





# Huge Fighting Ship Ready Soon

### 35,000-Ton North Carolina First Battleship Added In Twenty Years.

WASHINGTON.—The North Carolina, first battleship to be built for the United States navy in 20 years, will go into commission April 11.

The most powerful fighting ship in the world, according to navy officials, she will join the battle line this summer under command of Capt. Olaf Hustvedt.

No announcement of her assignment has been made, but it is believed she will go to the Pacific and may become the flagship of the United States fleet.

The North Carolina was built at the New York navy yard. The Washington, a sister ship, is nearing completion at the Philadelphia navy yard. The speed of each ship is expected to exceed 28 knots. Each will carry nine 16-inch guns able to fire 10,000-pound shells more than 25,000 yards.

### Many Experts Engaged.

The North Carolina was launched June 13 and is being completed about five months ahead of time. She is the result of more than 140 separate battleship designs, in the working out of which from 40 to 70 naval design experts were engaged.

The designing covered 19 years and included studies of every type of battleship, its hull, super-structure, fire control, cruising radius, power, speed, gun power, anti-aircraft protection, etc.

The outcome, in the opinion of naval construction experts, is the best battle unit, offensively and defensively, built up to the present time. Larger ships, embodying many improvements, are under construction for the navy, but it will be two or three years before the first is ready to join the fleet.

The North Carolina is one of six sister ships each of 35,000 tons and each having as a main battery nine 16-inch guns. The Massachusetts, Indiana and South Dakota will be launched this year and the Alabama early in 1942.

### Fourth of Name.

The North Carolina is the fourth American combat ship to bear the name of the Tar Heel state. The first was a ship of the line of 2,633 tons, mounting 74 guns, launched at Philadelphia in September, 1820. This ship was the flagship of the United States squadron in the Mediterranean from 1825 to 1827 and continued in commission until 1866. She was sold in 1867.

The second North Carolina was an armored cruiser of 14,500 tons and was a unit of the fleet from 1906 until scrapped in 1930. In the first World war she was in the overseas transport service.

Her name was changed to the Charlotte in 1920 and the name North Carolina assigned to one of the six battleships then under construction. When the naval limitation-of-arms treaty was ratified the first battleship North Carolina was scrapped along with her sister ships and a squadron of battle cruisers.

### Gold in Doodle-Bug but

### Not in an Agent's Heart

KANSAS CITY, MO.—A real estate agent was amazed recently to find a hole, 15 feet wide and 25 feet deep, dug through the floor of a room in an old mansion.

Two roomers in the house, a man and a woman, told him that they were digging for gold, with the aid of a "doodle-bug."

When held over the hole, the "doodle-bug"—a glass jar suspended on a string from a magnet—swung in a circle. This was a sure indication that there was gold underneath, according to the pair. "You see, you just put in the jar something made of the mineral you wish to find," the real estate agent was told. The couple had a gold wedding ring and chain in the jar. "We had only a few feet to go," the woman said. "Let us finish and we'll turn the gold over to the owner of the house."

However, the agent decided that there had been enough excavating and ordered the hole filled up.

### Penny Saver

WATONGA, OKLA.—Twenty-four years of hunting and saving have given C. E. Fitzwater, a rural mail carrier, a unique collection of pennies. With the exception of six years, he has one from every year—missing are those for 1793, 1804, '08, '09, '11, '77.

### He Had Enough

AUSTIN, MINN.—A thief stole a flock of chickens, but a few days later returned them, with two extras.

### Boy's Toy Balloon

### Travels 500 Miles

HERRIN, ILL.—Ernie Garrison, 14-year-old Herrin high school student, learned to make hydrogen gas and filled a toy balloon with it, attached a note giving his home address and released his frail craft.

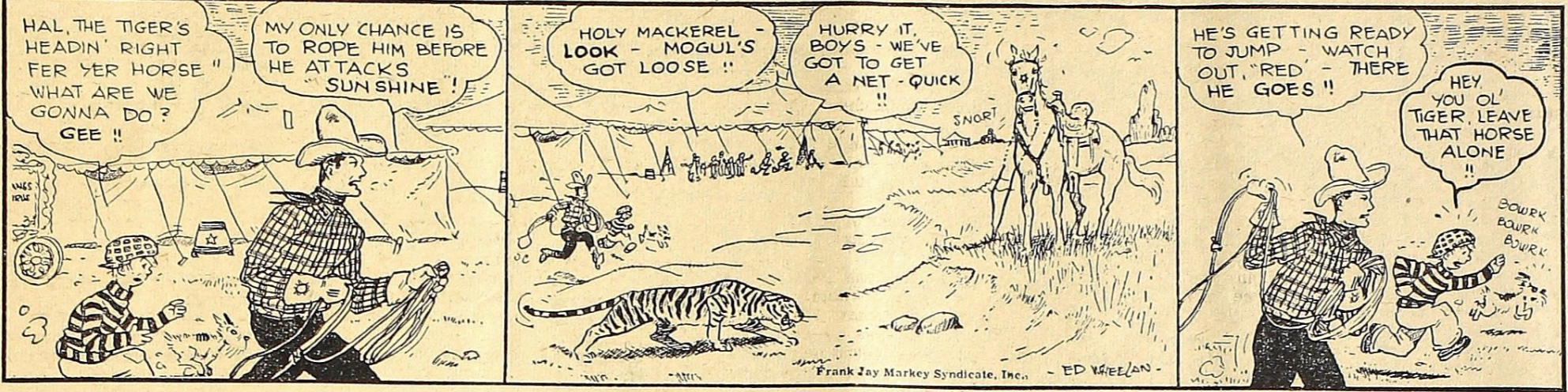
Three months later, the note was returned from Roswell, Ga., 500 miles away, by H. Oliver.

# THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

## Clean Comics That Will Amuse Both Old and Young

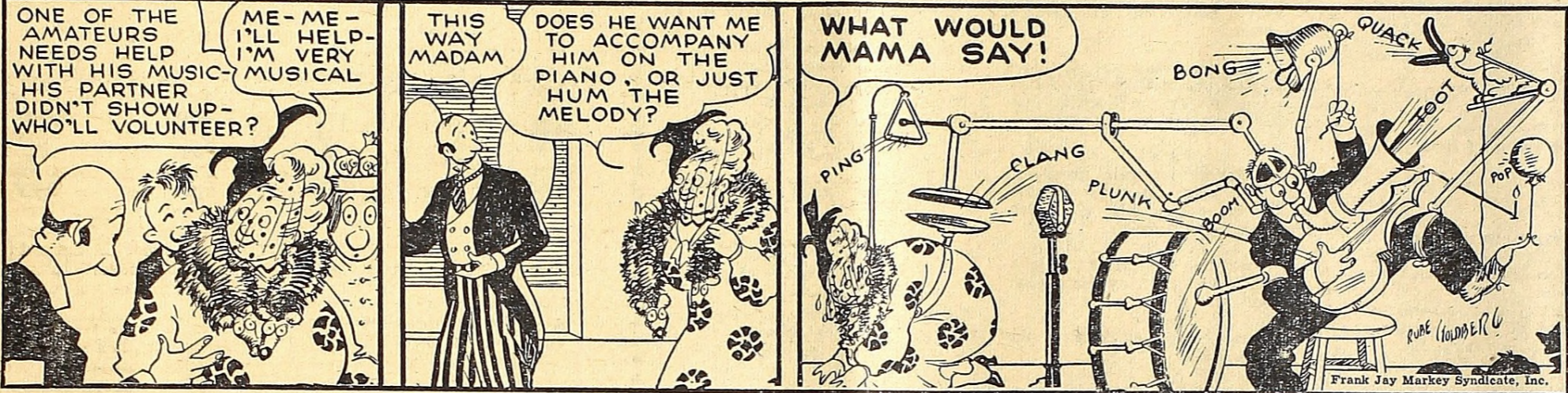
### BIG TOP

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### LALA PALOOZA A Stogie for a One-Man Band

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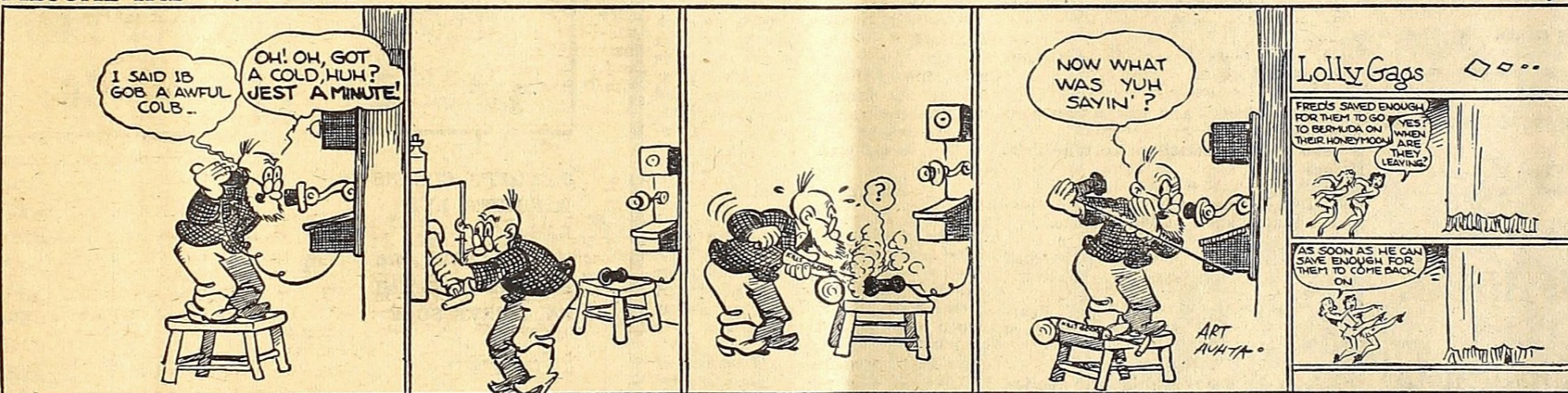
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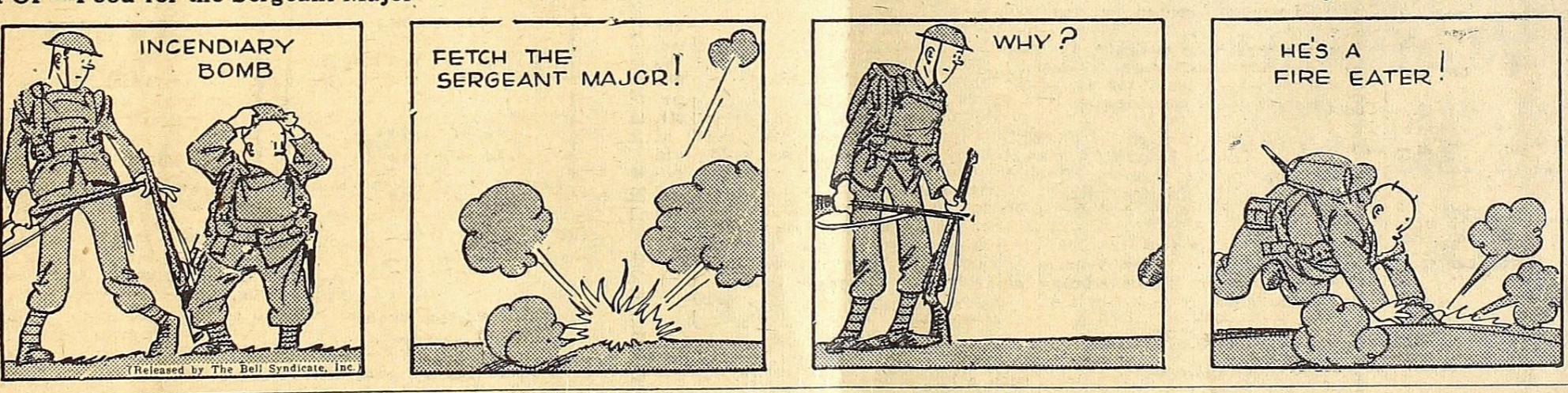
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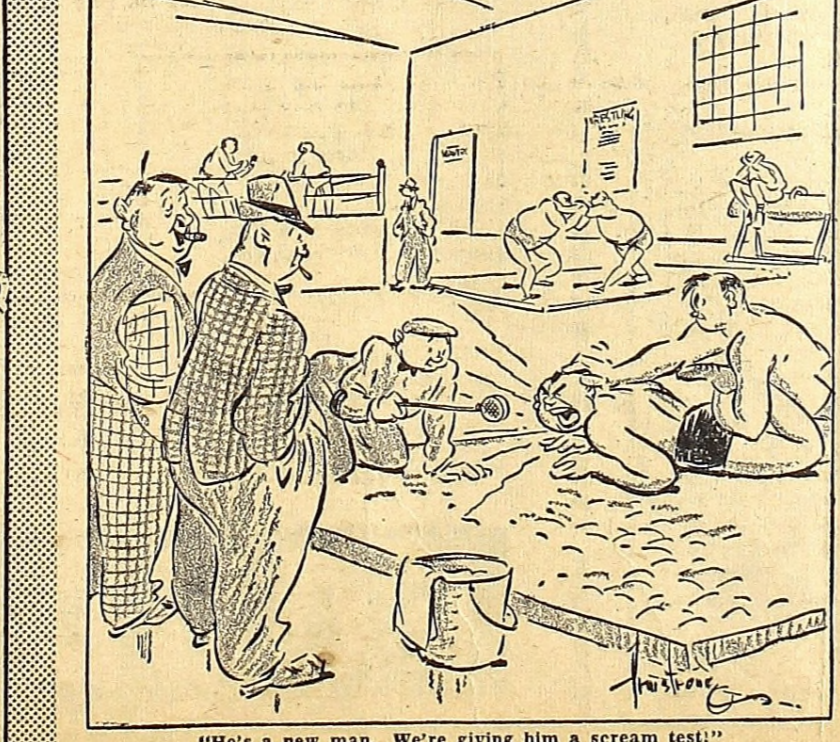


### POP—Food for the Sergeant Major

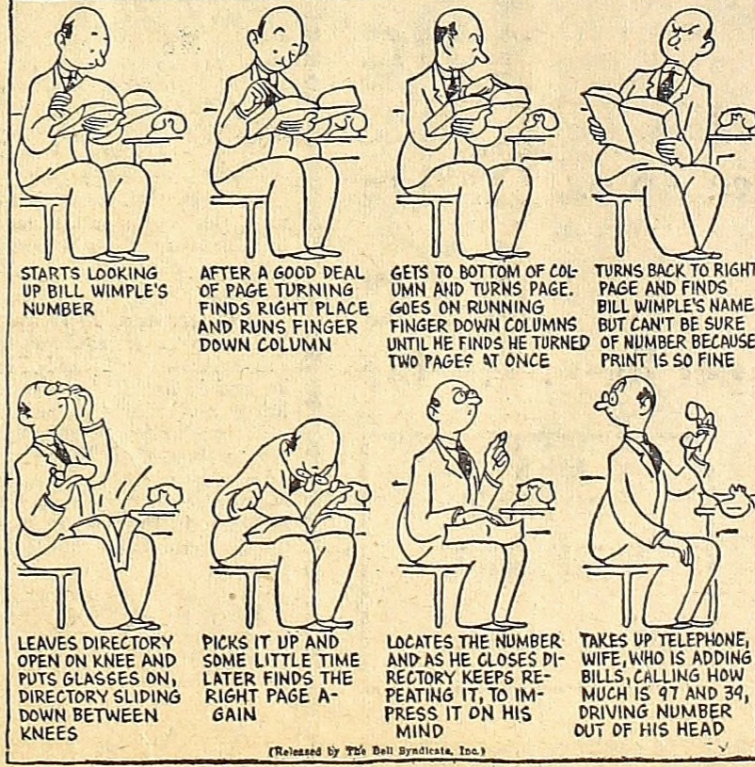
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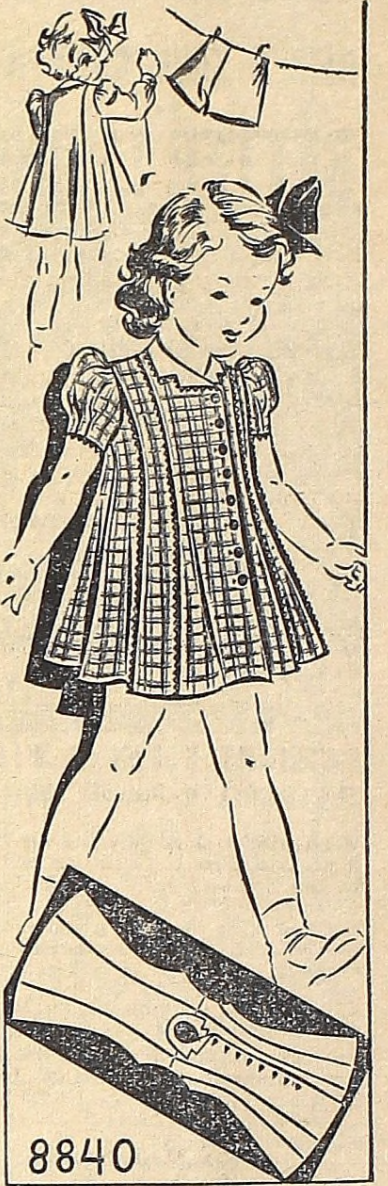


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Modesty Esteemed  
He who does not think too much of himself is much more esteemed than he imagines.—Goethe.

### Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly always the cough or you are to have your money back.

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Enemies carry a report in form different from the original.—Plautus.



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