

BURGESS BEAVER STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PADDY HEARS BAD NEWS

Bad news always travels fast. Good news often lingers last. —Old Mother Nature.

Paddy the Beaver and Mrs. Beaver had spent a very comfortable winter, although actually the winter had been a very hard one. You see, they spent most of their time sleeping in their big comfortable house out in a pool in the Smiling Pool. When they needed food, or when they wanted exercise, they went swimming under the ice that covered the Smiling Pool. So it was that they knew little of bitter weather and bad storms. Now winter was nearly over, and already there was signs that Sweet Mistress Spring was on her way, and would soon reach the Green Forest. While for many of the Green Forest and Green Meadow folk winter is the hard season, it is spring that is likely to worry the Beaver folk most. Deep snow while it lasts does not worry Paddy at all. But when it begins to melt, it does. Too much snow in winter can, and usually does, mean too much water in the spring. So it was that now Paddy and Mrs. Paddy were beginning to be a little anxious.

Paddy, swimming under the ice, had reached a place where there was no ice. It was where Laughing Brook came into his pond. There he found Lightfoot the Deer getting a drink. Lightfoot told Paddy that this had been one of the worst winters he could remember.

"Has the snow been deep?" asked Paddy.

Lightfoot snorted. "I never have known it to be deeper," said he. "It doesn't look so very deep around here," said Paddy.

Again Lightfoot snorted, and tossed his head. "You can't see much from the water's edge," said he. "You ought to go back to the foot of the Great Mountain. There is going to be a lot of water before that snow has gone."

It was then that Paddy began to worry a little. After Lightfoot left, Blacky the Crow happened along. At first he didn't come near Paddy. The latter wished he would because he wanted to ask questions. He knew that Blacky gets around. In fact, in winter he gets around more than he does in summer. This is because he has to fly much farther in all directions to find food enough to keep him alive. Paddy

water before that snow has gone."

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Oulbertson

A PROBLEM OF TIMING

The precise timing of such a hand as the following is no simple matter for the average player or the expert.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

- ♠ K 9 5
- ♥ A Q 7 4
- ♦ A K 10 5 2
- ♣ J

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♥ NT Pass 4 ♠ Pass
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

North's overall bidding was somewhat questionable—since he "reversed" with hearts on the second round and jumped from two spades to three notrump, he had little left for the urging five-spade bid—but the slam was not an unreasonable venture.

West, with a considerable strength in South's obvious long club suit, might well have tried to protect that holding by leading the ace and another trump, but he elected to open the top of his heart sequence. Declarer put up dummy's ace, cashed the club ace and ruffed a low club, then trumped a heart to lead and ruff another low club. All this, however, was fast shortening South in trumps, and since he could not afford to hold the low spade still in dummy—West would have won and given his partner a club ruff—South had to use another trump on a heart or diamond ruff for re-entry to his own hand. The upshot was that declarer inevitably lost control of the trump suit, and the contract became hopeless.

Now observe the difference if South had cashed both high clubs before ruffing a club (with the spade nine). He would then use one of his own trumps on a heart ruff, and would clear the club suit by ruffing another round with the spade king. Now he would lead the spade five, and nothing the defenders could do would bring them more than one trick, the ace of trumps.

The general analysis of this hand was that the contract could scarcely be made against a really bad break of clubs or trumps, and as there was no good reason for not cashing the ace and king of clubs immediately.

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MA HANK! WE HEARD SHOOTING!

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IS THE STOLEN MONEY (THE STOLEN MONEY) MA HANK, YOU'D MAKE A FINE LAWYAN!

SHUCKS! NO ONE COULD O' CAUGHT THOSE CROOKS WITHOUT THE PLAN O' THE LOVE RANGER!

STARTING MONDAY! EXCITING NEW STORIES!

By Fran Striker

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Ever hear of the grasshopper glacier in the ice fields of Montana? It may have been centuries ago that a cloud of hoppers were carried over Beartooth Mountain and were suddenly frozen to death, their tangled bodies becoming etched in the icefields of Montana.

A report from Buckinghamshire, England, says that radio-active eggs were laid after hot food from an atomic factory was served to a flock of hens. What next?

Believe it or not, but monkeys, seals, goats and llamas as well as a score of other animals are working for high salaries in New York and Hollywood.

J. Fred Muggs, a two-year-old chimpanzee earns \$1,000 a performance; the best performing llama earns \$15,000 a year; Magan, a sea-eyed hound that appears regularly on T. V. draws down \$125 a week, and Rosie, a dancing bear of Hollywood earns upwards of \$1,000 a week.

The highest paid performer among the animals is Sharkey, a seal, that recently completed a 3-week engagement at the Palace theatre in New York — at \$3,000

waited patiently. Finally Blacky flew over to pass the time of day.

"Caw, caw, caw!" cried Blacky, when he caught sight of Paddy. "What kind of a winter have you had?"

"Fine," replied Paddy. "Never had a nicer winter. How was it with you?"

"Bad!" replied Blacky. "Worst winter I've ever known. Thought I would have to go down where it was warmer whether I wanted to or not. Did go a little way."

"Was it just the cold?" asked Paddy.

"It was partly the cold, but it was more the snow. There has been too much snow. Yes, sir, there's been altogether too much snow. It buries things. How can a fellow find food when it is buried in the snow? He can't," declared Blacky.

Paddy shook his head. "I'm sorry to hear it," said he. "You must have had a hard time. I'm glad it's over, or almost all over."

"It isn't," declared Blacky. "There is still too much snow."

SUMMERFIELD C. W. L.

The regular monthly meeting of the Summerfield Sub-division of the C. W. L. was held at the home of Mrs. Gerard Allen on Feb. 18th.

The President, Mrs. John Hogan conducted the meeting which was opened with prayer by Fr. Murray.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Correspondence received consisted of letters from: Mrs. Kathleen Murray, Convener of Education, Mrs. Lydia Linkletter, Convener of Girl Guides, J. Lincoln Dewar, President, P. E. I. Polo Chapter also two "thank you notes" from parishioners at present in the Provincial Sanatorium.

A letter was also received from Miss I. Arsenault with reference to the annual meeting of the

Prince Edward Island Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The Treasurer, Mrs. G. C. Green gave her monthly report. It was moved by Mrs. John Cash and seconded by Mrs. Emmet Clow that \$10.00 be donated to "The Missionaries of Mary".

It was also decided that Mrs. Austin Murphy attend the Red Cross annual meeting.

Mrs. John Cash reported nine bundles of literature sent to Foreign Missions.

The meeting closed with "The Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin" after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Austin Murphy and Mrs. Spencer Hughes.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Austin Murphy.

FINANCE POST

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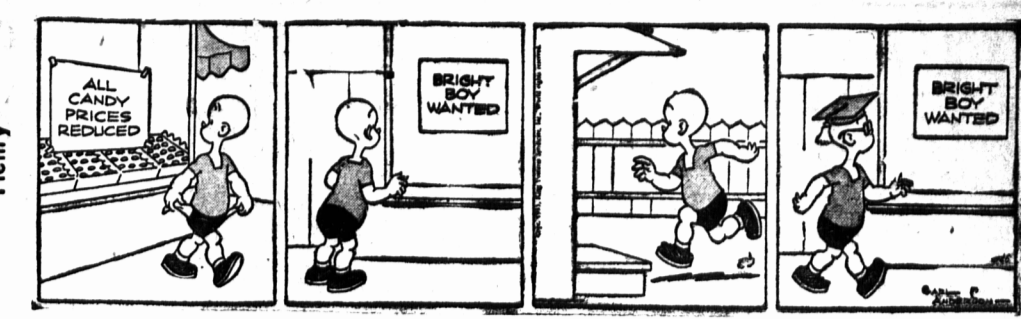
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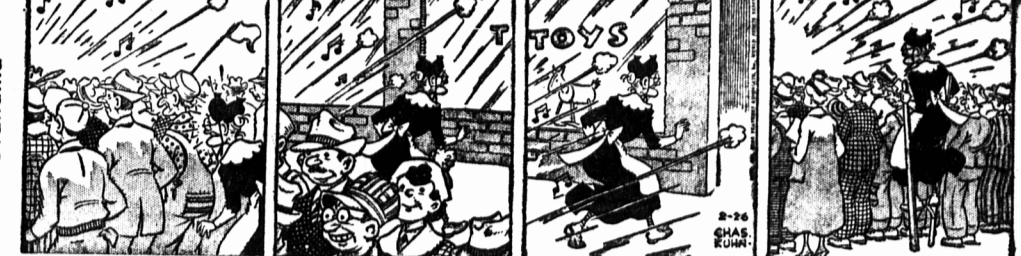
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