DEAR DORIS

By Doris Clark

DEAR DORIS — My husband complains that it is like being in another world away from me in the mornings. I don't go near the kitchen until everybody is out of the house. They don't want bacon and eggs; just juice, toast and jam.

If I am there, I am everybody's slave. If I make the lunch sandwiches, somebody is bound to come home that evening and say. "There was too much butter on my bread." Or "not enough gravy on my meat." I suppose this comes from having a mother around and an aunt who tried to do too much for them.

Do you agree with me or with my husband?

Peeved

DEAR PEEVED — Must I take sides? Because there are two sides.

A homemaker's day is long; and she must often feel like everybody's slave. The temptation to avoid all the issues of early morning is great.

Yet she is the home manger, the morale builder, the love-giver. People need love and interest in the morning as at any time of the day. Children can still pack their own lunches — but couldn't you be the one who shows them how to make it apetizing?

For that first hour or two while you relax in bed, you are in a world apart, aren't you?

DEAR DORIS — There is to be a convention here of several associations, one of which my husband is the president. There is to be a luncheon for the ladies.

My problem is that I have had polio and have partial paralysis in both legs. I use a cane for balance. How could I gracefully decline the luncheon without going into details about my legs?

So many things are a problem to me, stairs, toilets, etc.

Can't Manage

DEAR CAN'T — But you can. I mean, some of the greatest thinkers and doers of our times have been grossly handicapped.

Awkward legs are a bother, yes. But folks doubtless already know your problem; if you could handle it with poise, seeking and being grateful for a helping hand when you need it, the ladies will admire and love your cheery spirit.

What's the alternative? Not only to miss a lot of fun, but to miss sharing something your husband finds very much worth while.

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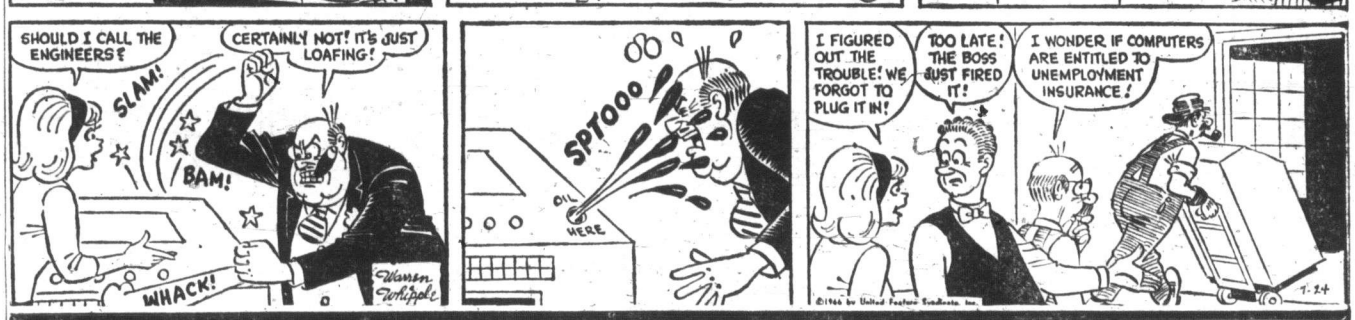
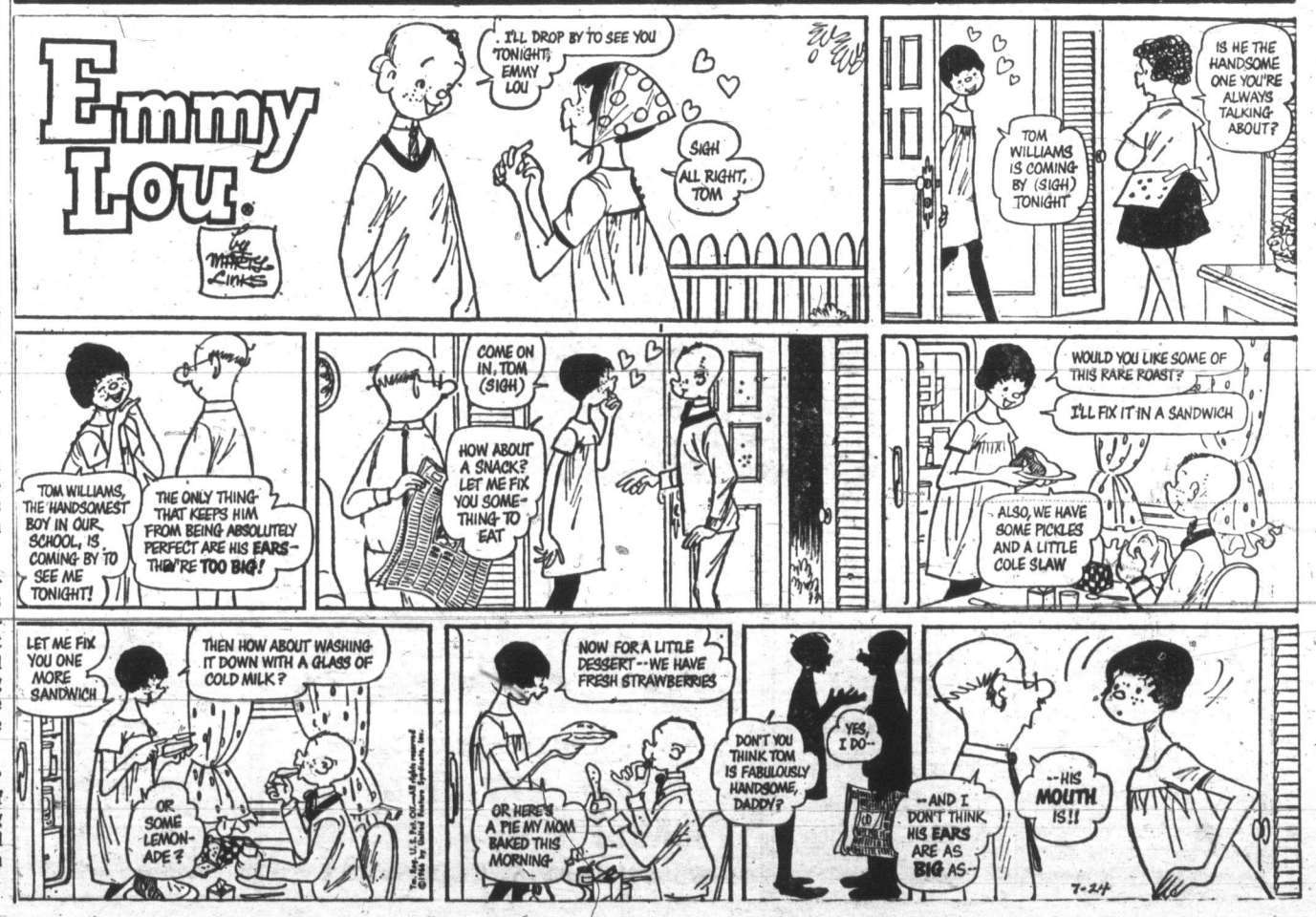
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