

# NOTICE NOTICE

A meeting of the Shareholders of the North River Community Club, will be held at the home of Bruce McKinley, North River, February 13 at 8 p.m.

A. C. McEACHERN,  
Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the Electors of Parkdale District will be held in Parkdale Hall at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6th, 1951, for the purpose of electing Commissioners, also for the Taxation of Properties for improvement purposes in the Village.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

- Snow vehicle
- Physician
- In this place
- Furrow
- Stop!
- Mountains (So. Am.)
- Separate
- Right (abbr.)
- Value
- Thallium (sym.)
- Subject to agree
- Street
- Young sheep
- Misrepresent
- River (Ger.)
- Front of building
- Behold!
- Wan
- Note in the scale
- Large, rough-coated dog
- Flood tide
- Tendon
- Deep abstraction
- Not any
- Eatable tubers
- Guns (slang)

**DOWN**

- Food fish
- Son of Jacob (Bib.)
- Epochs
- Portray verbally

**15. Malt beverage**  
**22. Gay (archaic)**  
**23. Boss of a shield**  
**24. With-drawing for wool**  
**25. River (Scot.)**  
**27. Large bundles**  
**28. Distant**  
**29. Fragment**  
**30. Apportion**  
**31. River (It.)**  
**32. Wild ox**  
**35. Furnished temporarily**

**Yesterday's Answer**

36 Female sheep  
 38 Wander about idly  
 41 East by south (abbr.)

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W Burgess)

## BLACKY BRINGS BAD NEWS

Approaching danger undetected, Disaster strikes when least expected.—Old Mother Nature.



He gave a little hop and flapped his wings and was in the air.

Plaptoes the Grebe was in a peck of trouble. Yes, sir, Plaptoes was in a peck of trouble. The same thing had happened to him that happens to a plane when it runs out of gas. It has to come down. Plaptoes had had to come down. He was on the ice that covered the Big River, and he was just about as helpless as an airplane would be without gas. Plaptoes had made a mistake. He had been spending the winter in a lake that had not frozen over. At least it had not wholly frozen over. He had stopped there because the fishing was extra good. He had stayed there too long. That was his mistake. The unfrozen part of the lake had grown smaller and smaller until he was afraid to stay any longer lest he be frozen in. Then he had taken to his wings. He had thought that somewhere along the Big River he would find open water where he could stop to rest and fish. But Jack Frost had been very, very busy. Plaptoes had flown and flown and flown. He had seen some open places but they were too small. He hadn't dared to stop in one of them.

You see, Plaptoes is like a hydro-plane, or flying boat. To get into the air one of these has to travel fast on the water for quite a distance, just as a land plane has to have a runway to get into the air. It is just so with all the Grebe folk, and some of the Duck folk. They have to get going fast on the water before they can get up in the air. Their legs are so short that they cannot get going fast at all on land or ice. In fact the Grebe folk, like Dippy the Loon, are almost helpless out of water. Their legs are so short that they cannot run at all. If they try to hurry they simply fall over and flop. It is bad luck, the very worst of luck, for a Grebe or a Loon when flying to come down anywhere but on the water. So now Plaptoes had had the very worst thing happen to him that could happen. He was down on the ice and couldn't get up again. It was a terrible, terrible feeling.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

## EGGS IN TWO BASKETS

It is always better to have (in the jargon of the experts) "two chances running for you," than to sink or swim with one line of play. Consider this case:

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

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

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

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 2♠ 3♣ 3♦ 4♣  
 4♦ Pass 5♦ 6♣  
 1♦ Pass Pass Pass

East might well have sacrificed even to the seven-level—but perhaps he was second-sighted! South opened the king of clubs. South ruffed and led a high trump. East's "refusal" apparently did not bother South—he cashed the queen and ace of hearts, then led his low heart for a ruff in dummy. Unfortunately, West "got there first" with the trump ten—and South was helpless, since he had to surrender a spade trick also.

If the trump had broken 2-1, South would have had guaranteed success via his method of play, but when the actual break was revealed he should have taken time out to reconsider the situation. The heart-ruffing plan could wait; meanwhile, another line could be investigated with virtually no risk. That line was to lead and pass a spade. Then South could easily control any return, cash the spade ace and ruff high, to test the break, and when the 3-3 distribution of the six missing spades was known, South could claim the contract, simply by drawing West's trumps and using the heart queen for entry to dummy. This spade-establishment test could go wrong only if West had started with a singleton in the suit, and on sheer mathematical probability, there was less chance of this than that West had a doubleton heart.

Blacky the Crow had been near where Plaptoes fell. He couldn't help Plaptoes, so after a while, being hungry, he went to look for something to eat. That left Plaptoes all alone. Truth to tell he wasn't sorry. Blacky is so very black that he can be seen from a long distance when everything is covered with snow. Plaptoes didn't want to be seen, and he felt better when Blacky flew away. He had been afraid that someone might come over out of curiosity to see what it was that was interesting Blacky so. Blacky was gone some time. While he was gone Plaptoes rested.

The Blacky came hurrying back. Plaptoes heard him before he saw him. "Caw, caw, caw!" called Blacky. Plaptoes knew by the way he cawed that he was excited. He flew down beside Plaptoes.

"You can't stay here," cried Blacky. "You really can't. I hate to bring you bad news, but I had to. Reddy Fox has just left the Old Pasture and I almost know that if he isn't on his way over here now, he soon will be. So you better get out of here as quick as you can."

"But I can't get out of here. I can't fly because I can't get up in the air," cried Plaptoes.

"I don't see why you can't. All you have to do is flap your wings and jump up," cried Blacky. He gave a little hop and flapped his wings and was in the air.

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Holy Redeemer Hall  
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The prizes are the same as those prevailing at other Bingos in the city.

## KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



## BUT DADDY...



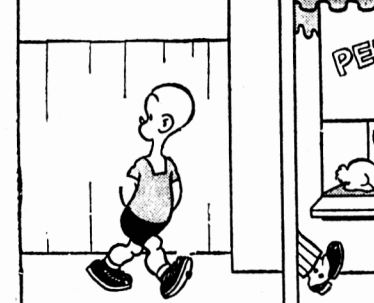
## BUT HE DIDN'T TRICK ME INTO BRINGING HIM HERE...



## JOE PALOOKA



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