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ROSEBANK SCHOOL
 Report for the month of November:
 Grade IX-1, Doreen Horne.
 Grade VV-1, Shirley MacArthur;
 2, Ervin Horne.
 Grade VI-1, Roger Hardy.
 Grade II (a)-1, Franklin Murray.
 Grade II (b)-1, Hazel Hardy;
 2, Catherine Williams; 3, Carlyle Ramsay.
 Grade II (c)-1, Carol Murray.
 Grade I (a)-1, Lewis Harris.
 Grade I (b)-1, Irene Ramsay;
 Shirley Murray and Erma Hardy,
 equal.
 Hazel A. Corcoran, teacher

MONTREAL, Jan. 2- (CP) — A grocery store owner was robbed of \$2,300 by two assailants outside his home Saturday night. The victim, Lucien Maille, 40, was taken to hospital, and treated for cuts.

EMERALD SCHOOL
 Honour roll for December:
 Grade X-1, Alfred White; 2, Mary Deignan; 3, Helen Bodge.
 Grade IX-1, Sylvia Ford; 2, Alvin McCarville.
 Grade VIII-1, Georgina Green; 2, Mary Murphy; 3, Ivan Bodge.
 Grade VII-1, Clara Croken; 2, Audrey Murphy; 3, Louis McCourt.
 Grade VI-1, Lea Green; 2, Eleanor Bodge; 3, Calara Trainor.
 Primary Department
 Grade V-1, Marilyn Clow; 2, Shirley Green.
 Grade IV-1, Shirley White; 2, Nyall Lambe; 3, Clovis Bodge.
 Grade III-1, Sheila Lambe; 2, Lorraine Croken; 3, Mary Alice Green.
 Grade II-1, David Clow; 2, Elmer McCarville; 3, Tommy Green and Joe Trainor, equal.
 Grade I (a)-1, LeRoy Gallant; 2, Arnold Gallant.
 Grade I (b)-1, Mary Hughes; 2, Norma Croken; 3, Everett Clow.
 Grade I (c)-No exams.
 Teachers, Martina McCloskey Madeline Greenan

FUR TRADERS
 The Hudson Bay country, discovered in 1610, attracted little attention until British fur traders became active in 1688.



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES
 (By Thornton W. Burgess)

SUDDEN SILENCE
 Tongues their mission best fulfill
 Often when they're keeping still.
 —Old Mother Nature.

Chatterer the Red Squirrel dearly loves the sound of his own voice. As with most people who like to hear themselves talk he is noisy and his tongue is often unruly. He delights in scolding and making fun of his neighbors. Because of this he is not liked. Nothing delights him more than spolling the hunting of any hunter he may find in the Green Forest. Just now it was Reddy Fox.

"Fox! Fox!" he shrieked at the top of his voice. In the stillness of the Green Forest his voice carried far. It was a warning to every one within hearing that Reddy was out looking for a dinner. And Chatterer was boasting. He dearly loves to boast. Most folks who talk too much and too loud are given to boast, and boasting is a bad habit. It loses friends and makes enemies. He boasted that he wasn't afraid of any one on four feet because in a tree no one could catch him. He was daring Reddy Fox by coming down a tree almost to the ground and teasing Reddy to try to catch him.

Reddy didn't try. He was too smart for that. He just sat down and grinned at Chatterer. It was a most provoking grin. "You are too noisy for your own good," said he. "You boast too much. A wise Squirrel knows when to hold his tongue, but not you. One of these days you will be sorry. Then it will be too late." He grinned more broadly than ever as if he knew something that Chatterer didn't know.

"Who will make me sorry?" cried Chatterer. "No one can catch me in a tree. You can't scare me. And you can't catch me either." Once more he began shrieking "Fox! Fox!" at the top of his voice.

"It is very still here in the Green Forest when your tongue is still," said Reddy.

"What do you mean some one else may?" demanded Chatterer.

"Somebody you wouldn't like to have hear you," replied Reddy. His grin was more provoking than ever.

"Listen. I don't care who hears me. Why should I? Who is going to try to catch me as long as I am up in a tree? No one. So why should I care? Fox! Fox!" Chatterer screamed this a little louder than ever.

Reddy shook his head. "Foolish. Very foolish. That is it. It is if what I heard is true," said he.

Chatterer stopped shrieking. "What did you hear?" he demanded.

"Of course it may have been just a rumor," said Reddy.

"What did you hear?" repeated Chatterer.

"And rumors are not always to be believed," said Reddy.

"Rumors are more often wrong than right. I never believe rumors. What did you hear?" cried Chatterer.

"Nothing of special interest to me. When I heard it I thought of you, but it may not interest you either," replied Reddy.

"What was it?" shrieked Chatterer, losing his temper.

Reddy grinned again as if enjoying what he was about to say. "It was that a friend of yours has been seen at the foot of the Great Mountain and may even now be in the Green Forest," said he.

"What friend of mine?" persisted Chatterer.

"Spite the Marten," replied Reddy. Chatterer's eyes seemed to bulge out. He seemed to have lost the use of his tongue. The sudden silence was complete. For a few minutes Chatterer couldn't even whisper.

LABORERS PROTECTIVE UNION
 Regular meeting Laborers Protective Union
 Thursday night, January 4 at 7:30 p.m. Important business. All members are urgently requested to be present.
 W. F. HUGHES,
 Secretary.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
WELDING
 If sufficient applications are received, a course in acetylene welding lasting approximately six weeks will be given. The course is limited to 9 students. Applications will be received on a first-come-first-served basis. Mail applications to the Director of the Vocational School. Should the course be given, applicants will be notified of the date on which it will begin.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
HOME MANAGEMENT
 A six week's course in Home Management for the girls of the Province will begin on January 29, 1951. This course will include such topics as cooking, sewing, practical home nursing, crocheting, knitting and etiquette. Financial assistance will be given to those between the ages of 16 and 30 satisfactorily completing the course. Up to \$6.00 per week will be allowed. Applications must be filed before January 24. Mail all applications to the Director of the Vocational School.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
FARM MECHANICS
 (Night Course)
 If sufficient applications are received, a night class in Farm Mechanics will be organized. This course will include, among other things, tractor tune-up and minor repairs, as well as care and maintenance of farm machinery. This course will begin on January 15, 1951. Mail all applications to the Director of the Vocational School as soon as possible. Classes will be limited in number to ten students.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
BLACKSMITHING
 (Night Course)
 There are still some vacancies in this course which is designed to give the man or boy already on the farm a knowledge of the technique of blacksmithing as well as a skill in making certain simple repairs to farm machinery. Instruction on horseshoeing will also be given. Classes in this course will resume on January 10, 1951. Those interested should send applications immediately to the director of the Vocational School.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
BLACKSMITHING
 (Day Course)
 If sufficient applications are received, a course in blacksmithing lasting from four to eight weeks will be given. This course will be primarily for men from the various farming communities who wish a knowledge of the principles of blacksmithing for use on their farms. Financial assistance will be given to those between the ages of 16 and 30 satisfactorily completing the course. Up to \$6.00 per week will be allowed. This course will begin on January 15, 1951. The course is limited to ten students. Applications will be received on a first-come-first-served basis. Mail applications to the Director of the Vocational School.

Contract Bridge
 By Josephine Culbertson
COLLECTING FULL "COMPENSATION"
 It doesn't make an enormous difference, at rubber bridge, whether a hand is defeated 500 or 700 points. At duplicate, however, that difference may mean "top" or "bottom" on the board. Observe how the defenders protected themselves in this case which occurred in match-point game.

West dealer.
 East-West vulnerable.

♠ 65	♥ Q87
♦ J107	♣ Q93
♠ J9832	♥ K4
♦ QJ8	♣ 10753

♠ A J 10 1
 3 2
 ♥ A 8 4
 5
 ♦ A K 2

W N E S
 K 4
 K 6 5
 A Q 10 7 6
 9 8 4

This was the auction at the table in reference:
 West North East South
 1 Pass 1NT 2♣
 3♠ 4♠ 4♠ 5♠
 Double Pass Pass Pass

West had a close decision over five diamonds, since his side was vulnerable and the opponents were not. If five spades could be made the East-West score would be 650, and so the five-diamond bid would have to be beaten "four tricks" as "compensation." West, for all his strength, felt that this four-trick defeat would be difficult to bring off, but he nevertheless doubled, feeling that he himself had reached his limit. This was a good decision, since five spades would have required virtual double-dummy play. West opened the club king, and East wisely asked for a combination by playing the seven-spot—he felt sure that this would do no harm, whereas a shift might. West obediently followed up with the ace and deuce of clubs. Declarer took the diamond finesse, drew West's diamond king, and returned to dummy with a diamond for a spade lead. West captured the king and returned the spade ten. East overtook with the queen, and shifted to the deuce of hearts. South ducked—and West made the key play; he simply put in the heart eight! Dumme won, but now the defenders were assured of two heart tricks. If West had put up the heart-ten the precious fourth undertrick would have escaped him.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
 —Honor Roll.
 Grade X-1, Barbara Dalton; 2, Theima Sherry, Ethel McNally; 3, Shirley Perry.
 Grade IX-1, Florence Gallant; 2, Marie Peters; 3, Diane Gallant.
 Grade VIII-1, Joan Marie Leclair; 2, Mary Thompson; 3, Shirley Gallant.
 Grade VII-1, Catherine Praught; 2, Mae Arsenault; 3, Ann Mae Poirier.
 Grade VI-1, Nandi Gallant; 2, Geraldine Noonan; 3, Julia Sonier.
 Grade V-1, Patricia Grant; 2, Marie DesRoches; 3, Patricia MacNeill.
 Grade IV-1, Norma Fitzpatrick; 2, Claudette Poirier; 3, Marcia Arsenault.
 Grade IV (Boys) — 1, Ernest Gallant, Emmet McIntyre; 2, John Sullivan; 3, Gerald Ranaghan, Ervan Sonier.
 Grade III (Girls)—1, Salome Wedge, Marjorie Bernard; 2, Noreen Cameron; 3, Elizabeth Gallant, Rita Gallant.
 Grade III (Boys) — 1, Donald MacNeill; 2, Ronald DesRoches; 3, Lawrence Hardy.
 Grade II (Girls) — 1, Brenda Arsenault, Beverly Clow; 2, Carol Clow; 3, Judith Arsenault, Joan Heffell.
 Grade II (Boys) — 1, Michael Gallant; 2, Alexander Cameron; 3, James Hogan.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2- (CP)— Employees of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation across Canada received salary increases as a New Year's Day gift. It was learned today. All the 1,700 employees on strength at Nov. 17 were given increases, averaging about 7.12 per cent. They date from Jan. 1.

