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Five nights a week N.B.C brings you the transcribed

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THE GREAT GILDERSLEEV #2

ANNCR:

Yesterday, the Great Gildersleeve discovered that his housekeeper and cook of some fourteen years is about to leave him. Yep, it looks like Birdie is going to be married. Of course everybody cries at a wedding - but it looks like our Water Commissioner is crying before the wedding.

SOUND: STEPS ON SIDEWALK, LIGHT TRAFFIC B.G.

GILDY: Tseugh, heugh, heugh, heugh! I wonder where Birdie met this fellow Chester.

SOUND: DOOR ... GONG . J. DOOR . STEPS IN

GILDY: Hello, Reaver.

PEAVEY: (FADING IN) Well, hello, Mr. Gildersleeve. What can your friendly neighborhood druggist do for you today?

GILDY: I found out Birdie's interested in somebody named Chester.

Do you know any Chesters?

PEAVEY: Well, yes I do.

GILDY: You do?

PEAVEY: There's a Chester Gump in the comic strips.

GILDY: Now Peavey, I want to find out about this fellow.

PEAVEY: I can tell you all about him. He's the son of Andy Gump, and then there's his uncle Bim - supposed to be the richest man in the world.

ORDEL All Pight, sil right!

PRAVEY. Unless, of course, it is baddy Warbucks . . .

GEDY: Look Penvey, that isn't important.

PEAVEY: You don't consider the richest man in the world important?

GILDY: Oh for -! Peaucy, I'm trying to find out who this

Chester is.

PRAVEY: I just told you.

CHIDY: I'm talking about Birdie's Chester!

PEAVEY: I don't know him, but I know somebody who does.

GILDY: Who?

PEAVEY: Birdie. (CHUCKLES)

CHLDY: Yes, yes.

PEAVEY: Why don't you ask her?

GMDY: I have, but she just giggles.

PEAVEY: Well, Mr. Gildersleeve, after all, that's Birdie's affai...

GHLDY: Oh, I'm not trying to meddle. But Birdie means a lot to Leroy, Marjorie, me - all of us. I just want to be sure

Chester's the right man for her.

PEAVEY: Don't you think Birdie knows that?

GHIDY: When you're in love, you don't think clearly. You don't

know whether the sun rises in the east or the west.

PEAVEY: Well, when I was in love, I didn't pay much attention to the sun, but I learned a lot about the moon. (CHUCKLES)

GILDY: That doesn't sound like you.

PEAVEY: Of course I lost interest in the moon - after I married Mrs. Peavey.

GILDY: Peavey! I'm surprised at you, saying a thing like that.

PEAVEY: Mr. Gildersleeve after you're married you don't sit out

in it. You sit in the house.

GILDY: Ohnesennen,

PEAVEY: Well Mrs. Peavey and I might get out under the moon tonight.

HDY: Your anniversary?

PEAVEY: No, we have a new car.

JILDY: Well, good! Did you get the automatic shift?

PEAVEY: I'm here to tell you. Everything's automatic, from shift

to payments.

GILDY: Heh, heh. Well, I have to move along, Peavey.

check up on this fellow, Chester.

It hope you're doing the right thing. PEAVEY

GILDY: I'm only thinking of Birdie's future. Just because I'm

losing a good cook doesn't mean I'd throw a monkey wrench

in the wedding.

PEAVEY: Well, now, I wouldn't say that.

MUSIC: BRIDGE

fade (4 the mure) at (9) SOUND: OPEN AND CLOSE DOOR ... STEPS IN HOUSE

LEROY: (SLIGHTLY OFF) You home for lunch, Unk?

GILDY: Yes, Leroy.

LEROY: (FADING IN) You don't want to miss any of Birdie's meals,

huh?

Heb, heh wail this morning? For Birdie, or anybody? GILDY:

Yeah, the mail just came. She got a letter, right here. LEROY:

GILDY: Oh? Maybe I'd better give it to her.

SOUND: RUSTLE OF ENVELOPE

LEROY: Okay, but you won't learn anything from the envelope, except his last name is Adams.

HILDY: (LOOKS AT LETTER) "After five days return to Chester Adams, care of General Delivery."

EROY: Where are they gonna live when they get married - in the lest Office?

GILDY: Yes, yes. Well, I'll take it to Birdie. (UP) Birdie?

COUND: STEPS THROUGH HOUSE

BURDIE: (CFF) Yes, Mr. Gilleleeve

GILDY: Letter for you

BIRDIE: (FADING IN) Well, lucky me! Wait'll I dry my hands!

GILDY: It's from Chester.

BIRDIE: Oh, I know that! Every day is Chester day with Birdie!

(GIGGLES)

GILDY: I see your boyfriend's last name is Adams.

BIRDIE: Yes sir. He says I'm "Adams' Eve"! (GIGGLES)

GILDY: Oh my goodness! This must be pretty serious.

BIRDIE: Well, he moved to town just to be close to Birdie.

GILDY: I noticed the return address was General Delivery. I wasn't prying, you understand.

BURDIE: Oh, no sar.) You just wanted to see where he lived.

GILDY: Heh, hehr. Where is he staying, Birdie?

BIRDIE: He's stayin' with his sister.

GILDY: Where does his sister live? Not that it's any of my affair.

BIRDIE: Birdle; hasn't been over to his sister's . I'm gonna be the surprise package.

HLDY: Oh?

MRDIE: Besides, Birdie doesn't want to get on the outs with her Inclaws, until she gets in with 'em.

GILDY: Good idea, I guess. Go ahead and read the letter, Birdie.

CIRDIE: Why don't I read it later?

GILDY: Well ...

DERDIE: I'll put it up here on the window for a while and just look at it.

Why don't you bring him around?

BIRDIE: Mr. Gilsleeve, Birdie don't believe in mixing business with pleasure.

GILDY: Well, I'd like to look him over, I know you respect my judgement, and I don't want you to make a mistake.

BIRDIE: Oh, Mr. Gilsleeve, a girl couldn't make a mistake with Chester.

GILDY: Of course, I'm not trying to interfere ...

BIRDIE: No sir, you just don't want Birdie to make a mistake, but no girl could make a mistake with Chester.

GILDY: That could be, Birdie, but ---

BIRDIE: Mr. Gilsleeve, you know who no girl could make a mistake

with?

GILDY: Yes, Birdie

BIRDIE: That's right! No girl could make a mistake with Chester!

(FADES ON BIG GIGGLE)

HLDY: (TO SELF) Heugh! I'm right back where I started -

Cenaral Delivery.

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GILDY: Leroy, it's time you and I had a family conference about this Birdie situation.

LEROY: Didn't find out anything about her boyfriend, huh?

GILDY: Naw, she doesn't seem to want us to meet him.

LEROY: I know how you can meet him.

GILDY: Oh?

LEROY: Go down and stand in front of the General Delivery window for five days.

GILDY: Oh, my goodness! She has to meet him some place. Birdi-

Myabe Chester waits for her in the cabbages and potatoes.

GILDY: Well, I've never had much curiosity, Leroy --

LEROY: Ha!

GILBY: I haven't. It's just that I have an obligation to Birdie.

LEROY: Hey, Unk! What if there isn't a Chester!

GILDY: What?

LERCY: Maybe Birdie's writing those letters to herself!

GILLY: (HOPEFULLY) By George, I think you've got something!

Birdie wouldn't keep us guessing like this if there really
was a Chester.

LEROY: Naw, she's just kidding us.

GILDY: Sure, let her have her fun. We won't give it another thought....we'll just let her pretend.

SOUND: TELEPHONE RINGS

LEROY: (FADING A LITTLE) I'll get it, Unk.

SOUND: A FEW STEPS FADE

GILDY: Good. I guess Birdie's at the market.

SOUND: PICKUP RECEIVER (SLICHTLY OFF)

LEROY: (SLIGHTLY OFF, ON PHONE) Hello? ... Brdie...? She went to the market. (SOTTO VOCE Lay, Unk, maybe there is

a Chester.

GILDY: What?

LEROY: (SOTTO VOCHE) It's a man for Birdie!

GILDY: Give me the phone, Leroy! I want to find out who he is.

where he lives -- all about him!

SOUND: (ANTICIPATE) GILDY'S QUICK STEPS

LEROY: (ON) Okay, okay. Don't get panicky.

GILDY: (ON PHONE) Hello? Hello? This is Throckmorton P.

Gildersleevel Hello?

SOUND: JIGGLES RECEIVER

GILDY: (SADLY) We lost him, Leroy.

SOUND: HANG UP

LEROY: What are you going to do now?

GILDY: I'm going to the Water Department. I haven't done any

work for two days.

SOUND: CAR IN MOTION

BRIDGE

GILDY: (TO SELF) Well, at least I accomplished something at the

water department. By George, look at the boys out on the

football field. It's fall again! deray

BOUND: CAR STOPS PLAYGROUND NOISES IN B.G.

LEROY: (SLICHTLY OFF) H1, Unk!

GILDY: Come along, Leroy. Time to go home.

SOUND: OPEN CAR DOOR. GET HIM IN AND CLOSE IT. CAR MOVES OFF

LEROY: I can stay and kick the football - if you want to go in

and see Miss Henshaw, She's still in the principal's

office

GILDY: I'm going to see her tonight

LEROY: Out at your reservoir bub?

GILDY: Wetch 1t, young men!

IEROY: I always do. Find out anything more about Chester?

GILDY: No indeed. I've forgotten about him. If I keep looking

for Chester, the Mayor will start looking for a new Water

Commissioner.

SOUND: CAR IN MOTION

OTLDY: Say, there's a strange car pulling up in front of our

house, Leroy.

LERCY: Yeah. And look - Birdie's getting out.

GILDY: With more groceries?

LERCY: Hey - I'll bet it's Chester, giving her a lift home

GILDY: Now's our chance to catch him.

LEROY: | Well step on it. He's pulling away.

SOUND: GUN MOTOR AND RACE ALONG

GILDY: Keep your eyes on that car, Leroy.

LEROY: How can I? He turned the corner. (UP) Hi. Birdie!

BIRDIE: (FADING IN AND OUT AS CAR PASSES) Ain't you stoppin'?

GILDY: (CALLS) See you later, Birdie!

SOUND: CAR UP & DOWN

LERCY: Gosh, I wonder which way he went, Unk?

GILDY: I don't know.

LEROY: I've never seen that car before.

GILDY: And we weren't close enough to get the license number.

LERCY: (EXCITED) There he goes - crossing the intersection!

GILDY: By George, he won't get away this time!

SOUND: SPEED UP CAR

LEROY: You're going pretty fast, Unk.

GILDY: Heugh! The light changed on me!

SOUND: BRAKES AND TIRES SHRIEK TO STOP

LEROY: Oh for corn's sake!

GILDY: Oh, oh!

LIROY: What's the matter

GILDY: Here comes Police Chief Gates!

CHIEF: (FADING IN) Commissioner Gildersleeve!

GILDY: (SINGS IT) Hel-lo, Chief.

CHIEF: You nearly ran the a red light!

GILDY: Sorry, Chief.

CHIEF: Hello, Leroy.

LEROY: Hi. We were tryin' to catch a car.

CHIEF: Were you racing? And you a city Commissioner!

GILDY: No, no, Chief. That's Birdie's boyfriend. We have to catch

him.

LEROY: She's gonna marry him!

CHIEF: And he's running away? I want to see whathe looks like.

GILDY: Not from Birdie. The's leaving us. That's why we have to

chie got to cated him

CHIEF: Now, how's that again?

GILDY: I'll explain later. I've got to catch him. It's urgent!

CHIEF: Well! Let's get in my patrol car. You'll get arrested

if you try to drive that in your car.

LIROY: Oh boy! Will you turn on the siren, Chief?

CHIEF: That's what it's for, Leroy.

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SOUND: POLICE SIREN, CAR MOTOR AT HIGH SPEED

CHIEF: What happened to the fellow? He wasn't driving fast.

GILDY: Well, Chief, while we were changing cars we lost him.

LERCY: Hey, turn left!

CHIEF: All right.

SOUND: TIRES CRY AROUND CORNER

GILDY: Did you see him, Leroy?

LEROY: Naw, but I wanted to lay a strip around a corner.

GILDY: Oh my goodness!

CHIEF: You steered us right. There's the car

SOUND: STEP ON GAS

LERCY: Oh boy, you gonna shoot out a tire, Chief?

CHIEF: Why, Leroy, I don't carry a gun. I'm the Chief!

GILDY: Hey - he's pulling over.

CHEF: Well, at least he's a law-abiding citizen.

SOUND: STREN DIES AS CHIEF COMES TO HALT

GILDY: I'll hop out and go talk to him, Chief, while you park.

SOUND: OPEN AND CLOSE CAR DOOR. STEPS ON SIDEWALK

CHIEF: (FADING) Bee right with you, Commissioner.

GILDY: (TO SELF) I can't wait to meet the fellow behind that

wheel!

PEAVEY: (FADING IN) Well, hello, Mr. Gildersleeve.

SOUND: STEPS HALT

GILDY: Peavey! I thought you were Birdie's boyfriend .

PEAVEY: Well, now, I wouldn't say that. I've been exercising my

new car, and gave Birdie a lift home with the groceries.

GILDY: (SIGHS) Tseugh, hough, heugh, heugh

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SOUND: A FEW STEPS

GILDY: Well, Chief, thanks for bringing us back to my far.

SOUND: OPEN AND CLOSE CAR DOORS

CHIEF: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Don't mention it, Commissioner. Sorry I

couldn't help you locate this Chester.

LIROY: We'll be seeing you soon, Chief.

CHIEF: Noc unless it's in New Orleans, Leroy.

GILDY: New Orleans?

CHIEF: (LITTLE CHUCKLE) I'm going down there this week for the

samual conference of the International Association of

Chiefs of Police.

LEROY: How about that?

GILDY: 1 That's wonderful. Give our best wishes to all the Chief

Chief: / I'll do that.

GILLY: And folks, I'm sure all of you want to join us in thanking

the Chiefs of Police for the protection they give our

homes and families. Because of their good work, our cities

and towns are safer places in which to live.

LEROY: Hey, with all the Police Chiefs meeting in New Orleans,

I'll bet the people really feel ease there.

GILDY: Heh, heh. Goodnight, folks,

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ANNCR:

The Great Gildersleeve is played by Willard Waterman.

and is a transcribed N.B.C Radio Network Production.

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