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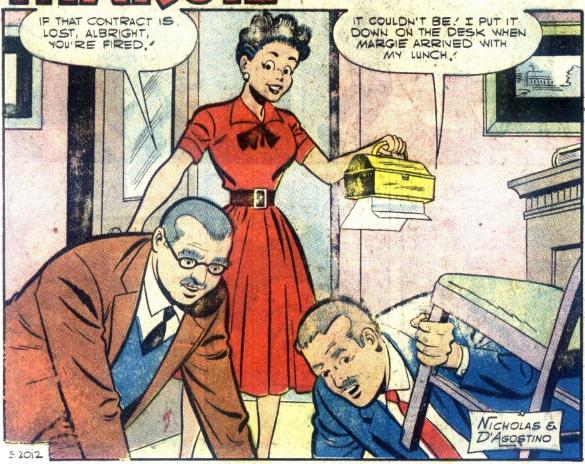






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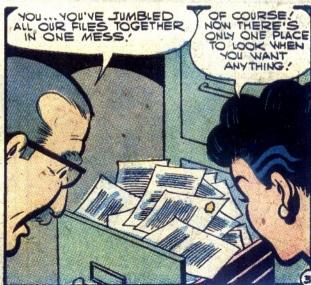
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"What we need for this school," remarked Dr. Howard Belasco, principal of Northtown High School, "is a project that will get all the students working together. Ever since we started to have the shop classes, I have noticed a split among the student body. In the cafeteria, the academic students all eat in the south side. The shop students eat in the north side."

"But which group eats the most?" asked Helen Daniels, president of the school G.O. "Now there's a question that bothers all of us. How do you get the bigger and better appetite? By doing mental or physical work?"

There was a bit of amazement written all over the face of Bob Harly. Something didn't make sense to him. First he closed his right eye. Then he closed the left eye. Suddenly he realized what was wrong with Helen's question.

Members of the female sex want to take off weight not put it on, he interrupted. "Why should Helen be interested in how you get the

bigger and better appetite?"

Salem secretary of the School G.O." Once Helen knows what creates the bigger and better, appetite she takes the other course of action. They tell me you didn't answer a simple question in World Geography today. Your teacher wanted to know what product comes from a gold mine. After a long reflection you gave up. I bet you don't even know in what year the war of 1812 was fought."

Bob Harley was about to aim his geometry book at the soft part of Jerry Salem's head when he noticed the principal was watching. So he signaled to Artie Anderson to say something. His best pal arose from his seat and

spoke.

"Suppose we build an Ark," he suggested.
"The academic students can do the research
on what an Ark is. Then the students in the
shop classes can do the actual building. Next
month the weather will start to be nice. All we
need is a site. My dad has some lots on the
edge of Waverly Lake. I am sure he will give
us permission to use the land."

After a fifteen minute debate, the G.O.

Council voted for the idea, subject to the principal's approval. Dr. Howard Belasco liked the idea. After the students left his office he went to see Mr. Spencer Homer, head shop teacher.

"We would certainly need a lot of lumber to build a large Ark," pointed out a not-tooenthusiastic teacher who could visualize himself giving up a lot of time after the regular school day.

"The Wright Foundation has a large fund to spend. They agreed when we put in our shop classes to give us all the lumber we needed. That agreement is in writing. I will contact them at once."

Three days later, a tired Frank Wright, head of the Foundation, was going over a lot of requests on his desk. One was from the prin-

cipal of Northtown High School.

"I always liked to make model ships when I was a kid," he told his secretary. "So they are going to build an Ark. Hope I can have it to put over my fireplace. Tell the Bellows Lumber Company to give them all the lumber they need. I have to leave for Washington. Will be away for about three weeks."

Artie Anderson's father gladly gave permission to use the lots next to the lake. Jack Bellows, of the Bellows Lumber Company was thrilled when the first request for lumber came into his office.

"Fifteen truckloads of lumber to start with," he smiled. "Business has been bad up to now. Building an Ark is a great idea. I want to watch them."

The academic students looked up all the details on how to build an Ark. The students in Mechanical Drawing made the plans. There was delightful harmony in the school. Traffic in the town was down to a minimum. All roads and all cars were headed for Waverly Lake. Even the shop teacher didn't complain. Especially after Miss Emily Perry, special teacher of Home Economics went to the principal with her bright idea.

"The girls in the Home Economics class will make cakes and preserves for the Ark. After

all, in case of an emergency, you must have food aboard a ship."

"What emergency?" demanded Dr. Howard Belasco.

Helen Daniels had come into the principal's office with her favorite teacher. She had the answer at the tip of her tongue.

"Just in case we get another flood. If you had all the people aboard the Ark you would have to feed them. And they would require water and hot drinks. So we set up a food department."

You couldn't fool Dr. Howard Belasco. He

could look right into the future.

"Seems to me all this is just one big excuse to get ready for a picnic. When summer comes I like to eat. You have my permission to go ahead with that idea."

As the Ark took shape, Jack Bellows and the men from the Lumber Company gave willing help. It was Jack Bellows who explained one important thing to Artie Anderson.

"They have decided to call this ship Artie's Ark. Just one trouble with it. If it ever hit the

water it would leak."

"But we don't intend to ever float it, so what difference if it leaks or not?" countered Artie.

"An Ark should be perfect in every way," continued Jack Bellows. "Tell you what I will do. I have a lot of calking compound in the storehouse. I will give you all you need free. Building this Ark certainly helped my business."

It was early on a Saturday morning that Dr. Howard Belasco and a group of students boarded the Ark. The birds helped with some music. And about a hundred people came to see it. They were the folks getting their summer cottages ready.

"What a fool idea," blurted Max Weiner.
"That's all they have to do today with kids.
Teach them to build a big useless boat."

"Maybe they will sell it to me as a real estate office," laughed Jeff Spolan. "Or perhaps we could use it as a restaurant for the tourists when they come here during August. Let's go aboard and be nice to the kids."

It was early on Saturday morning that a still tired Frank Wright came to his office. From Washington he had flown to Paris. Then to Berlin. Now after a month and a half he was back home. He glanced at the top bill on his desk. His face turned completely red as he looked at the amount of money due for lumber. He called the Lumber Company and was told about the Ark and that Mr. Bellows was at Waverly Lake. Frank Wright hurried from his office and told his chauffeur to step on the gas. He arrived at the Ark within half an hour.

"What kind of a nonsense is this?" he

demanded.

That was all he was able to say. For one Louis Forup was driving a truck loaded with dynamite. He was going slowly down the long hill when he suddenly found his brakes weren't working. The truck picked up speed. Only one thing to do in order to live; JUMP! This he did and landed on the side of the road. The truck hit the bottom of the bridge that took people to the lake. The truck exploded and the bridge went up into the air. That was bad enough. But underneath the ground was the big irrigation tunnel that took water to the area north of the county. That blew up and thousands of gallons of water went into Waverly Lake.

"It's the flood," shouted Jerry Salem. "The people better come up here unless they want to drown."

They all rushed up into the Ark. The water level rose and the water overflowed. Soon it reached over to the banks and the Ark floated gently.

"We are at sea," sighed Helen Daniels.

"Fresh water," corrected Bob Harly, "I am

Lunch was served and soon everybody forgot the terrible danger they had just escaped. The principal spoke to M2 Frank Wright.

"If it weren't for the Foundation giving us the lumber, all those people would have drowned. We are grateful to you."

"Guess we should all be grateful to the students of the Northtown High School who built this ark," replied Frank Wright who was smart enough to understand the publicity would be very good for him.

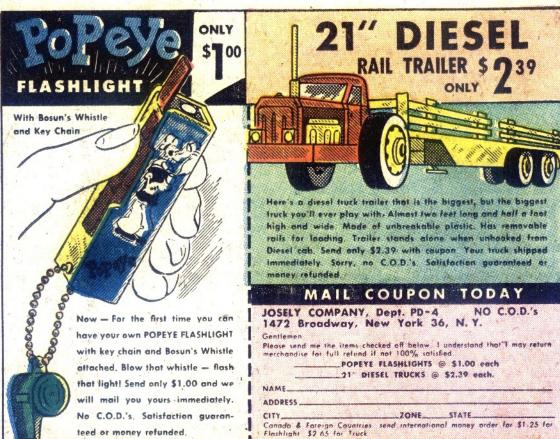
Later in the afternoon, the emergency crews arrived and put up a temporary bridge. They had also shut off the water supply. The people all left the Ark. However a caretaker remained aboard just to see that everything would be safe.

The newspapers throughout the country carried the story of Artie's Ark as a big feature. Being an educator, Dr. Howard Belasco was curious. He sent for Artie Anderson and asked him a simple question.

"What ever gave you the idea of suggesting we build an Ark?"

Artie smiled. There comes a time in every fellow's life when he feels he is sitting on top of the world.

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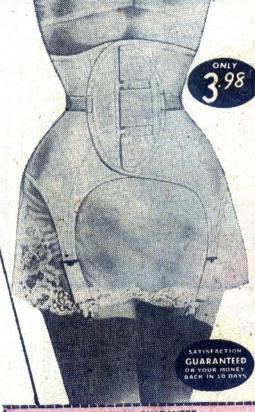
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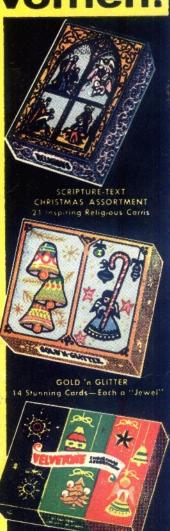
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