Father *of the* Bride

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(Installment VI)

MR. BANKS DOES A BIT OF REPORTING

The only step remaining to make the whole thing irretrievable was the announcement of the engagement in the papers.

Mrs. Banks considered the wording of the notice of vital importance. Her brother, Uncle Charlie, had worked on a Chicago newspaper for several weeks when he was a boy. He was now called in as a consultant.

Uncle Charlie said it didn't make a bit of difference how you wrote the notice. The society editor would hand your copy to the office boy, who would bungle up the whole thing anyhow.

Mfortunately, he had not been mistaken.

Mrs. Banks pooh-poohed this. This notice was going to be letter-perfect. It was written, read, rewritten, reread, submitted to the Dunstan family, revised and resubmitted.

Kay was the only person who showed no interest. As long as they spelled her name with a "K" and not a "C" she was satisfied.

Mr. Banks finally took what he hoped was the right draft down to the office to have Miss Bellamy make six copies.

Miss Bellamy was more excited about the wedding than any of the principals. She had been his secretary for fifteen years, during which she had devoted so much time to his personal as well as his business affairs that she had found no opportunity to get married herself. She had a real affection for Mr. Banks, but it was that of a mother for a backward son. Mrs. Banks she secretly regarded as a cultured incompetent.

Miss Bellamy made several editorial changes in the copy without even referring the matter to Mr. Banks. Then she typed it with unerring speed. "We must read this back," she said. "There mustn't be any mistakes at this point." She read while Mr. Banks stared unfeelingly at the original with fierce concentration.

"There," he said. "That's one job done as it should be." Miss Bellamy nodded understandingly.

The following morning he was out of bed before the alarm went off. The morning paper lay on the door mat. He glanced up and down the shaded length of Maple Drive. His neighbors slumbered, unconscious of the bombshell about to explode among them.

Sitting on the bottom steps of the front stairs, he turned to the Society section. There was Kay's face, smiling at him, and in the news column next to the picture the headline "Catherine Banks to Wed ex-Marine Officer."

He looked again. Unfortunately he had not been mistaken. It was spelled with a "C" instead of a "K." That damn fool editor.

He padded in his bare feet to the little room behind the stairs known as "The Office." Two of Miss Bellamy's copies of the release were lying on the desk. He had to force himself to look. "Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Banks of Fairview Manor announce the engagement of their daughter Catherine." How COULD Miss Bellamy! Then he remembered that he had read it back with her.

"Is it in?" Mrs. Banks was standing in the doorway.

"Yes, but they've garbled it up just as Uncle Charlie said they would. They've spelled Kay's name wrong."

"Oh, Stanley! The one thing the child--"

I know, I know. But what can you do? That's labor for you. They don't care any more. It's the reason the country's in such a mess."

He climbed the stairs noiselessly, hoping that Kay might sleep until he was safely on the train to town.

A modern wedding is somewhat like a new theatrical production. Once the cast has been decided upon, the next thing is to determine whether it is to be Big Theater or Little Theater and then fill the house.

Kay opened the arguement at dinner. "I'll tell you one thing," she said. "This is going to be a SMALL wedding and a small RECEPTION. I'm going to have my own friends and it's not going to be a business convention."

"Who said anything about a business convention?" interrupted Mr. Bank's. "All I'm saying is you'll probably wind up with either thirty or three hundred."

"Three HUNDRED!" There was a suggestion of hysteria in Kay's voice. "Pops, if you mean that you're CRAZY. I know what you and Mom want. You want every old foggy in town so that you can hear them say, 'Yes, she really was TOO lovely.' Well I just wont HAVE it."

Mr. Banks had an inspiration. He fetched a yellow pad of paper and placed it beside his plate. On it he wrote three names.

"There," he said, "that's the smallest wedding you can have under the law -- you and Buckley and the Reverend Cyrus Galsworthy. Now. Anybody else?"

Kay threw up her hands. "Really, this is so CHILDISH, Pops. You always get so TECHNICAL."

Sometimes your father has good ideas, Kay. Go on, Stanley. Just put down the Dunstans and ourselves and Ben and Tommy."

"And Aunt Harriet, naturally, and Uncle Charlie," said Kay.

He was ruined. Clearly and utterly ruined.

"Of course," said Mr. Banks. "But I'd go slow from there in." He wrote rapidly, keeping a tally on the side of the paper. After three quarters of an hour he ran out of sheets.

Do you know how many you have on the list now?"

"About fifty," said Kay sulkily.

"Two hundred and six. And that doesn't include most of our friends, and perhaps Buckley's family might have one or two people they'd like to squeeze in."

"Oh, all RIGHT, Pops, if you're going to be so disagreeable about it. But I tell you its MY wedding and its going to be SMALL. I don't CARE."

She suddenly left the table and rushed up the stairs. Mr. Banks stared after her in amazement. "Good God, Ellie. What's the matter with Kay? We're just sitting here quietly putting down a few names and she goes all to pieces."

"She's nervous," said Tommy, through a mouthful of cake. "All women are nervous."

Late that night, Mr. Banks lay on his back gazing at the watery reflection of the street light on the ceiling.

Three hundred people drinking his champagne. Three hundred people eating his food. Three hundred --

He was ruined. Clearly ruined. All his life he had been a prudent and thrifty man. Naw he was caught in the nutcracker of the conventions and was about to squeeze out his economic life with his own hands.

"I won't do it," he groaned, rolling onto his side. But he knew he would.

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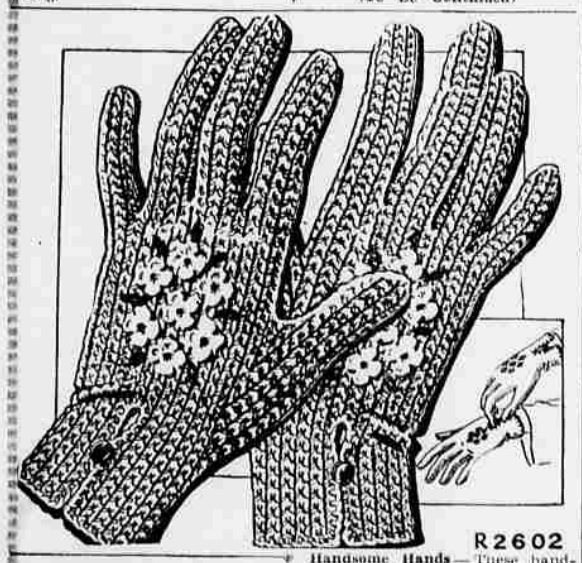

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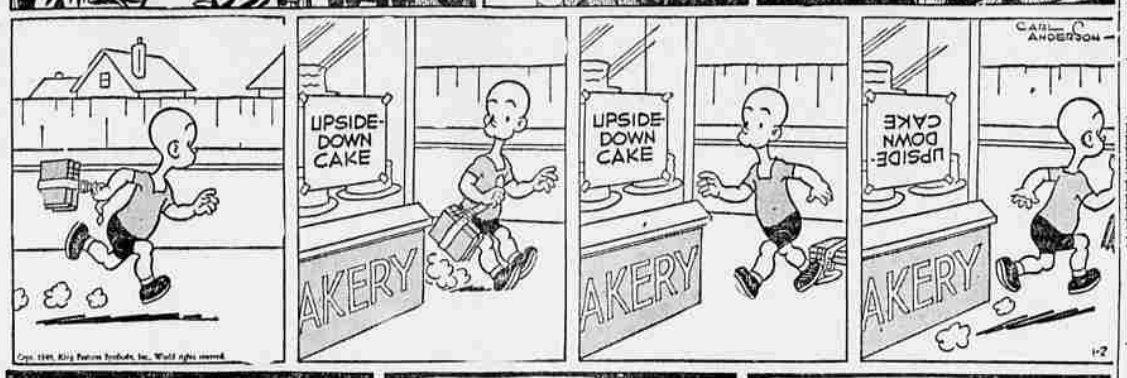

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RADIO PROGRAMS

MONDAY—P.M.

	KGW 620 NBC	KOIN 970 CBS	KEX 1190 ABC	KSLM 1390 MBS	KOCO 1490 Kc.
5:00	The 3 of Us	Newspaper	Challenge of	B-Bar-B	Band of Day
5:15	News	Little Show	Yukon	B-Bar-B	Band of Day
5:30	Voice of F'stone	News	Jack Armstrong	Tom Mix	Bing Crosby
5:45	Voice of F'stone	News	Jack Armstrong	Tom Mix	Business News
6:00	Musical Soiree	Radio Theater	Headline Edit.	Gabriel Heater	Candlelight &
6:15	Musical Soiree	Radio Theater	Home Edition	News	Silver
6:30	Candy Matson	Radio Theater	Mod. Romances	Tello Test	News
6:45	Candy Matson	Radio Theater	Mod. Romances	Serenade	Twilight Song
7:00	Martin & Lewis	My Friend Irma	Lone Ranger	Murder Experts	Pat O'Brien
7:15	Martin & Lewis	My Friend Irma	Lone Ranger	Murder Experts	Mus. Jackpot
7:30	Dave Garroway	Bob Hawk	Share Wealth	Cisco Kid	Evelyn Knight
7:45	Dave Garroway	Bob Hawk	Share Wealth	Cisco Kid	Sports
8:00	Sinatra, Kirst.	Lowell Thomas	Kate Smith	Let Geo. Do It	Track 1490
8:15	News	Ray Robbins	Kate Smith	Let Geo. Do It	Track 1490
8:30	Railroad Hour	Talent Scouts	H. J. Taylor	The Saint	Track 1490
8:45	Railroad Hour	Talent Scouts	Speaking Songs	The Saint	Track 1490
9:00	Telephone Hr.	Inner Sanctum	Arthur Gaeth	News	Willamette U.
9:15	Telephone Hr.	Inner Sanctum	Wm. Tusher	Dave Rose	Willamette U.
9:30	Dance Orch.	Beulah	Roller Derby	Ray Block	News
9:45	Dance Orch.	Club 15	Roller Derby	Ray Block	Fire Fighters
10:00	Sam Hayes	5-Star Final	Richfield Rep.	Fulton Lewis	Frank Race
10:15	Sports Final	Columbia Feat.	Intermezzo	Local News	Frank Race
10:30	Dick Haymes	Airlio	Concert Hour	News	Mus. You Want
10:45	Orchestra	Orchestra	Concert Hour	Music	Mus. You Want
11:00	News	Serenade	Concert Hour	I Love Mystery	Nocturne
11:15	Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Concert Hour	It's the Tops	Nocturne
11:30	Wax Museum	Prelude	Memos	Treas. Varieties	Nocturne
11:45	Wax Museum	Prelude	Memos	Treas. Varieties	Nocturne
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	Xtra Hour	Sign Off	Sign Off

TUESDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00	Hodge Podge	News	Farm News	News	
6:15	News	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	Mus. Timek'per	KOCO Klock
6:30	Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	March Time	KOCO Klock
6:45	Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	News	
7:00	Early Bird	KOIN Klock	News	News	Tex Ritter
7:15	Old Songs	News	Agronsky	Br'kfast Gang	KOCO Klock
7:30	News	CBS News	Bob Hasen	Br'kfast Gang	News
7:45	Sam Hayes	Fred Beck	Zeke Manners	Top Trades	KOCO Klock
8:00	Eddie Albert	Consumer News	Breakfast Club	Barg. Counter	Wildwood Chur.
8:15	Eddie Albert	News	Breakfast Club	Family Alter	Organ Moods
8:30	Jack Berch	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Haven of Rest	Western Melody
8:45	Sage Riders	Rosemary	Breakfast Club	Haven of Rest	Fiesta Time
9:00	Second Cup	Wendy Warren	New	N W News	Time for Mel'dy
9:15	Second Cup	Aunt Jenny	Today's Stars	Quiz Club	Time for Mel'dy
9:30	Hometowners	Helen Trent	Quick as Flash	Pastor's Call	Stars Sing
9:45	News	Our Gal Sunday	Quick as Flash	Riders Purp. S.	J. Ch. Thomas
10:00	Marriage for 2	Big Sister	Serenade	Glen Hardy	NW News
10:15	Lora Lawton	Ma Perkins	Galen Drake	Songs of Dev.	Memor. Music
10:30	Car. Cavallero	Dr. Malone	My True Story	Organalites	Tune Time
10:45	Berri Richards	Guiding Light	My True Story	Russ Morgan	88 Keys
11:00	Double or Noth.	Mrs. Burton	Betty Crocker	Ladies First	Music Mart
11:15	Double or Noth.	Perry Mason	Club Time	Ladies First	Music Mart
11:30	Brad Reynolds	Norah Drake	N'westerners	Queen for Day	Jan Garber
11:45	The Playboys	Brighter Day	N'westerners	Queen for Day	Vocal Varieties
12:00	Kneass News	News	Baukhage	Top Trades	Hollyw'd Music
12:15	Road of Life	Come Get It	News	News	Hollyw'd Music
12:30	Pepper Young	House Party	Jack Norman	N W News	News
12:45	Happiness	House Party	Meet Menjou	Bob Eberly	Dave Dennis
1:00	Backstage Wife	Art Baker	Breakfast in	Bob Mitchell	Mac's Melodies
1:15	Stella Dallas	Barny'd Follies	Hollywood	Bob Mitchell	Mac's Melodies
1:30	Lorenzo Jones	Garry Moore	Kay West	Tell Neighbor	Mac's Melodies
1:45	Widder Brown	Newspaper	Kay West	Bing Sings	Mac's Melodies
2:00	A Girl Marries	Newspaper		Bob Poole	Mac's Melodies
2:15	Por. Faces Life	Steve Allen	Jay Stewart	Bob Poole	Mac's Melodies
2:30	Just Plain Bill	Steve Allen	Jay Stewart	Music for	Mac's Melodies
2:45	Frt. P. Farrrell	Tunefully Yours	Bride & Groom	Tuesday	Mac's Melodies
3:00	Welcome Trav.	News	Be Seated	Jamboree	Mac's Melodies
3:15	Welcome Trav.	Arthur Godfrey	Be Seated	Jamboree	Mac's Melodies
3:30	Aunt Mary	Arthur Godfrey	Hannibal Cobb	News	Mac's Melodies
3:45	Love & Learn	Arthur Godfrey	Hannibal Cobb	Music	Mac's Melodies
4:00	Woman's Secret	Arthur Godfrey	Rhythm-a-tiks	Fulton Lewis	Movie Time
4:15	Life Beautiful	Arthur Godfrey	Squirrel 'age	Hemingway	Philosopher
4:30	Dr. Paul	Curt Massey	Squirrel Cage	Behind Story	B can be Beaut.
4:45	Paula Stone	Edw. Murrow	Firefighters	Carm. Cavallero	B C'n be Beaut.

DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550

KOAC Monday P.M.—5:00, Children's Theater; 5:15, On the Upbeat; 5:50, 550 Sports Club; 6:00, News; 6:15, Dinner Melodies; 6:30, Music of Czechoslovakia; 7:15, Evening Farm Hour; 8:00, Basketball; 9:30, News and Weather; 9:45, Evening Meditations; 10:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Tuesday A. M.—10:00, News and Weather; 10:15, Especially for Women; 11:00, School of Air; 11:15, Concert Hall; 12:00, News; 12:15, Noon Farm Hour; 1:00, Ride 'em Cowboy; 1:15, School of Air; 1:30, Melody Lane; 2:00, Mental Hygeine at Work; 2:30, Memory Book of Music; 2:45, School of Air; 3:00, News; 3:15, Music of the Masters.

Baptist Missionary Society Entertained

Amity—The Baptist Women's Missionary society held its December meeting at the A. W. Newby home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Louis Lynch presiding

Mrs. M. J. Fehman led the devotionals, using in her topic "The Christmas Afterglow." Mrs. William Neeley conducted the service for the love gift offering.

Echoes from Japanese, Negro American and Chinese Christians who benefit by the love gift offerings were given by Mesdames Waheman, M. J. Lehman and Elaine Neeley.

Mrs. Lynch conducted the Christmas lesson, "A Star Appeareth." A request from the Hopi Indian mission in Mesa, Ariz., for used clothing was read. The women will pack a box and send it soon for the mission.

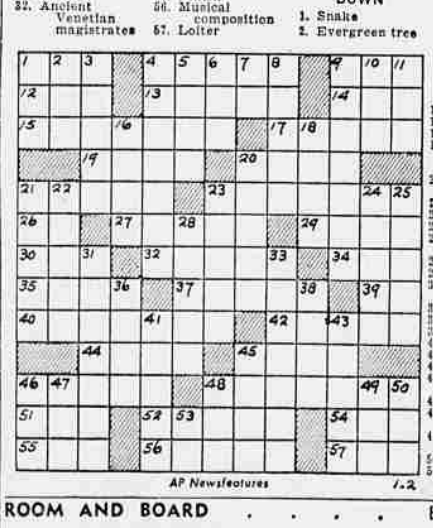
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Astern
4. Icelandic tales
9. Edice
12. Title of a baronet
13. Share
14. Old French coin
15. Lavish
17. Bathed
19. Plan of a town site
20. Measure
21. Rob
23. Love story
26. English letter
27. Icy
29. Destroy
30. Circuit
32. Ancient Venetian magistrates
34. Feminine name
35. Tip
37. Helmsman
39. Pronoun
40. Cooked with water vapor
42. That for which a thing may be bought
44. Aback
45. Stuff
46. Public lodging house
48. Moved to and fro
51. Have obligations
52. Oriental
54. Biblical priest
55. Finish
56. Musical composition
57. Loiter

DOWN

1. Snake
2. Evergreen tree
3. Figure of speech
4. Amounted to
5. Powder
6. Female deer
7. Near
8. Capital of Oregon
9. Income
10. Solid water
11. Mire
16. Banner
18. Oil of rose petals: variant
20. Miniature representation
21. Seasons
22. Characteristic
23. Stiff
24. Pertaining to a city
25. Growing out
28. Canters
31. Arranged in folds
33. High voice
36. Story
38. Snare
41. Of the cheek
43. Drive
45. Dressed
46. Garden implement
47. Possess
48. Fish's organ of motion
49. Old musical note
50. Burrow
52. Thus



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Solution of Saturday's Puzzle

ROOM AND BOARD . . . . By Gene Ahern