

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## HAPPY JACK DARES AND DODGES.

Loyalty will seek to aid even though it be afraid. —Old Mother Nature

Happy Jack the Gray Squirrel is selfish. Most of the time he thinks only of himself. That is the way with selfish people. He leaves to Mrs. Happy Jack all the care of the children. Perhaps he thinks children are a nuisance. All too often he acts that way.

But Happy Jack has his good points just as nearly all people have. One of these is loyalty. While he may be a poor father, and a poor mate while there is no special danger, he will do his part to help when danger does threaten Mrs. Happy Jack and the children. He had discovered Flip the Terrier keeping Mrs. Happy Jack a prisoner up in a tree. In fact, Flip had almost caught her before she

could get to that tree. This was because she was carrying a helpless baby clinging around her neck, and so could not run her fastest. When he saw this, Happy Jack guessed what she was trying to do. He guessed that she was moving her babies from her old home to a new one.

## Charlottetown Golf Club Dance

TONIGHT AT CLUB HOUSE

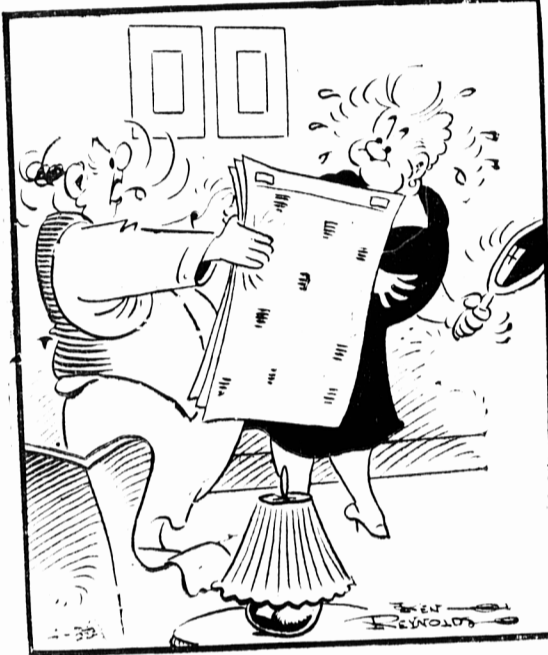
Dancing 9:30 P.M. to 1 A.M.

Beautiful Surroundings — Good Music

Tickets—\$1.00 per person

Quickies

By Ken Reynolds



"You got cheated! It says here in the beauty shop's Guardian Want Ad—there'd be an improvement!"



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Happy Jack interfered. Yes, he would do it all to have that dog bothering Mrs. Happy Jack at such a time. What do you think Happy Jack did? He went down on the ground and dared Flip the Terrier to catch him. Flip promptly forgot all about Mrs. Happy Jack, and did his best to catch Happy Jack. Now of course squirrels are even more at home in trees than on the ground. Whenever Flip got too close Happy Jack would jump up on the trunk of the tree and dodge around it. Sometimes he would climb the tree, and jump over to another tree, and then run down to the ground and tease Flip again. It was an exciting sort of game. All the time Happy Jack was hoping and expecting that Mrs. Happy Jack would see her chance to come down from that tree she was in, and hurry on her way. When he discovered that she hadn't he was surprised, and a little put out.

"What's the matter with her?" thought he. He was feeling a little provoked. By way of the treetops he started back to find out what her trouble was. Flip, barking at the foot of the last tree he had seen Happy Jack climb, still thought that Happy Jack was up in that tree. Happy Jack reached the nearest tree to the one in which mother with her precious baby was clinging to the trunk when he discovered what the trouble was. Redtail the Hawk, one of the biggest of the Hawk family, was sitting on a limb just a little above Mrs. Happy Jack. He hadn't seen her yet! He was having a late breakfast. He had caught a small snake. Happy Jack could see the tail of it disappearing in Redtail's big hooked bill. He understood now why Mrs. Happy Jack hadn't dared to move. Redtail hadn't seen her, but he would if she moved.

Right away Happy Jack knew what he had to do. He had to do with Redtail just what he had done with Flip the Terrier. He had to draw Redtail away to give Mrs. Happy Jack a chance to escape. When he had started to get Flip to chase him, he hadn't been afraid.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### ACCOMPLICES

In the following deal, North and South collaborated on one of the worst performances imaginable.

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

♠ 864	♠ AK7
♥ 9532	♥ 98752
♦ KQ6	♦ KJ10
♣ 852	♣ 64

This was the startling, if rather inexpert, bidding:

East	South	West	North
♠ 1	♠ 2	♠ Pass	♠ Pass
♥ 1	♥ 2	♥ Pass	♥ Pass
♦ 1	♦ 2	♦ Pass	♦ Pass
♣ 1	♣ 2	♣ Pass	♣ Pass

Later, as the cards were being thick and fast between North and South, West between North and North, West seemed certain that it had opened bid. East needed every key card. Apparently, however, West did not allow for the possibility of East's holding the A-K of hearts. It is true that even a small slam at diamonds would have met defeat, but that was only because of the bad diamond break. In any case, the seven-diamond call turned out beautifully because (a) North was appallingly inert when it came to doubling, and (b) because South was an inveterate and utterly reckless "saver." North, in the post-mortem, tried to justify his failure to double on the grounds that he was afraid of a ransack to seven notrump, but this was preposterous. It would have been little short of a miracle if East's error could have saved seven notrump without the diamond suit. As for South's decision to bid seven hearts—that too was beyond the pale. Quite aside from the vast number of tricks that South might lose, there was the distant chance that seven diamonds might be defeated even if North did not have a sound double. In other words, South's "faith in the opponents" went a little too far.

He was sure he could get away from Flip whenever he wanted to. Flip couldn't climb trees; that made all the difference in the world. Redtail couldn't climb trees, but he could fly about in them. It took real courage to do what Happy Jack did now. He barked. He barked at Happy Jack barked. Redtail saw him. He had just finished swallowing that little snake. It wasn't much of a breakfast. It was only what might be called an appetizer. Redtail spread his wings, and was after Happy Jack. Happy Jack had been out on a limb; now Continued on page 14

## Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



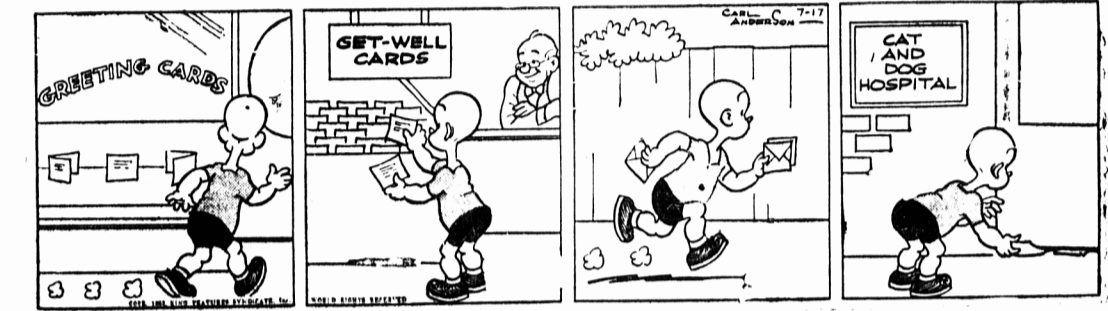
By Ruforc

## Dotty Dripple



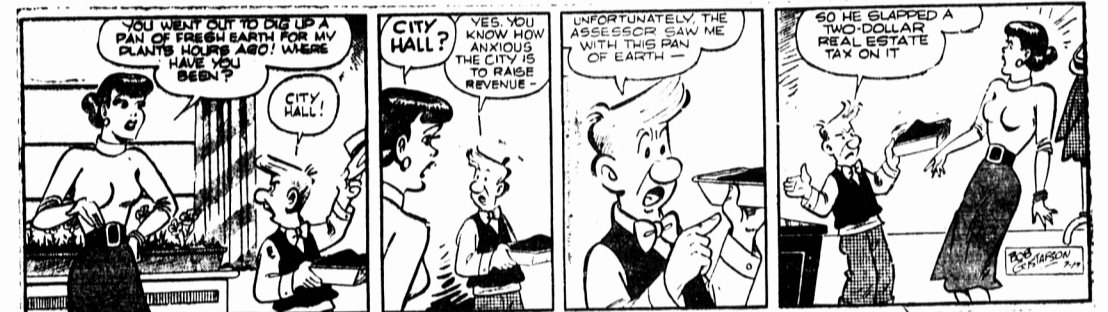
By Carl Anderson

## Henry



By Bob Gustafson

## Tilly The Toiler



By Clifford McBride

## Napoleon and Uncle Elby



By Walt Kelly

## Pogo



By Edwina

## Tippy and "Cap" Stubs



By Harry Haenigsen

## PENNY

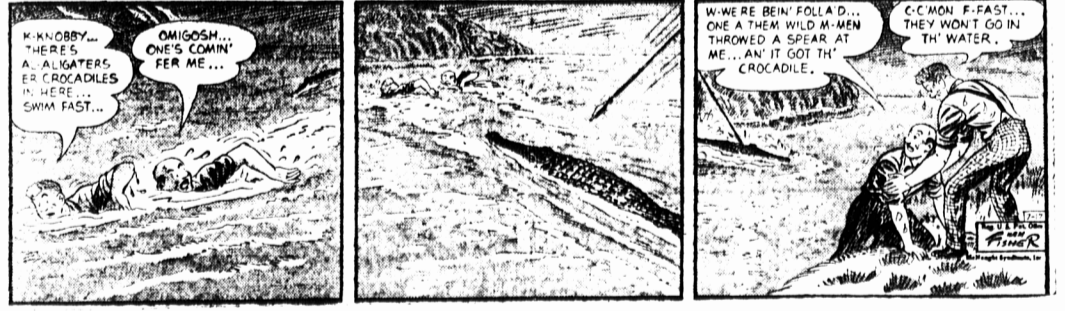


## King Of The Royal Mounted



By Zane Grey

## Joe Palooka



By Al Capp

## L'il Abner



By Alex Raymond

## Rip Kirby

