

LIL ABNER

Why Boys Leave Home — by AL CAPP

Panel 1: "GIT A GOOD GRIP ON YORESELVES!! AH GOT SOME SHATTERIN' NEWS!!"

Panel 2: "AH AIMS T'GIT MARRIED!!" "TO WHOM, MAY AH AX?"

Panel 3: "AH DAINNO WHOM SHE IS — BUT, AH FELL IN LOVE WIF THIS PITCHER O' HER, AH FOUND, BLOWIN' ALONG TH' NEW SUPER-HIGHWAY!!"

Panel 4: "BUT, THIS IS MERELY A PITCHER OF A KNEE-CAP!!" "IT HAS GOT A KINDA SWEET EXPRESHUN ON IT — BUT, HOW KIN A BOY FALL IN LOVE WIF TH' EXPRESHUN ON A KNEE?"

Panel 5: "WHY NOT? — SOME BOYS FALLS IN LOVE WIF TH' EXPRESHUN ON A GAL'S FACE!! AH IS A KNEE MAN!!" "IT WAS TORE FUM A PENNSYLVANIA NOOSEPAPER, SO AH'S GOIN' THAR — TO FIND AN' MARRY HER!!"

Panel 6: "ER-AHEM! — BEFO' YO' DO THET, SON — WOULD YO' KINELY ACCOMPANY ME TO TH' COUNTY PSYCHIATRIST?"

Panel 7: "MAH CHILE IS SICK IN TH' BRAINS, DOC!! HE FELL IN LOVE WIF A GAL'S KNEECAP!!" "HE SOUNDS SENSIBLE TO ME!!"

Panel 8: "NOW — IF HE FELL IN LOVE WITH A GIRL'S FACE — THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT!!"

Panel 9: "THEY CAN CHANGE THEIR FACES, WITH MAKEUP AND FOOL YOU!! — BUT, YOU CAN TRUST A KNEECAP!! THE EXPRESSION ON A KNEECAP NEVER CHANGES!! — KNEES ARE AS HONEST AS THE DAY IS LONG!!"

Panel 10: "I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE EXPRESSION ON A FACE — AND LOOK WHAT I MARRIED!!"

Panel 11: "I WISH I HAD YOUR BRAINS, WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, BOY!! — GIVE MY BEST TO YOUR BRIDE — IF YOU FIND HER!!" "OH, THET WON'T BE HARD!! AH KNOWS EXACKLY WHAR SHE IS — NAMELY, IN PENNSYLVANIA!! AH'LL MERELY INSPECK EVERY KNEECAP IN PENNSYLVANIA, UNTIL AH FINDS TH' RIGHT ONE!!"

Panel 12: "TO BE CONTINUED!"

Prince Valiant
IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR
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Our Story: SIR MODRED'S PLOT WENT ASTRAY; INSTEAD OF TRAGEDY IT BROUGHT ONLY LAUGHTER. HE DEEMS IT PRUDENT TO LEAVE CAMELOT FOR A WHILE. RIDING NORTH HE AND HIS RETAINERS REACH THE WHITE HORSE VALE AND SEE A SAXON WAR BAND ENCAPMED.

A RIDER IS SENT BACK TO CAMELOT WITH THE NEWS.

"IT MUST BE A SCOUTING PARTY," MUSES THE KING, "FOR NO ARMY COULD MOVE IN THE WINTER, WITH FOOD SCARCE AND RIVERS IN FLOOD. IT WOULD BE USELESS TO SEND CAVALRY AGAINST THEM; THERE IS NOT ENOUGH FORAGE FOR THE HORSES."

"WE WILL SEND A SCOUTING PARTY TO OBSERVE THEM AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE UP TO. SELECT THREE YOUNG KNIGHTS WHO WISH TO DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES, AND THREE LADS TO ACT AS MESSENGERS."

HOW OFTEN HAS ALETA PACKED HER HUSBAND'S SADDLEBAGS WHEN HE WENT OFF TO FACE SOME HARDY FOE. NOW IT IS HER SON'S BAG SHE PACKS.

FOR ARN HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE MESSENGERS, BECAUSE OF HIS FINE ACTIONS DURING THE NORTH WALES CAMPAIGN.

VAL WOULD LIKE TO GO ON THIS EXPEDITION, BUT HE HAS SERIOUS WORK TO DO, PLANNING THE WAR GAMES THAT ARE TO PREPARE THE KNIGHTS FOR THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN.

NEXT WEEK — The War Band