

Father of the Bride

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MR. BANKS FACES A GUEST PROBLEM

Kay was alone at the breakfast table when he came down the next morning, feeling as if he had just returned from a three-day college reunion. Looking like a May morning, she slipped a piece of bread into the toaster for him.

"Hi, Pops," he said gloomily. He wondered how it was that women could go through these shattering emotional scenes and bounce up a few hours later as carefree as a sea gull behind the Queen Mary. A thought began to formulate in his jaded mind.

"Listen, Kitten, I've got an idea but for God's sake don't tell your mother."

Each white card was debated at length and returned to its place with a sigh.

"Of course not. What is it, Pops?"

"I'll give you and Buckley \$1500 to elope."

"Are you kidding?"

"No, honest."

"Why, Pops, you must be out of your mind. Elope? Not have a wedding? Why, I wouldn't dream of it. Why, you know Mom would die if I didn't have a wedding with all the trimmings. I guess I would too. Not have any friends to see me get married—and all the people I've grown up with. Why, it would not be getting married, Pops. But you're just pulling my leg."

"O.K.," he said. "I just thought—"

She came around the table and kissed him on the ear. "You're sweet, Pops. Only don't stew so much."

It was decided that one hundred and fifty was the absolute maximum that could be packed into 24 Maple Drive without physical injury. An additional one hundred might receive invitation to the church, but certainly not to the reception.

This did not mean, of course, that the invitations must be limited to these numbers. People living at great distances wouldn't show up if they were in their right minds, so the Bankses might as well get the credit for having asked them.

Mr. Banks estimated that they could also rely on returns from a third of the local invitations. On that basis, they could ask two hundred and twenty-five to both the church and the reception and one hundred and fifty additional just to the church.

To Mrs. Banks, who was used to entertaining on a retail level, this seemed like a staggering number. She proposed that each one make a separate list—just the people they really wanted.

This task occupied a harmonious evening.

Mrs. Banks jotted down the names of all living relatives, minus the obituary was encyclopedic, plus her special cronies in the Garden and Bridge clubs.

Kay put down the classmates who had written fatuous messages across her photograph in her copy of the Heathwood Hall class album, all the young men who had ever asked her to make football games, and people whom she had visited for more than two days. In a burst of gratitude she threw in the fathers and mothers of those who had put her up (or vice versa) for more than a week.

Mr. Banks thought in terms of old friends. As his memory lim-

bered up, their dim forms passed before him almost faster than he could write them down. By the time he had finished with World War I his heart was overflowing with good-fellowship.

He spent the following evening combining the lists. There were alarmingly few duplications. Apparently the members of the Banks family had no friends in common.

Finally he turned to his wife and daughter with a sadistic leer. "Guess how many?"

"Mrs. Banks squirmed uneasily. "Two hundred," she ventured, without conviction.

"Five hundred and seventy-two," shouted Mr. Banks triumphantly. "Five! Seven! Two! What did I tell you?"

Mrs. Banks grabbed the lists. "Nonsense. You've done something wrong. I'll bet I can cut this down. Now look here, we certainly don't need to have the Sparkmans. We never see them and as for that dyed-haired woman I don't care if I ever have her in my house again."

Mr. Banks wondered why it was that, every time he discovered an attractive woman, Mrs. Banks said her hair was dyed. And anyway what if it was? "Listen," he said. He was dignified now; cool, austere—and on guard. "Do you realize that Harry Sparkman is one of my most intimate friends, to say nothing of being a very good client?"

"How ridiculous. You hardly ever see him. We can ask them to the church. We can ask them to the church."

"The church?" cried Mr. Banks. "You mean to say you want to ask Harry and Jane Sparkman to the church and not to the house? Did they ask us just to the church when their daughter got married? No. And you were delighted to go to the reception. The church!"

The following evening Mr. Banks returned with a card file and large quantities of three-by-five cards.

"The pink are for 'church only,'" he explained.

"The white ones are 'church and reception.' Now here's a rubber stamp. Whenever you're sure someone can't come stamp that card 'P. N. C.' That means 'probably not coming.'"

"Five hundred and seventy-two," shouted Mr. Banks, triumphantly.

Three nights later everyone's name had been written on a pink or a white card. Then Mr. Banks took the second census.

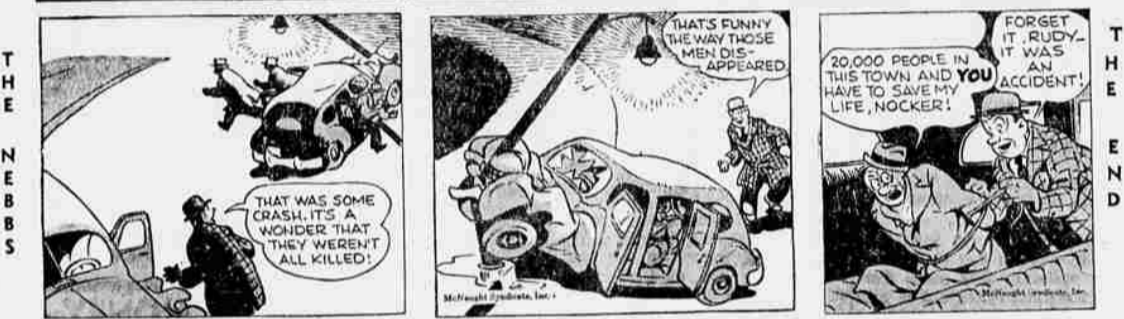
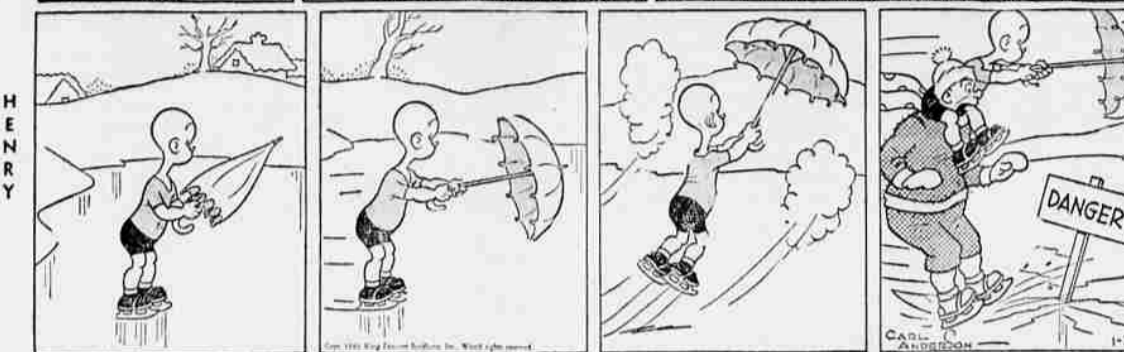
"Here's the box score," he announced at last. "Ten people have been asked to the church and not the reception. Five hundred and sixty-two have been asked to both. There are one hundred and fifty cards stamped 'P. N. C.' That leaves four hundred and ten people who might show up. Figuring that a third of them won't, you'll have two hundred and seventy-three people at the reception. All we've got to do is throw a hundred and twenty-three people out on their necks."

Kay yawned. "I'm going to bed. My list is right down to the bone, so I can't be of any help." She stalked out of the room, swinging her hips with dignity.

"We can work it out," said Mrs. Banks. "Kay's upset. All we have to do is to shift these superfluous people over to the church and not invite them to the reception."

Each white card was removed from the box, debated at length, and returned to its original place with a sigh. At the end of each round, they had succeeded in eliminating or relegating to the church only a handful of names. Quite obviously they were getting nowhere.

(To Be Continued)



RADIO PROGRAMS

TUESDAY—P.M.				
KGW 630 KBC	KOIN 700 CHB	KEX 1190 ABC	KSLM 1190 MIC	KOCO 1490 Kc
5:00 The 2 of Us	Feature Story	Green Hornet	Straight Arrow	Band of Day
5:15 News	Little Show	Green Hornet	Straight Arrow	Band of Day
5:30 Fanny Brice	News	Jack Armstrong	B-Bar-B Ranch	Business News
5:45 Fanny Brice	News	Jack Armstrong	B-Bar-B Ranch	Business News
6:00 Pop Hope	Life With Lulu	Headline Edit.	Gabriel Heater	Candle's & Sil.
6:15 Pop Hope	Life With Lulu	Headline Edit.	Gabriel Heater	Candle's & Sil.
6:30 McGee & Molly	Meditation	Mod. Romanes	Northwest News	Tells Test
6:45 McGee & Molly	Meditation	Mod. Romanes	Northwest News	Tells Test
7:00 Mable	Hit the Jackpot	Country	Drama of Med.	Medical J'kno
7:15 Mable	Hit the Jackpot	Country	Drama of Med.	Medical J'kno
7:30 Pops are Fun	Escape	Solo & Solo.	Riders in Sky	Kelvin Knight
7:45 Pops are Fun	Escape	Solo & Solo.	Riders in Sky	Kelvin Knight
8:00 Sinatra, Kirst.	Low, Thomas	Defense Time	Count M. Grato	Track 1400
8:15 News of World	Jack Smith	Defense Time	Count M. Grato	Track 1400
8:30 Cavalcade	Mrs. Mrs. North	Bovero	Count M. Grato	Track 1400
8:45 Cavalcade	Mrs. Mrs. North	Bovero	Count M. Grato	Track 1400
9:00 Ronald Coleman	Mystery Thea.	Town Meeting	Glenn Hardy	Track 1400
9:15 Ronald Coleman	Mystery Thea.	Town Meeting	Glenn Hardy	Track 1400
9:30 Big Town	Headline	News	Favorite Story	News
9:45 Big Town	Headline	News	Favorite Story	News
10:00 Sam Harem	Club 15	Richfield Rept.	Fulton Lewis	Night Song
10:15 Sam Harem	Club 15	Richfield Rept.	Fulton Lewis	Night Song
10:30 Sport Page	You & World	Interessa	Sel. Loc. News	Night Song
10:45 Dance Hour	Orchestra	Concert Hour	John Wolahan	Night Song
11:00 News	Serenade	Concert Hour	John Wolahan	Night Song
11:15 Vax Museum	Treasure Hunt	Concert Hour	John Wolahan	Night Song
11:30 Vax Museum	Treasure Hunt	Concert Hour	John Wolahan	Night Song
11:45 Vax Museum	Oran	Concert Hour	John Wolahan	Night Song
12:00 Sign Off	Silent	Concert Hour	John Wolahan	Night Song

WEDNESDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

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DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550		KOAC	
1:00 Backstage Wife	Art Baker	11:00 News	11:00 News
1:15 Stella Dallas	Barnes' Folies	11:15 News	11:15 News
1:30 News	News	11:30 News	11:30 News
1:45 Widder Brown	News	11:45 News	11:45 News
2:00 A Girl Marries	News	12:00 News	12:00 News
2:15 Par. Faces Life	News	12:15 News	12:15 News
2:30 Par. Faces Life	News	12:30 News	12:30 News
2:45 Par. Faces Life	News	12:45 News	12:45 News
3:00 Welcome Trav.	News	1:00 News	1:00 News
3:15 Welcome Trav.	News	1:15 News	1:15 News
3:30 Welcome Trav.	News	1:30 News	1:30 News
3:45 Welcome Trav.	News	1:45 News	1:45 News
4:00 Woman's Secret	News	2:00 News	2:00 News
4:15 Woman's Secret	News	2:15 News	2:15 News
4:30 Woman's Secret	News	2:30 News	2:30 News
4:45 Woman's Secret	News	2:45 News	2:45 News

tion December 23. The Draperville councilmen will elect a mayor and set up their government following the March 10 election.

Draperville Voters Will Elect Council

Albany — Draperville voters, Linn county's newest town, will elect five councilmen at their first election March 10, 1950, according to a resolution passed by the Linn county court declaring the community to be a municipal corporation.

The declaration was in conformity with the vote taken by residents of the area at an elec-

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Test
2. Writing material
3. Flower
4. Negative
5. Moslem friar
6. Among
7. Greek letter
8. Banquet
9. Corroded
10. Play
11. Occupy a seat
12. Crystallized rain
13. Performer
14. Sweet drink
15. Put to flight

DOWN

1. Atlantic states
2. Nuisance
3. Indian
4. Take in all
5. Nuisance
6. Nuisance
7. Indian
8. Hebrew letters
9. Literary
10. Beams
11. Metric measure
12. Close relative
13. Concocted
14. Soothing medicine
15. Structure of bodily
16. Cook
17. Stupefies
18. Groves
19. Variety of lettuce
20. Painless
21. Noiseless
22. Nothing more
23. Cattle raised for food
24. Walk through water
25. Laments
26. European rabbit
27. Large
28. Spoil
29. Trick
30. Mother

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Test 2. Writing material 3. Flower 4. Negative 5. Moslem friar 6. Among 7. Greek letter 8. Banquet 9. Corroded 10. Play 11. Occupy a seat 12. Crystallized rain 13. Performer 14. Sweet drink 15. Put to flight

1. Atlantic states 2. Nuisance 3. Indian 4. Take in all 5. Nuisance 6. Nuisance 7. Indian 8. Hebrew letters 9. Literary 10. Beams 11. Metric measure 12. Close relative 13. Concocted 14. Soothing medicine 15. Structure of bodily 16. Cook 17. Stupefies 18. Groves 19. Variety of lettuce 20. Painless 21. Noiseless 22. Nothing more 23. Cattle raised for food 24. Walk through water 25. Laments 26. European rabbit 27. Large 28. Spoil 29. Trick 30. Mother

ROOM AND BOARD

By Gene Ahern

AMM-KIA. I HAVE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT THE NEW LODGER, MR. SNORSEGGLE. WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HIS CHARACTER OR BUSINESS. AND SINCE YOU'D UP HIS ROOM, DOES HE KEEP ANYTHING IN IT OTHER THAN WEARING APPAREL? AND HAVE YOU NOTICED ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE MAN?

THE ONLY UNUSUAL THING ABOUT HIM IS THAT HE MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS AND DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY. OF COURSE THAT MAKES HIM AN ODD FREAK IN THIS HOUSE OF SNORERS AND GABBY CROWS!

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