

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
CONCERNING PENALTY
DOUBLES

For reasons which this writer has never been able to fathom, a great many experts are willing to take far greater risks offensively than defensively. They do not mind stretching to reach a doubtful contract of their own, but even when everything points to the fact that the opposition has done the same stretching, they have the most curious aversion to putting in a penalty double that might go wrong.

It goes without saying that a player should not double closely when his action is apt to help declarer locate key cards, but failure to double under such circumstances as below is utterly inexcusable.

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 10 7 4 3
♥ 9 5 2
♦ 7 6 5
♣ Q 4 2

AKJ9 8 5 2
N E S W
7 4
8 2
KQ10 6
A Q 10 3
AKJ10 8

The bidding:
East South West North
3 ♠ Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 ♠ Pass Pass

Even though South arrived at a contract that could have been punished, he could not be blamed for his bidding. Who can allow for a hand as bad as North's? Anyway, the penalty at five clubs undoubtedly was not too serious — only 200 points net (South had 100 honours).

It is clear that South owed a vote of thanks to West for not doubling and increasing the net penalty by 500 points!

In the postmortem West argued that he hadn't known that "South would have put out his neck so far," but this was a very lame excuse for West's failure to double! The get was that South had a baffling problem after East opened with three spades, and his four-spade cue-bid was probably as good a solution as was available. (Observe that South had found West's hand opposite him, he could have made a slam in any of three suits.)

West, however, was in a position to know, from his own holding and partner's vulnerable bid, that South was going to pick up a "bust" dummy, and so it was absurd for West not to double five clubs.



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE FIRST ICE

In honest work is vast content. There are no better hours spent. —Paddy the Beaver.

The truth of this Paddy and Mrs. Paddy learned for themselves when they were very, very young. They have never been happier than when they are working. While many of their neighbors are sorry for them because they have to work so hard to get their food, they are never sorry for themselves. The truth is, they are sorry for others who have never learned how to work, and how to enjoy work.

Just now, they were working extra hard. It was getting late in the season, and they still felt their food supply was not big enough to last them all winter if the winter should be extra long. It would be just too bad if the pond should freeze over before their harvest was completed. Yes, sir, that would be just too bad. You see they store their food in the water. They build a pile of small logs and sticks of their favorite food trees out near their house in the water. That food pile must be in deep enough water so that when the pond is frozen over those food sticks will be under the ice. Then when they are hungry, Paddy and Mrs. Paddy can swim out to their food pile under the ice, take a stick back into the house, and, in comfort, eat the bark, for that is what they live on.

They had dug a canal from the pond to a clump of young aspen trees growing too far from the water to be dragged overland when cut. Now they could cut these trees, and float the logs and sticks through the canal into the pond, and feel safe while doing it. They well knew that Yowler the Bobcat and Old Man Coyote were con-

stantly watching for a chance to catch one of them away from the water. That was why they had wisely dug the canal, instead of trying to drag their food sticks overland to the pond.

Then Jack Frost paid an unexpected visit. While they slept he covered the pond with ice. It was thin ice, and it might not last long. But this as it was it prevented towing those precious food sticks out to the food pile. It was then that Paddy began really to worry. He came back into the house where Mrs. Paddy was still resting. "He's been here," said Paddy.

Mrs. Paddy yawned. "Who has been here?" said she, without interest.

"Jack Frost," replied Paddy, and the way he said it made Mrs. Paddy,

stop her yawn right in the middle. "Do you mean the pond is covered with ice?" she asked.

Paddy nodded. "That is just what I mean," he said. "I hope it won't last, but if it does, we have done a lot of work for nothing. And that food pile isn't as big as it ought to be."

Every little while one or the other swam out through their under-water hall or tunnel, and came up under the ice. They knew that overhead, jolly, round, Mr. Sun was shining. Perhaps he would melt that ice. What they didn't know was that Jack Frost had left, and Gentle Sister Southwind had taken his place. They would have felt better if they had known this, because she would help Mr. Sun melt that ice.

Can obtain licences

TORONTO (CP)—Deaf persons can obtain driving licences provided that they have a rear-view mirror on the car. A. G. Macnab, assistant director of the Ontario motor vehicles branch, said Monday. He commented on a police report that three deaf persons in a car were killed in a level-crossing crash at Harriston Saturday.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Italian city
 2. Precious stone
 3. Disfigure
 4. Erbium (sym.)
 5. Pale
 6. Box scientifically
 7. Large drinking cups
 8. Inflammatory affection of the throat
 9. Presently
 10. Part of addition
 11. Well-matured, as wine
 12. Help
 13. Craze
 14. Watch over
 15. Comes up
 16. Ancient
 17. Metal
 18. Greek letter
 19. A kind of story
 20. Ignited
 21. Chips of stone
 22. Stockings
 23. Famous canal (N. Y.)
 24. Mother's sister
 25. A humorous short play
 26. Winged insects
- DOWN**
1. City in Wisconsin



- MANUS TABOOR**
- ASK ME OLIVE
WAGYAN ILLIUS
ASK ME KENT
LAVIAV
ALAN ER KOD
TAMT GELLO
AMG AIA BOIE
RAGMAN
WASH O O DOG
ASITIE ALIVE
GELINE YOL
PARED SRETT
- Yesterday's Answer
20. A prominent land guide
 21. Glad
 22. A cleaning tool (U.S.)
 23. A craggy hills
 24. Runs away
 25. Band marries (Hawaii)
 26. Portions of curved lines
 27. Lives a color
 28. Location
 29. Shore recess
 30. Royalty
 31. Position
 32. Shade of a color
 33. Jewish month

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Solitary letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

ZCSBA MVHT H KWCCJO VHTJ FB
H VHSJ VAHSM—BVAWVAO.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FINE WORDS, INDEED! I WONDER WHERE HE STOLE 'EM—SWIFT

ANNUAL MEETING

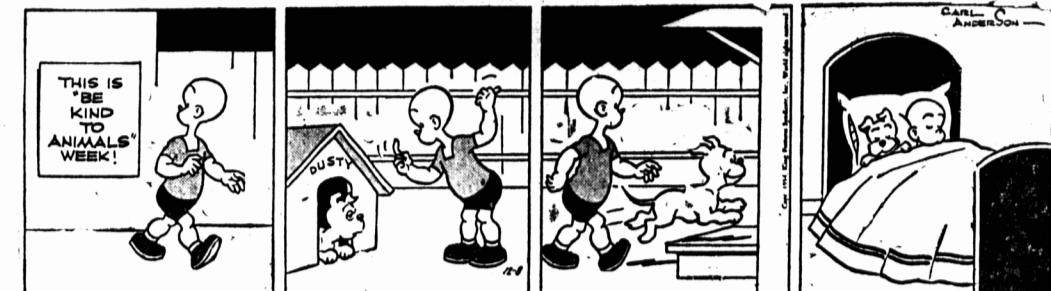
Of P. E. I. Ayrshire Breeders' Club, to be held at the EXPERIMENTAL FARM, ON THURSDAY, DEC. 9, 10 A.M.

Dinner served by Parkdale Women's Institute.
All Are Welcome.

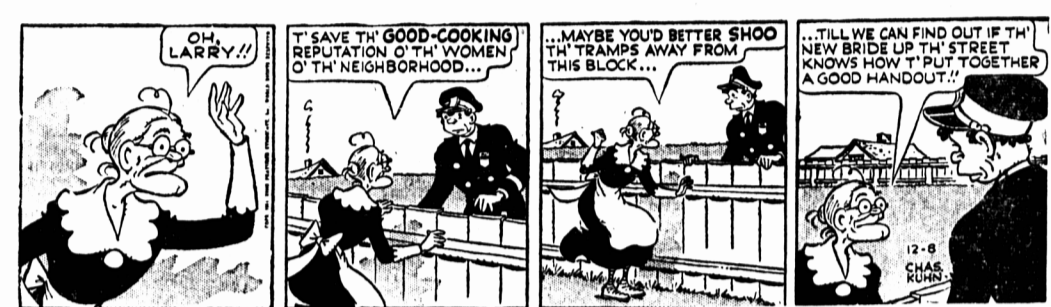
By Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



By Henry



By Grandma



By Muggs and Skeeter



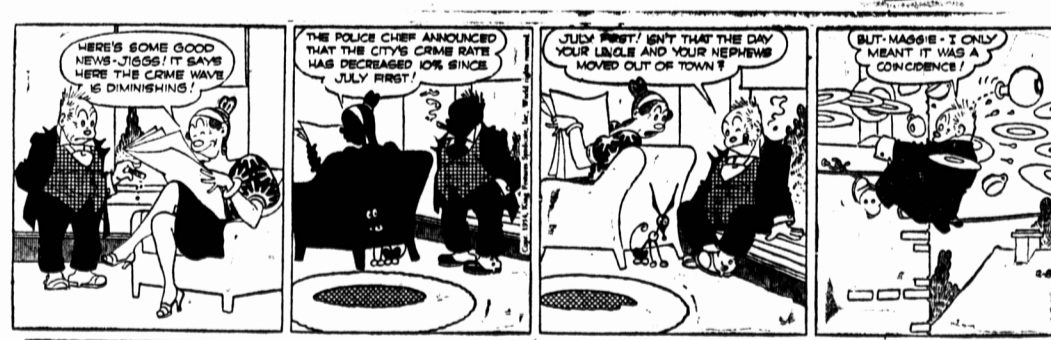
By Mickey Mouse



By Tilly The Toiler



By Paul Robinson



By Ham Fisher



By Mel Greff



By Robert L. May

By Carl Anderson

By Charles Kuhn

By Wally Bishop

By Walt Disney

By Bob Gustafson

By George McManus

By Al Capp

By Fran Striker

CARD PARTY

SPRING PARK HALL
Thursday, Dec. 9
8:00 P.M.



Feeling weary?
Chewing's Cheery!

