

LI'L ABNER

Pappy's Progress — by AL CAPP

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

HE MUST BE ARRIVIN' 'BOUT NOW!! WONDER EF HE'S MET UP WIF THET LI'L SNIP, YET!!

AT THAT MOMENT—
NO HOBOES IN HERE!!

RIGHT!!

JEST ME!! AH ALLUS TRAVELS THIS WAY, YUZ IT'S CHEAPER!!

BEFORE WE LET YOU HAVE IT...

-HAVE YOU ANY LAST WORDS?

Y-YASSUH!!—AH IS READY FO' BETTY!!

YOU ARE? OH, YOU POOR, DEAR LITTLE CHAP!!

MAY WE HELP YOU DOWN?

SEE YO' LATER!!

D-DID YOU HEAR THAT? IT'S THE—S—B—B—BRAVEST REMARK EVER MADE!!

I—M—MUST TELL THIS TO MY CH-CHILDREN!! IT'S—S—B—SO INSPIRING!!

SUH!!—DOES YO' KNOW WHAR BETTY IS AT?

WELCOME TO DENCE.

OF COURSE I DO!! I KEEP THINKING OF IT ALL THE TIME!!

BUT, I'M NOT READY FOR BETTY—YOU YOUNG WISE GUY!!

WAL—AH—OUCH!!—IS!!

YOU ARE?—PLEASE EXCUSE MY RUDENESS!! HAVE A CIGAR—

DON'T MIND EF AH DO!!

EVERYBODY'S SO NICE TO ME, WHEN AH TELLS 'EM AH IS READY FO' BETTY!! RECKON THEY ENVIES ME!!

TO BE CONTINUED!

Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

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Our Story: ARN is EAGER TO SEE ANOTHER TOURNAMENT AND PRINCE VALIANT IS EASILY PERSUADED, FOR THIS IS A BIG TOURNAMENT, MANY FAMOUS KNIGHTS WILL CONTEND AND VAL FEELS HE SHOULD HAVE SOME PRACTICE.

A TOURNAMENT IS NOT ONLY A WAR GAME; IT IS A COUNTRY FAIR, CIRCUS, MARKET, AND ENDLESS NOISE AND CONFUSION. VAL BUYS A TILTING HELM.

AMONG THE BRIGHT PAVILIONS, CHET AND BO SET UP THE PATCHED AND TORN TENT. THE JOKING AND TAUNTS CEASE WHEN CHET HANGS VAL'S SHIELD BEFORE THE DOOR, FOR IT IS KNOWN THAT ILL HEALTH FOLLOWS QUICKLY ANYONE WHO JEERS AT THE WEARER OF THE CRIMSON STALLION.

THE PRELIMINARIES HAVE BEEN DECIDED AND THE MAIN EVENTS BEGIN WITH MUCH POMP AND CEREMONY. FIRST THE GRAND MELEE; THE CONTESTANTS FORM TWO EQUAL LINES, AND THE MARSHAL, WITH A WAIVE OF HIS BATON, SENDS THEM THUNDERING TOGETHER.

LANCES ARE SHATTERED, HORSES AND KNIGHTS GO DOWN IN SATISFACTORY CONFUSION. NO EDGED WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED IN THE MELEE, BUT WOODEN TRUNCHEONS MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC ON IRON HELMS.

THE HORSE AND ARMOR OF A DEFEATED KNIGHT ARE NOT FORFEIT TO THE VICTOR, BECAUSE WHO CAN TELL WHO UNHORSED WHOM? THE VICTORIOUS KNIGHTS LINE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE ROUND.

RORY MAC AIN, A YOUNG IRISH KNIGHT, HAS WON MOST OF THE MINOR TOURNAMENTS. NOW HE MUST PUT HIS SKILL TO THE TEST.

HE RIDES UP TO PRINCE VALIANT AND TOUCHES HIS SHIELD WITH HIS LANCE. A CHALLENGE TO SINGLE COMBAT HAS BEEN GIVEN.

NEXT WEEK: A False Knight