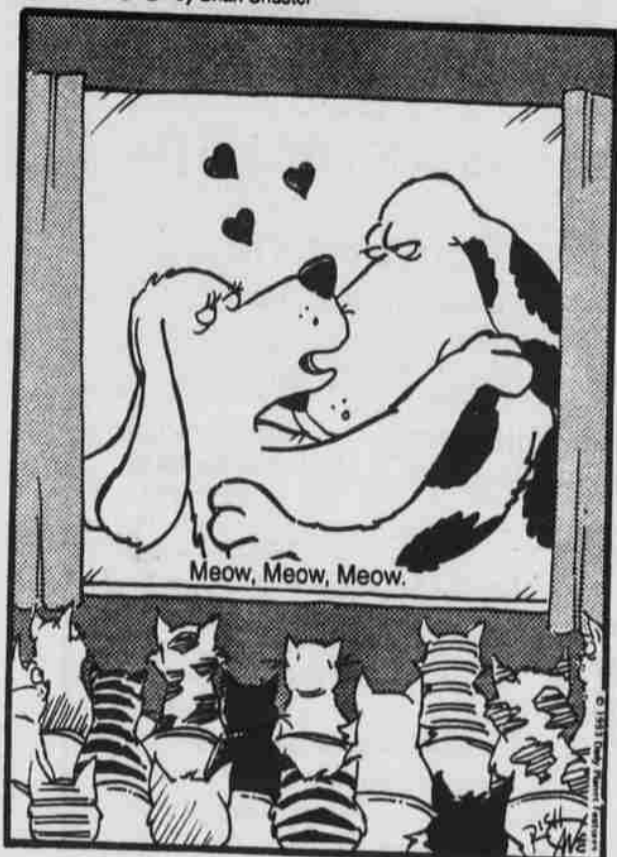
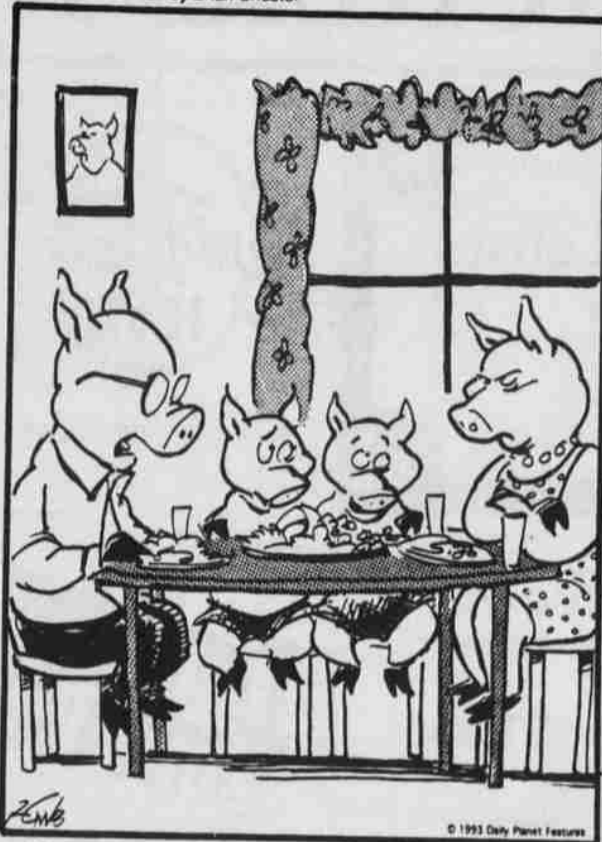


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"Now Margaret, you know I didn't mean anything by it... after all, we ALL eat like pigs."

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"Nice and easy. I don't want to have to use this."

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"Well, yes, I DID the homework assignment, but then um, well, then I ate it."

Tom the Dancing Bug ©1993 by Ruben Bolling

THE HISTORY OF DOUG

ODYSSEY OF AN UNREMARKABLE CARTOON CHARACTER



IN 1924, DOUG MADE HIS DEBUT IN THE POPULAR COMIC STRIP, "THOSE STOOPID IMMIGRANTS."



BUT IT SOON BECAME APPARENT THAT DOUG DID NOT HAVE A FLAIR FOR DIALECT, WHICH WAS ALL THE RAGE AT THE TIME.



DOUG DID NOT REEMERGE UNTIL 1935, WHEN HE WOULD OFTEN APPEAR AS AN EXTRA IN THE COMIC "NUTS 'N' BARRY."

IN THE MAY, 1936 ISSUE, HE COMMITTED A MISCUE FOR WHICH HE WAS SUMMARILY DISMISSED.

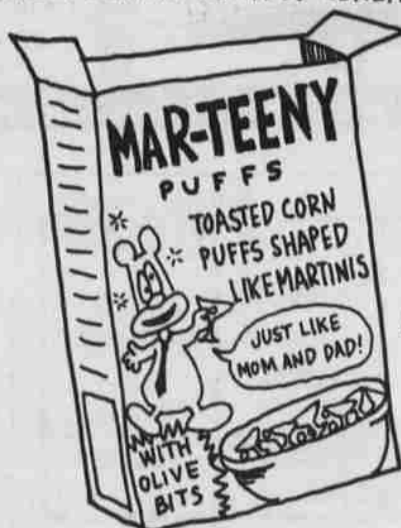
WORLD WAR II PROVED TO BE A BOON TO DOUG'S CAREER. HE BECAME A CHARACTER IN ARMY-ISSUE COMIC BOOKS.



UNFORTUNATELY, WORLD WAR II ENDED, AND DOUG WAS AGAIN RELEGATED TO MAKING APPEARANCES WHERE HE COULD, AS THIS PANEL DEMONSTRATES.

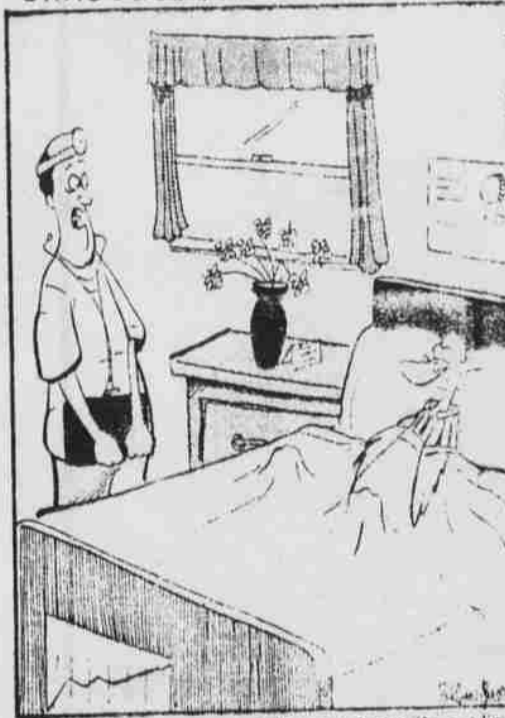
BY 1955, DOUG WAS DESPERATE FOR WORK, AND HE SIGNED ON AS MASCOT FOR AN ILL-FATED CEREAL.

THE CEREAL FAILED, LEAVING DOUG WITH A TAG AS A "TEAM PLAYER" (i.e. HE WOULD ENDORSE ANYTHING). THE SHADY DEALS THAT FOLLOWED GAVE DOUG SOME EXPOSURE, BUT SEVERELY DAMAGED HIS REPUTATION.



NEXT WEEK: THE SALACIOUS SIXTIES!! THE SOLICITOUS SEVENTIES!! THE ANNOYING EIGHTIES!!

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"Well Mr. Wilkins we were able to save your life, but I'm afraid we had to give you a heart from a duck... and a duck's kidneys... and, well, look, I've got to be honest..."

