

CROSS TOWN
By Roland Coe



BOBBY SOX
By Marty Links



Imaginary Interviews
President Truman and His Mom.
Mom—Well, Harry, you sure do look all frazzled out. What on earth's happened to you?
Harry—What hasn't! Gosh, mom, I sometimes wish I had never left the farm.
Mom—I tried to get you to stay, son. I warned you about those city folks. You could have been a prosperous farmer today with no worries.
Harry—Shucks, mom, a farmer has his worries.
Mom—Yes, but he doesn't have a flock of newspaper editors telling him what to do next. You'd be happy right now with a farm and cows and chickens and turkeys.
Harry—It would be just my luck to have to milk cows, surrounded by radio commentators. As for chickens, mom, I think I'd like 'em. There's never any doubt who's laying the eggs. So far as turkeys are concerned there are more big ones in Washington than in all Missouri.
Mom—I wish I could tell that awful John Lewis what I think of him for the way he's treated you. What did you ever do to make an enemy of him?
Harry—Nothing. Friend or foes are all alike to John.
Mom—And that railroad mess! It's terrible the way they all gang up on you, son. Why don't you tell 'em all to go to thunder and come back to Missouri for keeps while you're still able?
Harry—A President can't walk out.
Mom—It seems that everybody else can. What's all this about you seizing things to right and left?
Harry—It's just a figure of speech. I seize mines and railroads theoretically, that's all.
Mom—You look as if they had seized you, and NOT theoretically. I hate old Mrs. Gufaston more than ever.
Harry—Who is she?
Mom—When you were a baby she said you might grow up to be President!
Harry—Maybe she didn't know what it meant.
Mom—See here, Harry, what's this stuff in the papers about you refusing a pardon?
Harry—What do you mean, refusing a pardon?
Mom—It says you want a second term. Tell me it ain't so!
Harry—Gosh, mother, you told me to go to Washington and plow a straight furrow, didn't you?
Mom—I didn't say anything about an eight-year furrow. Just be sensible, my boy, and come home to Missouri where people love you, where they know you for the fine man you are and where nobody wants to scalp you every few minutes.
Harry—Think how I'd look if I quit the White House, mom!
Mom—Think how you'll look if you don't, my son!

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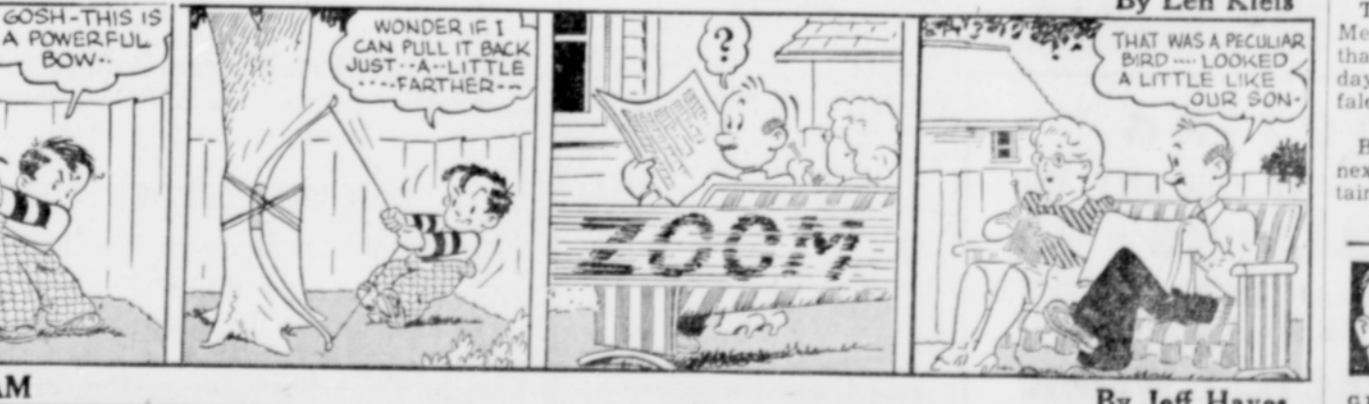
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