

# LIL' ABNER

Around the Coroner and Under the Tree— by AL CAPP

**EARLY MORNING**

"BOY-MAJOR-FOR-A-DAY" SMELLGOOD IS CONFERRING WITH MY FIANCEE, OFFICER PURTY PINCHWOLF ON SOME IMPORTANT CITY MATTER, NO DOUBT!!

PANT!!-PANT!!-WHILE I'M MAYOR, I CAN AWARD YOU A LIFETIME PENSION OF \$20,000 A YEAR!!-WE CAN GET MARRIED, SHIP TO SPAIN!!-**NEVER!!**

WHILE FEARLESS FOSDICK LIVES, THERE CAN BE NO OTHER-ER-MAN IN MY LIFE!!

HMM!!-WHILE HE LIVES, EH?

I MAJORED IN CITY REGULATIONS AT HIGH SCHOOL, AND I THINK--??-YES!!-TODAY IS THE DAY!!

PULL ALL POLICE OUT OF THE "BULLTOWN" SECTION- AND TELL THE BULLGRAVIANS THEIR NEW YEAR TONIGHT!!-

-GASP!!- BUT, THOSE POOR SOULS--

-SPEND MONTHS PREPARING FOR THIS ONE NIGHT!! TAKE IT AWAY FROM THEM AND IT'LL BE MURDER--

-ESPECIALLY WITH NO COPS TO ENFORCE YOUR LAW!!

JUST ONE- FEARLESS FOSDICK!!

I'M ASSIGNED TO BULLTOWN TONIGHT. I OPEN MY SEALED ORDERS WHEN I REACH BULGRAVIA SQUARE!!

HOO HA!!-IS FEARLESS FOSDICK COMING TO HALP SALABRATE OUR HAPPY NEW YIRR!!

ONLY RIZZON WE LAFT OLD COUNTRY IS, DICTATOR WOULD'NT LAT US SALABRATE OUR NEW YIRR--

-SO, NOTCHERLY WE KILL HIM, AND COME HERE!!

HERE'S SOMETHING I'M TO READ TO YOU. GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR, NO DOUBT!!

MEANWHILE: AT CITY HALL--

CORONER!!-STAY NEAR THE PHONE TONIGHT!!-THERE MAY BE WORK FOR YOU--

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

OUT SHORE: PRINCE VALIANT IS WELCOMED INTO THE CASTLE WITH LOUD CHEERING. THIS IS VERY STRANGE, FOR VAL HAS JUST DEFEATED THE HUGE CHAMPION WHO HAS CHARGED OUT OF THIS VERY GATE.

"THANK YOU, SIR VALIANT. YOU HAVE SAVED US FROM A NIGHTMARE. FOR WEEKS WE HAVE LIVED IN FEAR OF THAT MAN'S AWFUL VIOLENCE."

"THE LADY LOWRY HAD RULED THIS FIEF SINCE THE DEATH OF HER LORD. THEN CAME THIS BULLYING HUGO AP DUNFEL PROPOSING MARRIAGE THAT HE MIGHTY GAIN CONTROL OF ALL HER PROPERTY. SHE REFUSED."

"HE GAVE HER A WEEK TO RECONSIDER, THEN THREATENED TO TAKE THE CASTLE, MARRIAGE OR NOT. SHE TOOK HORSE AND HAS RIDDEN TO CAMELOT TO SEEK HELP FROM THE KING."

"AP DUNFEL MADE GOOD HIS THREAT. HE CAME WITH HIS MEN AND TOOK THE CASTLE. WE WERE HELPLESS! TO CROSS HIS WILL MEANT DEATH."

"A MIGHTY KILLER OF MEN, NO KNIGHT COULD WITHSTAND HIM IN FAIR FIGHT, YET HE EMPLOYED THE FOULEST TACTICS AND WAS CRUEL BEYOND MEASURE."

Hal Foster  
WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU, SIR VALIANT, AND HOPE YOU WILL STAY UNTIL THE LADY LOWRY CAN THANK YOU IN PERSON. SHE SHOULD ARRIVE TOMORROW.

NEXT WEEK: The Interrupted Luncheon.