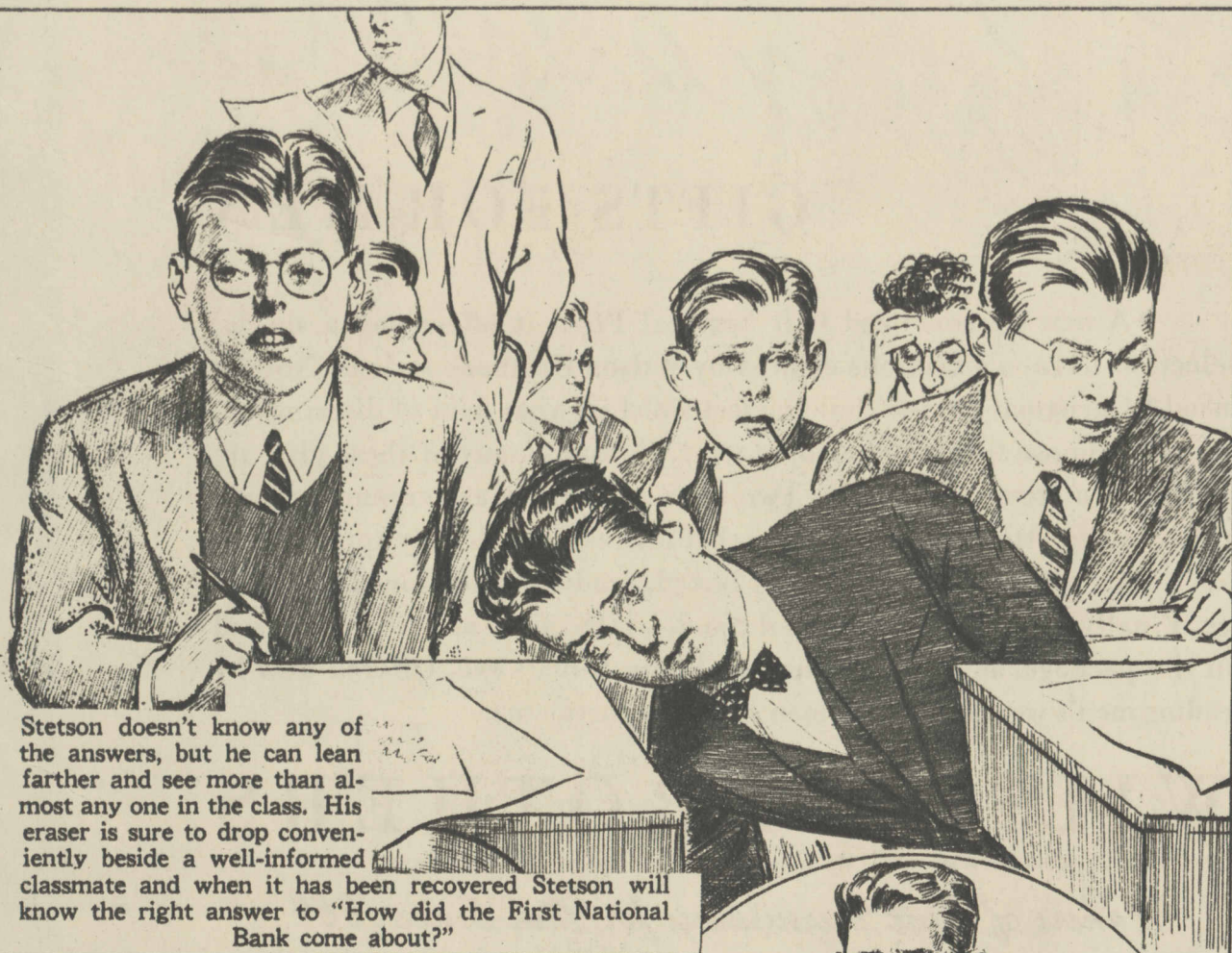


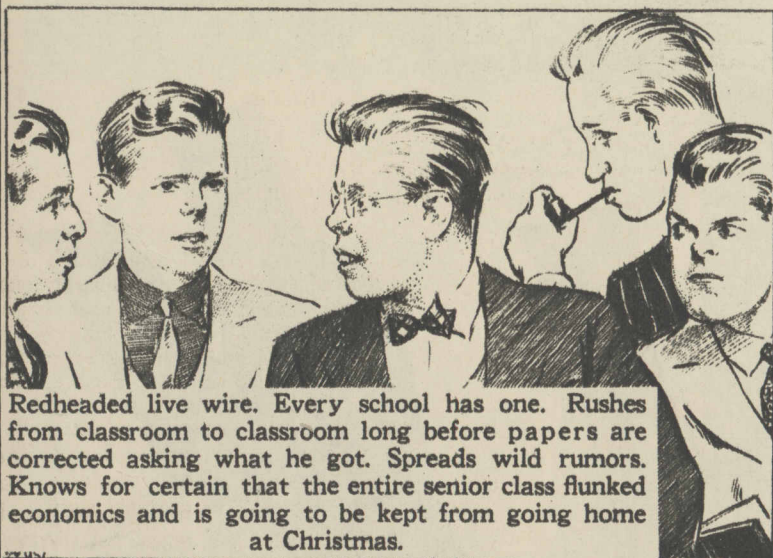
## MID-TERM EXAMS

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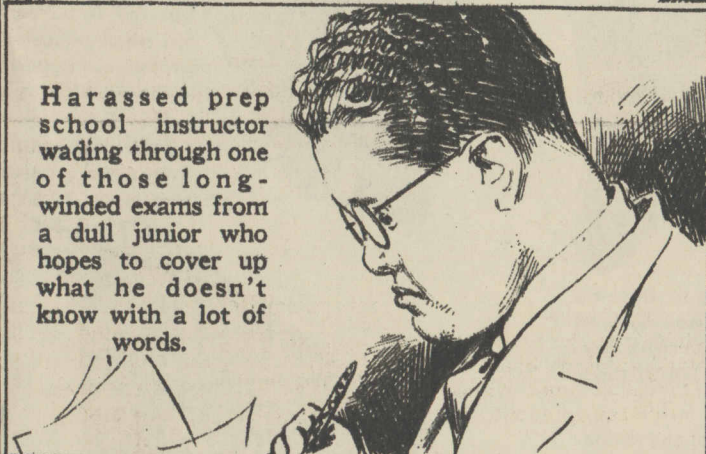
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Stetson doesn't know any of the answers, but he can lean farther and see more than almost any one in the class. His eraser is sure to drop conveniently beside a well-informed classmate and when it has been recovered Stetson will know the right answer to "How did the First National Bank come about?"



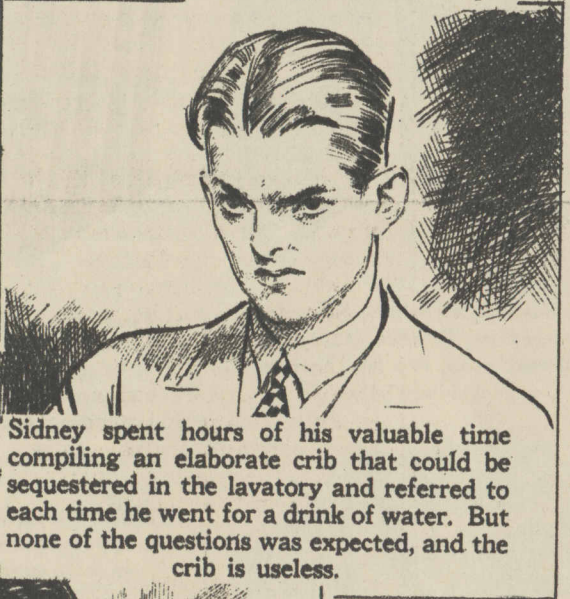
Redheaded live wire. Every school has one. Rushes from classroom to classroom long before papers are corrected asking what he got. Spreads wild rumors. Knows for certain that the entire senior class flunked economics and is going to be kept from going home at Christmas.



Harassed prep school instructor wading through one of those long-winded exams from a dull junior who hopes to cover up what he doesn't know with a lot of words.



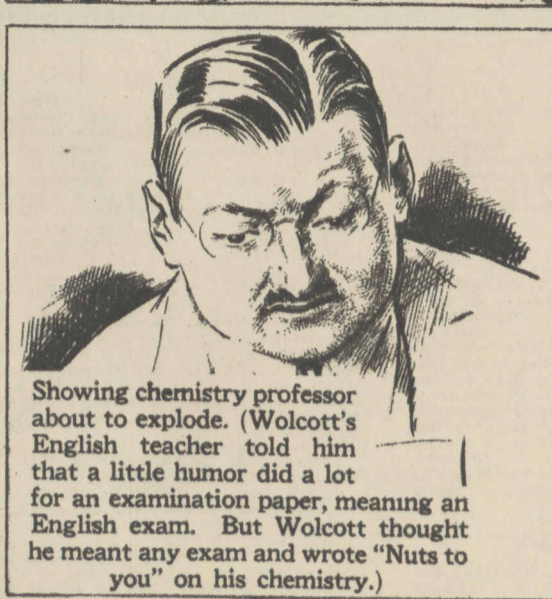
Arthur cut the exam, having no idea it was due yesterday. And the math instructor is just mean and vicious enough to suggest a make-up.



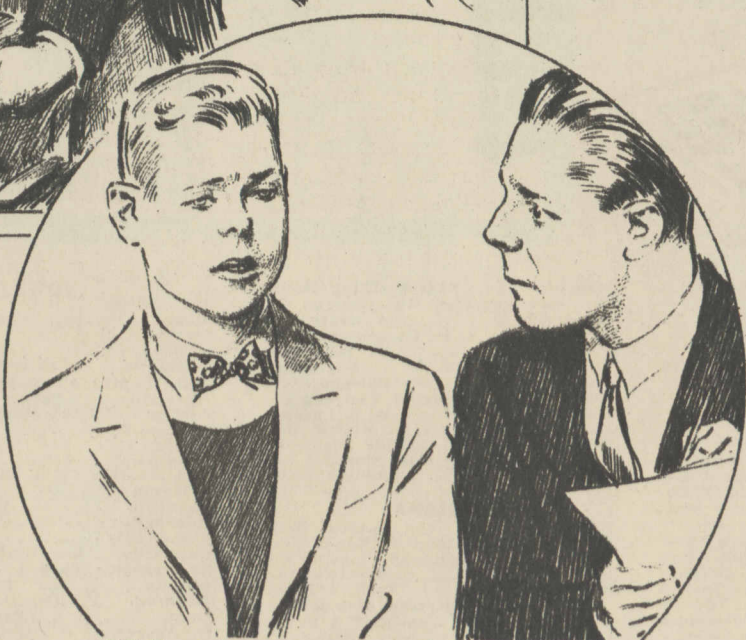
Sidney spent hours of his valuable time compiling an elaborate crib that could be sequestered in the lavatory and referred to each time he went for a drink of water. But none of the questions was expected, and the crib is useless.



Dudley can't understand the wording of the questions. Asks Mr. Kelp if: "Explain the reasons for and the purpose of the first Continental Congress," means why they had it, or how they started it, or what they did at it. Mr. Kelp says, "What do you think it means?"



Showing chemistry professor about to explode. (Wolcott's English teacher told him that a little humor did a lot for an examination paper, meaning an English exam. But Wolcott thought he meant any exam and wrote "Nuts to you" on his chemistry.)



"Tell me in your own words what you meant to say here." Showing kind-hearted instructor trying to give Ogden the benefit of the doubt on his English paper. Ogden isn't sure what he meant, which is too bad, because they need him on the basketball team and he has to pass in something.

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## Old English Customs



**1** This is no hatchet burial scene. It is the 1937 renewal of a 700-year-old English custom—just one of the many traditions that form an important, if sentimental, strand in the warp and woof of the empire. The bewigged gentleman is a court official called the king's remembrancer. Traditionally he reminds various of the king's officials of their duties. He is receiving a hatchet from the solicitor of the City of London corporation, representing a traditional payment of two knives, ten horseshoes, and sixty-one horseshoe nails to the crown for use of certain lands. The payment is called quitrent. Quitrents were abolished in 1922, but the tradition lingers on.

(Photo from Tribune London Bureau.)



**2** Even farther back in English history goes this custom—"beating the bounds." In Anglo-Saxon times parish priests on Ascension day would lead a group of boys bearing willow wands on a walk around the parish boundaries, beating the boundary stones to designate the official property line. Sometimes the boys were switched or bounced upon the stones to make them remember. That's why the choir boy is being up-ended during this year's observance at a London church.

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**3** London elects a mayor. Sir Harry Twyford, third from the left, with glasses, appears in his new robes of office as London's lord mayor. An honorary position, but important in England's ceremonial setup, the mayoralty is awarded on a basis of seniority in an "election" by members of traditional guilds and city companies.



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**4** At left: Another mayor. Councillor A. J. Gibbs, new mayor of High Wycombe, goes through an age-old weighing-in ceremony.



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**5** More modern than the others is the annual all-England basket-carrying race for market porters.