

# LIL ABNER

Mammy Knows Best — by AL CAPP

Dear Sir:  
Are you ready for Betty?  
If so, I'm ready for you.  
*Betty*  
P.S. Anyone in Providence Rhode Island will tell you where I am.



-BUT THAR IS A CHANCE SHE MIGHT BE A SORTA "LOLITA"!! — WAL, THET DON'T SCARE ME!! AH KIN TAKE CARE O'MAHSELF!!



(-BUT WHOEVER BETTY IS, AH'S READY FO' HER!! THINGS IS SO DULL IN DOGPATCH, AH IS READY FO' ANYTHING!!)



WHAR YO' GOIN', PAPPY?

JEST OUT — TO SEE A — ER — SARTIN PARTY!!



HMM!! — YORE SHOES IS SHINED, YO' IS WEARIN' YORE GENOWINE, IMMY-TAY-SHUN, SOLID-GOLD COLLAR BUTTON....

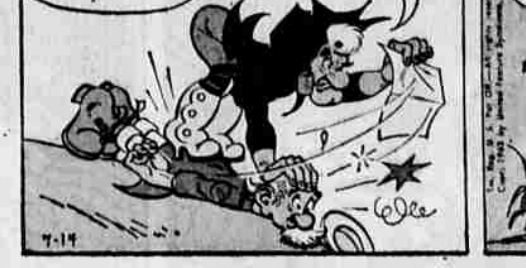


-AN' YO' DONE RINSED OUT TH' SWEATBAND IN YORE HAT!! YO' IS GOIN' OUT TO SEE A FEMALE O' TH' OPPOSITE SEX!!



WHO IS SHE, CUSS YORE ROMANTICAL LI'L HIDE!!

WHO?



WHEN IS YO' GONNA — SOB, — LET ME GOA HERE?

WHEN AH FINDS OUT WHO THET "BETTY" IS, WHO'S SO READY!!



**Our Story:** SIR PLUMPET GALLOPS OUT ONTO THE FIELD BELLOWING THAT THE TWO FALLEN KNIGHTS ARE USING HORSES AND ARMS THAT HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM HIM.



THE EVIDENCE IS CONCLUSIVE AND THE MARSHALS DECREE THAT CHET AND BO BECOME SERVANTS OF SIR PLUMPET UNTIL THEY HAVE WORKED OUT THE PRICE THAT WILL REDEEM THEIR ARMS.



SIR PLUMPET, A VETERAN OF THE SMALL TOURNAMENTS, HAS NEVER FELT SO IMPORTANT. HE HAS TWO RETAINERS WHO COOK, SET UP HIS TENT, TEND THE HORSES, AND SERVE HIM LIKE A GREAT LORD.



AS THEY MOVE SOUTHWARD THE TOURNAMENTS BECOME BIGGER, THE PRIZES RICHER, AND THE QUALITY OF THE KNIGHTS BETTER. STILL, SIR PLUMPET FEELS THEIR EQUAL. SO HE ISSUES A CHALLENGE TO SINGLE COMBAT... AND LOSES.



HE ALSO LOSES HIS TEMPER AND ISSUES CHALLENGES RIGHT AND LEFT. AT DAY'S END SIR CHET AND SIR BO DRAG THEIR BATTERED MASTER FROM THE LISTS.



WHILE PLAYING THE PART OF A BESOTTED OLD MAN HE WON MUCH RUSTY AND DENTED ARMOR AND SPAVINED HORSES. NOW NOTHING REMAINS BUT HIS PATCHED TENT AND TWO HUNGRY SQUIRES.



WHILE TRAVELING SOUTH WITH THE TOURING KNIGHTS, VAL AND ARN HAVE BEEN AWILSED AT THE CHANGING FORTUNES OF THESE THREE RUSTIC WARRIORS. AND UNLESS THEIR FORTUNES CHANGE FOR THE BETTER THEY WILL HAVE A LONG WALK BACK TO THEIR HOMES.

NEXT WEEK: **The Bargain**