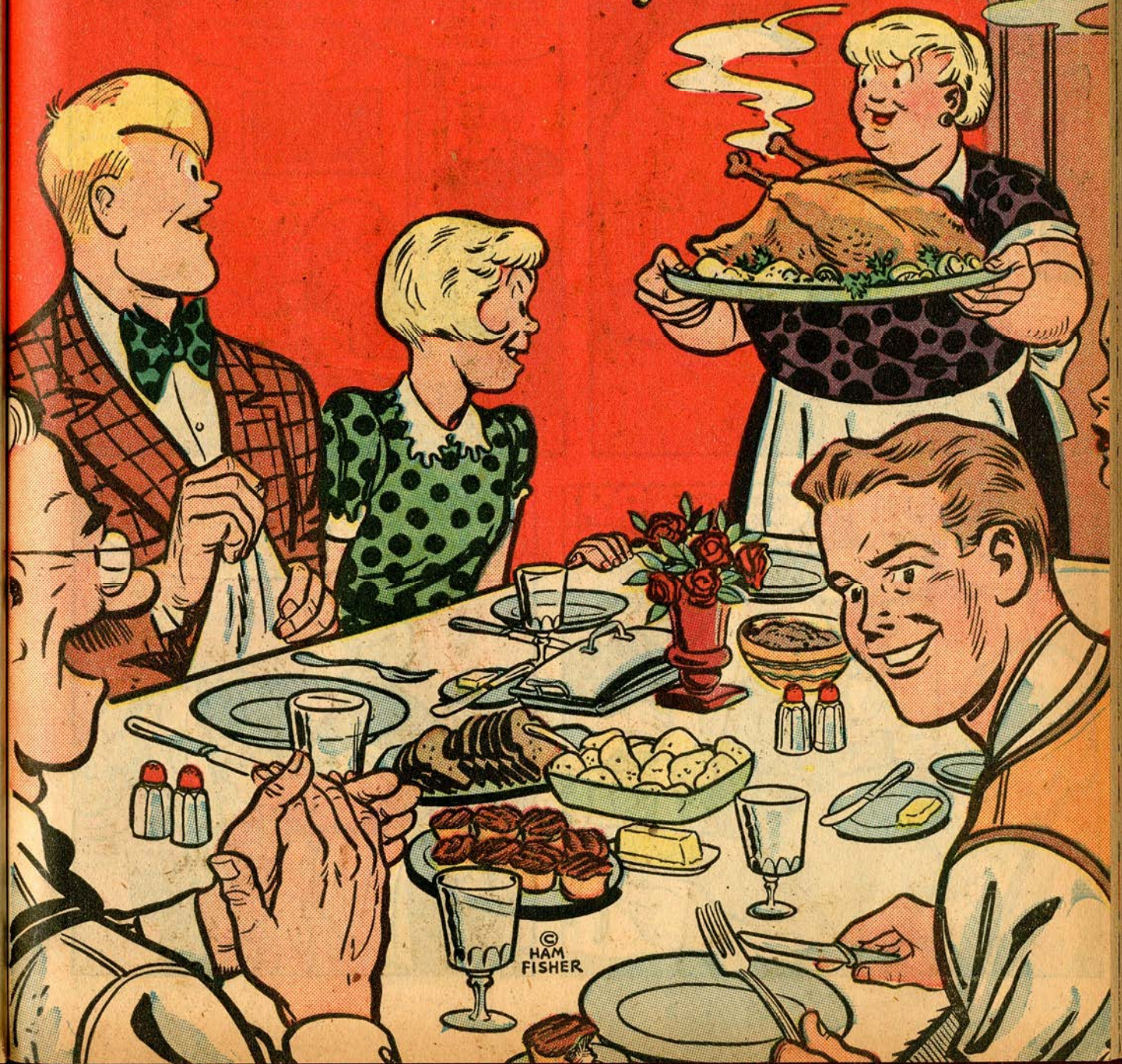
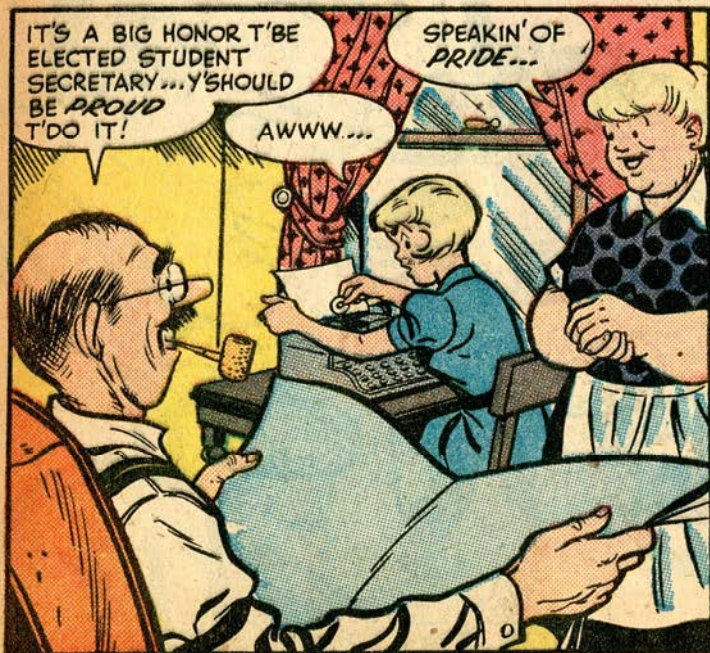
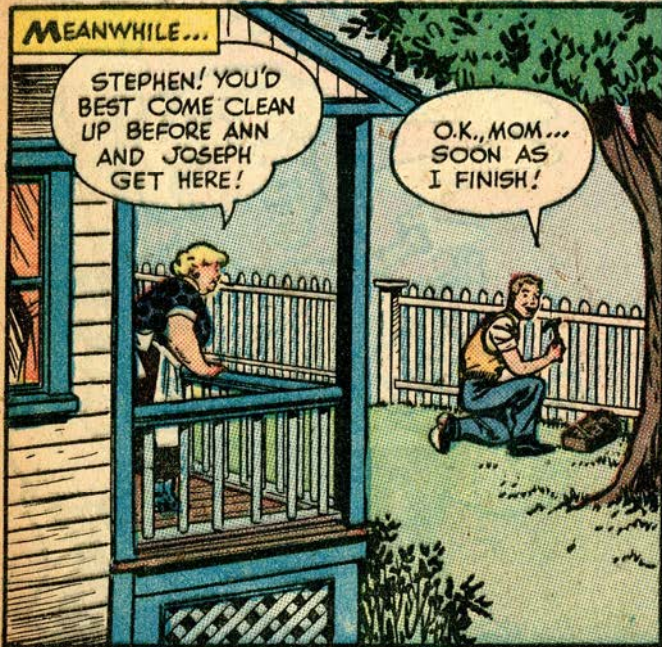
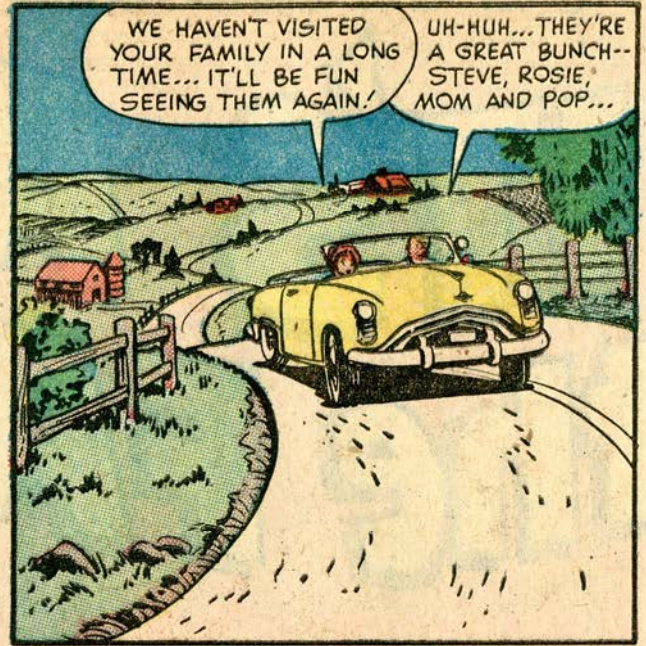


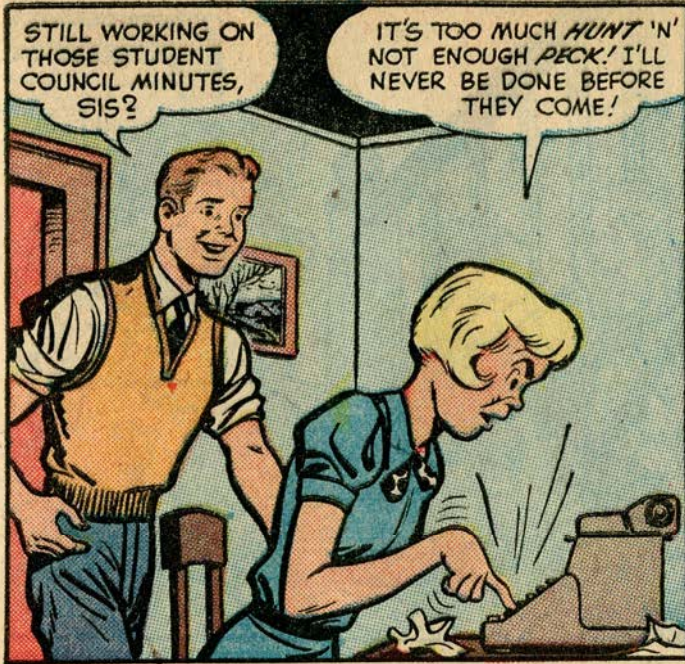
JOE PALOOKA *in*

IT'S ALL IN the FAMILY

BY *F*^{HAM}
FISHER.







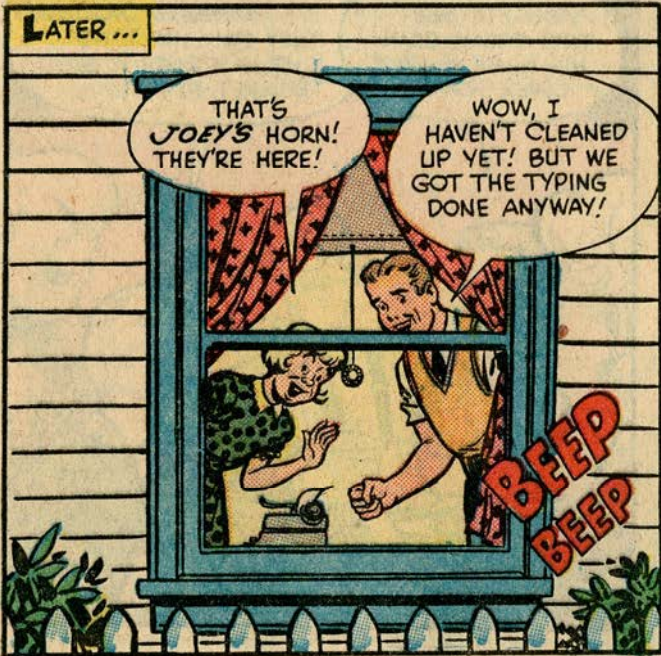
STILL WORKING ON THOSE STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES, SIS?

IT'S TOO MUCH HUNT 'N' NOT ENOUGH PECK! I'LL NEVER BE DONE BEFORE THEY COME!



LET ME AT IT... I LEARNED TO TYPE SOME IN THE NAVY! IS THIS WHERE YOU LEFT OFF?

GEE, STEVE... THANKS A JILLION!

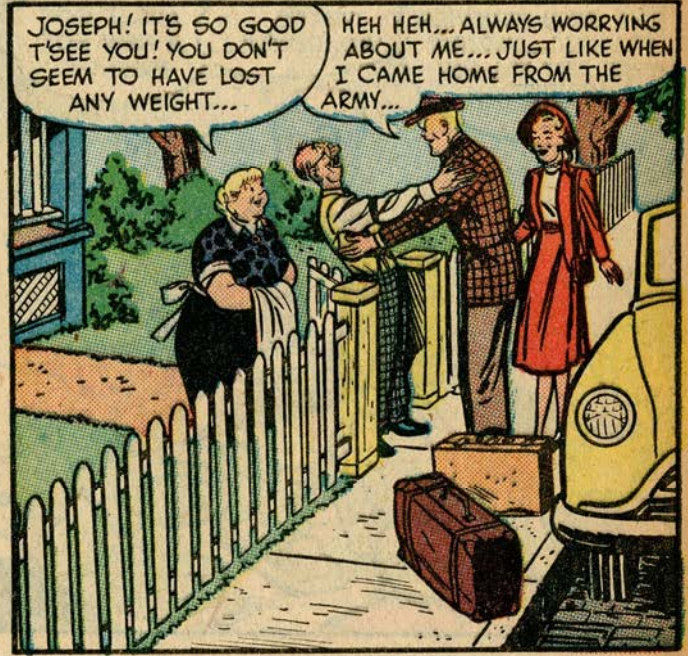


LATER...

THAT'S JOEY'S HORN! THEY'RE HERE!

WOW, I HAVEN'T CLEANED UP YET! BUT WE GOT THE TYPING DONE ANYWAY!

BEEP BEEP



JOSEPH! IT'S SO GOOD T'SEE YOU! YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE LOST ANY WEIGHT...

HEH HEH... ALWAYS WORRYING ABOUT ME... JUST LIKE WHEN I CAME HOME FROM THE ARMY...



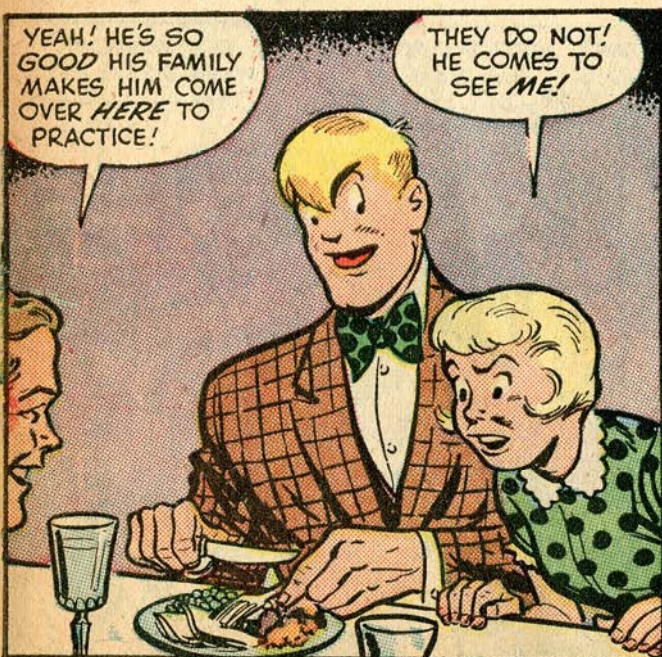
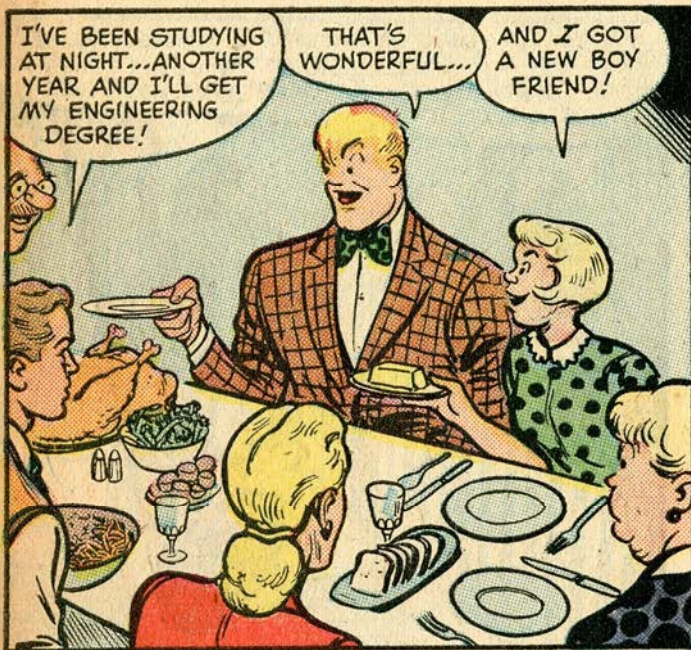
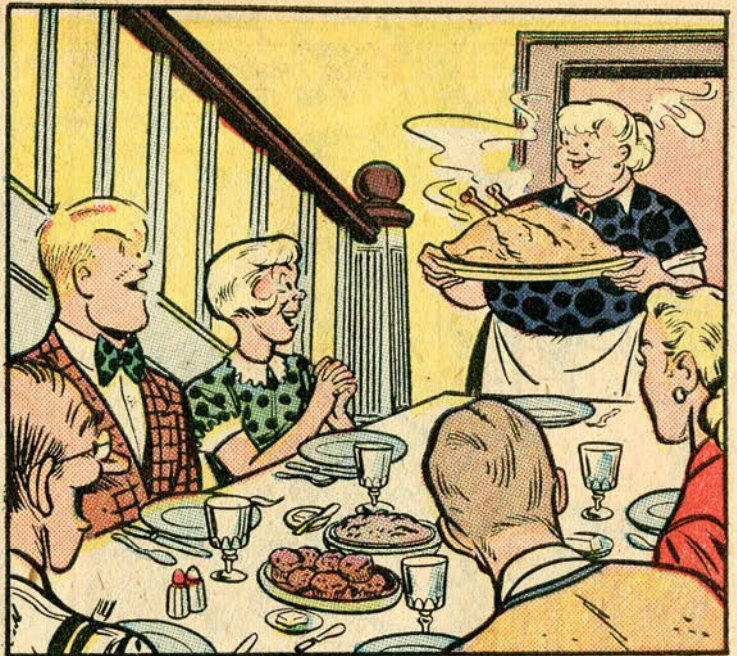
JOEY! I GOT NEWS! I'VE JUST BEEN ELECTED SECRETARY OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL!

SHE MEANS WE'VE BEEN ELECTED! SHE TAKES NOTES AND I TYPE 'EM!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, POP! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE A YEAR OLDER?

I FEEL HUNGRY! WHEN DO WE EAT?



SEVERAL SECOND-HELPINGS LATER...

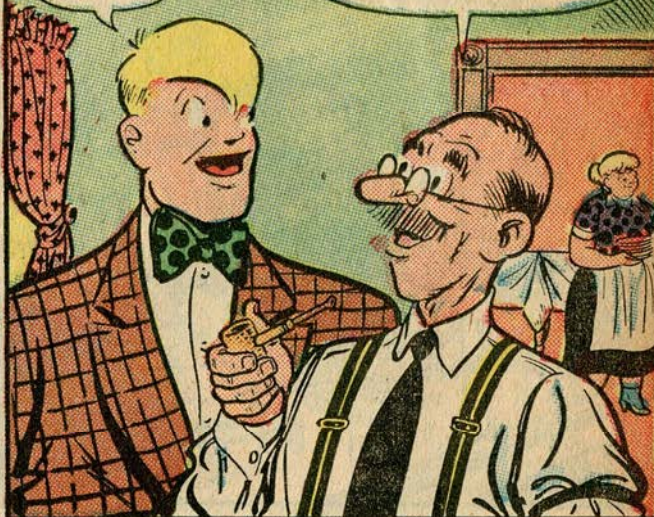
OOOF! I COULDN'T EAT ANOTHER MOUTHFUL! I MOVE WE TAKE A REST BEFORE DESSERT!

FINE! WE'LL DO THE DISHES FIRST!



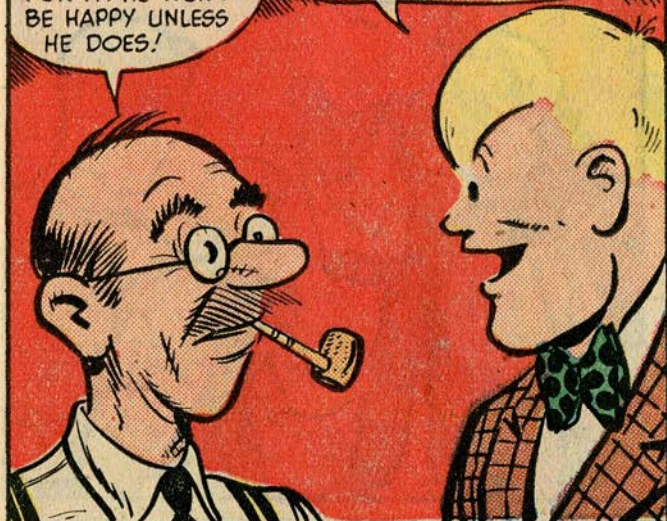
STEVE SEEMS TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT HIS ENGINEERING, EH, POP?

SEEMS SO... I WAS KINDA HOPIN' HE'D WANTA STAY AND TAKE OVER THE FARM... BUT...



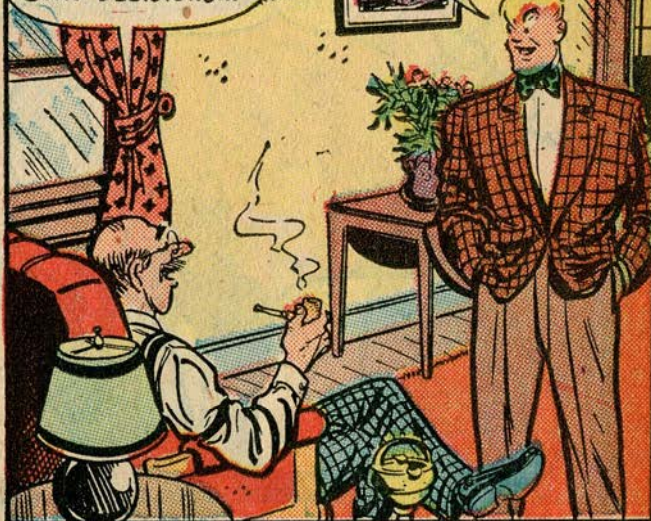
...WHATEVER STEVE WANTS, HE'S GOT A RIGHT TO TRY FOR IT! HE WON'T BE HAPPY UNLESS HE DOES!

HEH HEH... THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU SAID WHEN I WANTED TO BE A PRIZE FIGHTER!



WELL, WE ALWAYS BROUGHT YOU KIDS UP TO MAKE YOUR OWN DECISIONS...

SO MANY PARENTS DON'T SEE IT THE WAY YOU DO, POP!

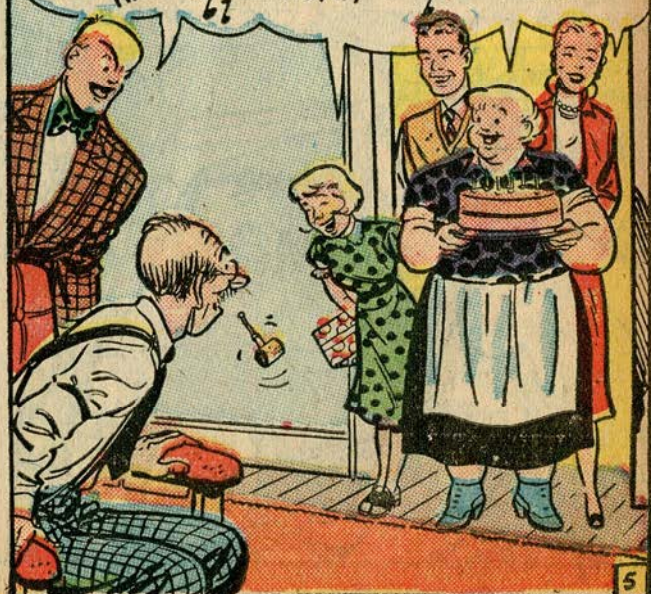


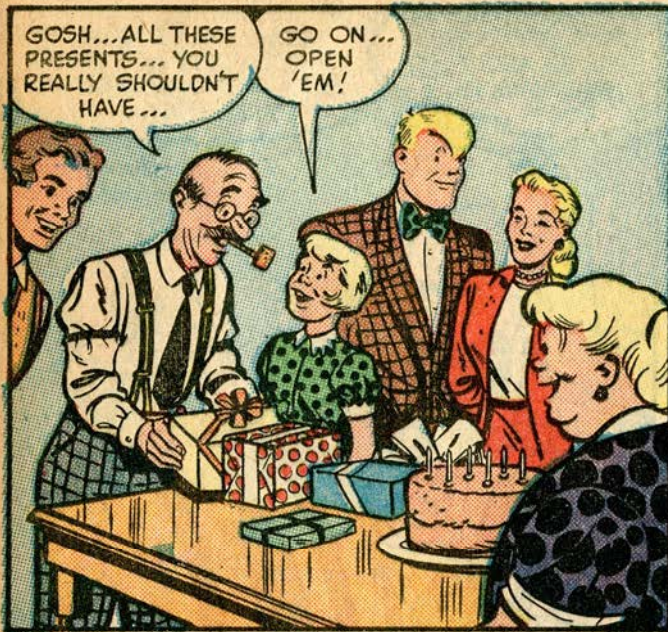
I KNOW... BUT I ALWAYS FIGGERED YOU CAN'T FORCE A PERSON T'DO THINGS YOUR WAY... AFTER ALL, IT'S A FREE COUNTRY, AND...

SAY, POP... LOOK!



♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR POP-PA! ♪♪





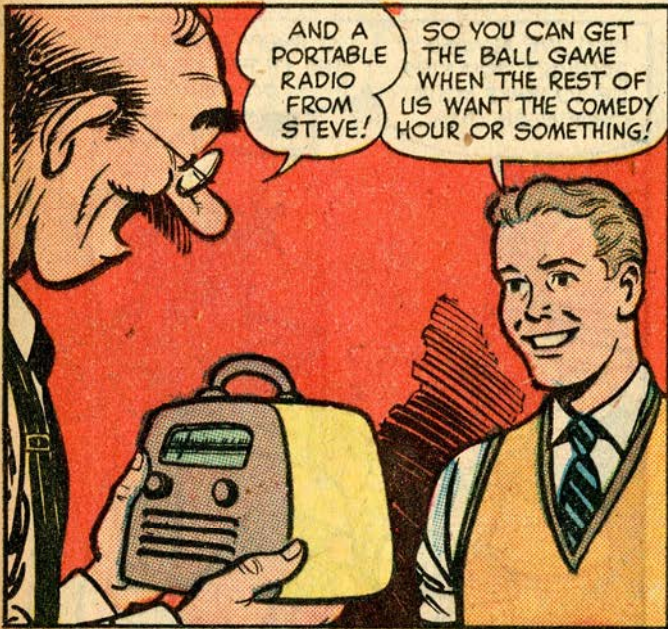
GOSH... ALL THESE PRESENTS... YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE...

GO ON... OPEN 'EM!



I SAVED FOR IT OUT OF MY BABY-SITTING!

HEH HEH... JUST WHAT I NEEDED, DARLIN'!

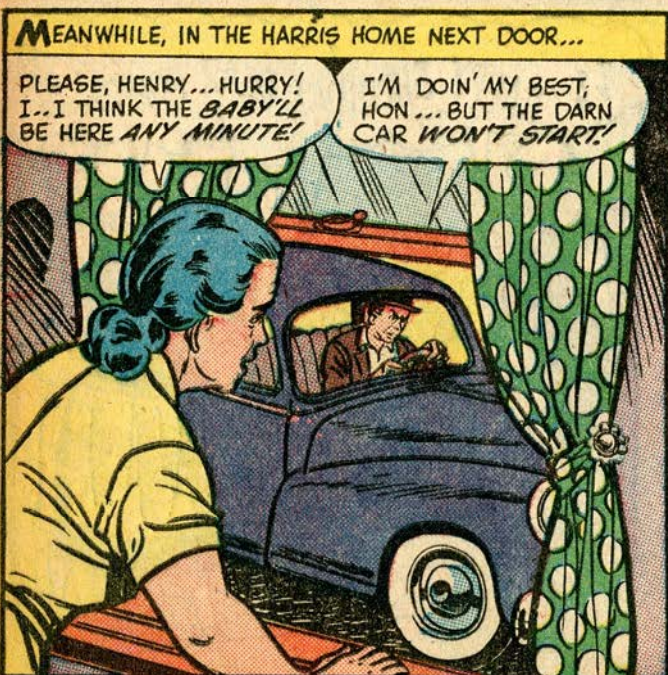


AND A PORTABLE RADIO FROM STEVE!

SO YOU CAN GET THE BALL GAME WHEN THE REST OF US WANT THE COMEDY HOUR OR SOMETHING!



GEE, SWEETHEART... YOU KNITTED IT YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU? THAT'S WHY YOU WERE MEASURIN' MY UNDERWEAR LAST MONTH, HEY?



MEANWHILE, IN THE HARRIS HOME NEXT DOOR...

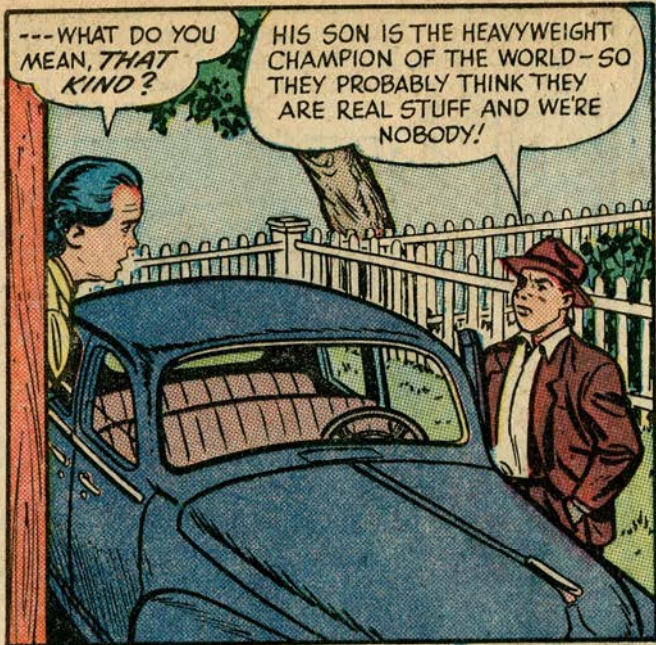
PLEASE, HENRY... HURRY! I... I THINK THE BABY'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE!

I'M DOIN' MY BEST, HON... BUT THE DARN CAR WON'T START!



MAYBE THE FOLKS NEXT DOOR COULD HELP...

THE PALOOKAS? LISTEN... I'VE NEVER ASKED HELP FROM THAT KIND OF PEOPLE BEFORE, AND...



---WHAT DO YOU MEAN, *THAT KIND?*

HIS SON IS THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD--SO THEY PROBABLY THINK THEY ARE REAL STUFF AND WE'RE NOBODY!



HENRY...I NEVER HEARD YOU SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE! WHY, YOU HARDLY KNOW THEM!

AW--I KNOW THEIR TYPE AND I DON'T NEED ANY OF THEIR HELP!



I'LL START THIS CAR WITHOUT ANY HELP FROM *THEM!* I HAVEN'T GOT MUCH BUT I'VE GOT MY PRIDE.



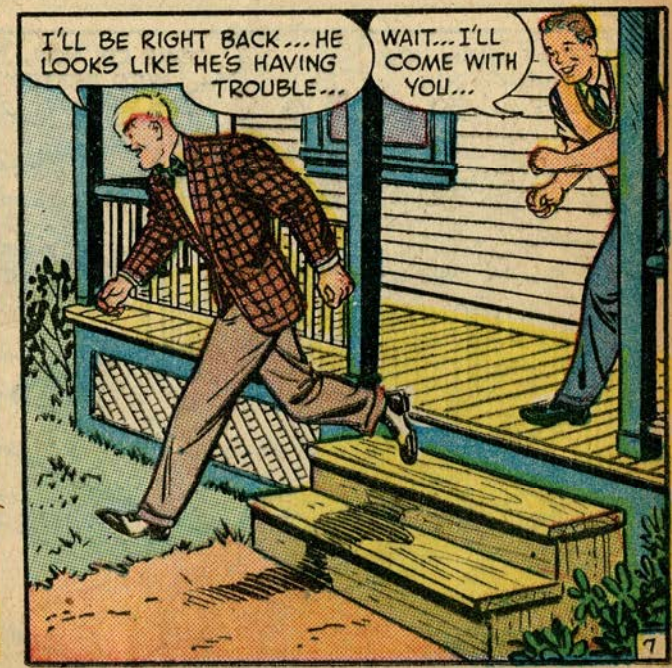
MEANWHILE... IT SURE LOOKS SWELL, POP!

THAT GUY NEXT DOOR'LL WEAR OUT HIS BATTERY IF HE KEEPS *THAT UP...*



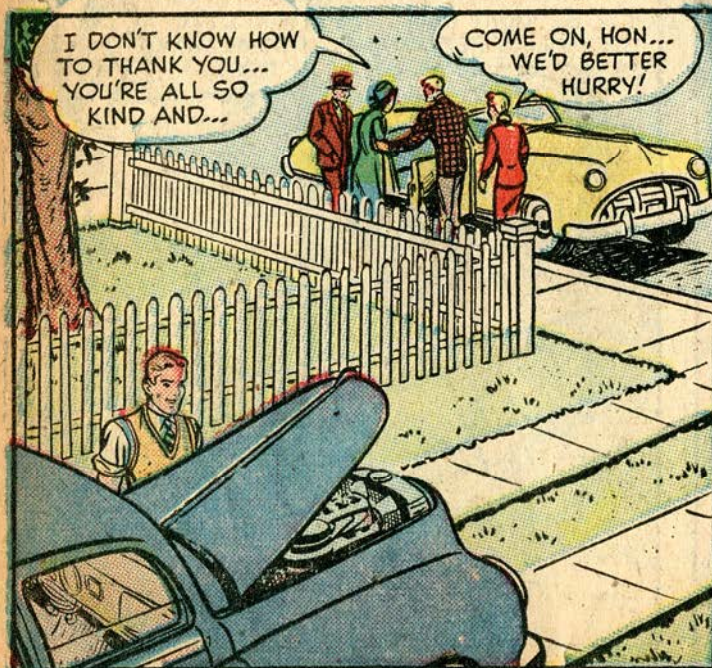
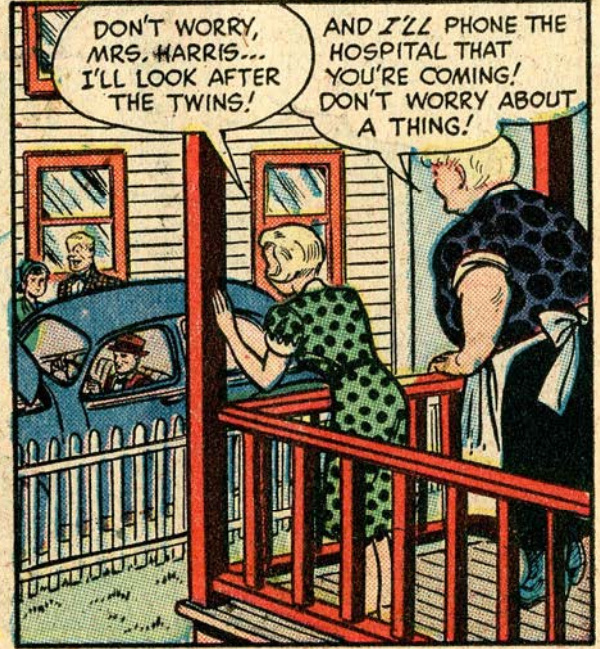
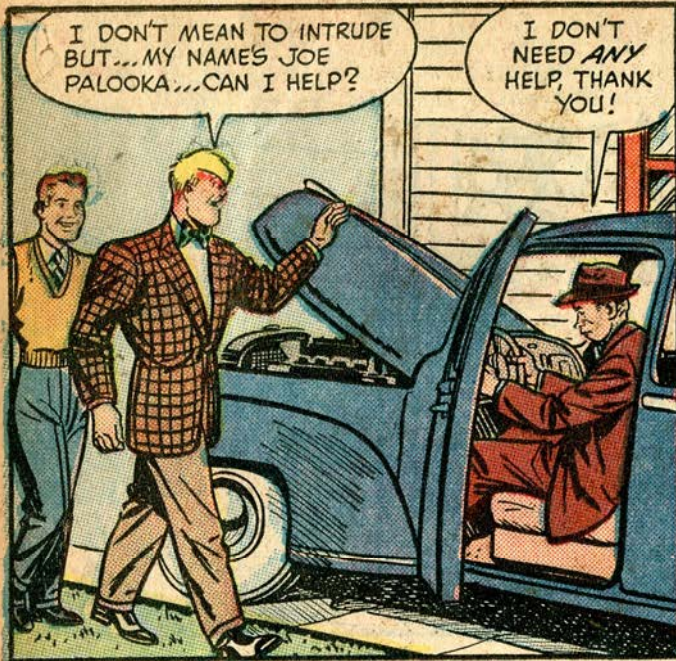
MAYBE SOMEBODY OUGHT TO GIVE HIM A HAND...

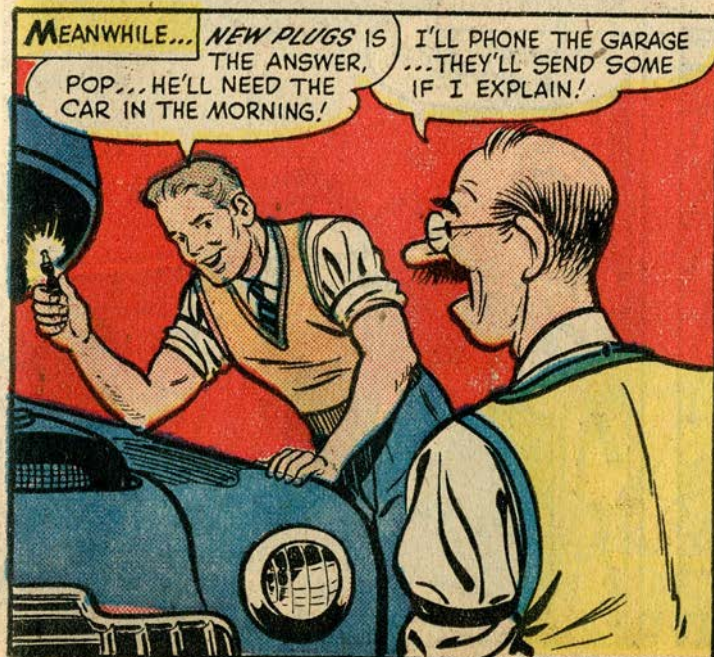
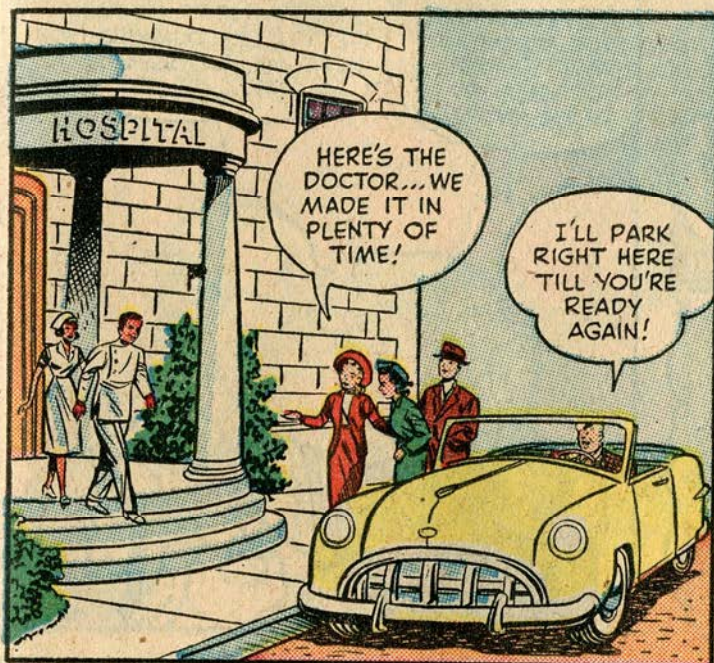
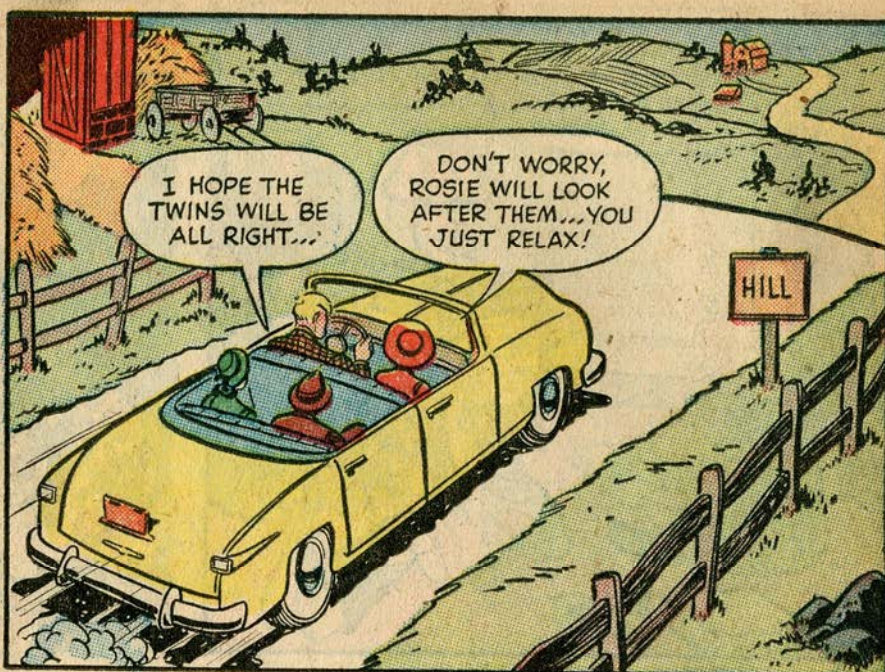
BUT, JOE... OUR PRESENT TO POP...

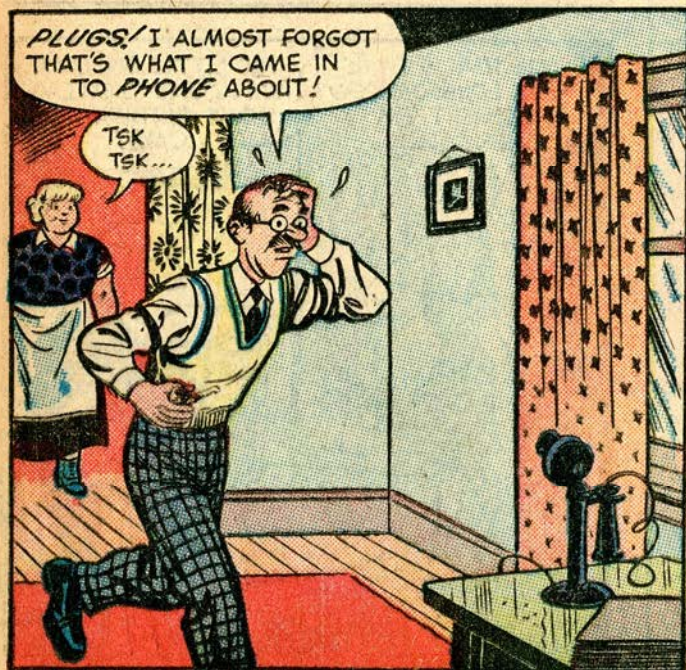
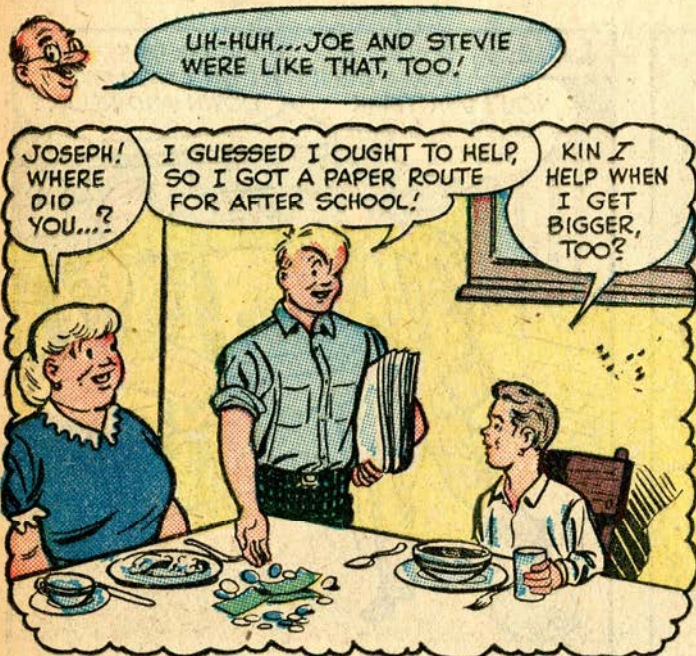
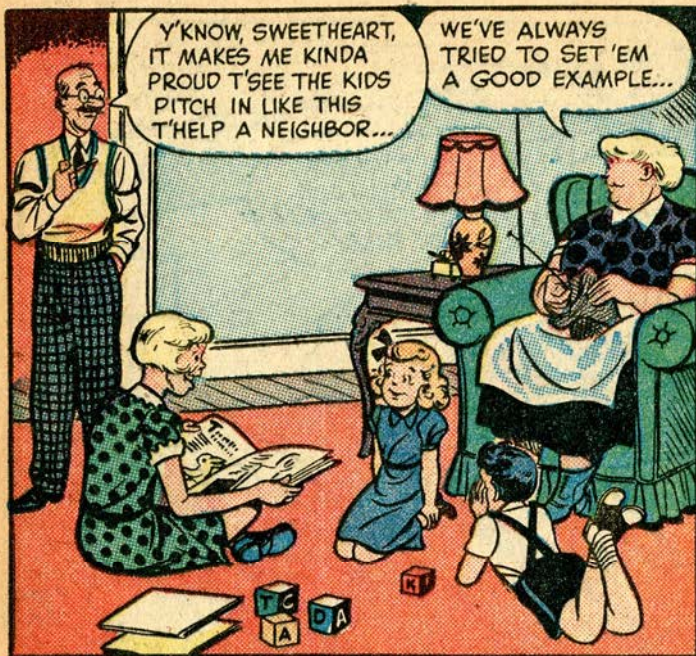


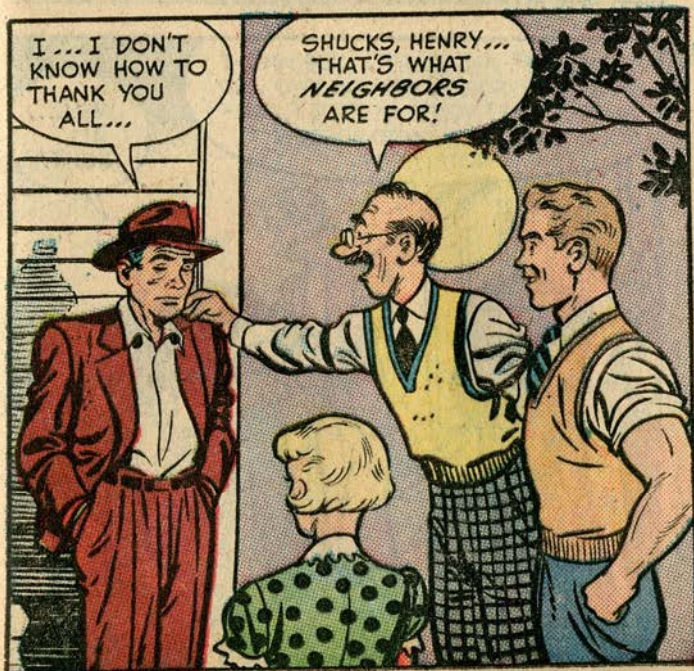
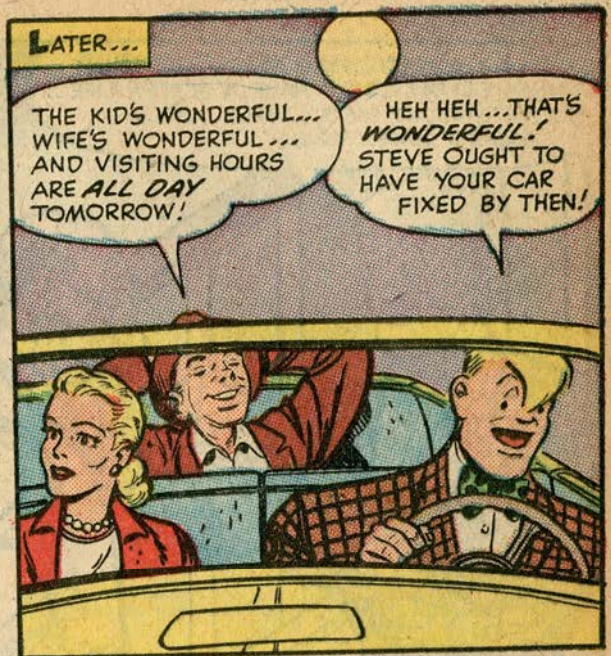
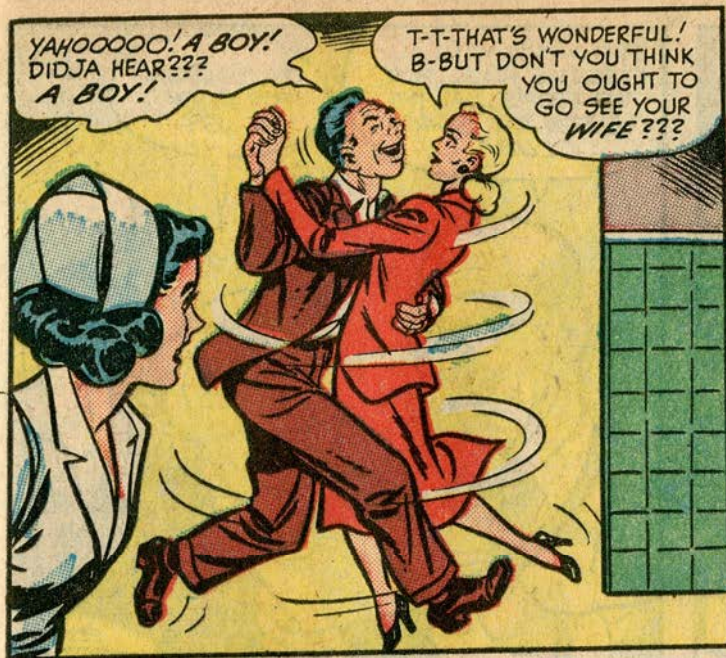
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK... HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING TROUBLE...

WAIT...I'LL COME WITH YOU...









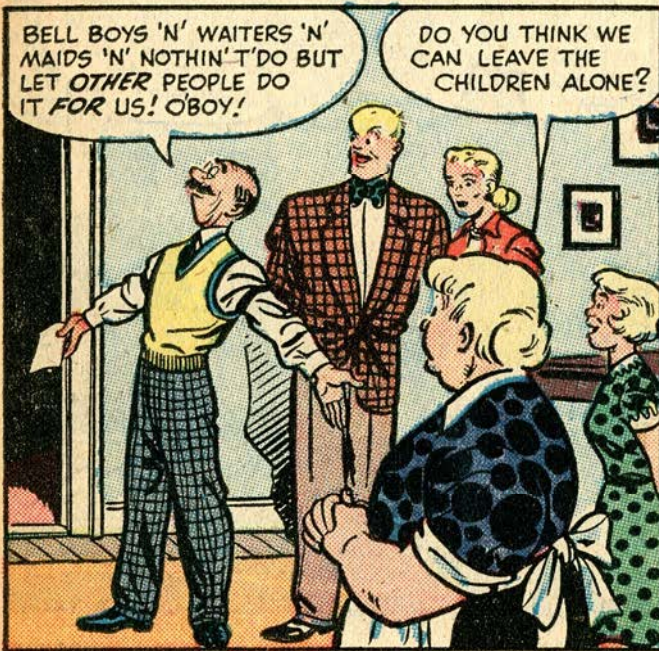


YOU'VE ALWAYS WORKED HARD...GIVEN UP THINGS SO WE COULD HAVE A BETTER LIFE... SO WE THOUGHT WE'D...WELL...UH...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



TWO WEEKS WITH ALL EXPENSES PAID...FOR TWO PEOPLE...AT THE CRESTMOOR BEACH CLUB!

OH, CHILDREN! FOR BOTH OF US?



BELL BOYS 'N' WAITERS 'N' MAIDS 'N' NOTHIN'T DO BUT LET OTHER PEOPLE DO IT FOR US! O'BOY!

DO YOU THINK WE CAN LEAVE THE CHILDREN ALONE?



WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT...YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING TO US ABOUT BEING SELF-RELIANT AND ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY AND ALL THAT!

BUT...

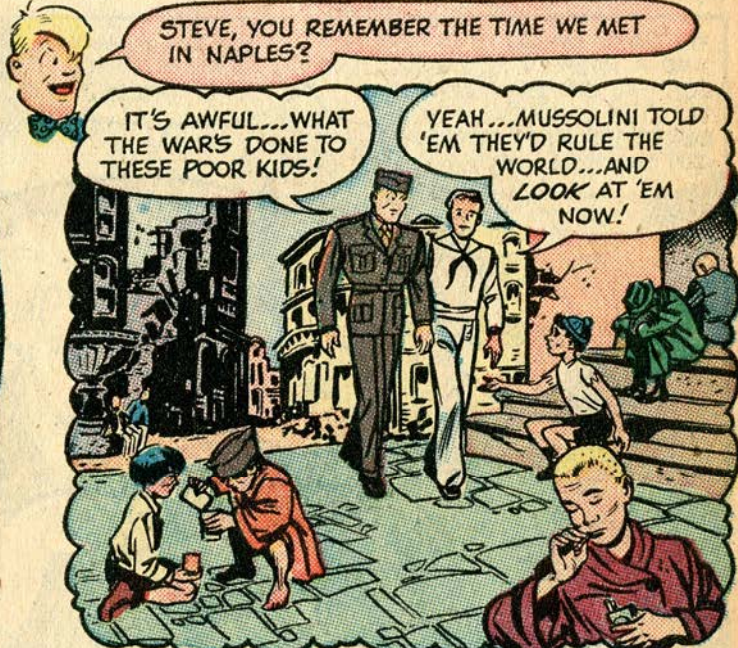
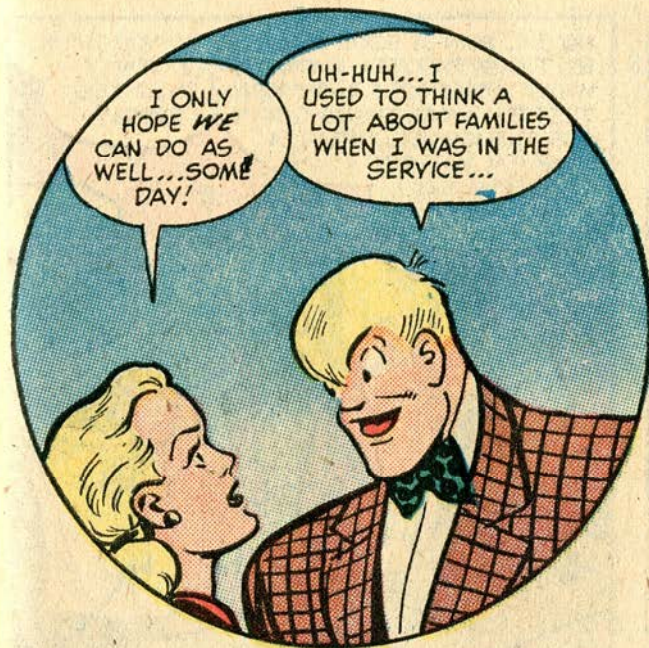
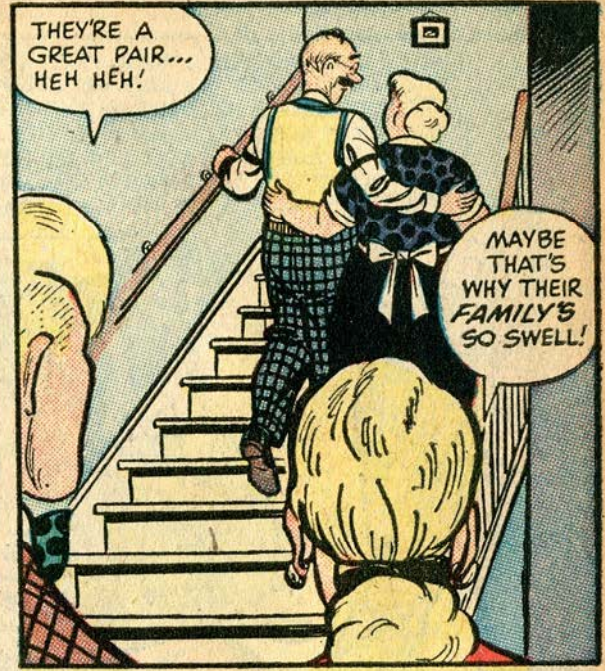
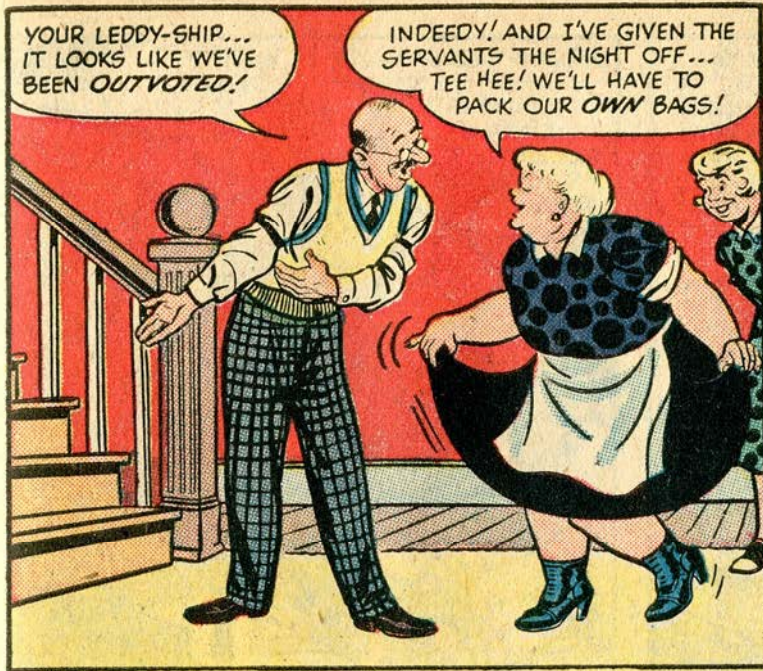


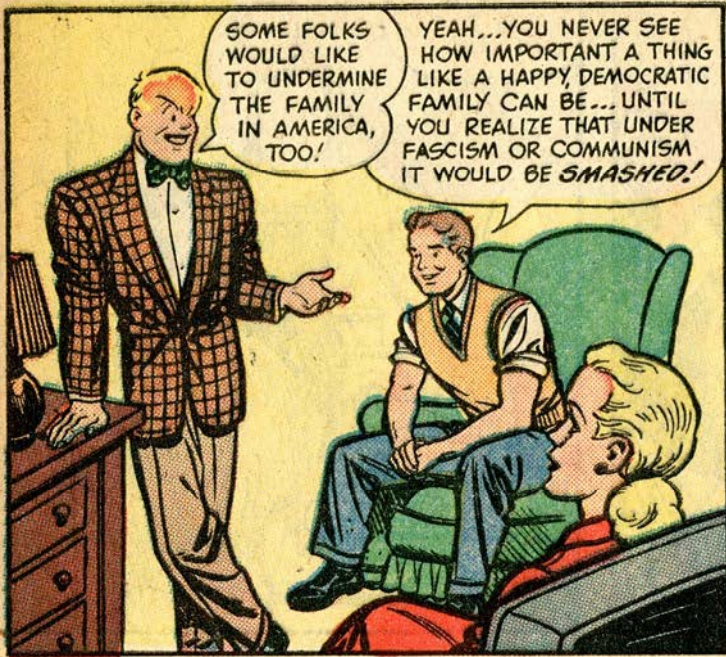
I'LL LOOK AFTER THE FARM, AND ROSIE CAN DO THE HOUSEWORK AFTER SCHOOL... ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS HAVE A GOOD TIME!



THEY'LL BE ALL RIGHT... JOE AND I WILL STAY FOR A DAY OR TWO AND MAKE SURE! YOU'D BETTER PACK--YOUR TRAIN LEAVES TOMORROW NOON!

WELL... ALL RIGHT!





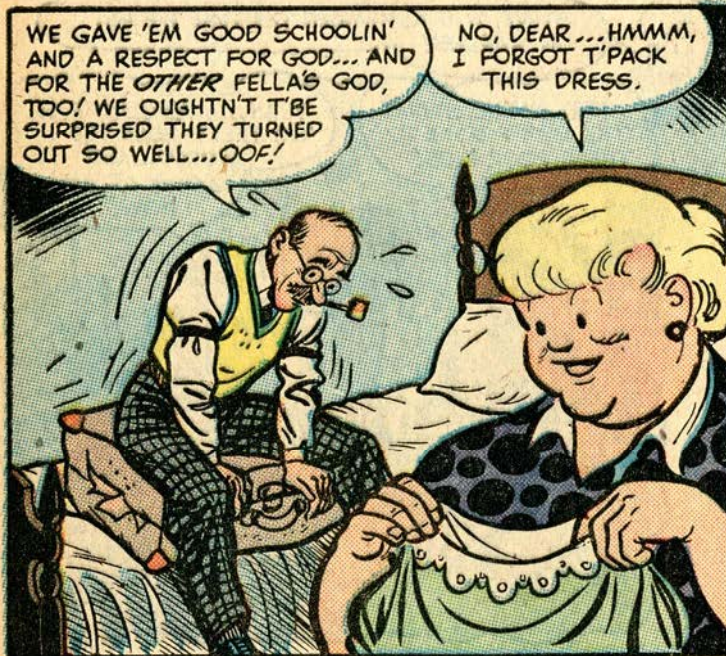
SOME FOLKS WOULD LIKE TO UNDERMINE THE FAMILY IN AMERICA, TOO!

YEAH...YOU NEVER SEE HOW IMPORTANT A THING LIKE A HAPPY, DEMOCRATIC FAMILY CAN BE...UNTIL YOU REALIZE THAT UNDER FASCISM OR COMMUNISM IT WOULD BE SMASHED!



MEANWHILE, UPSTAIRS!
THIS SURE IS A WONDERFUL PRESENT... A VACATION FOR BOTH OF US!

MIGHTY THOUGHTFUL BUNCH OF KIDS... I'M PROUD OF 'EM!



WE GAVE 'EM GOOD SCHOOLIN' AND A RESPECT FOR GOD... AND FOR THE OTHER FELLA'S GOD, TOO! WE OUGHTN'T T'BE SURPRISED THEY TURNED OUT SO WELL...OOH!

NO, DEAR...HMMM, I FORGOT T'PACK THIS DRESS.



NO SIR! BEIN' A GOOD PARENT ISN'T EASY! Y'GOTTA KNOW WHEN T'TELL KIDS AND WHEN T'LET 'EM WORK THINGS OUT FOR THEMSELVES...Y'GOTTA HELP 'EM WITHOUT PAMPERIN' 'EM AND...UGH!

DO YOU THINK I REALLY NEED THIS DRESS?



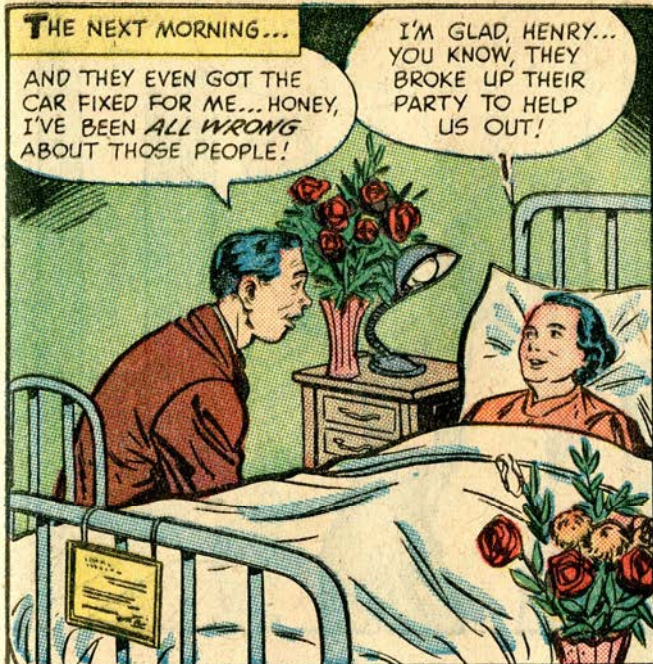
Y'GOTTA GIVE 'EM A START IN LIFE WITHOUT KEEPIN' 'EM ON YER APRON STRINGS FOREVER, AND... AH! THERE! WHEW!

OH, DEAR...YOU WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION! I WANTED TO...



NOT PAYIN' ATTENTION? IT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN RAISE A KID TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN AND A FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR...BY PAYIN' ATTENTION TO HIS UPBRINGIN'!

OH, DEAR...I SPOSE I CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT IT!



THE NEXT MORNING...

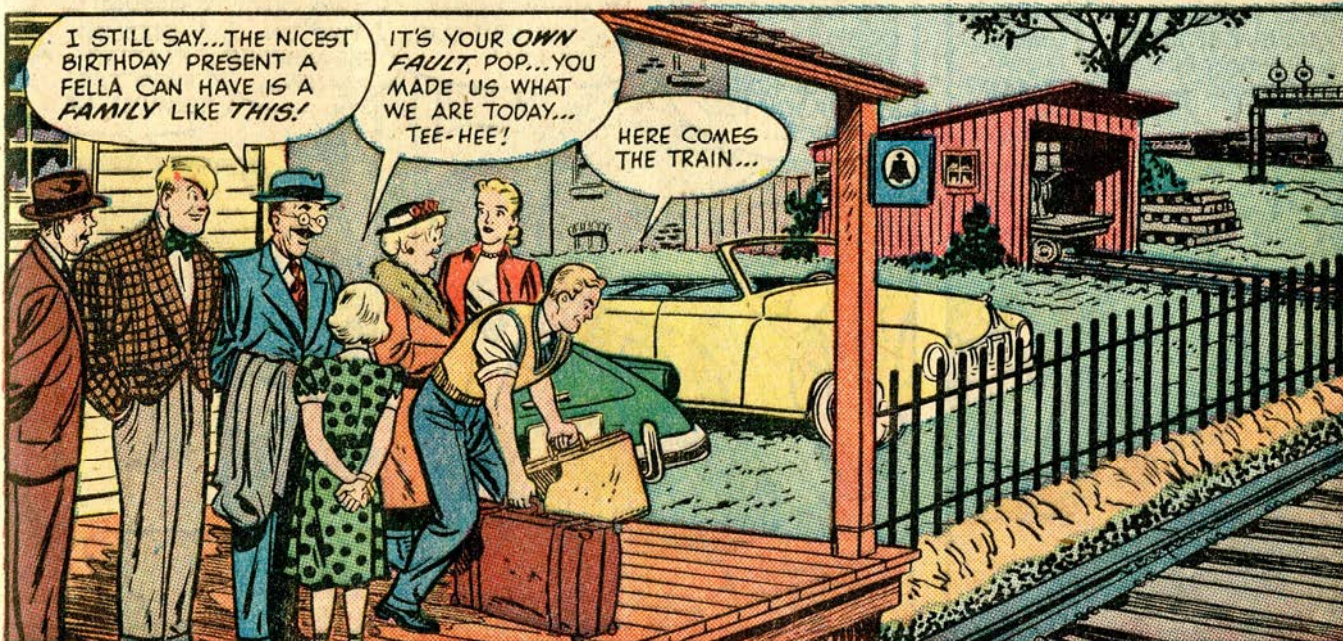
AND THEY EVEN GOT THE CAR FIXED FOR ME... HONEY, I'VE BEEN *ALL WRONG* ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE!

I'M GLAD, HENRY... YOU KNOW, THEY BROKE UP THEIR PARTY TO HELP US OUT!



I'M GONNA MAKE DARN SURE NONE OF *OUR* KIDS GROW UP WITH CRAZY IDEAS ABOUT PEOPLE! I HAD JOE ALL WRONG... HMMM... *JOE!* THAT'S A GOOD NAME FOR A KID!

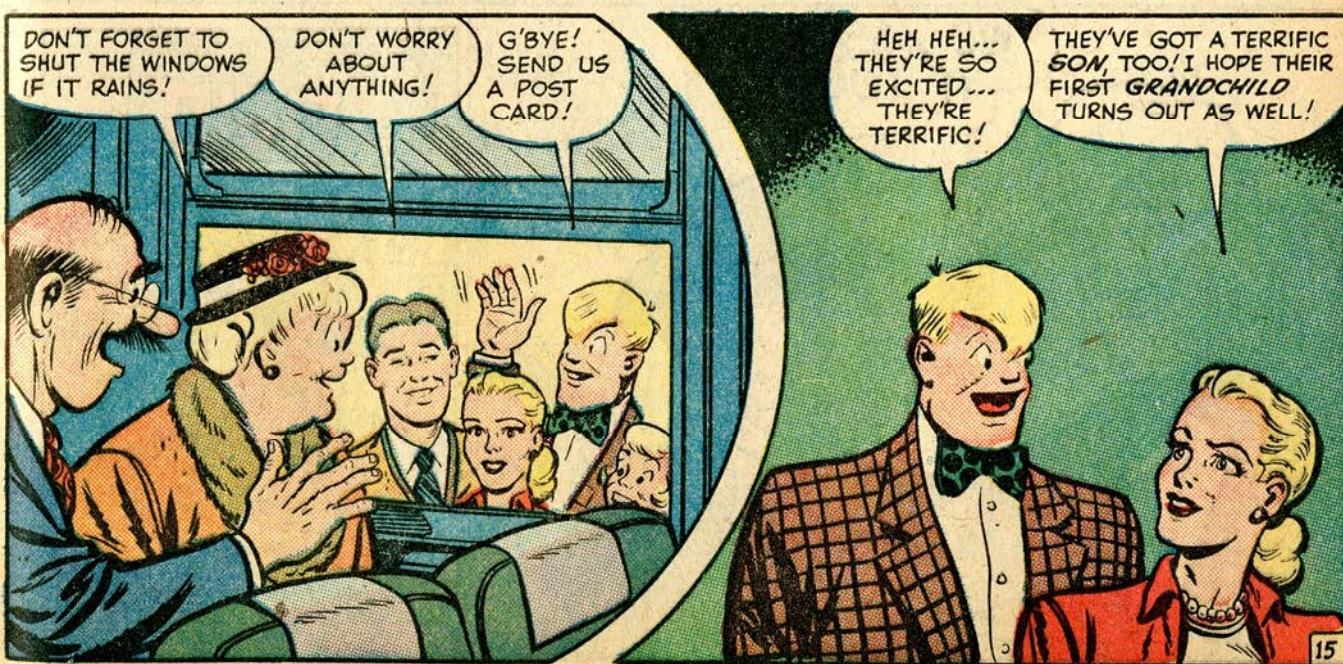
JOSEPH, YOU MEAN! I LIKE THAT! BUT YOU'D BETTER HURRY IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE PALOOKAS OFF!



I STILL SAY... THE NICEST BIRTHDAY PRESENT A FELLA CAN HAVE IS A *FAMILY LIKE THIS!*

IT'S YOUR *OWN FAULT*, POP... YOU MADE US WHAT WE ARE TODAY... TEE-HEE!

HERE COMES THE TRAIN...



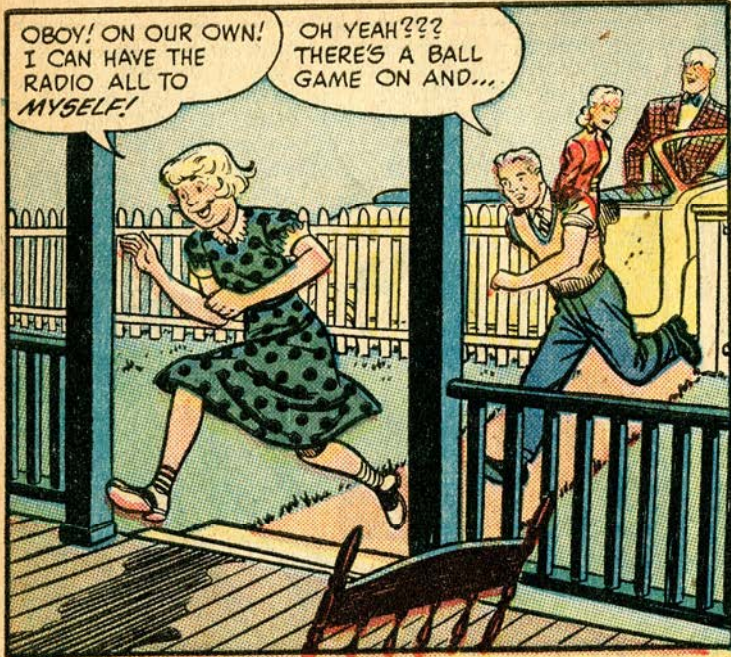
DON'T FORGET TO SHUT THE WINDOWS IF IT RAINS!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING!

G'BYE! SEND US A POST CARD!

HEH HEH... THEY'RE SO EXCITED... THEY'RE TERRIFIC!

THEY'VE GOT A TERRIFIC SON, TOO! I HOPE THEIR FIRST *GRANDCHILD* TURNS OUT AS WELL!



OBOY! ON OUR OWN!
I CAN HAVE THE
RADIO ALL TO
MYSELF!

OH YEAH???
THERE'S A BALL
GAME ON AND...



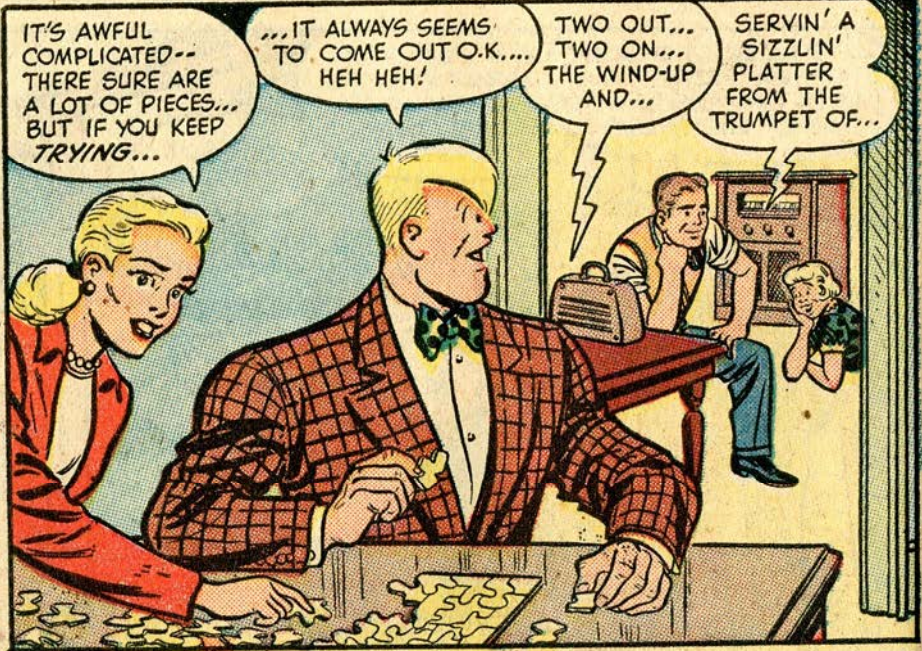
IF YOU'LL TAKE SOME...HEH HEH...
FATHERLY ADVICE, STEVE, WHY
DON'T YOU USE POP'S NEW
RADIO?

SURE...
WHY
NOT?!



WE'RE FRESH OUT OF
RADIOS, BUT HERE'S
A JIG-SAW PUZZLE--
CONFUSING,
ISN'T IT?

HMMM...I
GUESS
IT'S A
LITTLE LIKE
BRINGIN' UP
A FAMILY!

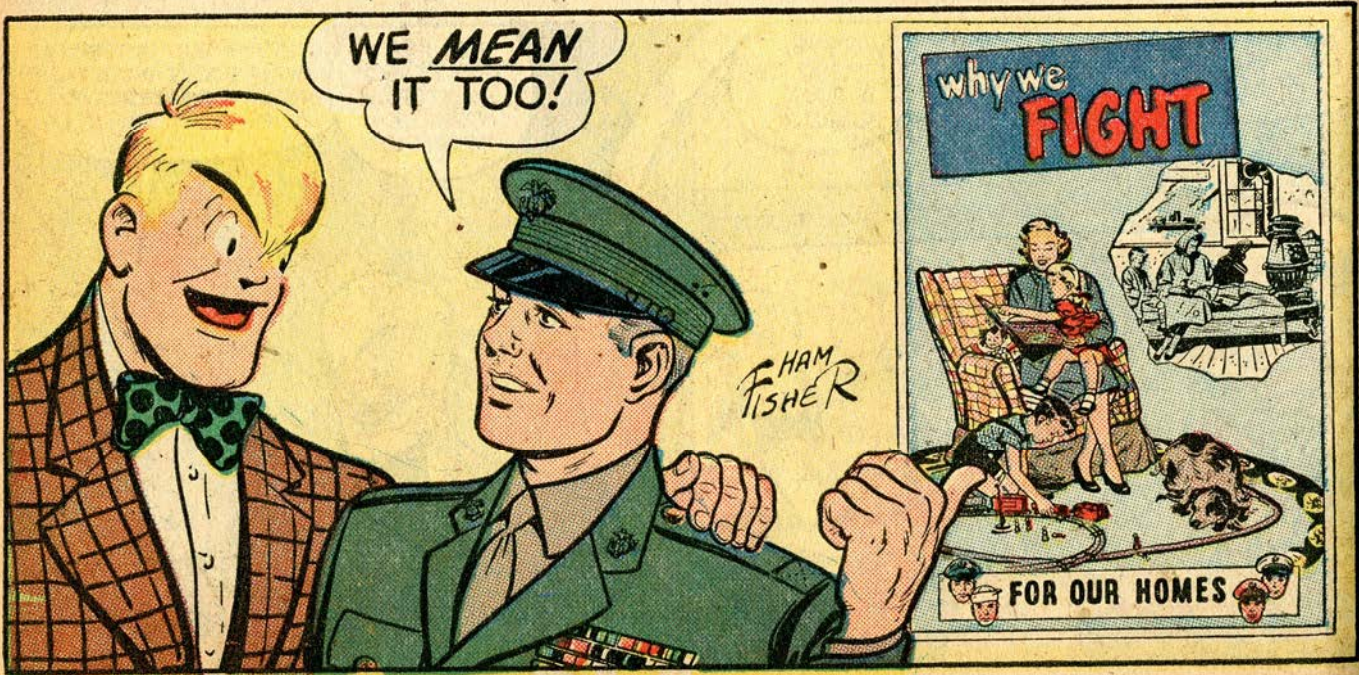


IT'S AWFUL
COMPLICATED--
THERE SURE ARE
A LOT OF PIECES...
BUT IF YOU KEEP
TRYING...

...IT ALWAYS SEEMS
TO COME OUT O.K....
HEH HEH!

TWO OUT...
TWO ON...
THE WIND-UP
AND...

SERVIN' A
SIZZLIN'
PLATTER
FROM THE
TRUMPET OF...



WE MEAN
IT TOO!

F. HAM
TISHER

