

# LI'L ABNER

Whistle While You Work — by **AL CAPP**



OUR SMART IDEEL, FEARLESS FOSDICK, DONE TOOK A STOOPID PLEDGE **NOT** TO USE VIOLENCE AGIN CRIM'NULS!!



HE CLAIMS HE'S A FANCY 'NUFF BALLET DANCER TO DUCK THAR BULLETS!!

SO TH' CHIEF IS TRYIN' HIM OUT, WIF TH' SHARP-SHOOTER SQUAD!!



**FEARLESS FOSDICK**  
FIRE AWAY, BOYS!!  
I'M READY!! —



WILL IT DISTURB YOU, IF I HUM "AFTERNOON OF A FAUN"?



WE'RE ALL OUT OF AMMO, CHIEF!!

AND NOT A **SCRATCH** ON ME!! I HOPE YOU'RE CONVINCED THAT, EVEN UNARMED, I'LL BE SAFE AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD!!

OKAY!! IT'S YOUR FUNERAL—



FOSDICK CALLS ON HIS GIRL, PRUDENCE RIMPLETON

BEFORE YOU EAT—HANG UP YOUR GUN!!

I DON'T CARRY A GUN ANY MORE, DEAR—



I TOOK A NON-VIOLENCE PLEDGE. I'LL BATTLE THE UNDERWORLD, UNARMED, FROM NOW ON!!

—AND YOU'LL BUY YOUR OWN SUPPERS — FROM NOW ON!!



I'VE BEEN FEEDING YOU FOR 17 YEARS — HOPING THAT, IN THE FUTURE, YOU'D MARRY ME —



BUT, WITHOUT A GUN, NO FUTURE!!

THIS IS A **TRAGEDY!!** WHERE WILL I FIND ANOTHER GIRL—



—AND ANOTHER 17 YEARS OF FREE SUPPERS?



—CALL ME A ROMANTIC FOOL, IF YOU WILL— BUT, OH, HOW I MISS HER WARM, TENDER STEAKS!!—

WHAT **LUCK!!** A **MASHER**, ON MY **FIRST** DAY ON THE FORCE!!

AND SO FOSDICK MEETS OFFICER PURITY PINCHWOLF OF THE MASHER SQUAD—



**Prince Valiant**  
IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR  
WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY HAROLD R. FOSTER

Our Story: TO ANSWER PRINCE VALIANT'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE GRAIL BE FACT OR MYTH, PATRICK LEADS HIM TO THE TOP OF THE WINDY TOR THAT THEY MIGHT SPEAK ALONE.



SEATED ON THE RUINS OF AN ANCIENT CHAPEL, PATRICK ASKS VAL TO TELL WHY HE IS ON THIS QUEST.



\* KING ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS RIDE FORTH TO BRING LAW AND JUSTICE TO THE LAND. THEY MAKE THE WAY SAFE FOR TEACHERS OF CHRISTIANITY SUCH AS YOU.\*



\* BUT MORE AND MORE YOUNG KNIGHTS TAKE THE OATH TO FIND THE HOLY GRAIL OR PERISH. THEY NEVER RETURN, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF TABLE ROUND IS NOW TOO FEW IN NUMBER.\*



\* THERE HAS NEVER BEEN PROOF THAT THE CHALICE EVER EXISTED. IT IS NOT A MYTH, BUT A SYMBOL, A SYMBOL OF FAITH, COURAGE AND HOPE. THE KNIGHTS WHO TAKE THE QUEST DO MORE BY THEIR EXAMPLE TO SPREAD THE FAITH THAN PREACHING.\*



\* AND NOW, SIR VALIANT, WHAT WILL YOU REPORT TO YOUR KING WHEN YOUR QUEST IS FINISHED?\*



\* THE TRUTH, PATRICK. IT IS THE KING'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SAVE THE FELLOWSHIP OR FOSTER THE SYMBOL.\*



WITH A HEAVY HEART VAL DESCENDS THE TOR. THE SUCCESS OF HIS QUEST WILL ADD ONE MORE PROBLEM TO HIS OVER-BURDENED KING.  
NEXT WEEK... **The Quest Ends**