

# SANTA and the FLYING PUP

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Synopsis: The Dreamliners, Mr. Not Much and Mr. Very Little, worry about their quest, who is being held by Gremlins. While they are waiting for Santa to help them rescue her, they make a pair of wings for Willie the pup. Willie climbs a high mountain to try to see him, when he jumps off the mountain, he falls smack in the middle of a puffy white cloud and is swept away.

**CHAPTER 10**  
**THE CLOUDKEEPER**  
As the bulging white cloud holding Willie swept over Santa Land the little pup wailed long and mournfully.  
His friends waiting eagerly to see him soar out of the sky were astonished.  
"Mercy me!" cried Mr. Not Much. "Willie has turned into a cloud!"  
"It's a magic spell!" said Mr. Very Little. "We must tell Santa

at once. He should know we are surrounded by an evil spirit!"  
Santa was working in the bicycle shop. At the same time he was trying to figure out a plan to save the Dreamliners from the Gremlins. Suddenly Mr. Not Much and Mr. Very Little burst in and announced that Willie had been turned into a cloud.  
Santa ran out of the shop and gazed up at the sky. Sure enough a puffy white cloud was sailing overhead and Santa could hear Willie's voice moaning in the cloud.  
Mr. Not Much and Mr. Very Little clung to Santa's boots. They shook with fear.  
"Who knows?" they whispered. "The evil spirit may change us into stars or the moon or something. It was a very bad thing to have helped the puppy with his wings."  
"Nonsense," said Santa. "There is no evil spirit here. Willie has somehow fallen into a cloud and is being blown away with it. That's all there is to it."  
"Oh, my!" cried Mr. Not Much with relief. "But how will he ever get out of the cloud?"  
"I'll have to see about that," sighed Santa.

He went to the stables and hitched up two reindeer. Then he climbed in the sleigh and shouted: "To the Cloud Keeper! Fly!"  
Silently the reindeer rose into the air and sped to a lofty castle atop a far away mountain.  
When they landed Santa leaped out and rushed into the castle. He found an ancient, silver-haired man sitting in a high-backed chair. "Hello, Mr. Claus," said the old man. "You are early. Christmas is not yet awhile."  
"Mr. Cloud Keeper, I have not come to fill your stockings," said Santa. "I have come to ask you to do something about a little puppy who has fallen into one of your clouds and is being swept away with it."  
"The old Cloud Keeper rose from his chair. "I can get him out," he said. "But it won't be pleasant for him."  
"He went to his desk and pressed three buttons. "There," he said. "I have changed all the clouds near Santa Land into rain clouds. Soon your puppy will be washed out of the sky."  
Santa thanked his friend and raced back to Santa Land. All the Santa Land workers had learned of Willie's troubles. Now they stood outdoors anxiously watching the darkening sky.  
Suddenly there was a clap of thunder, a streak of lightning and the howl of a puppy dog.  
"It's Willie!" cried the Dreamliners. "He's in that cloud—the blackest one of all!"  
At that moment the cloud burst open and Willie himself hurtled toward the ground in a torrent of rain. He packed down breathless and exhausted at Santa's feet.  
Poor pup. He put what there was of his tail between his legs and gazed miserably at Santa.  
"I was only trying to learn to fly," he said.  
"I see," nodded Santa. "I want to fill your stockings," said Willie wistfully.  
"Oh," said Santa.  
"I did want to fly like the reindeer," cried Willie. "His eyes brightened at the thought. "Do you know if it is possible I could ever learn?"  
"Willie," said Santa gently. "There is no way to fly like the reindeer. But it is very hard to learn."  
Willie sprang up. "I can learn!" he cried. "Just tell me the way!"  
(Next: An Unselfish Deed)

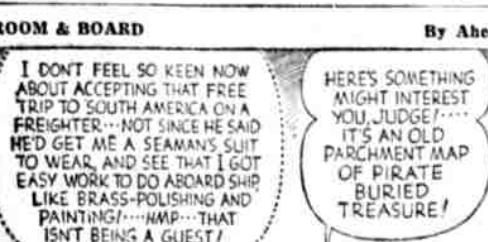
**Xmas Baskets For Woodburn**  
Woodburn — A community wide project to provide Christmas baskets of food and toys for underprivileged families in the Woodburn area was launched this week by civic organizations.  
Donations of food may be left at the city hall, or in special baskets at local grocery stores. Clothing is to be taken to the city hall. New toys may be left either at the city hall, the C. H. Ahrens hardware store or the Woodburn Variety store. Cash donations for the purchase of last minute articles for the baskets may be sent to L. H. Hildebrandt of Lynn Simon.  
All kinds of food and canned and commercial, will be used. The baskets will be made up just before Christmas and recipients will be determined by the recommendations of Mrs. John Hooper of the Community Chest and Neil Calkins, police chief. Anyone knowing of a needy family is asked to contact either Calkins or Mrs. Hooper. The deadline for the project is December 23.

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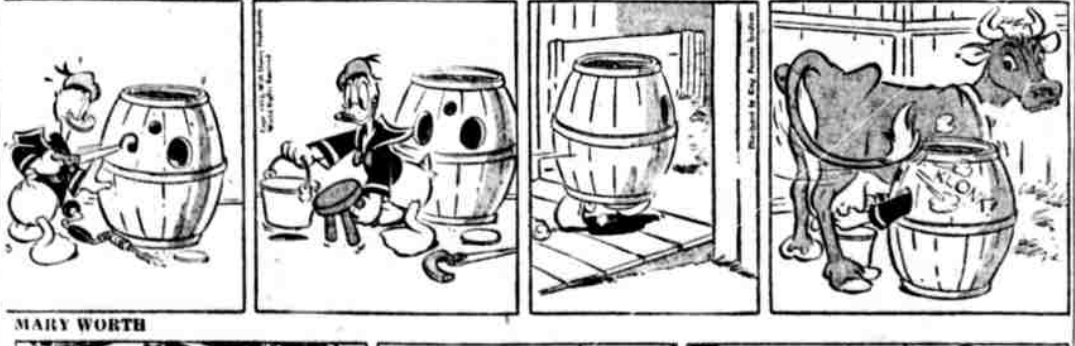
**ROOM & BOARD** By Ahern  
I DON'T FEEL SO KEEN NOW ABOUT ACCEPTING THAT FREE TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA ON A FRIEGHTER... NOT SINCE HE SAID HE'D GET ME A SEAMAN'S SUIT TO WEAR, AND SEE THAT I GOT EASY WORK TO DO ABOARD SHIP LIKE BRASS-POLISHING AND PAINTING!... HMP... THAT ISN'T BEING A GUEST!  
HERE'S SOMETHING MIGHT INTEREST YOU, JUDGE!... IT'S AN OLD PARCHMENT MAP OF PIRATE BURIED TREASURE!



HELLO SHELLEY!  
WELL! IT APPEARS THAT THE BEST SELLER HAS BEEN DOING SOME BUYING! VERY... UM... IMPRESSIVE... JIM!  
DON'T TILT YOUR NOSE AT ME! YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME IT WAS A FORM OF SNOBBERY TO LIVE LIKE A SLOB WHEN I COULD AFFORD BETTER!  
GET IN!... WE'VE GOT A LOT TO TALK ABOUT!  
I'M SORRY, JIM!... WE HAVE NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT!



ANOTHER PRIZE FROM HIS OLD DUFFLE BAG



# RADIO PROGRAMS

TUESDAY—P. M.					
KGW	KOIN	KEX	KSLM	KGAE	KOCO
630 NBC	970 CBS	1230 ABC	1200 NBC	1630 NBC	1500 KC
12:00 News of Life	News	Paul Harvey News Edition	Top Tractor News	News	Music
12:15 House Party	House Party	San Haven	Gar 90's	Spider	Music
12:30 Back Stage	Billie Jean	Kap West	Better Shows	Spider	Music
12:45 Stella Dallas	A. Godfrey	Kap West	Debbid Harry	Spider	Music
1:00 Wm. in Ho	A. Godfrey	Kap West	Lucky U	Spider	Music
1:15 Plain Hill	Godfrey	Jack's Place	News	Spider	Music
1:30 Don's Wife	Masser	Godfrey	News	Spider	Music
1:45 Welcome	Travelers	Wanda Ode	For the Girls	Spider	World News
2:00 Dr. Paul	Ruth Ashby	For the Girls	Talk Test	Spider	Time News
2:15 D. Garraway	Ruth Ashby	For the Girls	Jack Kirby	Spider	Time News
2:30 Life Savers	Richard	Santa Claus	Pullman Lewis	Spider	Music
2:45 Musical	Richard	Richard	News	Spider	Music
3:00 Bill Stern	Richard	Richard	News	Spider	Music
3:15 L. McCall	Richard	Richard	News	Spider	Music
3:30 Relax Music	Richard	Richard	News	Spider	Music
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**WEDNESDAY—6 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M.**

6:00 Dave West	6:30 Dave West	7:00 Johnny Willis	7:15 Country Ed	7:30 G. I. Joe	7:45 G. I. Joe	8:00 Old Songs	8:15 Old Songs	8:30 Old Songs	8:45 Old Songs	9:00 News	9:15 News	9:30 News	9:45 News	10:00 News	10:15 News	10:30 News	10:45 News	11:00 News	11:15 News	11:30 News	11:45 News
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**Waterloo Re-elects Seven Incumbents**  
Lebanon — Of Waterloo's 48 registered voters, 32 went to the polls this week to re-elect seven incumbents to office and select five new city officials.  
Mayor Douglas Gates was returned to office, as was Bada Pearson, recorder-judge, and councilmen Joe Heterscheid, Lee Dobson, Walter Ashlock, Chester Pearson and James Pynnell.  
New officers are Ben Canaga, treasurer; Donald Richards, marshal, and three new councilmen, Jack Surret, Everett Jacobs and Clarence Wingham.  
A spokesman for the counting board reported that nearly

**Towers Appointed State Conservator**  
Washington (AP)—Harold E. Towers, Portland, Friday was named Oregon conservator under the Agriculture Department's Soil Conservation reorganization.  
He formerly was assistant regional director of the Portland office. Under the reorganization the regional offices will be eliminated and the work transferred to state offices or to Washington, D. C.  
John H. Christ, former regional director at Portland, was named conservatorist at Hawaii.  
every eligible resident in Waterloo received at least one vote for the post of council member.

**Crossword Puzzle**

ACROSS  
1. Diplomacy  
3. Flow back  
8. Place away  
10. For future reference  
12. Acidity  
13. And not  
14. Russian  
15. Mountains  
17. City in Ohio  
17. Three-toed sloth  
18. Slender  
19. Understands  
22. American humorist  
24. He, French  
25. Coat of certain animals  
26. Contractor  
29. Salamanders  
33. Priestly tribe of Israel  
34. Purpose

DOWN  
36. Seed covering  
37. Choose by vote  
39. Assent  
41. Lubricate  
43. 100 square meters of land  
44. Recently acquired  
45. Eternal  
50. Hindu goddess  
51. Davi  
52. Light wood  
55. Fish sauce  
56. Self  
58. Kind of fuel  
59. Greater amount  
60. Not strict  
61. Margin  
61. Government levy

**Solution of Saturday's Puzzle**

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