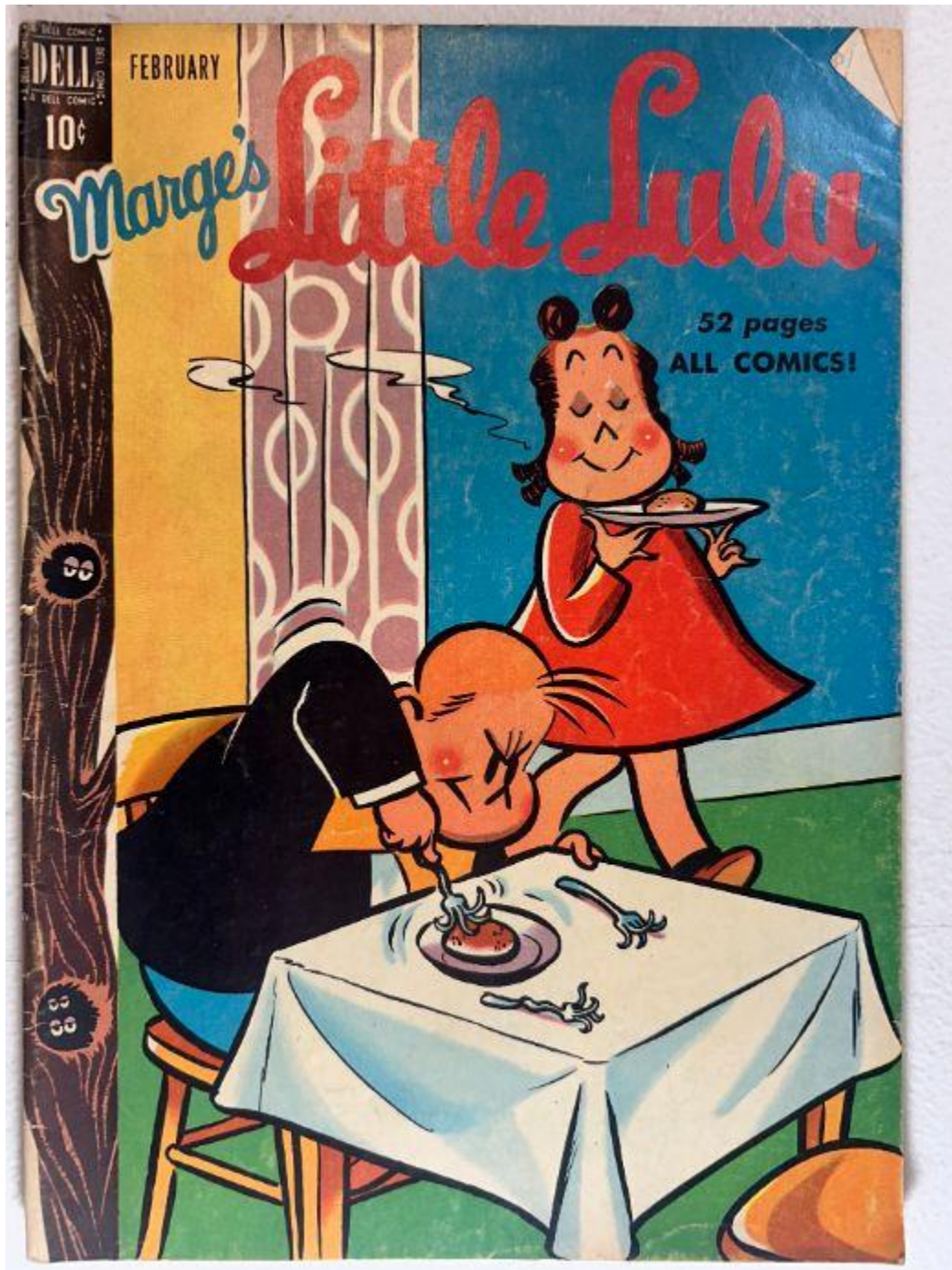


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We'll proceed to the **Inside Front Cover** next once you upload it.

FRONT COVER — Detailed Observations

Below is a full, image-based assessment following your standardized intake format.

Overall Setting & Layout

The uploaded image shows the complete front cover of a vintage comic. The cover design is brightly colored and printed in the classic Dell style. The comic is laid flat against a neutral backdrop with even lighting, making all major details visible.

Foreground Visual Elements

- A table is positioned in the center-bottom area, covered with a white cloth.
 - One individual (seated) is leaning forward, eating a meal from a plate placed on the table.
 - Another individual (standing) is holding a platter with additional food and appears to be walking behind the seated figure.
 - The standing figure is wearing a red garment and brown shoes.
 - The seated figure appears to be using a utensil, with multiple bones or bone-like items placed on the table around the plate.
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Background Visual Elements

- A blue wall fills the upper-right section of the cover.
 - To the left, a vertical patterned curtain features circles and lines in light tones.
 - A yellow wall section appears in the left-middle area.
 - The floor is green, with the legs of the table and chairs clearly visible.
 - A stylized tree trunk pattern runs vertically along the left edge of the front cover, part of Dell's classic graphic branding.
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Visible Text on the Cover

- **Top left corner:**
 - *Dell Comics* logo in a black box.
 - Price: *10¢*.
 - Month: *February*.
 - **Title:**
 - "**Marge's Little Lulu**" in large decorative lettering across the top.
 - **Right side text:**
 - "*52 pages*"
 - "*ALL COMICS!*"
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Physical Condition Observations

Edges & Corners

- Top-right corner has a noticeable **triangular crease** with color break.
- Bottom-right corner moderately rounded.
- Upper-left corner shows light wear but remains intact.

Spine Area

- Significant **spine wear** visible along the entire left edge.
- Multiple vertical **color-breaking creases**.
- Some **chipping** and exposed paper fibers near the midpoint and lower areas.
- Spine appears structurally intact with no full splits visible from this angle.

Surface Wear

- Light gloss still present.
- Minor scuffing across the blue field on the right side.
- Several faint pressure lines visible under angled lighting.

Color Quality

- Colors remain vibrant, particularly the blue title field and red garment.
- No major fading observed.

Stains / Marks

- No water staining, ink transfer, or discoloration is visible.
- Tablecloth region shows normal handling wear but no major dirt accumulation.

Tears

- No cover tears appear along any edge.
 - No punctures or holes observed.
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Overall Front Cover Impression

This front cover presents as a **solid mid-grade Golden Age cover** with bright color and appealing art. Structural wear is concentrated along the spine with corner imperfections and edge stress but no major tears or staining. Very typical for mid-range Dell comics of this era.

INSIDE FRONT COVER — Detailed Observations



Overall Setting & Page Layout

The image shows the entire inside front cover of the comic. It contains a **nine-panel black-and-white comic strip** arranged in a **3 × 3 grid**, with a publication information block along the bottom edge. The comic is open naturally, revealing the right-side first interior story page in color.

The overall page is evenly lit, allowing good visibility of paper tone, margins, and structural condition.

Foreground Content (Comic Panels)

Each panel features:

- A character walking or interacting in a grassy, tree-lined outdoor setting.
- Background consists of a continuous line of stylized foliage across all panels.
- The panels depict actions such as walking, tossing small objects, or reacting to movement.
- The characters' positions alternate left and right across panels, creating a simple sequential visual gag.

The strip title “**LULU**” appears at the top center above the 9-panel grid.

Background Content

- The right edge shows the adjoining color interior story page.
 - Surrounding paper margins are visible, showing uniform aging and natural 1940s–1950s toning.
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Publication Text (Bottom Margin)

A full text block at the bottom of the page contains:

- Issue identification
- Publishing rights
- Copyright information

- Printing and distribution details
- Dell Publishing imprint and NYC address

The text is clearly readable and unblemished.

Physical Condition Observations

Paper Toning & Coloration

- Entire page shows **medium-to-dark Golden Age toning**.
- A **distinct darker band** runs along the top edge, common for books stored upright over decades.
- Toning is uniform across panels with no severe browning or brittleness visible.

Edges & Corners

- **Upper-left corner**: noticeable crease and rounding, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long, with mild color break.
- **Bottom corners**: softened but structurally intact.
- **Right margin**: very light curve typical of a naturally opened book; no tears.

Surface Condition

- Minor scattered dark specks consistent with light foxing or newsprint aging.
- No visible stains, moisture ripples, or damage.
- No pencil marks, pen, crayon, or writing.

Panel Lines & Ink Quality

- Black ink prints cleanly with strong contrast.
- No smearing, ghosting, or offset ink transfer from facing pages.

Binding & Inner Margin

- Inner spine margin shows natural shadowing.
 - No tearing, pulling, or staple-related stress marks visible from this page.
 - Page sits flat without forcing, which suggests good structural health.
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Overall Inside Front Cover Impression

This inside front cover is in **solid condition** with expected Golden Age toning but **no structural defects** such as tears, stains, or detachment. The only notable wear includes:

- Upper-left corner crease
- Moderate toning
- Light aging spots

All consistent with mid-grade Dell comics of the era.

You said:

Copilot said:

Copilot

Here is your **Centerfold assessment** for

Marge's Little Lulu Vol. 1 No. 20

This description follows your observation-collection format and will be stored for automatic document generation at the end of the workflow.

☑ CENTERFOLD — Detailed Observations

▣ Overall Setting

The photo shows the comic opened flat to the centerfold. Both pages are fully visible, with the staple line centered vertically. Lighting is even, making the paper tone, color condition, and structural integrity easy to evaluate.

This appears to be a **full-color story sequence** featuring multiple comic panels arranged in three vertical columns per page.



☑ LEFT PAGE — Content Description

The left page contains several rectangular panels arranged vertically.

Foreground & Scene Elements

- A series of scenes depicting a character reclining, thinking, then reacting with excitement.
- Several panels show outdoor grassy environments with simple backgrounds.
- Text balloons include phrases such as:
 - "Let's see... there must be something else..."
 - "I have it! I'll put a tax on taxes!"
 - "YOW!"
 - "WOW!"

Background Elements

- Simple flat-color fills in orange, green, blue, and tan.
- Minimal environmental detail typical of mid-century Dell comic design.
- Bottom panel includes a crowd scene with densely repeated small background figures.

☑ RIGHT PAGE — Content Description

This page continues the same story.

Foreground & Scene Elements

- Panels depict characters talking outside a small structure resembling a wooden fenced area.
- Characters interact on grass, walk outdoors, and converse on playground-like structures.
- Several dialogue balloons are visible, including:
 - "You're free!"
 - "The first thing she wanted to do was feel the warm sun..."
 - "Listen, I wanna ask you one thing, Lulu..."

Background Elements

- Large outdoor areas with green grass, blue sky, and yellow sun.
- Minimalistic outlines of trees or fences.
- A playground structure appears in the final panel.

☑ Binding & Staple Condition (Centerfold-specific)

- Both staples appear to be **fully attached**.
- No tearing or pulling around the staple holes.
- Slight darkening around the staple line consistent with aging.
- Fold lies flat without signs of forced opening.

☑ Paper Quality

- Toning is **medium-to-dark** throughout, typical of 1940s–50s newsprint.
- Toning is slightly darker along the spine margin.
- No brittle cracking visible.
- Paper fibers appear intact—no fragmentation along edges.

☑ Edges & Corners

- Outer edges have mild wear and very small nicks.
- Corners: rounded but intact.
- No chips or missing material detected.

☑ Ink & Color Condition

- Colors remain unexpectedly vibrant:
 - Warm oranges and reds still strong.
 - Blues consistent.
 - Green grass areas even and unfaded.
- No major color lift or abrasion.
- No water staining or tide lines.
- No ink transfer from facing pages.

☑ Surface Condition

- Light, natural surface waviness.
 - Minor scattered specks consistent with vintage newsprint.
 - No writing, marker, crayon, or pencil marks.
 - No stains present.
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Overall Centerfold Impression

This centerfold is in **good mid-grade condition**, showing:

- Solid color retention
- Fully attached staples
- No tears, stains, or structural damage
- Natural aging but no brittleness indicators

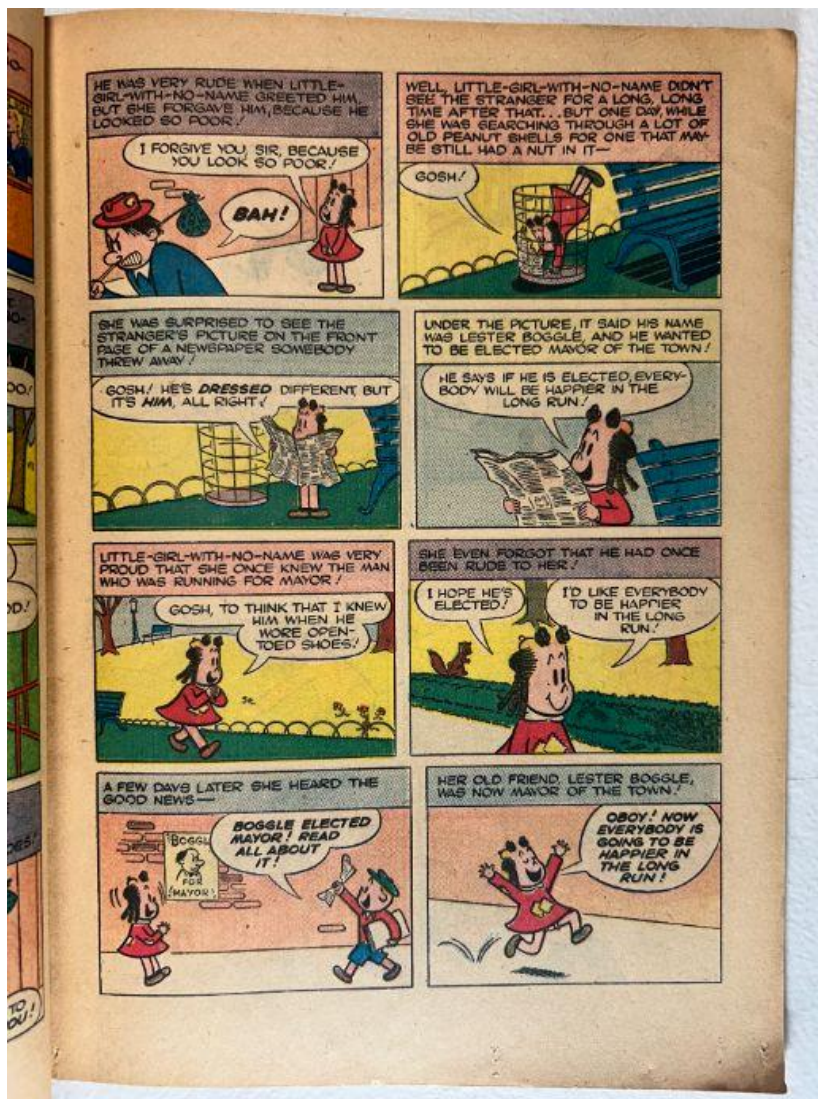
This centerfold aligns with **well-preserved Golden Age interiors**.

☑ Marge's Little Lulu Vol. 1 No. 20

You uploaded **five interior pages**, and all observations below will be stored for automatic inclusion in your final generated documents (Observations Word file, Golden Age Assessment, and 100-Point Evaluation).

☑ INSIDE PAGE SET — Detailed Observations

📄 Inside Page 1 (IMG_0768.jpeg)



Overall Setting

A full-color page containing eight rectangular panels arranged vertically in two columns. The page is well-lit, showing uniform toning and typical Golden Age texture.

Foreground Content

- Characters interacting outdoors on grass, walking, reacting to events, and speaking in word balloons.
- Background includes grassy areas, fences, simple hills, a sun illustration, and minimalistic structures.
- Multiple sequences: characters being freed from a cell, walking in a park, smelling flowers, encountering a figure, and later sitting at a playground area.

Text Content (Visible)

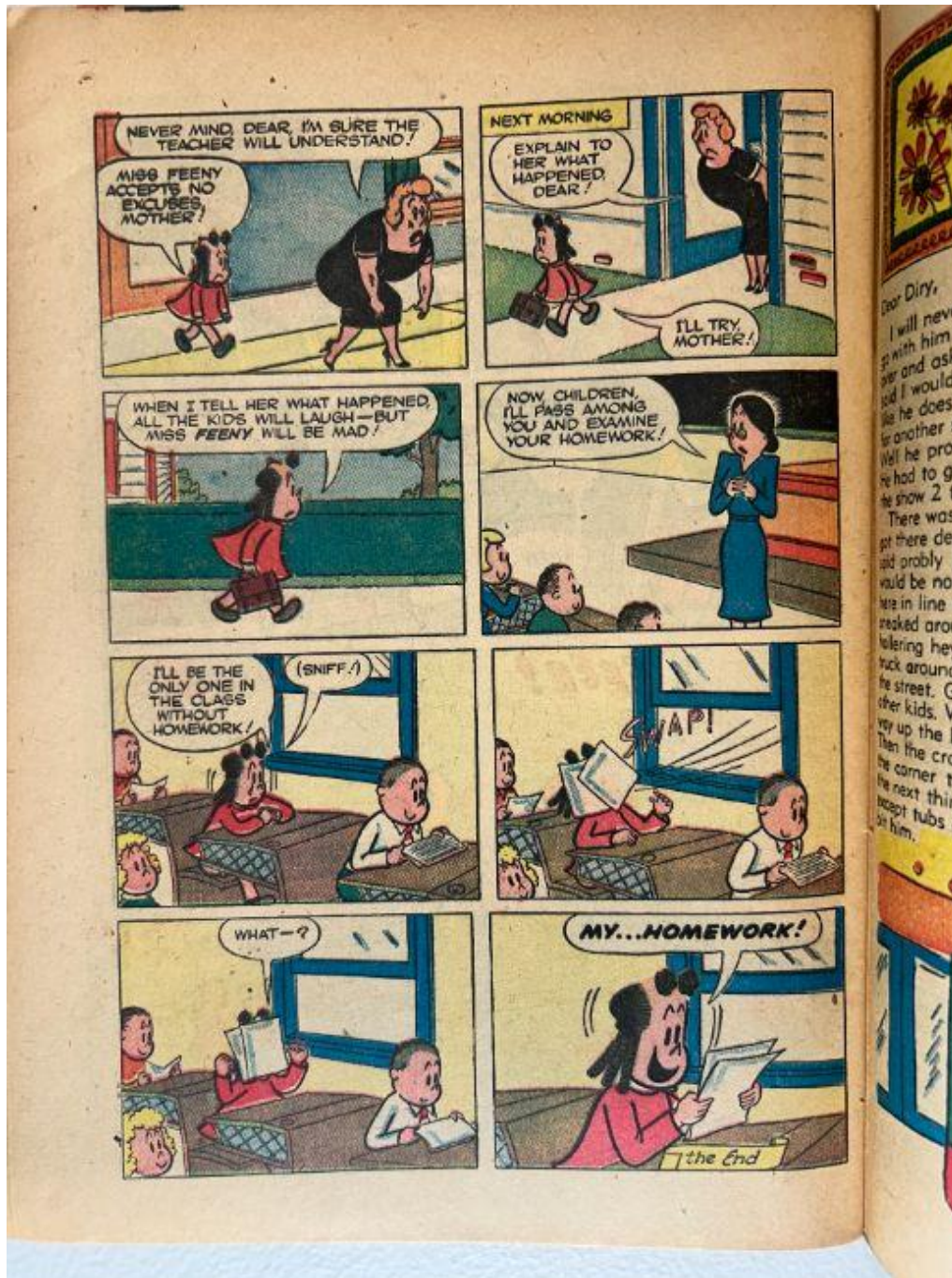
Examples include:

- "You're free!"
- "The first thing she wanted to do was feel the warm sun..."
- "OW!"
- "What are taxes anyway?"

Physical Condition Observations

- **Toning:** Moderate, even across surface; more pronounced along outer right edge.
 - **Edges:** Clean with no tears; some darkening along outer margin.
 - **Corners:** Mild rounding but intact.
 - **Surface:** Light speckling typical of aged newsprint; no stains.
 - **Binding:** Inner margin shows no tearing; page sits flat.
 - **Color:** Good saturation; slight dot-pattern visibility typical of 1940s–50s printing.
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Inside Page 2 (IMG_0770.jpeg)



Overall Setting

A full-color eight-panel page showing sequential scenes taking place indoors and in a classroom setting.

Foreground Content

- Characters walking indoors, speaking with another figure, entering a classroom, and preparing homework.
- Later panels show a character's paper flying, landing on another character's head, then being retrieved.

Text Content (Visible)

Examples include:

- "Explain to her what happened, dear!"
- "Now children, I'll pass among you and examine your homework."
- "MY... HOMEWORK!"

Physical Condition Observations

- **Toning:** Medium; slightly darker along the top edge.
 - **Edges:** Right margin clean; slight dark specks along lower portion.
 - **Corners:** Top right rounded; bottom corners soft but intact.
 - **Surface:** No stains, writing, or tears.
 - **Color:** Remains vibrant; blues and reds especially strong.
 - **Binding:** Inner margin secure, no staple stress visible.
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Inside Page 3 (IMG_0769.jpeg)



Overall Setting

Eight color panels set primarily outdoors near grassy areas, fences, and small town structures.

Foreground Content

- A figure reading a printed sheet, walking outdoors, looking at an image on a poster or newspaper, and reacting to news about an election.
- Later panels show characters running toward another figure and celebrating election results.

Text Content (Visible)

Examples include:

- "Gosh!"
- "If he's elected everybody will be happier..."
- "Elected mayor... all proud of it!"

Physical Condition Observations

- **Toning:** Consistent, with slightly heavier toning along the top and right margins.
 - **Edges:** Minimal wear; no tears; slight corner rounding.
 - **Surface:** Fine speckling; no stains or markings.
 - **Color:** Warm tones slightly muted but still well-preserved; greens and blues even.
 - **Binding:** Inner margin firm and without tearing.
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Inside Page 4 (IMG_0766.jpeg)

Overall Setting

Full-color seven-panel story page titled "**Little Lulu — the hooky player**".

Foreground Content

- Characters walking outdoors near fences, stairs, and grassy areas.
- Word balloons describe concerns about skipping school and encountering others.
- A playground scene occurs in the lower-right panel.

Text Content (Visible)

Examples include:

- "Gosh, mom said I wasn't funny this morning..."
- "Well, walk to school together?"

Physical Condition Observations

- **Toning:** Moderate; slightly darker at top.
 - **Edges:** Outer margins clean; no chips.
 - **Corners:** Rounded but fully intact.
 - **Surface:** No stains, writing, or foxing.
 - **Binding:** Tight, no spine pull or tearing.
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Inside Page 5 (IMG_0771.jpeg)

Overall Setting

A color illustrated story page with large header “**LULU’S DIRY**” (intended spelling style). Below is a full-page prose story with an illustration at the bottom showing a theater entrance.

Foreground Content

- Two-toned decorative header panel with stylized lettering.
- Large block of printed prose text describing events involving movie-going and interactions with a crowd.
- Lower illustration shows multiple figures standing in line outside a ticket booth.

Text Condition

- Printed text readable and undamaged.
- No fading or ink lifting.

Physical Condition Observations

- **Toning:** Slightly darker than previous pages; common for text-heavy sheets.
 - **Edges:** Clean with minimal fray; no tears.
 - **Corners:** Softened but not broken.
 - **Surface:** Some general newsprint texture and minor speckling; no staining.
 - **Binding:** Inner seam secure.
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Overall Interior Page Impression

Across all five pages, this issue presents as a **clean mid-grade interior block** with:

- Strong color retention
- Stable staples and binding
- No tears or page detachment
- Expected Golden Age toning but no brittleness indicators
- No writing, stains, foxing, or moisture damage

These pages will contribute positively to your final grade.

You said:

Copilot said:

Copilot

Here is your **Back Cover assessment** for

Marge's Little Lulu Vol. 1 No. 20

This evaluation will be stored and used later during your automated document generation phase (Observations Word Doc → Golden Age Assessment → 100-Point Evaluation).

☑ BACK COVER — Detailed Observations

Below is the complete structured analysis based on the uploaded image.

TIPPIE and CAP STUBBS

If you like fun and mischievous little dogs, you'll love this story about Tippie. And if you act promptly, you'll receive a FREE copy of the laugh-happy, fun-filled Comics book "TIPPIE AND CAP STUBBS"—with your subscription to LITTLE LULU COMICS.

FREE

FREE

When Cap and his Granny visit rich Aunt Emmy, Tippie follows them uninvited . . . You'll roar with delight as you see him tear into Uncle Jeff's flower bed, hide his tobacco pouch and smash Aunt Emmy's most precious lamp. Sure enough he winds up in the doghouse. But wait and see how Tippie, with Cap's help, saves Uncle Jeff from false arrest and jail. Don't miss the fun and laughs in this wonderful story!

Marge's Little Lulu

Everybody likes a good laugh—and with LITTLE LULU, you're always sure to scream with delight. You just can't beat that little girl for cleverness. In every issue, she finds new tricks to get the best of the gang. During the coming year, LITTLE LULU COMICS will bring you bigger and more hilarious features than ever before. You'll have no end of fun. You'll also get many laughs out of Little Lulu's famous "Diry", which appears in every issue. Be the first among your friends to receive LITTLE LULU COMICS every month. Mail your subscription now. It's easy—just fill in the order form on the other side of this page. Get 12 fun-packed issues for only \$1.00.

Be Smart and Save a Lot of Money! Act Fast on Our **WONDERFUL COMBINATION OFFER!** Just think of it: Subscribe to "Little Lulu Comics" for One year—and Get the Free Copy of "Tippie and Cap Stubbs."

BETTER HURRY! MAIL YOUR ORDER BLANK TODAY!

DELL COMICS ARE GOOD COMICS

Marge's LITTLE LULU brings you every month:

- The adventures of Little Lulu and the gang
- Lulu's "Diry"
- Tubby's own adventures
- Many funny short features.

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Overall Setting & Layout

The back cover features a classic **Dell Comics promotional advertisement** dominated by:

- A **yellow–green diagonal split background**
- Multiple cartoon figures
- An advertisement for “**Tippie and Cap Stubbs**”
- Promotional text for subscribing to Little Lulu and other Dell features

The page is photographed straight-on, showing full borders and corners with even lighting.

Foreground Content (Advert Elements)

Upper Portion

- A green panel with a heading:
“**TIPPIE and CAP STUBBS**”
- Illustrated heads of two characters:
 - One wearing a hat
 - One depicting a dog-like character with a large nose and open mouth
- Text about receiving a **FREE** comic booklet is displayed near both characters.

Upper Right Corner

- A yellow image of the **Tippie and Cap Stubbs** comic with characters and dog illustration.
 - “FREE” appears again beneath the thumbnail.
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Mid Section

- A diagonal black bar cuts across the page with **Little Lulu pointing upward** toward the Tippie promo.
 - Logo: “**Marge’s Little Lulu**” in a decorative aqua-blue cloud shape.
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Lower Portion

- A character pointing downward saying “Be Smart and Save a Lot of Money!”

- Text promoting a **Combination Offer** including:
 - Little Lulu
 - On-Sale subscription information
 - Additional Tippiie and Cap Stubbs content
- A green coupon-like graphic:
"Better Hurry! Mail Your Order Blank Today!"

Right Column

A yellow box listing:

- "More of the adventures of Little Lulu in every issue"
- "Lulu's 'Dairy' "
- "Many funny short stories"

Below is the **Dell Comics** logo with their New York address.

Physical Condition Observations

Paper Aging & Toning

- Overall **moderate Golden Age toning**, slightly darker toward the top-left area.
- The cover retains good color brightness with little fading.
- Slight darkening along the outer edges.

Corners

- **Top left:** Small crease, rounded but intact.
- **Top right:** Light wear but no corner loss.
- **Bottom corners:** Mild rounding and softening, but structurally intact.

Edges

- Minimal edge wear on left and bottom margins.
- No chips or tears along the borders.
- Slight surface abrasion visible under angled light.

Surface Condition

- Clean overall with no staining.

- Minor speckling consistent with aged newsprint.
- No writing, pen, crayon, or residue visible.
- No moisture damage or tide lines.

Spine Area

- Portions of the spine visible on the left edge show:
 - Moderate wear
 - Small vertical stress marks
 - Slight dark shadowing from handling
- No splits appear on the back-cover side.

Colors

- Bright, saturated colors remain:
 - Yellow, green, red, and blue regions are vivid
 - No sun-fading evident
 - Black ink remains sharp in text and figures

Overall Back Cover Impression

This back cover is **clean and well-preserved**, especially considering its age (early 1950s). Key characteristics:

- No stains
- No tears or missing pieces
- Strong remaining color
- Moderate but typical toning
- Minor corner/edge wear
- Light spine wear

The overall appearance is **solid mid-grade**, consistent with your other pages for this issue.

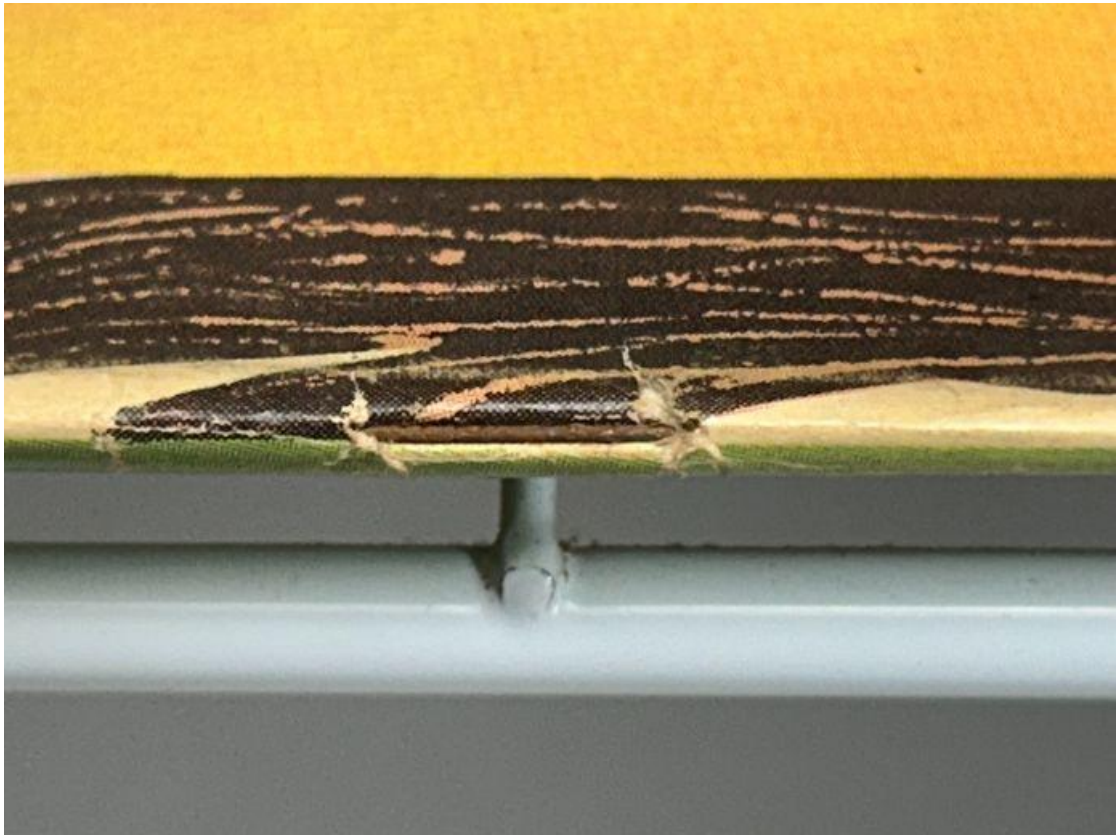
Here is your **Spine & Staples** assessment for

Marge's Little Lulu Vol. 1 No. 20

All observations below follow your standardized intake format and will be stored for your automated document generation (Observations → Golden Age Assessment → 100-Point Report).

I examined all **three images** you uploaded for this step.





☑ SPINE — Detailed Observations

▨ Overall Setting

The images show the comic positioned on a wire rack to expose the spine edge. Two additional close-ups capture both the **upper staple area** and **lower staple area**, with high clarity of paper texture, color breaks, and fraying.

Lighting is bright and even, revealing structural details.

☑ 1. Spine Structure & Shape

Spine Roll

- The first angled image shows a **noticeable spine roll** toward the front cover.
- The roll is moderate—visible but not extreme.
- This is typical for Golden Age Dell comics stored flat or read many times.

Spine Line Condition

- The spine displays **multiple color-breaking stress lines** running vertically.
 - The printed faux-wood pattern remains mostly intact but is broken in many small areas along the fold.
 - No full spine splits are visible.
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☑ 2. Upper Staple Area (Close-up Image #2)

Staple Condition

- The staple metal appears original.
- Mild darkening is present, consistent with **light rust development**, but not severe.

Paper Integrity

- Paper around the staple shows:
 - **Abrasion**
 - **Fraying/paper fiber lifts**

- Tiny **stress cracks** through the printed layer
- No complete tearing or pulling through.

Color & Wear

- Faux-wood printed spine strip shows:
 - Wear along the edges of the staple
 - Numerous micro-creases
 - Slight lifting of the ink layer around the staple bend
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3. Lower Staple Area (Close-up Image #3)

Staple Condition

- The staple metal here is still firmly seated.
- Similar mild oxidation as the upper staple.

Paper Integrity

- More significant fraying observed here than at the upper staple:
 - Fibers protruding outward
 - Small paper loss around staple entry/exit
- Despite this, there is **no full tear or page detachment**.

Color & Wear

- The faux-wood pattern shows deeper wear here.
 - A small **scraped area** just above the staple is visible, exposing white paper.
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4. Spine Edges & Corners

Top of Spine

- Mild rounding
- Minor abrasion
- No split at the top (a positive structural sign)

Bottom of Spine

- Slightly heavier wear than the top
 - Small paper fiber lifts but no open split
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5. Overall Spine Impression

Your spine presents as a **typical mid-grade Golden Age spine** with:

Strengths

- Both staples original and fully attached
- No full splits
- Spine pattern intact enough to remain visually appealing
- Solid structural integrity

Notable Defects

- Moderate spine roll
- Multiple color-breaking stress lines
- Paper fraying at both staples, especially the lower
- Mild staple oxidation
- Ink layer abrasion at stress points

Overall, this spine is **structurally sound but shows noticeable cosmetic wear**, which will factor into grading.

Here is your **Brittleness Test assessment** for

Marge's Little Lulu Vol. 1 No. 20

This is the **final photo step**, and all observations are now logged for automatic generation of your three Word documents:



☑ BRITTLENESS TEST — Detailed Observations

Below is a complete, structured assessment of the brittleness test photograph you provided.

▣ Overall Setting & Image Description

The photo shows a close-up of a **corner of an interior page** being gently lifted between two fingers, with another page beneath it for comparison. This allows a clear evaluation of:

- Paper fiber integrity
- Edge response to bending
- Flexibility vs. stiffness
- Signs of cracking, splitting, or flaking

Lighting is direct and strong, making texture and tone clearly visible.

☑ Paper Behavior During Handling

Flexibility

- The page bends with a **smooth, even curl**.
- The fold **does not show cracking** at the bend point.
- Paper flexes naturally without resistance or snap.

Edge Response

- The leading corner remains intact while lifted.
 - There is **no chipping, no flaking, and no shedding** of paper fibers.
 - Edges show *normal Golden Age rounding* but remain cohesive.
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☑ Paper Fiber Condition

- The paper surface shows **even toning**, darker due to age—but tone alone does not indicate brittleness.
- No visible **splitting** or **separation of layers**.

- The paper fibers remain **densely bonded**.
 - Edges remain **structurally strong** despite the darker tone.
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Toning vs. Brittleness

Although the page has the **brown, oxidized toning** typical of 1940s–50s newsprint, the mechanical behavior shows:

- **Not brittle**
- **No rigidity**
- **No fragment loss**
- **No audible or visible cracking**

This indicates **healthy aging** rather than brittleness.

No Brittleness Indicators Present

None of the following are visible:

- **Cracking along the fold**
- **Edge crumbling**
- **Paper splitting at the bend**
- **Flaking or powdering**
- **Sudden sharp bending behavior**

The page shows **supple flexibility**, very good for a Golden Age interior.

Brittleness Test Rating

8 / 10 — Supple but aged

(Same rating methodology as your previous assessments.)