

Father of the Bride

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Mr. Banks stared at her in amazement.

Installation II
Mr. Banks Afflicted with a
Psychic Rash

Starting with the evening on which his daughter Kay had informed him she was going to marry Buckley Dunstan, Mr. Banks began to come down with some kind of psychic rash. He watched himself change from a logical, well-balanced lawyer into an unreasoning, anxiety-ridden psychopath.

Each night he lay on his back in the darkness, his hands folded across his chest like a figure on a sarcophagus in Westminster Abbey.

Who was this bounder who had invaded the sanctity of his home and snatched his child from under his nose? Child—that's what she was—a child. What did she know about the qualities in a man which are so necessary to a successful marriage?

Snatched. That was the word for it. She was sleeping in her own room, but only in body. Her spirit had moved out. She would always love them of course, but never in the old way—never again with her whole trusting, needing self.

What mawkish bunk! He must cut it out. He knew that, under similar circumstances, he wouldn't feel this way about Ben and Tommy. Somehow or other Kay was more identified with those early years of married life than either of the boys. He had been used to the idea of parenthood by the time they arrived.

Well, the beans were split now! Outside of his name, what else did Kay know about him? Oh, yes. He was wonderful. That was going to be a great help when he started to raise a family.

He looked over at Mrs. Banks. She seemed to be sleeping peacefully. Women were inconsistent creatures. If the kids were out at some little dance she couldn't sleep until she heard them come in. But when it was a question of how (or if) her only daughter was going to eat for the rest of her life, she fell asleep like a baby.

Wise men never discuss topics of a potentially upsetting nature until they have finished their breakfast. But Mr. Banks was no longer a wise man. During these last few days (and nights) he had become aware that his sense of balance was being dragged from under him like sand under the impact of surf. To his surprise Mrs. Banks did not seem to share his apprehensions. This was an added annoyance to him.

Mr. Banks was standing before the medicine cabinet in mirror thoughtfully lathering his face. It rather pleased him to think that he could detect lines in a face that had not been there a week before. "Kay's going to make a beautiful bride," murmured Mrs. Banks dreamily half to herself, half to Mr. Banks' puzzled back. "She's got just the figure and the coloring. I know exactly the kind of a dress she should have—the sleeves long and tight-fitting—and the skirt—"

Mr. Banks had trembled and a drop of blood discolored the soap on his chin. The stout, dependable dam which had heretofore restrained his morning thoughts gave way without warning. Over Mrs. Banks' unprepared head poured the swollen torrent of his accumulated apprehensions.

He was possessed of a doomsday

eloquence. She listened in dismay to the recital of possibilities that she had not even considered. By the time her husband's emotional reservoir was emptied he had missed three trains to the city.

Mr. Banks found himself a seat on the eight-forty-two and opened his morning paper. Theoretically this day was ruined. Actually, and to his surprise, he was conscious of a pleasant feeling of lightness.

But not so Mrs. Banks. All day long the Scyllia power of anxiety which her husband had dumped into her tranquil soul seethed and boiled within her. Until this moment her world had seemed so beautiful. Now it lay in pieces about her.

When Mr. Banks re-entered the house that evening he still retained the pleasant sensation. He hummed a little tune as he threw his hat on the shelf of the coat closet. Mrs. Banks came out of the living room and put her hands on his shoulders. As he kissed her he was surprised by the worried look in her eyes. One might have thought she had been crying.

"Stan, I'm so upset about Kay," "Kay? What's the matter with Kay? What's she done now?" he asked absent-mindedly, removing his overcoat.

"Oh, Stan, suppose Buckley shouldn't be the man for her. How can we tell? We know so little about him. And she's so young. Suppose he didn't have business judgment and couldn't earn a decent living. Suppose he made Kay unhappy. Suppose—"

Mr. Banks' stopped fumbling for the coatbook. He stared at her in amazement. "For heaven's sake, Ellie, what in the world's getting into you? For years you've been worried about Kay's not getting married. Now she finds herself a perfectly nice guy and you get the flitters. I'll bet he'll do a better job than that poopadoo you were so crazy about that hung around here all last winter."

Her took her chin in his cupped hand and gazed down at her thoughtfully. "You know what, darling? I think you're tired. Tell you what I'll do. I'll knock together a couple of old-fashioned, I'll do you good. And we'll drink a little toast to the bride and groom."

Buckley, Kay informed her parents with her best Old School Irony, also had a father and mother. Mr. Banks agreed moodily. It was obvious that he must do something about meeting Buckley's family. The idea gave him as much pleasure as a summons to appear before a congressional committee.

"You'll think I might have picked out somebody we knew instead of a family we never laid eyes on. I just know the kind of people they are. It's going to be terrible."

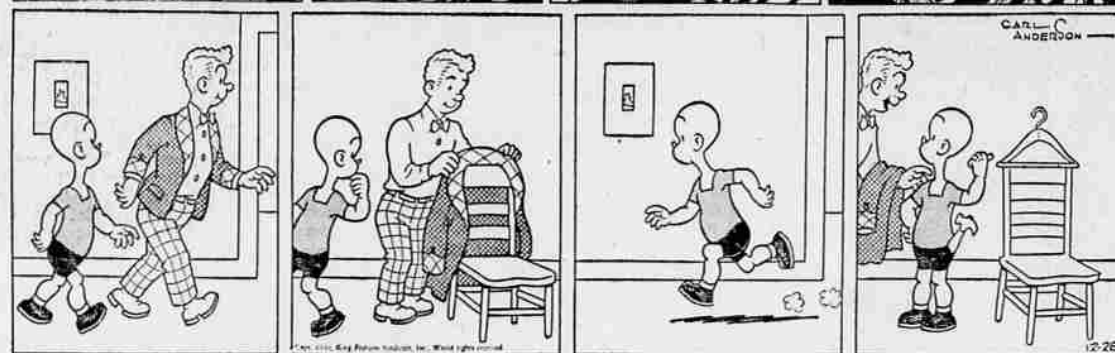
"Stanley Banks, for a grown man you sometimes don't make any sense. You're not marrying Buckley's family."

"I might just as well be," growled Mr. Banks. "I'll probably have to support them."

The Dunstons eventually took matters into their own hands and invited Mr. and Mrs. Banks to East Smithfield for Sunday dinner; that of four of them—without Kay and Buckley—so they could get acquainted.

"That's the pay-off," said Mr. Banks. "They're the cozy type."

(To Be Continued)



RADIO PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY—P.M.

KGW	KOIN	KEX	KSLM	10
620 NBC	970 CBS	1190 ABC	1390 MIC	10
5:00 The 3 of U	Knoss Manning	Challenges of	Santa's Mail	Day
5:15 News	Kille Show	Tukun	Santa's Mail	Urbey
5:30 News of Times	Jack Armstrong	Jack Armstrong	Tam Mils	Urbey
5:45 Kimer Peterson	News	News	Gabi Miller	Urbey
6:00 Your Life	Groucho Marx	Firefighters	Gabriel Heater	Urbey
6:15 You, Life	Groucho Marx	News Edition	News	Urbey
6:30 Dick Powell	Bliss Crosby	Mod. Romances	Tello Test	Urbey
6:45 Dick Powell	Bliss Crosby	Mod. Romances	Terese	Urbey
7:00 Big Story	Burns & Allen	Lone Ranger	Dinner Concert	Urbey
7:15 Big Story	Hollywood	Lone Ranger	Dinner Concert	Urbey
7:30 Curtain Time	Hollywood	Lone Ranger	Dinner Concert	Urbey
7:45 Curtain Time	Hollywood	Lone Ranger	Dinner Concert	Urbey
8:00 Minstra-Kirsten	Lowell Thomas	Sher. Holmes	Name of That	Urbey
8:15 News of World	Jack Smith	Sher. Holmes	Songs	Urbey
8:30 Gilderlove	Dr. Christian	Buzz Adams	Lean Bek. List.	Urbey
8:45 Gilderlove	Dr. Christian	Buzz Adams	Lean Bek. List.	Urbey
9:00 Break the Bank	Frank Race	Buzz Adams	Glen Hardy	Urbey
9:15 Break the Bank	Frank Race	Buzz Adams	David Rose	Urbey
9:30 Dick Atterley	Beulah	Think Fast	Varieties	Urbey
9:45 Dick Atterley	Beulah	Think Fast	Varieties	Urbey
10:00 Sam Hayes	Dr. Star Final	Rehlfid. Reporter	Patrol Lewis	Urbey
10:15 Dick Atterley	Dr. Star Final	Rehlfid. Reporter	Patrol Lewis	Urbey
10:30 Dick Atterley	Dr. Star Final	Rehlfid. Reporter	Patrol Lewis	Urbey
10:45 Dick Atterley	Dr. Star Final	Rehlfid. Reporter	Patrol Lewis	Urbey
11:00 News	Serenade	Concert Hour	Love Mystery	Urbey
11:15 Wax Museum	News	Concert Hour	Love Mystery	Urbey
11:30 Wax Museum	News	Concert Hour	Love Mystery	Urbey
11:45 Wax Museum	News	Concert Hour	Love Mystery	Urbey
12:00 Sign Off	Silent	Kira Hour	Sign Off	Urbey

THURSDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00 Hodge Podge	News	Farm News	News	News
6:15 News	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	March Time	KOCC Klock
6:30 Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	March Time	KOCC Klock
6:45 Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	March Time	KOCC Klock
7:00 Early Bird	KOIN Klock	News	News	News
7:15 Early Bird	KOIN Klock	News	News	News
7:30 News	Bob Hazen	Bob Hazen	Bob Hazen	Bob Hazen
7:45 News	Fred Beck	Zeke Manners	Pop Frander	KOCC Klock
8:00 Eddie Albert	Consumer News	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
8:15 Eddie Albert	Consumer News	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
8:30 Jack Borch	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
8:45 Jack Borch	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
9:00 The Second Cup	Wendy Warren	Stars of Today	Stars of Today	Stars of Today
9:15 The Second Cup	Wendy Warren	Stars of Today	Stars of Today	Stars of Today
9:30 Homeowners	Helen Trent	Art Linkletter	Patrol Lewis	Patrol Lewis
9:45 News	News	Art Linkletter	Patrol Lewis	Patrol Lewis
10:00 Marriage for 2	W. S. Porter	Sagebrush Ser.	Glen Hardy	Glen Hardy
10:15 Marriage for 2	W. S. Porter	Sagebrush Ser.	Glen Hardy	Glen Hardy
10:30 Read Records	Dr. Malone	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story
10:45 The Playboys	News	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story
11:00 Double or Nothing	News	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story
11:15 Double or Nothing	News	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story
11:30 Double or Nothing	News	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story
11:45 Double or Nothing	News	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story
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12:45 Double or Nothing	News	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story	Mr. True Story
1:00 Marriage for 2	W. S. Porter	Sagebrush Ser.	Glen Hardy	Glen Hardy
1:15 Marriage for 2	W. S. Porter	Sagebrush Ser.	Glen Hardy	Glen Hardy
1:30 Marriage for 2	W. S. Porter	Sagebrush Ser.	Glen Hardy	Glen Hardy
1:45 Marriage for 2	W. S. Porter	Sagebrush Ser.	Glen Hardy	Glen Hardy
2:00 A Girl Marries	Kirkham News	Jay Stewart	Bob Poole	Bob Poole
2:15 A Girl Marries	Kirkham News	Jay Stewart	Bob Poole	Bob Poole
2:30 A Girl Marries	Kirkham News	Jay Stewart	Bob Poole	Bob Poole
2:45 A Girl Marries	Kirkham News	Jay Stewart	Bob Poole	Bob Poole
3:00 Welcome Travel	Art Kirkham	Quick as Flash	Hoedown Party	Hoedown Party
3:15 Welcome Travel	Art Kirkham	Quick as Flash	Hoedown Party	Hoedown Party
3:30 Welcome Travel	Art Kirkham	Quick as Flash	Hoedown Party	Hoedown Party
3:45 Welcome Travel	Art Kirkham	Quick as Flash	Hoedown Party	Hoedown Party
4:00 Woman's Secret	Arthur Godfrey	Santa's Letters	Duane Lewis	Duane Lewis
4:15 Woman's Secret	Arthur Godfrey	Santa's Letters	Duane Lewis	Duane Lewis
4:30 Woman's Secret	Arthur Godfrey	Santa's Letters	Duane Lewis	Duane Lewis
4:45 Woman's Secret	Arthur Godfrey	Santa's Letters	Duane Lewis	Duane Lewis

DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550

KOAC Wednesday P.M.—5:00, Children's Theater; 5:15, On the Air; 5:30, 5:50 Sports; 6:00, News; 6:15, Dinner Melodies; 6:30, Cavalcade of '49; 7:00, Farmers' Union; 7:15, Evening Star; 8:15, News and Weather; 9:00, Music That Endures; 9:15, Evening Melodies; 10:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Thursday A.M.—10:00, News and Weather; 10:15, Speciality for Women; 11:00, Concert Hall; 12:00, 12:15, Noon News; 1:00, 1:15, News; 1:30, 1:45, News; 2:00, 2:15, News; 2:30, 2:45, News; 3:00, 3:15, News; 3:30, 3:45, News; 4:00, 4:15, News; 4:30, 4:45, News.

Bookkeeping Office Is Sold at Stayton

Stayton—The Zelpa Grover been purchased by W. N. Simmons, who has been resident manager at Reedsport the past two years for Edward R. Burt and company, certified public accountants. Mr. Simmons was also formerly with George Muhl certified public accountant at McMinville.

Simmons is a graduate in accountancy of the University of Oregon. During the war, he served three and a half years in the Asiatic Pacific. He is a native-born Oregonian, having been born near Carleton. He is a member of the Lions club at Reedsport, the American Legion, and is an Elk.

Married, he is the father of four children. The family is presently living in the Mary Kintz home in Sublimity, but hope to move to Stayton as soon as a house can be found.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Jupiter
2. Equitable
3. In the river
4. Land measure
5. Clamor
6. Oak nut
7. Fruit
8. Pulp fruit
9. Fruit
10. Greek letter
11. Fruit
12. Merchant
13. Slit
14. Ribbed fabric
15. Embellish
16. Exist
17. Piece of a knight

DOWN
18. Type measure
19. Subordinate
20. Age
21. Fisherman
22. Produced
23. Pronoun
24. News
25. Ignited
26. Southern state
27. Fortified
28. Fortune
29. Narcotic
30. Fabled
31. Sufficient
32. Bitter vetch
33. Confident
34. English sand hill
35. American general
36. Poems

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle
DOWN
1. Book of the Bible
2. Singing bird
3. Moving truck
4. Aerial railway
5. Period of time
6. Poorest
7. Part of the scale
8. Indian
9. Strawberry
10. Laundry machine
11. Come back
12. Iban heroine
13. Higher
14. County in Florida
15. Due
16. Round roofs
17. Swine
18. Individual
19. Performance
20. Hermit
21. Posted
22. Home
23. City in Nevada
24. Cripple
25. Certain
26. royally
27. News suitable
28. Drive away
29. Guido's lowest note
30. Large weight
31. Anger
32. Utterance
33. Ourselves
34. Thus

ROOM AND BOARD

By Gene Ahern

ABOUT THAT NEW BOARDER, MR. SNORGEELGE... "AM-KM-OF ALL THE DOUR-LOOKING OWLS... WHOOSH... I TRIED BEING PLEASANT AND ENGAGED HIM IN FRIENDLY CONVERSATION, BUT HE'S ABOUT AS SOCIAL AS A COLD SORE AND CORN ON THE COB!"

NO WONDER... YOU'VE WORKED THE BELLOWS ON HIM, GABBING ABOUT YOURSELF SINCE HE CAME... HE TOLD ME YOU COULD TALK THE KINKS OUT OF A PHONE CORD!

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