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**BINGO**  
 Holy Redeemer Hall  
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 The prizes are the same as those prevailing at other Bingos in the city.  
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**NEW MONT ROSA EVERBEARING RUNNERLESS DWARF BUSH STRAWBERRY**  
 Fruits from seed the first year; easily grown to bush form about one foot high. No runners. Hardy perennial. Bears abundantly from early summer till killing frost. Has an intense, sweet flavor and aroma like that of wild strawberries, rich and juicy. Near compact bushy growth makes it highly ornamental as well as valuable in vegetable, fruit or flower garden, borders, etc. A showy pot plant too. Though smaller than commercial strawberries Mont Rosa is the largest fruiting of any variety we know from seed, surpassing the popular Tolmie and similar types. Its unique bush form and exquisite flavor place it in a class by itself for every home garden. Seed supply is limited. Order early. (Pat. 256) (3 pks. 50¢) (non-refundable)

**FREE OUR BIG 1949 SEED AND NURSERY BOOK**

DOMINION SEED HOUSE  
 GEORGETOWN, ONT.

**BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES**  
 (By Thornton W. Burgess)

Lessons learned through grief and pain  
 Often prove of lasting gain.  
 —Old Mother Nature.

"Two folks with only six legs when they should have eight," murmured Peter Rabbit as if he were finding it hard to believe. He was. He had followed an unusual trail in the snow, a trail in which there was no print of a right foreleg was missing. A little while later he found that the trail had led into the little swamp at the head of the Smiling Pool and there on the bank of Laughing Brook he saw the maker of those footprints, a big Raccoon. His right forefoot. He had known at farther along the bank a big old Muskrat had just climbed out of the water. His left foreleg was missing.

"Hello, Three-legs!" said the big Coon.

"That isn't my name, but it fits what everybody calls me," said the Muskrat in his snooty voice. "The Coon nodded. "Of course,"

**Contract Bridge**  
 By Josephine Culbertson

**BIDDING POINTER**  
 Most players have considerable difficulty in finding the proper bids on such North-South hands as are shown in the following deal.

South dealer.  
 Both sides vulnerable.

♠ Q 5  
 ♥ 9 3  
 ♦ A K 9 7 6 4 3  
 ♣ 2

♠ 10 7 6 3  
 ♥ J 10 8 4  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ 10 9 8 5

♠ A K J  
 ♥ A Q 6  
 ♦ 10 8 5  
 ♣ K Q J 7

When this deal occurred in a better-than-average rubber game, the bidding proceeded:

South West North East  
 1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass  
 2NT Pass 3♦ Pass  
 3NT Pass Pass Pass

It didn't matter what West opened—South could merely concede a trick to the club ace and then have more than enough good cards to claim the balance. Thus, North-South lost what might be described as a 3-0 break of the missing diamonds could have upset a six notrump contract.

If we start off by analyzing South's bidding, we will find no flaw. His one-club approach bid, his two-notrump rebid, and his final call of three notrump over North's three diamonds, were uniformly logical. North's one diamond response did not promise very much; hence South could not afford a stronger rebid than two notrump; and when North then non-committally went to three diamonds, South had no choice but to bid three notrump (or cravenly pass).

The fault, then for the partnership's failure even to investigate slam chances was exclusively North's. That player did not appreciate the potential value of his spade queen. If south, merely on the assurance that he would find some diamond strength opposite him, could afford to concurrently use a game contract and that denomination, surely North's trick-winning potentiality over what he might have had deserved consideration and mention! North should have bid at least four notrump—which probably would have been all the action necessary. Six diamonds would not be a good contract, since North would be exposed to a heart lead by East.

**DAILY CROSSWORD**

ACROSS 52 Son of Adam  
 1 Masculine  
 5 Famous French general  
 9 African antelope  
 10 Standard  
 11 An open plain  
 12 Largest continent  
 13 Mulberry wood  
 14 Land-measure  
 16 Carry  
 18 Exclamation  
 20 Erbium (syn.)  
 22 Funeral pile  
 26 Loose coat  
 28 Shake-spearian play  
 32 Whether  
 35 Evening sun god (Egypt.)  
 38 Canton (Switz.)  
 39 Journey  
 42 Polish  
 44 Elevated train (shortened)  
 45 Little land  
 47 Over  
 49 End of cant  
 50 Dog  
 51 Vipers

DOWN 18. A band  
 19. Instrument  
 21. Corroded  
 24. Old  
 25. A constellation  
 26. Test  
 27. A son of Isaac  
 28. Strike  
 31. A continent  
 33. Circular band of flowers  
 34. Nothing  
 37. Mongrel

Yesterday's Answer  
 40. Egyptian goddess  
 41. Fall into water  
 43. Disclose  
 46. Half ems  
 48. Adverbial particle

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it**  
 A N Y D I B A A X B  
 I S L O N G F E L I Q W

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation  
 F J V R W M F O P H H B O J F R U W P P L  
 T R L W H R P W T R K L J E H J B Y J W  
 J L O R W F E J J K - V J V R.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHAT A HORSE SHOULD HAVE HE DID NOT LACK. SAVE A PROUD RIDER—SHAKE SPEARE.

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**L'I' LABNER**

**Don't Daily Meet**  
 We heard over the radio that unless you marry someone named Dimpington Van Lump, we gotta die of Star-Vag-shun. Well, don't be in a hurry, because we each have a date for the week-end. You was always yanking about how much you loved us, is now a week, crumby mule of—

**skins and bones**  
 Don't eat that other you sweet self-head. Natchery, we druther die in water than you should be peaced by anything. Signed—The Drowned Citizens of Dog Patch with a handshake by available jones

**HAT?**  
 "AH KNOWNED THEY'D SEE IT HAW WAY!"

**RIP KIRBY**

MR. KIRBY, PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR MY HARSH WORDS ABOUT MISS DOGIAN. AFTER ALL, I DO NOT KNOW HER—I WAS THINKING ONLY OF MY SON'S WELFARE.

I CAN WELL UNDERSTAND A MOTHER'S FEELINGS. HA HA.

YOU SEE, MY ELDEST BOY, DIXON, IS A CONFIRMED BACHELOR... AND I WANT THE BEAUMONT NAME PERPETUATED. STUART IS MY HOPE, BUT HIS ROMANCES ARE TOO MANY AND TOO FLEETING!

SO I HAVE HEARD, I AM ALSO TOLD THAT YOU BROKE THEM ALL UP!

A VICIOUS LIE, MR. KIRBY! WHY I WANT STUART TO MARRY MISS DOGIAN!

**JOE PALOOKA**

YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME, KING. I DIDN'T KILL ACE!  
 I'VE GOT WORTH OF T.O.U.S. IS PLenty OF MOTIVE!  
 ACE HAS SHOT WITH YOUR SOUVENIR GUN. AND YOU CLAIMED YOU DIDN'T KNOW HIM. SPEED! I HAVE TO ARREST YOU!  
 (COME ON, WE'RE GOING TO THE CHEEHOKEE JAIL!)  
 WAIT, KING! SURELY DIDN'T KILL ACE—I DID!

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**DUTY DRIPPLE**

HORACE—WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH YOUR COFFEE, A DONUT, OR A PIECE OF TOAST?  
 I'D LIKE GRAPEFRUIT, BACON AND EGGS, CRANBERRY TOAST AND A COUPLE OF PAN-CAKES ON THE SIDE!  
 HORACE DRIPPLE, YOU KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE TIME FOR ALL THOSE THINGS!  
 WELL, I CAN WISH, CAN'T I?

DUTY DRIPPLE

**BRINGING UP FATHER**

THIS GUY BILL VINAIDE IS SURE ODD—HIS SWIMMING POOL IS SO LARGE HE HAS MOTORBOATS ON IT AND A LIGHT-HOUSE AT EACH END—  
 I'D LIKE TO TALK TO BILL VINAIDE—HE KNOWS I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM—  
 VERY WELL—BUT HE'S SPEAKING ONLY FRENCH TODAY—AND IF YOUR HAT IS GILDED ON—KEEP IT ON—  
 WHAT IS THIS I HEAR—THAT YOU BOUGHT AN OCEAN LINER AND YOU PERSONALLY WILL STEER IT ACROSS THE OCEAN?  
 THAT IS CORRECT—  
 I'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE—YOU SEE—I'M GOING TO HAVE THEM PAINT A WHITE LINE ON THE OCEAN—AND I'LL JUST FOLLOW IT!

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**HENRY**

SEE YOU LATER—  
 I'LL PRINT MORE TICKETS!  
 OH, THERE YOU ARE—AN IT'S ABOUT TIME—I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND ONCE AGAIN FOR ALL YOU AN' SAMMY ARE NOT GOIN' TO HAVE ANY PRIZE FIGHT—SAMMY'S MOTHER PHONED ME, AN—  
 NO, WE'RE NOT!  
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 SEEMS TO ME WE GAVE IN PRETTY EASILY!

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**TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBB**

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 SO WHAT? YOU'RE DISLOYAL TO THE PRINCE—I CAN GET IF YOU DON'T SCOOPS WITH OUT HIM!  
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**PENNY**

DID YOU GIVE IRWIN THE JOB AS YOUR OFFICE BOY, FATHER?  
 NO.  
 INTERVIEWED HIM BUT HE DIDN'T MAKE THE GRADE.  
 WHY?  
 NO SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY—HE HAS HAD FIVE JOBS IN FIVE WEEKS.  
 HEAVENS, FATHER, CAN HE HELP IT?  
 IF HE'S SO TERRIBLY MUCH IN DEMAND!

PENNY