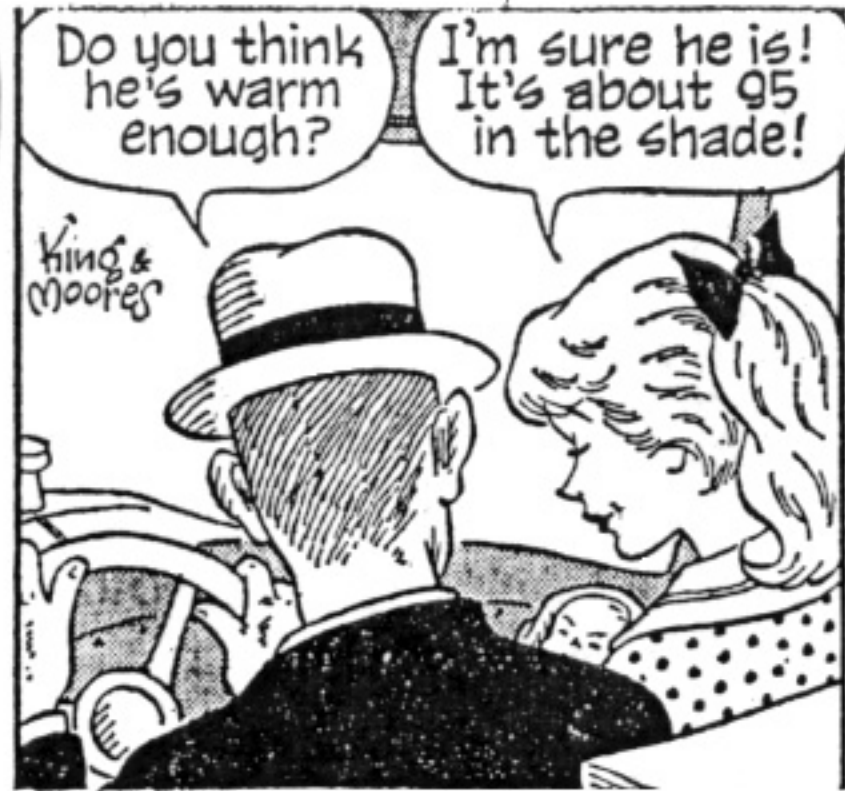
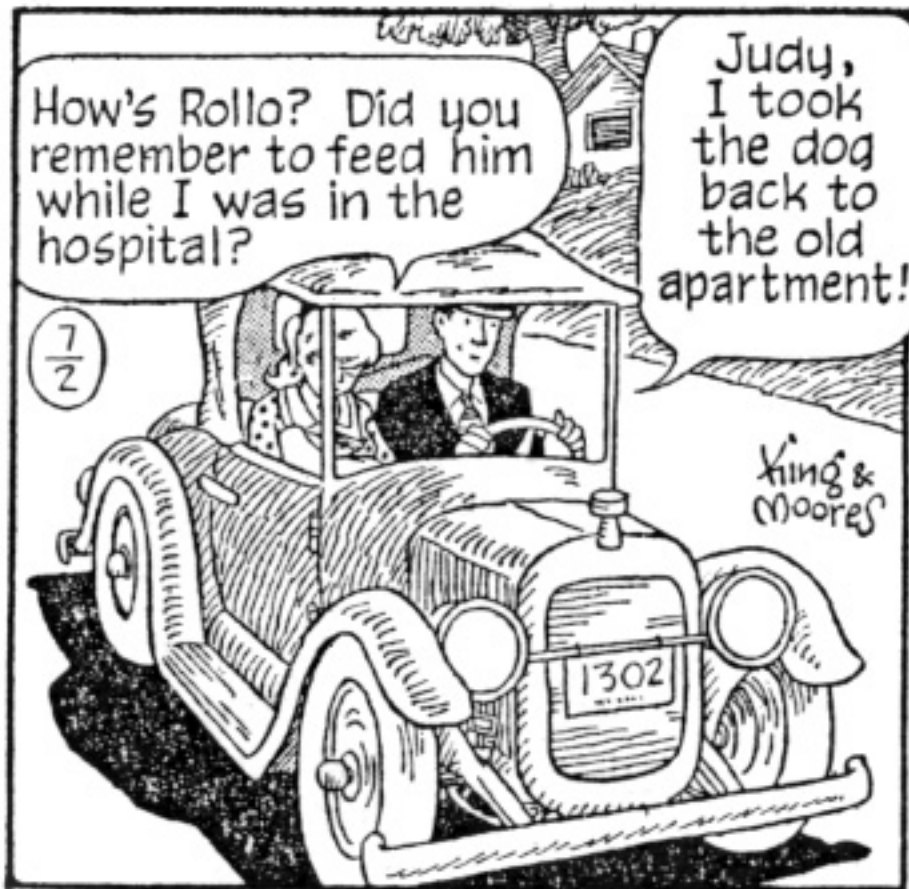


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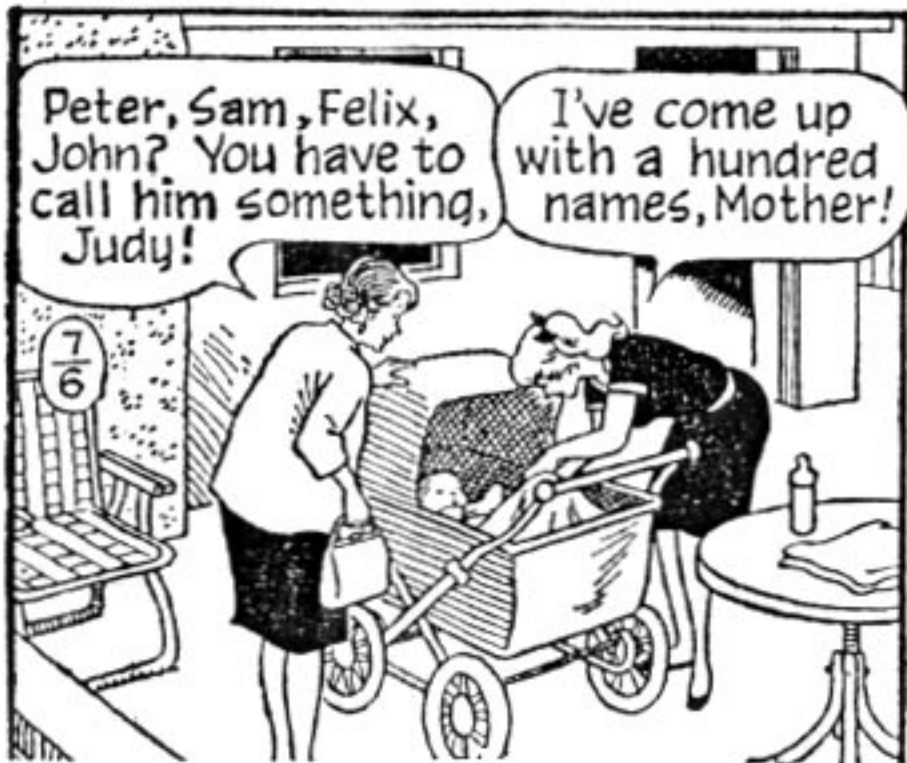


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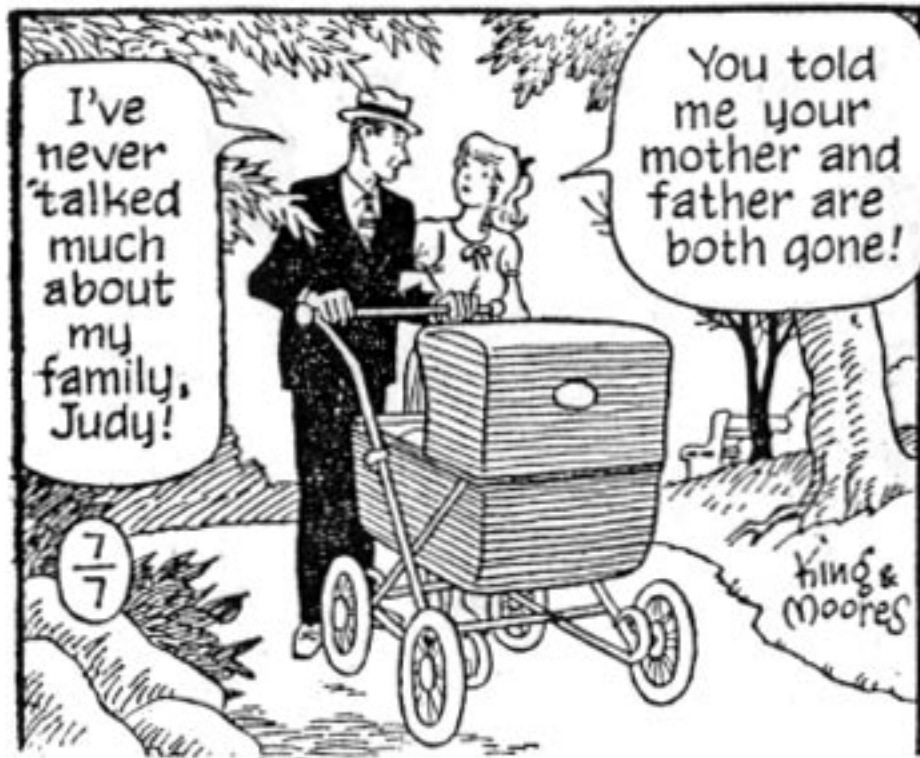


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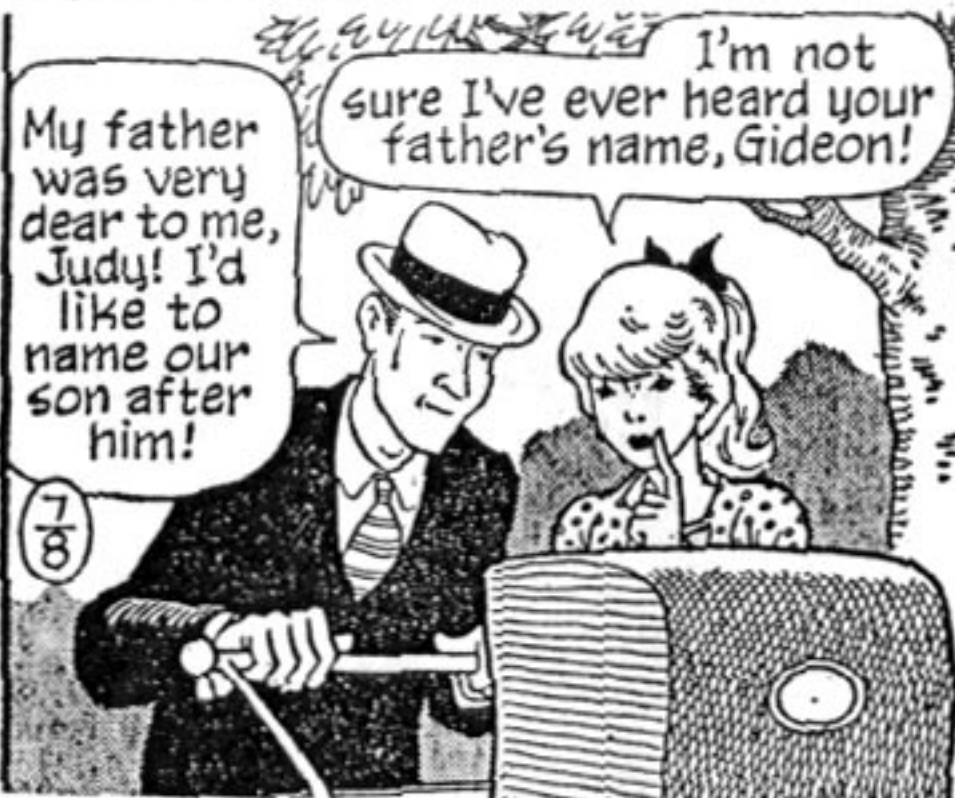
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My father was very dear to me, Judy! I'd like to name our son after him!

I'm not sure I've ever heard your father's name, Gideon!

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Gabriel!

Gabriel? That means he'd be called "Gabe"!

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Everybody called my father Gabriel! Nobody ever called him "Gabe"!

Well.... hello, Gabriel Grubb! How does it feel to have a name?

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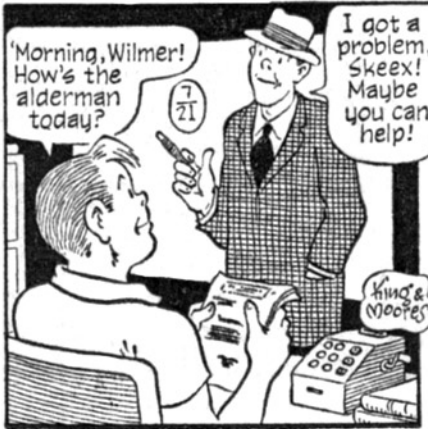
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I thought the guy said six on the dot! It's twenty past!

It won't take long once he gets to us!



The Bobbles are due right now!

What's more important, Chip, getting the babe's hankie analyzed or having dinner with Wilmer's ugly niece?



This is Effie, Nina!

Hello, Effie!

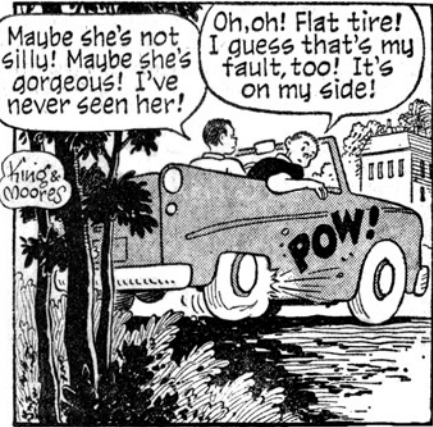
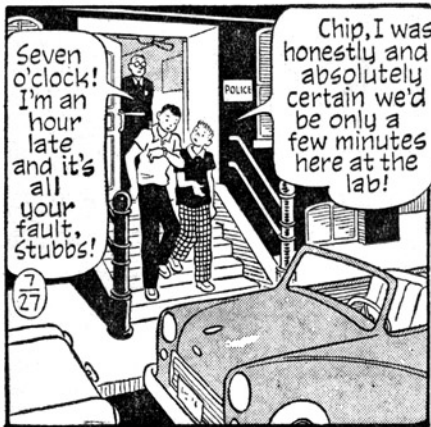
Chipper left the garage an hour ago? Thanks, Sarge!

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Hi, Clovia! I got the old man's car! Had to drive someplace

Come in, Slim! We haven't eaten! Been waiting for Chip!



Join us, Slim? There seems to be an empty chair!

Why not? It's been an hour since I ate!

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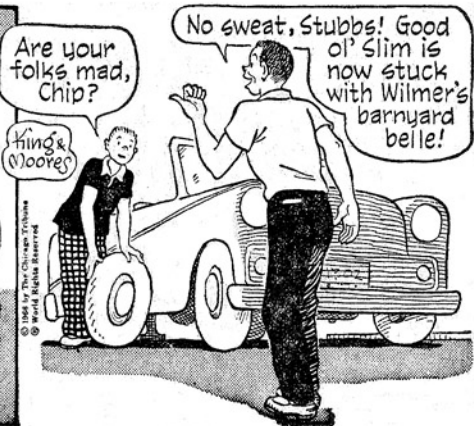
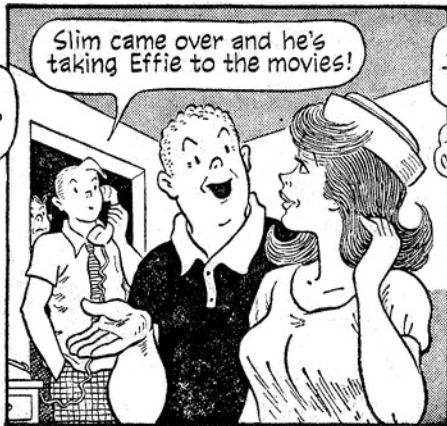
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You know Mr. and Mrs. Bobble, Slim...and this is their niece, Effie!

BAM! ZOWIE!

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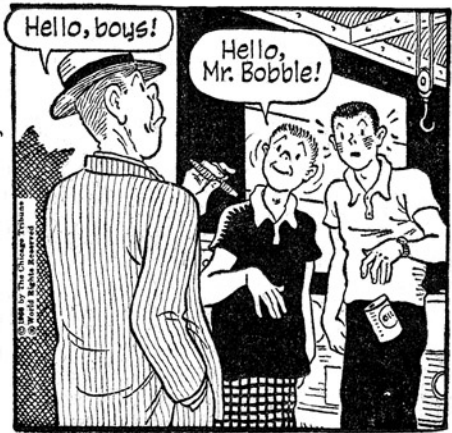
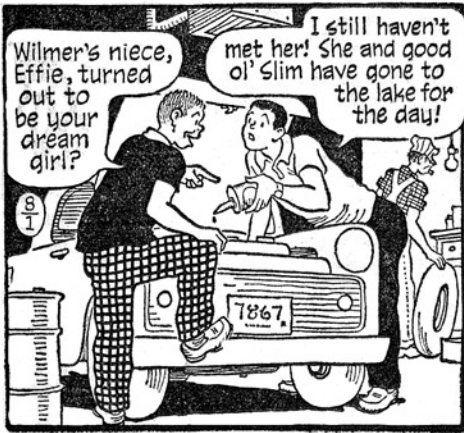


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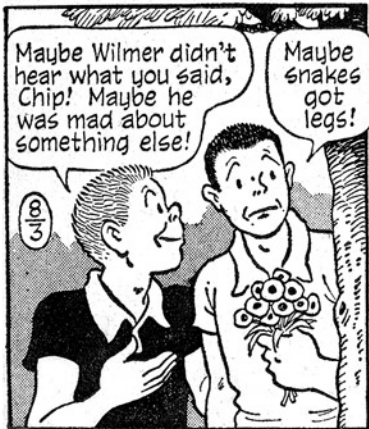
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If that stupid kid of yours sets foot on my doorstep again I'll have the cops on him!

I don't get you, Wilmer!

And that goes for all you Wallets--the whole sickly clan!

Good morning, Wilmer!

Nice day!

Wallets! Humph!

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So that's what's eating Wilmer! You called him "fat and ugly" and he overheard?

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Stubbs and I were just kidding around, Pop!

You know how guys do! We didn't really mean it!

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Brother!

Actually, I think Wilmer is a good-looking guy! You could almost call him handsome!

You could, Chipper, but don't! Up to now, at least, you've been truthful about this thing!



# Gasoline Alley



# Gasoline Alley

You want to meet Wilmer's niece! Right, Chip?

And Wilmer won't let you within a block of the house!

Right!

Hack has some info!

I know how you can meet her!

I'll bet! No thanks! I don't want your help!

Okay! If you don't want to know that at a certain time every day she goes to a certain park and sits on a certain bench...

Hack, if you're kidding me...



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I can't let you just walk out of my life, Effie! I want to see you!

Forget it, Chipper! You know how Uncle Wilmer feels!

He said if he caught you near me he'd skin you alive!

I'm not afraid of Wilmer-and when you see him you can tell him that!

Tell him yourself!

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Out of my sight, Wallet!

Mr. Bobble, I'm sorry if I've offended you and I apologize...

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...but if Effie will see me, I'm going to see her! Is that clear?

Come on, Effie! I'll see you home!

Don't stand there like an idiot! The young upstart should be cane-whipped!



# Gasoline Alley



# Gasoline Alley



# Gasoline Alley

Hello, Effie! I got your note...and here I am!

Chipper, something awful has happened!

Uncle Wilmer is going to send me home to Hickory Gap!

And you don't want to go?

I'll die if I have to go! And you are the only person in the world I can turn to for help!

I'll do anything for you, Effie... but, golly! What can I do?

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Wilmer is taking Effie back to Hickory Gap, Stubbs, as soon as Hack finishes the overhaul on his car!

Golly, Chip! That's tough!



She doesn't want to go! She wants me to do something...so the car won't get fixed!

Hey! Great idea!

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How are you going to do it? Maybe a little glue in the gas-line or...

Shut up, Stubbs! You know I wouldn't do a thing like that...not even for Effie

REPAIRS AND PARTS CASOLINE



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# Gasoline Alley



How are you coming on Wilmer's car, Hack? Looks like it's almost finished!

Almost, Chipper, but I need a part!



Make yourself useful! Tell Sarge to give you a PR-41!

Sure, Hack!

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Hack needs it for Wilmer's car, Pop!

We're fresh out, boss!

The parts outfit is closed! I'll have to call around and try to pick one up!

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# Gasoline Alley

As soon as this part is put in Wilmer's car he'll drive Effie away and out of my life forever!

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I'll never meet another girl like Effie! Never-as long as I live!



And in a few hours she will be gone!

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All because of this stupid little hunk of metal!



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Thursday? You promised me you'd have my car ready today!

I had to order the part from the factory, Wilmer!

I'll take it to another garage!

No garage in town has the part!

Tell me again, Chipper! How did the part happen to fall in the river?

It just kind of slipped out of my hand, Pop! That's all!

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# Gasoline Alley



He said what you'd expect, Slim! He was mad!

I didn't really mean to drop it in the river! It just kinda slipped!

Sure, it did!



# Gasoline Alley



The part came for Wilmer's car. Hack! How long will it take to install?

Kind of a complicated job, Chipper!

Got to hook up two wires and put in a screw!

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When did you say Effie's soldier is leaving for - Viet Nam?

Tomorrow night!

With luck I might have it ready by Saturday morning!



Poor Chip! He really flipped for Effie! Now he's lost her!

He'll be moping around like a sick cat! Let's go cheer him up, Stubbs!

Hello, Chip!

Hi, Kate!

Hi, fellas!

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Oh, well! A guy can't spend the rest of his life mooning over a lost chick!

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By King



I don't like black! I want green!

They hurt!

They're always tight at first, Adam!

Getting the kids ready for school I see, Hope!

First time for the twins, Walt! Some deal!

I guess you'll miss having them around the house all day!

You're kidding, of course! Lucky me! Unlucky teacher!



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Ick!

Ouch!

\$80.42! Did you have to buy out the stores, Hope?

Everything the kids owned was in rags, Corky! We can't send them to school looking like tramps!

Well, at least they're fixed up for another six months!

Adam! Where are your new shoes?

They hurt! So I took them off!

And he can't remember where!



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Adam!  
Come  
out of  
the car  
this  
instant!

No!



It's a nice school  
and a nice teacher!  
Now don't give me  
any trouble!

He  
oughta  
be  
spanked!



Aren't you  
ashamed!  
Look at  
all the  
other boys  
and girls  
marching  
in like  
good  
little  
soldiers!

I don't  
want to  
be a good  
soldier!

Hello, Adam and Eve!  
Welcome to first grade!

Say hello  
to Miss Merit,  
Adam!

Adam is upset!  
Maybe I should  
stay here with  
him!

I'm afraid I don't  
have a desk that  
will fit you, Mrs.  
Wallet!

I don't know who suffers  
the most in this deal—the  
mother or the kids!

That's easy!  
The  
teacher!

Hello!

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"A" is the first letter of the alphabet!

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Who can think of something good to eat that starts with an "A"?

Apple!

That's right, Eve! Adam, can you take your thumb out of your mouth long enough to tell me another?

Pie?

Pie doesn't start with an "A", Adam!

Apple pie does!

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Well, how was the first week of school, kids?

It's fun, Pop!

Humph!

Didn't you like it, Adam?

The teacher hates me!

Come now! How can she hate you? She's only known you a few days!

Yeah! Wait till she's known him a month! Then she'll really hate him!

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Now, Eve!

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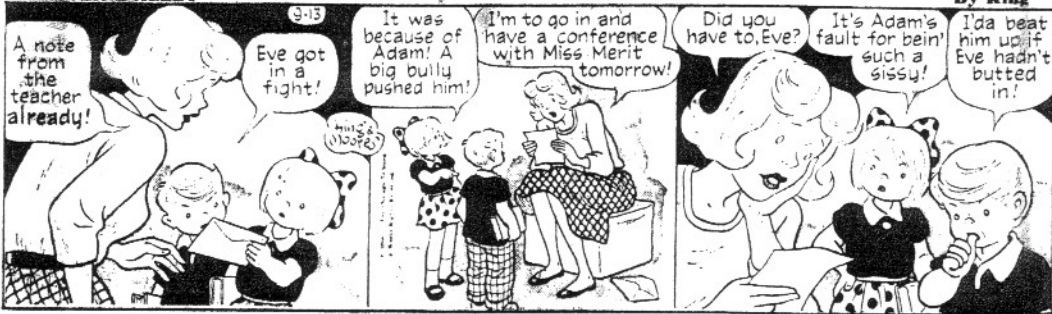


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A note from the teacher already!

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Eve got in a fight!

It was because of Adam! A big bully pushed him!

I'm to go in and have a conference with Miss Merit tomorrow!

Did you have to, Eve?

It's Adam's fault for bein' such a sissy!

I'da beat him up if Eve hadn't butted in!

**GASOLINE ALLEY**

By King



Show Mrs. Wallet your poor little mouth, Charles!

Eve knocked my tooth out!

It was a baby tooth! It fell out!

I understand Charles pushed Eve's brother!

My boy wouldn't push anybody!

Are you calling my child a liar?

Who's calling whom a liar?

Wanna see my tooth, Eve?

I'll give you a penny for it!

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By King



JOE PALOOKA

By Ham Fisher



**GASOLINE ALLEY**

By King



Miss Merit!

Hi, Miss Merit!

I hope the twins aren't giving you any more trouble, Miss Merit!

Not at all, Mrs. Wallet! All the kids are little angels!

Here are your double-strength headache tablets, Miss Merit! Anything else?

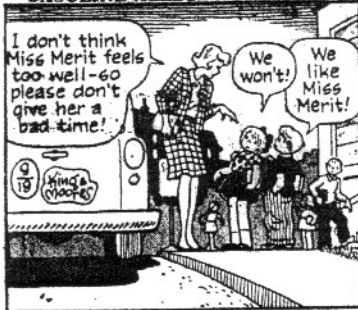
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**By King**

Hello, Mrs. Wallet!  
May I give you  
a lift?

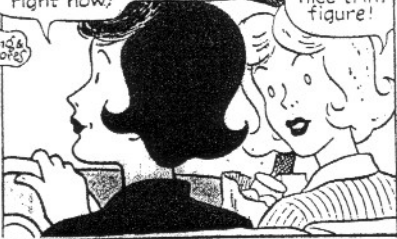
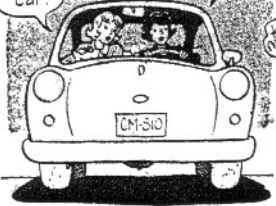
Thank you,  
Miss Merit!

What  
a nice  
little  
car!

I bought it to  
drive around Europe  
last summer!

The payments keep me broke,  
but fortunately I don't spend  
much for food! I'm on a diet  
right now!

So that's  
how you  
keep that  
nice trim  
figure!



**JOE PALOOKA**

**By Ham Fisher**

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You can also make nice round circles by tracing around coins!

I'll show you!

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Oh, dear! I don't have any change! Can someone lend me a dime?

Me!

I can!

Poor Miss Merit!

She doesn't have any money a'tall!

Somethin' oughta be done!

She keeps gettin' skinnier!

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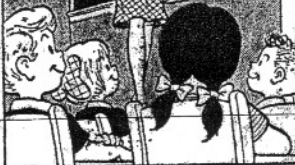
What strange things to bring to school! Is it a project?

Yes'm.

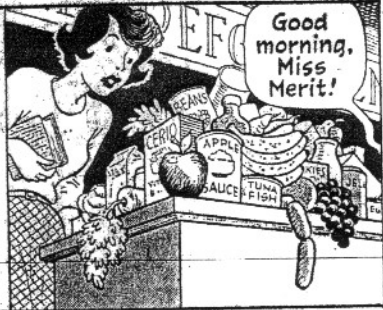


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Good morning, children!



Good morning, Miss Merit!

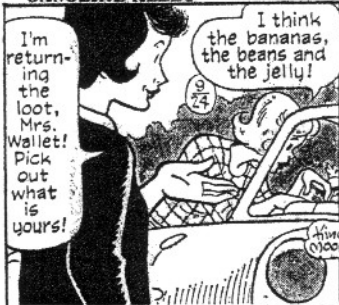


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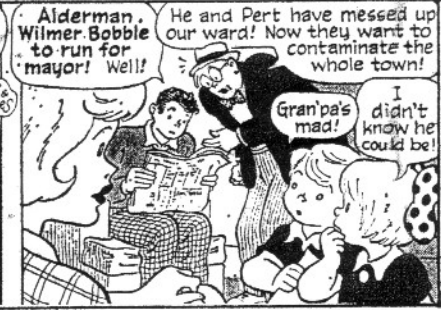
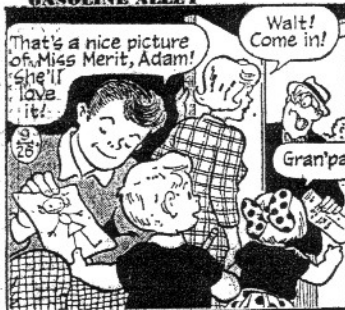
JOE BALOOKA

# GASOLINE ALLEY

By King



By Ham Fisher



Just because Wilmer Bobble is running for mayor doesn't mean he'll be elected, Walt!

He's practically unopposed, Phyllis! Mayor Goode is retiring!

That leaves it wide open for Wilmer and Pert and their crowd to move in!

There must be someone! Maybe you should run against him!

You can laugh, but don't think I haven't given it some thought!

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Tomorrow night  
at the Community  
Center, Skee-zix!

I'll be  
there,  
Uncle  
Walt!

Remember,  
Corky!  
Eight  
tomorrow  
night!

Right,  
Pop!

I don't  
think your  
father wants  
Wilmer  
for mayor,  
Judy!

I've never seen  
Pop so worked up,  
Gideon! He's a  
regular Paul  
Revere!



**GASOLINE ALLEY**

By King

Walt's right! If Wilmer gets in as mayor he and Pert will milk the town dry!

But who can we put up to buck them?

I can think of only one man with the qualifications, Avery!

I know who you mean, Doc!

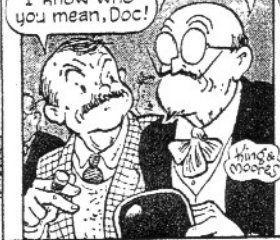
I nominate as the next mayor of our town - **Walt Wallet!**

Walt for mayor!

Yea!

Yea!

Please!



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**GASOLINE ALLEY**

By King



Walt for mayor!

Yea!

May I have the floor, Mr. chairman?

Please! Let Mr. Skinner speak!

Walt Wallet is one of the finest men it has ever been my privilege to know!



But if we are to combat Wilmer and Pert's evil machine we need youth and vigor!



(King's moans)

I nominate Gideon Grubb!



By Ham Fisher



The meeting at the center is over, Wilmer! Here comes Duke!

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Well, Duké?

They picked Gideon Grubb!



You're a shoo-in, Wilmer!

The baker boy! What a choice! Oh-ho!

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Couldn't be better, huh, Pert?

I'm not laughing! That boob could beat us!

Are you out of your mind, Gideon? You don't have the time! What if you win?

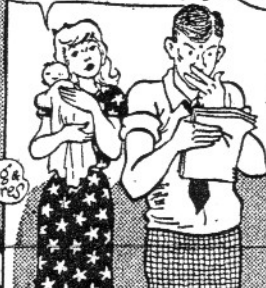
You heard what they said, Judy! My city needs me!

Your doughnut company needs you, too! You work 15 hours a day as it is!

And I can't help you! I have to take care of little Gabe!

Why did you do it, Gideon?

I don't know, Judy! Ever since I was a little kid.... I've always wanted to be mayor!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

By King

\$250 a month is as low as I can go!

This dump isn't worth fifty, Walt!

It's the best we've found. Gideon, and you have to have a headquarters!

Sign here and make the check out to Trep-u Realtors!

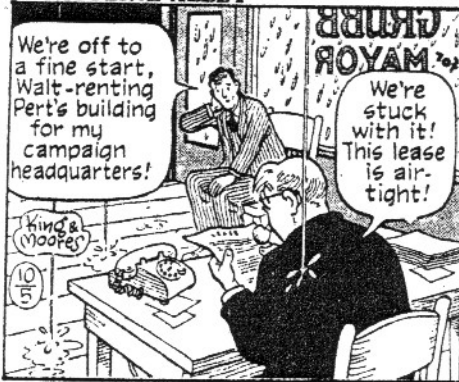
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Trep-u? Is that a new firm? I've never heard of it!

It's U.Pert spelled backwards, gentlemen! A subsidiary of mine! I hope you will be comfortable here!

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Pi Printing Co.? This is Walt Wallet, Mr. Grubb's campaign manager!

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We haven't received our posters yet!

They promised me I could have them last Tuesday!

They won't be ready till tomorrow, Gideon!

Hey! That's good, Pert! They're having trouble getting posters!

Understandable, Wilmer! I own 60% of the printing firm!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

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I nails these things on posts an' I puts four tacks in each corner!

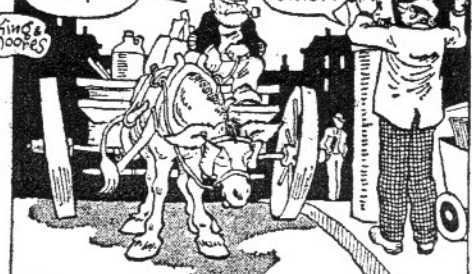
No, Rufus! Four tacks-one in each corner!

That's \$100 worth of posters, Gideon! Maybe we should have hirea Slim!

Slim wanted 25¢ more an hour, Walt!

'Mornin', Rufus! Need any he'p?

Don't need no he'p, Joel, but I might could use a swig o' your cidér!



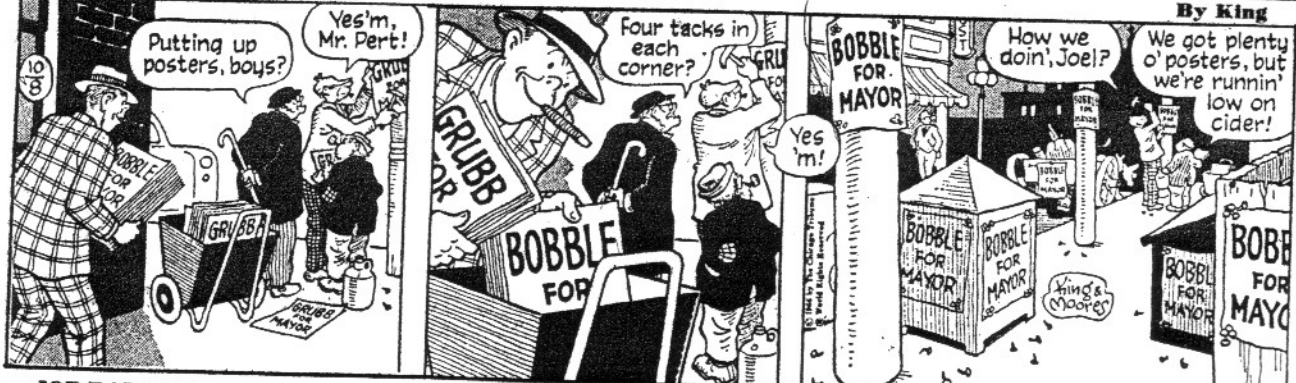
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# GASOLINE ALLEY

By King



Putting up posters, boys?

Yes'm, Mr. Pert!

Four tacks in each corner?

Yes'm!

How we doin', Joel?

We got plenty o' posters, but we're runnin' low on cider!

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JOE BALOOK



**GASOLINE ALLEY**

By King

I'm no silver-tongued politician and I'm not going to stand here and make a lot of empty promises!

But if I'm elected, this town will be run fairly and economically!



I didn't exactly wow them, did I, Walt?

Not bad for your first speech, Gideon!

A lot of people came. That's encouraging!



**GASOLINE ALLEY**

**By King**



You heard his speech! Grubb is an amateur!

He should stick to his doughnuts!

Don't sell the man short!

**BOBBI MAYO**

Here's the latest election poll, Wilmer! Came in today!

Let's see, Pert!

I'm leading three to one! What's wrong with that?

You were ahead four to one last week! That's what's wrong with it!

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A vote for Gideon Grubb is a vote for honest government!

Turn it off, Wilmer! It sickens me!

He's basing his whole campaign on his honesty and integrity, Pert!

He's playing right into our hands! Get the boys busy on the files!

He's 34 years old and human! Somewhere along the line he will have slipped!

We'll pull the man's halo down around his neck and strangle him with it!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

By King

You've been through the police files and the newspaper files?

Through all the records, Mr. Pert, for the past 30 years!

There's nothing on Gideon Grubb, man or boy!

There has to be something! No man is that lily-white!

It's there! You've missed it! Back to the files, you fools, and find it!

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JOE PALOOKA

By King

# GASOLINE ALLEY

By King

Grubb had 2000 at his rally last night, Pert!

BOBBLE

FOR MAYOR

"Honest Gid!" Bah! He's slipped somewhere! We'll find it!

I've found something, Mr. Pert!

Yes?

His car! His license! Everything checks!

Out with it, fool! What did he do?

On August 3, 1954, he got a ticket for over-parking!

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By Ham Fisher

# GASOLINE ALLEY

By King

Grubb wants to be your mayor, and what he knows about running a city you could put in the hole of one of his doughnuts!

Wilmer keeps harping on your inexperience, Gideon!

You'll notice he didn't mention honesty and integrity!

He and Pert don't dare!

I hope!

This is a most confidential matter, Mr. Needle! Not even Wilmer is to know!

Mum's the word with me, Mr. Pert! You know that!

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Someone's been fooling around my desk, Judy! Have those kids from next door been in here?

Heavens no, Gideon!

I never let anyone near your den!

Look here! The lock on this file has been jimmed!

Is anything missing?

I don't know! It's mostly old junk I've collected over the years! Nothing anybody would want!



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That's a lot of money, Mr. Needle, for one measly little snapshot!

Take it or leave it, Mr. Pert!

That snap will blow Grubb's chances of being elected mayor sky high, and you know it!

I'll take it!

**BOBBLE FOR MAYOR**

"Honest Gid!"  
Ha!

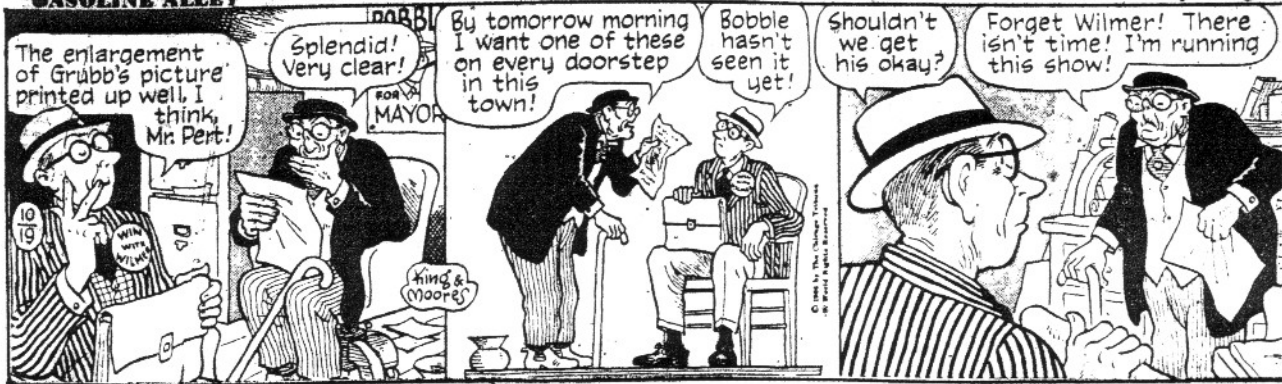


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Get the paper, Judy!  
See what they say  
about my speech  
last night!

At your  
service, "Mayor"!

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BEST GID!  
IS THIS THE  
YOU WANT  
MA.



What does the paper say, Judy? Did they like our speech?

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Now we know what was taken from your file, don't we?

**HONEST BID!**  
 IS THIS THE MAN YOU WANT FOR YOUR MAYOR?



Gideon will be able to explain, Phyllis! It's some kind of a trick Wilmer and Pert have pulled!

I'd say Gideon has been pulling the tricks!

It looks like a recent photo, Gideon! Who is she?

Judy, you don't really think...?

I think you owe me an explanation!

I could explain it in ten seconds, but now I'm darned if I will! Think what you like!

Gideon, I suppose you've seen this handbill with your picture! Can you tell me...?

Sorry, Walt! I don't wish to discuss it! **CLICK!**

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**RING!**

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I declare! What's Mister Gideon doin' havin' his picture took with Maisie?

I don't know, Joel..



HONEST GID!

THIS THE  
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but folks say it's bad! Might spoil his chance o' bein' mayor!

Shucks, Rufus! There ain't no harm in Maisie!



You an' me knows that, but the voters don't! Is she still around?

Sure! Seen her yestiday - on my way to the garbage scows!



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Nothin' bad about havin' a picture took with Maisie! She's innocent as a lamb!

Mister Gid is havin' a big election rally tonight, Joel!

It might he'p him if we took Maisie over an' showed folks how harmless she is!

Good notion, Rufus! Let's go fetch her!

How does she look, Joel?

Not bad..considerin'! It's been six months since the carnival went off an' left her!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

By King

Gideon, folks are going to demand an explanation at the rally tonight!

They won't get it, Walt!

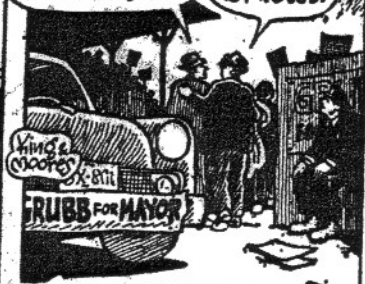
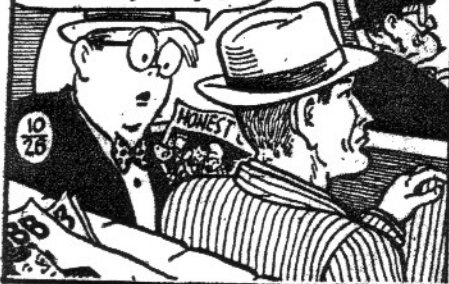
I wouldn't dignify a smear like that by even mentioning it!

It's going to cost you a lot of votes!

SAY IT AIN'T SO, GID!

How is Judy taking it?

I don't know! I've been staying at the Donut Shop the last few nights!



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**GASOLINE ALLEY**

By King

Where's your blonde, Honest Gid?

Who is she?

Tell us about her!

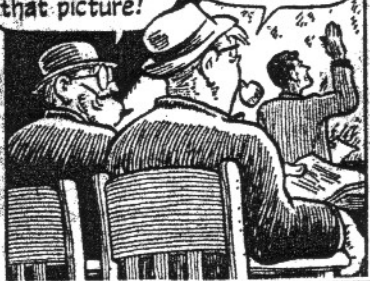
Say it ain't so, Gid!



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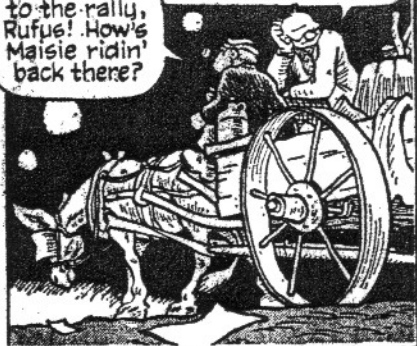
Gideon's sunk unless he comes up with an explanation for that picture!

I'm beginning to think he doesn't have one, Doc!



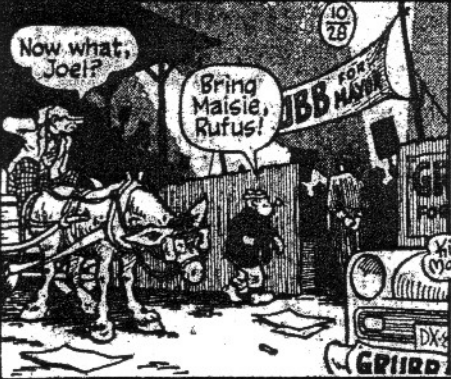
We's almos' to the rally, Rufus! How's Maisie ridin' back there?

She's doin' fine, Joel!



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Now what, Joel?

Bring Maisie, Rufus!

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GRUBB



Hurry up! We ain't got all night!

Maisie ain't in too good a shape!



She's fallin' apart!

Mind what you're doin', Rufus! We don't want her spread all over the lot!

GRUBB

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**GASOLINE ALLEY**

By King



JOE PALOOKA

By Ham Fisher

May I come in, Judy?

Gideon!

Can you ever forgive me? I've been so miserable!

It was all my fault!

It's not that I didn't trust you! I got mad because you wouldn't explain!

I don't know why I'm so stubborn! I can't seem to help it!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

By King



You did this without asking me! You knew I wouldn't approve!

There was so little time, Wilmer!



How was I to know it was taken at a carnival? The dummy looks so real!

Even the beer is fake! The suds are cotton!

I'm warning you, Pert! If I'm elected, you and your thugs stay away from City Hall!

Thugs? You're the one who plays pool with them! Not me!

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THIS THE REAL NEWS FOR YOU?

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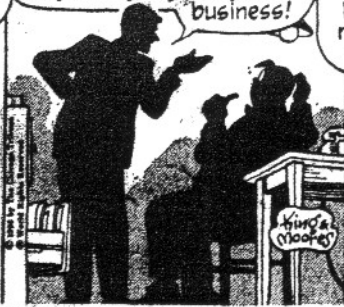
Things are going great, Gideon! What's wrong? You look beat!

You bet I'm beat! Luncheons! Rallies every night! Coffees! Meetings!

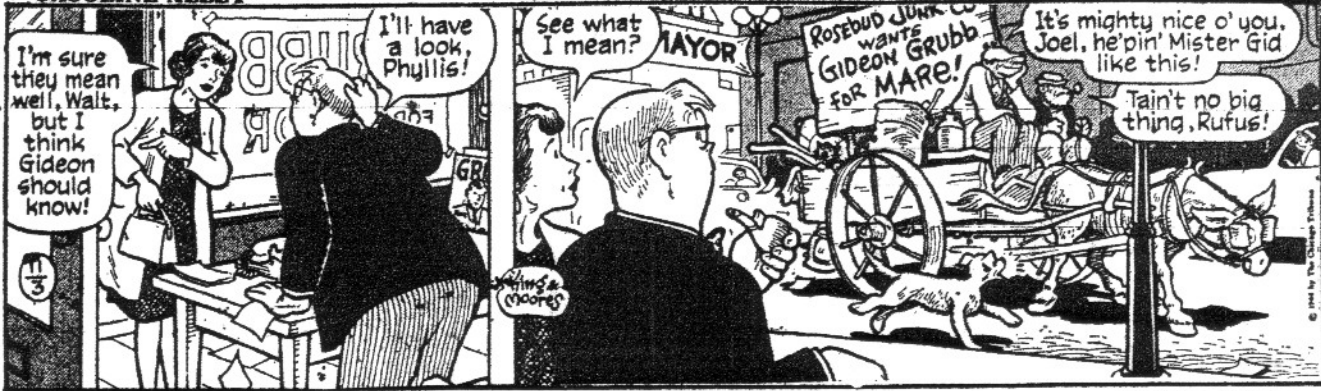
I've hardly seen Judy and the baby for a month! I'm neglecting my doughnut business!

My jaw aches from smiling! I've got calluses from shaking hands! Maybe I'm not cut out for this!

All you need is rest! Stretch out on the table! We've got 12 minutes before we go!



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I'm sure they mean well, Walt, but I think Gideon should know!

I'll have a look, Phyllis!

See what I mean?

MAYOR

ROSEBUD JUNK CO  
WANTS  
GIDEON GRUBB  
FOR MARE!

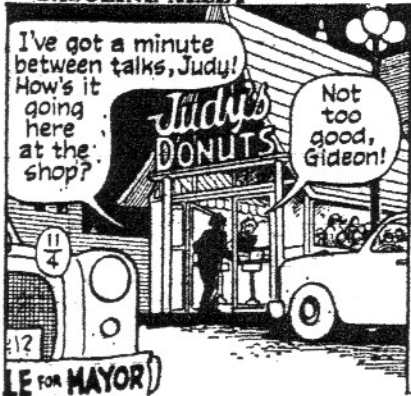
It's mighty nice o' you, Joel, he'pin' Mister Gid like this!

Tain't no big thing, Rufus!

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I've got a minute between talks, Judy! How's it going here at the shop?

Not too good, Gideon!



Looks like business is booming!

Two doughnuts and three coffees!

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The TV is on the blink at the pool hall! They came over here to watch Wilmer!



Gid!

How's the celeb?

Came by to drum up a few votes!

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Mr. Grubb! You an' Judy movin' back?

No, Mr. Garrow!

Just wanted to make sure you voted for the right mayor!

Nightmare? I'll say it is! The folks in your old apartment been complainin' about my music!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

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# GASOLINE ALLEY



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THE DAILY BUGLE

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PRICE  
TEN CENTS

# BOBBLE IS MAYOR

## GRUBB EDGED BY 206 VOTES

### NEW MAYOR PROMISES STREET IMPROVEMENTS

TO TAX HIKE BOBBLE!

GRUBB FORCES EDGE SUPPORT



THE ELDER MAN PROMISES HANDSOME BILLS TO BE PASSED LAST NIGHT AT BOBBLE'S REQUEST.

The world hasn't come to an end, Walt! Wilmer isn't so bad, really!

We came so close! Poor Gideon!

Do you feel like breakfast, Gideon?

I've never felt so good in my life! No more speeches! No more hand shaking!

Poor Wilmer!



King's Master

Long distance, Mister Gideon! I think it's Mr. Brass, the head o' your doughnut chain!

Thank you, Rufus!

Hello, Mr. Brass!

Congratulations, Gideon! We're all delighted here at the office!

I think you have the wrong information! I didn't win the election! I lost!

We know! The business has missed you! Welcome back!

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By King

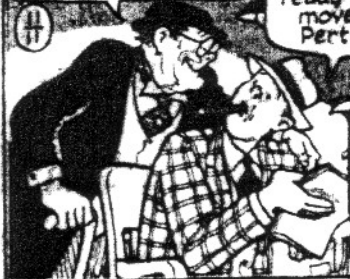
Mayor Wilmer Bobble!  
My boy, your old Uncle  
Pert is proud of you!

I'm busy  
getting  
ready to  
move,  
Pert!

Now that I have led  
you to the pinnacle, I  
step aside! The glory  
and emolument is  
yours!

I ask for nothing!  
My reward is the  
humble pride I feel  
in your  
success!

However, if you need my assistance  
in making a few key appointments  
you have only to call  
on me!



By Ham Fisher

**GASOLINE ALLEY**

**By King**



**JOE PALOOKA**

**By Ham Fisher**

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Barry wants to meet me after football practice, Mom, so don't expect me before six!



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Barry seems to be giving you quite a rush!



He doesn't go out with girls much, but he likes me!



Lucky you! Is he nice? He certainly sounds active!



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Football team, Student Council, debating... when are we going to meet him?



He'll be bringing me home tonight... if he has time!



Is that Clovia and her new boyfriend?  
I'm interested in meeting him!

11/15

He's driving off!

What did he look like, Nina?

I couldn't see him, Skeezi! He didn't get out of the car!

Clovia, I thought you were going to bring Barry in to meet us!

He had to rush, Mom! He's guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce banquet tonight!

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What's with Clovia, Nina? She hardly spoke to me!

She has a lot on her mind! Barry has asked her to go steady!

Go steady? Go where? He's too busy with football and banquets to take her anyplace!

Now, Skee-zix!

I don't think he exists! As far as we know he is just a car that whisks off into the dusk!

Clovia has arranged for us to meet him at the football game tomorrow night!

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Only ten seconds to go, and we're losing 14-10!

If we're going to meet Barry at the bench, Clovia, we'd better start down!



Barry has broken loose!

A 65-yard run!



Touch-down!



YEAH, BARRY!

I guess tonight isn't a good time to meet him!

I still don't know what he looks like!

Inch-thick steaks, artichokes! Aren't you over-doing it a little, Nina?

I want this to be a nice dinner, Skeezi!

But artichokes! Barry will think we're trying to impress him!

Clovia says it is his favorite dish!

I'm beginning to wonder about this guy!

I'll take the good old reliable peas and mashed potatoes man every time!



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**GASOLINE ALLEY**

**By King**

It was so nice to be here at the farm for Thanksgiving, Mother!

Tell Chipper we missed him!

He stayed up at school to see some girl!

Oh! The pie we baked for Barry's dinner tomorrow night! I almost forgot it!

I put it on the seat in the car, Clovia!

Are you sure, Grandfather? I don't see it!



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Clovia, Barry will be here in half an hour and I need you in the kitchen!

-I'm hurrying, Mom!

The door, Skee-zix! Who can that be?

I'll get it, Nina!

Knock! Knock!

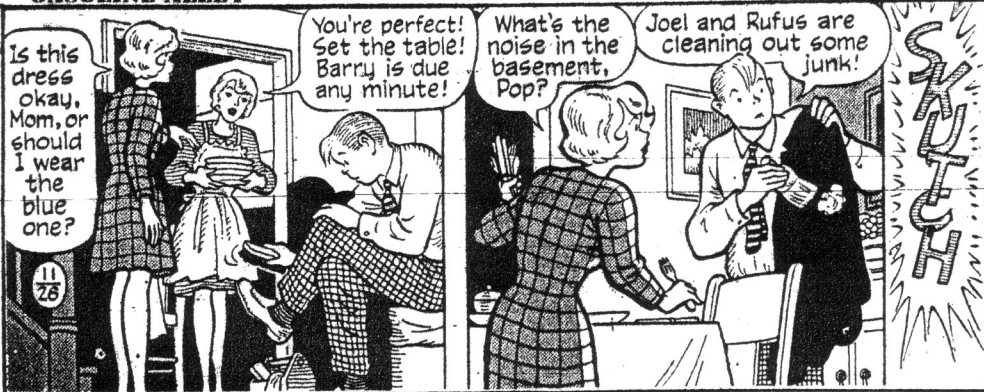
Miz' Wallet say you got some junk you want toted out of the cellar!

Okay, Joel, but hurry! We're expecting company

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Is this dress okay, Mom, or should I wear the blue one?

You're perfect! Set the table! Barry is due any minute!

What's the noise in the basement, Pop?

Joel and Rufus are cleaning out some junk!

SKUTCH

What happened, Skeezi?

I think the lights went out, Nina!

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Oh, dear!  
What will  
we do, Mom?  
Barry will  
be here  
any  
minute!

I can't  
cook without  
lights!

Don't  
panic!  
Probably  
just a  
fuse!

What happened  
down here,  
Joel?

The lights  
went out,  
Mister Skeezix!

I know!  
but why?

Somethin' skutched when  
we moved the barret!

Don't worry!  
We'll have 'er  
fixed in a  
jiffy!



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Reckon they's a short here, Mister Skeezi!

Don't touch a thing, Joel! I'll get a flashlight!

Four flashlights and not a battery in the house! Where's Clovia?

Upstairs crying ...and looking for candles!

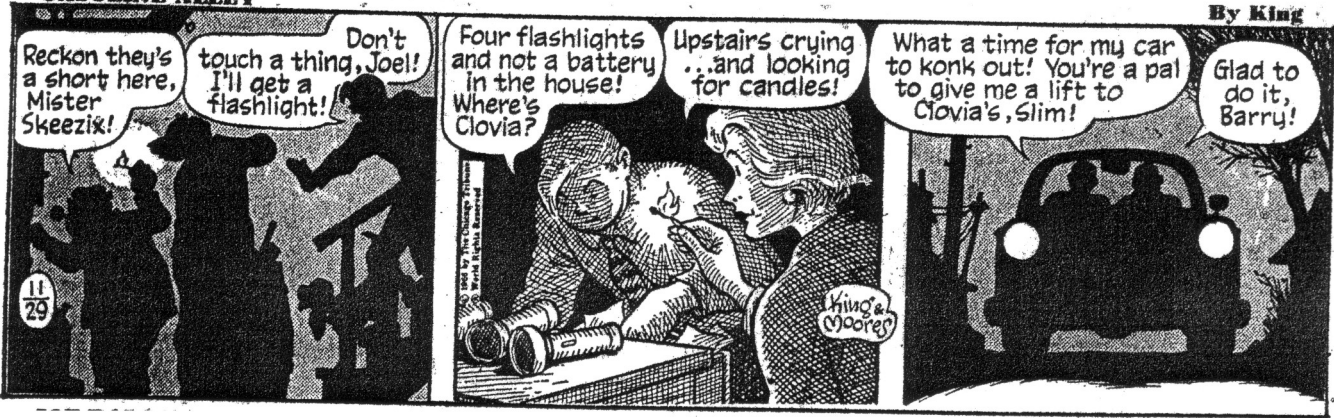
What a time for my car to konk out! You're a pal to give me a lift to Clovia's, Slim!

Glad to do it, Barry!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

By King

I'll pick you up at eight sharp, Barry!

Thanks, Slim!  
Hey! Are you sure this is Clovia's house?

I oughta be! I been here a zillion times!

It's pitch black!  
Nobody's home!

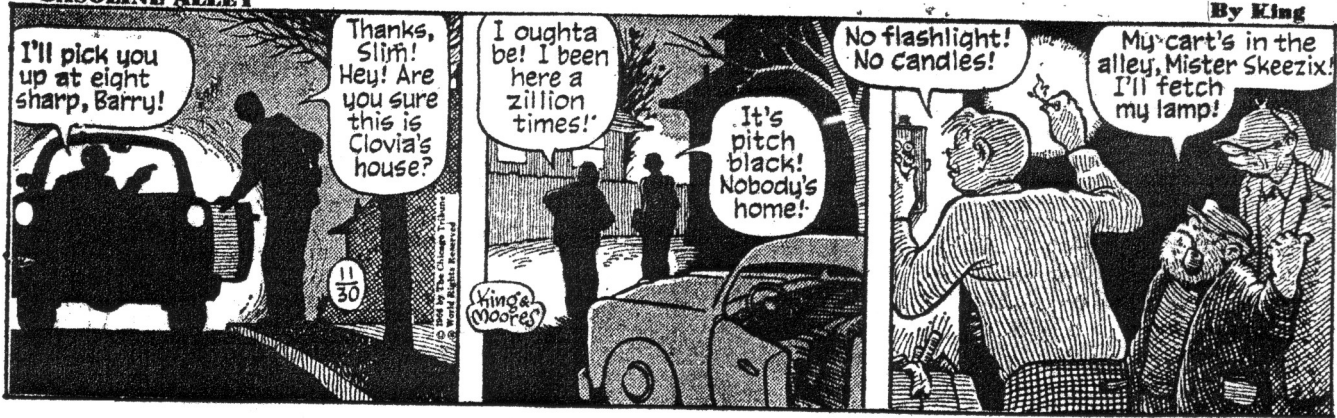
No flashlight!  
No candles!

My cart's in the alley, Mister Skee-zix!  
I'll fetch my lamp!

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I'm running low on matches!

I'll fetch my lamp!  
I'll-he'p!

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Don't need no he'p, Rufus! The lamp ain't rightly heavy!

I reckoned I'd give you a hand with the cider jug!

I pushed the doorbell, Slim! Nobody answers!

I think I heard a voice, Barry! Maybe Clovia is in there and doesn't want you to know!

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They invited me to dinner, Slim! They wouldn't turn out the lights and hide!

I know how to make sure! We'll see if the car is in the garage!

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**GASOLINE ALLEY**

It's locked! Let's forget it! I must have got my dates mixed!

Window's open! Can't see! I'll crawl in!

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Looky there, Joel! Thieves breakin' into Mister Skeeze's garage!

I declare! So they be!

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Barry, this is Mr. Wallet!

'Dwj'do, Misher Wallup!

Rufus hit him over the head with the cider jug!

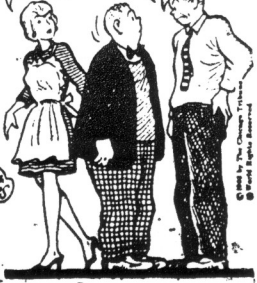
Any particular reason?

Slim will explain!

I was wondering why you were here!



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I'm sorry about the mix-up, Barry! Do you feel all right now?

I'm fine, Mrs. Wallet, and the dinner was delicious!

I brought a box of candy ...but I don't know what happened to it!

I'm afraid it was ruined when Rufus hit you with the cider jug!

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I threw it into the waste-basket!

Punky found it!

Hic!

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Look, Hack!  
I found a five-dollar bill on my way to work!  
Must be my lucky day!

Lucky day is right, boss!

Wilmer was just in!  
You've landed the city truck maintenance contract!

Wow! I've been trying to get this for years!

Mom, look!  
A goat in our yard!  
Isn't he cute?

Cute? He's eating our rose bushes!

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What a day! We got the city contract and I found five dollars on the street!



It was my lucky day, too! Barry gave me his ring!

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I'm glad somebody had a good day! Mine was miserable!



Really, Nina? Why?

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A goat in our yard? Why didn't you chase him out?



I've tried! All he did was glare at me with those big horns! Here!



**GASOLINE ALLEY**

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Shoo!

Don't hurt him, Pop!

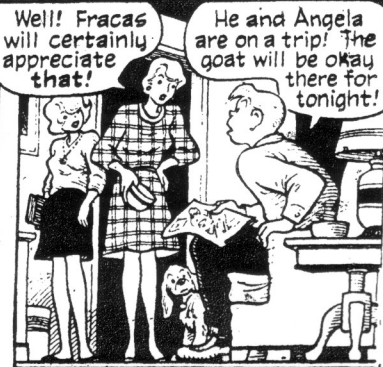
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Is he out, Skeezix?

Pop ran him into Mr. Fracas' yard and shut the gate!



Well! Fracas will certainly appreciate that!

He and Angela are on a trip! The goat will be okay there for tonight!

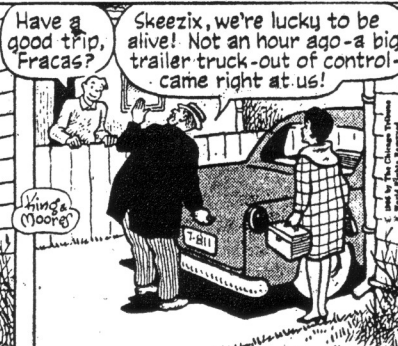




Here come the Fracas's back from their trip! Wait till they see that goat in their yard!

Maybe I'd better go over, Nina!

**GASOLINE ALLEY**



Have a good trip, Fracas?

Skeezix, we're lucky to be alive! Not an hour ago-a big trailer truck-out of control-came right at us!

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How he missed us I'll never know! It was a miracle!

Phew! I'm glad you are okay! By the way, there's a goat in your yard!

This is too much, Angela!  
We almost get run over  
by a truck  
on our trip-

-and then we  
come home and  
find a goat  
in our  
yard!

He must belong to  
somebody! I hope you  
didn't  
hurt him,  
Fracas!

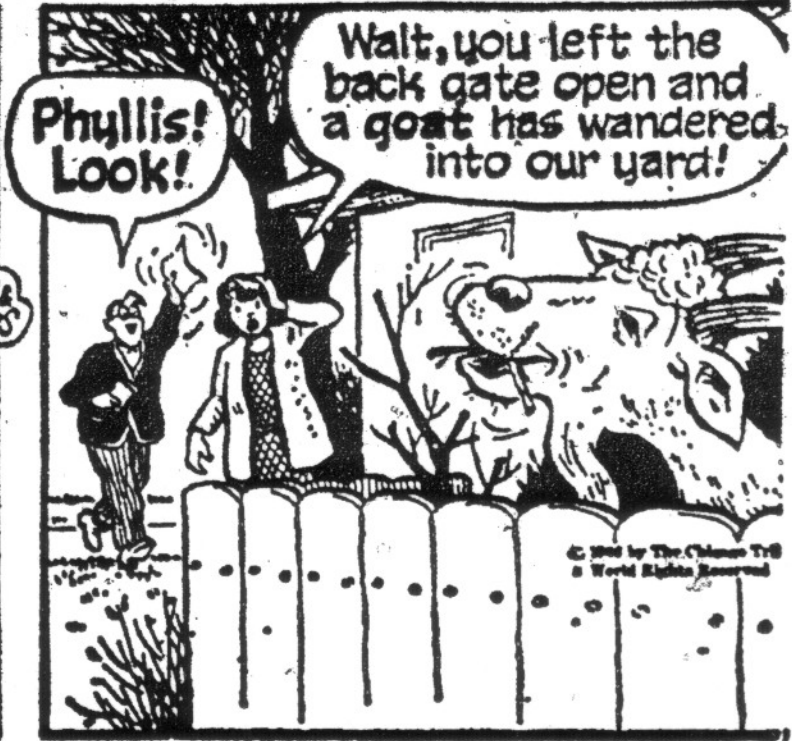
Hurt him?  
He ate up  
\$40 worth of  
our shrubs!

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Shrubs & flowers



Cousin Ben has left me \$2000, Phyllis!

Cousin Ben? I didn't know you had a cousin Ben!

A distant cousin on my mother's side! Imagine! \$2000!

That's wonderful, Walt, but right now I'm more concerned about him!

A goat in our yard! When did he show up?

He wandered in when you went out for the mail!

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**GASOLINE ALLEY**



Do something about this goat, Walt! He's ruining our yard!

As soon as I get the phone, Phyllis!

RING!

**GASOLINE ALLEY**

It was Emily next door! Avery is very sick! She wants us to come right over!

Oh, dear!

How bad is he, Walt?

Pretty bad! Running a temperature of 105!

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Avery is terribly sick! I've called Doc!

Is there anything we can do, Emily?

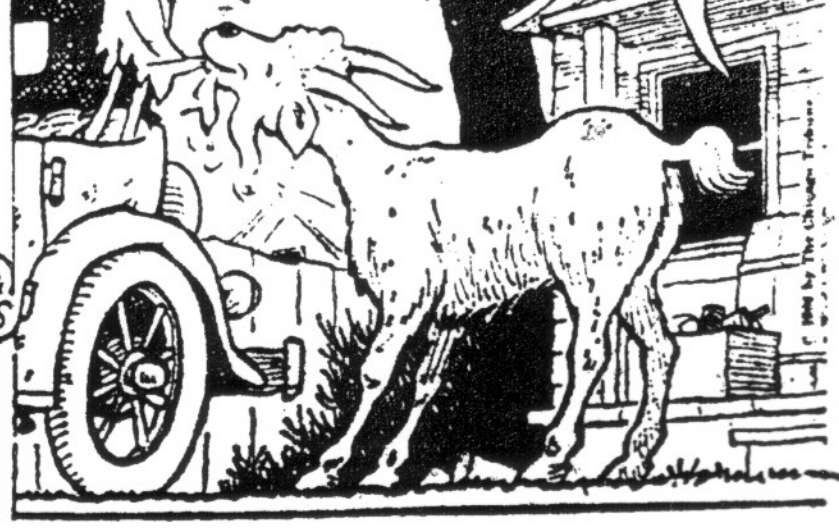
What's all the whispering out there?

Avery! You shouldn't be sitting up!



I'm fine!

Feel his head, Emily! I think his temperature has broken!



**GASOLINE ALLEY**

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That's right, Uncle Walt!  
We landed the city truck  
contract  
at the garage!

You're not  
the only  
lucky one,  
Skeezix!

My Cousin Ben  
left me \$2000!  
Can you imagine?  
I hardly knew  
him!

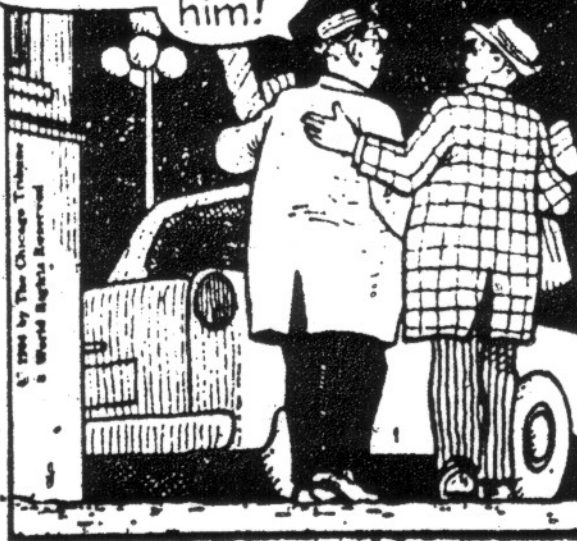
Wonderful!  
When did  
it happen?

Monday, I think!  
The same day a  
goat wandered  
into our  
yard!

A goat? Must be the one  
I chased out of my yard  
last week!

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It's pure coincidence, Skeezix!

remains, Nina, while that goat was in our yard, I got the city contract!

And Barry gave me his ring!

While the goat was in Fracas' yard they miraculously escaped a crash!

Uncle Walt inherits \$2000-and where is the goat? In his yard!

Right! Eating his shrubs after he's stuffed himself on our rose bushes!

**GASOLINE ALLEY**

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Skeezix thinks that goat has magical powers or something!

It's just strange that wherever he goes people seem to have good luck!

I do not!

Where is the goat now, Uncle Walt?

I wasn't going to tell this, Skeezix, because it sounds silly, but-

Avery was very sick! High fever! We went over! The goat followed! We got in the house-no fever! Avery felt great!

And the goat had eaten the top off of his car!

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Avery, I understand you had a goat in your yard last week!

As any fool can plainly see, Skeezix!

That crazy goat would have eaten the whole car if I'd let him!

What did you do with him, Avery?

What do you think I did? I sent him packin'! Why?

Just curious! By the way - you look very well! Never know you'd been sick!

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Skeezix, that goat had nothing to do with any of these things that have happened! You know that!

He's out there somewhere in this storm!

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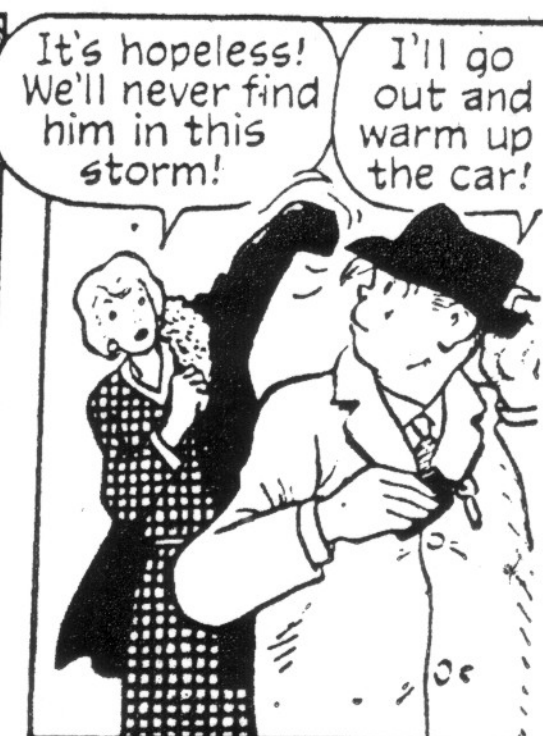
Lost! Cold! Homeless! Nobody caring whether he lives or dies!

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It's almost Christmas, Nina! It just doesn't seem right!

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It's hopeless! We'll never find him in this storm!

I'll go out and warm up the car!





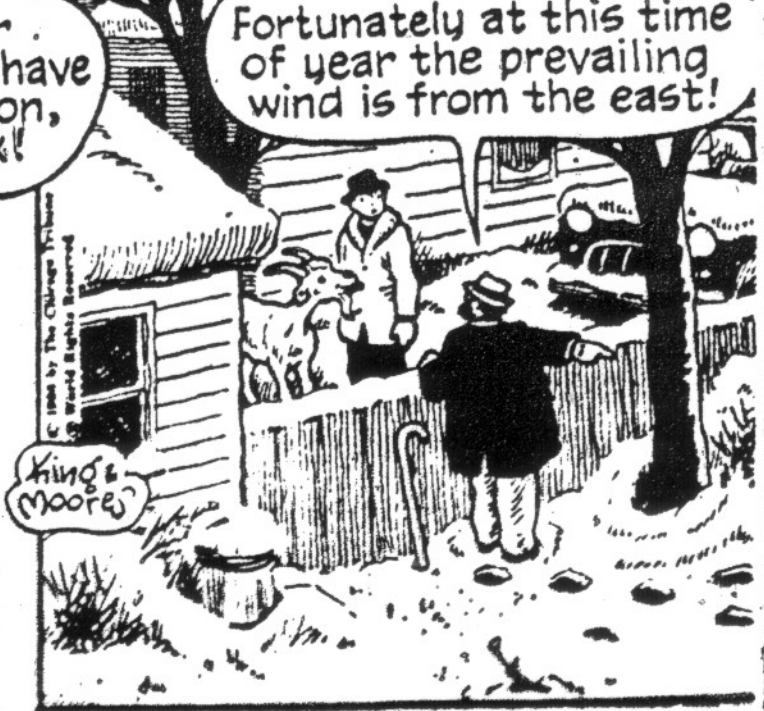


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I hope you don't plan to keep that nuisance for long, Wallet!

Only a few days, Fracas! Until the owner comes to claim him!

Come off it. Skeezip! Nobody's going to claim that animal and you know it!

Why didn't you tell him the truth-that you think the goat has super-human powers?

I think nothing of the sort, Nina! Besides, Fracas wouldn't understand!

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**GASOLINE ALLEY**





Nobody's claimed the goat yet, Skeezix?

Not yet, Uncle Walt! I may run an ad in the lost and found!

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**GASOLINE ALLEY**



Anything..er... unusual happen since you've had the goat here?

You'll laugh, and I wouldn't tell this to another living soul!

(Whispering)



Remember that ache I've had in my back for months? **Gone!** Went away the day I got the goat back!

No kidding!

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You must be mistaken, Walt!

Phyllis! actually

It's true, Skeezix believes this stuff about the goat!

He thinks having the animal in his yard has cured his back-ache!

Skeezix is a stable, intelligent person!

He was just pulling your leg!

I suppose that was it, but he certainly sounded serious!

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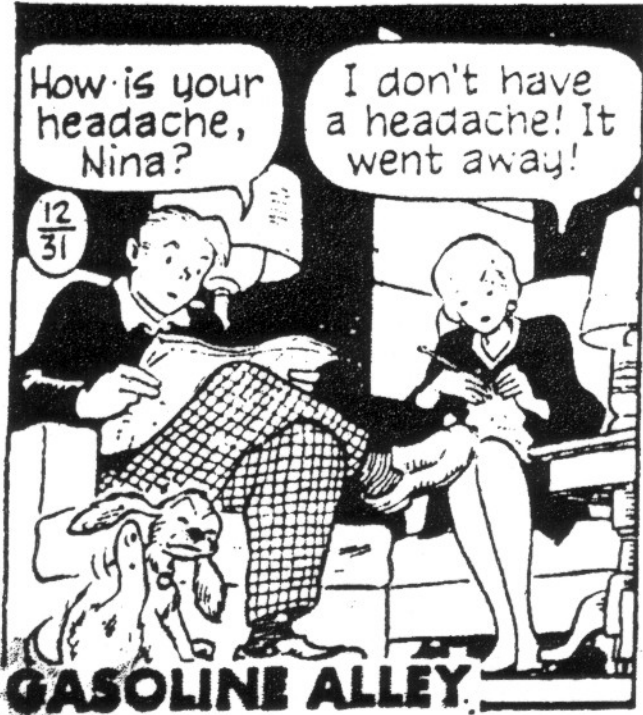
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How is your headache, Nina?

I don't have a headache! It went away!

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**GASOLINE ALLEY**



It was killing you last week!

Skeezix, sometimes I have a headache and sometimes I don't, and if you think that goat-



Who said anything about a goat?

Boy! A guy can't even inquire about his wife's health without getting yelled at!

King & Moores

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