Father *of the* Bride

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(Installment V)

THE ENGAGEMENT NEWS IS BROKEN

It had been agreed that only a few intimate friends and members of the family were to be told before the engagement was announced in the papers. Kay said this involved a cocktail party. The news was too big, however. Within 24 hours the only ones who did not know were those who wouldn't be mortally hurt if not told first.

Mr. Banks said that, under the circumstances, the cocktail party hardly seemed necessary. Kay said that was ridiculous. Everybody announced their engagement to their close friends at a cocktail party.

And so it was that, a few days later, Mr. Banks came out from town on the three-fifty-seven, composing an informal and, he hoped, dryly humorous little speech. It was to be about Kay as a little girl, Kay growing up and finally, in a big surprise climax, Kay announcing her engagement.

In the pantry he stared with a sinking heart at the neatly arranged phalanxes of glasses that Mrs. Banks had borrowed during the day from unwilling friends. How was any one man to make drinks for the crowd of 35 that Kay expected? It would take a trained octopus.

However, this was no time for panic. Decisive action was called for. Martinis for everybody. That would be simplest. With perhaps just a few old-fashioneds ready for those allergic to gin. He pulled two large pitchers from a cupboard and went to work groaning with pain as he listened to one bottle after another of his best gurgle out its lifeblood.

The early ones were arriving. He could hear the high-pitched entrance screams of the females. He was about to go out and greet them when the pantry door was blocked by a rosy-cheecked young man with a disarming smile.

"How are you, sir? I wonder if I could have four old-fashioneds."

"No martinis?" suggested Mr. Banks.

"Oh, no indeed, sir. That's very kind of you. Just old-fashioneds."

Mr. Banks filled four of his emergency glasses with ice cubes and pushed them down the pantry shelf. "Thank you, sir. That's service," said the young man. His place was immediately taken by a stout youth with horn-rimmed glasses.

"Sir, four old fashioneds and one scotch and soda."

"I haven't any scotch," said Mr Banks. He hoped that his voice did not betray the fact that he had just hidden three bottles in the end cupboard behind Mrs. Banks' flower vases.

The stout young man looked nonplused. He was silent for a moment as he considered this unexpected situation from every angle.

"I don't know sir. I guess bourbon and soda will do."

Mr. Banks, irritated by a sense of guilt, poured a highball from a bottle labeled "Whiskey—a Blend." "Wouldn't those people like martinis?" he asked.

"Oo, no, sir. This is plenty."

The doorway was now filled with young men who observed him gravely. "Sir, four old fashioneds. One on the rocks and one with a dash of sugar and no bitters."

"Good God," said Mr. Banks, "do they think I'm filling out prescriptions in here?"

A tall young man peered around the frame of the door. "Good evening, sir," he said cordially. "Looks as if it was going to be a nice party."

"I haven't seen it," said Mr. Banks testily. "What would you like? Half a dozen frozen daiquiris?"

"Oh, no, sir. Just a couple of martinis."

Mr. Banks stared at him delightedly. "You mean martinis?" He hastily lifted one of the pitchers.

For half an hour he sloshed around frantically, trying to keep up with the demand. Then there was a sudden lull in business. "To hell with it," he muttered. Mopping his suit off as best he could he took a martini and made for the living room, from which there now came a steady roar, like the beating of surf on rocks.

He shouldered his way into the room. Except for a few absent-minded smiles, no one paid the least attention to him. He had just found himself a bit of standing room when he was caught in an eddy that swept him along.

"Standley, where have you been? Doris and Herbert are here." It was Mrs. Banks.

"Doris and Herbert who?" he asked.

"Well, well, well. Glad to see you, Stanley," boomed Mr. Dunstan. "Sorry to be so late. We got lost. Doris always insists—"

"Now go and get Doris and Herb something to drink," said Mrs. Banks.

"Would you like a martini?" asked Mr. Banks hopefully.

"If it's all the same to you, Stan, we'll have old fashioneds. Can't I help you?"

"No, no," said Mr. Banks. "It won't take a second."

He didn't get back to the pantry a minute too soon. A group of thirst-crazed young men were just about to take the matter of service into their own hands. He sent the drinks out to the Dunstans and for the next hour he worked like a dike mender. The only compensation was that the guests now seemed less fussy about what they got. The roar from the living room sounded like a mob scene in a Cecil B. de Mille superspectacle.

Then the crowd began to thin. The roar subsided. He could hear the die-hards gathering in the front hall for a final stand. Mr. Banks closed down his dispensary and rejoined the remnants, outwardly a genial host, but at heart a professional bouncer.

"You're a help," said Mrs. Banks. "Good-by dear. You were sweet to come."

"What do you think I've been doing? Playing pool?"

"I know. But why must you always leave the whole thing on my shoulders? Good-by, Helen dear. You look sweet in that hat."

He considered the first part of her remark as unjust as the last was untrue. "Where are the Dunstans?"

"They're all right. They's talking to Uncle Charlie or vice-versa. Good-by, Sam. Glad you could come.

A carefully manicured hand plucked his sleeve. "Mr. Banks. Please. I've lost an earring and Grace can't find her gold compact and we're absolutely sick about it. We've looked everywhere. It's very peculiar."

Something in her voice gave Mr. Banks the feeling that he was under suspicion.

"Don't give it a thought," he said, patting the manicured hand. "We'll find everything later—after you've gone," he added hastily.

Like an old cattleman cutting calves from the herd, he disentangled his guests one by one and propelled them through the front door with such light-handed skill that they were unaware of his treachery until they found themselves in the open air.

As the door closed after them he instinctively placed his back against it. With a sick heart he surveyed the wreckage of what had once been his home. It occurred to him that he had forgotten to announce the engagement.

Somehow it didn't seem to matter.

(To Be Continued)

Martha Class Elects Officers at Monmouth

Monmouth—The Martha class of the Evangelical U. B. Sunday school held its Christmas party in the church basement, with a covered dish supper. Twenty-two members and their husbands were present. Hostesses for the party were Mrs. A. D. Campbell, Mrs. A. J. McLarty, Mrs. Clyde Dickson, Mrs. G. L. Russell and Mrs. Hattie Winegar.

Following a short business meeting Rev. Lonsberry gave the history of Christmas tree and decorations, and M. B. Layton stressed loxe exists among all through the celebration of birth of Christ. Gifts were presented to Mrs. D. Tilton, teacher; Mrs. G. L. Russell, president and Mrs. J. S. Fuller as secretary-treasurer. All participated in a gift exchange. The next meeting will be January 13 at 2 p.m. in the church basement.

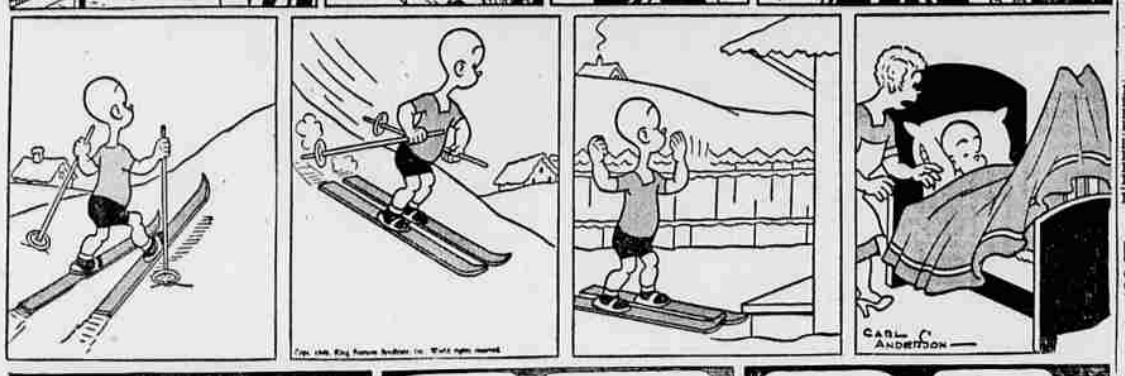
Wilson Injures Knee

Wheatland — Eugene Wilson, farmer of the Wheatland district, is suffering with fractured small bone near and below knee joint of right leg received when he fell on cement walk while at work at his home.

ROOM AND BOARD . . . . By Gene Ahern

STEVE ROPER

HENRY



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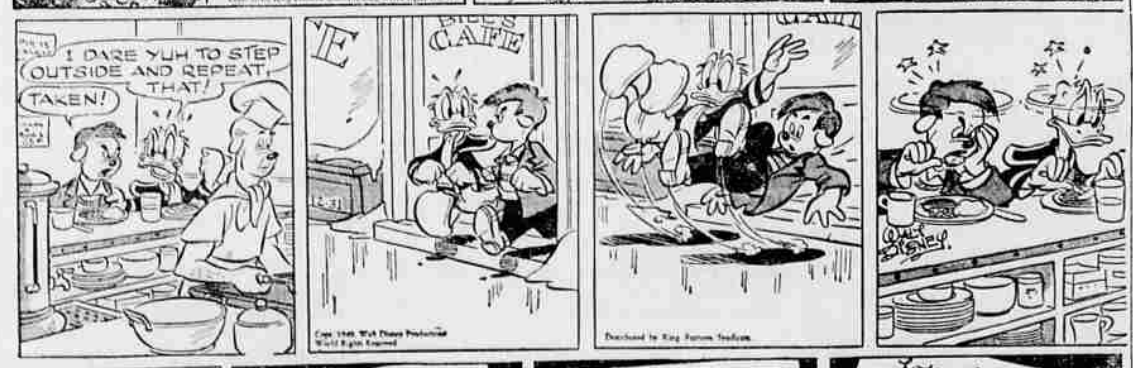

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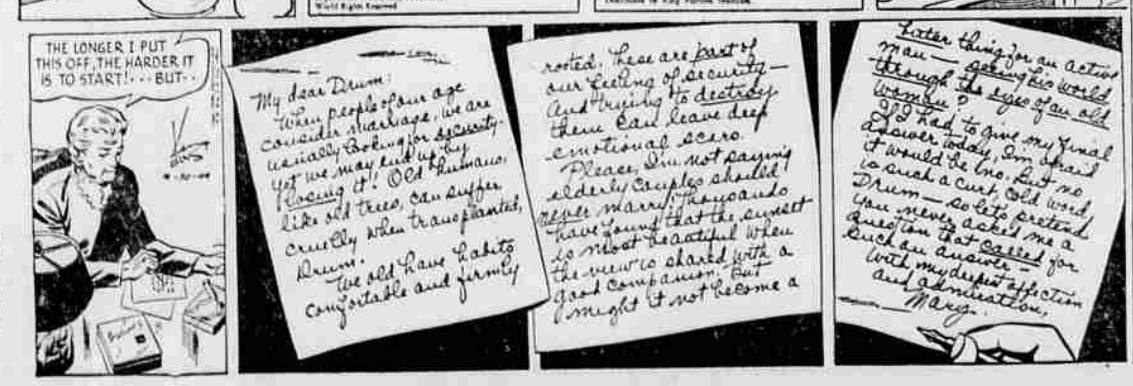

RADIO PROGRAMS

SATURDAY—P. M.

	KGW 620 NBC	KOIN 970 CBS	KEX 1190 ABC	KSLM 1390 MBC	KOCO 1490 Kc.
5:00	Bands of Land	Joe DiMaggio	Remember	Russ Morgan	Candlelight
5:15	Bands of Land	Joe DiMaggio	Special Event	Russ Morgan	and Silver
5:30	Hit Songs	Danger Ahead	Harmonaires	Meet Match	News
5:45	Elmer Peterson	News	Teen Tunes	Meet Match	Assem. of God
6:00	Dixieland Jazz	Philip Marlowe	Babe Ruth	Comedy of	Rhythm Ranch
6:15	Dixieland Jazz	Philip Marlowe	Home Edition	Errors	Rhythm Ranch
6:30	Dennis Day	Mem. in Music	Trio	Nite Riders	Adv. in Resrch.
6:45	Dennis Day	Dick Harmes	Bert Andrews	Nite Riders	4-Square Gospl.
7:00	Judy Canova	Sing It Again	Hollywood	Popular Music	Time Was
7:15	Judy Canova	Sing It Again	Byline	Popular Music	Drivers Playhse
7:30	Grand Ol' Oprr	Sing It Again	Chandu Magic	West Coast	Strike Up Band
7:45	Grand Ol' Oprr	Sing It Again	Chandu Magic	Ramblers	Sport Roundup
8:00	Truth or	V. Monroe	Lone Ranger	Dance Orch.	Proud. We Hail
8:30	Consequences	V. Monroe	Lone Ranger	Dance Orch.	Proud. We Hail
8:30	Hollywood Star	Gene Autry	Superman	Meet the Press	Sat. Night
8:45	Hollywood Star	Gene Autry	Superman	Meet the Press	Dance Party
9:00	Hit Parade	Gangbusters	Dick Jergens	News	Sat. Night
9:15	Hit Parade	Gangbusters	Dick Jergens	Crystal Gard.	Dance Party
9:30	Life of Riley	Johnny Dollar	Navy Hour	Dance Orch.	News
9:45	Life of Riley	Johnny Dollar	Navy Hour	Dance Orch.	Reserve Show
10:00	Sam Hayes	5-Star Final	News	Monica Whalen	Xmas Story
10:15	Morton Downey	Organ Music	Ira Blue bpts.	John Weinhan	Xmas Story
10:30	Orchestra	Capitol	Dance Band	Ray Hackett	Barrymore
10:45	Orchestra	Cloakroom	Dance Band	Ray Hackett	Barrymore
11:00	News	Serenade	Let's Dance	Music	New Year's
11:15	Wax Museum	Organ Music	Let's Dance	New Year's	Eve Party
11:30	Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Let's Dance	Watch Party	New Year's
11:45	Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Let's dance	Watch Party	Eve Party
12:00	Sign Off	Silent	Xtra Hour	Sign Off	Sign Off

KOAC DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550

Saturday P. M.—5:00, KOAC Christmas Party; 6:00, News; 6:15, London Letter; 6:30, Night Before Christmas; 7:00, Messiah; 9:25, News and Weather; 9:40, Song of Christmas; 10:00, Sign Off.

SUNDAY

7:00	Radio Pulpit	Church of Air	Band Box		
7:15	Radio Pulpit	Church of Air	Band Box		
7:30	J. Doe's Music	Church of Air	Band Box	Mutual Music	
7:45	J. Doe's Music	Church of Air	Band Box	Mutual Music	
8:00	J. Doe's Music	Newsmakers	Revival Hour	1st Baptist Ch.	Hymn Time
8:15	Morn. Serenade	Howard Smith	Revival Hour	1st Baptist Ch.	News
8:30	Church in Your	Salt Lake Taber	Revival Hour	Voice Prophecy	Fello'ship Voice
8:45	Home	Salt Lake Taber	Revival Hour	Voice Prophecy	Fello'ship Voice
9:00	Silver Strings	Invitation	Southernaires	Ra. Bible Class	Bible Program
9:15	Silver Strings	to Learning	Southernaires	Ra. Bible Class	Lutheran
9:30	Eternal Light	Guest Stars	Message of	Lutheran Hour	Ave Maria Hr.
9:45	Eternal Light	News	Israel	Lutheran Hour	Ave Maria Hr.
10:00	Glenn Sheller,	People's	Victoria Corey	News	Ch'rch in Wild.
10:15	Organist	Platform	Romance	Songs	Organ Loft
10:30	Chicago Round	Sammy Kaye	Sunday Vespers	News	Sacred Heart
10:45	Table	Sammy Kaye	Sunday Vespers	Quiz	Wayne King
11:00	Xmas Program	Columbia Feat.	Victor Lindsay	Elder Michaux	First Baptist
11:15	Xmas Program	Columbia Feat.	Frank & Ernst	Elder Michaux	First Baptist
11:30	Xmas Program	Gallery Gossip	Piano	David Ross	First Baptist
11:45	Xmas Program	News	Playhouse	Canaries	First Baptist
12:00	Blue Barron	NY Philharm.	Hour of Faith	News	Serenade for
12:15	Chuck Foster	NY Philharm.	Hour of Faith	Guest Star	Strings
12:30	Quiz Kids	NY Philharm.	Parade of Hits	Juvenile Jury	Headline News
12:45	Quiz Kids	NY Philharm.	Parade of Hits	Juvenile Jury	United Nations
1:00	Living, 1949	NY Philharm.	Week's World	Hse. of Mystery	Music for
1:15	Living 1949	NY Philharm.	Week's World	Hse. of Mystery	Daydreaming
1:30	American	My Serenade	Voice of Proph.	Martin Kane	Music for
1:45	Forum	News	Voice of Proph.	Martin Kane	Daydreaming
2:00	Radio City	Music for You	Mr. President	The Shadow	Church Proc.
2:15	Radio City	Music for You	Mr. President	The Shadow	Church Proc.
2:30	H'vest of Stars	Columbia Feat.	Greatest Story	True Detective	Band Showcase
2:45	H'vest of Stars	Columbia Feat.	Greatest Story	True Detective	Band Showcase
3:00	The Hardy	Family Hour	Lutheran Hour	John Steele	Sun. Serenade
3:15	Family	Family Hour	Lutheran Hour	John Steele	Sun. Serenade
3:30	Hollywood	Boston Blackie	Music with	Nick Carter	Music for Sun.
3:45	Calling	Boston Blackie	the Girls	Nick Carter	Music for Sun.
4:00	H'lyw'd Calling	Jack Benny	Research Adv.	News	Donald Stewart
4:15	H'lyw'd Calling	Jack Benny	Here's to Vets	Mental Health	Donald Stewart
4:30	Harris-Faye	Amos 'n' Andy	Guest Star	World Concert	Concert
4:45	Harris-Faye	Amos 'n' Andy	Betty Clark	World Concert	Concert
5:00	Sam Spade	Berg.-M'C'rthy	Stop the Music	Alexander	Dallas Minister
5:15	Sam Spade	Berg.-M'C'rthy	Stop the Music	Alexander	Here's to Vets
5:30	Theatre Guild	Rocky Jordan	Stop the Music	Lynn Murray	Suppertime
5:45	Theatre Guild	Rocky Jordan	Stop the Music	Lynn Murray	Serenade
6:00	Theatre Guild	Corliss Archer	N'lter Winchell	Enchanted Hr.	Ted Dale
6:15	Theatre Guild	Corliss Archer	Louella Parsons	Enchanted Hr.	Ted Dale
6:30	Album Familiar	Horace Heidt	Chance of a	Family Theatre	News
6:45	Music	Horace Heidt	Lifetime	Family Theatre	Tropicana
7:00	Take it or	Contented Hr.	Jimmie Fidler	Medical Hilites	Sunday Salem
7:15	Leave it	Contented Hr.	Chapel	Songs of Times	Sunday Salem
7:30	Bob Crosby	The Whistler	Amazing	Roy Rogers	Nazarene Ch.
7:45	Bob Crosby	The Whistler	Malone	Roy Rogers	Nazarene Ch.
8:00	I Man's amily	Miss Brooks	Drew Pearson	Twenty Q'stions	Nazarene Ch.
8:15	I Man's Family	Miss Brooks	Headlines	Twenty Q'stions	Nazarene Ch.
8:30	Symphony Hour	Berg.-M'C'rthy	W'ter Winchell	Walt. Winchell	Frank de Vol
8:45	Symphony Hour	Berg.-M'C'rthy	Intermezzo	Louella Parsons	Frank de Vol
9:00	Symphony Hour	Red Skelton	Gregory Hood	News	Sunday Reverie
9:15	Symphony Hour	Red Skelton	Gregory Hood	Editorial	Sunday Reverie
9:30	Dance Orch.	Jack Benny	Orchestra	Cunningham	Dallas Church
9:45	Dance Orch.	Jack Benny	Gov. McKay	News	Dallas Church
10:00	News	Five Star Final	Richf'ld Rep'tr	Sign Off	Moon Dreams
10:15	Mary A. Mercer	Night Editor	Geo. Sokolsky		Moon Dreams
10:30	Catholic Hour	St. Francis Hr.	Orchestra		Moon Dreams
10:45	Catholic Hour	Treas. Band	Orchestra		Moon Dreams
11:00	News	Serenade	Drew Pearson		Sign Off
11:15	Wax Museum	Chinaroans	Nocturne		
11:30	Wax Museum	Prelude	Nocturne		
11:45	Wax Museum	News	Nocturne		
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	Xtra Hour		

MONDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00	Hedge Podge	News	Farm News	News	
6:15	News	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	Timekeeper	
6:30	Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	March Time	KOCO Klock
6:45	Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	News	KOCO Klock
7:00	Early Bird	KOIN Klock	News	News	Tex Ritter
7:15	Old Songs	Duncan M'Lead	Agronsky	Breakfast Gang	KOCO Klock
7:30	News	Bob Garred	Bob Hasen	Music	News
7:15	Sam Hayes	Fred Beck	Zeke Manners	Top Trades	KOCO Klock
8:00	Eddie Albert	Art Baker	Breakfast Club	Bargain Countr	Crusaders
8:15	Eddie Albert	Dave Valle	Breakfast Club	Family Alter	Crusaders
8:30	Jack Berch	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Music	West. Melodies
8:45	Saxe Riders	Rosemary	Breakfast Club	Music	Fiesta Time
9:00	Second Cup	Wendy Warren	Mildred Bedell	N W News	Melody Time
9:15	Second Cup	Aunt Jenny	Stars of Today	Quiz	Melody Time
9:30	Hometowners	Rose Parade	Quick as Flash	Pastor's Call	Stars Sing
9:45	News	Rose Parade	Quick as Flash	Waltz Time	John C. Thom.
10:00	Marriage for 2	Big Sister	Saxe Riders	News	NW. News
10:15	Lora Lawton	Ma Perkins	Meet Menjous	Gospel Singer	Memory Music
10:30	Brad Reynolds	Orange Bowl	My True Story	Concert Min.	Tune Time
10:45	The Playboys	Orange Bowl	My True Story	Russ Morgan	88 Keys
11:00	Double or	Orange Bowl	Betty Crocker	T B A	Music Mart
11:15	Nothing	Orange Bowl	Victor Lindlahr	T B A	Music Mart
11:30	Children Today	Orange Bowl	Sugar Bowl	T B A	Jan Garber
11:45	Light of World	Orange Bowl	Sugar Bowl	T B A	Vocal Variety
12:00	News	Orange Bowl	Sugar Bowl	Top Trades	H'wood Music
12:15	Road of Life	Orange Bowl	Sugar Bowl	News	H'wood Music
12:30	P. Y'g's Family	Orange Bowl	Sugar Bowl	N W News	News
12:45	Right to Happi.	Orange Bowl	Sugar Bowl	Jimmy Wakely	Dave Dennis
1:00	Backstage Wife	Orange Bowl	Sugar Bowl	Tell Neighbor	Mac's Melodies
1:15	Stella Dallas	Orange Bowl	Sugar Bowl	H. Harding	Mac's Melodies
1:30	Lorenzo Jones	Orange Bowl	Sugar Bowl	Organ	Mac's Melodies
1:45	Widder Brown	Orange Bowl	Sugar Bowl	Bing Sings	Mac's Melodies
2:00	Girl Marries	Rose Bowl	Sugar Bowl	Bob Poole	Mac's Melodies
2:15	Por. Faces Life	Rose Bowl	Sugar Bowl	Bob Poole	Mac's Melodies
2:30	Just Plain Bill	Rose Bowl	Bride & Groom	Music for Mon.	Mac's Melodies
2:45	Fr. Fez. Farrell	Rose Bowl	Bride & Groom	Music for Mon.	Mac's Melodies
3:00	Welc. Travelers	Rose Bowl	Kay West	Farm-Home	Mac's Melodies
3:15	Welc. Travelers	Rose Bowl	Kay West	Folks Time	Mac's Melodies
3:30	Aunt Mary	Rose Bowl	Lad's be Seated	News	Mac's Melodies
3:45	Love & Learn	Rose Bowl	Ted Malone	Hawaiian Har.	Mac's Melodies
4:00	Wom. Secret	Rose Bowl	Rhythm-a-tiks	Fulton Lewis	Movie Time
4:15	Life Beautiful	Rose Bowl	Squirrel Cage	Frnk. Hem'way	Philosopher
4:30	Dr Paul	News	Squirrel Cage	Behind Story	Byers Can
4:45	Paula Stone	Ed. R. Murrow	Firefighters	News	Be Beautiful

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Plug
8. Purple seaweed
12. Hairy
14. Nimble
15. Ahead
16. Cleopatra's maid
17. Tapestry
18. Droll fellow
20. Age
22. Holland commune
23. Radiate
25. Period
26. Pulled
27. Parts played
29. Shoe form
31. Morose
33. American coin
37. Put down
39. Fixed look
40. Go by
43. Catching device
45. Among
46. Brazilian macaw
47. Lukewarm
49. Open vessel
50. Martinique volcano
52. Excited
54. Down: prefix
55. Oak fruit
56. Keeps
58. Diminished
59. Hair

DOWN

1. Short rainfalls
2. So. American partridge
3. Either
4. Greek letter
5. Unadulterated
6. Day's march
7. Frequented spot
8. Slat
9. Turkish commander
10. Snake
11. Omit in pronouncing
12. Restitch
13. Quarter pint
21. Piece of pasteboard
24. Relates
26. Large river mouth
28. Ocean
30. Goddess of dawn
32. Baseball team
34. Lighting device
35. Mythological Greek princess
36. Rosiness
38. Leave
40. Tropical fruit
41. Asiatic palm
42. Drawing room
44. Wild animal
47. Look after
48. Love to excess
51. Before
53. Expansive substance
57. Exists

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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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