

Fabulous Animal

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Depleted
 - 2 fabulosity
 - 3 Woody plants
 - 4 Remainder
 - 5 It has the
 - 6 body of a
 - 7 Upper limb
 - 8 Puff up
 - 9 Goddess of
 - 10 Infatuation
 - 11 Negative reply
 - 12 Alkaloids
 - 13 Part of "be"
 - 14 Holly
 - 15 Poker stake
 - 16 Helps
 - 17 Marsh grass
 - 18 Down
 - 19 District attorney (ab.)
 - 20 Correlative of
 - 21 Pronoun
 - 22 Encourage
 - 23 Roman emperor
 - 24 Prescribed amount
 - 25 Ireland
 - 26 Chemical suffix
 - 27 Wattles
 - 28 Parent
 - 29 Color
 - 30 Harmony
 - 31 Mist
 - 32 Poetry muse
 - 33 Assumption
 - 34 Cupolas
 - 35 Calmer
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Astronomy
 - 2 Essential oil

Answer to Previous Puzzle



26 Tidier
33 Worshipped
34 Spanish dance
36 Pull of chinks
37 Wild ass
42 Heroic poetry
43 Us
44 Folds

MODEST MAIDENS



"SUSAN! GET THAT DIRT OFF YOUR FACE!"

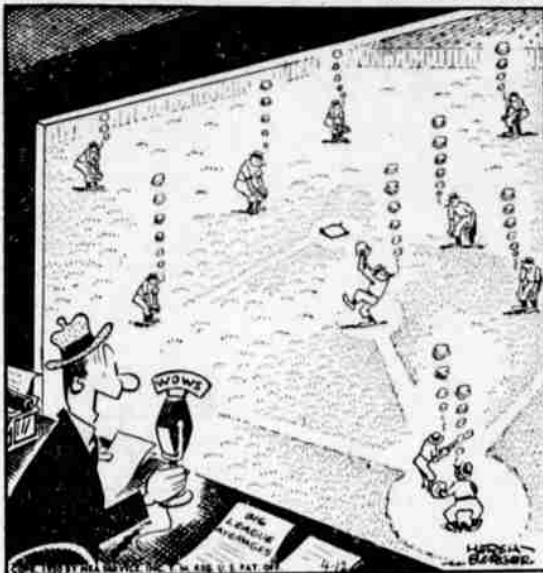
FROM NINE TO FIVE By Jo Fischer



The trouble with coming to work on time is that it makes the day so long!

FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



"Great game, folks! Every player's wearing a Klippan-kupper hat and smoking a Moropa cigar!"

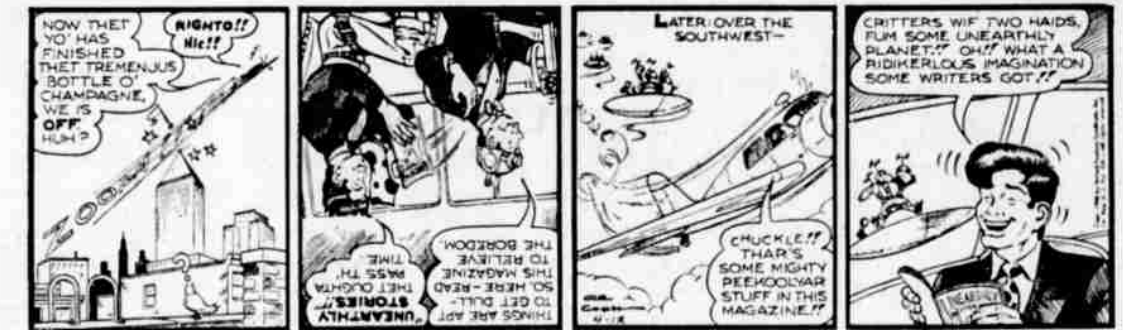
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ALLEY OOP

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Southern California's Famed Scent Of Orange Blossoms Is Fading Fast

LOS ANGELES. — (AP) — Southern California's famed scent of orange blossoms is fading before the smell of fresh lumber.

Since the war, 26,640 acres, more than eight per cent of the area's citrus orchards, have yielded to home subdivisions and factories. And the trend is continuing.

Figuring four lots per acre and an average of two and a half persons per lot, this means that the orchards eventually will be homesites for 266,000 persons.

In 1946 Southern California's eight major citrus counties had 317,294 acres planted to oranges, grapefruit, lemons and limes. A 1942 tree census discloses that the acreage has dropped to 290,653. Oranges account for 75 percent of the totals.

Burnell Yarrick, Los Angeles county farm advisor, cites two reasons for the citrus decline, which amounts to 8,282 acres in this county alone: 1. Subdivisions; 2. Economics.

"Subdividers are running wild through citrus groves in the Whittier district," he said. "Trees are being uprooted by the hundreds and burned to make way for home-sites."

Whittier Area Hit

The Whittier area "lost" 3,000 acres to homesites last year and will lose another 4,000 this year. Two or three citrus packing houses closed down there in 1949, he said, and two more will shut their doors this year.

To a lesser degree, the same story is being written in other areas, as Southern California's population pushes upward by more than 15,000 persons a month.

As to economic reasons for the vanishing Valencia, Yarrick says frankly that it's difficult to make orange-growing pay.

California once had the citrus field to itself. Now Florida, Texas, and Arizona offer competition. Labor costs are higher; freight rates have zoomed and the eastern markets are a lot farther from here than they are from Florida. Fertilizer, oil for smudging, virtually everything going into growing is up in price.

Many Converted

Many groves have been converted to vegetables and grains. "These are quick cash crops," Yarrick explained. "It takes years to realize income from a citrus grove."

Winter navel is in direct competition with Florida oranges, he added, and summer Valencia now

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are meeting competition from frozen orange concentrates.

A virus which kills the roots has taken a heavy toll. Yarrick estimates it has knocked out 2,000 acres in Los Angeles county alone since the war.

The drop in acreage has been almost entirely in Valencia. Navel acreage has been static for 30 years but is starting downhill.

Has the fact that some trees have grown too old to produce peak crops contributed to the acreage decline?

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