
YOUR PARTNER, I'LL
HAVE TO HOLD UP
CONSTRUCTION ON
YOUR BUILDING,
MR. BOBBLE.

LISTEN, BLOKE,
THAT ISN'T FROM
HEADQUARTERS. I
HAPPEN TO KNOW
IT'S YOUR OWN
LITTLE DEAL. WE'RE
NOT INTERESTED.

EVERY DELAY
COSTS MONEY,
YOU KNOW.
IT MIGHT
BE MONTHS!

I'M ACQUAINTED WITH
THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN
THIS TOWN. I'D ADVISE
YOU TO LAY OFF. WE'RE
GOING RIGHT AHEAD.

DID YOU
CONVINCE
HIM,
WILMER?

I DIDN'T TRY. THE ORDINANCE
SAYS LOTS FRONTING ON THE
SIDE STREET, THIRD, ARE ZONED
AGAINST SHOPS AND GARAGES.
BUT OURS FACES ON MAIN ST.
HE CAN JUMP IN THE LAKE!

WELL, BIX, HAVE YOU FOUND A PLACE TO LIVE?

JANICE AND I HAVE ONE ROOM AND BATH. WE'RE STILL LOOKING, MR. WALLET.

RATHER CLOSE QUARTERS, ISN'T IT?

YES, BUT THE LANDLADY LETS US GET BREAKFAST OVER A GAS BURNER.

I SUPPOSE IT'S PRETTY SWELL, AT THAT.

OH, BOY! IT'S THE FIRST REAL HOME I'VE HAD IN YEARS. I SURE FEEL SORRY FOR BACHELORS!

I'VE WONDERED ABOUT THOSE BOARDS YOU FELLOWS PUT AT THE CORNERS.

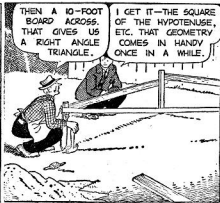
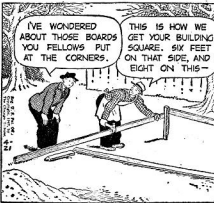
THIS IS HOW WE GET YOUR BUILDING SQUARE. SIX FEET ON THAT SIDE, AND EIGHT ON THIS—

THEN A 10-FOOT BOARD ACROSS. THAT GIVES US A RIGHT ANGLE TRIANGLE.

I GET IT—THE SQUARE OF THE HYPOTENUSE, ETC. THAT GEOMETRY COMES IN HANDY ONCE IN A WHILE.

WE'LL EXCAVATE FOR THE FOOTINGS AND BE READY TO POUR CONCRETE TOMORROW.

GOSH, IT'S A THRILL TO SEE IT REALLY STARTED!

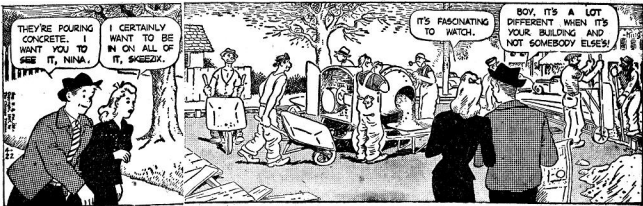


THEY'RE POURING
CONCRETE. I
WANT YOU TO
SEE IT, NINA.

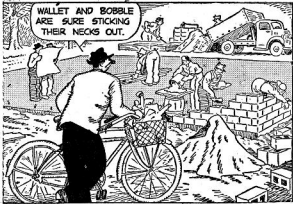
I CERTAINLY
WANT TO BE
IN ON ALL OF
IT, SKEEZIX.

IT'S FASCINATING
TO WATCH.

BOY, IT'S A LOT
DIFFERENT WHEN IT'S
YOUR BUILDING AND
NOT SOMEBODY ELSE'S!







BOB, WE'VE BEEN WORKIN' A YEAR, AN' THEN THIS HACK COMES IN COLD AN' THEY BUILD HIM A BRAN' NEW GARAGE!

FIXING CARS IS HIS LINE.

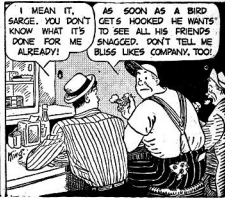
HERE WE ARE IN THE SAME OL' JOINT, AN' IT'S GETTIN' WORSE ALL THE TIME!


WE'RE GETTING ON OKAY. WE GOT A RAISE, DIDN'T WE?

IF THERE'S ANYBODY I HATE IT'S AN OPTIMIST! WHY DIDN'T THEY GIVE HIM THE OLD SHACK AN' BUILD US A NEW ONE?

FORGET IT, SARGE. YOU'RE JEALOUS OF HACK. IT WILL COME OUT ALL RIGHT.


IF IT DOES I'LL BE DISAPPOINTED.






ARE YOU SURE THERE'S ROOM FOR THE SINK BETWEEN THAT WINDOW AND THE CORNER?

PLENTY. THERE'S A QUARTER-INCH TO SPARE.



QUITE A BUILDING, BUT THEY AIN'T PUTTIN' IT UP RIGHT.

NO? WHY NOT?




THEY PUT IN THE FLOOR FIRST, AND NOW THE WALLS. THEY OUGHT TO PUT IN THE FLOOR LAST. MIGHT RAIN.

I'M JUST THE OWNER. I'LL LET THE BUILDER WORRY ABOUT THAT.




WHERE DO THESE GO, MR. BOBBLE?

STACK THEM INSIDE THAT CORNER.



IF YOU'D HAD 'EM UNLOADED AT MORE PLACES YOU WOULDN'T HAVE SO LONG A HAUL.

THINK SO?



AN' THAT FELLOW LAYIN' BLOCKS OVER THERE. HE'S GOIN' TO BE YOUR BOTTLENECK.



WHO IS THAT BIRD OVER THERE TELLIN' US HOW TO RUN OUR BUSINESS?

JUST A CHARACTER. THERE'S AT LEAST ONE ON EVERY JOB.

THERE'S HACK OVER THERE HAVIN' HIS SAY ABOUT HOW TO DO IT, BX.

WHY NOT? HE'S THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO WORK THERE.

I'VE DONE MORE BUILDIN' IN A MONTH THAN HE HAS IN HIS LIFETIME!

YOU'RE BRAGGING, SARGE.

WHAT'S MORE, I COULD LAY OUT THE WHOLE PLACE MORE EFFICIENT. BUT IT'S THEIR FUNERAL.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THEIR FUNERAL?

THAT THEY DIDN'T ASK ME. IT'S NO SKIN OFF MY NOSE!

IT LOOKS TO ME, SARGE, THAT IT'S A LOT OF SKIN OFF YOUR NOSE.

THEY COULD DO
THAT JOB QUICKER
IF THEY'D ASK ME.



RIGHT
YOU ARE,
BROTHER.



THEIR SYSTEM
IS ALL WRONG.



THAT'S
WHAT
I'VE BEEN
TELLIN'
'EM.



YOU HAVE!
WHO ARE
YOU?



I'M JUST
A KBITZER,
BUT—



LISTEN, MAC, DON'T STAND
AROUND TELLIN' US HOW
TO RUN OUR BUSINESS.
WE'RE DOIN' ALL RIGHT!



HE DIDN'T NEED TO
GET SORE. THEIRS
AIN'T THE ONLY
PLACE. I CAN GO
SOMEWHERE ELSE!



SIX, SOMETHING IS EATING SARGE. WHAT'S ON HIS MIND?

I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW, MR. WALLET. HE THINKS HACK IS GETTING ALL THE BEST OF IT, WITH THE NEW SHOP AND EVERYTHING.



I HAD AN IDEA IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



WE'VE GOT A TEMPERAMENTAL ARTIST DOWN AT THE SHOP, NINA—SARGE.

I CAN'T IMAGINE IT, SKEEZIX!



HACK HAS GOT IN HIS HAIR. I'VE GOT TO DOPE OUT A WAY TO PATCH THINGS UP.

WITH THIS NEW GARAGE, HE MAY THINK THAT HACK WILL RANK SECOND LIEUTENANT.



OKAY, CHIPPER, WANT TO KNOW HOW WE USE WHEELBARROWS DOWN AT THE NEW BUILDING?

SHOW ME, POPPY!



THAT'S IT— YOU'RE THE WHEELBARROW.



AND HERE IS HOW WE DUMP THEM!



DO IT AGAIN, POPPY.



THERE'S HACK GIVIN' ORDERS AGAIN. HE THINKS IT'S HIS SHOP.

HE'S JUST MAKING SOME SUGGESTIONS, SARGE.

BUT WE'VE GOT THINGS TO BE DONE HERE, BIX. WHEN WE NEED HELP HE'S OUT THERE BOSSIN'!

OH, WELL, IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

YOU KNOW, BIX, I'M BEGINNIN' TO THINK THIS PLACE AIN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR 'HIM AN' ME, TOO.

IN THREE WEEKS MORE IT WILL BE TWICE AS BIG. ANYWAY, I THINK YOU'RE NUTS!

JANICE, ISN'T IT WONDERFUL TO HAVE A PLACE ALL OUR OWN! I NEVER KNEW LIFE COULD BE SO PERFECT.

IT IS EXACTLY WHAT I'VE DREAMED ABOUT, ANGEL, BUT I DIDN'T BELIEVE.

I ONLY WISH THINGS WERE AS GOOD AT THE SHOP. SARGE IS ORNERY AGAIN.

JEALOUSY, I SUPPOSE. IT CAN MAKE PLENTY TROUBLE.

I'VE TALKED TO HIM LIKE A FATHER, BUT HE'S STUBBORN AS A MULE. I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP YET.

IT'S TOO BAD IT HAS TO COME NOW WHILE YOU ARE BUILDING. DON'T GET MIXED UP IN IT, BIX.



THE NEW SHOP IS COMING ALONG FAST. BIX, IT WILL BE A BIG BOOST FOR WALLET & BOBBLE.

IT SURE WILL, HACK. I KNOW YOU CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW THEM WHAT YOU CAN DO.

IF EVERYBODY GIVES THE BEST HE'S GOT, THE FIRM CAN'T HELP BEING A SUCCESS.

I'M WITH YOU ON THAT.

SO YOU HAD LUNCH WITH THE PROFESSOR. I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON MY SIDE, BIX. I GUESS EVERYBODY IS AGAINST ME!

NOBODY'S AGAINST YOU BUT YOURSELF. SNAP OUT OF IT, SARGE!





LISTEN, BIX. I'LL BET I COULD GET BACKIN' TO START ANOTHER SHOP ACROSS THE STREET.

I NEVER HEARD SUCH A CRAZY IDEA, SARGE!



IT AIN'T SO CRAZY. WOULD YOU COME WITH ME IF I DID?

WHAT, AND DITCH MR. WALLET? THE ONE WHO GAVE ME A CHANCE WHEN I WAS DOWN AND OUT!



HE CHEERED ME UP, PUT ME ON MY FEET—EVEN IF THEY ARE ARTIFICIAL—AND EVEN MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET MARRIED!



NEVER! HE TOOK YOU OVER, TOO, AND MADE A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE WORLD. I'M ASHAMED THAT YOU EVER THOUGHT OF SUCH A THING!

LISTEN, PAL, FORGET WHAT I SAID ABOUT STARTIN' UP AN OPPOSITION SHOP. I WAS KIDDIN'!

OH, YEAH?

YOU, OF COURSE, WOULDN'T MENTION IT TO WALLET. (WOULD YOU, BIX?)

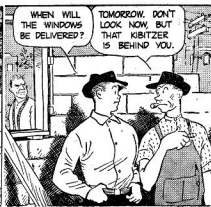
NO, I WOULDN'T, SARGE. I'M GLAD YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND.

I WAS JUST RUNNIN' OFF AT THE MOUTH. IT WAS ALL A GAG.

I'D NEVER DO A THING LIKE THAT.

NO? BUT YOU THOUGHT OF IT, DIDN'T YOU?

King



SARGE, I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT WAS ALL A GAG, YOUR STARTING UP ANOTHER RIVAL SHOP.

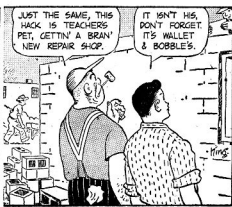
YEP, IT WAS A GAG, BIX. I'VE DECIDED NOT TO.

JUST THE SAME, THIS HACK IS TEACHER'S PET, GETTIN' A BRAN' NEW REPAIR SHOP.

IT ISN'T HIS, DON'T FORGET. IT'S WALLET & BOBBLE'S.

JUST THE SAME, HE'S THE ONE THAT'S —

SARGE, I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU!



WHEN I MADE YOU HEAD OF THE MOVING AND TRUCKING DEPARTMENT, SARGE, I MEANT IT. I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN.

OKAY, BOSS.

THERE'S YOUR NEW EQUIPMENT. THE OLD TRUCK WAS TRADED IN.

OH BOY, OH BOY!

THE MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS WILL HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE PROFITS OF YOUR DEPARTMENT. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

IT'S A DEAL! YOU WON'T BE SORRY, BOSS!

-King-

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, SARGE?

IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, MILVER. FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE, TILL DEATH DO US PART!



REMEMBER, IT'S GOT TO PAY A PROFIT.

WE'LL MOVE HEAVEN AN' EARTH! IN FACT, WE'RE WHAT IT TAKES TO MOVE ANY IMMOVABLE OBJECT—LENA AN' ME!



YOU CAN HAVE YOUR NEW SHOP, HACK. I'M SATISFIED.

THAT MAKES IT UNANIMOUS, SARGE. CONGRATULATIONS!





BOSS, THAT CHARACTER THAT'S BEEN HANGIN' AROUND MAKES ME NERVOUS! IS IT OKAY IF I ASK HIM WHAT HE'S SO NOSY ABOUT?

GO TO IT, SARGE, BUT DON'T BE TOO TOUGH WITH HIM.



HE'S GONE! I GUESS HE KNEW WHAT I WAS PLANNIN'. ANYWAY, GOOD RIDDANCE!

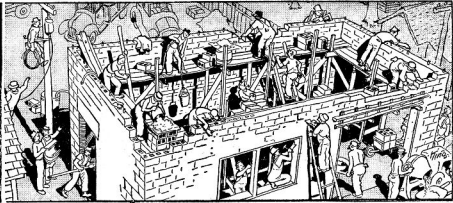


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THIS VENTILATOR ABOVE THE DOOR, IT ISN'T IN, BOSS.

I'LL SPEAK TO GUS ABOUT IT.



WASHRACK OVER THERE,
JESSICA, TIRE REPAIR
HERE, AIR COMPRESSOR
THERE.

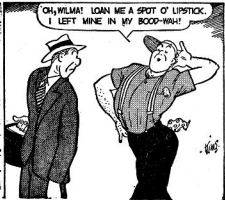
IT LOOKS
COMPLICATED
TO ME,
WILMER.

OF COURSE, I'D HAVE
ARRANGED IT BETTER. BUT
WHO' AM I TO BE PUTTIN' IN
MY LITTLE TWO CENTS WORTH?

YOU'RE GOOD AT
THAT. THEY
SHOULD HAVE
LET YOU LAY
IT OUT.

I JUST KEPT MY BIG
MOUTH SHUT. NOW, IF IT
ALL DON'T WORK RIGHT,
I'M SITTIN' PRETTY.

YOU SURE
FIGURE THINGS
OUT, WILMER.



WE'VE GOT A MOVIN' JOB,
BIX. AN' YOU WIPE YOUR
FEET BEFORE YOU GET
INTO THIS TRUCK!

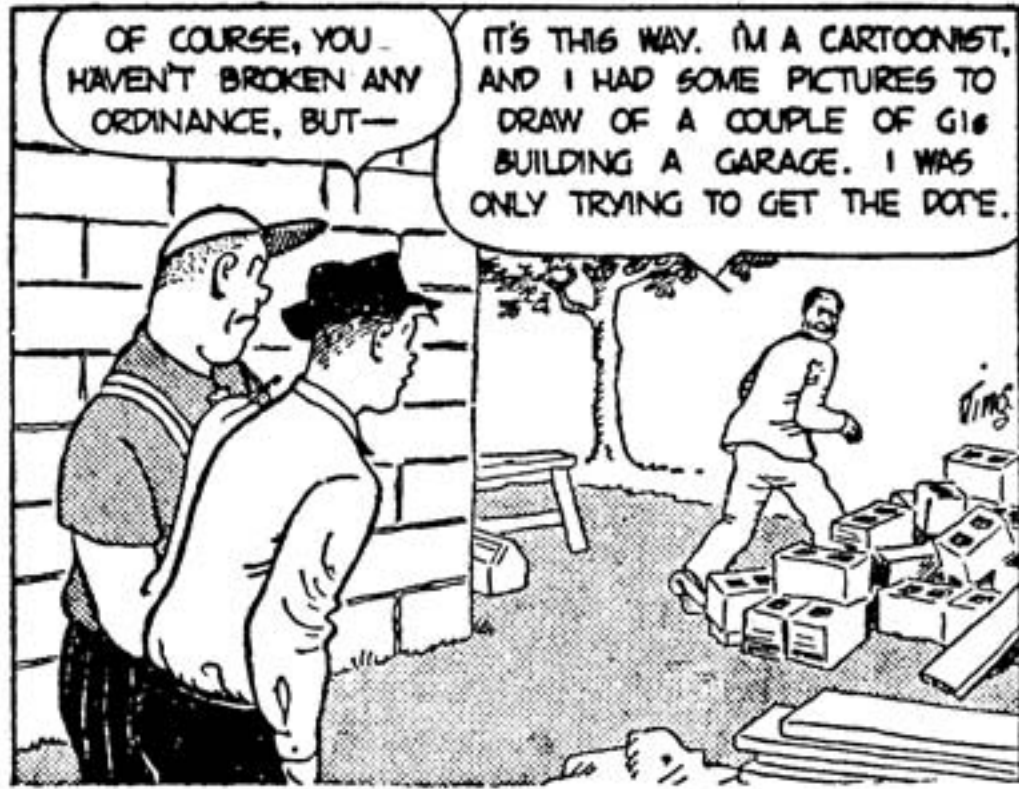
SHE RUNS
SWELL, SARGE.

OH, OH!
DO YOU SEE
WHAT I SEE?

A FLY-SPECK
OR SOMETHIN'!

MY GOSH, BIX! YOU'LL
LEAVE FINGER MARKS
ON THAT FENDER!





MEN, WHAT SHALL WE CALL THIS NEW SHOP?

WALLET & BOBBLE AUTO REPAIR SHOP.

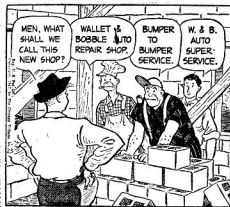
BUMPER TO BUMPER SERVICE.

W. & B. AUTO SUPER-SERVICE.

THE FELLOWS DON'T SHOW ANY IMAGINATION. HAVE YOU A HUNCH, UNCLE WALT?

NATURALLY, SKEEZIX. SOMETHING OBVIOUS BUT APPROPRIATE.

OF COURSE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?






THE SIGN BACKGROUND
IS ABOUT PAINTED.
WHAT LETTERING GOES?

I'LL LET YOU KNOW
BEFORE IT'S DRY.



WONDER WHOSE
SUGGESTION WON OUT.
MINE WAS "BUMPER-
TO-BUMPER SERVICE!"



I THOUGHT IT UP RIGHT
OUT OF MY HEAD. I
THINK IT'S PRETTY GOOD.



THERE'S YOUR
COPY, SARGE.

YOU DIDN'T USE MINE?
ANYWAY, BOSS, THAT
AIN'T HALF BAD!

I ASKED THE OLD-TIMERS
TO COME OVER AN' SEE
THE NEW NAME FOR OUR
GARAGE, WILMER.

THEY SEEMED
SATISFIED
WITH IT.

GASOLINE ALLEY

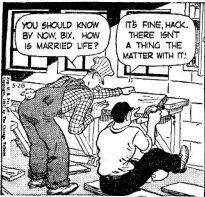
AN
INSPIRATION,
SKEEZIX!

WHY DIDN'T I
THINK OF IT?

YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD
US. WE'D HAVE LAID
THE CORNERSTONE.

AVERY, THAT'S JUST WHAT
THIS TOWN HAS NEEDED—
A GASOLINE ALLEY GARAGE.





YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW, BIX. HOW IS MARRIED LIFE?

IT'S FINE, HACK. THERE ISN'T A THING THE MATTER WITH IT!



I NOTICE YOUR WIFE KEEPS YOU PRESSED UP AN MAKES YOU COMB YOUR HAIR.

I GUESS I NEEDED THAT.



FIVE TO ONE, YOU HAVE TO HANG UP YOUR CLOTHES, WIPE YOUR FEET AND WASH BEHIND YOUR EARS.

YOU KNOW, I'VE REALLY GOT SO I LIKE IT!

KINGS



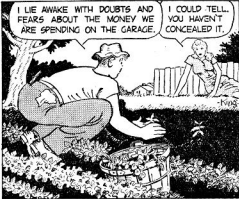
I LIKE TO GET IN SOME GARDEN WORK BEFORE I GO TO THE SHOP, NINA.

IT ISN'T DOING YOU ANY HARM.



I LIE AWAKE WITH DOUBTS AND FEARS ABOUT THE MONEY WE ARE SPENDING ON THE GARAGE.

I COULD TELL YOU HAVEN'T CONCEALED IT.



BUT I COME OUT INTO THE FRESH MORNING AIR AND ALL MY WORRIES VANISH LIKE THE MIST!

NIGHT IS A POOR TIME TO REVIEW YOUR TROUBLES. LIKE OTHER BOGEYS THEY ARE BIGGER AFTER DARK.



WE'RE ABOUT
READY FOR
BUSINESS.

A COUPLE OF
HOURS AND WE'LL
CALL IT QUILTS,
BIX.

YOU GOT
US INTO
THIS,
HACK.

OKAY.
I'LL GET
US OUT.

FAR BE IT
FROM ME TO
THROW COLD
WATER, BUT—

I FEEL WE'VE
FINISHED A PRETTY
GOOD JOB, NINA.
THANKS PARTLY TO YOU.

AND LIKE
COMMENCEMENT—
IT ISN'T THE
END. IT'S THE
BEGINNING.



HACK, THERE'S SOME MUD SPOTS ON MY TRUCK. ANYTHING ON THE WASHRACK?

NOT NOW. I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

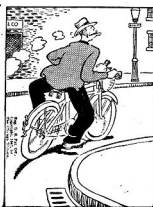
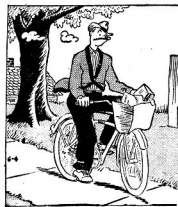
NO YOU WON'T! I'LL DO IT MYSELF.

YOU'RE AS FINICKY AS A OLD LADY ABOUT THAT TRUCK, SARGE.

IT'S MY BABY, AN' I AIN'T GOIN' TO HAVE YOUR FINGERMARKS ALL OVER IT.

THAT'S SWELL. I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHO WAS GOING TO SERVICE IT.






IT'S TOO BAD I HAVEN'T A CAR, EMILY.
I'M SURE I COULD GET A RATE ON
REPAIRS AT THE NEW GARAGE.

YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH
SPARE PARTS, AVERY. I
SHOULD THINK YOU COULD
BUILD YOURSELF A CAR.

I'VE TRIED IT, BUT
MOST OF 'EM DON'T
FIT EACH OTHER.

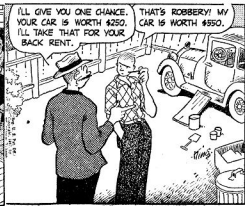
YOU'RE ON THE
LIST FOR A NEW
ONE, AREN'T YOU?

YES, BUT THAT TAKES
CASH. I'VE GOT A
HUNCH I CAN GET
ONE WITHOUT IT.



LISTEN, BOB, YOU ARE \$312
BEHIND IN YOUR RENT. ARE
YOU PREPARED TO PAY UP?

I'VE TOLD
YOU, AVERY,
THAT I
CAN'T.



I'LL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE.
YOUR CAR IS WORTH \$250.
I'LL TAKE THAT FOR YOUR
BACK RENT.

THAT'S ROBBERY! MY
CAR IS WORTH \$550.



SEZ YOU! I'LL
GIVE YOU \$10 IN
CASH BESIDES.

MAKE IT \$125
AND I'LL TAKE
YOU UP.

OKAY, IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE STUBBORN, ROOK, I'LL WRITE OFF YOUR BACK RENT AND GIVE YOU \$20 FOR YOUR CAR.

YOU CAME UP #10. I'LL COME DOWN #10. MAKE IT \$115.

I WON'T DO THIS ALL DAY. WILL YOU MEET ME HALF WAY?

IT'S A DEAL.

SAY, ROOK, THIS THING HON'T START.

I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, I SOLD THE BATTERY.

YEAH, I JUST GOT BACK TO TOWN, AVERY.

THERE'S BEEN PLENTY DOIN', BILL. I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS AND EVERYTHING!

GASOLINE ALLEY

WELL, I'LL BE JIGGERED!



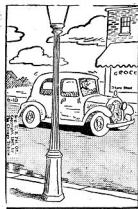
IT ISN'T MUCH LIKE THE OLD GASOLINE ALLEY WE USED TO KNOW!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS. REMEMBER THE TIME MY TRANSMISSION DROPPED OUT?



CAN'T THOSE BIRDS THINK OF ANYTHING BUT OLD TIMES? MAYBE WE PICKED THE WRONG NAME FOR THIS PLACE, AT THAT.








HACK, DO YOU MIND IF I BORROW A SMALL FILE AND THAT TINY SET OF WRENCHES?

I THOUGHT THAT CAR OF YOURS WAS IN PERFECT SHAPE, AVERY.



OH, IT IS! BUT I'VE GOT TO DO SOME WORK ON THE DISTRIBUTOR.

I'M NOT ALLOWED TO LEND TOOLS. SEE WALLET OR BOBBLE.



I'LL HAVE 'EM BACK THE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

WE'LL HAVE TO CALL A MEETING AND MAKE A REGULATION. COME IN TOMORROW.

WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO LETTER, BLONEY?

OH, I WAS A SIGN PAINTER BACK IN THE 20'S!

HOW ABOUT LENDING ME THOSE WRENCHES?

I GOT A RULING ON IT. READ THE SIGN, AVERY.

SURE YOU CAN BORROW OUR TOOLS, AND A MECHANIC GOES WITH 'EM - \$1.75 PER HOUR.

I GUESS I CAN GET ALONG ALL RIGHT WITHOUT 'EM.

ANYWAY, HACK, YOU DON'T CARE IF I FIX A TIRE IN HERE, DO YOU?

IT'S OKAY, AVERY. GO TO IT.



FIXING A TIRE, AVERY?

GET HER, DOC. I'M STIRRIN' UP A BATCH OF GRIDDLE CAKES.

THE GUY GYPPED YOU. LOOK AT THAT TUBE!

OH, WELL, THERE'S ROOM FOR ANOTHER PATCH!



5-14
WASN'T \$360
PRETTY
HIGH FOR
THAT CAR?

MOST OF IT
WASN'T CASH,
AND I'D NEVER
HAVE GOT THE
RENT ANYWAY.


AN' IT
ACTUALLY
RUNS!

A man in a checkered shirt and a tall, pointed hat is talking to a man in a white shirt. They are sitting at a table with a car wheel and other items on it. The man in the white shirt is looking at the man in the checkered shirt.

I'M SORRY, BUT YOU FELLAS
WILL HAVE TO MOVE!
HERE COMES A CUSTOMER.



AIN'T IT HECK THE WAY
PEOPLE DRIVE IN HERE AND
INTERRUPT YOUR WORK!

A man in a checkered shirt and a tall, pointed hat is talking to a man in a white shirt. They are sitting at a table with a car wheel and other items on it. The man in the white shirt is looking at the man in the checkered shirt. In the background, a man in a suit is walking towards them.







UNCLE MALT
HAD THE
RIGHT IDEA,
HACK.

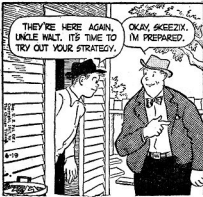
YES, WHEN THEY COULDN'T
FIND ANYTHING TO SIT
DOWN ON THEY DIDN'T
STAND AROUND 10 MINUTES.



THAT PROBLEM IS
SOLVED. NOW WE
CAN GET DOWN
TO BUSINESS.

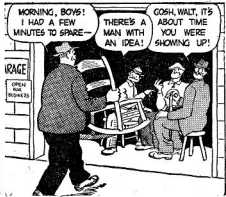
WAIT! WOULD
YOU GET A
LOOK AT
WHAT'S COMING!





THEY'RE HERE AGAIN, UNCLE WALT. IT'S TIME TO TRY OUT YOUR STRATEGY.

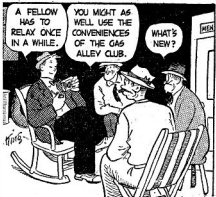
OKAY, SKEEZIX. I'M PREPARED.



MORNING, BOYS! I HAD A FEW MINUTES TO SPARE—

THERE'S A MAN WITH AN IDEA!

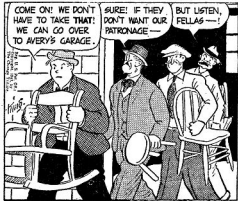
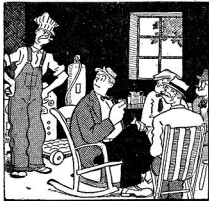
GOSH, WALT, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU WERE SHOWING UP!



A FELLOW HAS TO RELAX ONCE IN A WHILE.

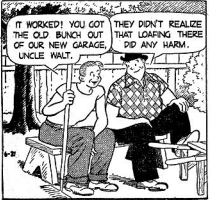
YOU MIGHT AS WELL USE THE CONVENIENCES OF THE GAS ALLEY CLUB.

WHAT'S NEW?



IT WORKED! YOU GOT THE OLD BUNCH OUT OF OUR NEW GARAGE, UNCLE WALT.

THEY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT LOAFING THERE DID ANY HARM.



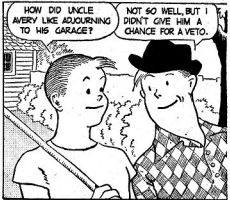
I SAW HACK GIVING ALL OF YOU DIRTY LOOKS.

THAT WAS MY CUE, SKEEZIX. I GOT 'PEEVED' AND LED THEM OUT.



HOW DID UNCLE AVERY LIKE ADJOURNING TO HIS GARAGE?

NOT SO WELL, BUT I DIDN'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE FOR A VETO.





EVERY'S YARD IS AS GOOD A PLACE TO MEET AS GASOLINE ALLEY GARAGE.

WE WEREN'T APPRECIATED THERE.

WE CAN TAKE A HINT!



EVERY'S NEW CAR IS OUT IN THE RAIN...

AND HIS GARAGE IS SO FULL OF JUNK WE CAN HARDLY GET IN!

THE GASOLINE ALLEY BUNCH BETTER OUTVOTE AVERY AND MAKE SOME CHANGES HERE!

NINA, THERE'S A GOOD SHOW AT THE NIFTYPIX TONIGHT. WHY NOT GET AWAY FROM IT ALL?

WHO CAN WE GET TO STAY WITH CHIPPER?

CALL JUDY. SHE PROBABLY NEEDS A JOB.

THESE ARE BUSY NIGHTS FOR THE KIDS, BUT I'LL TRY.

JUDY, THERE'S A KEEN MOBE AT THE NIFTYPIX. HOW ABOUT IT?

JUST MY LUCK, MARGIE. I JUST TOOK A BRATTING JOB!

CHIPPER IS IN BED
AND ASLEEP, JUDY.
ALL YOU'LL HAVE TO
DO IS SIT AND READ.

FIRST, SKEEZIX,
IS THIS A
PROFESSIONAL OR
AMATEUR JOB?

PROFESSIONAL. I
EXPECT TO PAY FOR
SERVICES RENDERED.

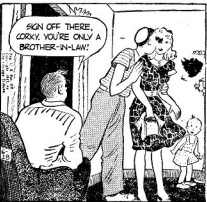
DO YOU
HAPPEN TO
KNOW THAT
CHARGES HAVE
GONE UP?

OUR BRATTERS'
UNION RATE
IS 60 CENTS
AN HOUR.

LISTEN, JUDY, SUPPOSE
WE KEEP THIS ON
A FAMILY BASIS.









PHYLLIS! DID YOU ASK CORKY TO MOW THE LAWN?

NO, WALT.



THEN GAZE UPON THAT!

HE NEVER VOLUNTEERED FOR THAT JOB BEFORE HE WENT AWAY TO COLLEGE.



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I'M PRETTY GREEN AT THIS, BUT MOM SAID SHE'D TAKE A CHANCE.



HI, CORKY! GLAD TO SEE YOU BACK IN TOWN.

YEP, DAN! NO MORE CRAMMIN', NO MORE EXAMS.



HAVE A GOOD YEAR IN COLLEGE?

I MADE THE GRADE. WASN'T SO HOT IN MATH BUT PULLED THROUGH BY A NARROW SQUEAK.



HOW ARE THINGS WITH YOU?

I CAN'T COMPLAIN. THERE ISN'T MUCH GLAMOUR TO THIS GAME. I'M GLAD YOU'RE LUCKY.



I JUST SAW DAN, SKEEZIX. TOO BAD HE COULDN'T GO TO COLLEGE. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT PROMS AN' FRATS AN' TRIG AN' HOT DATES ARE ALL ABOUT.

IT'S TOO BAD HE COULDN'T, CORKY. BUT YOU CAN'T LOOK DOWN ON HIM FOR THAT.



IN THE STORE HE'S GETTING A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN NATURE THAT YOU DON'T GET IN PSYCHOLOGY.



WHAT HE'S LEARNING ABOUT SUPPLY AND DEMAND, BUYING AND SELLING, GIVES HIM AN INSIDE TRACK ON ECONOMICS.



ON THINGS LIKE THE RED CROSS AND CANCER DRIVES, HE'S GETTING PRACTICAL FINANCE AND APPLIED CIVICS. DAN IS GETTING AHEAD TOO.



HE DIDN'T TELL ME. I'LL DROP IN AND TALK TO HIM AGAIN.



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CORKY! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

CAR NEEDED SOME TINKERING, POP.



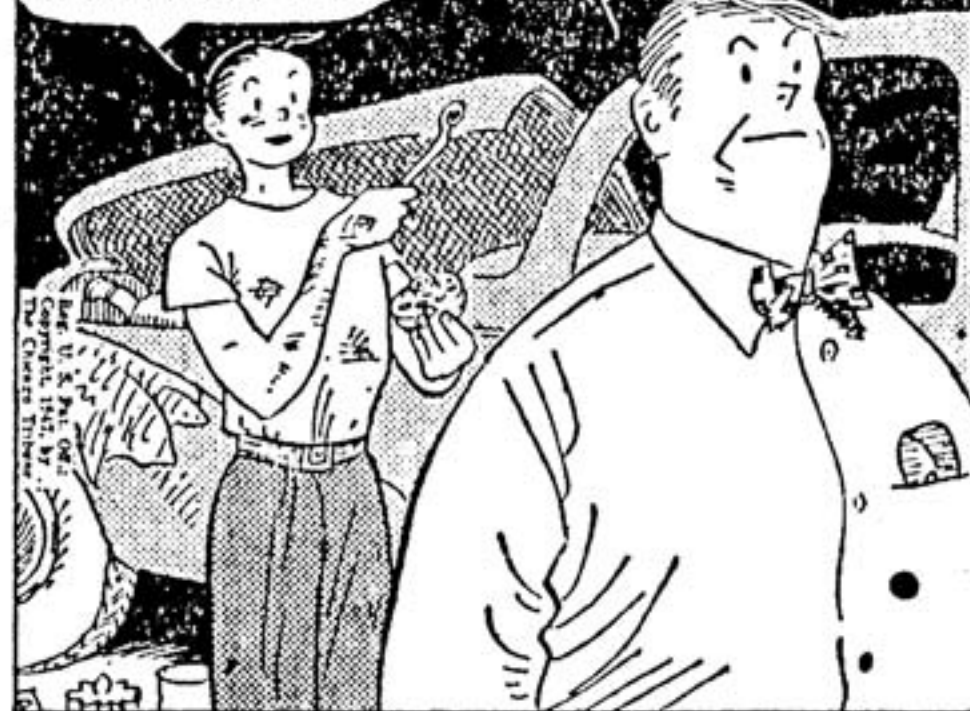
IF WE'RE ALL GOING ON A PICNIC TOMORROW IT SHOULD BE IN TIP-TOP SHAPE.

BY THE LOOKS OF IT NOW WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GO ON A PICNIC.



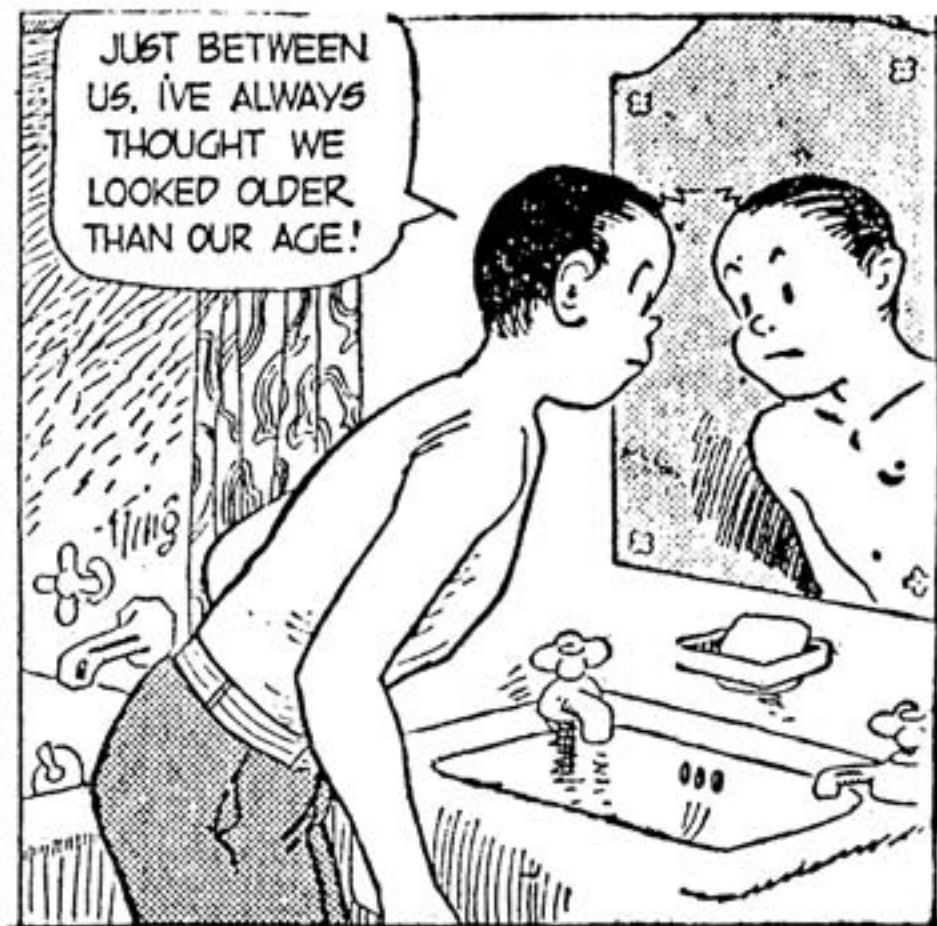
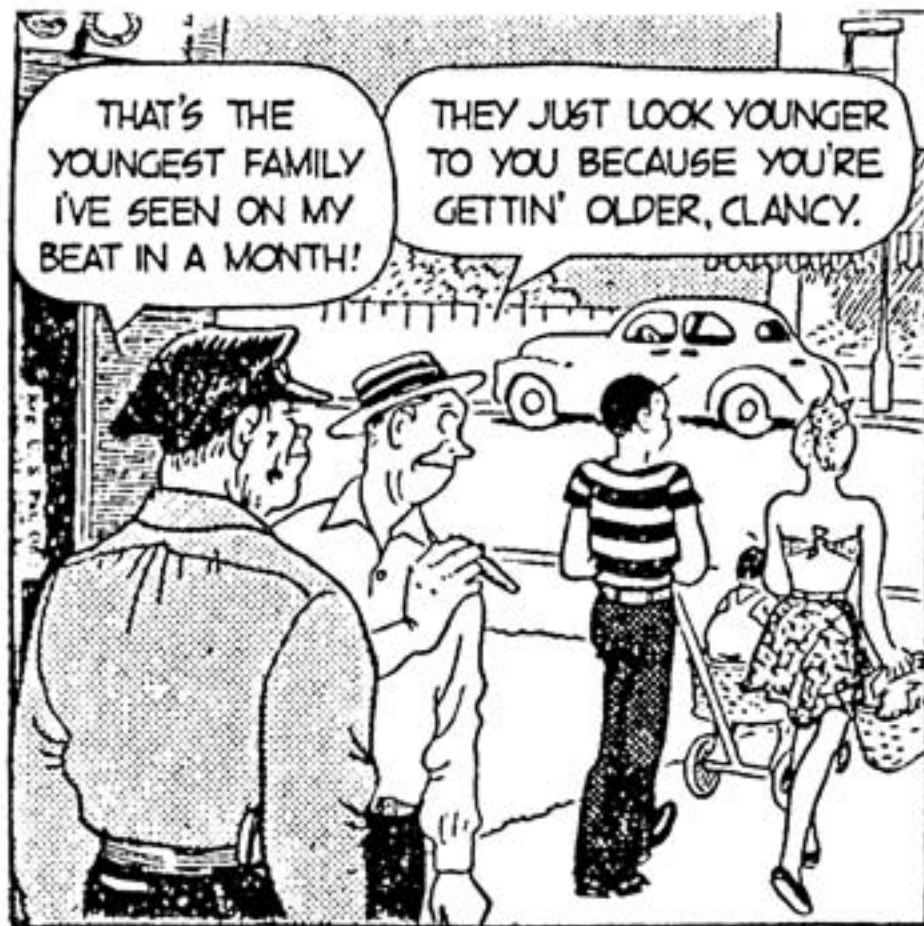
DON'T WORRY. I'M A MECHANICAL GENIUS— AND I INHERITED IT ALL FROM YOU!

OF COURSE, OF COURSE. THAT BEING THE CASE, I WON'T WORRY.











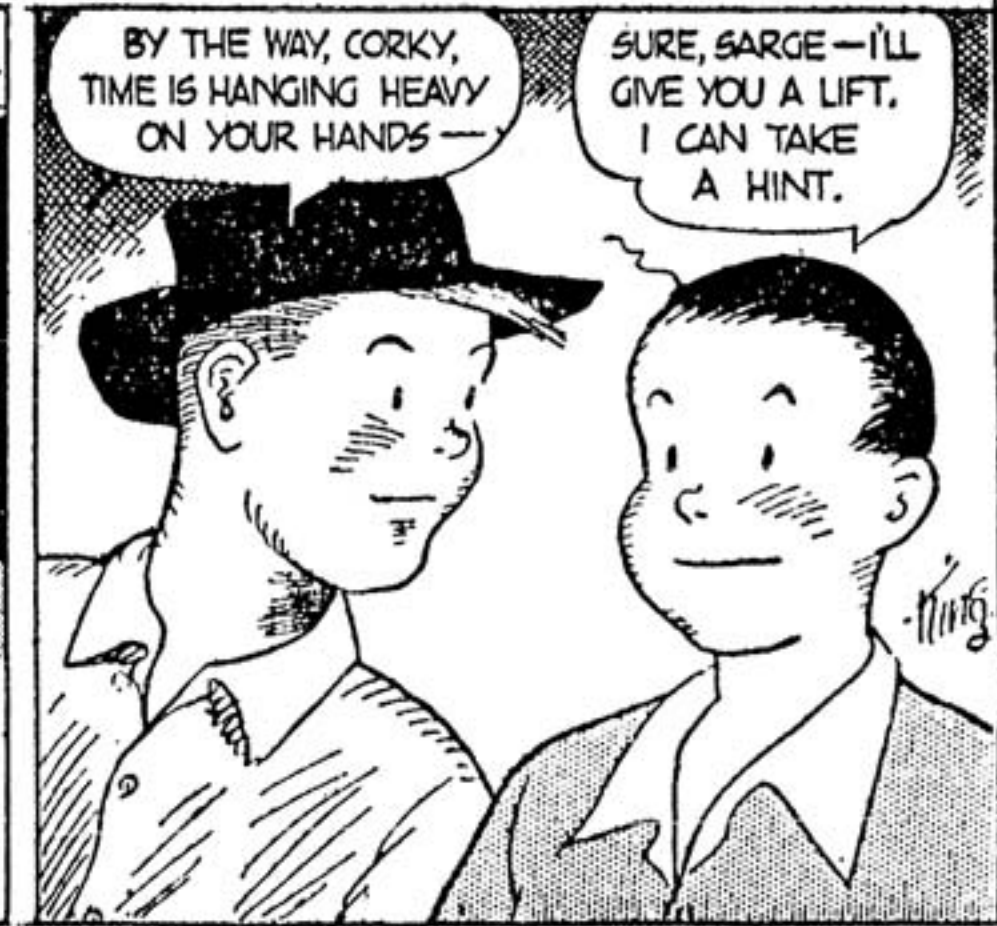
WALLET & BOBBLE KEEP PRETTY BUSY, SKEEZIX.

IT'S THE DULL SEASON BUT WE CAN'T COMPLAIN.



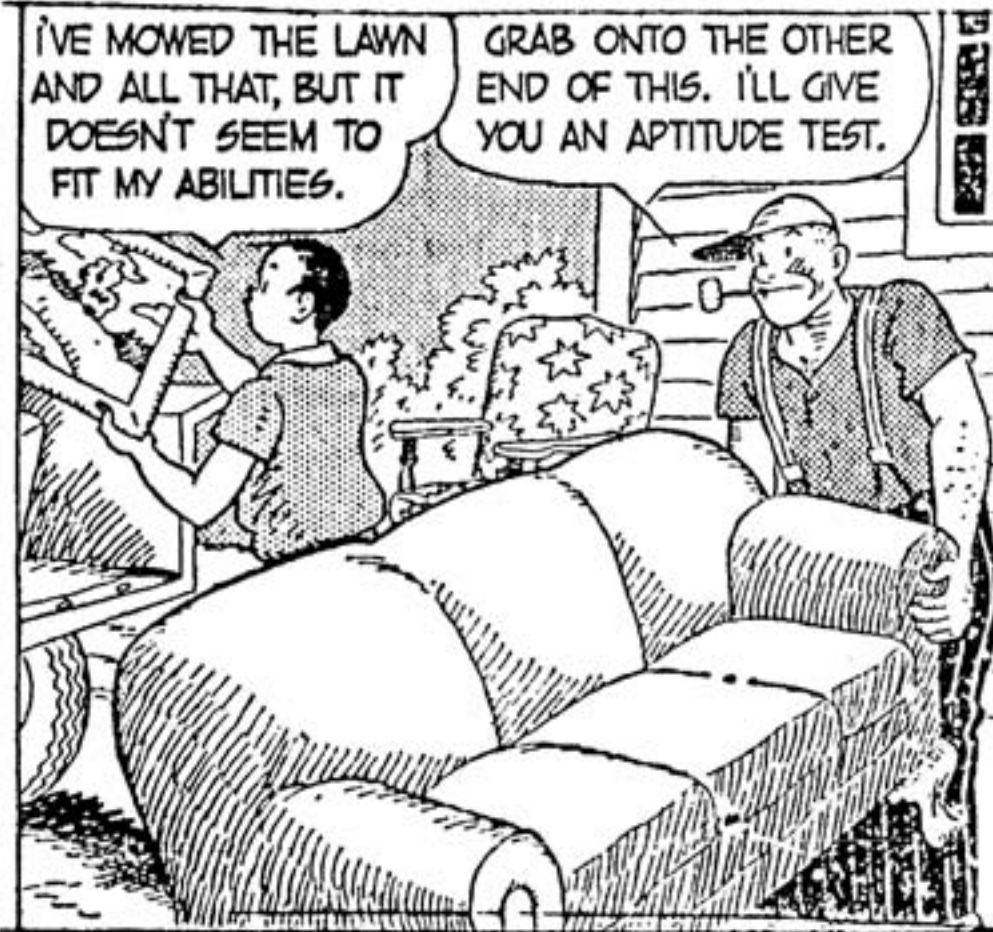
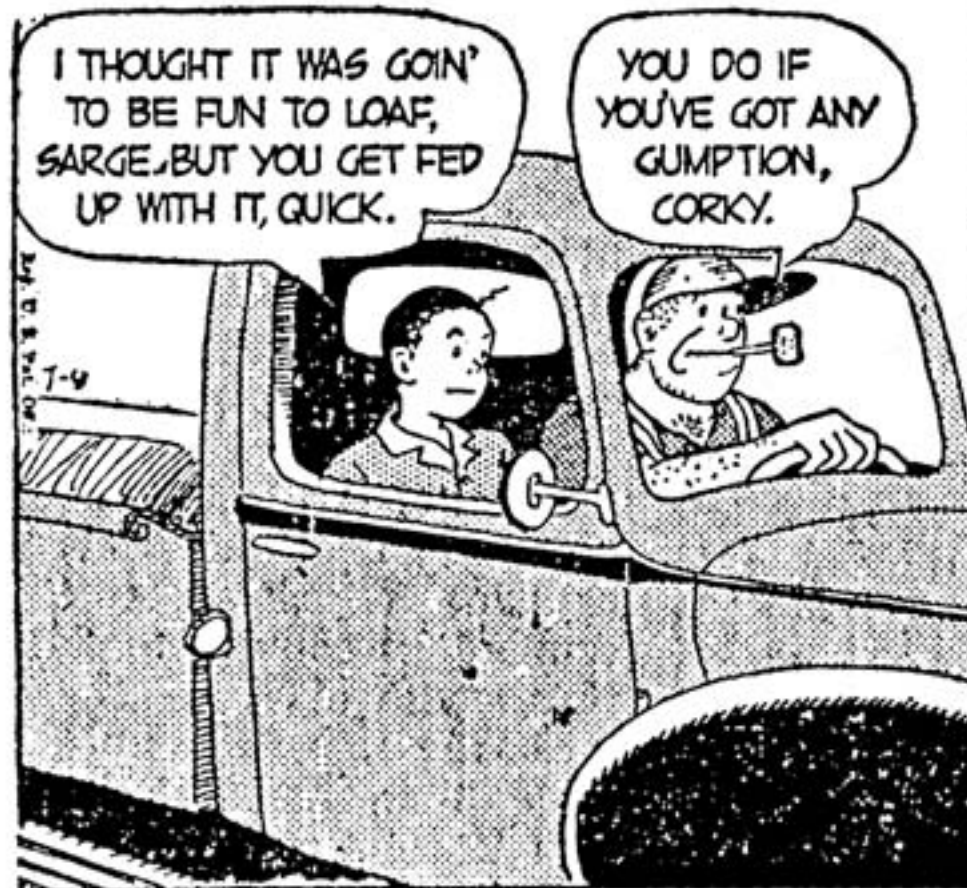
BOSS, I'VE GOT A TRUCKLOAD OF FURNITURE TO PICK UP. BUT I NEED SOME HELP.

OKAY, SARGE, WE CAN SPARE SOMEBODY.



BY THE WAY, CORKY, TIME IS HANGING HEAVY ON YOUR HANDS —

SURE, SARGE — I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT. I CAN TAKE A HINT.



WERE YOU REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT MY GROWIN' A MUSTACHE, SARGE?

YES, BUT WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LOOK OLDER FOR? YOU'RE GOIN' TO SPEND THE OTHER HALF OF YOUR LIFE TRYIN' TO LOOK YOUNGER.

HERE I AM, WORKIN' FOR FREE BECAUSE I'M A KID!

YOU'LL GET OVER IT SOON ENOUGH. DON'T HURRY.

COULDN'T YOU GET ME ON THE PAYROLL, SARGE?

SEE SOMEBODY ELSE. IF I PUT YOU ON YOU'LL BE CHARGED TO MY DEPARTMENT. THAT AIN'T SO GOOD, CORKY.

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HACK, I'D LIKE TO WORK FOR YOU HERE IN THE SHOP.

YOU'VE BEEN HELPING SARGE. I'LL TAKE YOU ON AT THE SAME PAY.

BUT I DON'T GET ANY! I'VE GOT TO LAY UP SOME JACK!

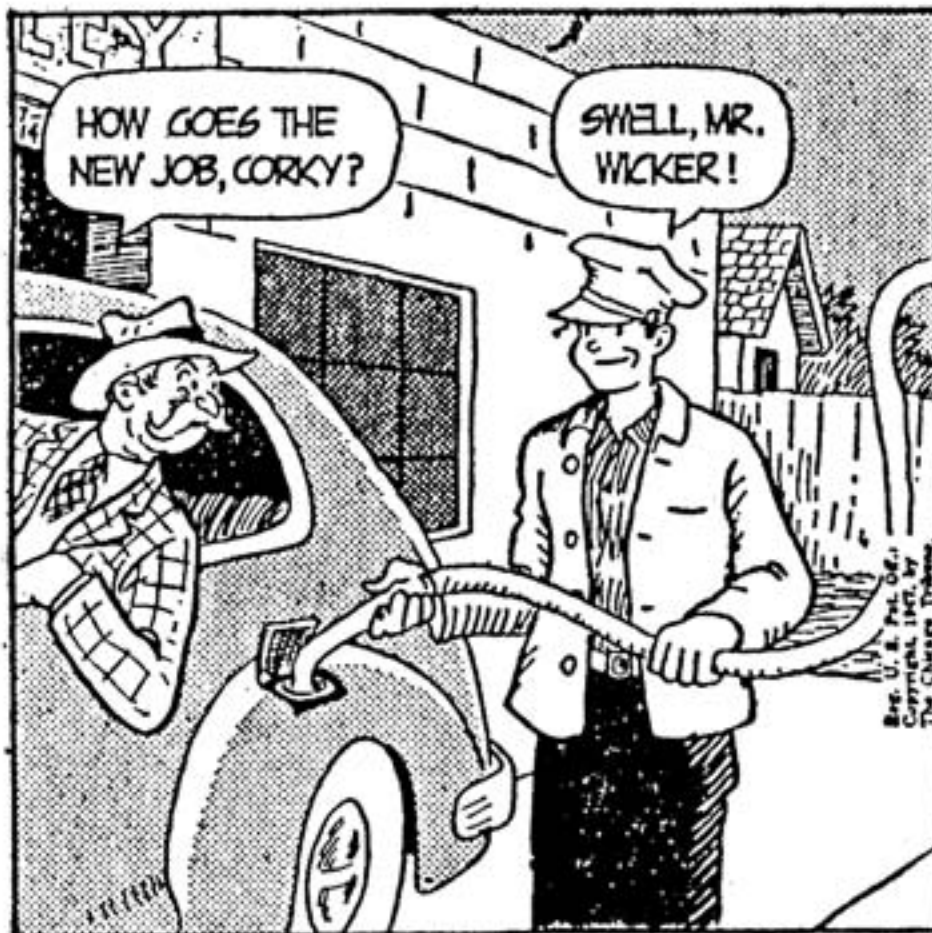
I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU, CORKY, BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE YOUR WAGES CHARGED TO MY DEPARTMENT.

YOU GET YOUR BROTHER SKEEZIX TO PUT YOU ON "GENERAL". THEN I'LL DO ALL I CAN TO EASE YOU IN HERE.

ROUND AND ROUND SHE GOES!



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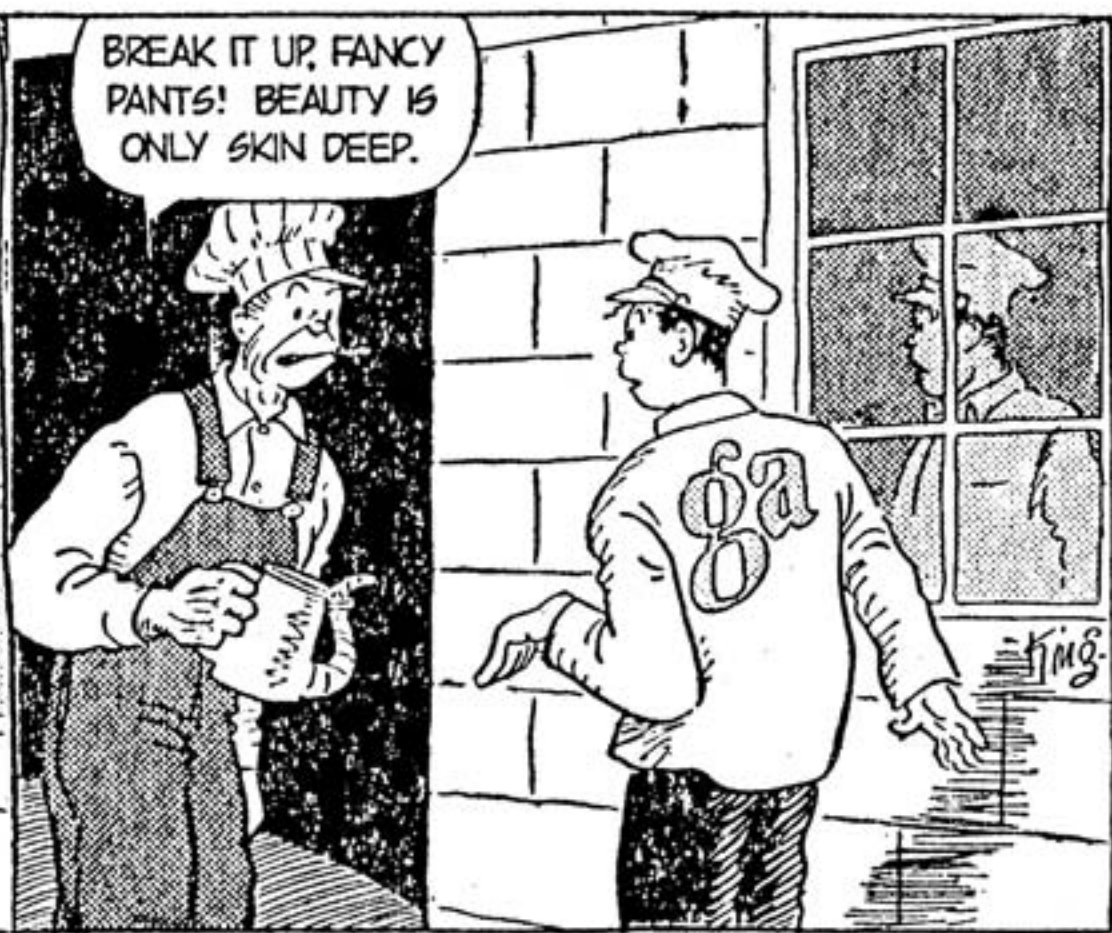
HOW GOES THE NEW JOB, CORKY?

SWELL, MR. WICKER!

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OUTDOOR MAN AT GASOLINE ALLEY GARAGE IS A KEEN JOB. AN' THIS MAKEUP IS THE BERRIES!



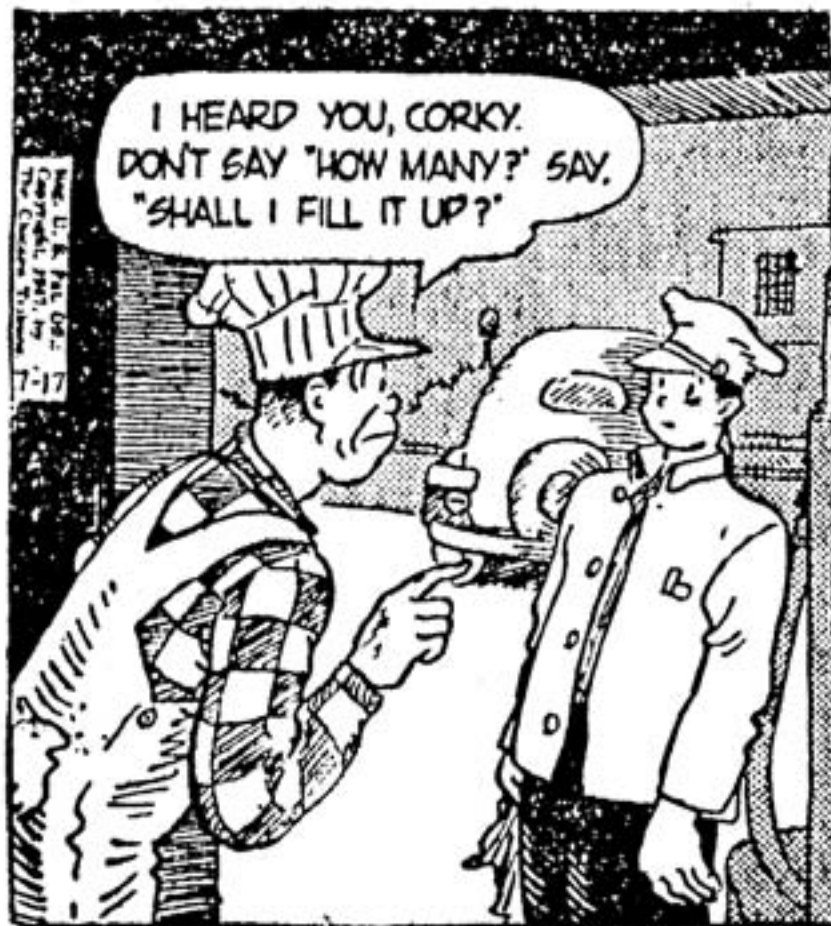
BREAK IT UP, FANCY PANTS! BEAUTY IS ONLY SKIN DEEP.

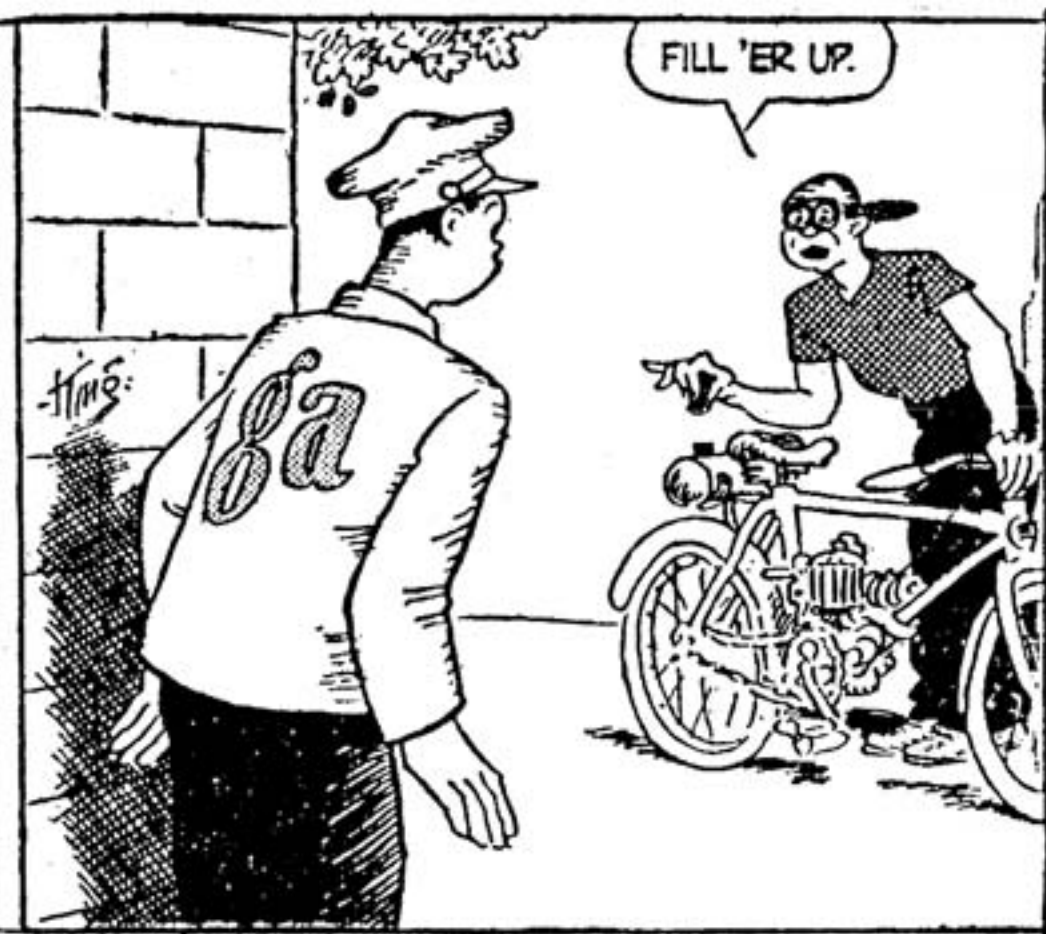
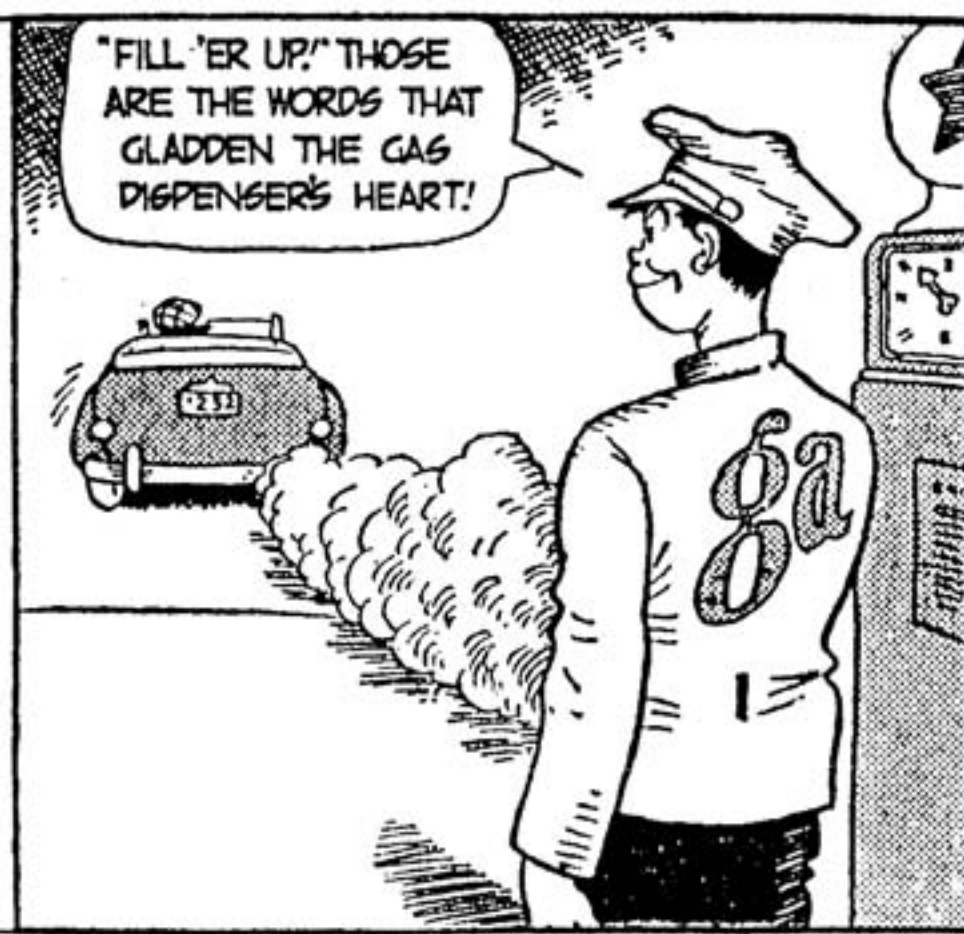
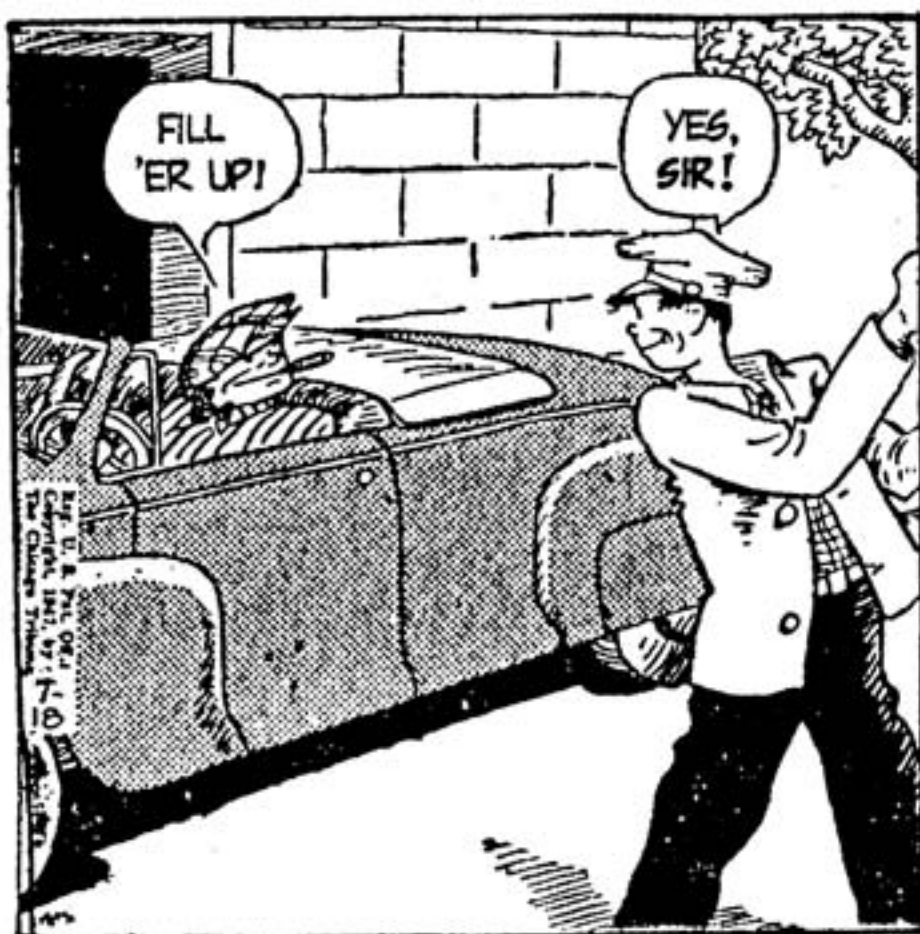
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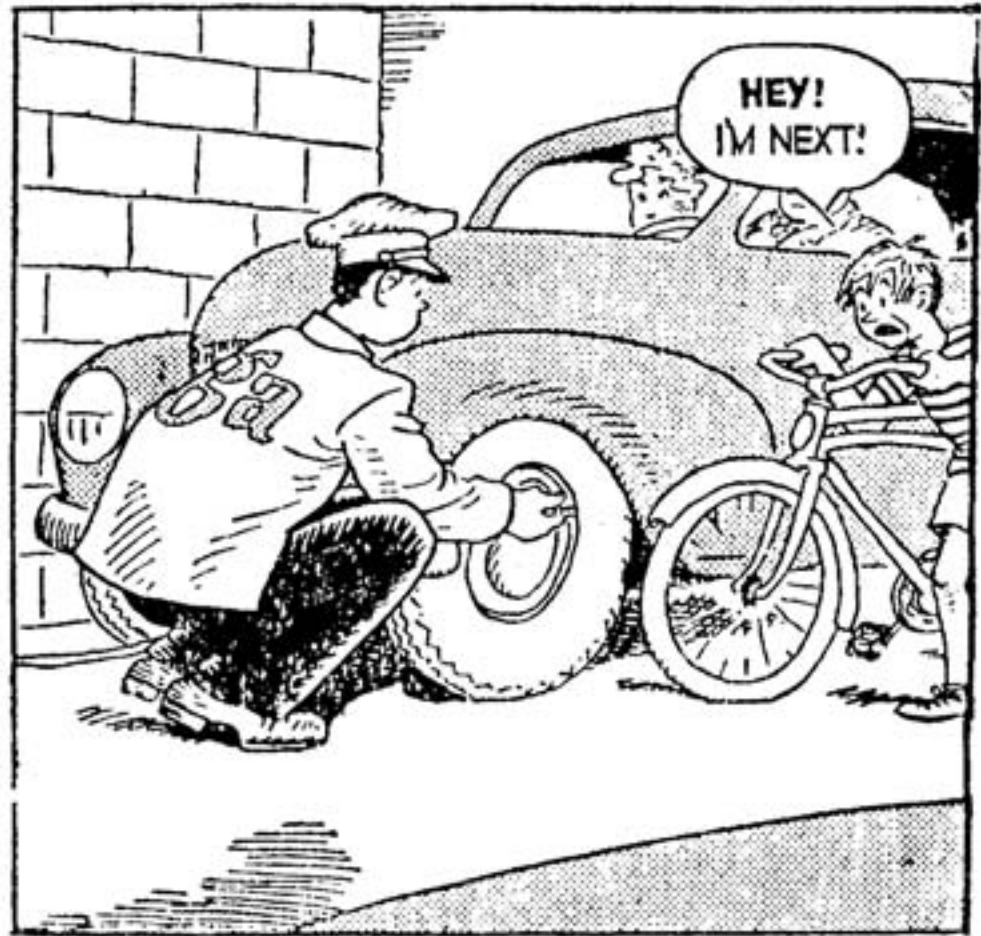
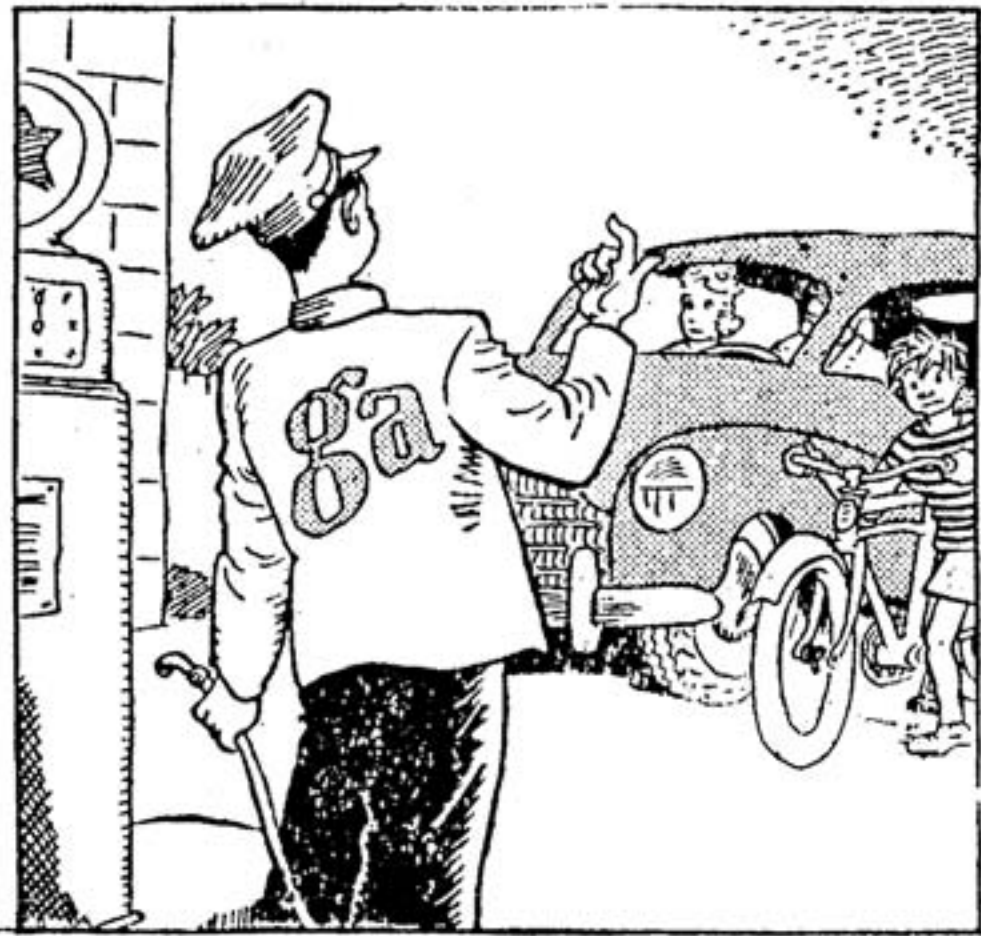
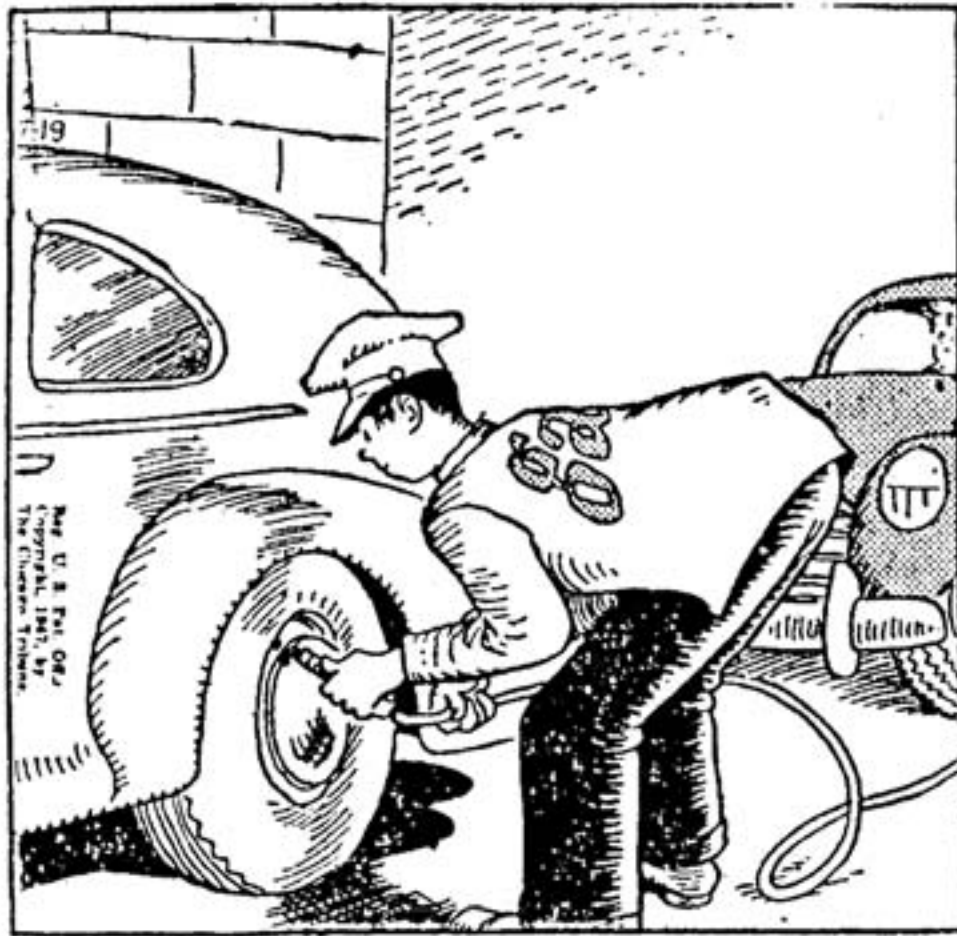




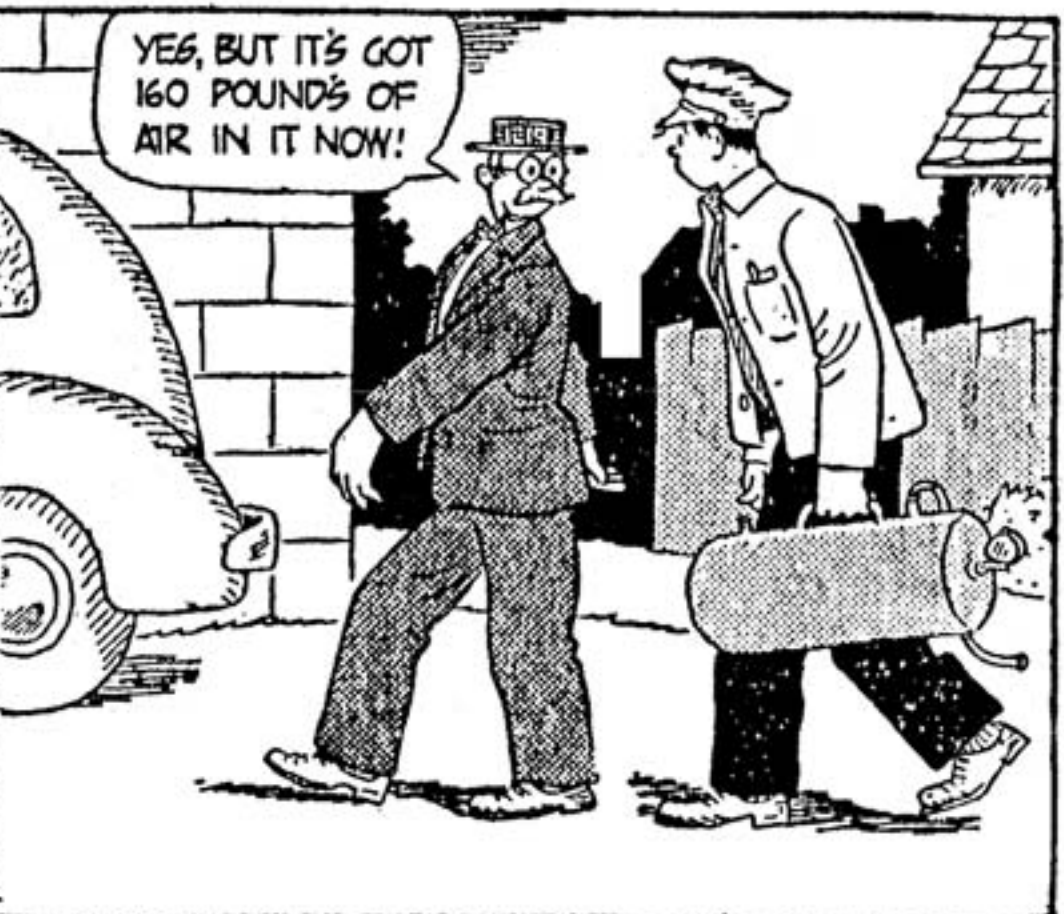
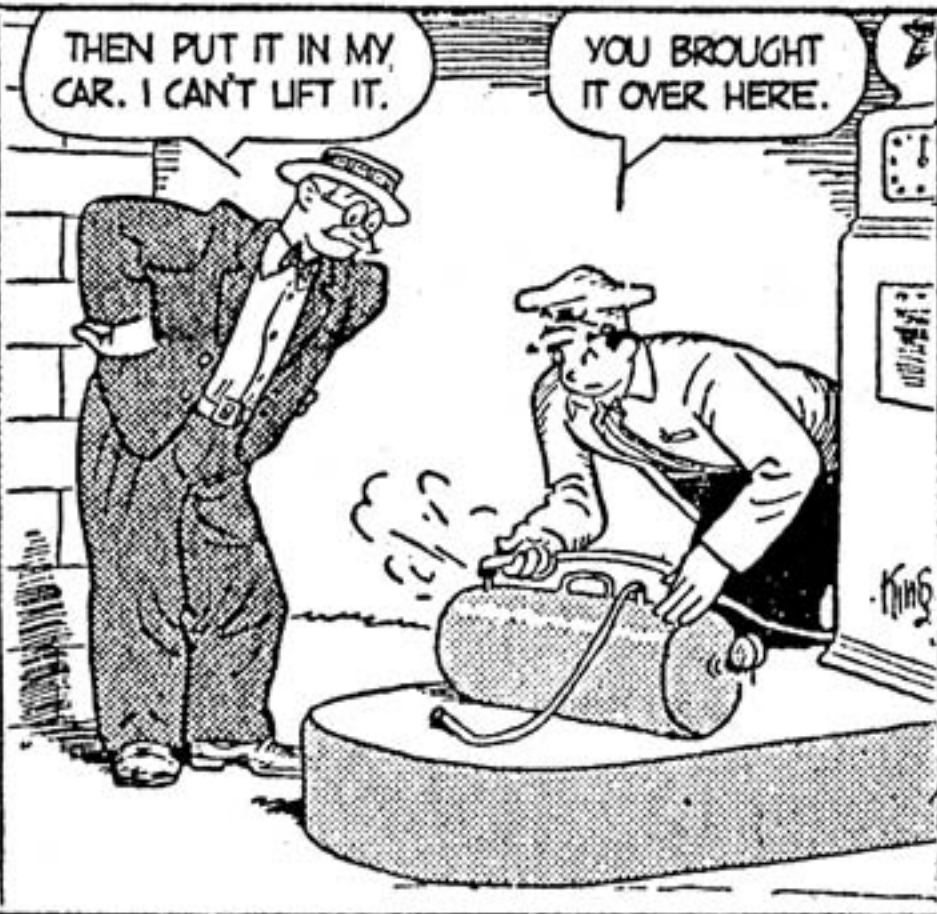




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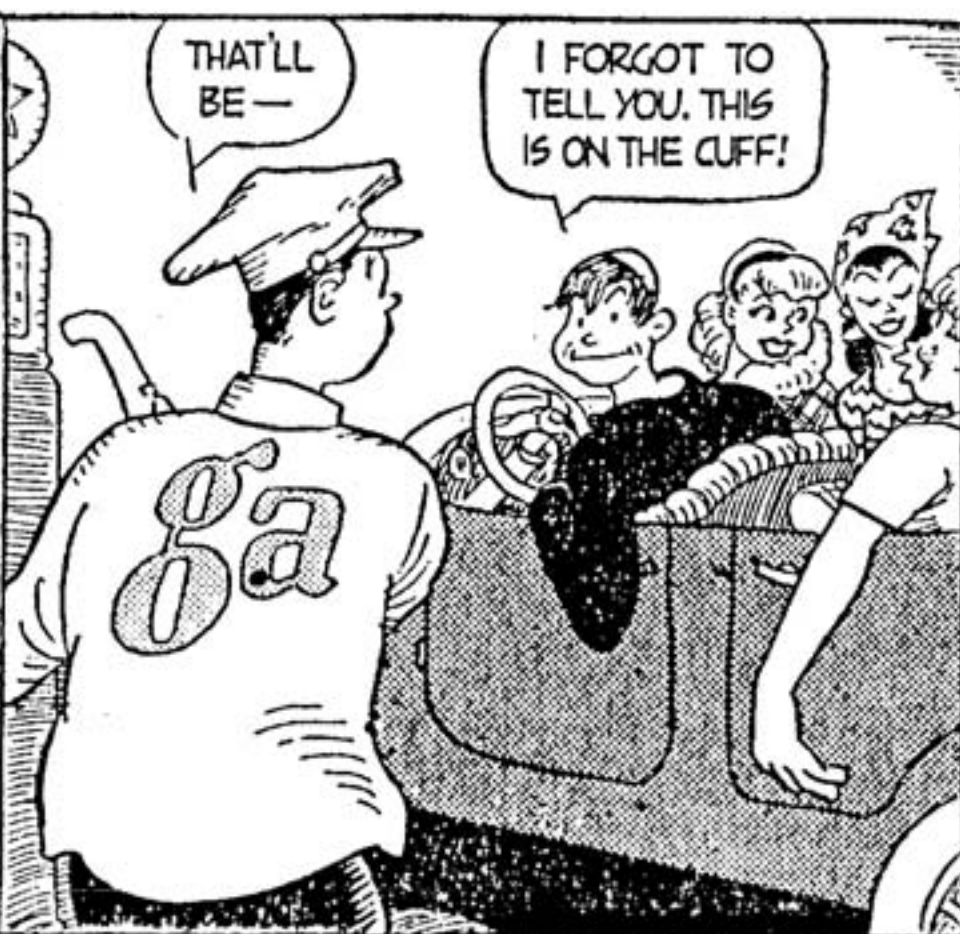


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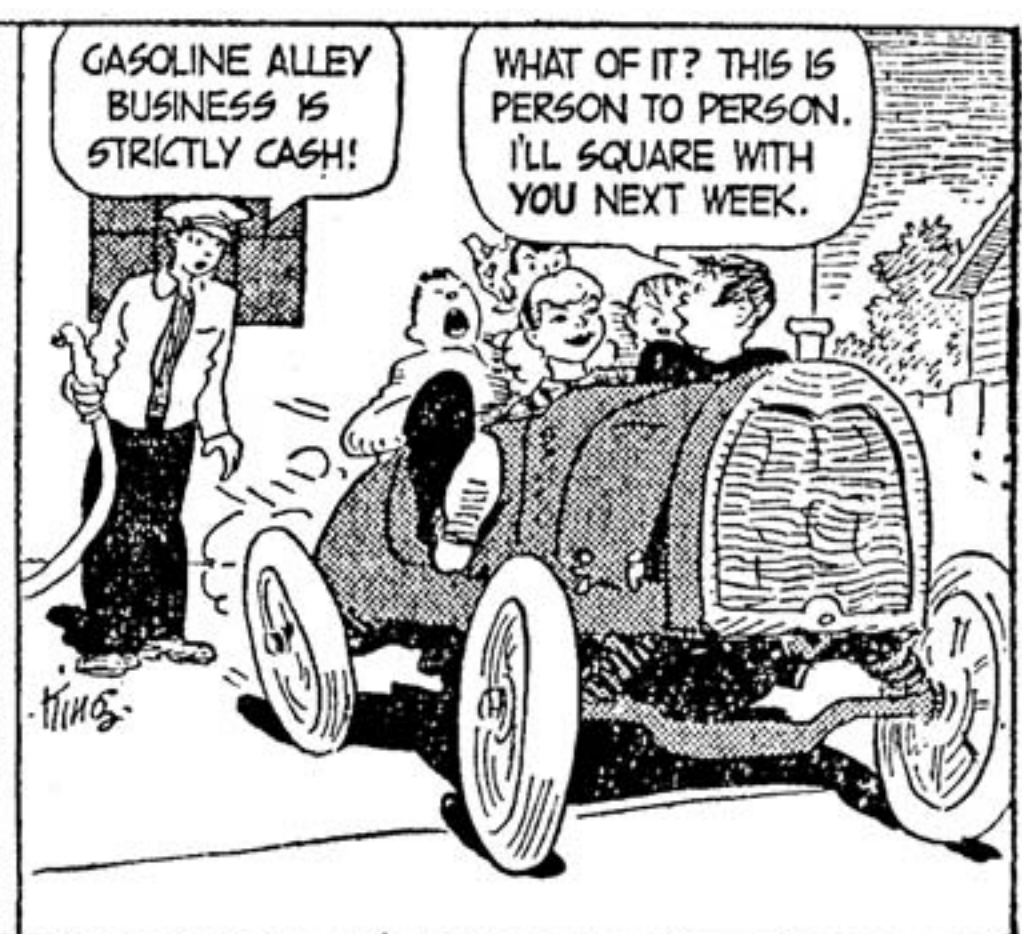
HI, CORK!
GOTTA HAVE TWO
GALLONS QUICK!

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THAT'LL
BE —

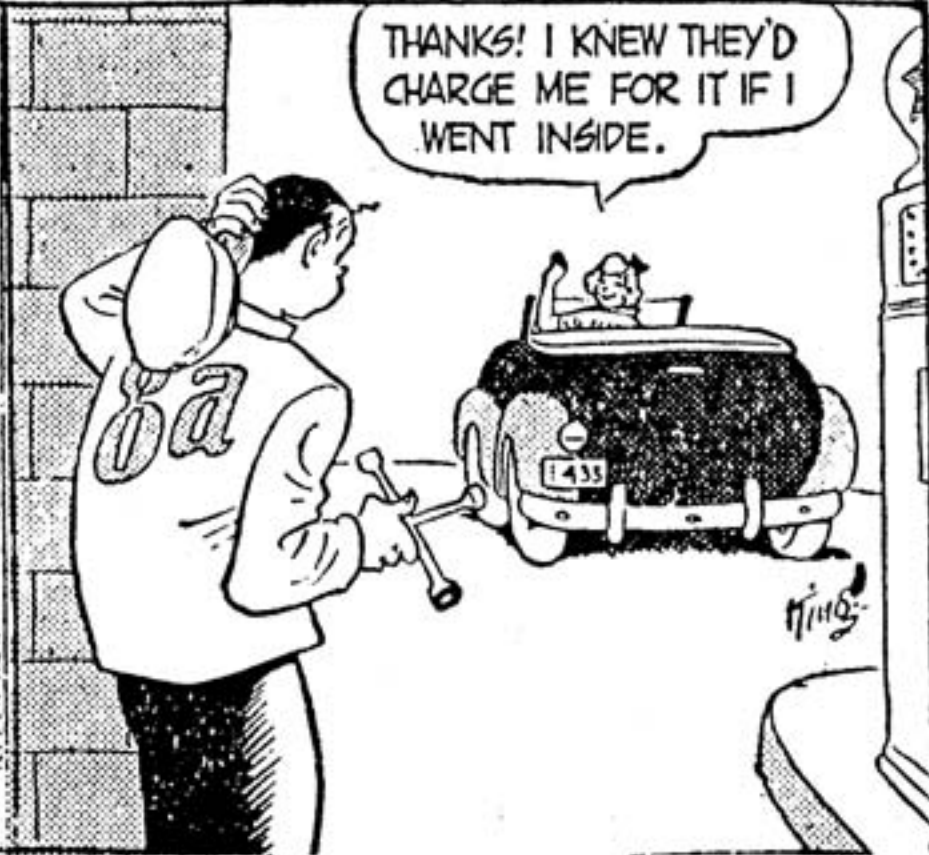
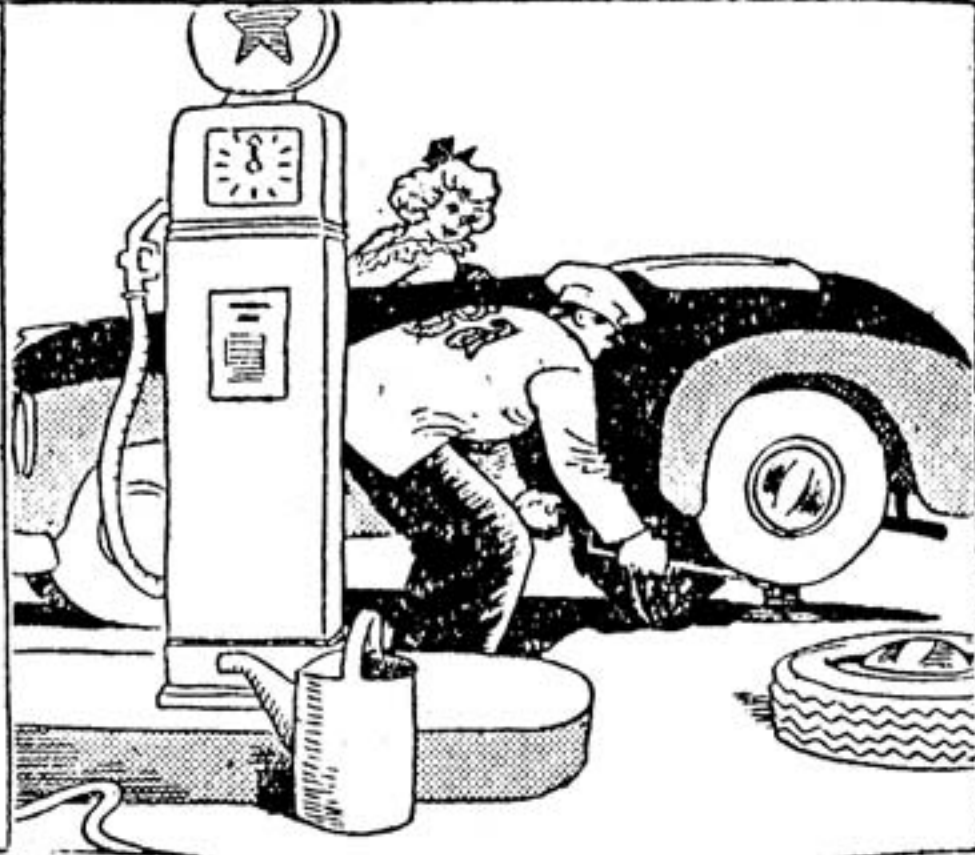
I FORGOT TO
TELL YOU. THIS
IS ON THE CUFF!



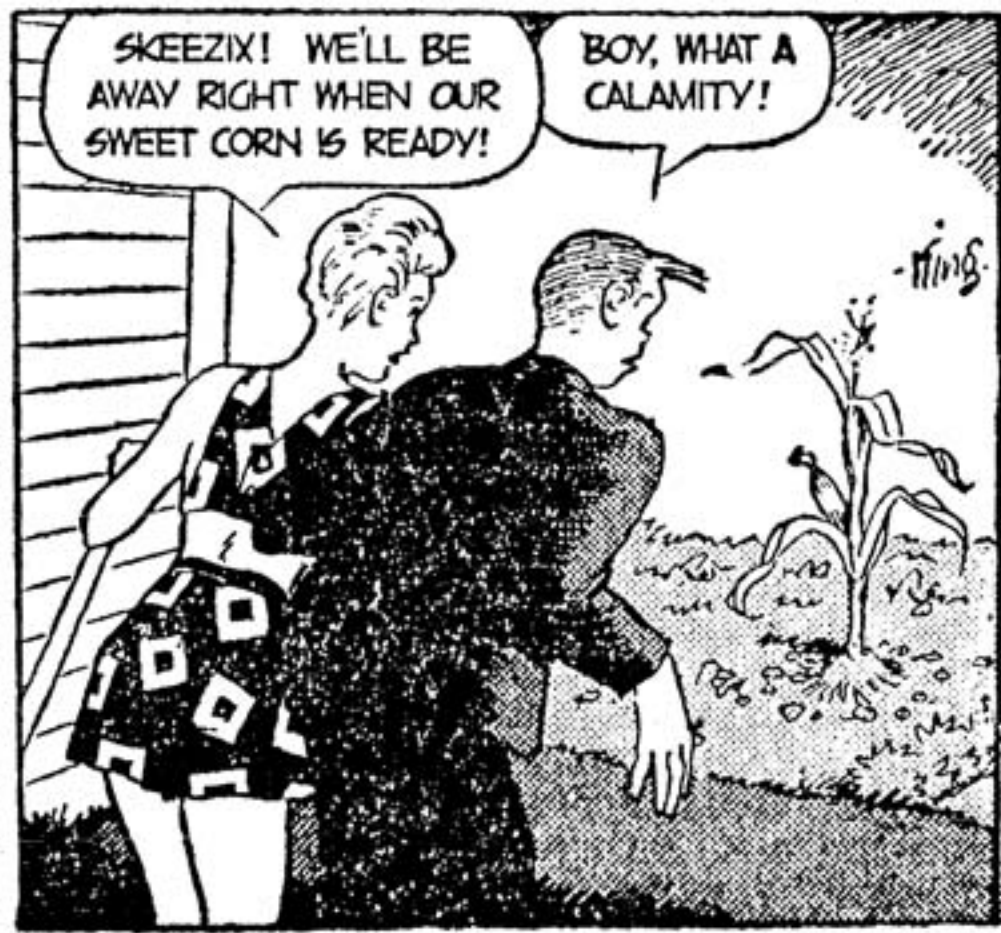
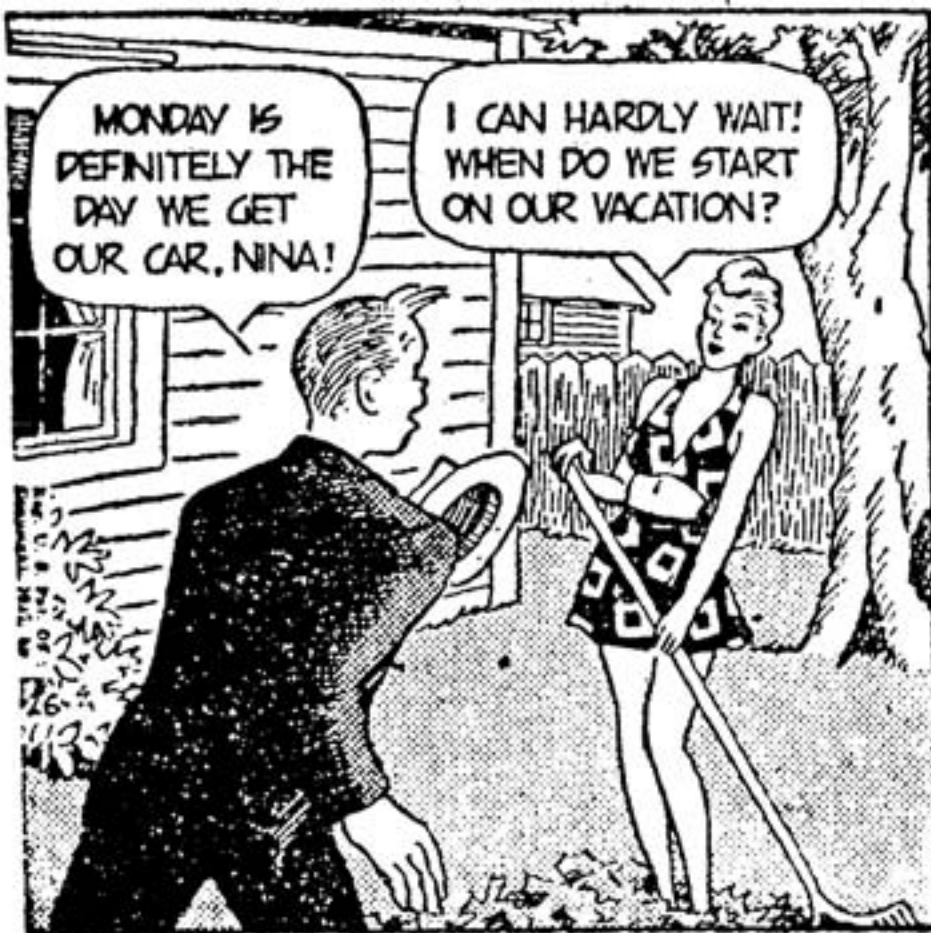
GASOLINE ALLEY
BUSINESS IS
STRICTLY CASH!

WHAT OF IT? THIS IS
PERSON TO PERSON.
I'LL SQUARE WITH
YOU NEXT WEEK.

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JACK, I'M HERE TO DRIVE AWAY THAT CAR OF MINE.

GOSH, SKEEK, I'M MIGHTY SORRY!

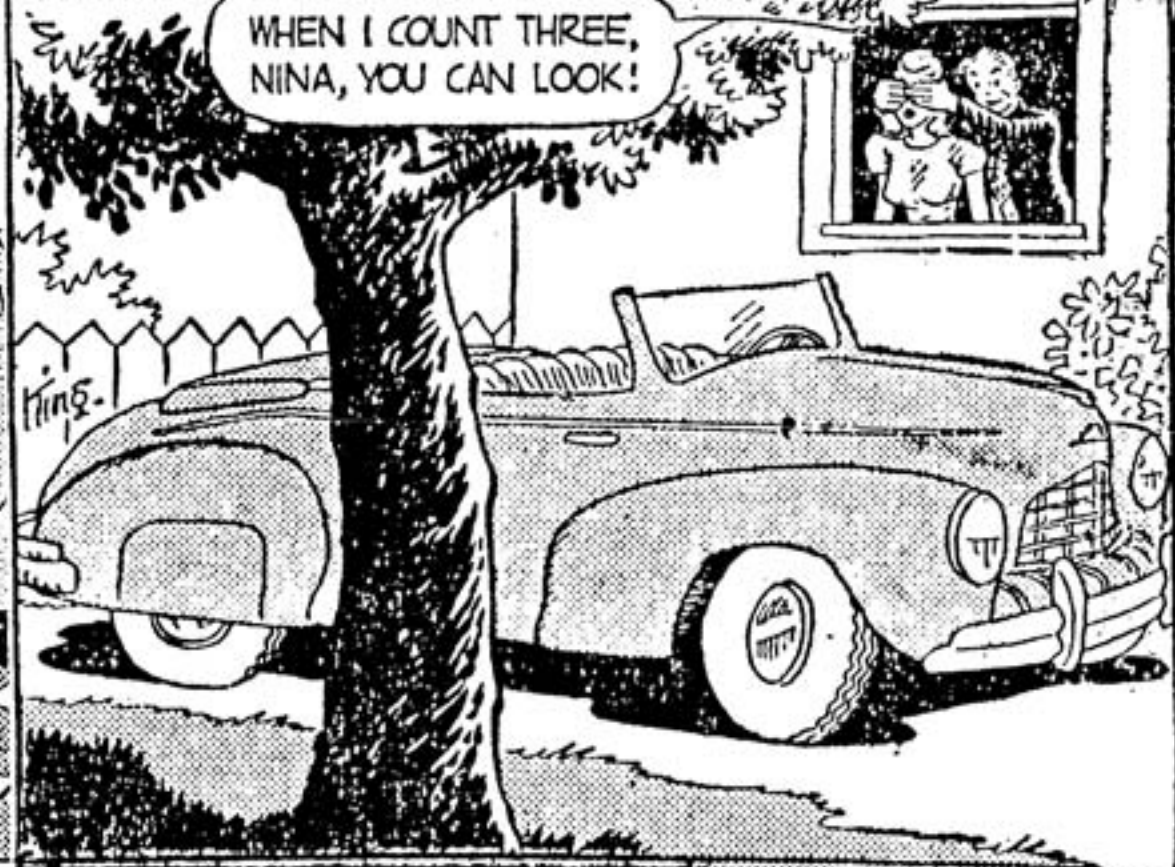
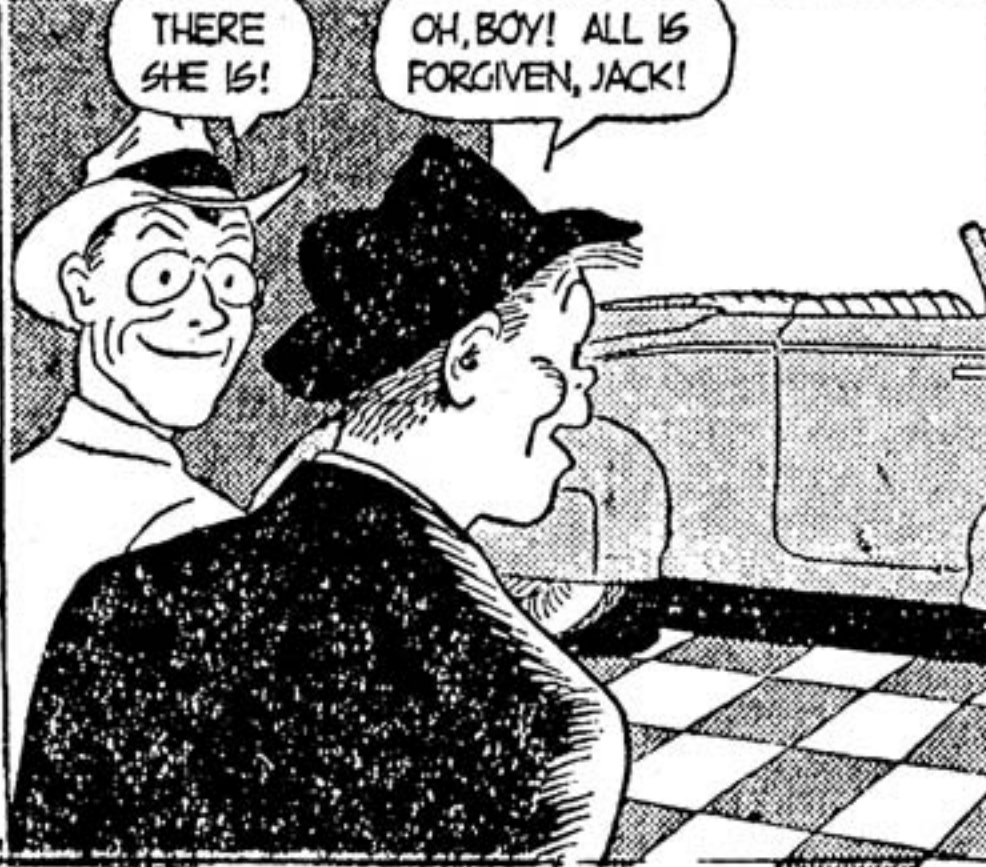
DON'T TELL ME THAT AFTER WAITING ALL OF THESE MONTHS IT ISN'T HERE!

YOU COME AROUND TOMORROW MORNING. I HOPE WE'LL HAVE IT.

AND I HOPE THAT IT'S A GOOD SIGN THAT YOU'VE QUIT PROMISING AND STARTED HOPING.

I THINK IT'S TIME TO PULL IN MY NECK.









AW, COME ON, SKEEZIX!
JUST AROUND A FEW
BLOCKS!

OKAY, CORKY.
BUT NOT OVER
40, REMEMBER!



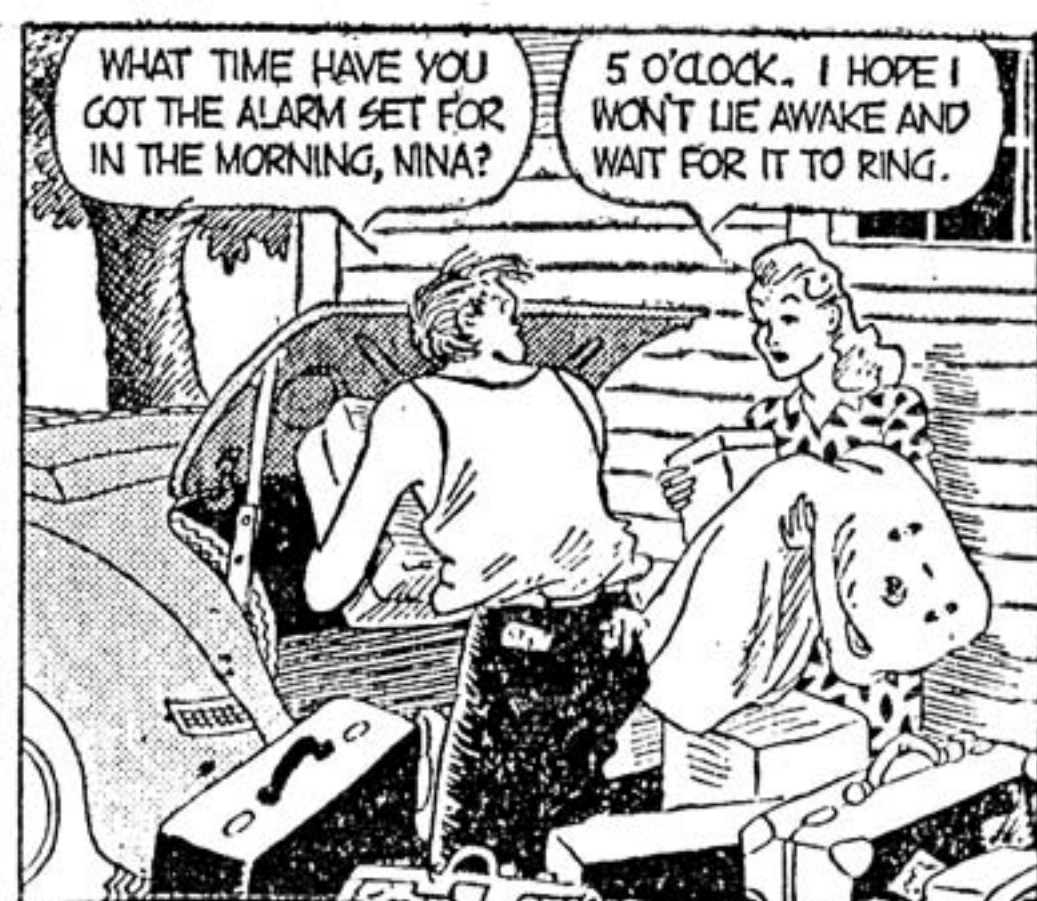
ON THE SQUARE, OFFICER,
I WAS HOLDIN' HER BACK,
BUT SHE CREPT UP ON ME.

OI, YEAH?
WHAT'S YER
NAME?



WALLET.

IT'S A GOOD THING FOR
YOU IT ISN'T BOBBLE! DON'T
LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!





DARLING, OUR DREAMS FINALLY CAME TRUE!

WE'RE ON OUR VACATION!

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I KNEW I'D FORGET SOMETHING! I FORGOT TO STOP THE MILK!

NO KIDDIN', NINA?



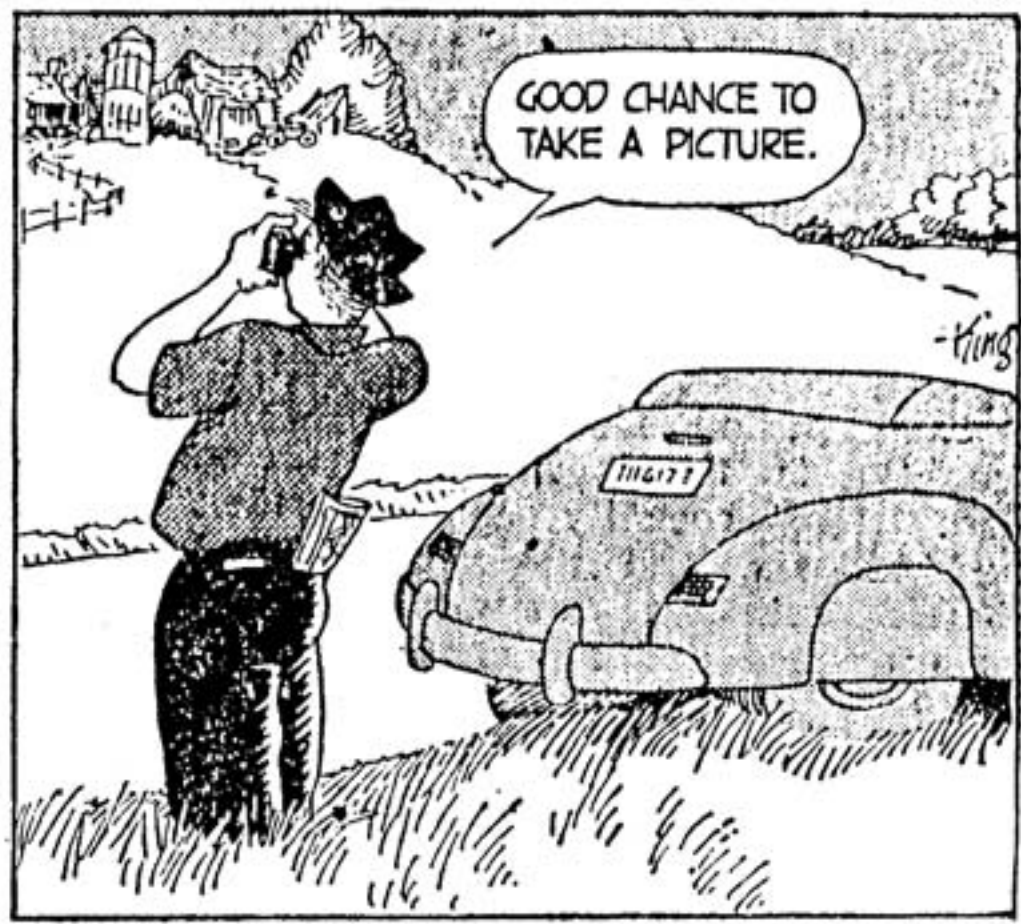
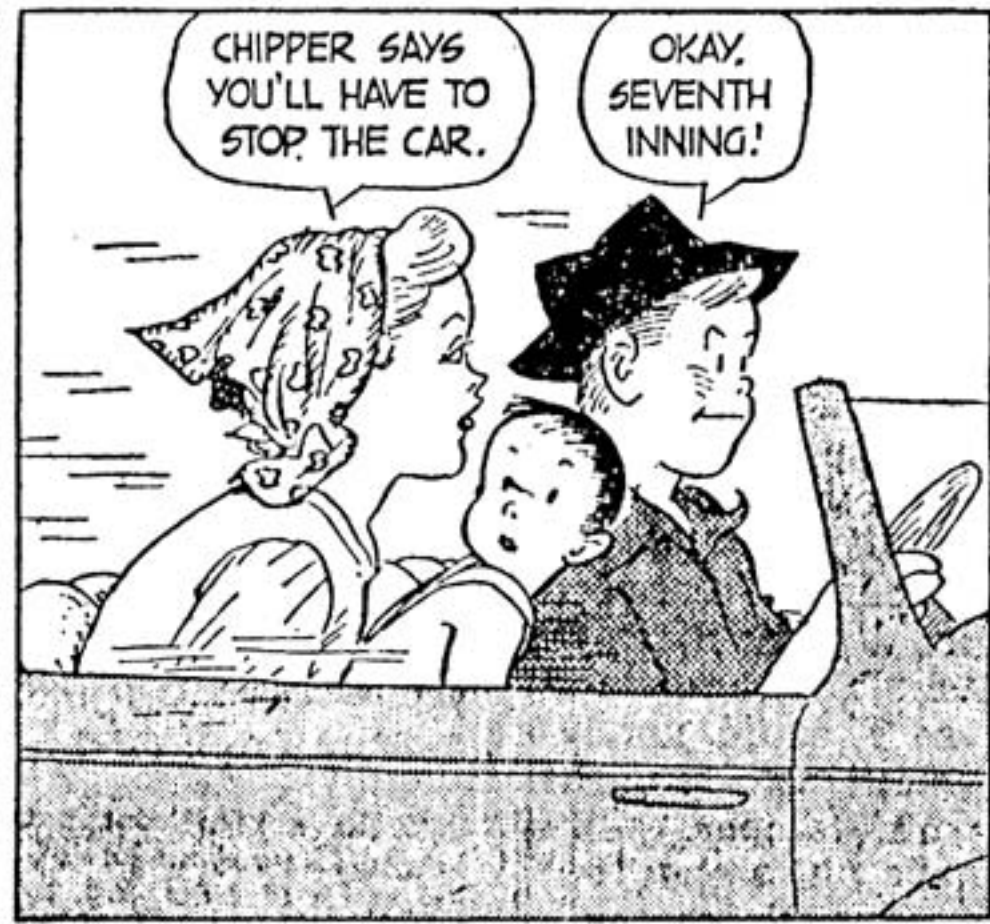
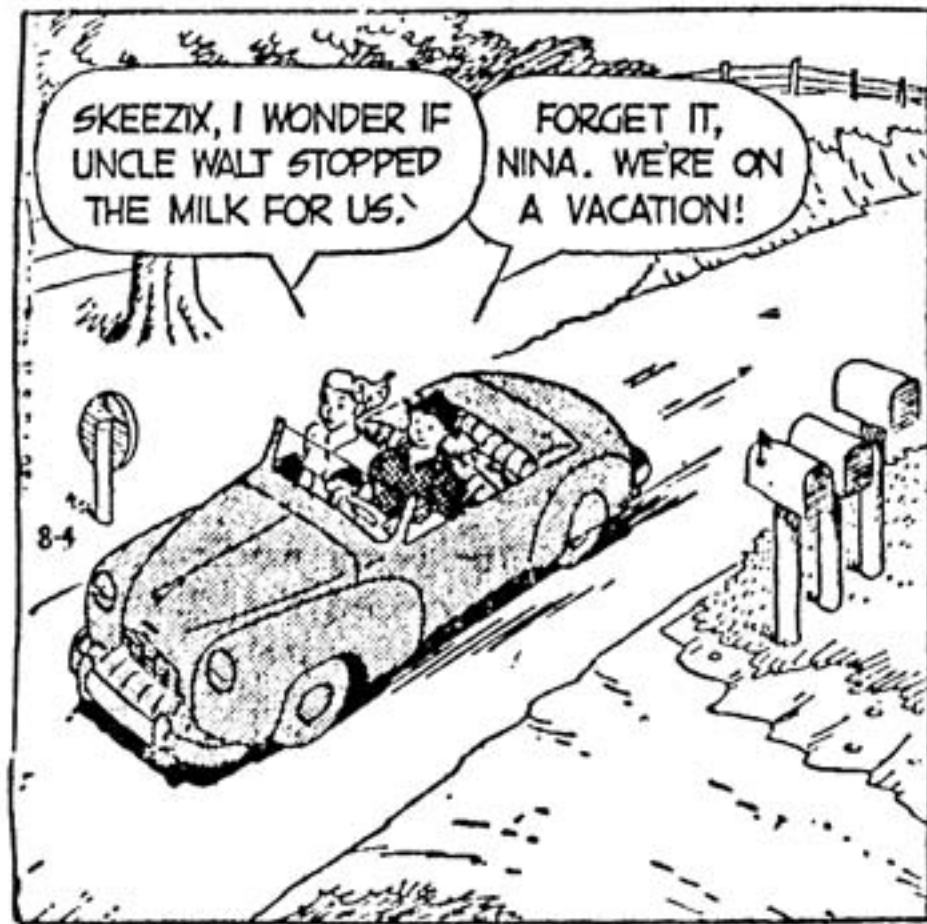
DON'T WORRY. I'LL WIRE UNCLE WALT TO STOP IT

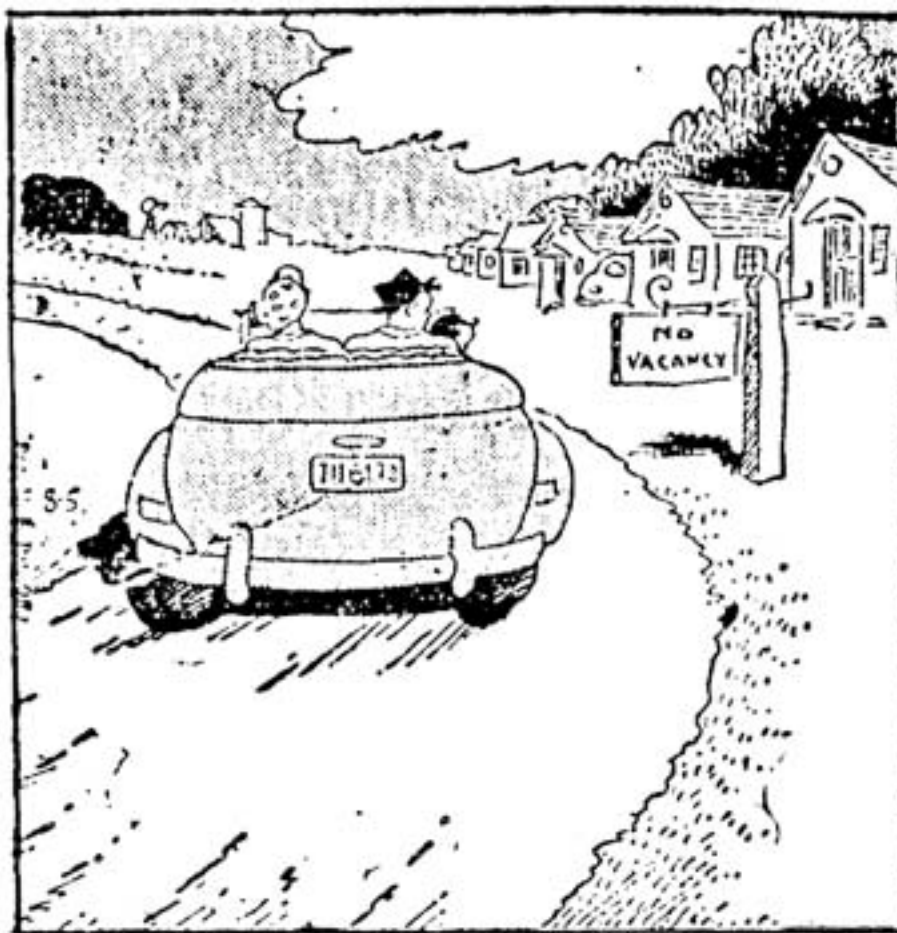


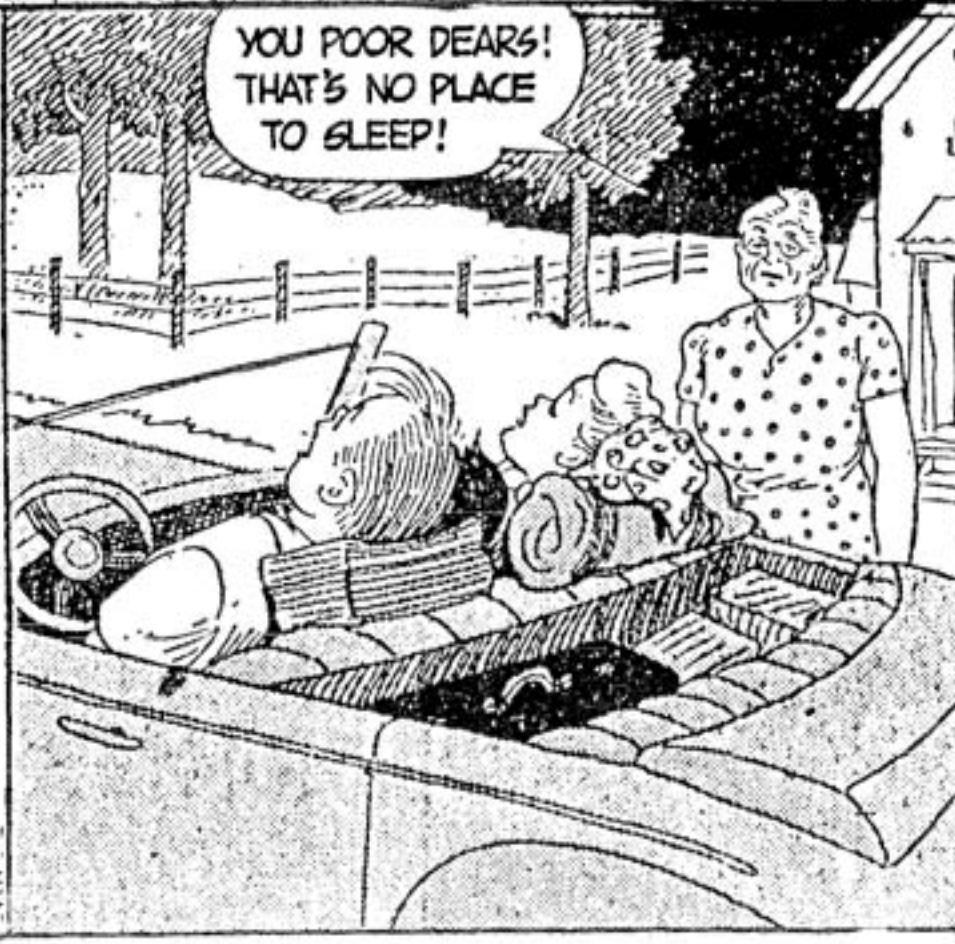
PHYLLIS, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS? "COT EARLY START STOP HAPPY STOP STOP MILK STOP LOVE SKEEZIX."

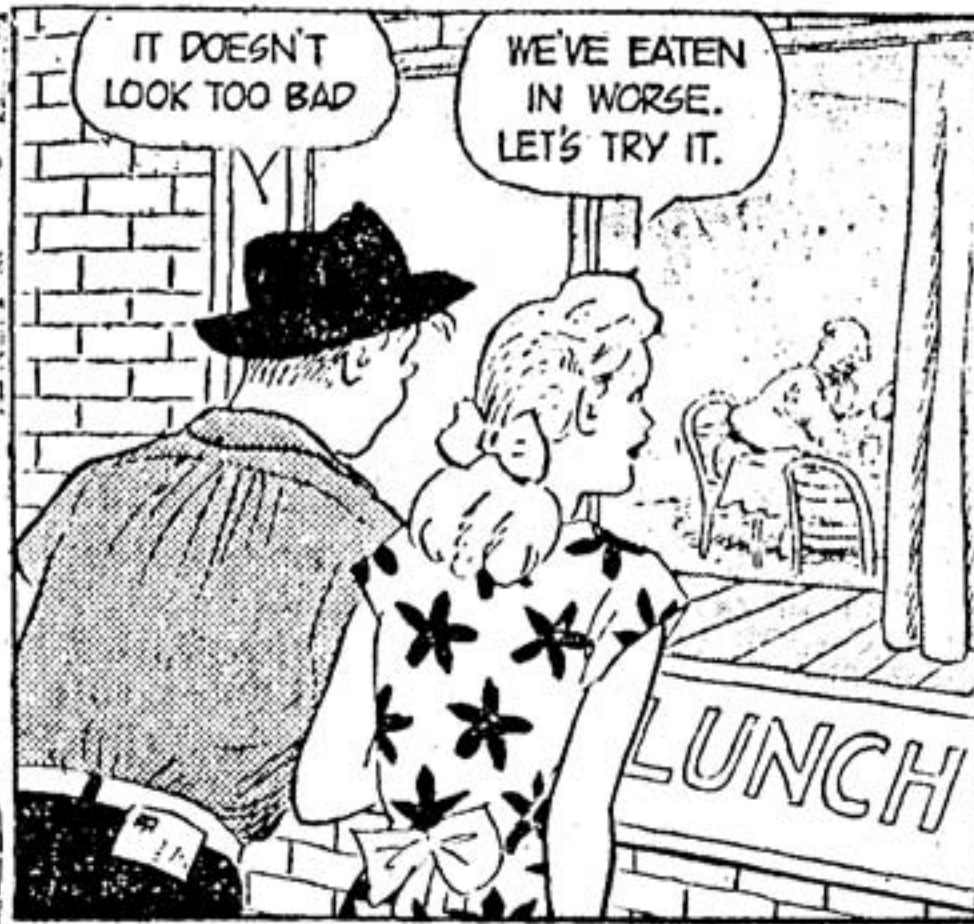
WALT TELEGRAM
WALT WALKER
RE: STOP MILK
COT EARLY START STOP
HAPPY STOP STOP MILK
STOP LOVE SKEEZIX

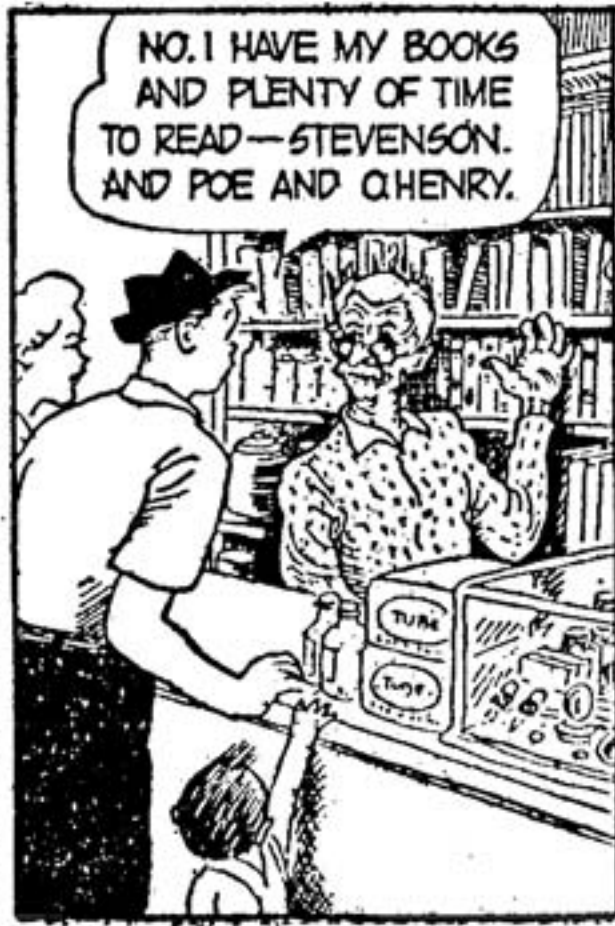
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THIS IS THE BEST PLACE WE'VE STRUCK.

I HOPE OUR LUCK HAS CHANGED, SKEEZIX.

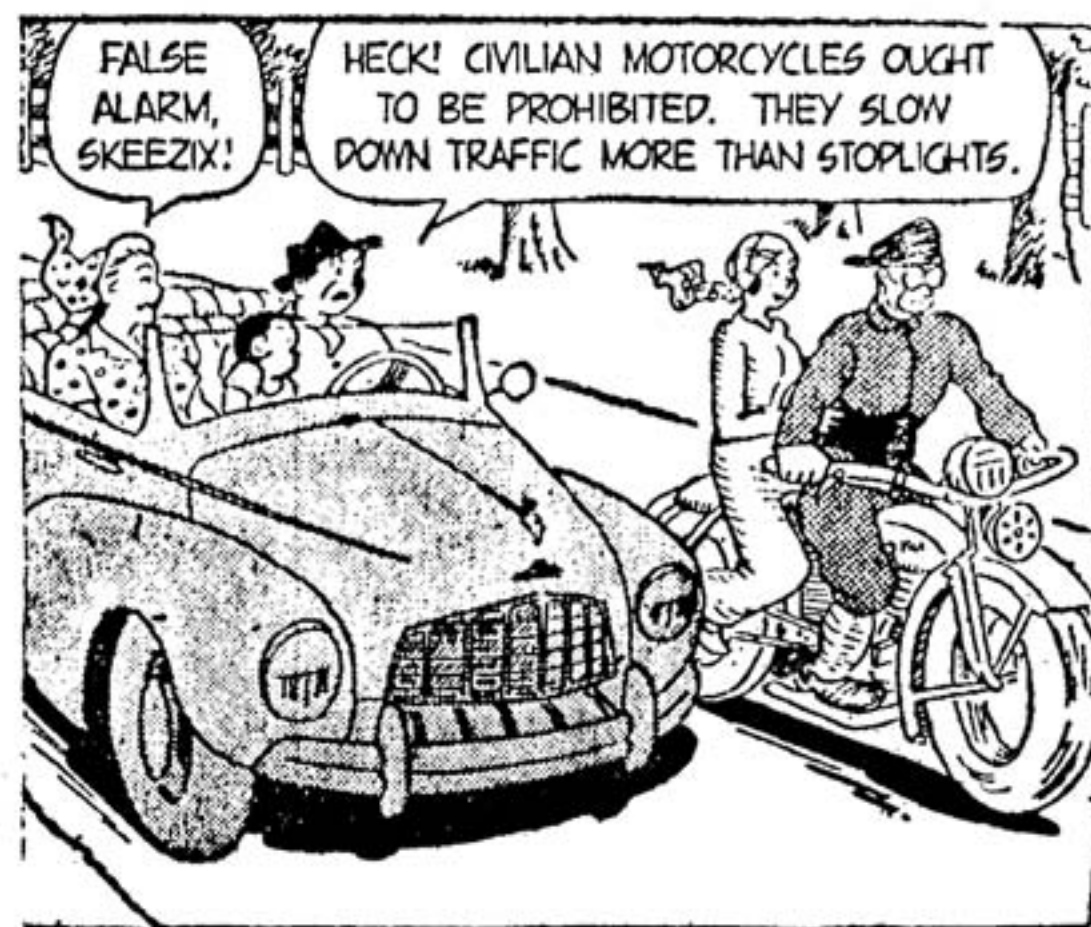


THERE ARE SOME INTERESTING THINGS AROUND HERE. MAYBE WE COULD TAKE SOME SIDE TRIPS.

YES, WE MIGHT STAY A COUPLE OF DAYS.



A COUPLE OF DAYS? NO. WE DON'T KEEP NOBODY LONGER'N OVERNIGHT.







MISTER, IS THERE GOOD FISHING IN THIS LAKE?

BEST IN THE STATE. I CAUGHT 19 THE FIRST HOUR I WAS OUT THIS MORNIN'.

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I THOUGHT 15 WAS THE LIMIT.

IT IS, BUT I CAUGHT AN' THREW BACK FOUR SMALL ONES FIRST, SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO TOSS BACK ANY BIG ONES LATER.

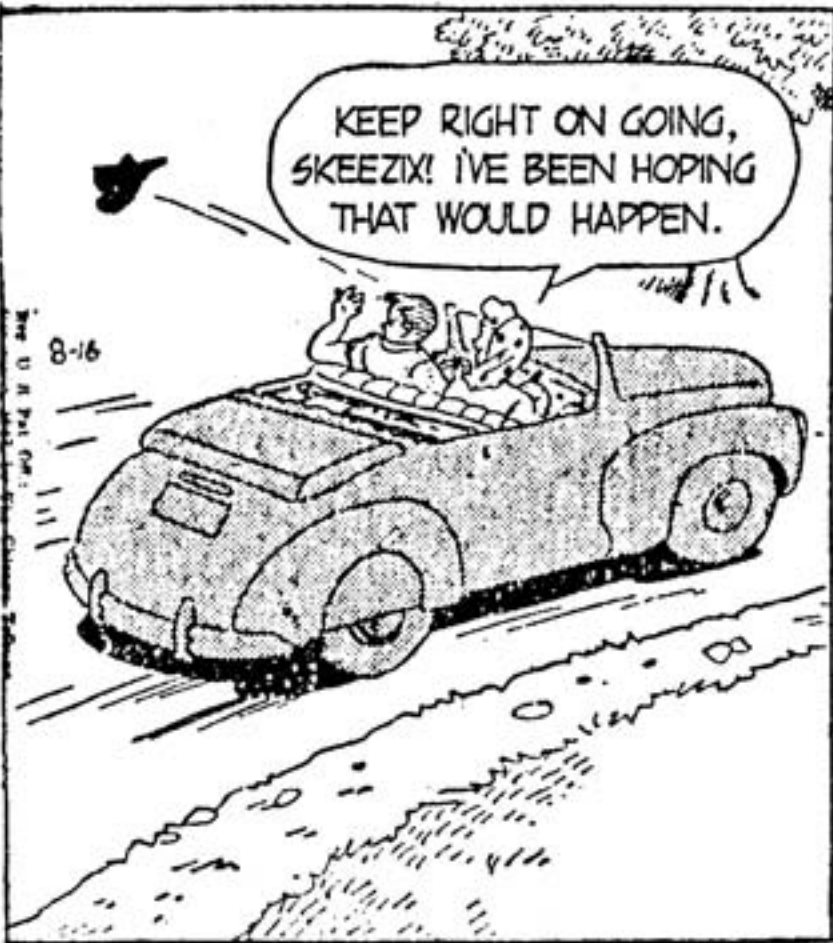
I'D SURE LIKE TO GET SOME. ARE YOU THE GUIDE?

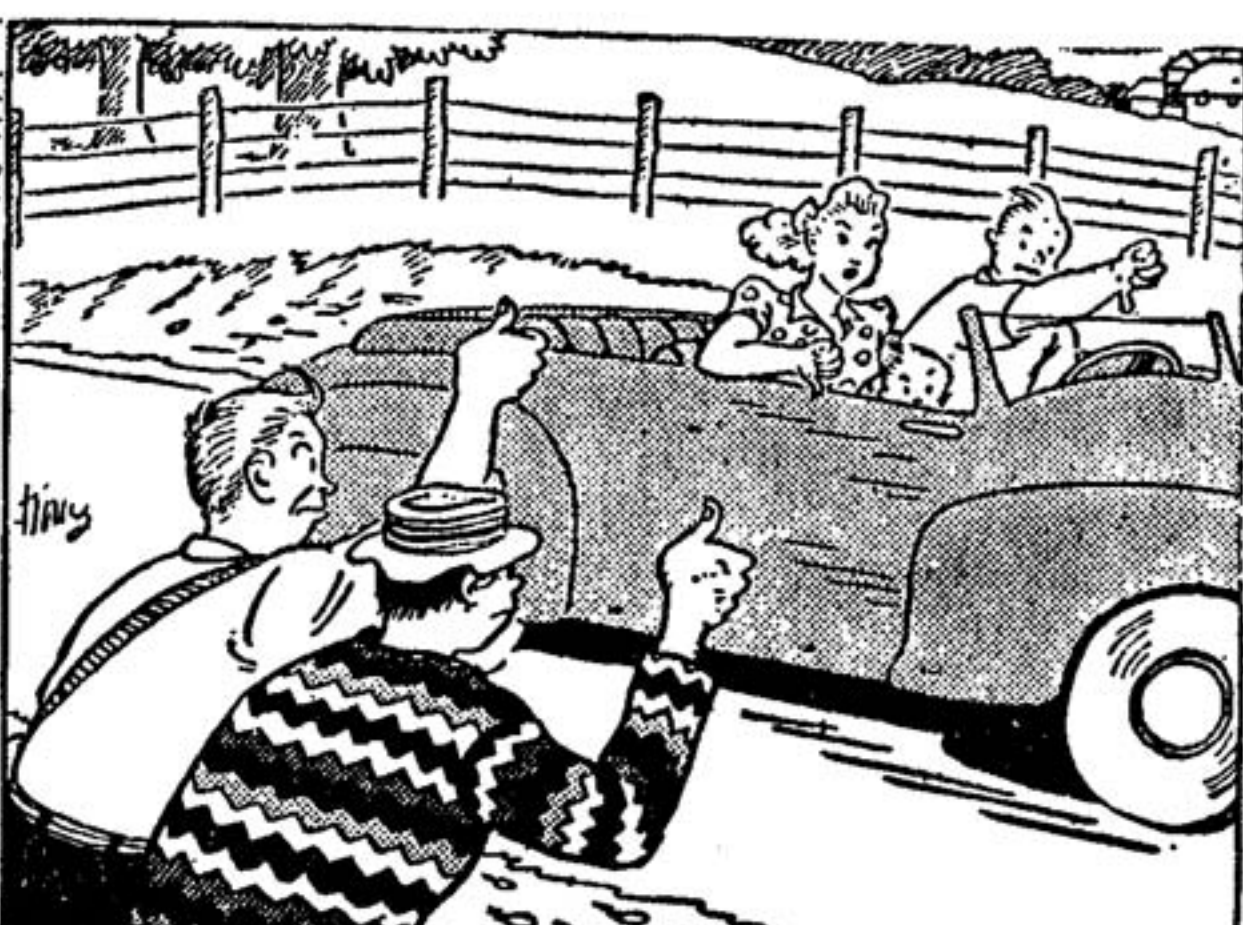
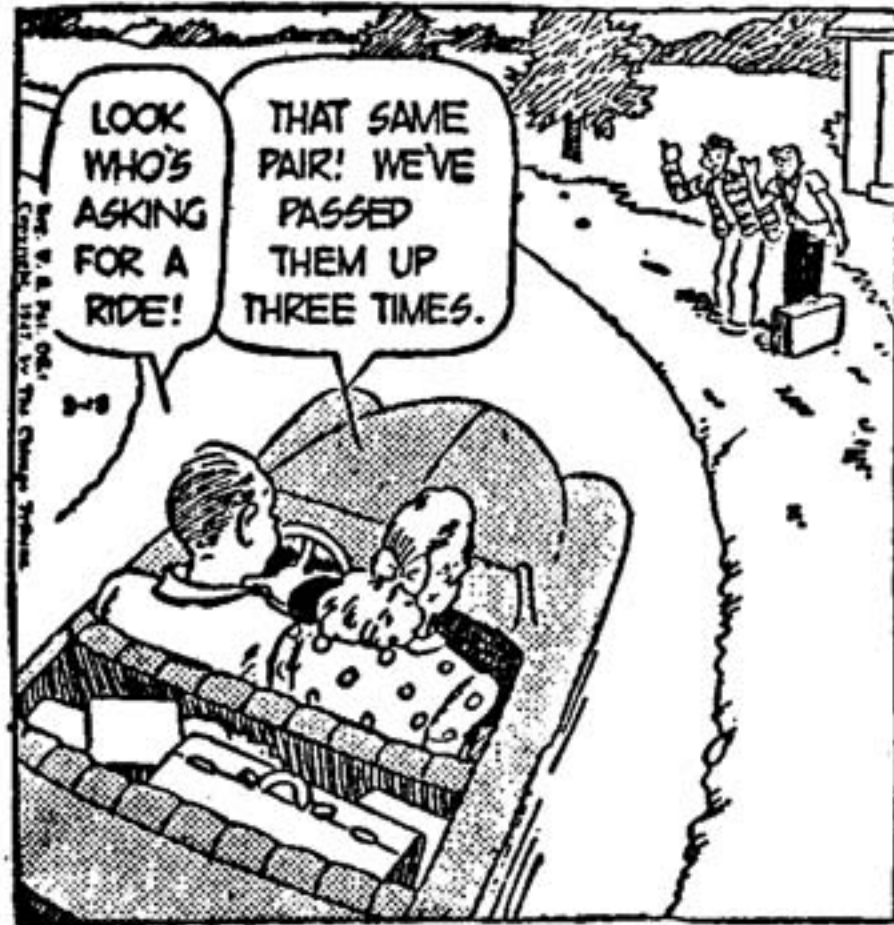
YOU DON'T NEED ANY GUIDE. JUST HIRE A BOAT AN' TOSS IN A LINE.

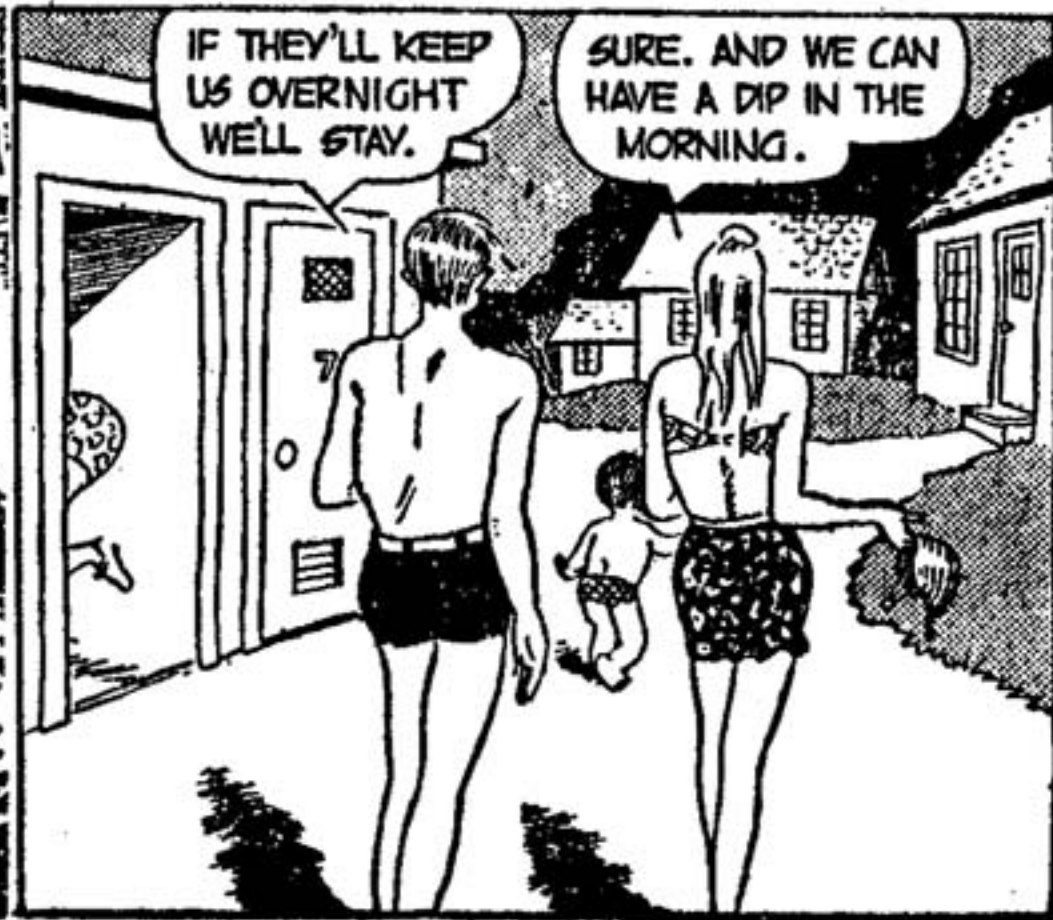
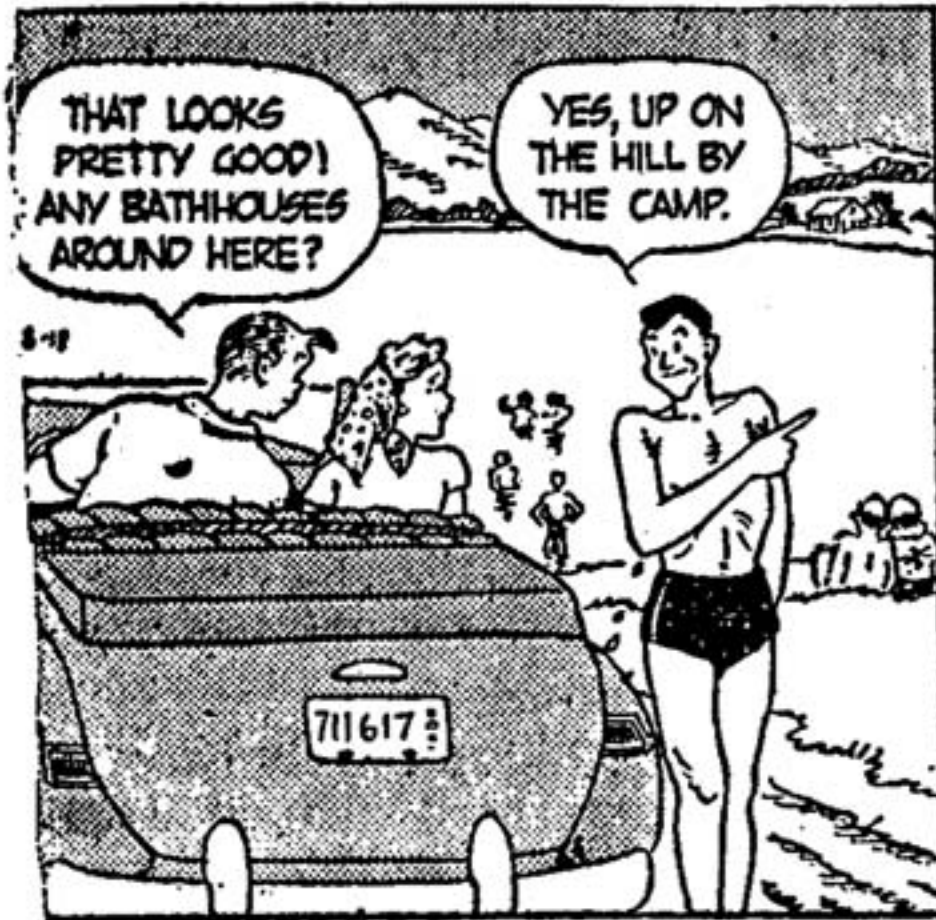
ARE YOU ONE OF THE GUESTS HERE?

NO, I WORK HERE. I'M THE OFFICIAL LIAR.

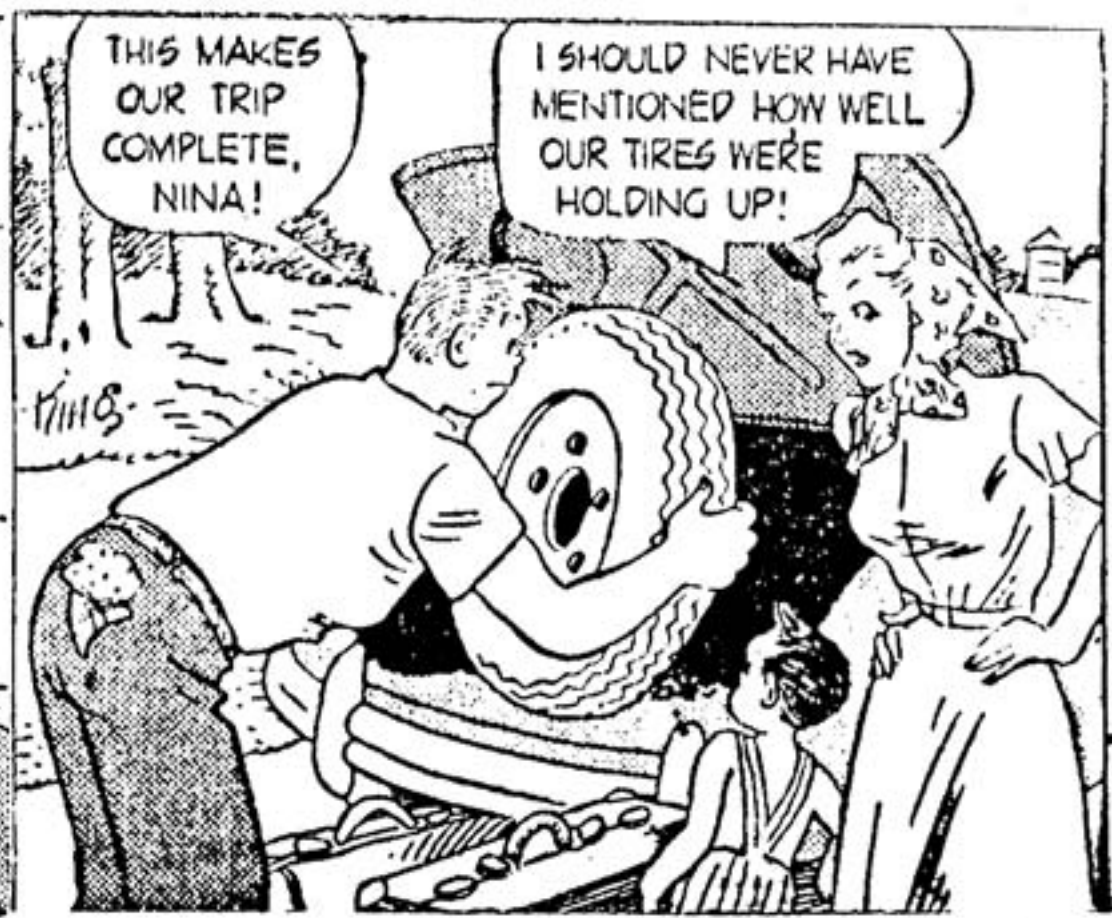
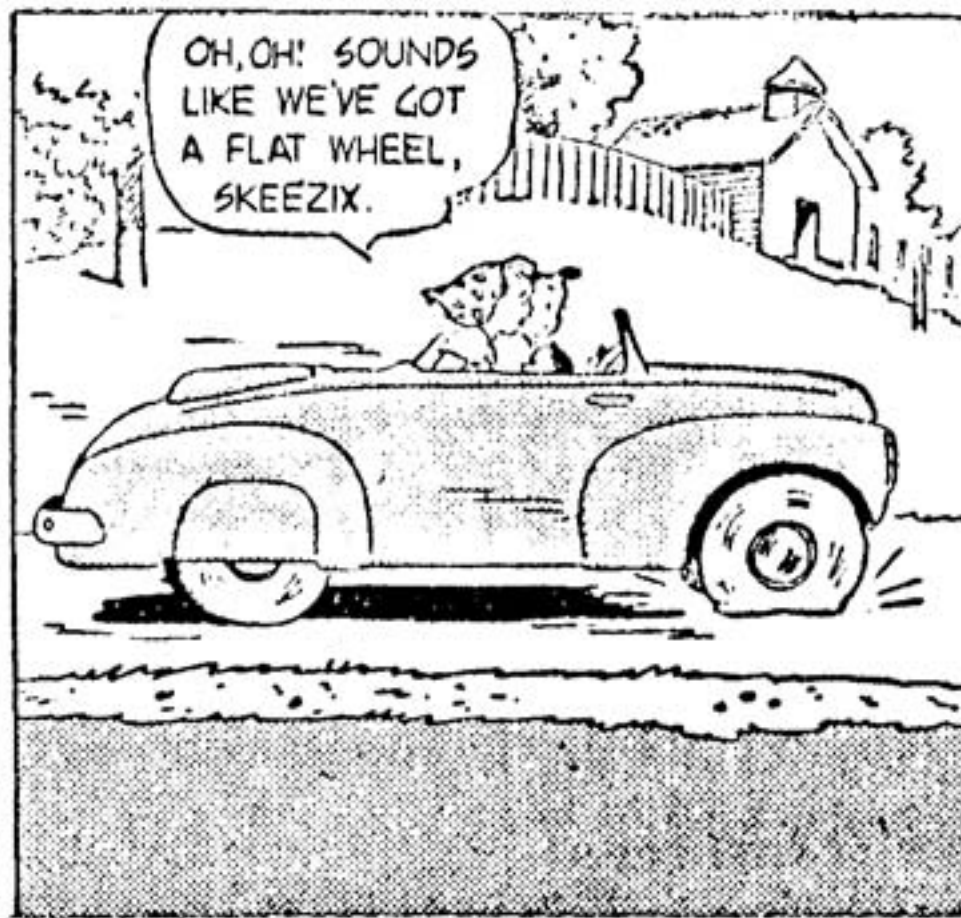
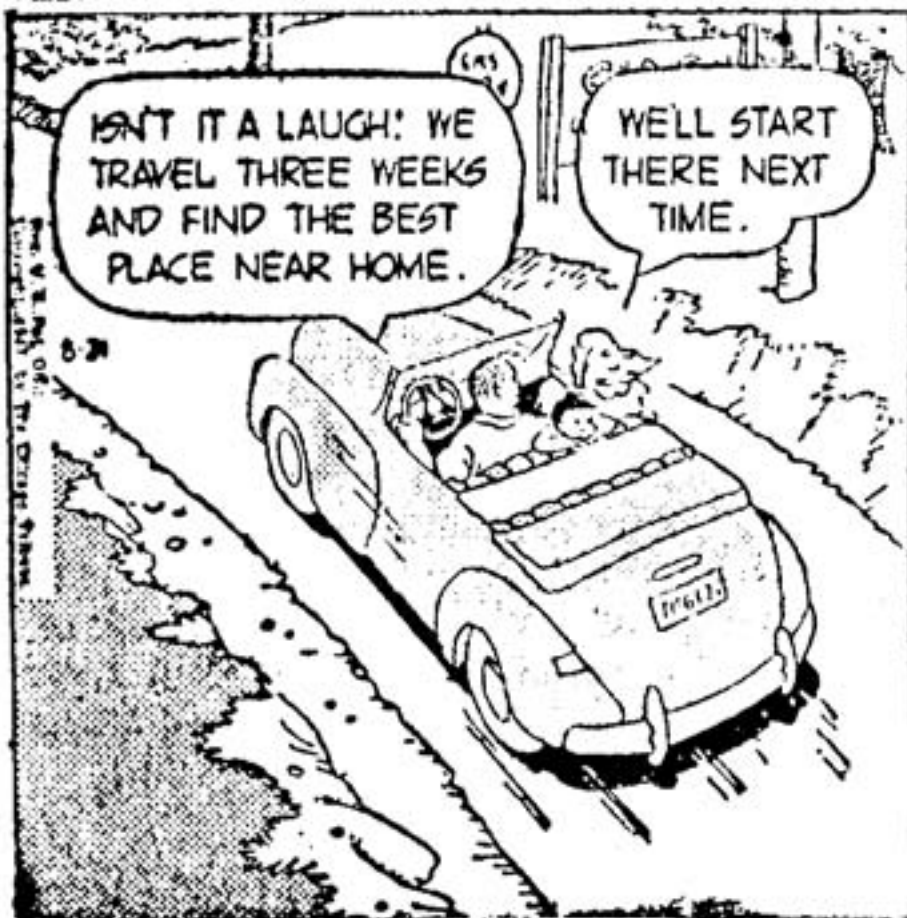


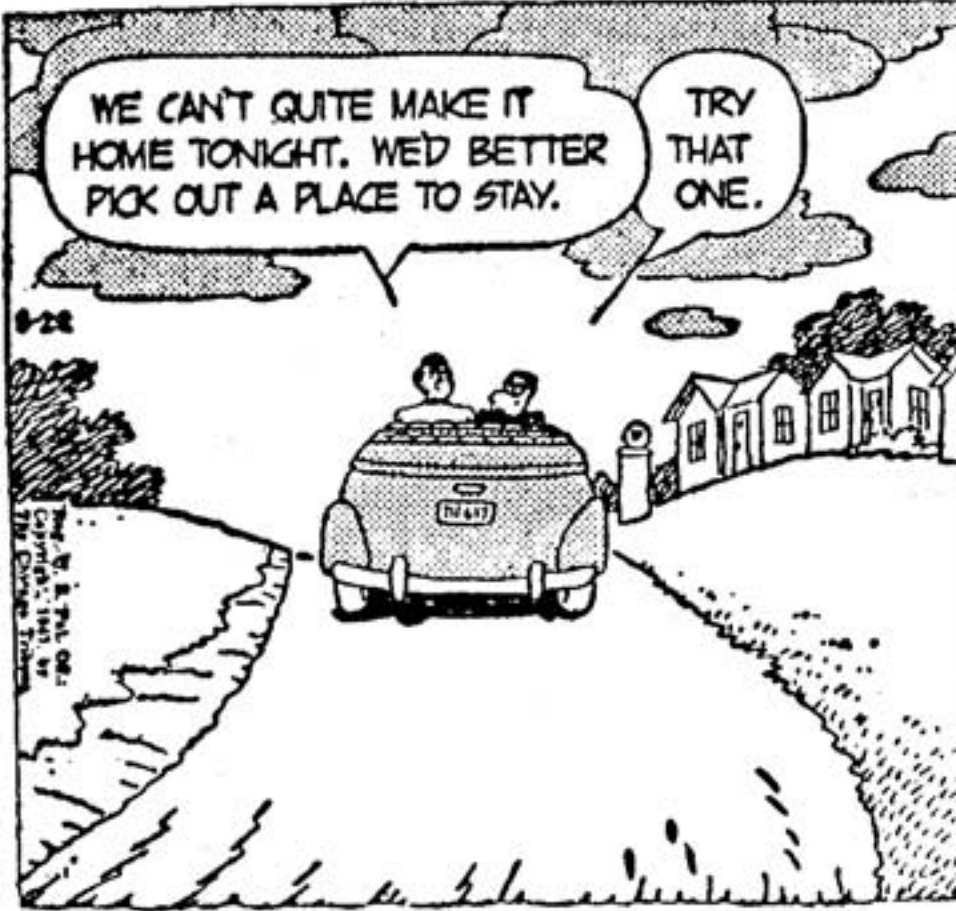












WE CAN'T QUITE MAKE IT HOME TONIGHT. WE'D BETTER PICK OUT A PLACE TO STAY.

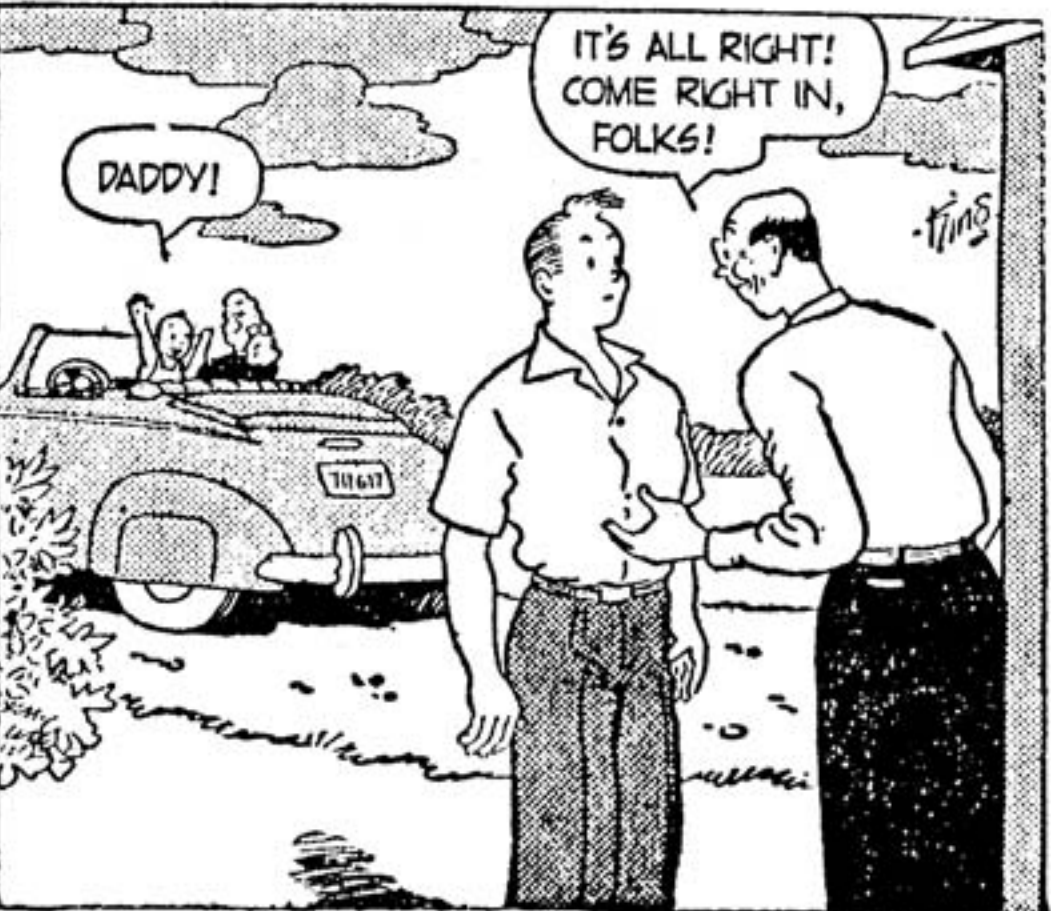
TRY THAT ONE.

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MY WIFE AND I WOULD LIKE TO GET A CABIN FOR THE NIGHT.

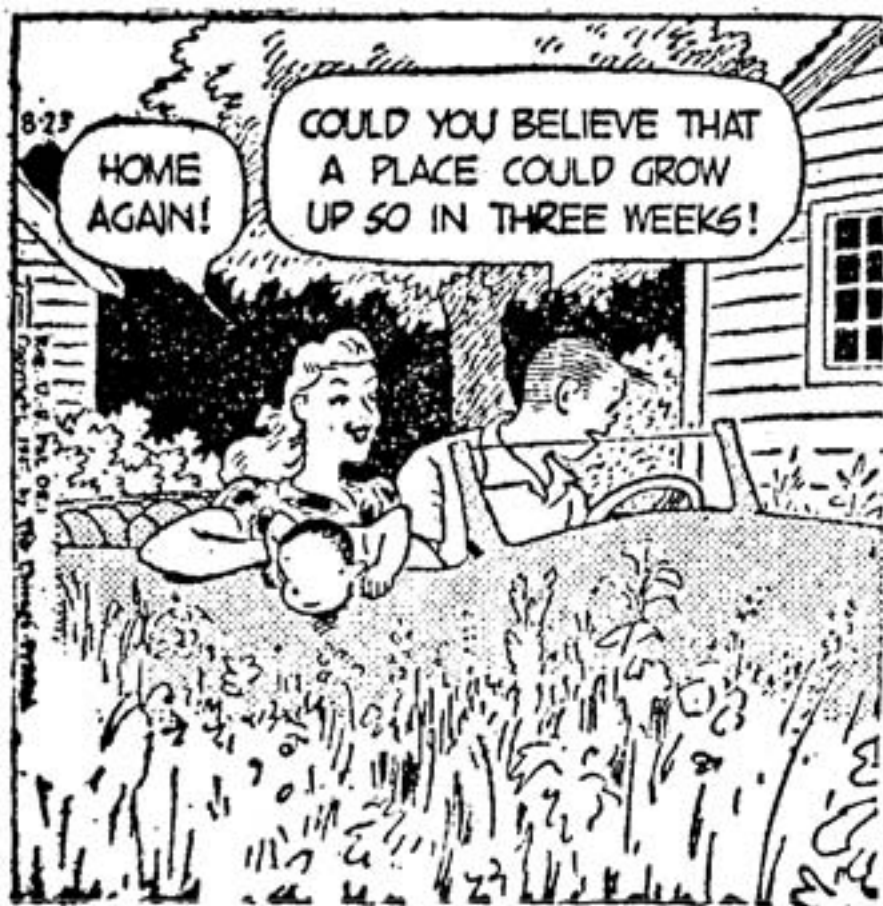
WE DON'T TAKE ANY LOCAL TRADE HERE.

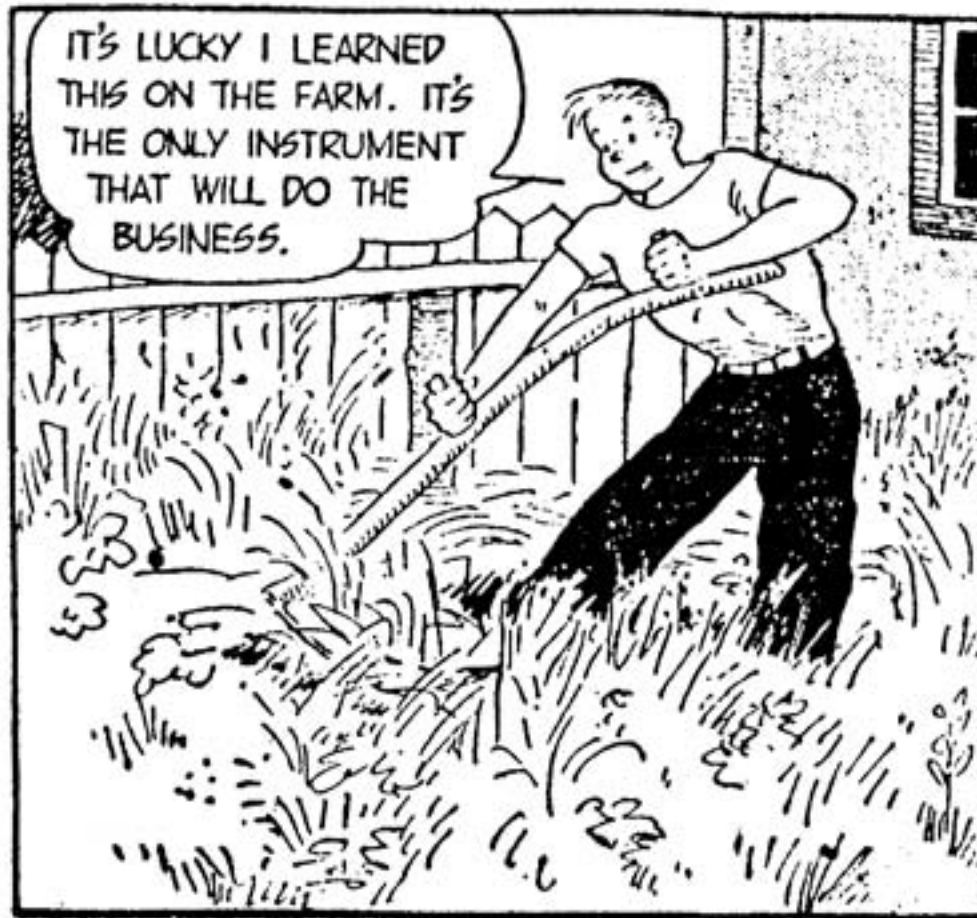
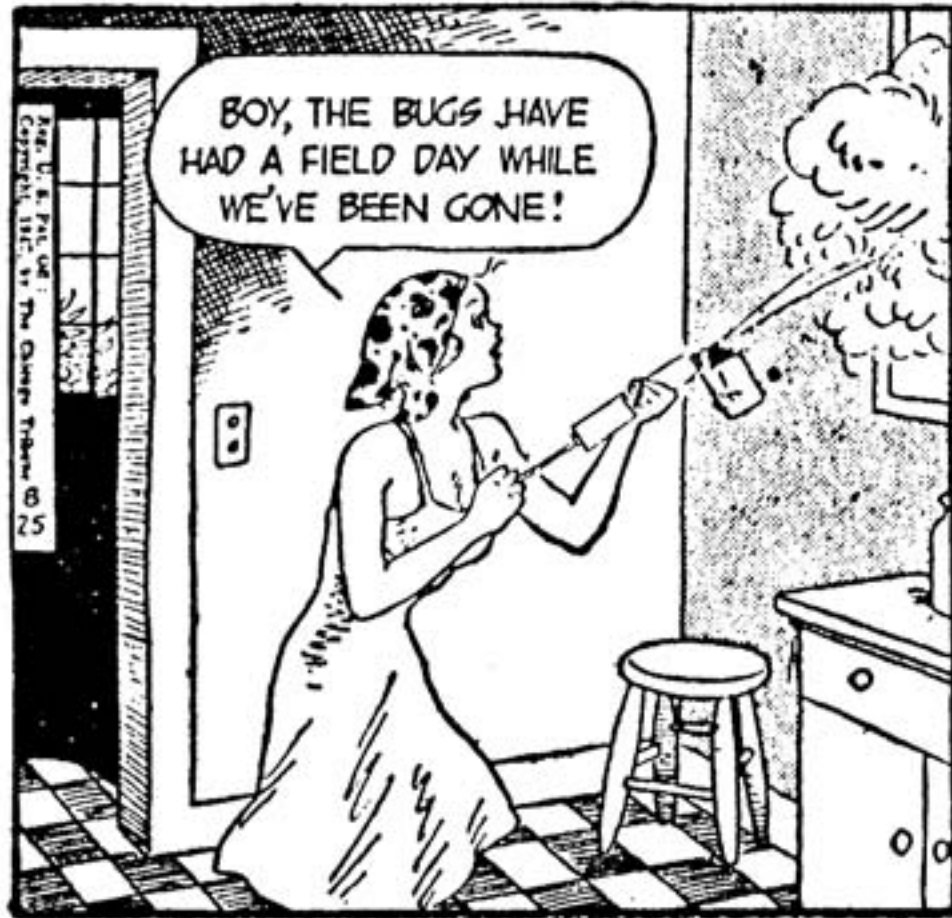


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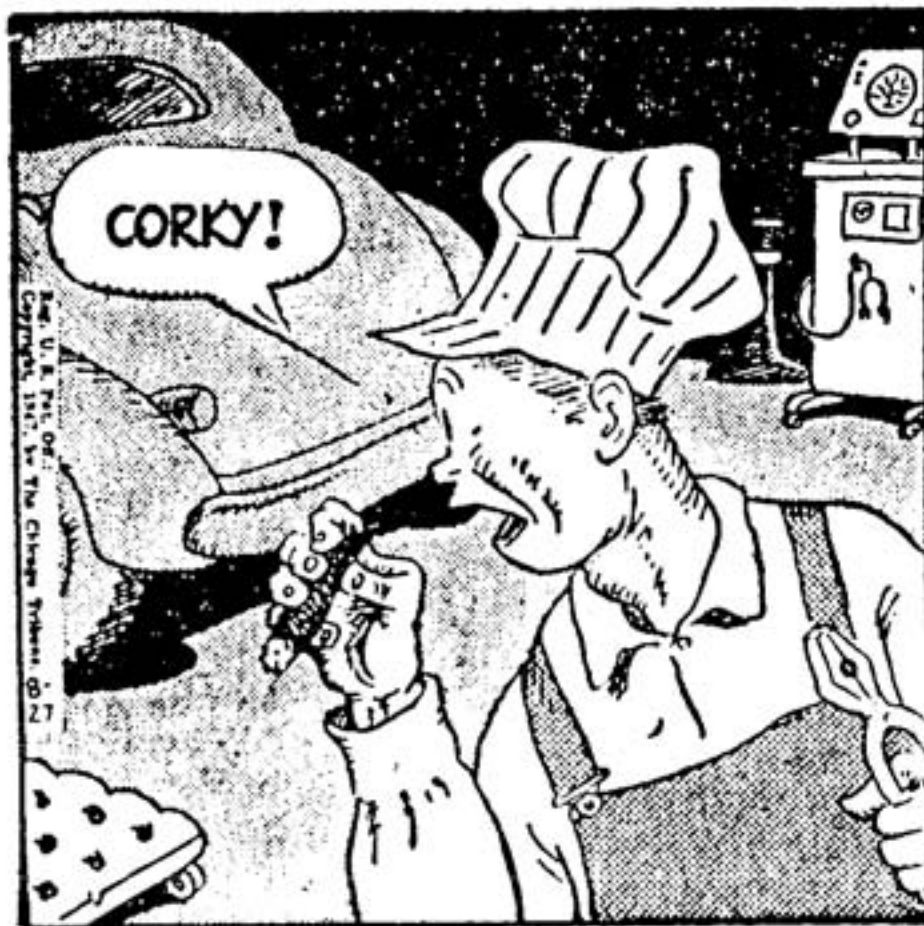
IT'S ALL RIGHT! COME RIGHT IN, FOLKS!

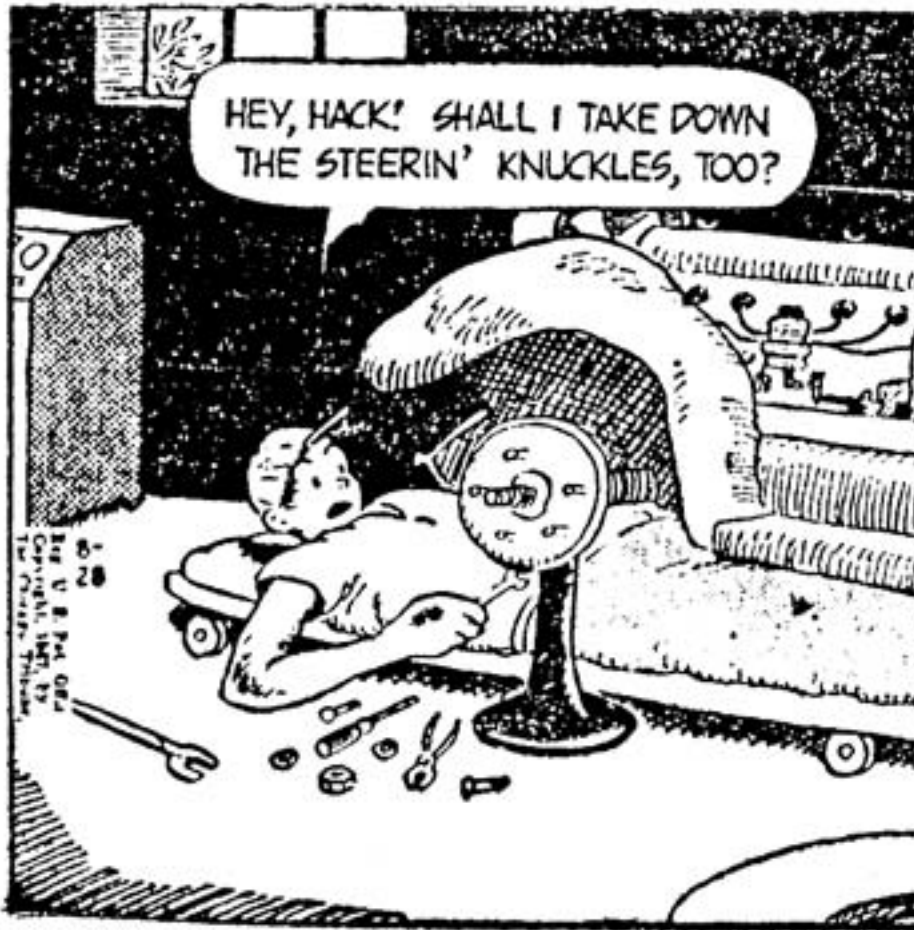
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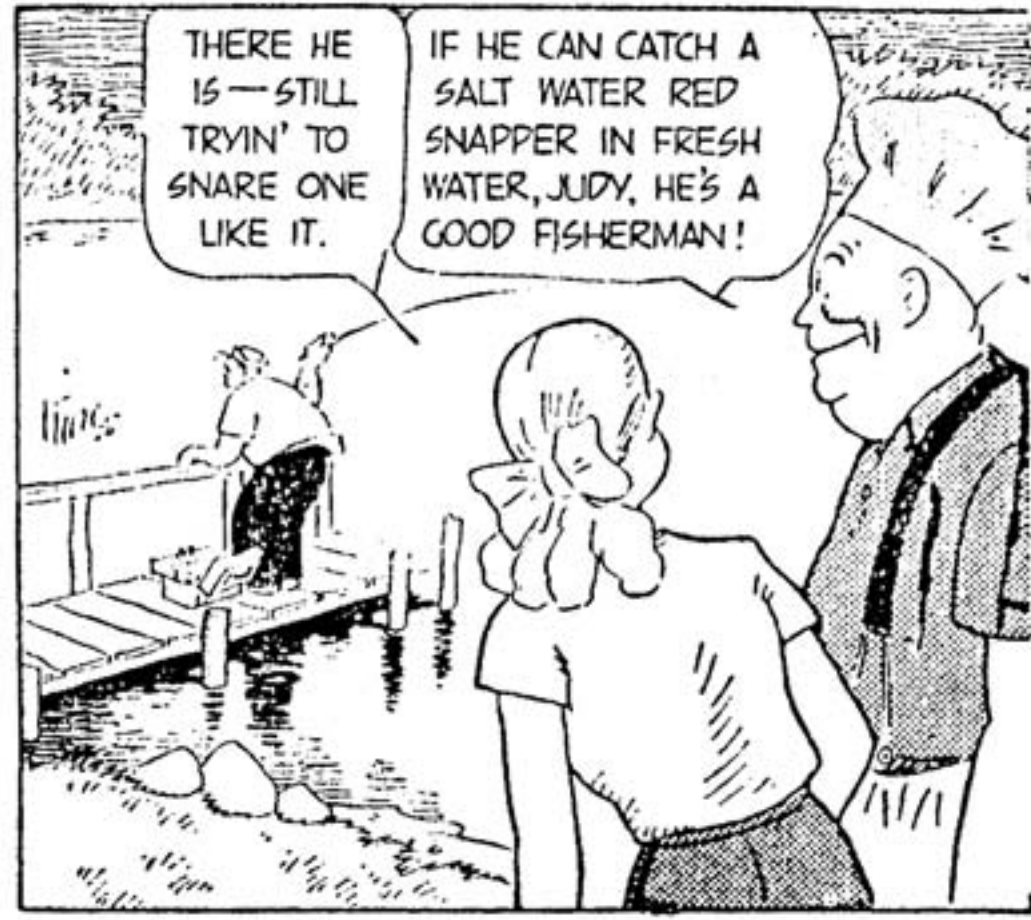
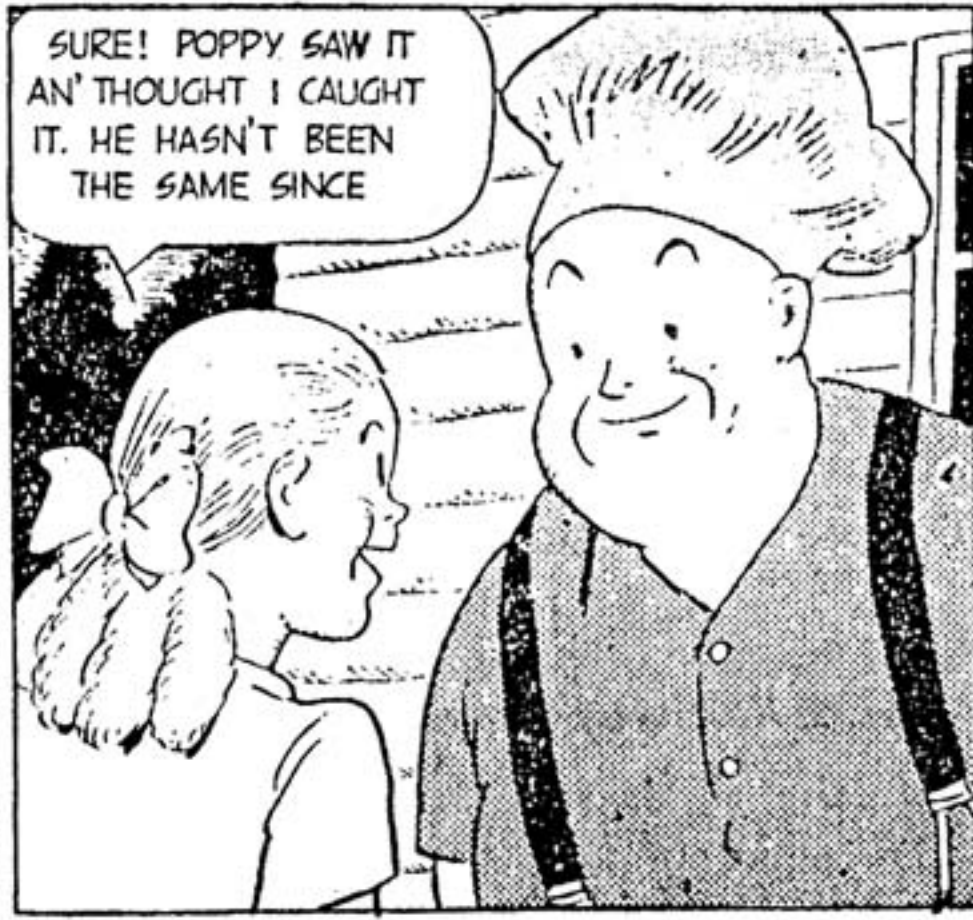


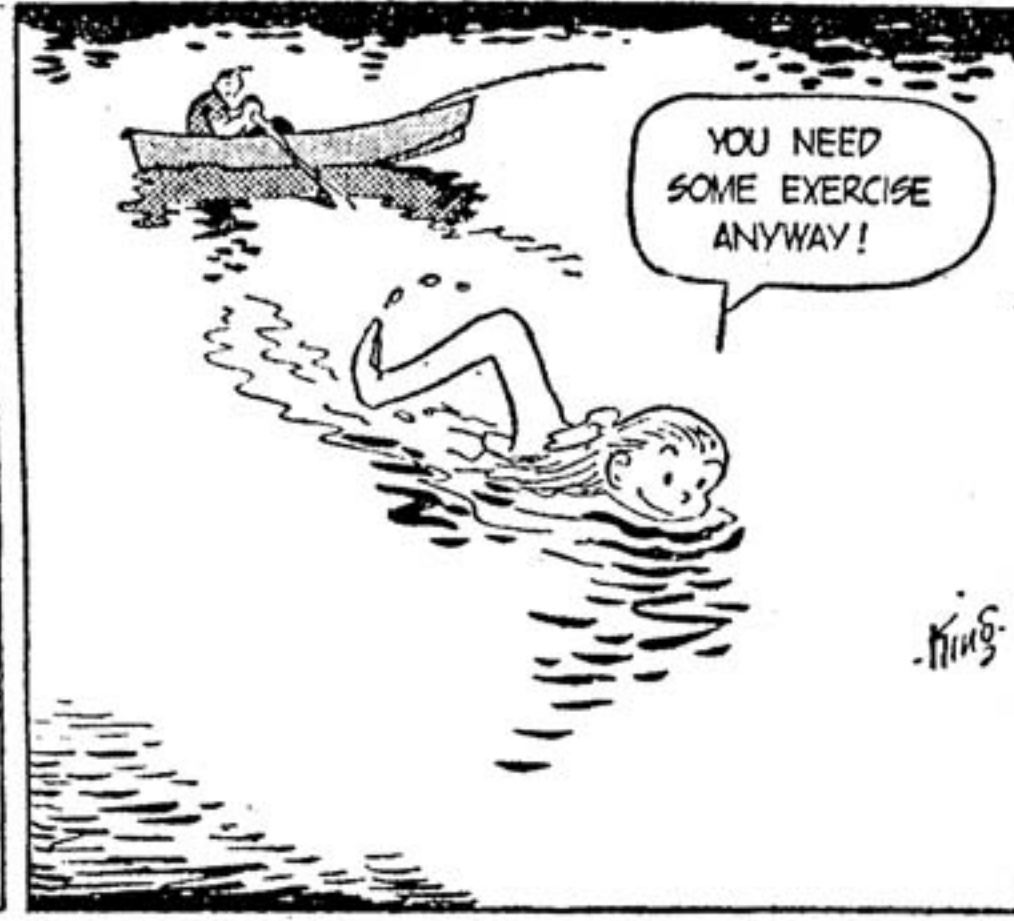
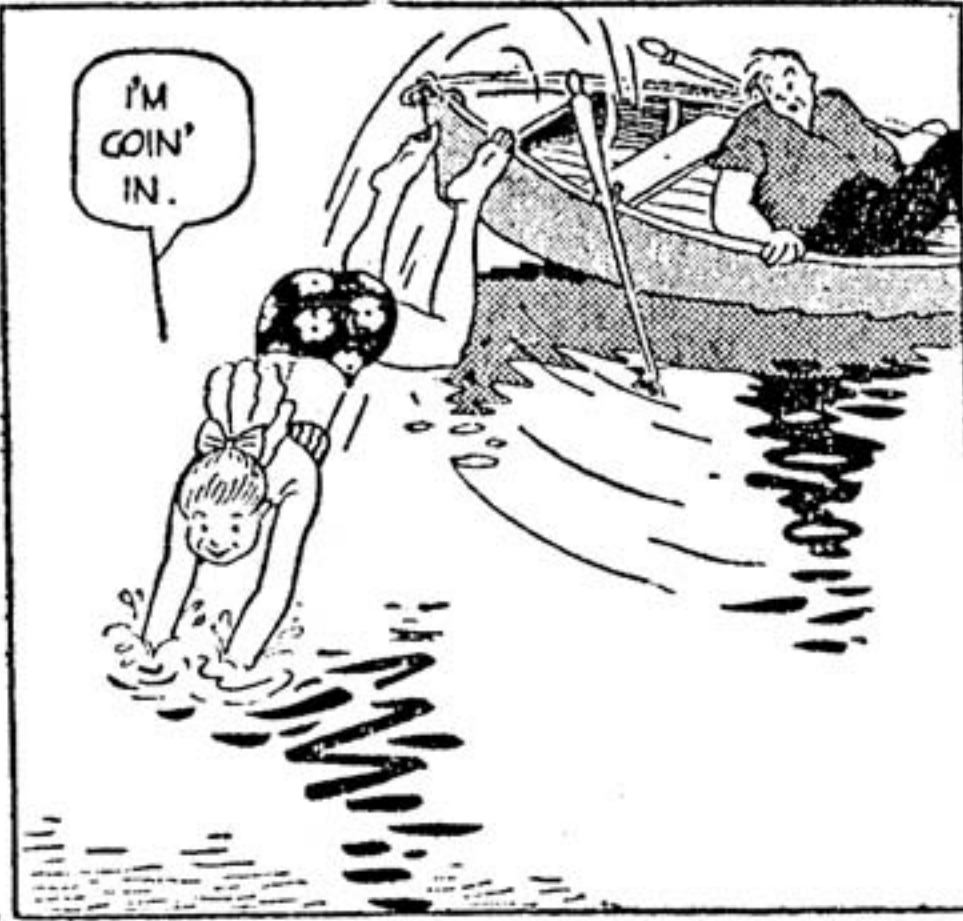


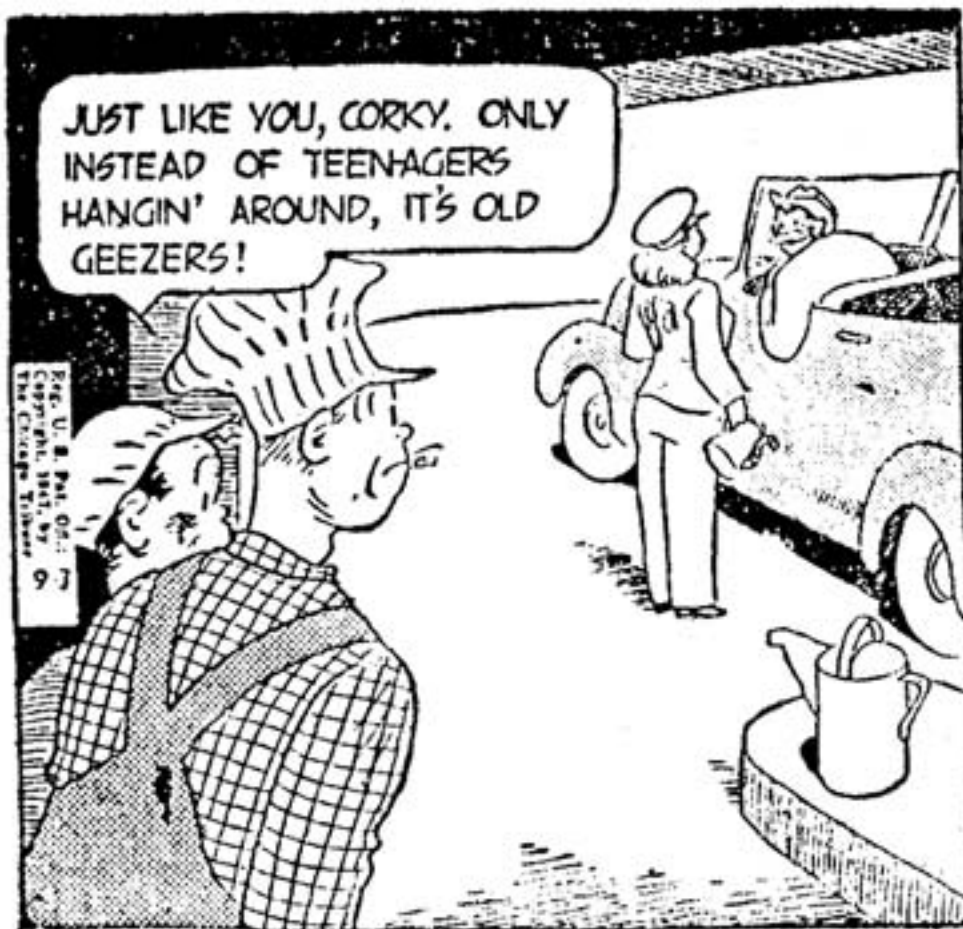
















I UNDERSTAND THE NEW GIRL ATTENDANT AT THE GARAGE IS VERY ATTRACTIVE, BIX.

I WOULDN'T KNOW, JANICE. I'VE HARDLY SEEN HER.

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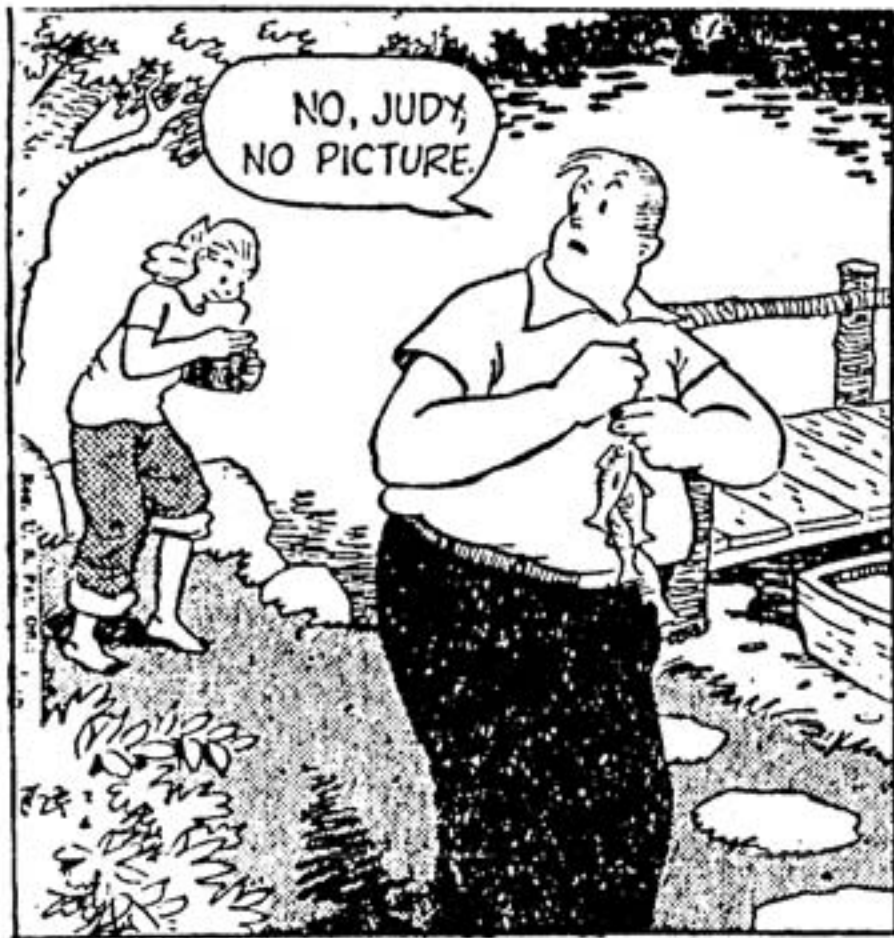
YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T PEEPED AROUND THE CORNER? THEY SAY SHE WEARS SLACKS BEAUTIFULLY.

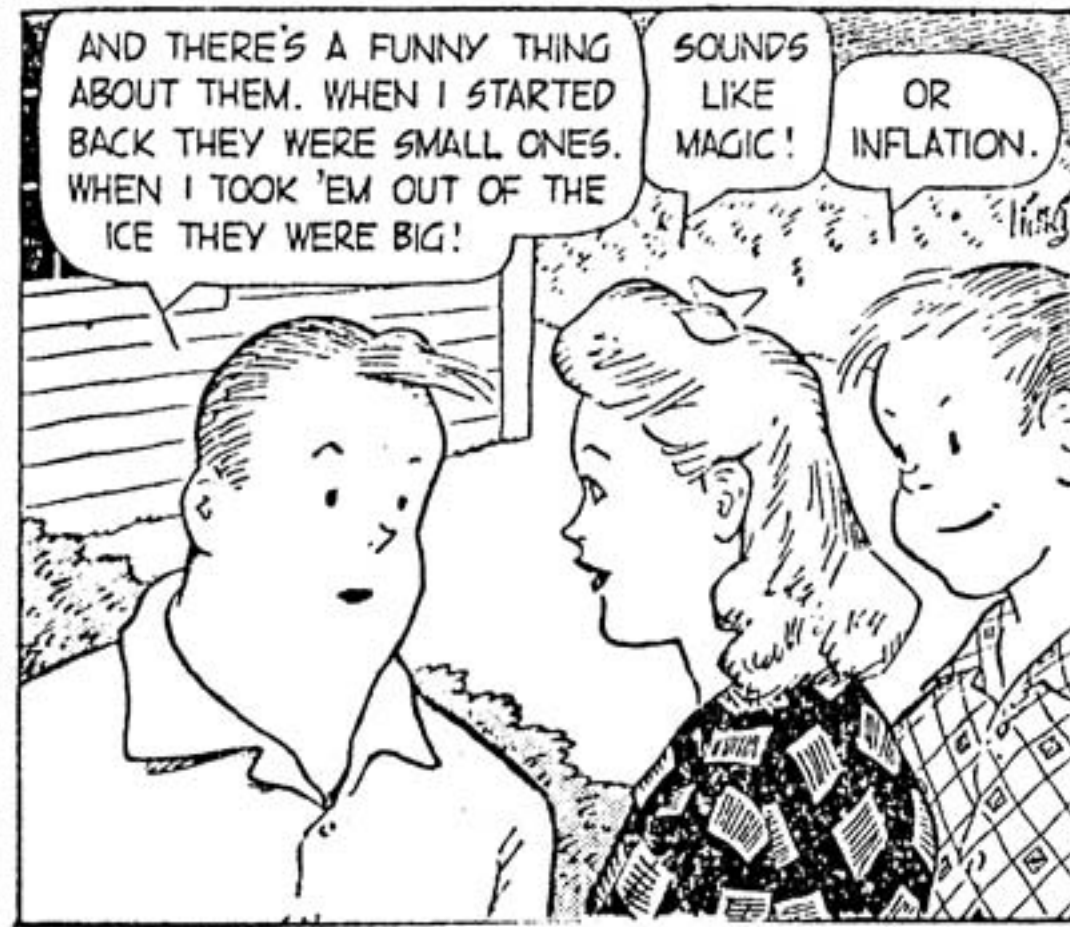
I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT ANOTHER GIRL SINCE WE'VE BEEN MARRIED.

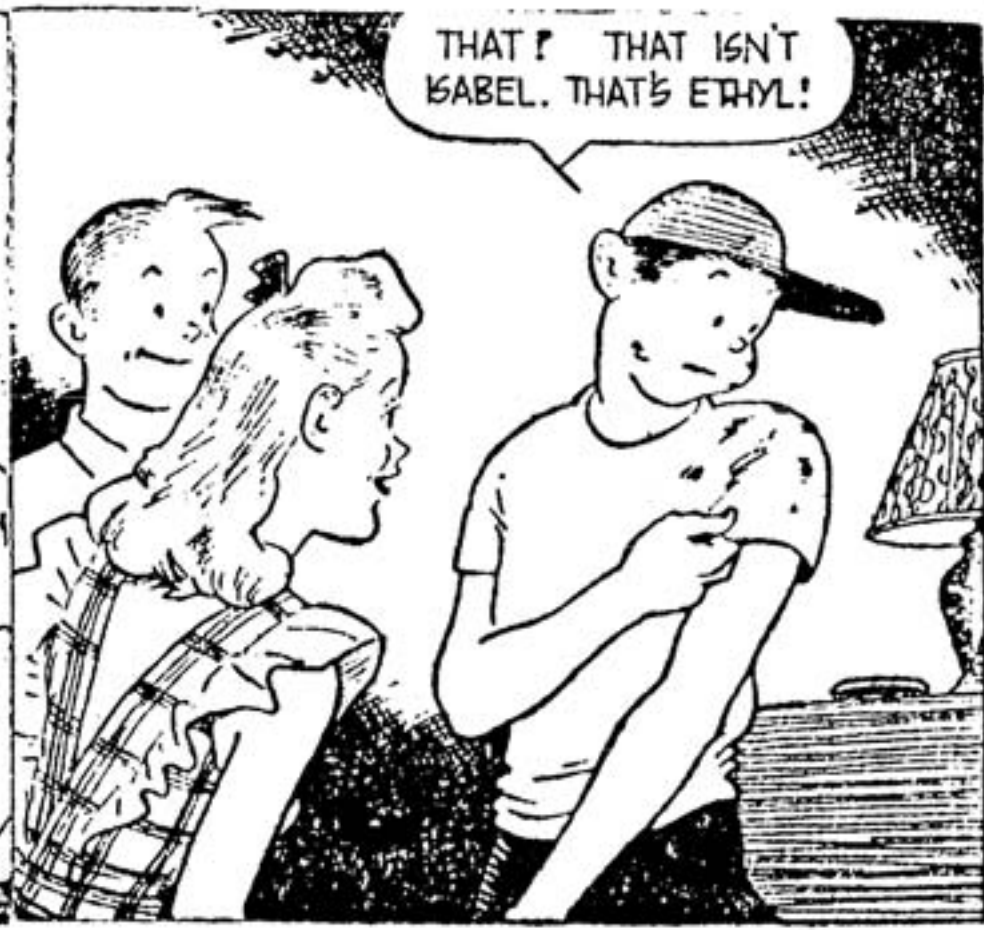


NOT EVEN LOOKED?

WELL, MAYBE ONCE OR TWICE. BUT I ALWAYS THINK HOW MUCH BETTER LOOKING YOU ARE, JANICE!

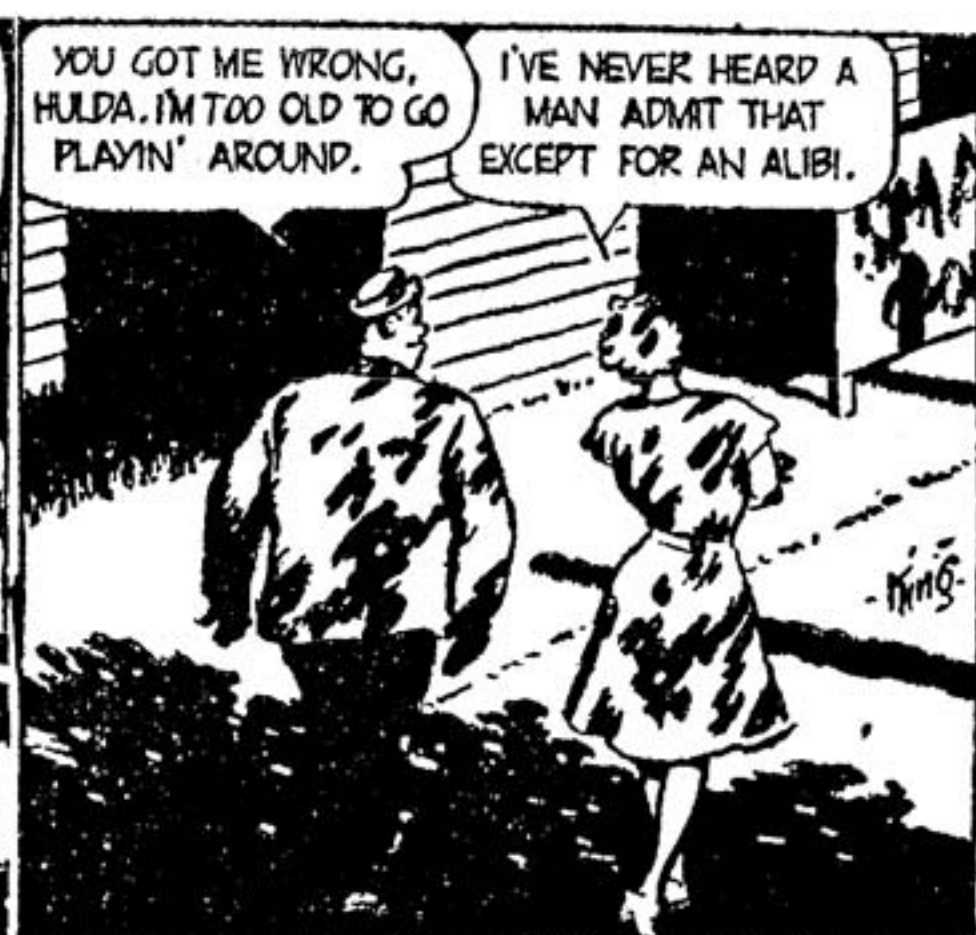






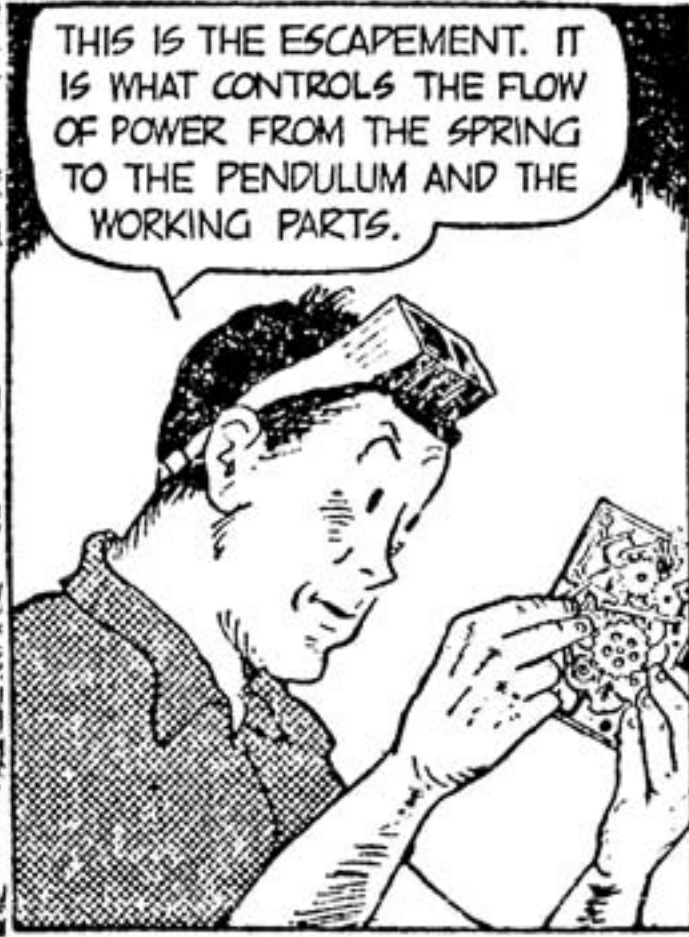




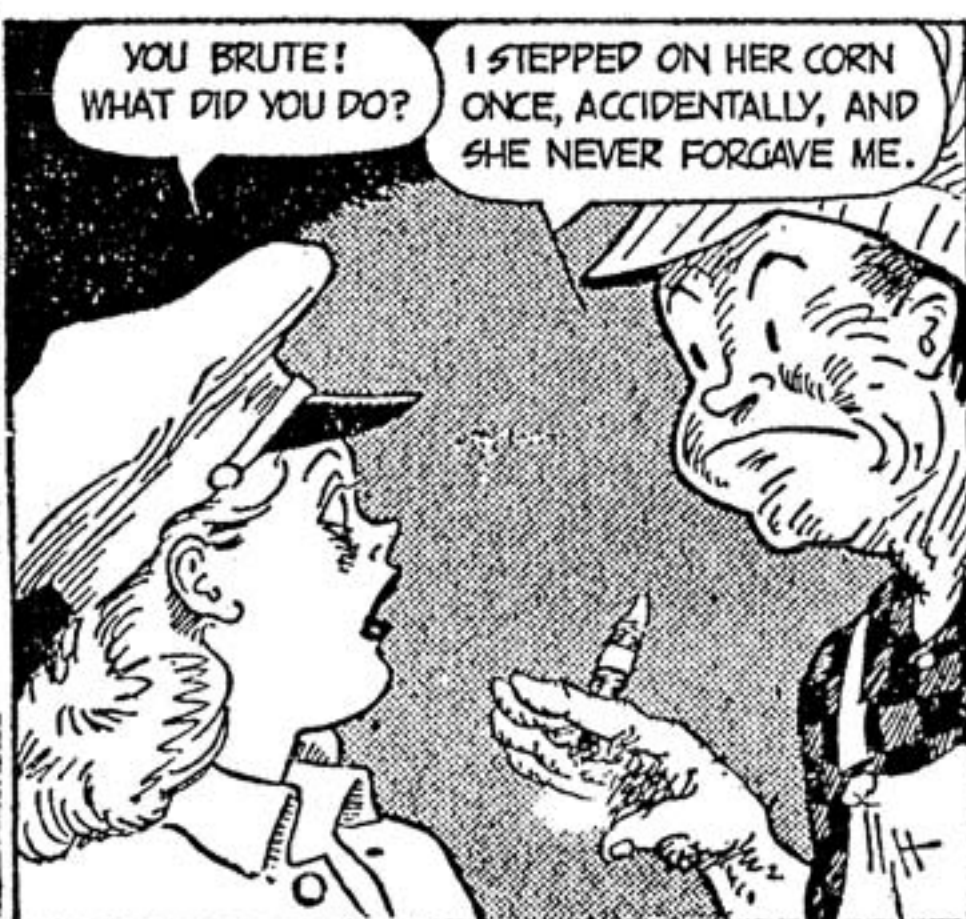












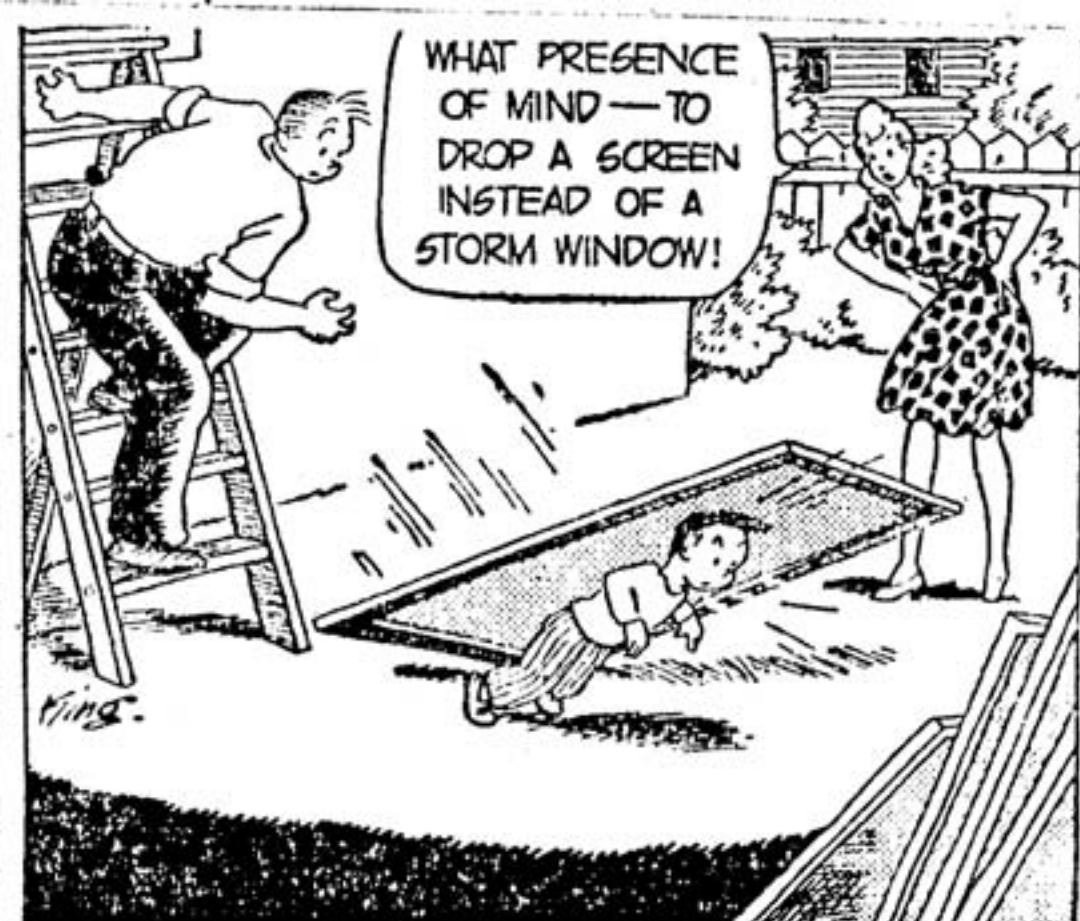
















FIVE GALLONS. WOW!
WHAT AN EYEFUL!

REGULAR OR
HIGH TEST?



MIGHTY HIGH TEST, I'D SAY!
YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING—
LOOKS, FIGURE, POISE,
PERSONALITY!

THANKS. I
CAN TELL
YOU DON'T
NEED ANY
OIL!

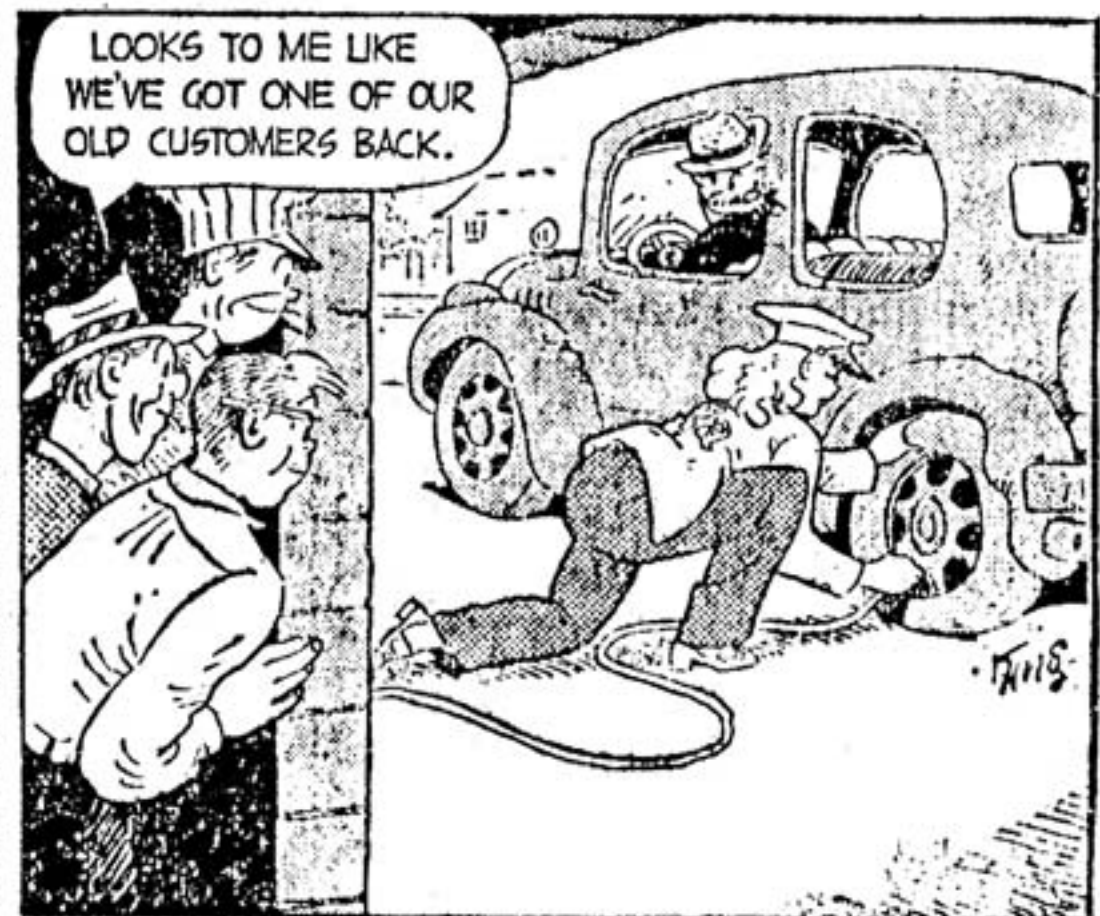


YOU SHOULDN'T BE
WORKING AT A JOB
LIKE THIS. IT'S A
HORRIBLE WASTE OF
GOOD MATERIAL.



YOU OUGHT
TO BE IN
THE MOVES!

SO LONG, BROTHER.
WHEN A GUY GETS TO
QUOTING SHAKESPEARE
TO ME, HE'S THROUGH.





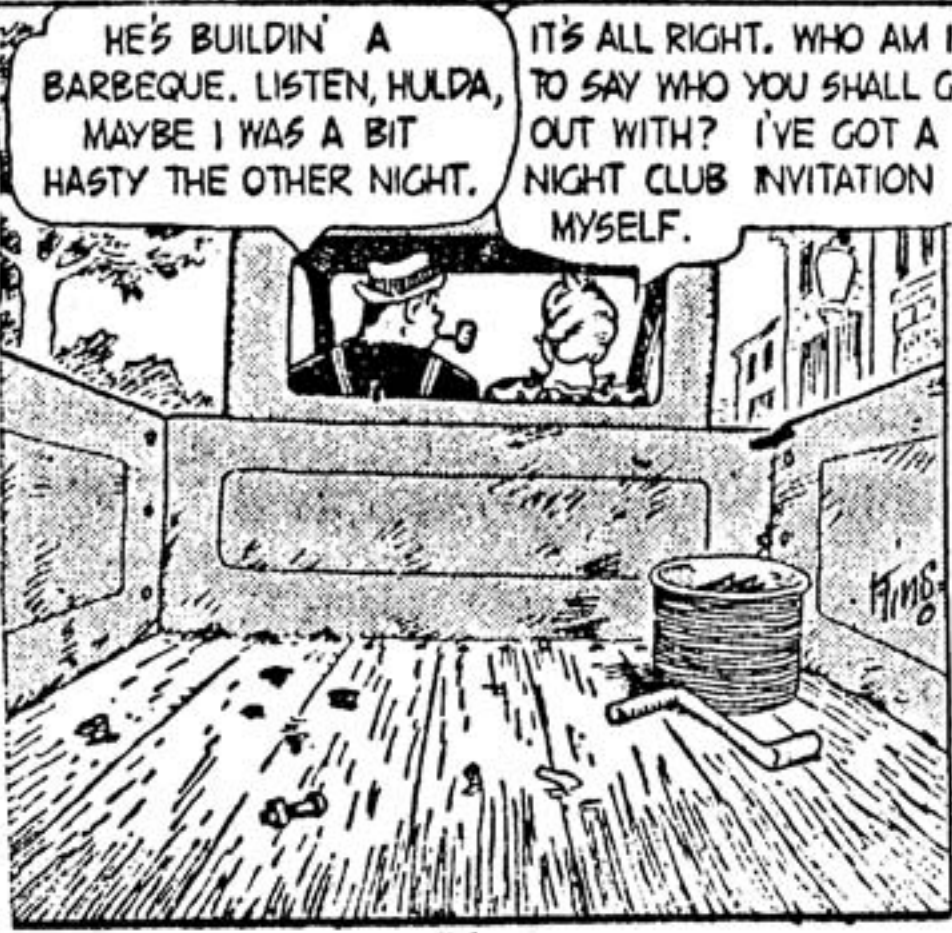






HULDA, I'VE GOT TO DRIVE OUT AN' PICK UP SOME BRICKS FOR WALLET. WANT A RIDE?

I COULDN'T, SARGE. I'D HAVE TO FINISH HANGING OUT, AND CHANGE MY DRESS.



HE'S BUILDIN' A BARBEQUE. LISTEN, HULDA, MAYBE I WAS A BIT HASTY THE OTHER NIGHT.

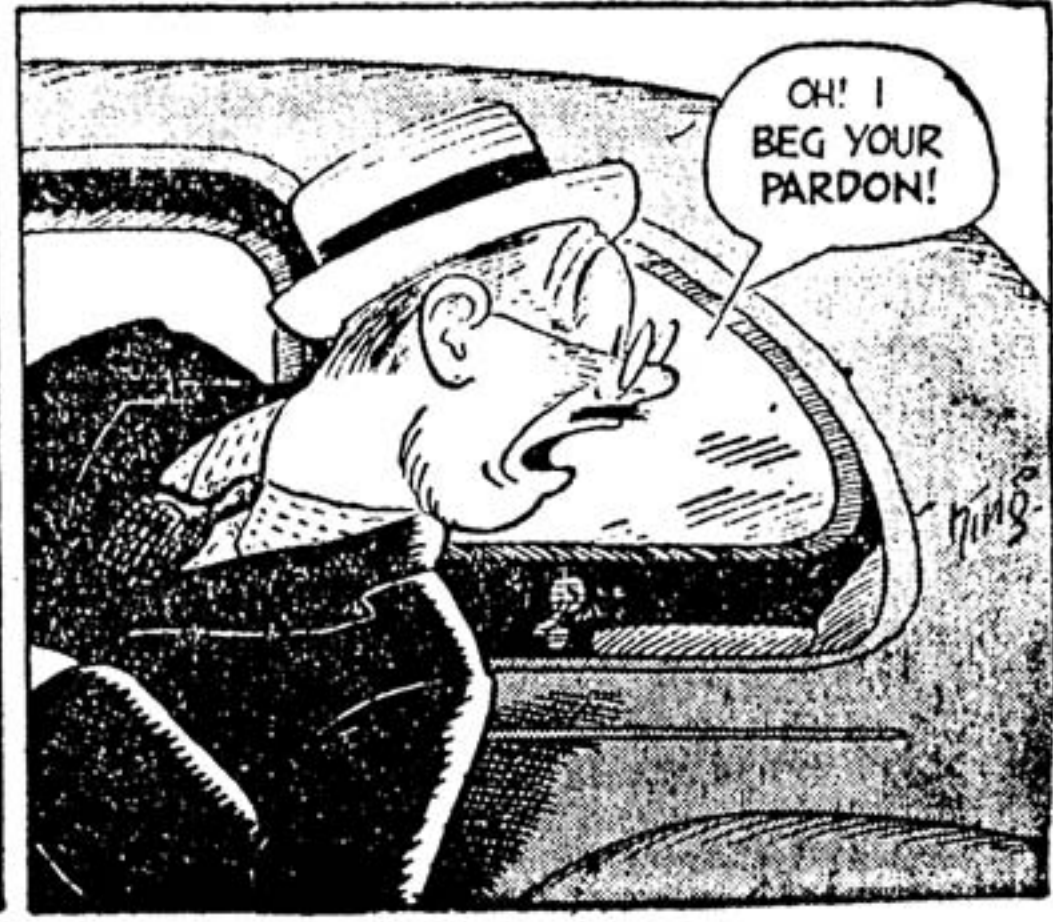
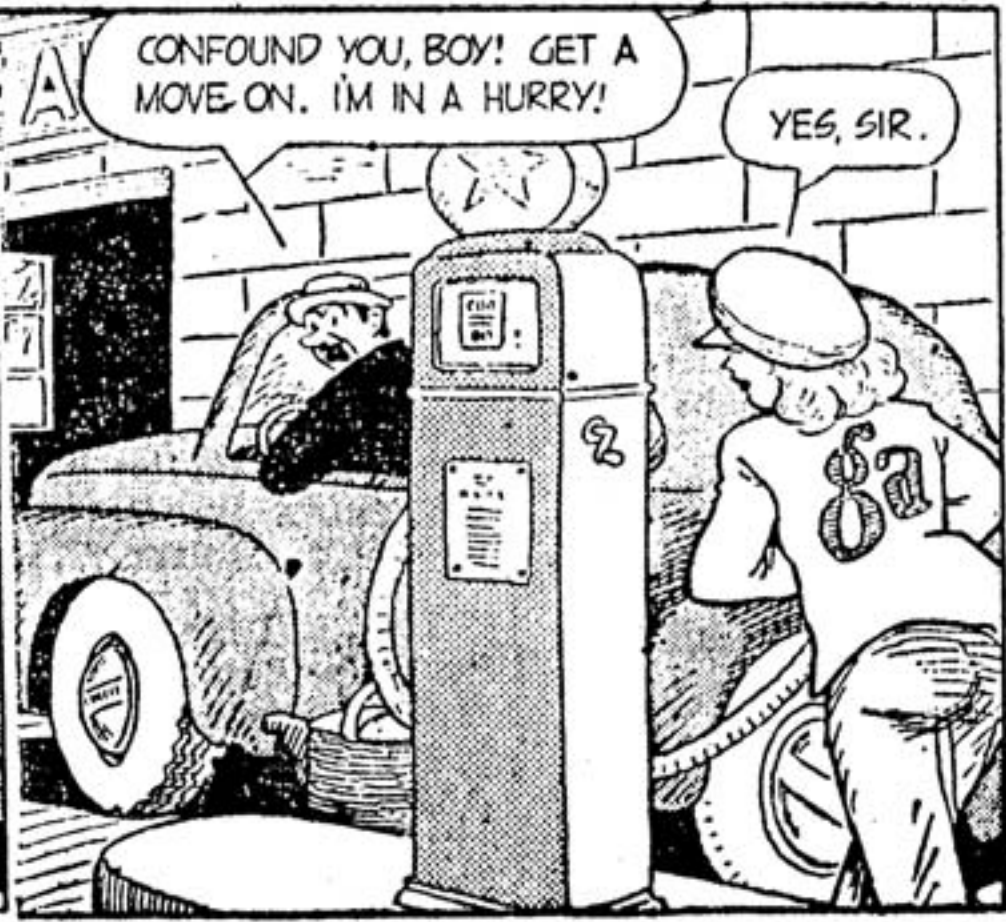
IT'S ALL RIGHT. WHO AM I TO SAY WHO YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH? I'VE GOT A NIGHT CLUB INVITATION MYSELF.



AW, HULDA, BE REASONABLE! I'LL TAKE YOU OUT TO A NIGHT CLUB SOMETIME! YOU DON'T WANT TO BE GOIN' OUT WITH ANY TOM, DICK AN' HARRY!

THE SHOE ON THE OTHER FOOT SORT OF PINCHES, DOESN'T IT, SARGE!

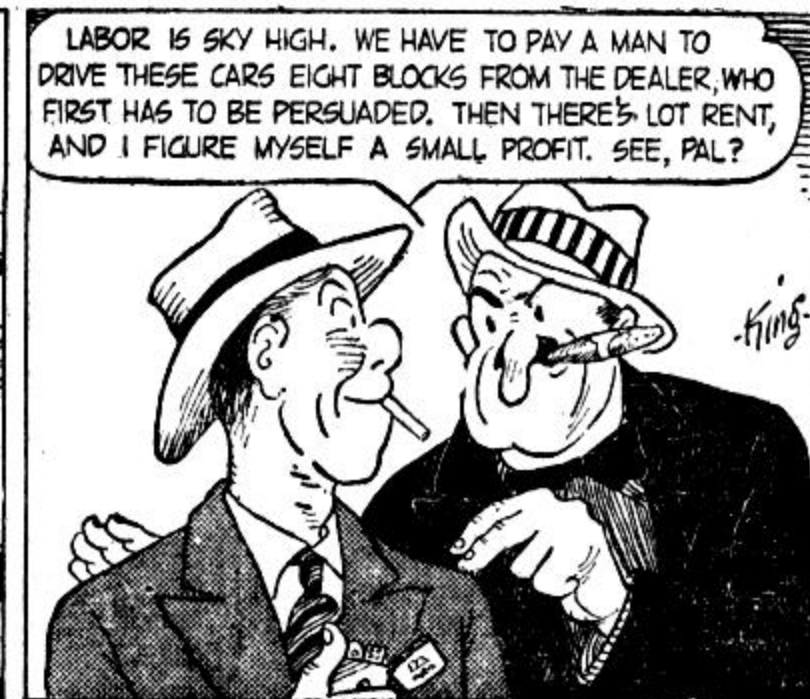
AMERICAN OIL













I'D LIKE TO BUY A CAR, CHIGGER, BUT I CAN'T SPEND \$2000 FOR A \$1400 CAR.

AND YOU DON'T WANT ONE OF THOSE 1939 JALOPIES.



NOW HERE'S A JOB, A '41 CENTAUR, THAT I'VE BEEN DRIVING MYSELF.

THAT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD. WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR IT?



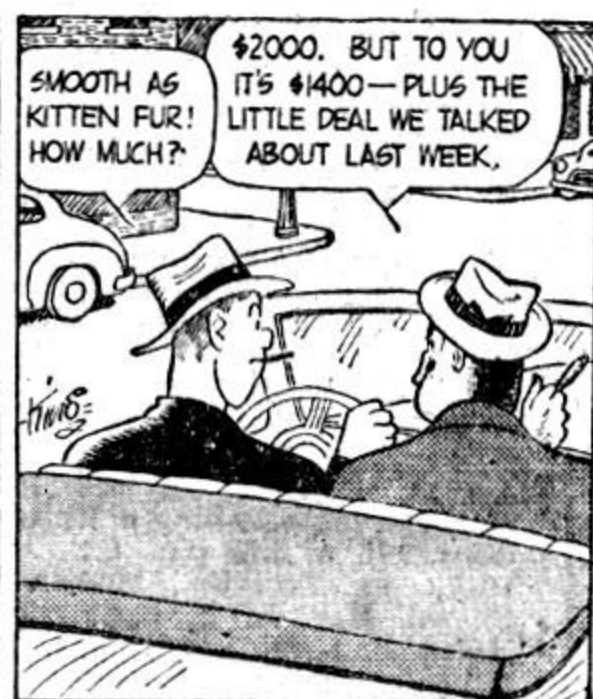
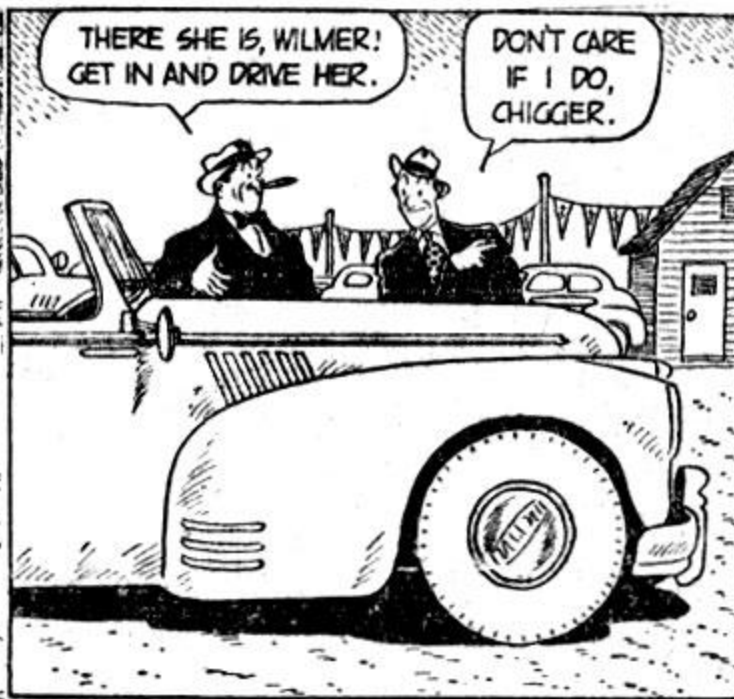
BEFORE I ANSWER THAT, WILMER, LET'S HAVE A LITTLE TALK. I MAY HAVE A PROPOSITION.

OKAY.

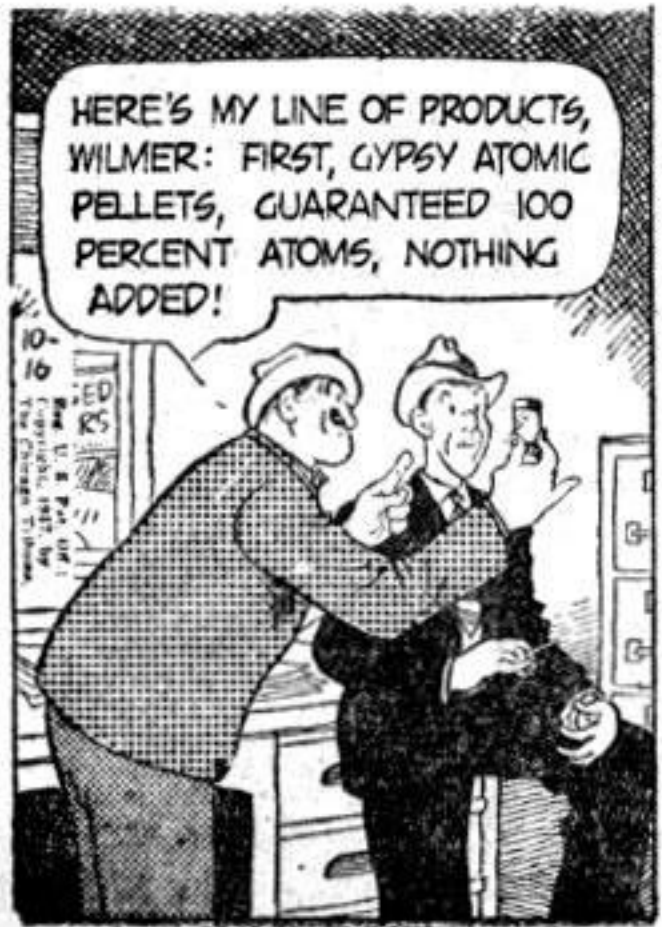


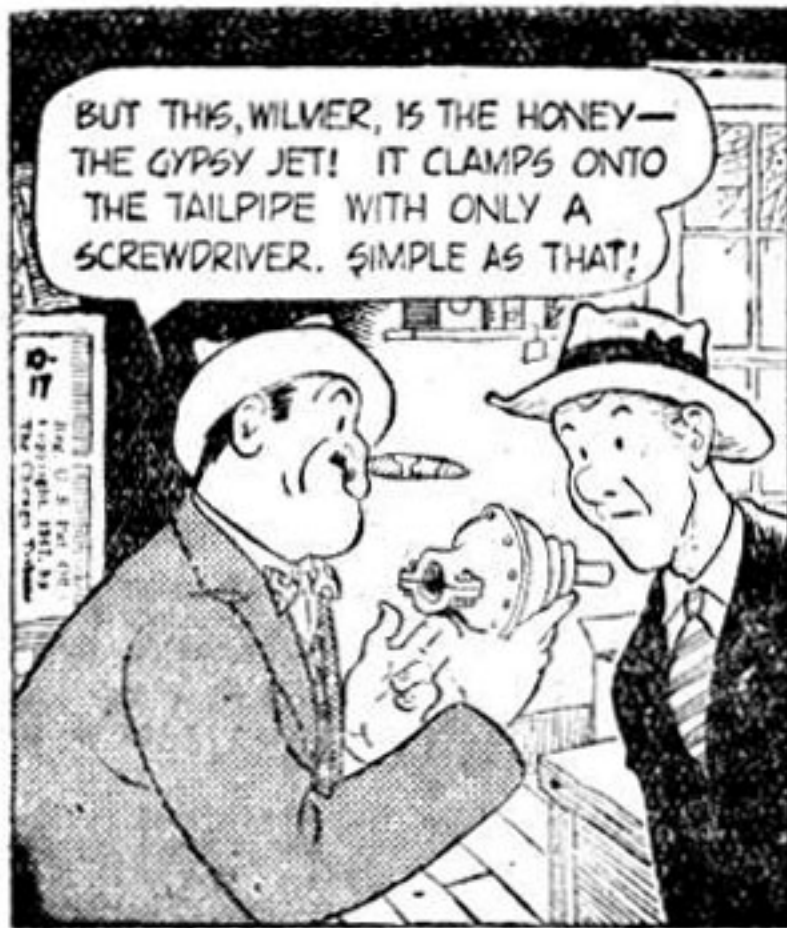
AND IT WOULD BE JUST AS WELL NOT TO SAY ANYTHING TO WALLET ABOUT THIS.





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BUT THIS, WILVER, IS THE HONEY—
 THE GYPSY JET! IT CLAMPS ONTO
 THE TAILPIPE WITH ONLY A
 SCREWDRIVER. SIMPLE AS THAT!



BUT IT IS DESIGNED TO
 EXPAND THE EXHAUST GASES,
 THEN COMPRESS THEM AND
 SHOOT THEM OUT THE REAR
 AT AN UNMEASURABLE RATE!
 MY OWN INVENTION.



IT IS THE POOR MAN'S JET
 PROPULSION! IT THRUSTS
 THE CAR AHEAD WITH AN
 UNBELIEVABLE POWER
 AND SPEED! ONLY \$15.95.



WALLET IS GOING OUT
 IN THE COUNTRY SUNDAY,
 CHIGGER. LET ME SLIP
 ONE ON HIS CAR FOR
 A DEMONSTRATION.

THIS IS THE ONLY
 ONE COMPLETED SO
 FAR. THEY'LL BE
 COMING THROUGH
 FAST SOON. LET'S
 WAIT TILL THEN.



JESSICA, I'VE FOUND A GOOD USED CAR AT A PRICE WE CAN SWING!

THAT'S FINE, WILMER. WHICH DEALER ARE YOU BUYING IT FROM?



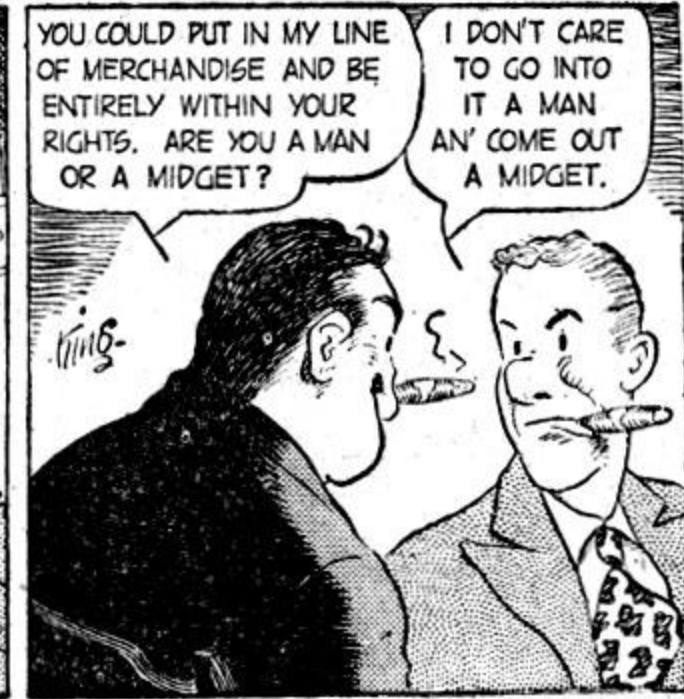
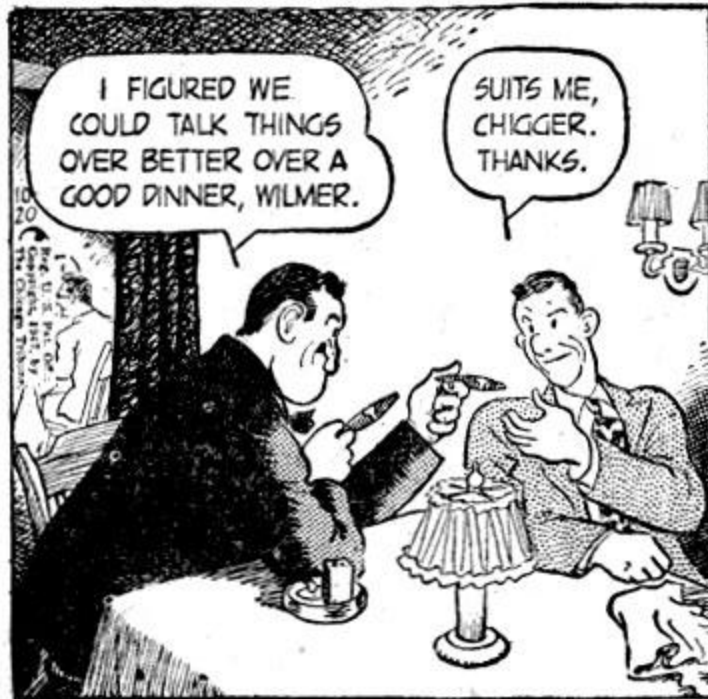
OUR OLD FRIEND CHIGGER. HE'S IN THE BUSINESS AND IS GIVING ME A SWELL DEAL.

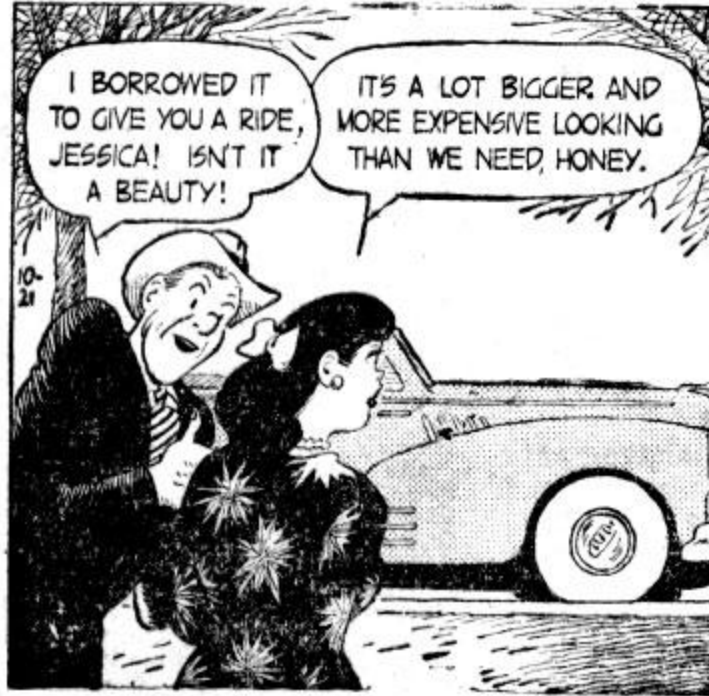
CHIGGER! BE CAREFUL. DON'T GET OBLIGATED. WHAT'S HIS PROPOSITION?



WE'LL GET A \$2000 CAR FOR \$1400. ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS PUT HIS LINE OF ACCESSORIES INTO GASOLINE ALLEY GARAGE.

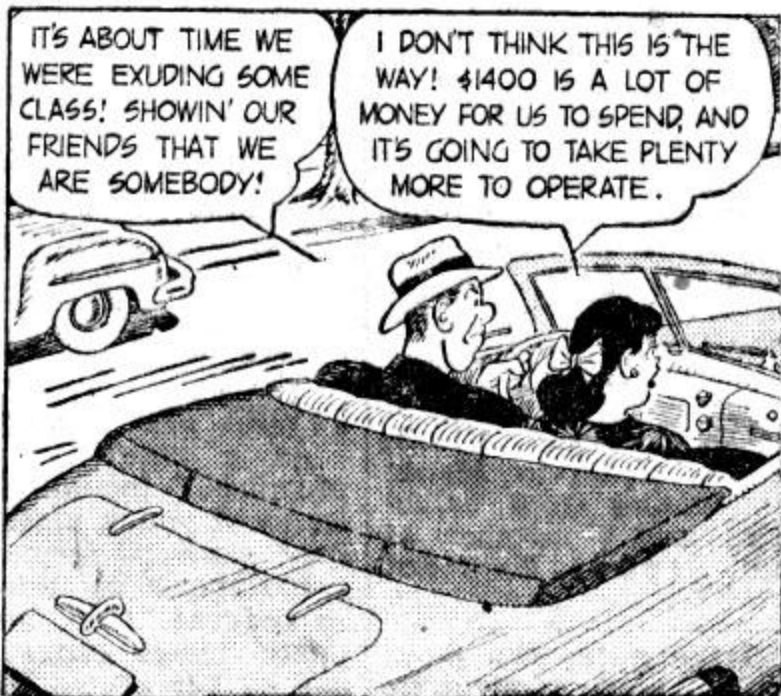
OH-OH! REMEMBER WHAT A JAM HE GOT YOU INTO BEFORE—ON THE HOTEL FURNITURE! I WOULDN'T DO IT!





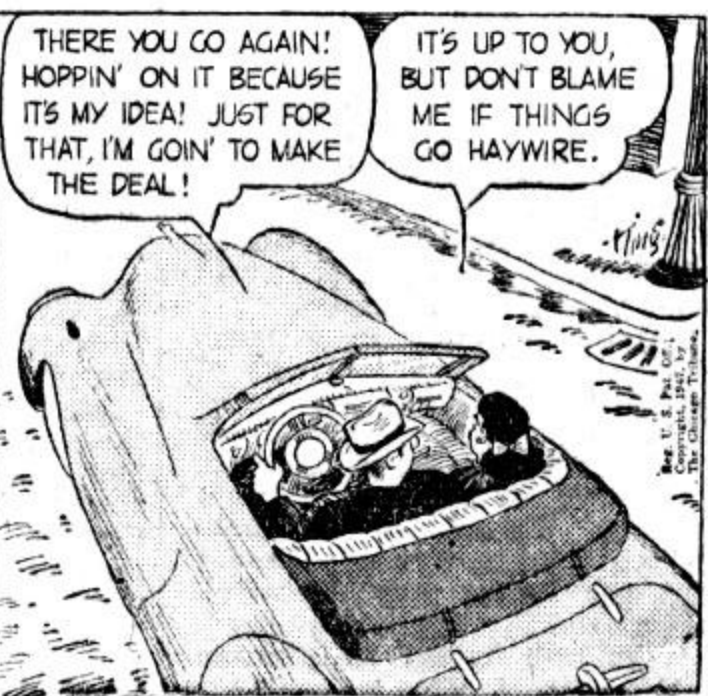
I BORROWED IT TO GIVE YOU A RIDE, JESSICA! ISN'T IT A BEAUTY!

IT'S A LOT BIGGER, AND MORE EXPENSIVE LOOKING THAN WE NEED, HONEY.



IT'S ABOUT TIME WE WERE EXUDING SOME CLASS! SHOWIN' OUR FRIENDS THAT WE ARE SOMEBODY!

I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE WAY! \$1400 IS A LOT OF MONEY FOR US TO SPEND, AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE PLENTY MORE TO OPERATE.



THERE YOU GO AGAIN! HOPPIN' ON IT BECAUSE IT'S MY IDEA! JUST FOR THAT, I'M GOIN' TO MAKE THE DEAL!

IT'S UP TO YOU, BUT DON'T BLAME ME IF THINGS GO HAYWIRE.





SKEEZIX, I'VE BEEN THINKIN' THAT WE COULD MAKE SOME MONEY SELLIN' A LINE OF AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES.

I'VE CONSIDERED IT, WILMER, BUT I THINK WE'D BETTER STICK TO OUR SERVICE POLICY.



I DID THINK THAT, TOO. BUT I'VE RUN ONTO A NEW LINE THAT'S A HONEY! I'M CONVINCED WE SHOULD TAKE IT ON.

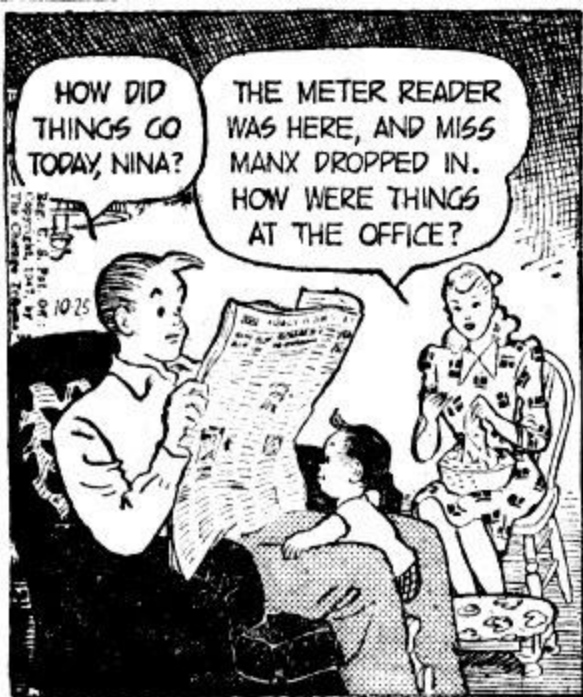
WHAT OUTFIT IS IT, AND WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO OFFER?



IT'S THE GYPSY LINE. A BRAND NEW BODY POLISH, ABRASIVE OIL, MAGNETIC BUMPERS, EXHAUST-GAS JET-PROPULSION, MANY OTHER THINGS.

TAKE IT UP WITH HACK. HE KNOWS MORE ABOUT THOSE THINGS THAN I DO.

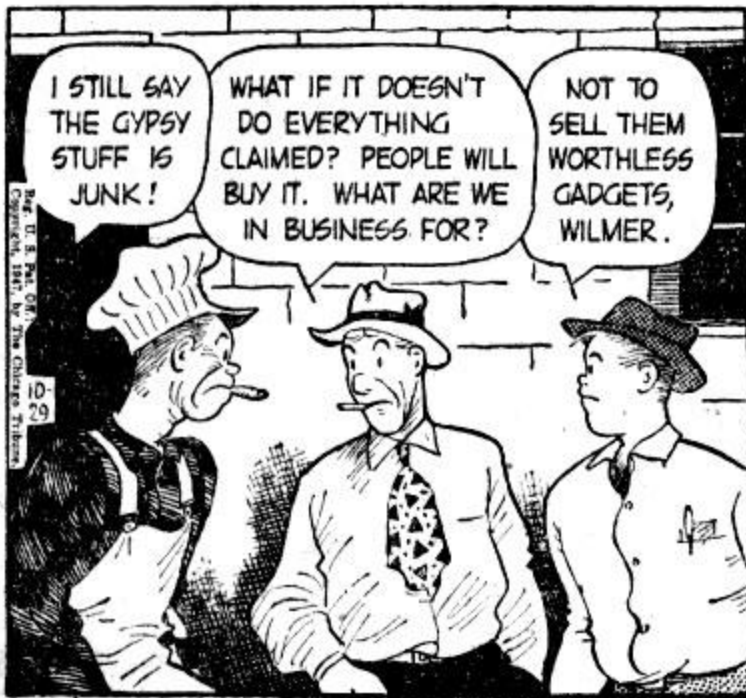








REG. U. S. PAT. OFF. THE GYPSY LINE





LISTEN, CHIGGER!
THEY'RE ALL AGAINST
YOUR LINE OVER AT
GASOLINE ALLEY.

THAT'S NOT
UNUSUAL. IT
WILL ALL BLOW
OVER, WILMER.



I'M SURE IT WON'T!
WHAT WE'VE GOT TO
DO IS CALL THE
WHOLE THING OFF.

CALL IT OFF! DON'T YOU REALIZE,
MAN, THAT I'VE GOT YOUR
SIGNATURE ON A CONTRACT—
YOU, A RESPONSIBLE PARTNER?



IF THEY FIND OUT
NOW THAT YOU'RE
BEHIND THIS,
THERE'LL BE AN
EARTHQUAKE!

BESIDES, YOU HAVE THE CAR—
AND DON'T FORGET THERE IS
\$600 STILL DUE ON IT. YOU'LL
PAY IT FROM A REBATE ON
SALES, OR IN CASH!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, WILMER? YOU SEEM SO RESTLESS.

NOTHING AT ALL, JESSICA.



I CAN TELL! YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND.

I TELL YOU I HAVEN'T! ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?



CAN'T HAVE ANY PEACE AND QUIET—EVEN AT HOME!



YOU'RE OUR MEAT TONIGHT, BOBBLE!

MISSIN' ALL THE EASY ONES!

JUST MY UNLUCKY NIGHT, THAT'S ALL.

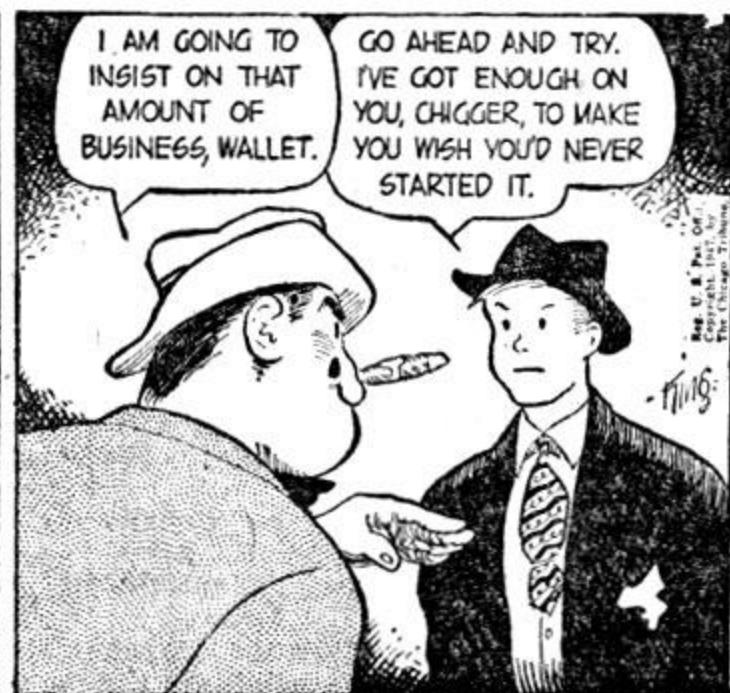














I GOT FARTHER INTO THIS GYPSY DEAL, WILMER. I FIND THAT **CHIGGER** IS THE GYPSY SALES CO.

DIDN'T I EVER MENTION THAT, SKEEZIX?



NO, YOU DIDN'T. THERE IS JUST ONE QUESTION: WERE YOU GETTING ANYTHING OUT OF IT ON THE SIDE?

NO. I ONLY THOUGHT WE COULD MAKE OURSELVES SOME DOUGH.



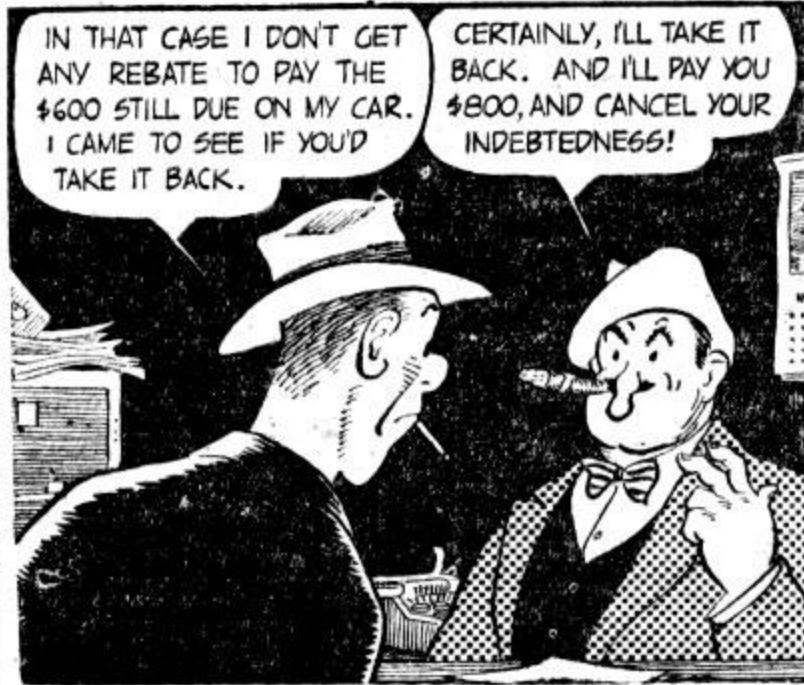
YOU KNOW CHIGGER WELL ENOUGH TO SUSPECT THERE'D BE SOMETHING PHONY ABOUT IT.

IT SOUNDED OKAY TO ME. I GUESS HE'S JUST TOO GOOD A TALKER.



REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.
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I FEEL LIKE GETTING AWAY, WILMER. LET'S GO OUT FOR A RIDE IN THE CAR.

NO, JESSICA. I'M NOT GOIN' TO DRIVE IT AROUND YET



WHY NOT? WHAT'S THE GOOD OF HAVING A CAR IF YOU DON'T USE IT?

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'D JUST AS SOON WALK DIDN'T KNOW I HAD A NEW CAR.



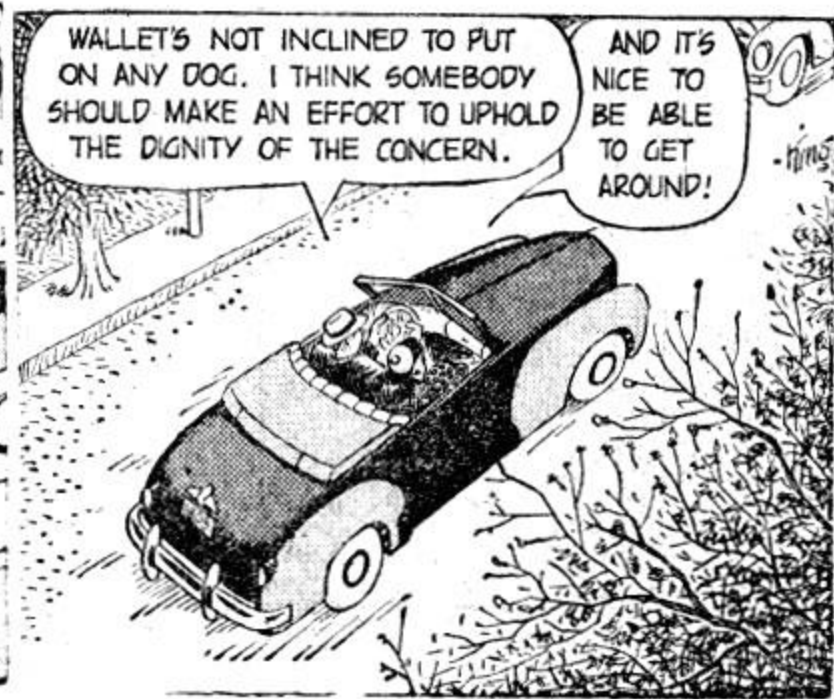
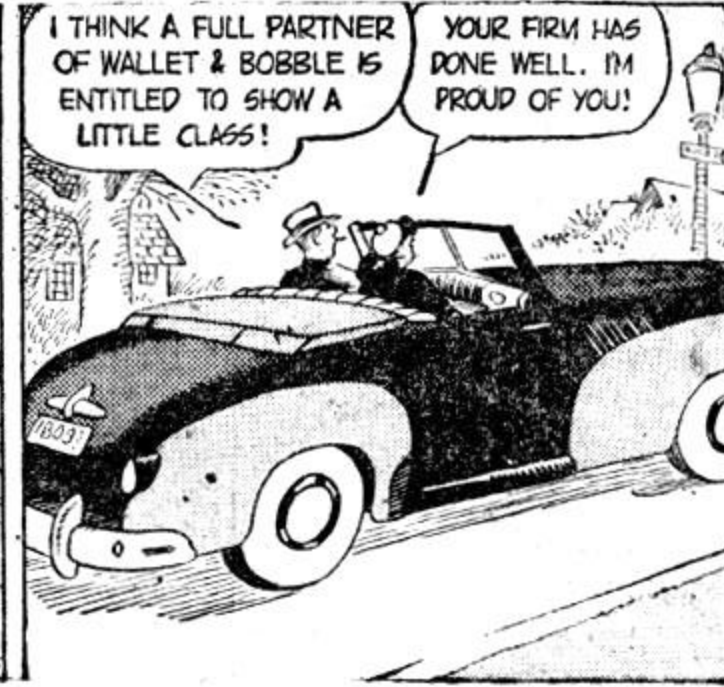
IT'S A RITZY LOOKING ONE. I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT THE WALLETS TO SEE IT RIGHT AWAY.

BESIDES, MAYBE I'M NOT GOIN' TO KEEP IT.



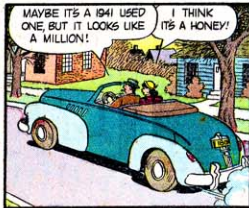






GASOLINE ALLEY

By *King*











6KEEZIX, FATHER WAS IN AND ASKED CHIPPER AND ME TO SPEND NEXT WEEK ON THE FARM.

SWELL, NINA! WHY NOT?



I WAS AFRAID YOU'D BE LONESOME. BESIDES, WHO WOULD COOK FOR YOU?

I'D GET ALONG. I THINK IT'S A FINE IDEA!



YOU REALLY SEEM TO WANT US TO GO! THERE MUST BE SOME REASON!

SUIT YOURSELF. BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D ENJOY IT.



OH, IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE'LL GO!



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE IDEA, WILMER? WORK IS A LITTLE SLACK.

I'M FOR IT. I'D LIKE TO GO HUNTING, MYSELF.



FOLKS, WE HAVE DECIDED TO DECLARE AN AUTUMN HOLIDAY FROM WEDNESDAY NIGHT NEXT WEEK UNTIL MONDAY.

WITH PAY!

CAN I HAVE THE TRUCK ONE DAY TO TAKE MY GIRL AN' OUR GANG ON A PICNIC?

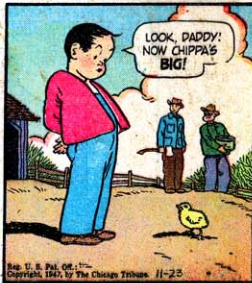
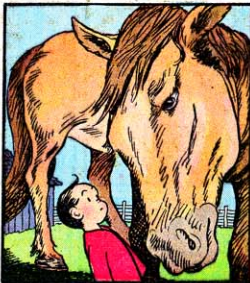
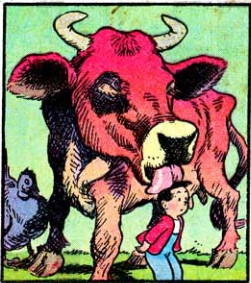
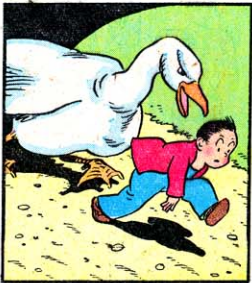
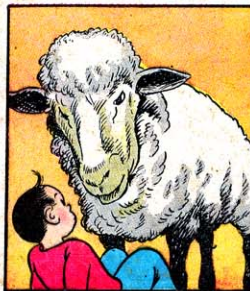
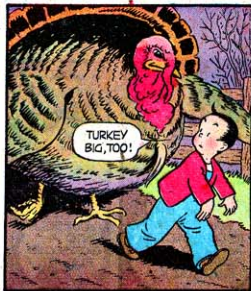
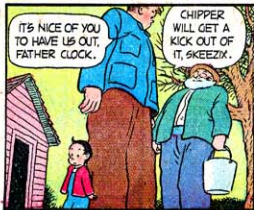
GEE, JANICE AND I WILL HAVE SOME NICE WALKS IN THE WOODS AND PARKS!

NOW I'LL ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO A WEEK END HOUSE PARTY. SWELL!

I'LL HANG AROUND THE GARAGE, IF YOU DON'T MIND. I HAVEN'T ANYTHING SPECIAL TO DO.



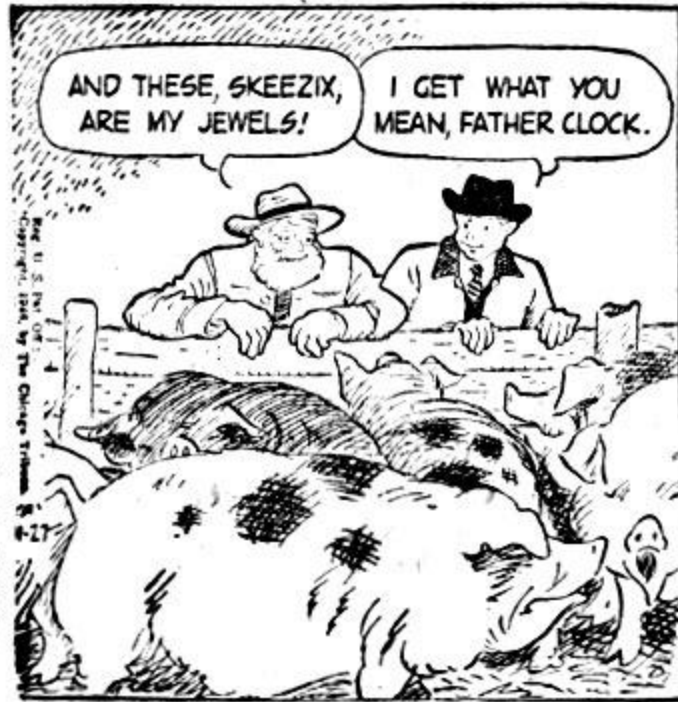
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AND THESE, SKEEZIX,
ARE MY JEWELS!

I GET WHAT YOU
MEAN, FATHER CLOCK.



DID YOU
HEAR THAT?

WHO COULD
MISS IT!



THE BIG
MOMENT
I'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR!

IT'S THE BIG
MOMENT CHIPPER
HAS BEEN
WAITING FOR!

WE HAD A GOOD TIME AT FATHER CLOCK'S YESTERDAY, JUDY. NOW BACK TO THE OLD STAND.

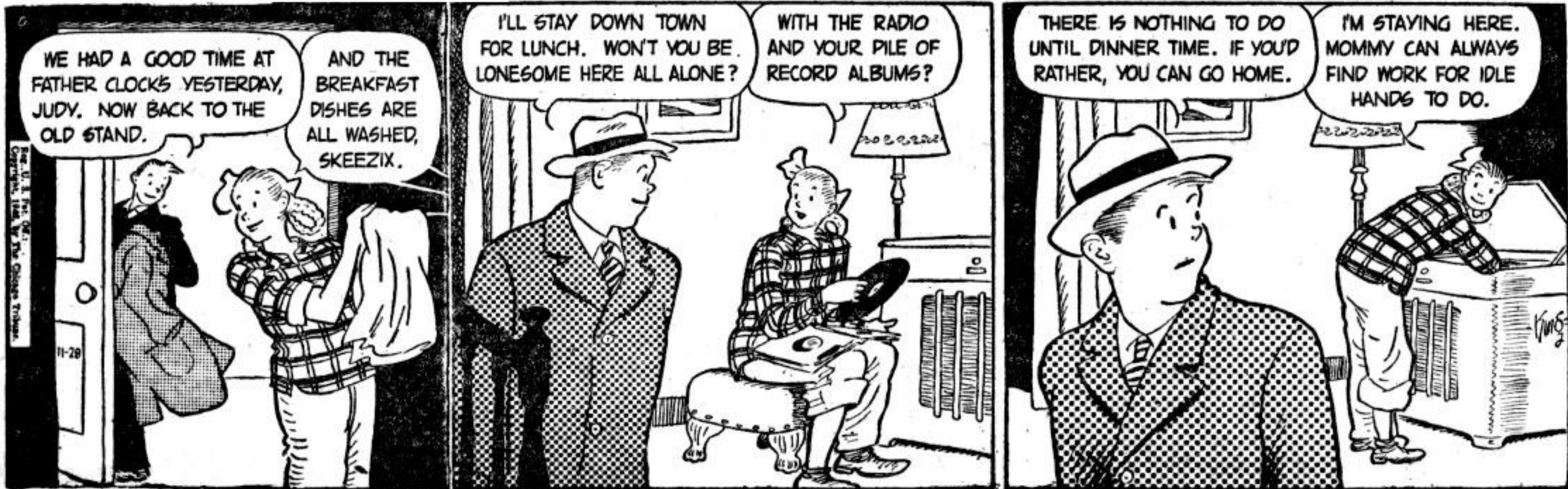
AND THE BREAKFAST DISHES ARE ALL WASHED, SKEEZIX.

I'LL STAY DOWN TOWN FOR LUNCH. WON'T YOU BE LONESOME HERE ALL ALONE?

WITH THE RADIO AND YOUR PILE OF RECORD ALBUMS?

THERE IS NOTHING TO DO UNTIL DINNER TIME. IF YOU'D RATHER, YOU CAN GO HOME.

I'M STAYING HERE. MOMMY CAN ALWAYS FIND WORK FOR IDLE HANDS TO DO.







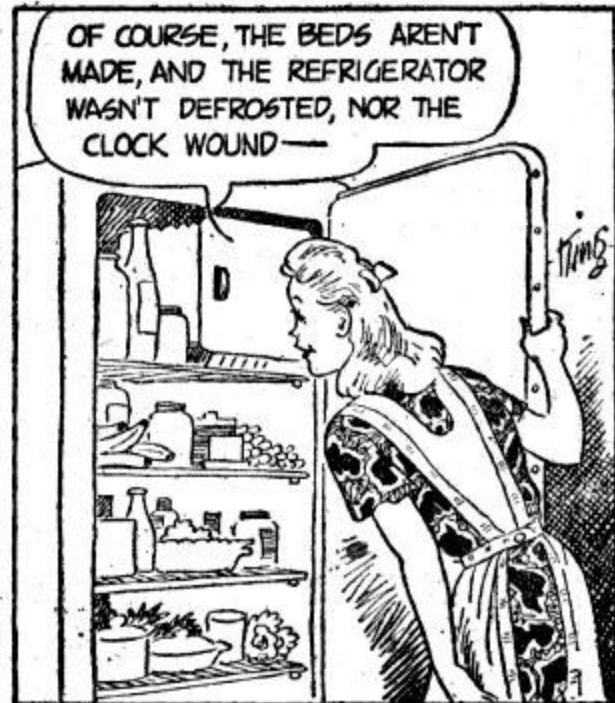
IT SEEMS GOOD TO BE HOME AGAIN—ESPECIALLY, AS THERE ISN'T A SINK FULL OF DIRTY DISHES!

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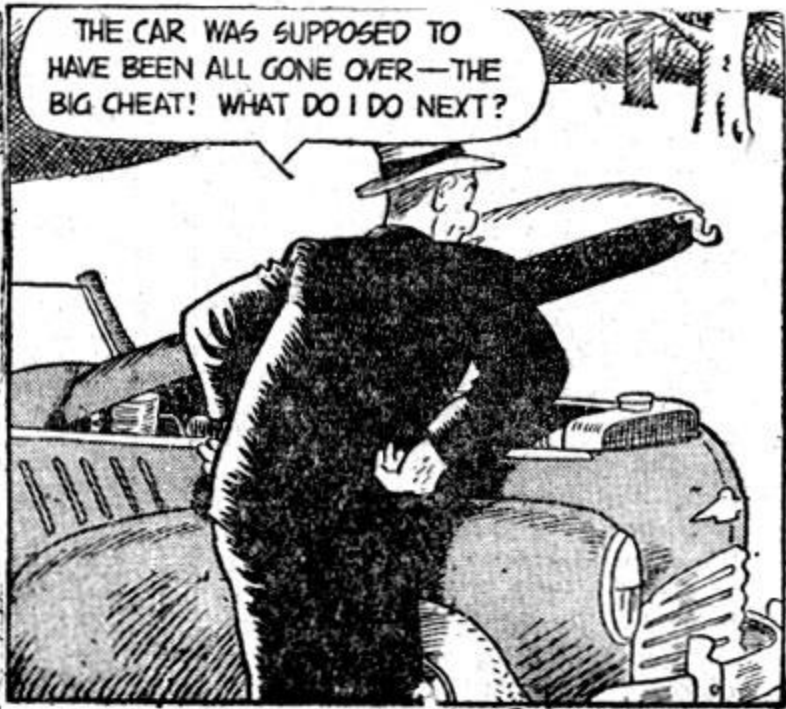
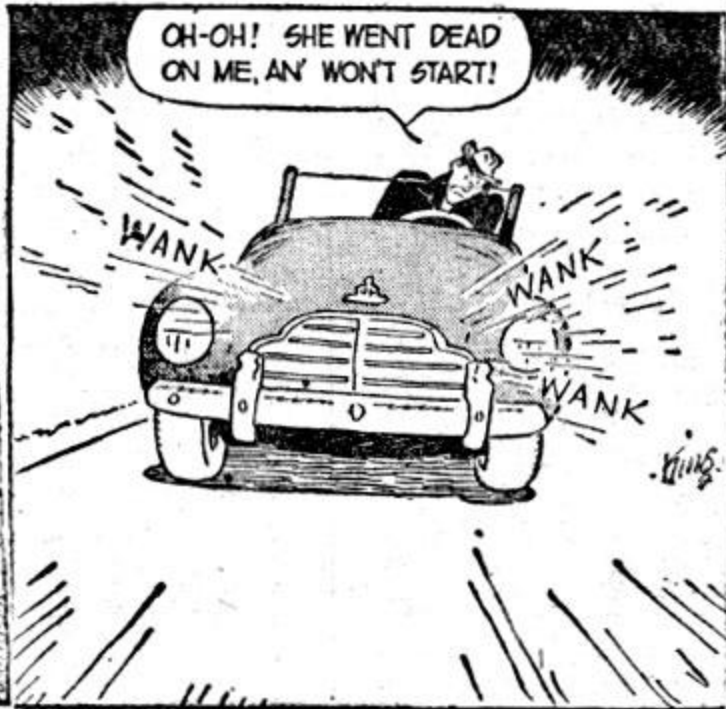
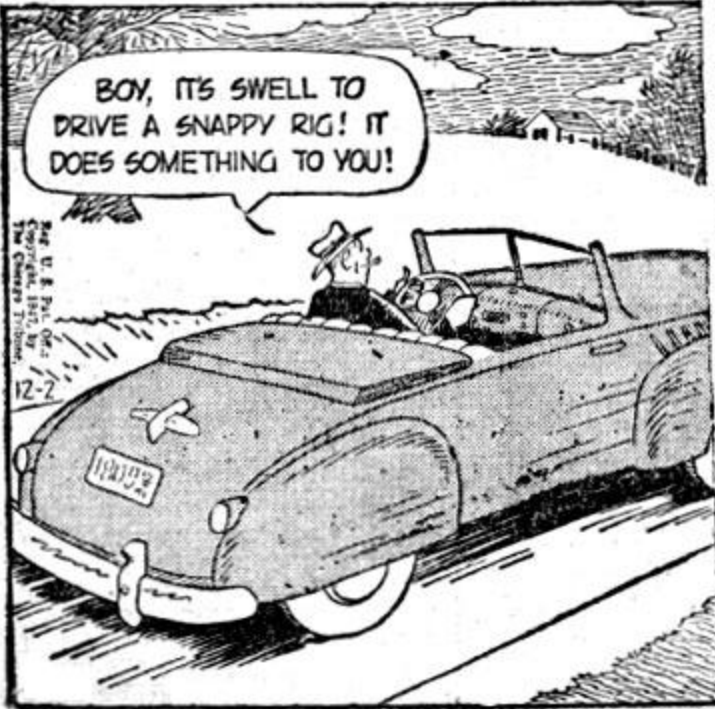
EVEN THE GARBAGE CAN WAS EMPTIED AND THE MILK BOTTLES WASHED. SKEEZIX AND JUDY DID WELL!



OF COURSE, THE BEDS AREN'T MADE, AND THE REFRIGERATOR WASN'T DEFROSTED, NOR THE CLOCK WOUND—

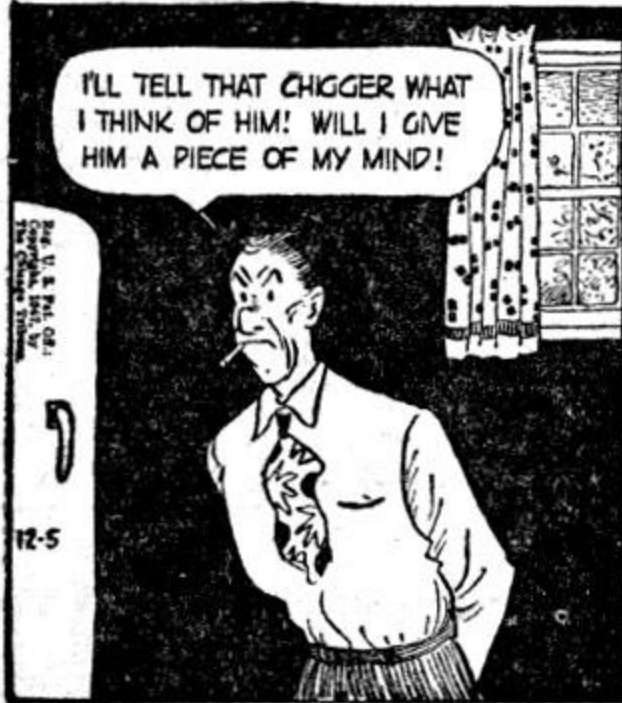


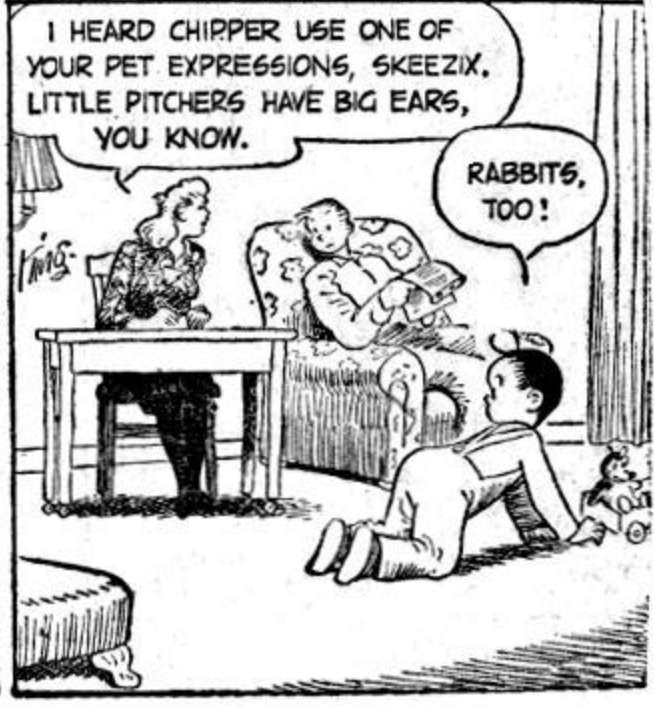
BUT I'D HATE NOT TO HAVE THEM MISS ME AT ALL!

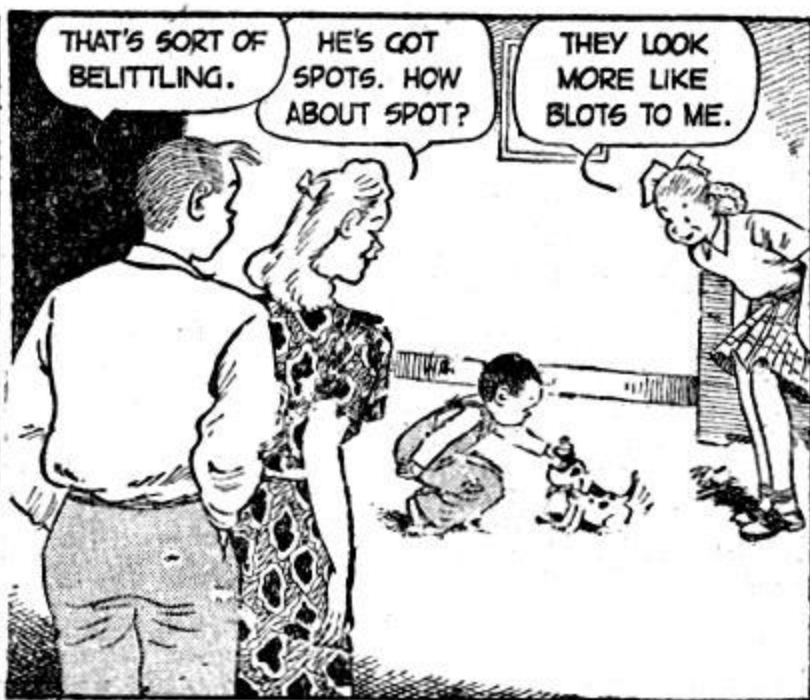


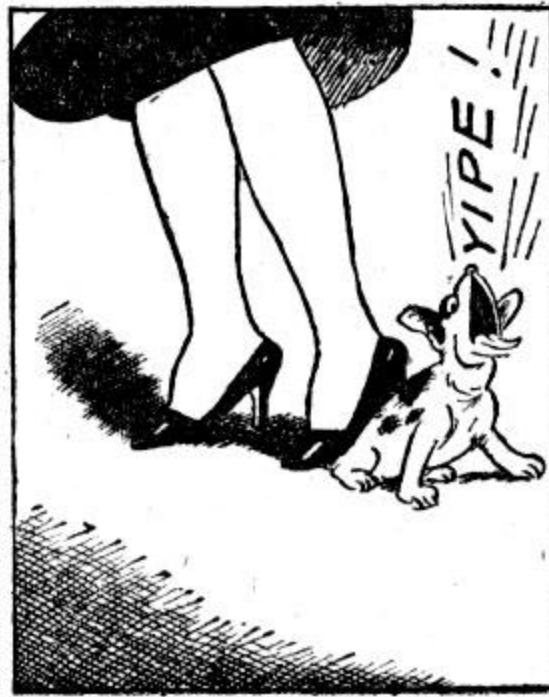














LOOK, MOMMY,
BLOTTO BAD BOY!



WHAT SHALL
I DO TO HIM?

PUT HIM OUT OF
DOORS NOW, CHIPPER.



DID YOU
PUT HIM
OUTDOORS?

NO. IN A CLOSET—
LIKE YOU DO ME
WHEN I'M BAD!



Kings







שקעזיץ, אי אהבא א הארד טימ תינקינג אפ סאמטינג פאר יו פאר כריסטמאס.

אח, זשט גיב מי אנטנינג, ניינא!



אי וואנט צו מאכע איט סאמטינג יו וואנט. וואט דו וואנט?

א שאטגאנ.



יו נעווער גא וואונטינג! וואט דו וואנט מיט א שאטגאנ?

אי דאנט נאכאנאנד. אי וואס זשט טריינג צו ביי האלפול.

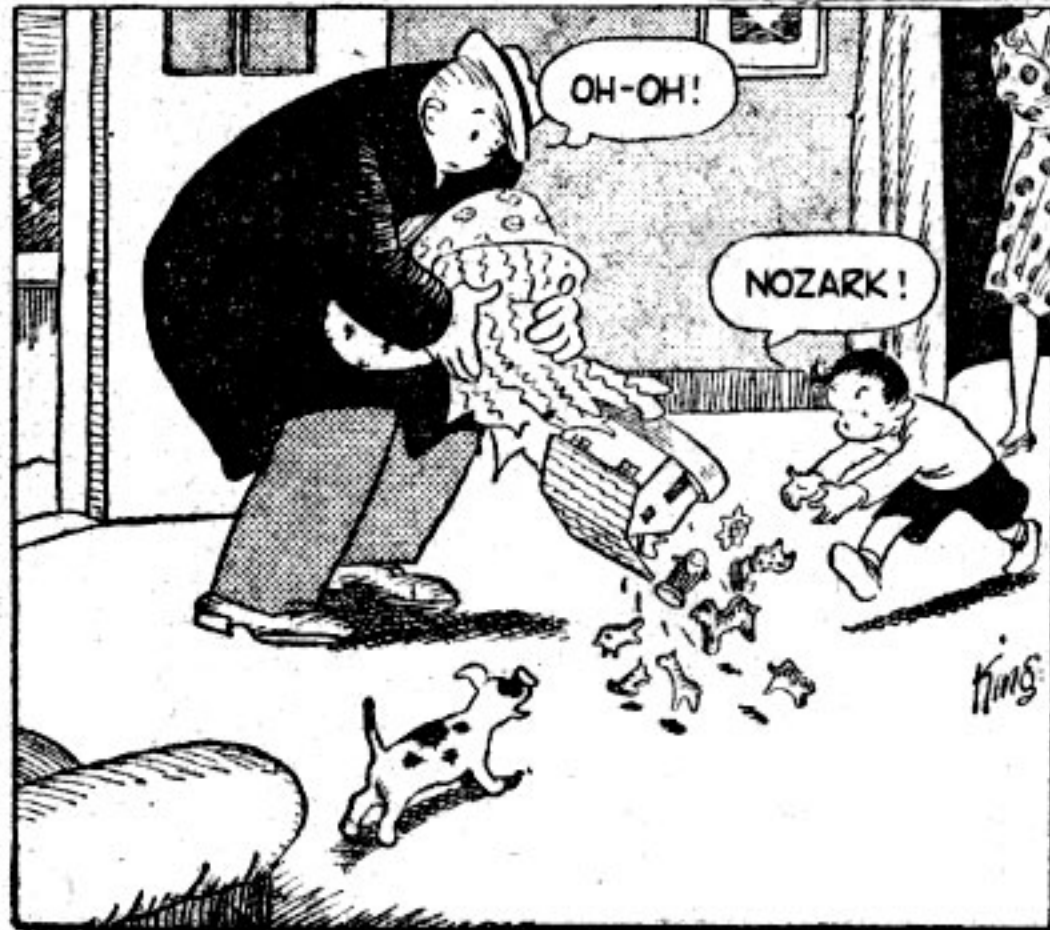












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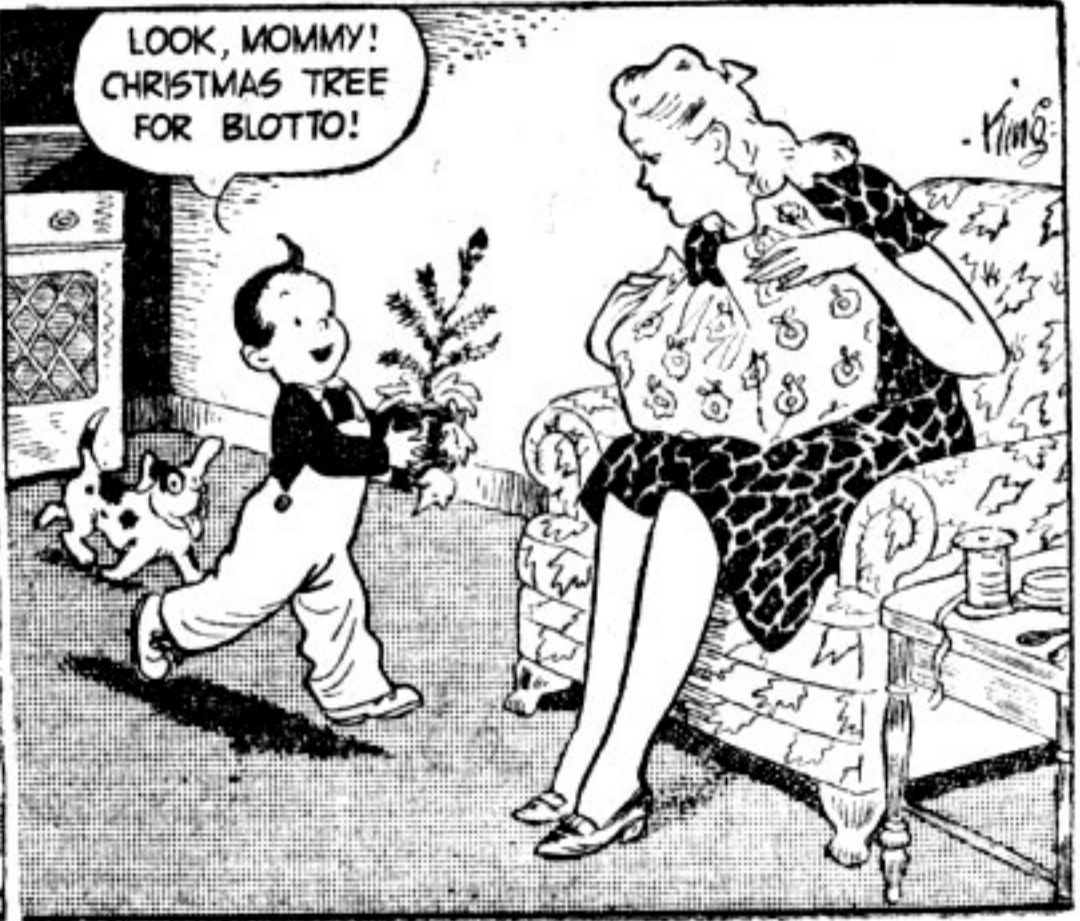
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THERE, CHIPPER, DOES IT
LOOK SYMMETRICAL,
PROPERLY CONTOURED
AND BALANCED?

SURE.



LOOK, MOMMY!
CHRISTMAS TREE
FOR BLOTTO!





MOMMY, WHERE DO SANTA CLAUS LIVE, WILL HE BRING HIS REINDEER, WILL HE COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY?

ASK YOUR POPPY WHEN HE COMES HOME, HONEY.



CHIPPER IS FIRING QUESTIONS AT ME PRETTY FAST, SKEEZIX, YOU'D BETTER BE PREPARED.

ONE THING WE MUSTN'T DO, NINA, IS TELL HIM ANY UNTRUTHS.



LET HIS IMAGINATION ROVE, BUT GIVE HIM HONEST ANSWERS.

A GOOD IDEA, BUT DON'T LET HIM BACK YOU INTO A CORNER.



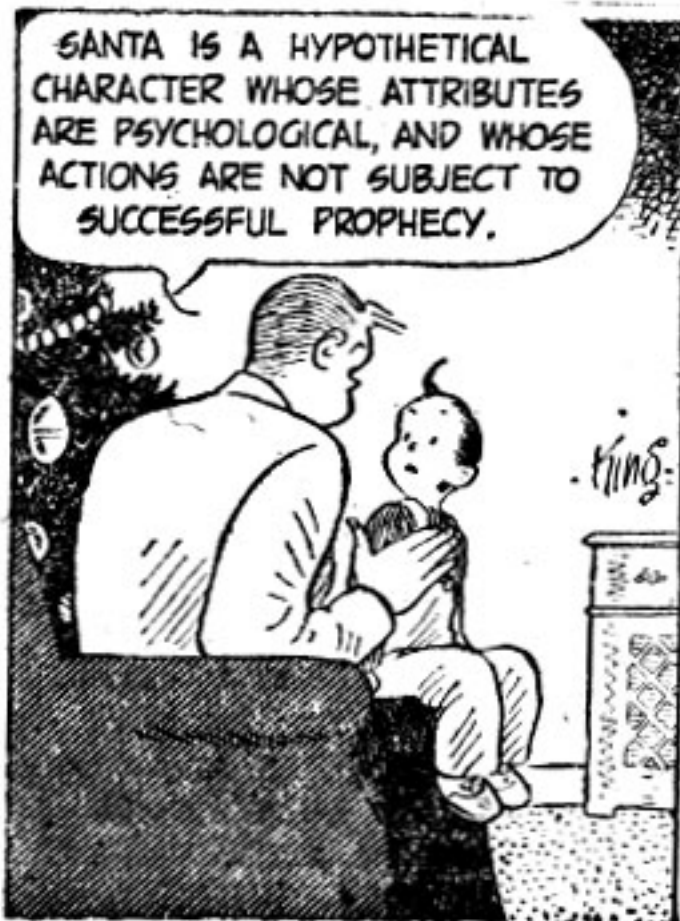
WILL SANTA COME DOWN A CHIMNEY TONIGHT, POPPY?

REMEMBER, SKEEZIX— THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT!

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FAR BE IT FROM ME, CHIPPER, TO OFFER ANY PROGNOSTICATIONS WHICH LACK THE QUALITY OF CERTAINTY.



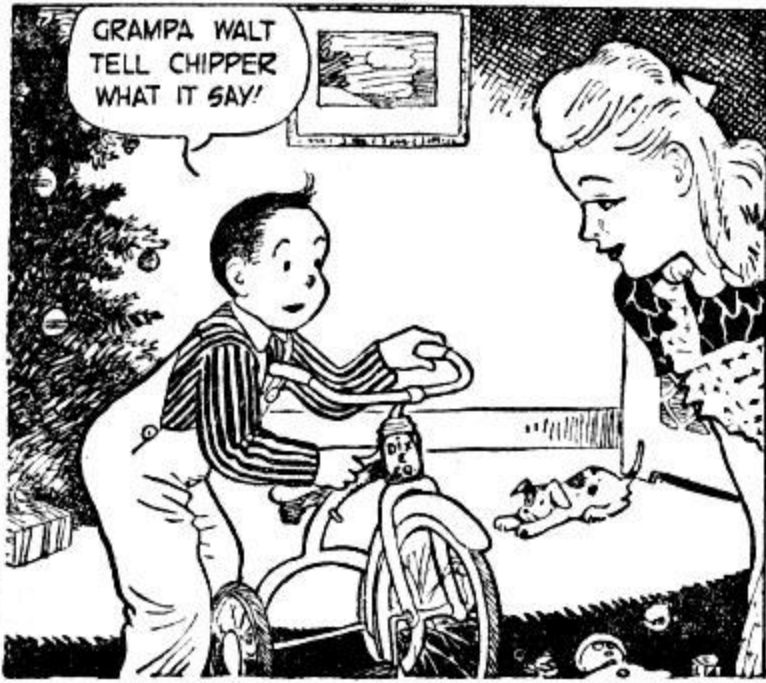
SANTA IS A HYPOTHETICAL CHARACTER WHOSE ATTRIBUTES ARE PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND WHOSE ACTIONS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO SUCCESSFUL PROPHECY.

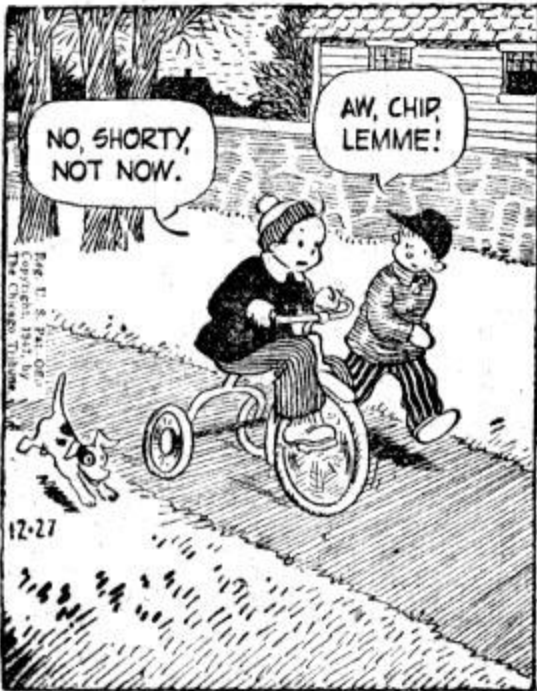


HOWEVER, HE IS AS ACTUAL AS LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD OR THE THREE BEARS; FROM WHICH YOU CAN DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS AS TO HIS PROBABLE APPEARANCE.

SURE!













COME ON, POP!
 DON'T GO SENILE
 ON ME. LET'S ALL
 STEP OUT FOR
 SOME FUN
 TONIGHT!

SORRY, SON,
 BUT I'LL BE
 IN BED AND
 PROBABLY ASLEEP
 AT 10 O'CLOCK.

AW,
 POPPY!



COME ON AHEAD,
 SKEEK. YOU AND
 NINA ARE ONLY
 PARENTS. NOT
 GRANDPARENTS —
 YET!



TOO BAD,
 BUT '48 WILL
 HAVE TO BE
 DELIVERED
 WITHOUT
 OUR HELP.

WE JUST
 COULDN'T GET
 A SITTER
 ON SUCH A
 NIGHT, CORKY.



I'M FLATTERED THAT
 YOU'D TAKE ME OUT ON
 NEW YEAR'S EVE, CORK!

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOIN',
 SIS. I'VE LOOKED 'EM ALL
 OVER, AND YOU, JUDY, ARE
 THE ONE THAT QUALIFIES!