

# Fun, Thrills, Adventure in the Comics

## SCORCHY SMITH

**Down He Goes!**

THEY WILL REMIND YOU THAT DRAKE ISN'T KIDNAPED YET!!

WHY SHOULD I BREAK UP THEIR ENGAGEMENT—I GUESS HE'S JUST PLAIN JEALOUS!

SO ROGER DRAKE SENT A COUPLE OF THUGS THINKING THAT I WOULD SPOIL THINGS FOR HIM!

WHY SHOULD I BREAK UP THEIR ENGAGEMENT—I GUESS HE'S JUST PLAIN JEALOUS!

UNLESS CINDY—OH, WHY BEAT MY BRAINS OUT ABOUT IT—THEY'LL SETTLE DOWN!

YOU'VE BEEN UPSET LATELY, CINDY BECAUSE I SUGGEST WE TROWEL SOUTH FOR A BIT OF RELAXATION!

YES, ROGER!

WONDER WHAT SHE DRINKS THE IDEA THAT THERE WAS ANYTHING BETWEEN CINDY AND ME...

WHEW! THAT'S A CLOSE ONE!

## OAKY DOAKS

**New Look**

HEARING HER FATHER'S AGONIZED YELL, TILLY RAN OUT OF THE WOODS TO BANDAGE HIS BRUISED FINGER—AND NOW...

I DON'T KNOW WHERE FATHER!

WHERE WHAT WHERE, TILLY?

I WANTED YOU TO SEE IT!

THEN LET'S GO AND FIND WHAT YOU WANTED ME TO SEE!

I SEE IT, FATHER! THERE IT IS!

TILLY! IT'S A MECHANICAL KNIGHT—A POOR COPY OF MY SIR ROBOT!

YES—BUT THIS ONE HAS A BIG IMPROVEMENT! IT'S GOT A FACE—IF YOU CAN CALL IT THAT!

FATHER! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TILLY?

I MEAN IT MEANS THAT SOMEBODY BESIDES YOU KNOWS HOW TO BUILD A MECHANICAL KNIGHT!

BUT THIS ONE IS COMPLETELY WITH AN OUT OF KILTER!

I'M SURE THE POOR THING MET WITH AN ACCIDENT!

CAN YOU FIX IT, FATHER?

I'LL SOON FIND OUT!

TILLY, I'LL GET THE WHEELBARROW AND TAKE THAT MECHANICAL KNIGHT TO MY SHOP!

I'LL WAIT HERE, FATHER.

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO FIND OUT WHAT'S IN THIS ENVELOPE.

A MAP SHOWING HOW TO GET HERE—AND A LETTER TO "SIR OAKY DOAKS."

I'LL READ THE LETTER!

Sir Oaky Doaks: Start Jason and my other late partners in construction of my mechanical knight King Conny

## DICKIE DARE

**Idea—Big And Little**

DICK LOOKS THROUGH THE DOCTOR'S MICROSCOPE...

"THAT'S 'PLANKTON', CADET—THE AMAZING ANIMAL AND PLANT LIFE THAT SWARMS IN SALT WATER!

I BELIEVE IT WILL HELP TO MEET FOOD PROBLEMS CAUSED BY INCREASING WORLD POPULATION!

THIS NOTEBOOK... AND THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO CASH IN ON IT!

WITH THE DOCTOR OUT OF THE WAY I COULD TAKE OVER HIS PLAN FOR PLANKTON CULTURE AND MAKE MILLIONS!

I'D CUT DARE IN ON IT—EXCEPT I JUST CAN'T FIGURE HIM TO BUY MY SCHEME—OR STRAY BOUGHT IF HE DID!

I MUST FIND A WAY TO DUMP THEM BOTH, YET SAIL INTO PORT WITH A PLAUSIBLE STORY!

HEAVE THE SHIP TO, PLEASE, CAPTAIN KITT!

KITT WILL HAVE HIS OPPORTUNITY—TOMORROW!

CAPTAIN, I SEE PATCHES OF SEAWEED—GET THE DIRTY OVER—DARE WILL SAIL IT WHILE I COLLECT SPECIMENS!

IF I COULD JUST SAIL OFF, LEAVE 'EM IN NO OCEAN...

WE'LL HAVE TO WATCH THOSE THOSE CLOUDS, DOCTOR!

...WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER THEY WOULDN'T LAST LONG, BUT WHAT REASON COULD I GIVE AS WHY THEY GOT LOST?

WNT... RAIN CLOUDS BUILDING UP! BY THUNDER—THAT MIGHT DO IT!

## Friendly Enemies



Friendly enemies are Gilbert Roland and Rory Calhoun in Edmund Graber's RKO Radio production, "Treasure of Pancho Villa." Calhoun portrays an American who fights for Villa because it pays well, while Roland plays a dedicated revolutionist leader. Shelly Winters also co-stars in this Superscope-Technicolor feature, which was filmed entirely in Mexico.

## Facing Gangster Guns



Facing gangster guns in Columbia Pictures' "Tight Spot," are Ginger Rogers and Brian Keith. A suspense drama packed with comedy, the film also stars Edward G. Robinson.

## Red Cedar Continues As Favorite Yule Tree

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

When we think of Christmas we think of Christmas trees with all their lights and decorations. The kinds of trees most commonly used as Christmas trees are red cedar, fir and pine, depending to a large extent on the species native to the area. Many carloads of northern fir trees are shipped in to North Carolina each year but unfortunately by the time they arrive here and are sold they are pretty badly dried out and are dropping their leaves.

The red cedar is a shapely tree and is a favorite in central and eastern North Carolina where it grows naturally. I personally believe the pine is greatly underrated as a Christmas tree and should be used more often. Pines are plentiful and make a pretty tree when decorated and also give off a pleasant "piney" perfume.

When trees are obtained several days before Christmas the base of the stem should be freshly cut and placed in a bucket or tub of water in order that the tree will take up some of the water and thereby keep it from drying out so soon. When taken into the house the tree may be set in a bucket or tub of wet sand. The important thing is to keep the tree from drying out so that it will not become a fire hazard.

Unfortunately, there have been no practical inexpensive methods to treat Christmas trees to make them fireproof without damaging the appearance of the tree. It has been recently reported that trees may be fireproofed by dipping them in a strong solution of ammonium phosphate—as much of the ammonium phosphate salt as the water will take up. A thorough spraying of the tree might take the place of dipping. It is said that a tree so treated will char if subjected to flames but will not

## Trial Balloon Asks Help; Curious Child Appeared

Chicago (AP)—Ten-year-old Terry Stromberg loosed a gas-filled balloon from her Chicago home recently bearing a message: "Help, please."

She also included her name and address.

A farmer found the balloon about a week later in a field near Grand Junction, Mich., about 75 miles from Chicago. He spotted the note and informed police.

Two officers rushed to the Stromberg home.

"Oh, I'm okay," Terry told them. "I just wanted to see how far it would go."

Youth Crime Rises

New York (AP)—Juvenile delinquents (children under 16) in New York's Domestic Relations Court rose 15 per cent between 1953 and 1954. The number of 16-to-21 offenders in other courts rose nearly 83 per cent in the same period.

## Private Eyes Not Glamorous

Richmond, Va. (AP)—The Private Eye in real life doesn't seem to be quite the type that divides his efforts between twitting the D.A.'s office and fighting off blondes while drilling an unsavory character here and there. At least that's the way it seemed at a meeting of the Professional Detective Association of Virginia.

The average detective at the meeting was 55, married, a bit overweight, didn't pack a rod, and was a former peace officer of some sort. He had one modest drink of blended whisky before lunch and after lunch smoked a 10-cent cigar.

"I never even shot at anybody," said T. J. Cousins, association president, a private eye for 50 years.

Although the Arabs made paper in the eighth century, there is little record of its use by Europeans before the 12th century.

## Beaufort

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Tuesday - Wednesday

"BAREFOOT CONTESSA"

with HUMPHREY BOGART AVA GARDNER ROSSANO BRAZZI

Thursday - Friday

They blasted their way into history!

EDWARD GARDNER

ROXY CALHOUN SHELLEY WINTERS GILBERT ROLAND

THE TREASURE OF PANCHO VILLA

TECHNICOLOR SUPERSCOPE

Distributed by RKO-RAID PICTURES

## Parents, Children Study Together in Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo, Mich. (AP)—Parents have been going to school with their children Thursday nights at the junior high school, and both kids and grownups think it's great.

The youngsters like it because no mathematics or English is taught, only things like copper tooling and ceramics. The parents like it because they're finding a renewed interest in junior's school and children, too.

The idea originated with a Parent-Teacher Assn. experimenting to bring community and schools in closer touch. Instructors volunteered to teach without pay.

Benton Harbor, Mich. (AP)—It cost an Air Force parachutist \$15 to make a demonstration jump. Airman 1c Phillip Bellus, stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base, said his wallet containing \$15 popped from his pocket as he hit the water in a jump at nearby Silver Beach.

**City THEATRE**

Last Times Today

RICHARD EGAN DANA WYNTER

"THE VIEW FROM POMPEY'S HEAD"

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**Morehead**

Last Times Today

BING CROSBY DANNY KAYE

"WHITE CHRISTMAS"

Wednesday - Thursday

Taste! Terrific!

GINGER ROGERS EDWARD G. ROBINSON BRIAN KEITH

**TIGHT SPOT**