

LI'L ABNER

Featuring
"FEARLESS
FOSDICK"

by AL CAPP

PSST!!—CHIEF!!—IS THAT THE FOSDICK CHILD WHO WAS REARED BY THE POLICE, AFTER HE WAS ABANDONED BY HIS MOTHER, THE NOTORIOUS STICK-UP ARTIST, "THE LADY IN RED"?

THAT'S HIM, LADY—

WHY HASN'T MY BO--ER--I MEAN THAT BOY RISEN ABOVE THE RANK OF A \$22.50 DETECTIVE, THIRD CLASS?

YOU LOOK LIKE A DOLL WHO'S BEEN AROUND—

—SO, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU, STRAIGHT!!— HE'S **HONEST!!**

HE'S A NUT ON THE SUBJECT!! HE WOULDN'T TAKE A CROOKED DIME FROM HIS OWN MOTHER!!

HOW ADMIRABLE!! (—I CAN'T HAVE MY BABY BOY LIVE IN POVERTY!!—)

(—WHILE I HAVE 5 MILLION DOLLARS!!—) **EKK!!** WHAT'S THAT, OFFICER??

PRUDENCE, PIMPLETON, FOSDICK'S GIRL FRIEND!! SHE'S A DOG, AND SHE KNOWS IT—SO SHE'S LOYAL TO FOSDICK—

BECAUSE HE'S THE ONE THING SHE COULD ATTRACT, IN THE LAST 17 YEARS!!

17 YEARS?— BUT, WHY DON'T THEY GET MARRIED?

ON \$22.50 A WEEK? (—THAT'S IT!!—I'LL GIVE HER THE 5 MILLION!!— SHE'LL MARRY MY BOY, AND THEY'LL LIVE HAPPILY, EVER AFTER!!—)

THE NEXT DAY—

UGLY DUCKLING GETS 5 MILLION, TAX-PAID, FROM MYSTERIOUS BENEFACTOR

POOR PRUDENCE!!—SHE MUST FEEL TERRIBLE, BEING CALLED AN UGLY DUCKLING. I'LL RUSH OVER, AND CONSOLE HER!!

GET IN LINE, FOSDICK!! RIGHT BEHIND CARY GRANT, AGHA KHAN, RICHARD BURTON, EDDIE FISHER, AND BERNARD BARUCH!!

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TO BE CONTINUED: CAPP

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

Our Story: THE KING OF NORTH WALES DIES, AND HIS SON CIDWIC MOUNTS THE THRONE. AT ONCE HE SUMMONS HIS VASSAL NOBLES, EACH TO BRING A LEVY OF SOLDIERS ON A WAR FOOTING. ONCE NORTH WALES EXTENDED NORTHWARD INTO SCOTLAND, AND IT HAS LONG BEEN HIS AMBITION TO REGAIN THE LOST TERRITORY AND, PERHAPS, ADD MORE.

WITH SOUNDING TRUMPETS AND WAVING BANNERS CIDWIC BEGINS HIS MARCH. ONLY ONE MAJOR OBSTACLE STANDS IN HIS WAY: THE WALLED CITY OF CARLISLE, BUILT LONG AGO BY THE ROMANS TO GUARD THE WESTERN END OF HADRIAN'S WALL.

IF CIDWIC TAKES CARLISLE, HE CAN, WITH THE PROMISE OF PLUNDER, ENLIST THE WARBANDS OF THE WILD PICTS AND CALEDONIANS AND CONQUER ALL NORTH BRITAIN. KING ARTHUR ORDERS A FLEET OF SHIPS WITH SUPPLIES AND VETERAN ARCHERS TO THE BELEAGUERED CITY.

BUT THE ONLY ARMY HE SENDS AGAINST CIDWIC IS A TROOP OF LIGHT CAVALRY, ENGINEERS, MASONS AND BUILDERS UNDER THE COMMAND OF SIR KAY.

TO HIS WARRIORS, EAGER FOR ACTION, HE SAYS: "THE SOLDIERS CIDWIC HAS CALLED UP ARE BOUND TO SERVE ONLY FOR THREE MONTHS, THEN THEY MAY RETURN TO THEIR HOMES TO GATHER THEIR HARVEST. WE WILL RIDE WHEN THE HARVEST MOON IS AT THE FULL."

NEXT WEEK—Sir Kay's Task

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