

Father of the Bride

By EDWARD STREETER. Illustrated by Gluyas Williams



He walked out behind his wife, smirking to right and left.

WHO GIVETH THIS WOMAN?

Although Mr. Banks had been in St. George's many times before it was as strange to him at this instant as a Byzantine mosque. The sea of faces that shot suddenly upward from the pews as the organ played were unreal. Even the girl beside him was a stranger. She was no longer his little daughter, but a beautiful, serene woman into whom all wisdom had suddenly and mysteriously flowed. She stood, at the threshold of her greatest adventure, her face lit with understanding and confidence.

It was difficult to conceive how an earthy chap like Buckley could have produced this miracle. Having produced it, his responsibility to maintain it was great. It would be a terrible thing to betray that expression in Kay's eyes. They were fixed far beyond Buckley, on an ideal which perhaps no mortal could hope to achieve, but which was all the more precious because of its unattainability. A thousand generations of women were standing behind Kay now.

At this particular instant he was horrified to note that two of the bridesmaids had begun to snifle. "Good God," said Mr. Banks, but he had no time to develop the idea. The organ sounded off with its warning thumps. Kay patted his arm. "Well, Pops, we're off."

"O.K. with the right foot," hissed Mr. Trinkle. "Right foot, I said," hissed Mr. Banks. Mr. Banks shifted quickly. Everyone else changed step at the same moment and he had to shift back again. Good God, said Mr. Banks, this wedding march or a minuet? The procession passed through the oak doorway into the church.

Out of the corners of his eyes Mr. Banks caught glimpses of familiar faces. Their expressions paid tribute to the girl at his side. Pride dispelled all other emotions. He saw Buckley and the best man waiting for them at the end of the aisle. Mr. Galsworthy stood on the chancel steps smiling ever so slightly.

Now they were lined up before the steps and the minister was reading from a white satin book with a purple marker hanging from it. Dimly, Mr. Banks was aware that he had a cue coming. When Mr. Galsworthy reached the place where he asked, "Who giveth this woman?" Mr. Banks was to say, "I do."

It was his only line in the show. He wanted to acquit himself creditably and began to consider his delivery. He didn't want to mumble it in a shamefaced kind of way. On the other hand if he boomed it out it would have an eager-beaver quality suggesting that he was delighted to get Kay off his hands. He compromised, a well-modulated, dignified delivery.

"Who giveth this woman?" intoned the rich baritone of the Reverend Mr. Galsworthy from far above him. It caught him off guard in spite of all precautions. Kay nudged him and placed her hand in his. "I do," he murmured almost inaudibly, and passed her hand to Buckley. As he performed the simple act he was conscious that something deep within him ripped slightly.

He did not see the rest. Turning slowly, he stared defiantly at the rows of faces, then entered the first pew and stood beside Mrs. Banks. He tried in vain to listen to the words of the service—and then suddenly it was all over.

It seemed impossible, but it was definitely over. Kay and Buckley were kissing. The organ had broken into the joyous notes of the Mendelssohn Wedding March, like a little bell released from Sunday school into spring sunshine. The maid of honor was struggling with Kay's train. The wedding guests

were searching under the pews for lost gear and poking out hats that wives had sat on.

Kay beamed at them happily as she went by, her arm through Buckley's, and again Mr. Banks felt that queer little rendering in the center of his being. The flashing of bulbs indicated that Weisgold and Weisgold were still their old candid selves. Tommy appeared, to take his mother out.

It was over. The wedding dress, the bridesmaids' dresses, the struggles with cutaways, the invitations, the flowers, the lists, the rehearsal, the arguments, apprehensions, doubts and bewilderments had all suddenly become memories.

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STEVE ROOPER
HENRY
ORPHAN ANNIE
LILL ABNER
HOPALONG
MUTT & JEFF
RUSTY
RILEY
DONALD DUCK
MARY WORTH



RADIO PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY—P.M.				
KGW	KOIN	KEX	KSLM	KOCO
630 NBC	570 CBB	1190 ABC	1390 MBC	1400 KJ
5:00 The 2 of De... 5:15 News 5:30 Times News 5:45 Kimer Peterson	Knox Manning Little Show Kyr King Kyr King	Challenges of Tullon Kyr King Edw. C. Hill Groncho Marx Groncho Marx Wing Crosby Dick Powell	Gabriel Heaster Tom Mix Tom Mix Talia Test Serenade	Band of Day Band of Day Bing Crosby Business News Candle Light and Silver News Twilight Song
6:00 Year Life 6:15 You Life 6:30 Dick Powell 7:00 Big Story 7:15 Big Story 7:30 Curly Time 7:45 Curly Time	Burns & Allen Burns & Allen Hollywood Lowell Thomas Jack Smith Dr. Christian Gregory Hood	Edw. C. Hill Home Edition Mod. Remnants Knox Manning Lena Banger Lena Banger Dr. I. Q.	Names of That Zero First Lean Bek., List. Trio	Track 1490 Track 1490 Track 1490 Track 1490
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10:00 Sam Hayes 10:15 Mindy Carson 10:30 Dick Henry 10:45 Tex Williams	B. Star Final You & World Orchestra Orchestra	Rehlig, Reporter Entertainment Concert Hour Concert Hour	Fulton Lewis Local Club News Eddie Howard	Frontier Town Frontier Town Music You Want Music You Want
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FM Me., KGW 100.5, 8-10 p.m.; KOIN 101.1, 4 a.m., 12 p.m.; KEX 92.5, 8 to 9 p.m.

WOODBURN ROTARIANS Plan Special Events

Woodburn — Speaker at the Woodburn Rotary club meeting this week was Carl Werner of Portland, public relations man in the west coast area for the past 25 years, who spoke on how advertising is applied to the everyday economics of living. He was introduced by Eugene Stoller, program chairman. New members welcomed were Irvin Westenskow and D. W. Christensen.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS												
1. Existed	20. Gypsy											
4. Vigilant	21. Repaired											
7. Gush	22. Ignited again											
12. Gony by	26. Word of consent											
13. American	28. Wagon coat											
14. Resolves into grammatical elements	35. Covers											
15. Male cat	41. Give forth											
16. Can	42. Giddig											
18. Upright	47. Stimulation											
20. Fall short	48. Picture											
21. Fixed charge	49. Bitter herb											
22. Party	50. Article of apparel											
23. Mountain pass	51. Make reparations											
24. Fool	52. Before											
25. English author	53. Wild animal											

DOWN												
1. Occasionally												
2. Diphthong												
3. Artificial language												
4. Pill												
5. Ghostly												
6. Stow												
7. Wireless fragment												
8. Employ												
9. Macaque												
10. Surname												
11. Ingredient of sealing wax												
12. Evergreen tree												
13. Kind of bean												
14. Charm												
15. Poem												
16. Directed												
17. Time												
18. Masculine name												
19. Beam												
20. Leaf of the palm-ya palm												
21. Prizes												
22. Withdraw												
23. Implement												
24. Season highly												
25. Smooth and shiny												
26. Ireland												
27. Body joint												
28. Room in a harem												
29. Lift holes												
30. Self												
31. Proucon												

ROOM AND BOARD



Webbs Dinner Hosts

Oak Point—Mr. and Mrs. Don Webb entertained a group of friends at a dinner and party recently. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. David Bonneau, Dixie and Diane, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daugherty, Clifford and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Al Leonatti, Thomas, Don Jr., Bobby and Sharon Webb.

