

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

SHORT COURSES IN AGRICULTURE

A joint project of the Federal Department of Labour with the Provincial Department of Education in co-operation with the Provincial and Federal Departments of Agriculture.

JANUARY 24th to 28: Livestock First Aid. Instruction by competent Veterinarians and Livestock men for farmers wishing to protect the health of their animals.

JANUARY 30th to FEB. 4: Animal Husbandry and feeding. The Provincial and Federal Department of Agriculture and practical farmers will give instruction.

FEBRUARY 6th to 11: Soils, Crop Rotations and Fertilizers. Teachers from Experimental Farm and other Departments.

FEBRUARY 13-18: Horticulture, Forestry, Weeds, Special Crops, Plant Breeding, etc. Instruction by Experimental Farm and Division of Science.

FEBRUARY 20th to 25th: Insects, Plant Diseases, Parasites, Leadership, Marketing Co-operation. The Experimental Farm, Division of Science, Provincial and Federal Departments of Agriculture and Federation of Agriculture will provide instruction.

FEBRUARY 27th to MARCH 4th: Farm Accounting, Records, Health, Sanitation, Nutrition, Farm Machinery, Letter Writing, First Aid, Safety on the Highway and the Farm.

Throughout the whole course interesting and instructive films will be shown.

During the whole period it is planned to give, from time to time, instruction in the following: Rope Work, Transmission of Power, Mechanical Advantage, Tool Sharpening, Farm Mensuration, Concrete and Mortar, Painting, Farm Engineering, etc.

Farmers of all ages are welcome and those from 16 to 30 years of age who complete at least four weeks of the course will receive \$5.00 per week to assist in paying board.

Plan now to attend the course and by your interest assist in developing a system of Agricultural Education in the Province.

For information and application forms write to:
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, CHARLOTTETOWN.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY

When all is done and all is said But one can be the family head. —Old Mother Nature.

Jumper the Hare had just seen an astonishing and very wonderful thing happen. He had seen one of the antlers of Lightfoot the Deer drop off Lightfoot's head. It hadn't been knocked off or wrenched off; it had become loose and dropped off. Jumper had known that every year in some mysterious way Lightfoot lost his antlers, but never before had he been present when it happened. It just didn't seem possible that such a thing could happen, but it had happened and he had seen it happen. He remembered how in the fall he had watched Lightfoot fighting another buck his own size, and with what a clash their antlers had come together. Why hadn't they been knocked off then? If they had been it wouldn't have surprised him at all. And now he had seen one come loose, wobble and drop off.



He grinned as he watched the family party walking in single file with Lightfoot at the tall end. The other had already fallen. It was hard to understand. He didn't try.

Now he was seeing something more that was equally surprising. Lightfoot was meekly following Mrs. Lightfoot and the twins instead of leading them. How different, how very different from the way it had been in the fall! Then it was Lightfoot who was the head of the family. Anyway, he thought he was and acted as if he was. He led the way when they moved about. They went where he wanted to go, not where they wanted to go. If they were slow to do what he wanted them to do he threatened them with the sharp points of his antlers. He threatened them and drove them to show that he was lord and master.

What a difference those antlers had made! What a difference! Now he was plodding through the snow at the tall end of the little family procession. He was barked, so to speak, and looked as if he felt ashamed, which was very foolish. You see, he has lost more than his antlers. He has lost his pride and self-esteem, and, for the time being, his courage. He had lost, too the admiration if not the respect of the twins. He was as big as ever, but he no longer blustered and threatened and they paid little attention to him. They didn't understand just how it had come about, but they knew that mother was now head of the family, just as in the early summer when they were small and wore pretty spotted coats. In those days their father had not been about. They hadn't even seen him.

Mrs. Lightfoot led the way with the air of one who knew exactly where she was going. She did. She showed it by the way in which she moved.

"Where are we going?" asked Lightfoot. He wasn't feeling too good. Perhaps he felt a little light-headed without his crown.

"Just follow me and you'll see," replied Mrs. Lightfoot.

"At this time of day we usually rest," said Lightfoot.

"But we are not going to this time," retorted Mrs. Lightfoot. She didn't even turn her head to look back.

Reddy Fox appeared. He grinned as he watched the family party walking in single file with Lightfoot at the tall end. The twins were now too big for him to even think of as a possible dinner no matter how hungry he might be. Of course, Lightfoot and Mrs. Lightfoot had had nothing to fear from the Fox folks since they were babies.

"I see the family has a new head," said Reddy. He grinned more broadly than ever. Lightfoot pretended not to notice. Lightfoot didn't really care. He was in low spirits. He wasn't yet used to being without those antlers. Reddy shook his head as he watched them out of sight. "And he used to think he ruled the Green Forest," he muttered.

Mrs. Lightfoot led the way to a thicket of young soft maples. There she stopped and began to browse on tender shoots and twigs. The twins did the same. This was their favorite food. Lightfoot took only a bite or two. He wasn't hungry. The truth is he didn't feel good.

by Al Capp

DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | 2. Egress | 19. Mulberry |
| 1. Attribute | 3. Mulcted | 21. Skill |
| 6. Narrow path along top of a scarp | 4. Wapiti (1.) | 23. For |
| 10. Danish | 5. Property | 24. Pliability |
| 11. One of the Great Lakes | 6. Semitropical | 25. Being |
| 12. Creeps furiously | 7. Ireland | 27. Gratitude |
| 13. Gilded | 8. Vex | 28. The full plant |
| 14. Quote | 9. Apportion | 30. Half an em |
| 15. Recipient of a gift | 10. Grate | 31. Tab |
| 16. Music note | 11. Harshly | 32. Sprawl |
| 17. Draw off by force | 12. Distend | 33. Seaport of Upolu Island |
| 20. Topaz humming-bird | 13. A short, double-breasted coat | 34. Samoa |
| 22. A conic section (Geom.) | | 35. Forearm bone |
| 26. Grayish-blue | | 36. Biblical lion |
| 28. Brother of Moses (Bib.) | | |
| 29. Military courier | | |
| 31. Often (poet.) | | |
| 32. Doctrine | | |
| 34. Music note | | |
| 35. Talent | | |
| 38. One's father's sister | | |
| 40. Cuts off, as tree tops | | |
| 41. Kitchen of a ship | | |
| 43. Arabic letter | | |
| 44. Manacles | | |
| 46. Drama | | |
| 46. Pineapples (Sp.) | | |



Yesterday's Answer
41. Cambridge college servant (var.)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
is LONG FELLOW

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, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Question
D O Y M E E V F M E Y K T N E T T Y K T
B L F Y T H V G G V H Y O F T . Y K T N M W W
G W N M B M N — I L I T H V .

Saturday's Cryptogram: LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT, AM, D THE ENCIRCLING GLOOM, LEAD THOU ME ON!—NEWMAN.

LIL ABNER

by Alex Raymond

RIP KIRBY

by Harry Hoeggen

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

MAKING THINGS EASY FOR THE ENEMY

It is quite possible that the declarer would have made his slam contract in today's deal against any defense, but East's discarding could have been shrewder than it was.

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 9 4 3	♥ A 8 7 5
♦ K J 2	♣ 8 3
♣ K 7 4	♦ 10 2
♦ A K 5	♠ Q 9 6

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass 3
Pass 3 NT Pass 5
Pass 6 NT Pass Pass

At high North's bidding was a shade on the forceful side, the contract was sound enough. If the spade ace had been "right," the slam would have been a laydown.

On West's lead of the spade queen, however, it was quite apparent to South that the spade ace was not on side. He played low from dummy, West, hoping to take another spade trick then and there, continued with the jack. Dummy ducked again, and South of course ruffed.

South ran four trump tricks, discarding a diamond from dummy. East "huddled," and finally let go the diamond deuce and the spade seven.

That was all South needed to know! It was inconceivable that if East had started out with four spades, he would have blanked the ace by discarding a spade on the fourth trump; therefore, it could be safely assumed that East had started with at least five spades, which meant that West had had only three. On that highly logical conclusion declarer went to dummy with a club and returned the spade king.

It was obvious that South would let the king ride if East did not cover, so East put up his ace. South ruffed, and the fall of West's ten established the nine for a club discard.

East should have held his spades and discarded diamonds. The diamond queen would be worthless, but it was vital to camouflage the true spade situation. If East had followed this reasoning, South might well have guessed wrong in the spade suit.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

by Zane Grey

ON KING'S ADVICE, HIS PRISONER SLIPS OUTSIDE AND SURPRISES A MAN WHO IS ABOUT TO SHOOT THROUGH THE CABIN WINDOW!

SHERIFF SPICER?

YES! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

LETTING YOUR PRISONER, A CONVICT, ROUGH ME UP? YOU'VE A HEAD OF EXPLAINING 'I DO, KING!

YOU'LL DO THE EXPLAINING, Y'ROOF! THE SPICER? HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT YOU, KING!

by Ham Fisher

JOE PALOOKA

WE'VE SEEN TWO ROUNDS OF SLUGGING AND BRILLIANT BOXING... THIS BOY RUSSELL, WE THINK, IS THE BEST MAN JOE'S EVER FOUGHT... WUFF, RUSSELL LANDED A HARD RIGHT TO JOE'S HEAD AND PALOOKA COUNTERED WITH A RIGHT TO THE BODY...

BREAK, BOYS... THE BELL RANG!

THE ROUND ENDS WITH BOTH GREAT BOYS SLUGGING... WHENEVER LISTEN TO THAT CROWD...

by Carl Anderson

HENRY

by Buford

DOTTY DIPPLE

by Edwin

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS

by George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER

by Westover

TILLIE THE TOILER

by Harry Hoeggen

PENNY

by Alex Raymond