

# Nothing Venture

by Patricia Wentworth

**SYNOPSIS:** Nan, her husband, Jervis, and her friend Francis, their guest, are saved almost miraculously from death beneath their car, which overturns because of a mysteriously loosened wheel. Two days before Nan and Jervis nearly fell to death through a weakened bridge, Robert Leonard is hovering near, yet Jervis sees nothing strange although Ferdinand describes a chemical to rot wood about which Leonard could have known.

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Jervis turned to Francis: "So Leonard put your friend Eisenhalt's stuff to weaken wood on the bridge, and then—did you happen to think out how he was going to arrange that it was Nan and I who would cross the bridge at the psychological moment?"

"It didn't require much arranging. You brought Nan down here on a pouring wet evening. It was a certainty that you weren't going to wander round and show her the sights in the rain. It was certain that as soon as it stopped you'd show her around, and one of the first things you'd show her would be the waterfall."

"And what does everyone do when they're being shown the fall? Don't they stand in the middle of that bridge and look down into the pool? Robert Leonard knew that

# HOOVER DEDICATES NEW POSTOFFICE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Wielding the same trowel employed by George Washington in laying the cornerstone of the Capitol building, 139 years ago, President Hoover today formally dedicated the cornerstone of the new ten million dollar postoffice building here.

In an address at the ceremonies, the President praised the growth and accomplishments of the postal service as "a factor second to no other in the upbuilding and development of modern America."

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# R. F. C. FUNDS FOR WHEAT LOANS AIM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—(AP)—President Hoover and officials of interested federal agencies are considering ways of using reconstruction corporation funds to finance sales of northwestern wheat to China.

Such a proposal, involving possibly 15,000,000 bushels or more of privately-owned grain and an \$8,000,000 loan, was discussed yesterday at a white house conference attended by Secretary Hyde, corporation directors and farm board officials.

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# SAMS VALLEY PLANS POLITICAL MEETING

SAMS VALLEY, Sept. 27.(Spl.)—Everyone is invited to attend the political meeting at the school house Wednesday night. The meeting sponsored by the grange, is held for

the purpose of discussing and stabilizing the many different measures to be voted on this fall, that the voters may understand more fully what they are voting on. Capable men will be present to offer information.

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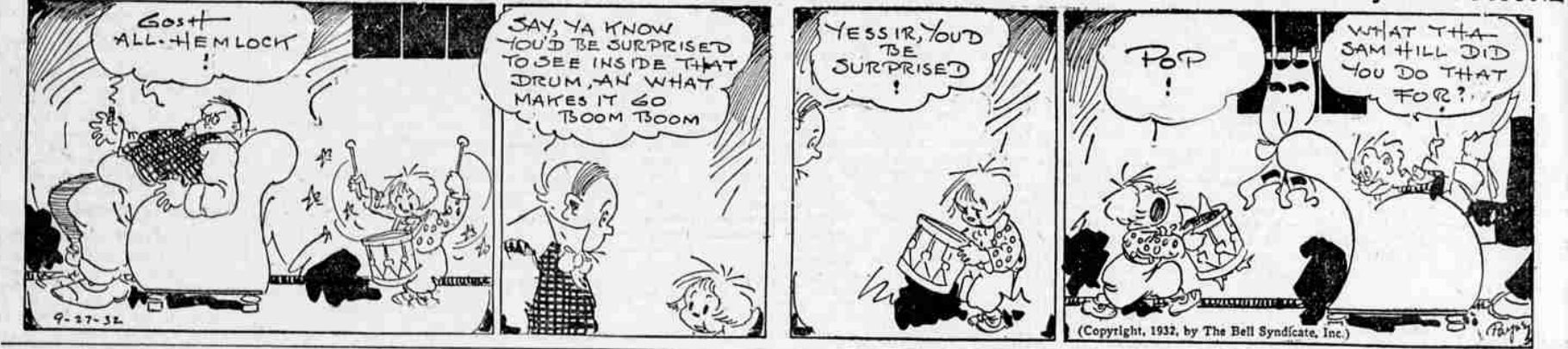
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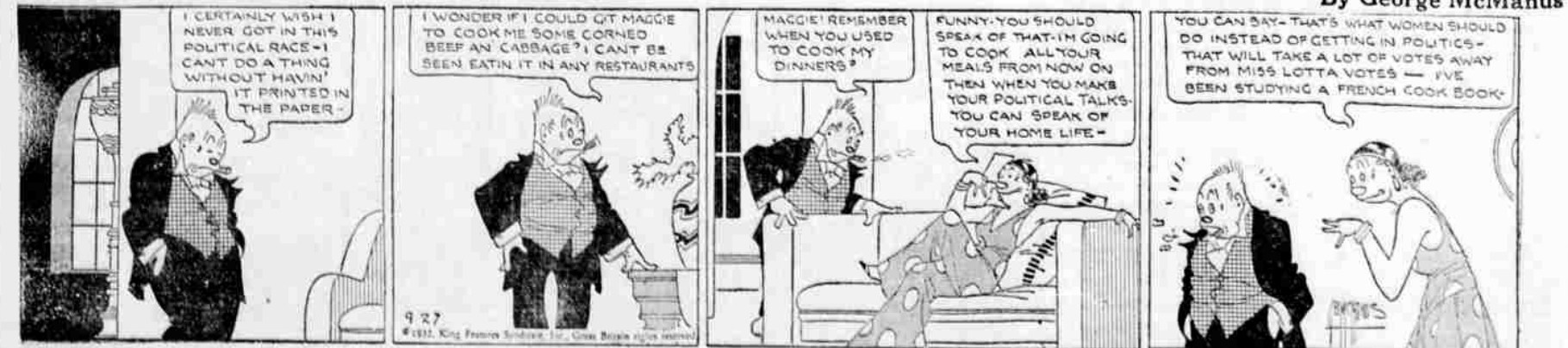
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# MUTT AND JEFF—Full Details In Nine Words



By BUD FISHER

# BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus



"You made it easy for Robert to tamper with your car," said F. F. just as well as I know it, and he'd only got to slip over to the bridge any time in the night to arrange things so that the next person who walked over the bridge would give an exhibition of high diving."

"You only want that convenient witness of yours! Can't you produce him? He ought to have seen Leonard at the fatal spot."

"I did see him," said Nan. "I told you I did."

Jervis laughed.

"Oh, yes—I forgot—Nan saw him! The case is complete! She looked out of her window in the middle of the night, and saw him by a flash of lightning! He must have been the best part of a couple of hundred yards away—but what is that to the eye of faith? We couldn't have an accident without Leonard, so somebody's bound to have seen him hanging round!"

"Come on, F. F.! It's going to be a job to saddle him with the wheel coming off my car, but I suppose you're going to try."

He tilted his black head and looked at them both. His brows were gone. His look had a surface brilliance of amusement, but under it Nan, at least, was aware of something fiercely challenging.

She thought, "He hates me. I can't help him."

And then Ferdinand was speaking.

"Well," he said, "if Robert wanted to tamper with your car, you made it easy for him."

"Attaboy!" murmured Jervis.

"Well, didn't you? After you'd put us down at the front door you ran way back into the shade. I located the place after I'd cleaned up. Your oil had dripped some. There you were, half way down to the garage with that left front wheel in a lot of bushes."

"And where was Robert till about the middle of lunch? Messing about to glory at any moment."

"Say first instead of last, and I'm with you."

Jervis gave a short laugh.

"So he's suicidal as well as homicidal!"

Ferdinand sat back in his chair.

"We've got to take some risks in this world," he replied. "Isn't it obvious he'd have left the wheel so that it would have run you well away from the Teeterleys? And if he'd been in such a hurry as he said to reach those incubators would he have stood mopping his face and watching us out of sight when we put him down?"

"Humph! And F. F., can you give one single reason why Leonard should want to kill me?"

Ferdinand glanced quickly at Nan, but she was looking down into her lap. Jervis went on:

"It's not up to me to unravel your mystery. But I might say that if I had been killed, this afternoon Leonard would not have profited one cent."

"Who would?" asked Ferdinand.

"You, if you'd been a survivor. Are you carrying a wrench today? Because you're down for \$10,000 in my will, and there's about as much evidence against you as against Leonard. You were present the day I almost drowned; you knew the chemist; you were in New York when the taxi ran me down—"

Francis laughed, and held up his hand.

"Is there anybody who might inherit your property whom you couldn't cut out of your will?"

"Rosamund Carow."

"And whom is Leonard with almost constantly the last few weeks?"

"Rosamund, but—"

F. F. shrugged.

"There you are, Jervis."

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Nan speaks her mind tomorrow, and Jervis learns more about her.

# WILLIAMS SCHOOL OFFICERS CHOSEN

WILLIAMS CREEK, Sept. 27.—(Special)—Williams high school classes have elected the following officers: Freshmen, president, Rose Marie Lichen; vice president, Charley Moomaw; secretary and treasurer, Sylvia Vinell.

Sophomores, president, Pauline Varner; vice president, Fay Holsinger; secretary and treasurer, Altha Gray.

Juniors, president, Linwood Varner; secretary and treasurer, Vern Miller.

Seniors, president, Victor Sparlin; vice president, Laura Loflin; secretary and treasurer, Rockwell Britton.

Student body officers elected are president, Harold Vencill; vice president, Victor Sparlin; secretary and treasurer, Frank Mee.

Other officers elected: Athletic manager, Harold Vencill; girls' athletic managers, Pauline Varner and Wilma Lemmon.

Three new high school students, Henry Head, Frank Mee and Warren Mee, from Applegate, brought the

# Talent Teachers Will Be Greeted

TALENT, Sept. 27.—(Spl.)—The Community Club will give a reception Thursday afternoon, honoring the teachers of Talent. Every club member and school patron is urged to be present to meet and greet the teachers.

"Make it your business to meet and know the person who is instructing your child, who will appreciate your cooperation," says the club invitation. Tea will be served from 3 to 5.

# Swedish Artist Pictures Crater

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK.—(Special)—Succeeding where others have failed, Gunnar Widforss, Swedish artist of international fame, has captured the mystic colors of Crater Lake, faithfully depicting them by water color. His visit in the park for the past week has resulted in several noteworthy reproductions of the lake, perhaps marking the first time it has ever been done in water colors.

high school enrollment up to 29 the first of the week.

Norman Record is a new first grader in Mrs. Varner's room.