LI'L ABNER

Love Thy Neighbor— by **AL CAPP**

Our Story: A PILGRIM SHIP, BOUND FOR THE HOLY LAND, IS WRECKED AND PRINCE VALIANT AND ARN RISK THEIR LIVES TO RESCUE WHOM THEY CAN. HELP ARRIVES TO GATHER IN WHAT LITTLE THE SULLEN SEA GIVES UP.

THE LEADER, SIR OWEN OF LOTHIAN, PLEADS WITH VAL TO AID THE PILGRIMS REACH THEIR GOAL.

WHEN VAL GOES TO THE PORT AUTHORITY TO SECURE PASSAGE FOR THE PILGRIMS, HE HEARS DISQUIETING NEWS. ALETA'S CAPTAINS ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE PEOPLE ALONG THE NEW TRADE ROUTE AND CARGOES ARE HARD TO COME BY.

"I WILL SAIL WITH THE PILGRIMS TO JAFFA; THEN, AS YOUR AMBASSADOR, TRAVEL THE TRADE ROUTE AND PROMOTE BUSINESS FOR OUR SHIPS."
"AND WILL YOU TAKE ARN WITH YOU?", ASKS ALETA.

"HAS THE TIME COME ALREADY?", WONDERS VAL. *"YES"*, ANSWERS ALETA WITH PAIN IN HER HEART.
"HE HAS BECOME A MAN-CHILD NOW AND MUST LEARN MEN'S WAYS. YES, IT IS TIME."

THE DAY HE HAS DREAMED OF FOR SO LONG HAS COME AT LAST. HE IS TO GO ADVENTURING WITH HIS SIRE!
THEN HE SEES HIS MOTHER WAVE GOODBYE AND FOR A WILD MOMENT HE WANTS TO LEAP ASHORE AND RUN TO HER SIDE. BUT HE BLINKS RAPIDLY, SWALLOWS THE LUMP IN HIS THROAT AND WAVES BACK BRAVELY.

NEXT WEEK- **The Pilgrims' Goal**