

IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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THERE ARE A FEW UNDESIRABLES IN THE CLUB WHO OUGHT TO BE EXPELLED BUT UNDER THE RULES WE'VE GOTTA PROVE THAT A GUY IS UNDESIRABLE!



THAT'S THE CATCH! IT'S HARD TO PROVE SOMETHING, BUT I'VE SUGGESTED THAT WE CHANGE THE RULES SO WE CAN EXPELLED ANYONE BY MAJORITY VOTE!



FOR FIVE YEARS I'VE BEEN BATTLING TO CHANGE THAT RULE AND IT'S TO BE VOTED ON AGAIN AT TODAY'S MEETING!



I'LL HAVE ENOUGH VOTES TO PUT MY MOTION ACROSS THIS TIME!



ALL IN FAVOR OF MY MOTION SAY 'AYE!'



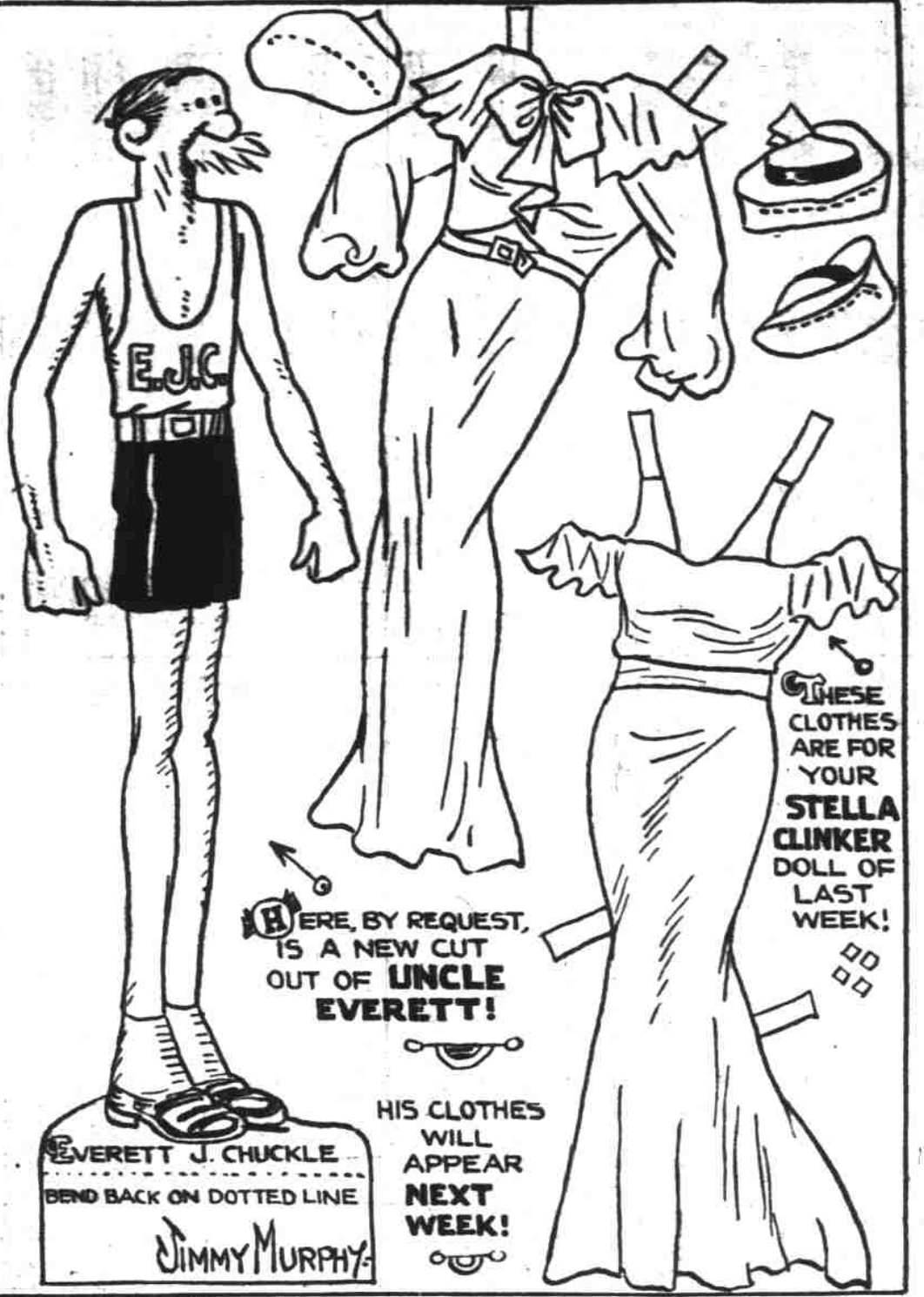
MY MOTION CARRIED, MAMA, AND I THINK THEY'RE GONNA EXPELLED SOME UNDESIRABLES TONIGHT! AH, THERE'S THE PHONE!



OH, HELLO, JERRY! WHO'D THEY CHUCK OUT? COME ON, SPEAK UP! WHAT?



THAT'S A FINE WAY TO DO--- THEY EXPELLED ME AND FIVE OTHER GUYS!



THESE CLOTHES ARE FOR YOUR STELLA CLINKER DOLL OF LAST WEEK!

HERE, BY REQUEST, IS A NEW CUT OUT OF UNCLE EVERETT!

EVERETT J. CHUCKLE... SEND BACK ON DOTTED LINE

HIS CLOTHES WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK!

Toots and Casper

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ABNER IS SO UNSELFISH--- SO SELF-SACRIFICING! HIS STORY NEARLY TOOK MY BREATH AWAY, CASPER!



YES, AND HE NEARLY TOOK STELLA CLINKER'S BREATH AWAY, TOO, TOOTS, WHEN HE WALKED OUT ON HER JUST BEFORE THE WEDDING!



QUICK, EVERETT! LOAN ME YOUR PLANE! I'M GOING TO PRAIRIE JUNCTION TO SEE ELLEN FERGUSON! I MUST SEE HER---



I'LL PHONE MY PILOT TO GET MY PLANE READY AT ONCE, ABNER!



DO YOU THINK ELLEN WILL EVER FORGIVE ME, EVERETT?



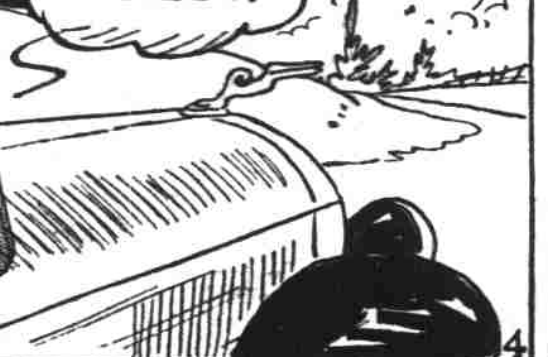
SHE PROBABLY WILL, ABNER, BECAUSE THAT SWEET LITTLE THING NEVER HELD ANYTHING AGAINST ANYBODY!



THE PLANE WILL BE READY BY THE TIME WE REACH THE AIR-PORT, ABNER!



PLEASE HURRY, EVERETT... I CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO ELLEN!



LOOK, CASPER! THERE GOES ABNER!



LOOK AT HIM TRAVEL! BOY, OH, BOY! I GUESS HE TOLD THE PILOT TO STEP ON IT!



YES, ABNER GOT AWAY ALL RIGHT, CASPER! I SAW TO THAT! HE MUST BE HALF-WAY TO PRAIRIE JUNCTION BY NOW!



I DON'T KNOW HOW HE'S EVER GOING TO SQUARE HIMSELF WITH ELLEN, BUT I GUESS LOVE WILL FIND A WAY!



I'M DYING TO SEE THE SPUNKY LITTLE NEPHEW THAT ABNER SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR! HE SAID HE'D BRING HIM HERE SOMETIME!



I'D LIKE TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH THAT NEPHEW, TOO, BECAUSE HE'S A BANK CASHIER AND I MIGHT WANT TO MAKE A LOAN SOMEDAY, TOOTS!



HE'LL LOAN YOU ALL THE MONEY YOU WANT, CASPER-- IF YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY COLLATERAL!



AFTER A SPEEDY FLIGHT THE BIG PLANE CIRCLES THE LITTLE COUNTRY AIR-PORT AND THEN GRACEFULLY DESCENDS TO EARTH!

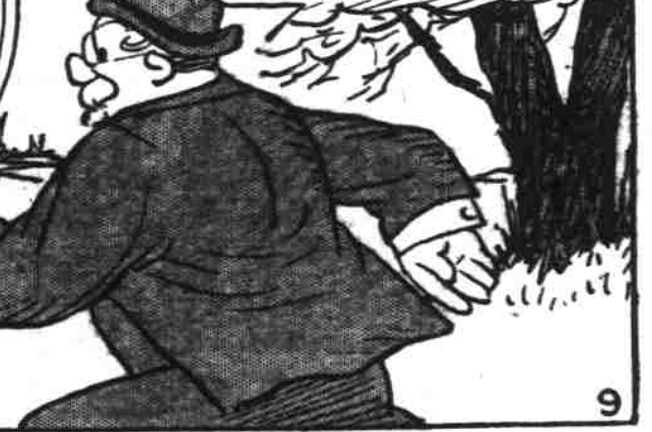


ABNER HAS ARRIVED IN PRAIRIE JUNCTION!

HEASTILY HE SHORT-CUTS ACROSS THE HILLS TO ELLEN'S HOME! HOW WELL HE KNOWS THIS COUNTRY-SIDE BECAUSE IT WAS HERE HE SPENT HIS BOYHOOD--- AND HE LIKED ELLEN EVEN THEN!



THERE'S THE LITTLE COUNTRY SCHOOL-HOUSE WHERE ELLEN AND I WERE CLASS-MATES LONG AGO--- IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY!



LITTLE DOES LONELY ELLEN FERGUSON KNOW THAT ABNER--- HER ABNER--- THE MAN SHE HAS LOVED SINCE CHILDHOOD--- IS ON HIS WAY TO HER HOME! SH-H-H! HER THOUGHTS ARE INTERRUPTED BY APPROACHING FOOTSTEPS!



HERE'S ELLEN'S HOUSE--- SHE KEEPS IT UP SO NICE--- EVERYTHING IS SPOTLESS--- JUST AS IT WAS WHEN I USED TO CALL ON HER YEARS AGO--- GEE, I HOPE SHE'S IN---



ELLEN GAVE A START AS THE DOORBELL RANG--- SHE ISN'T EXPECTING ANYONE--- WHO CAN IT BE?



OH, ELLEN YOUR HEART-ACHES WILL SOON BE OVER! THE HAPPIEST MOMENT OF YOUR LIFE IS AT HAND!

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK!

