

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess
BILLY MINK GIVES WARNING
A warning that is sorely needed is wasted breath unless 'tis heeded.

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"Don't touch it!" commanded Billy Mink. "Keep away from it! Don't go near it, if you do, you'll be sorry."

Billy took two or three steps toward the young Mink. The latter backed off still farther. "It's mine," he snarled. "You are driving me away because you want it yourself."

"Why?" asked the young Mink. He fairly spat out the question. "Because whoever tries to pick up that piece of meat is going to wish he never had seen it," declared Billy Mink.

"Who says so?" the young Mink asked in a most impudent manner. "I do," said Billy Mink.

"Pooh," cried the other, and dodged as Billy jumped at him. It was well he did. Billy was losing his temper, and Billy has quite a temper. Most of the time he is good natured, but when he does lose his temper, watch out. His teeth are so sharp, and he is so quick in his movements that you are likely to be sorry you made him lose his temper.

Blacky the Crow flew down to a low branch of the tree he had been sitting in. "Caw, caw caw. So you think there is something wrong with that piece of meat,"

said he to Billy Mink. "I don't just think so," said Billy. "I know so."

"What is it?" asked Blacky. "What is wrong with that meat? It looks alright to me," replied Blacky.

"Well, it isn't alright," said Billy. "If you were to pick it up, you would find out."

"I still say it looks alright to me," persisted Blacky. "Fly down here and pick it up," said Billy.

"No, thank you, I'll take your word for it that something is wrong, although I can't see what it is, and there's nothing the matter with my eyes," Blacky replied.

"Do you know who put it there?" Billy asked.

"Yes," replied Blacky. "It was one of those two-legged folks we all hate."

"Then you ought to know what's wrong with it," declared Billy Mink.

"Well, what is it?" asked Blacky.

"There's a trap hidden there, and how I do hate traps!" snarled Billy Mink.

"He just wants that meat for himself," broke in the young Mink, who was near enough to overhear what was being said.

Billy Mink leaped at him. The young Mink dodged and dived into the water.

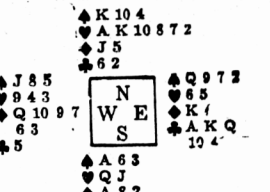
"Billy shook his head. "He still has a lot to learn," said he.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A WELL-ROUNDED PERFORMANCE
South had different problems in both bidding and play in the following deal, and solved them to perfection.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.



The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ 2♣ Dbl. 2♦
Pass Pass 2NT Pass
3♥ Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Dbl. (final bid)

In view of the respective vulnerability, South had a fairly difficult decision to make on the first round of bidding — whether to double two clubs, or go out for his own vulnerable game. Unquestionably, however, the double was the sounder course.

A more difficult problem arose when North bid three hearts over South's two notrump. It was tempting to try for game at hearts, but South, after long thought, concluded that the chances would be better at notrump, with his heart fillers. This was a shrewd decision — North could not have made four hearts against good defenses.

West opened the diamond ten. East covered dummy's jack and was permitted to hold the trick. He laid down the king and ace of clubs, but when West showed out it seemed a give-up play to continue with the club queen, so East shifted back to diamonds.

South took this trick, ran the heart suit — and squeezed both defenders! When the last heart was cashed, East had to reduce to two spades in order to hold the high club. Thereupon South discarded the ace-six of spades and the diamond eight, and now it was West's turn to feel the pressure.

In order to keep the high diamond, he too had to discard a spade, and South made an over-trick by cashing in all three spades.

TO SCAN ECLIPSE

NEW DELHI.—(CP)—A team of Indian scientists took the necessary equipment with them to establish a temporary observatory at Basra in Iraq to observe the eclipse of the sun visible there on Feb. 23. Now in Basra, the Indian group is led by Dr. A. K. Das.

BIG SURPRISE

AUCKLAND, N.Z.—(CP)—A man with a hacksaw started cutting up a length of armored electric cable near a power station, probably to sell it for scrap, when he caused a blinding flash from the 22,000-volt cable and the whole city plunged into darkness. The flash burned the ground and melted the hacksaw but the man ran away unhurt.

SPECIAL MATERIAL
Meerschmum pipes are made from a fine, white, clay-like material usually found in Asia Minor.

JOINT TRIBUTE
The altar stone on which Canada's "book of remembrance" listing war dead rests at Ottawa was presented by the British Government.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Eric Gray



JOE PALCOKA



By Ham Fisher



By Carl Anderson

AUCTION 45's

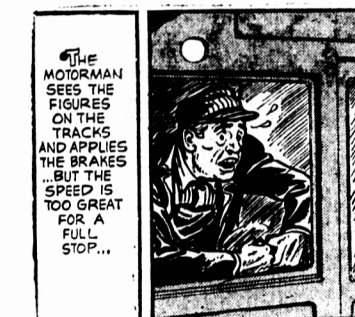
TOURNAMENT
HOLY REDEEMER COMMUNITY CENTRE
THURSDAY, Jan. 31
8.30 p.m.
Admission 35c including Freezeout

ANNUAL MEETING

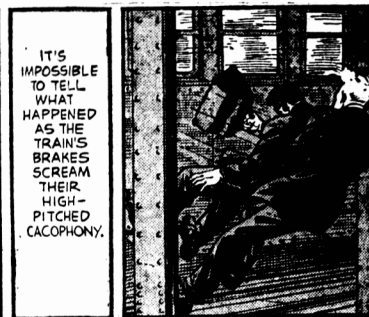
The annual meeting of Spring Park Community Club to be held in hall Wednesday, January 30th, at 8 P. M. All adult residents urgently requested to attend. This is your Community, and your presence and support is necessary.

DON'T Just ask what's good for a COUGH?

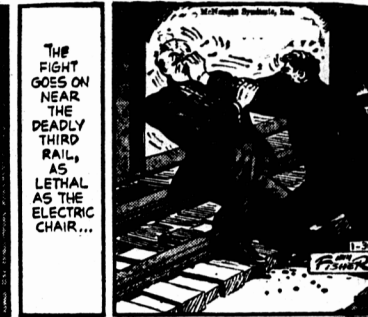
ASK FOR BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE
A SINGLE SIP TELLS WHY



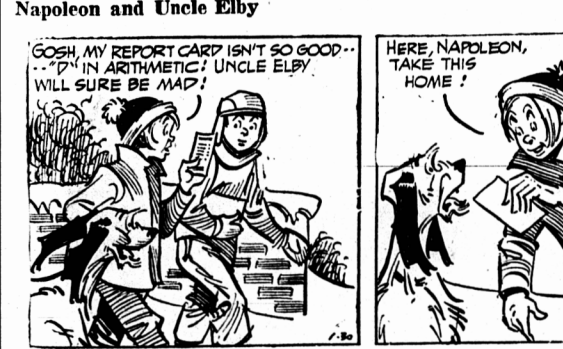
HENRY



By Ruford



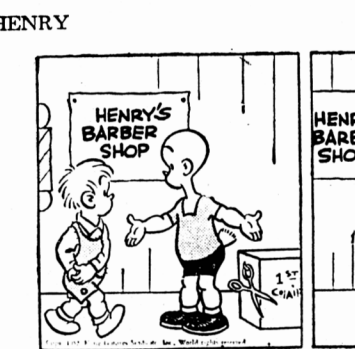
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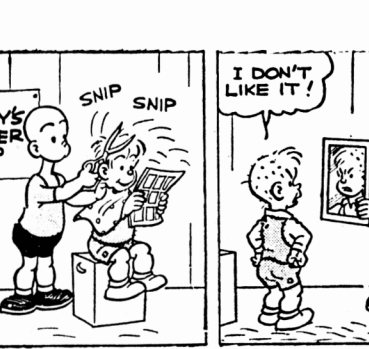
By Clifford McBride



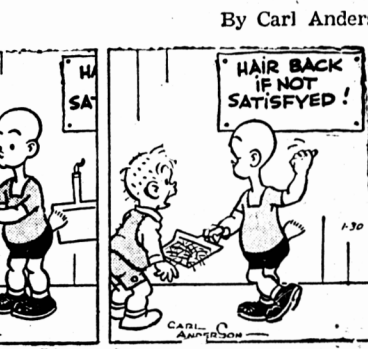
By Walt Kelly



DOTTY DIPPLE



By Edwin



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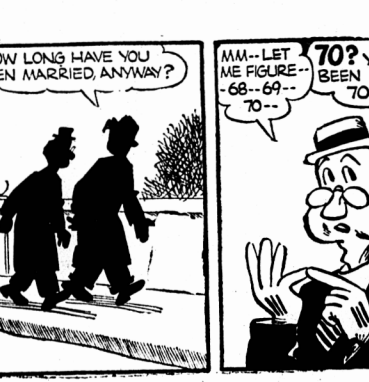
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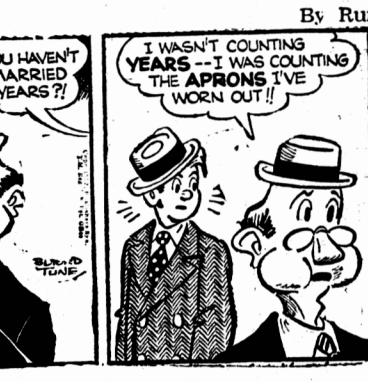
By Al Capp



TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



By George McManus



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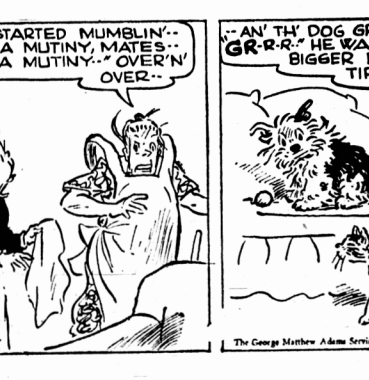
RIP KIRBY



By Alex Raymond



BRINGING UP FATHER



By Bob Gustafson



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PENNY



By Harry Meenigse



TILLY THE TOILER



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