

LI'L ABNER

The Stars and Stripes by AL CAPP

For Never -

GASP!!—THESE OLD RECORDS INDICATE DOGPATCH IS...

—THE MOST IMPORTANT SQUARE MILE ON EARTH!!

?!—THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NEVER REACHED A FINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ORIGINAL YOKUM TO BUY DOGPATCH!!

THE YOKUM FAMILY STILL OWNS IT!!—IT'S A TINY INDEPENDENT NATION—LIKE MONACO!!

—AND LIKE PRINCE RAINIER'S FAMILY, THE YOKUM FAMILY ARE THE HEREDITARY RULERS!!

THOSE @!!&❄️ HILL-BILLIES ARE ROYALTY!!

NEXT MORNING

DOGPATCH CHILLUN!!—YOU NOW STARTS YORE LI'L DAY, AS USUAL, BY PLEDGIN' ALLEGIANCE TO TH' FLAG O' TH' U.S.A.!!

HOLD IT!!

NOBODY TAKES OUR FLAG AWAY!!

YOUR FLAG? DON'T BE SILLY!!

WE'VE JUST FOUND OUT THAT DOGPATCH IS NOT NOW, NOR HAS IT EVER BEEN PART OF THE U.S.A.

—AND PLEASE, MADAM—DON'T CROSS THAT LINE!! YOU HAVE NO PASSPORT!!

BUT THASS MERELY PINEAPPLE JUNCTION AN' US YOKUMS HAS ALLUS--

ARE YOU A YOKUM, MADAME?

NATCHERLY!! WHUT ELSE DO AH LOOK LIKE? AH'S TH' HEAD O' TH' FAMBLY!!

THEN, MAYBE I'D BETTER EXPLAIN THIS STRANGE TWIST OF FATE—YOUR MAJESTY!!

PUT YOUR X HERE

WHAT'S THIS FOR?

'S A PETITION FOR A STATE PARK TO KEEP ALIVE TH' MEMORY OF A GREAT MOOVIAN

HE MEANS ALLEY OOP

YEAH...TH' GUY WHO FLEW AWAY IN A BLOWED-LIP DINOSAUR SKIN!

Gasp

BY VOTHEM

THIS IS A HECK OF A WAY T'SPEND A NIGHT!

I DON'T EVEN DARE SHUT MY EYES!

WELL, THANK HEAVENS, IT'S COME DOWN AT LAST

MY AX! HOLYCOW, IT'S BUSTED!

HERE I AM, LOST, TIRED, AN' HUNGRY... WITH A BUSTED AX!

AN' NO WAY TO FIX IT!

HOW'M I GONNA GET ANYTHING TO EAT WITHOUT MY GOOD OL' CHOPPER?

NUTS AN' ROOTS, BERRIES AN' HERBS... HMPH!

WHAT KIND OF A DIET IS THAT FOR A BIG OL' GUY LIKE ME?

MY GOSH, I GOTTA HAVE STUFF WITH SOME SIZE TO IT... SLUMPIN' BIG!

WELL, WHADDYA KNOW?? A WATERMELON TREE! MAN, OH MAN, THAT'S FOR ME!

UMMM YUMMY!

IT'S FUNNY HOW SOME FOLKS THINK WATERMELONS GROW ONLY ON VINES!