Father *of the* Bride

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INSTALMENT IV

Mr. Banks Talks About Finances With Buckley

It was quite clear to Mr. Banks that things couldn't drift along like this forever. When two people decided to get married they announced their engagement and then there was a wedding. The only question was when.

As his mind focused on the actual ceremony he began to have secret qualms about it. As Father of the bride, it became alarmingly apparent that he was slated to play a lead part in which looked more and more to him like a public spectacle. His idea was either to get the affair over as quickly as possible or else postpone it to a point so far distant in time that, like death, he wouldn't have to worry about it for the present at least.

Mrs. Banks, on the other hand, looked at the matter more from the point of view of a stage manager. How long would it take to prepare the costumes, build the scenery and collect the props?

During the discussion that followed Buckley remained unusually silent. He was obviously a young man who was not used to getting married.

Buckley continued to regard him as a family doctor.

Kay emphasized a point everyone seemed to have forgotten, that this was her wedding. She was the one who was getting married—not Pops or Mom. There was no need for all this fussing. Her mother didn't need to raise a hand—not a finger. When she (Kay) gave the word everything would fall into place. That was the way she and Buckley were going to live. Simply and without all this effort.

From this point on the conversation began to resemble the Chicago wheat pit on the day of a big break. It was Buckley's first family free-for-all. He watched with dismay as the storm raged. Then, like a tropical hurricane, it was unexpectedly over. He was astonished to learn that it had been harmoniously agreed that the wedding would take place on Friday, June 10, at four-thirty P.M. at St. George's Church.

"Are you awake?" asked Mr. Banks. "Hey, Ellie."

Mrs. Banks stirred uneasily.

"What's the matter?" she asked, noncommittally, regarding him with one unfriendly eye.

"I've been thinking about Buckley," he said. "I'm worried. Good and worried. Do you realize, Ellie, that we know next to nothing about this boy? Just because his family has a big house and a couple of maids doesn't mean anything. What do we know about him?"

Mr. Banks began to check off his points on his fingers. "Has he got any money? You don't know. What's he making? Nobody knows. We just don't know a darn thing about the guy."

"Darling," interrupted Mrs. Banks, "We've been through all this before. I think you're absolutely right. I've told you so every time you've brought this up. We should have found out about these things long ago. I don't know why you haven't. You've been going to have a talk with Buckley ever since Kay first told us. Sometimes I think you're a little afraid of him."

Mr. Banks snorted. "That's a fine remark, I must say. I intend to have a talk with him, all right. We might just as well have it out."

He sat on the edge of his bed radiating aggressiveness. Mrs. Banks thought he looked rather gray and tired.

Kay accepted this idea with irritating patience. Buckley was big enough to take it. She knew what he was making but if Pops wanted to go into all that old-fashioned rigamarole—O.K. She'd give Buckley the message.

Several night later Buckley arrived for dinner carrying a bulging briefcase. Mr. Banks eyed it dubiously. What did the fellow think he was—a C.P.A.? On the other hand, if he had enough papers to fill that thing, the picture might not be as grim as he had feared.

Mr. Banks had visualized a quiet, dignified conversation during which he would be seated in a large armchair and Buckley in a straight chair facing him. Instead he found himself sitting beside Buckley on the living-room sofa making old-fashioneds. He finished his quickly. Somehow he felt the need of fortification.

"I guess Kay has told you," he said, "that I wanted to have a little financial chat with you."

"Yes, sir," said Buckley. He reminded Mr. Banks of a family doctor paying a professional visit.

"I know what you young people are up against. You all need help and I believe parents should give it as far as they are able."

"Yes, sir," agreed Buckley.

"What I was going on to say," continued Mr. Banks hurriedly, "is that parents are also up against it these days. You know what I mean—with high taxes and high prices and one thing and another."

Buckley nodded sympathetically.

"The long and the short of it is I think you're just as entitled to know where I stand as I am to know about you."

"Yes, sir," said Buckley, reaching for his briefcase.

"Well to begin with—" said Mr. Banks nervously. At the end of fifteen minutes Buckley knew more about Mr. Banks' affairs than Mrs. Banks had been able to dig out in a lifetime. He listened with grave attention and nodded understandingly from time to time. Mr. Banks' feeling that he was consulting his doctor became stronger as he went on. When he had finished if Buckly had pulled a stethoscope out of his briefcase and asked him to strip to the waist he would have complied without question. Instead Buckley removed a large sheaf of papers from the briefcase.

"I've brought some papers," he said, somewhat unnecessarily.

"Soun's on," cried Mrs. Banks from the living room door, in her gayest company manner. "My, you look solemn. Come now or it will get cold."

"That's all right, my boy. We'll do your side later."

Kay jumped up from the table before they had finished dessert. "Come on, Buckley, we're late. Sorry, Mom, we promised to meet the Bakers and go to the movies. Pops kept Buckley talking too long."

"Did you have a good talk with Buckley?" she asked as they cleared the dining room table.

"Very satisfactory," said Mr. Banks moodily.

(To Be Continued)

Holiday Very Quiet

Lebanon — City police records show a quiet holiday weekend with only six arrests. Included were Robert Houston, Lebanon, no driver's license and Gene Zarnes, Albany, same charge. Other arrests were Robert D. Downing, Darrell D. Gwinn and Ronald Wayne Starnes, all of Lebanon, for drunkenness in a car, and Carl Christ, Lebanon, same charge.

"Frosted Coin," "Star and Punty," and "Frosted Lion" are terms to designate types of syrup pitchers in which many collectors of American glassware specialize.

2749

Lacy Knit Stole—This delightful bit of lacy flattery is knitted on large wooden needles from only four ounces of wool. It is a versatile piece, for you can wear it as an ascot or a a stole. For evening glamour scatter multi-colored sequins here and there. The finished stole measures 53 inches including the four-inch fringe on both ends

Pattern Envelope No. R2749 contains complete knitting directions, stitch illustrations, material requirements and finishing directions

To obtain this pattern send 20c in COINS giving pattern number, your name, address and zone number to Peggy Roberts, Capital Journal, 828 Mission Street San Francisco 3, Calif.

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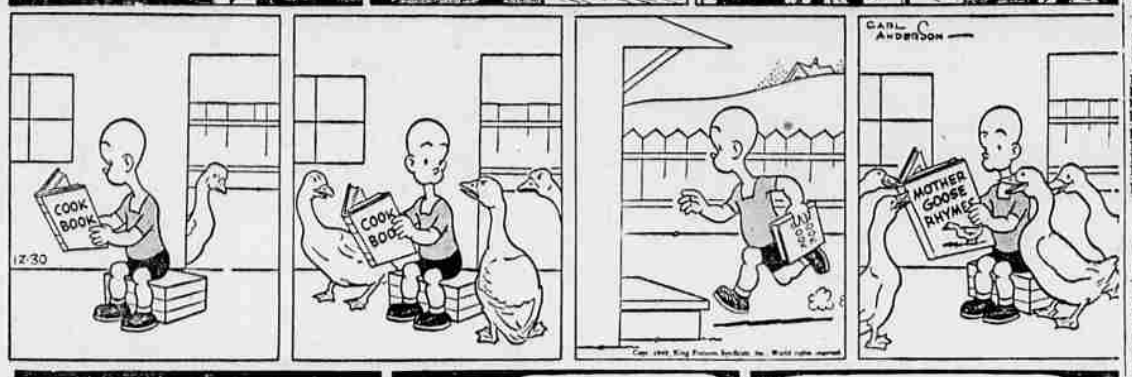


ORPHAN ANNIE

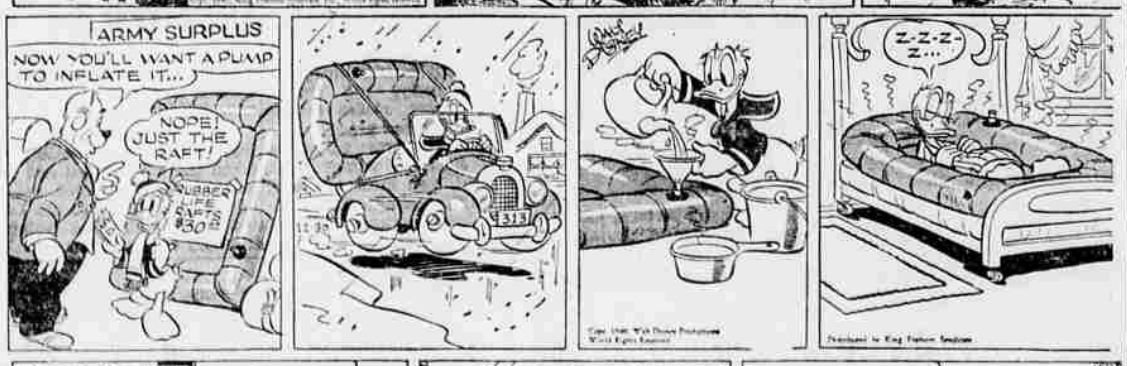
THE NEBBS

LIL ABNER

MUTT & JEFF

RUSTY RILEY

DONALD DUCK



MARY WORTH

RADIO PROGRAMS

FRIDAY—P. M.

	KGW 620 NBC	KOIN 970 CBS	KEX 1190 ABC	KSLM 1390 MBC	KOCO 1490 Kc
5:00	The 3 of Us	Knox Manning	Chal. of Yukon	Santa's Mail	Band of Day
5:15	News	The Little Show	Chal. of Yukon	Call	Band of Day
5:30	Songs of Time	News	Sky King	Tom Mix	Bing Crosby
5:45	Elmer Peterson	News	Sky King	Tom Mix	Business News
6:00	Henry Morgan	Leave It to Joan	Headlines	Gabriel Heater	Candle Light
6:15	Henry Morgan	Leave It to Joan	Home Edition	N. W. News	and Silver
6:30	Durante	Baking Anniv.	Modern	Fishing and	Fishcaster
6:45	Durante	Baking Anniv.	Romances	Hunting Club	Twilight Song
7:00	Directors'	Baking Anniv.	Fights	Exline Sports	Pat O'Brien
7:15	Playhouse	Baking Anniv.	Fights	This Is Music	Musical Jackpot
7:30	Bill Stern	Numbe: Please	Fights	Cisco Kid	Evelyn Knight
7:45	Rhythm Time	Number Please	Fights	Cisco Kid	Midcourt
8:00	Sinatra-Kirsten	Lowell Thomas	Fat Man	Straight Arrow	SHS-Jefferson
8:15	News of World	Jack Smith	Fat Man	Straight Arrow	SHS-Jefferson
8:30	Orchestra	The Goldbergs	Your FBI	Lean Back	SHS-Jefferson
8:45	Orchestra	The Goldbergs	Your FBI	Jerry Sears	SHS-Jefferson
9:00	News	My Favorite	Ozzie & Harriet	Music	SHS-Jefferson
9:15	Orchestra	Husband	Ozzie & Harriet	Glen Hardy	SHS-Jefferson
9:30	Dance Music	Beulah	Western Skies	Hits	News
9:45	Dance Music	Club 13	Western Skies	Hits	News
10:00	Sam Hayes	5 Star Final	Rich. Reporter	Full. Lewis Jr.	Warwick Theat.
10:15	Dick Haymes	Sports Spotlight	Intermezzo	Select News	Warwick Theat.
10:30	Sports Final	Air-lie	Concert Hour	News	Music You Want
10:45	Orchestra	Orange Bowl	Concert Hour	Charlie Spivak	Music You Want
11:00	News	Serenade	Concert Hour	Love Mystery	Nocturne
11:15	Wax Museum	Organ Music	Concert Hour	Navy Air	Nocturne
11:30	Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Memos	John Wolohan	Nocturne
11:45	Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Memos	John Wolohan	Nocturne
12:00	Sign Off	Silent	Xtra Hour	Sign Off	Sign Off

SATURDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00	Hodge Podge	News	Dawn	News	
6:15	Hodge Podge	KOIN Klock	Downbeat	Timekeeper	
6:30	Hodge Podge	KOIN Klock	Dawn	March Time	KOCO Klock
6:45	Hodge Podge	KOIN Klock	Downbeat	News	KOCO Klock
7:00	Now Hear This	KOIN Klock	Round-Up Boys	News	Tex Ritter
7:15	Now Hear This	News	M. Agronsky	Breakfast Gang	News
7:30	News	News	Kelvin Keech	Breakfast Gang	Organ Moods
7:45	Sam Hayes	Consumer News	Kelvin Keech	Top Trades	Extension Serv.
8:00	Fred Waring	Let's Pretend	Home Agent	Bargain Counter	Reminiscing
8:15	Fred Waring	Let's Pretend	Musical Bridge	Music	Reminiscing
8:30	Smiling	Junior Miss	Musical Bridge	Haven of Rest	West'n Melodies
8:45	McConnell	Junior Miss	Musical Bridge	Haven of Rest	Science Excur.
9:00	Mary Lee	Theatre of	101 Ranch	Northwest News	Pop Varieties
9:15	Taylor	Today	101 Ranch	Bing Sings	Defense Report
9:30	Reading Is Fun	Grand Central	Toyland Tunes	Pastor's Call	Music Without
9:45	News	Grand Central	Toyland Tunes	Saxe Riders	Words
10:00	Farm Hour	Stars Over	Stars of	News	Babe Ruth
10:15	Farm Hour	Hollywood	Tomorrow	Femme Fair	Salem Air Res.
10:30	Voices, Events	Give and Take	Stars of	Proudly Hall	Concert
10:45	Voices, Events	Give and Take	Tomorrow	Proudly Hall	Favorites
11:00	Lassie	County Fair	Met. Opera	Platter Jock	Sat. Serenade
11:15	Broadway Cor.	County Fair	Met. Opera	Platter Jock	Sat. Serenade
11:30	TBA	Fun Be Young	Met. Opera	Football—	Sat. Serenade
11:45	TBA	Fun Be Young	Met. Opera	Blue & Grey	Sat. Serenade
12:00	Young	News	Met. Opera	Blue & Grey	At the Opera
12:15	Oregonians	Mother Knows	Met. Opera	Blue & Grey	At the Opera
12:30	Musicana	Best	Met. Opera	Blue & Grey	News
12:45	Musicana	Family Party	Met. Opera	Blue & Grey	Navy Band
1:00	TBA	Family Party	Met. Opera	Blue & Grey	Sat. Matinee
1:15	TBA	Newspaper	Met. Opera	Blue & Grey	Sat. Matinee
1:30	TBA	Newspaper	Met. Opera	Blue & Grey	Sat. Matinee
1:45	TBA	Orchestra	Met. Opera	Blue & Grey	Sat. Matinee
2:00	Mind Manners	Orchestra	Tea, Crumpets	Football—	Sat. Matinee
2:15	Mind Manners	Orchestra	Tea, Crumpets	East-West	Sat. Matinee
2:30	Here's to Vets	Farm News	Tea - Crumpets	East-West	Cy Shannon
2:45	Star Kings	Cross Section	Tea - Crumpets	East-West	Cy Shannon
3:00	News	News	Junior	East-West	Chin-Up Chat
3:15	Guest Star	U. N.	Junction	East-West	Chin-Up Chat
3:30	NBC Symphony	Red Barber	Jazz Concert	East-West	Chin-Up Chat
3:45	NBC Symphony	Larry Lesuer	Jazz Concert	East-West	Chin-Up Chat
4:00	NBC Symphony	Inside C B S	Letters to Sant.	East-West	Spotlight Music
4:15	NBC Symphony	Bandstand	Harry Wismer	East-West	Spotlight Music
4:30	Bands of Land	War for Youth	Albert Warner	Hemingway	Curtain Calls
4:45	Bands of Land	War for Youth	Church, Nation	Music	Curtain Calls

DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550

KOAC Friday P.M.—Children's Theater: 3:15, On the Upbeat; 3:30 550 Sports Club; 6:00 News; 6:15 Dinner Melodies; 6:30, Music of Czechoslovakia; 7:15, Evening Farm Hour; 8:00, Lane; 7:00, Music of the Masters; 7:55, Basketball; 9:30, News and Weather; 9:45, Evening Mediations; 10:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Saturday A.M.—10:00, News; 10:15 Especially for Women; 11:00, Concert Hall; 12:00, News; 12:15, Noon Farm Hour; 1:00, Ride 'em Cowboy; 1:30, Voice of Army; 1:45, Melody Lane; 2:00, Music of the Masters; 3:30, Science; 3:45, Spirit of Vikings; 4:00, Pan-American Rhythms; 4:15, Songs of West.

Chapter Rehearses Installation Rites

Dayton — Electa chapter No. 29, OES, met for its regular and last communication of the 1949 year, at the Masonic hall.

Velene Coburn, worthy matron and Earle Coburn, worthy patron, presented gifts to the 1949 officers. A degree was given the worthy matron and patron and gifts from the chapter was presented to them.

After refreshments were served in the dining room, the newly elected officers practiced for the joint installation to be held on January 3, with the new officers of Jacob Mayer lodge No. 108, AF&AM.

Another practice will be held in the afternoon of January 2, for the chapter members.

Christmas Birthday Date Is Celebrated

Grand Island — Eugene Tompkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tompkins of Grand Island, who was 13 years of age December 25, and honoring him a family gathering was held Christmas day at the home of his granmothers, Mrs. D. E. Bartruff in the Neck district.

Attending were Eugene, his father and mother and sister, Rebecca, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bartruff and son, Danny, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huntley and four sons, Gerald, Stanley, Duane and Roger of Portland.

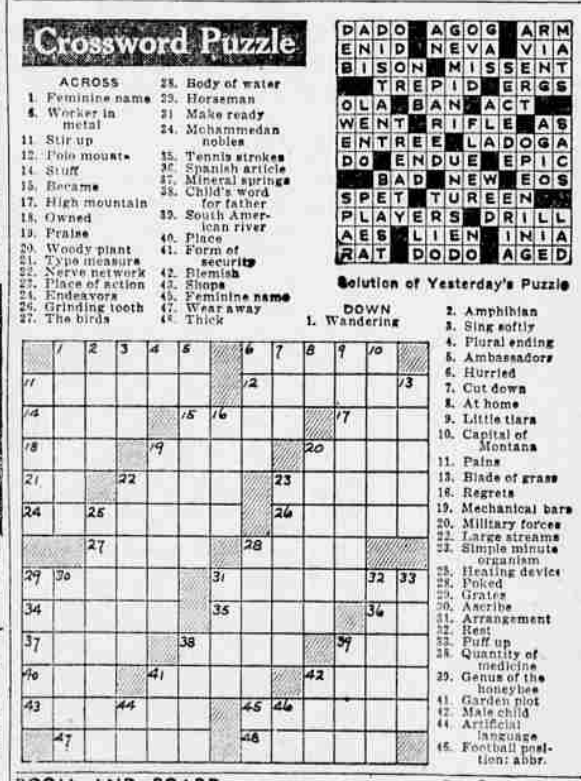
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Feminine name
6. Worker in metal
11. Stir up
12. Polo mount
14. Stuff
15. Became
17. High mountain
18. Owned
19. Praise
20. Woody plant
21. Type measure
22. Nerve network
23. Place of action
24. Endeavors
26. Grinding tooth
27. The birds
28. Body of water
29. Horseman
31. Make ready
34. Mohammedan nobles
35. Tennis strokes
36. Spanish article
37. Mineral springs
38. Child's word for father
39. South American river
40. Place
41. Form of security
42. Blemish
43. Shops
45. Feminine name
47. Wear away
48. Thick

DOWN

1. Wandering
2. Amphibian
3. Sing softly
4. Plural ending
5. Ambassadors
6. Hurried
7. Cut down
8. At home
9. Little tiara
10. Capital of Montana
11. Pains
13. Blade of grass
16. Regrets
19. Mechanical bars
20. Military forces
22. Large streams
23. Simple minute organism
25. Heating device
28. Poked
29. Grates
30. Ascribe
31. Arrangement
32. Rest
33. Puff up
38. Quantity of medicine
39. Genus of the honeybee
41. Garden plot
42. Male child
44. Artificial language
46. Football position: abbr.



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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

ROOM AND BOARD — By Gene Ahern