

Contract Bridge

By B. JAY BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ Q 10 2
♥ 5 4
♦ A J 10 7 6 3
♣ A 6

♠ K J 5 4
♥ J 9
♦ K 2
♣ Q 9 7

♠ A 8 3
♥ K Q 6
♦ Q 4
♣ K 10 8 4 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

Opening lead—seven of hearts. The importance of shaping the play in the dummy in some hands so that one particular defender is kept out of the lead has been stressed many times in this column. The reason in each case has been that the defender in question may do the declarer serious harm if he is allowed to obtain the lead.

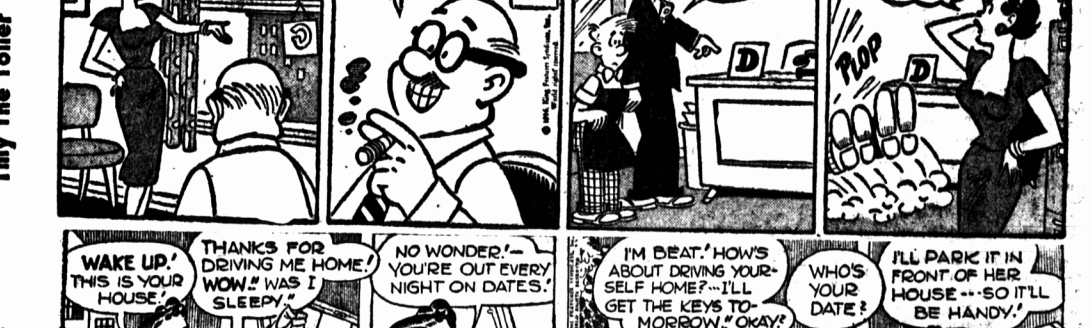
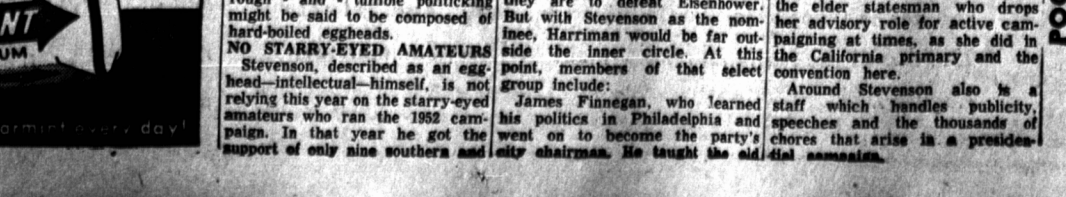
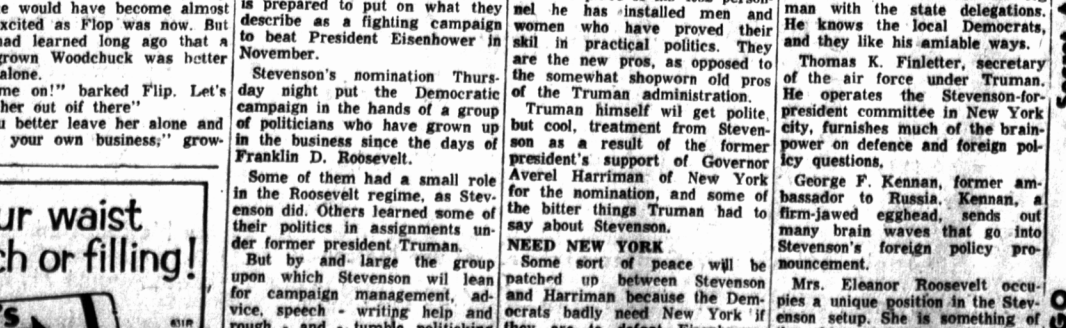
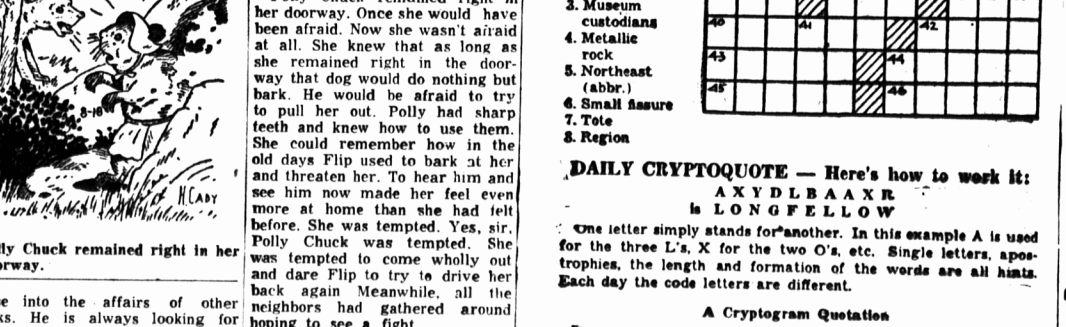
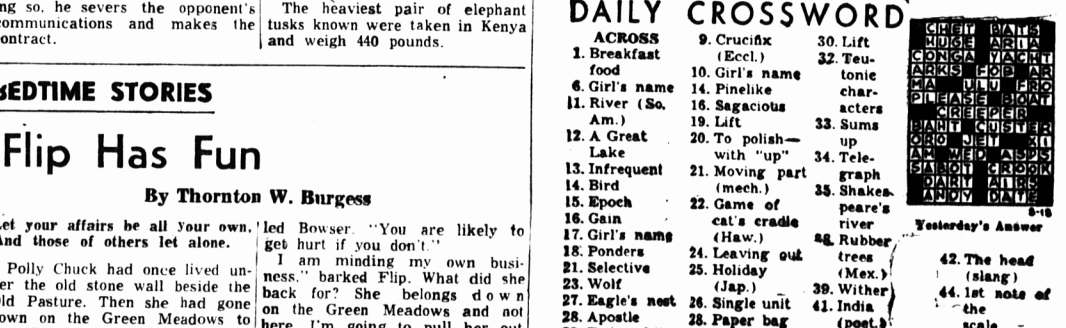
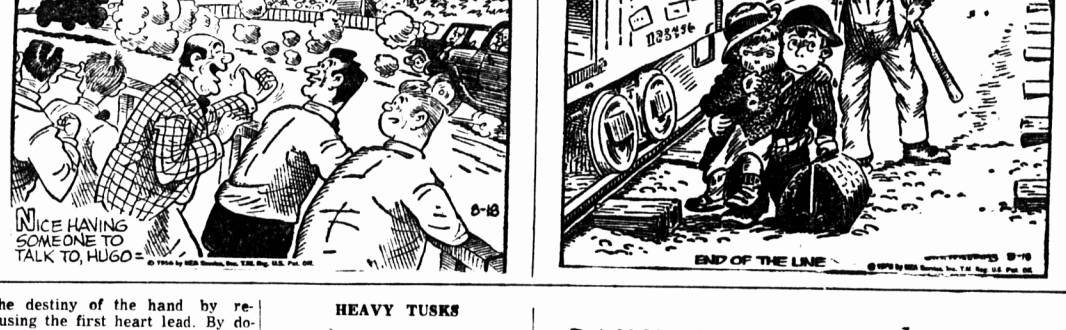
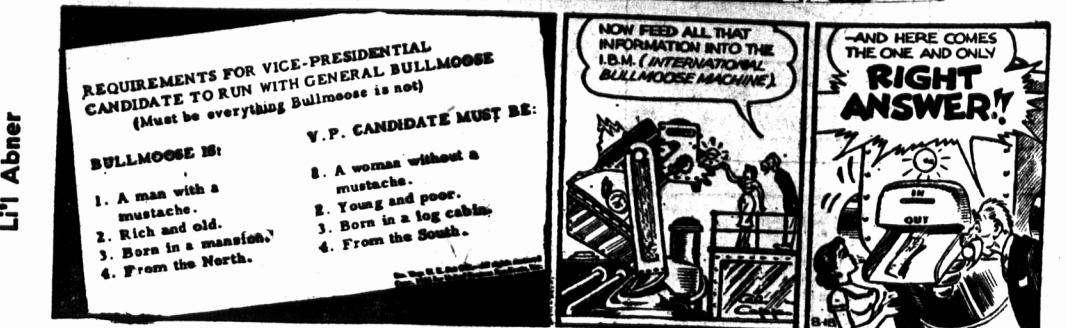
However, many hands are dealt where the declarer has no alternative but to risk the dangerous adversary getting the lead. When this is the case, the declarer should still take appropriate steps to minimize the danger. South has no chance for nine tricks, except by utilizing the diamond suit. To bring in the suit involves finessing the queen. To do so means that East may obtain the lead with the king. But despite the dangerous implications, the diamonds have to be attacked.

There is one step, though, that declarer has to take as a matter of self-preservation. East's jack of hearts, on the opening lead, must be ducked. This play may, and in this hand does, stymie the defense completely. There is good reason not to take the heart trick.

If it is assumed West has the king of diamonds, the contract is considered made. Therefore, the number of hearts East has becomes crucial. If East has four, the hand cannot be defeated. All the opponents get in such case are three heart tricks and a diamond.

If East has three hearts, the hand cannot be made because the defense can get four hearts and a diamond, regardless of whether the jack of hearts is taken or not.

If East has two hearts, the hand cannot be defeated, provided the vital step of ducking the heart is taken. Where the heart division is 6-2, South can control



Our Boarding House



the destiny of the hand by refusing the first heart lead. By doing so, he severs the opponent's communications and makes the contract.

BEDTIME STORIES

Flip Has Fun

By Thornton W. Burgess

Let your affairs be all your own. And those of others let alone.

Polly Chuck had once lived under the old stone wall beside the Old Pasture. Then she had gone down on the Green Meadows to live. There she had been flooded out and had returned to the old home. It was good to be back there. Everything was the same as it used to be, or almost the same. All the old neighbors were there and most of them seemed glad to see her back. It was a very peaceful there. That is, it was until Flop the Terrier came nosing along and discovered her sitting on her doorstep.



Polly Chuck remained right in her doorway.

Now Flop, like so many other dogs, likes to poke his inquisitive

nose into the affairs of other folks. He is always looking for someone he can chase. Once long ago he had surprised Polly Chuck some distance from her home and had chased her back there. It had been most exciting. Since she left to go to live on the Green Meadows, Flop never had failed to visit the doorstep of her old home and sniff at the doorway. He had started to do this today and was started to find Polly on her doorstep. She backed down into her doorway but with her head out.

Flip barked as if he were trying to bark his head off. Bowser the Hound came over from Farmer Brown's dooryard to see who was exciting Flip so. When he saw Polly Chuck in her doorway he lost interest. When he was younger he would have become almost as excited as Flop was now. But he had learned long ago that a full-grown Woodchuck was better left alone.

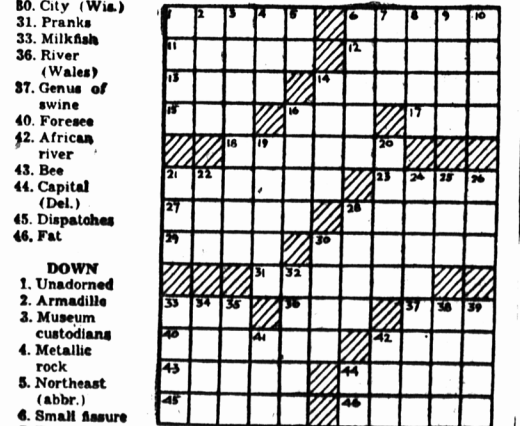
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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- Breakfast food
 - Girl's name
 - River (So. Am.)
 - Great Lake
 - Inrequent bird
 - Epoch
 - Gain
 - Girl's name
 - Ponders
 - Selective
 - Wolf
 - Eagle's nest
 - Apple
 - Fail to hit
 - City (Wis.)
 - Pranks
 - Milkshakes
 - River (Wales)
 - Genus of swine
 - Foresee
 - African river
 - Bee
 - Capital (Del.)
 - Dispatches
 - Fat
- DOWN
- Unadorned
 - Armadillo
 - Museum custodians
 - Metallic
 - Northeast (abbr.)
 - Small fissure
 - Tote
 - Region



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it: A X Y Z 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 Quotation
"B M R U N K F N M R N S N M H S A K J D N M E W Z R D X N W - S R C N B R X X."

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A GOOD BOOK IS THE BEST OF FRIENDS, THE SAME TO-DAY AND FOR EVER - TUPPER.

Stevenson's Campaign In Professional Hands

By JACK BELL
CHICAGO (AP) — Adlai E. Stevenson's team of "new pros" is prepared to put on what they describe as a fighting campaign to beat President Eisenhower in November.

Stevenson's nomination Thursday night put the Democratic campaign in the hands of a group of politicians who have grown up in the business since the days of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Some of them had a small role in the Roosevelt regime, as Stevenson did. Others learned some of their politics in assignments under former president Truman.

But by and large the group upon which Stevenson will lean for campaign management, advice, speech-writing help and rough-and-tumble politicking might be said to be composed of hard-boiled eggheads.

NO STARRY-EYED AMATEURS
Stevenson, described as an egg-head-intellectual-himself, is not relying this year on the starry-eyed amateurs who ran the 1952 campaign. In that year he got the support of only nine southern and

pros some lessons in timing as he brought Stevenson steadily along in the convention, leaped the Truman hurdle and had his man at peak strength at first-ballot time.

Hyman B. Raskin, husky white-haired Chicago lawyer and former deputy national committee chairman. He has been the leg man with the state delegations, and they like his amiable ways.

Thomas K. Finletter, secretary of the air force under Truman. He operates the Stevenson-for-president committee in New York city, furnishes much of the brainpower on defense and foreign policy questions.

George F. Kennan, former ambassador to Russia. Kennan, a firm-jawed egghead, sends out many brain waves that go into Stevenson's foreign policy pronouncement.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt occupies a unique position in the Stevenson setup. She is something of the elder statesman who drops her advisor's role for active campaigning at times, as she did in the California primary and the convention here.

Around Stevenson also is a staff which handles publicity, speeches and the thousands of chores that arise in a presiden-

Good to your taste... yet kind to your waist because never rich or filling!

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