

Taking A Chance

Everybody, it is true, Daily takes a chance or two.

—Old Mother Nature.

Old Mother Nature is quite right about that, but a lot of people don't know it. Even the most careful people take a chance almost every time they move.

Paddy the Beaver was far from home and he was homesick. He was in a big pool in a brook that was strange to him. He had come all the way down Laughing Brook to the Big River and then up the Big River to this brook. Since he had left home Laughing Brook had almost dried up. Paddy didn't dare go back home by way of Laughing Brook. There wasn't enough water in it for him to feel safe. He never does feel wholly safe out of water unless he is where he can plunge back into it almost instantly.

At this pool where he now is,

he had met Little Joe Otter and Little Joe had hinted that if he went far enough up this brook he would find a small branch that would take him almost to his pond on Laughing Brook.



"What chance?" asked Longlegs.

Now what would be almost nothing at all for Little Joe Otter to travel might be a long and dangerous trip for Paddy. You see, Little Joe is quick and quite able to take care of himself in a fight. On the other hand Paddy the Beaver is slow and his feet on dry land and cannot turn and dodge quickly enough to be a good fighter. He really is not safe out of water if Old Man Coyote, or Yowler the Bobcat, or Puma the Mountain Lion, or even Buster Bear happens to be in the neighborhood. Any one of them would be glad to catch Paddy out of water.

So it was that Paddy felt that he would be taking a chance if he

tried to go up this brook and from it get across to Laughing Brook and his own pond. Would there be water enough all the way for him to feel safe? There was no way for him to know without going to see.

"I don't know," said Paddy talking to himself. "No sir, I don't know."

"What don't you know?" asked a surprising voice. It was Longlegs the Heron who had spoken. He had flown to the edge of that pool while Paddy was looking another way.

"I don't know if I should take the chance," said Paddy. He was talking to himself more than to Longlegs.

"What chance?" asked Longlegs. Paddy told Longlegs all his trouble. Sometimes it is a good thing to tell one's troubles to another.

Longlegs stood on one leg with the other drawn up into his feathers and his long neck laid back between his shoulders. He was waiting for a small fish to swim near enough to be caught. He would have patience enough to stand just like that for a long, long time if necessary. He said nothing and Paddy continued to tell him his troubles.

"Whether you go or stay you will be taking a chance," said Longlegs at last. It was true.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS GLASGOW (Reuters) — Plans to spend 16,000,000 (\$44,000,000) on harbor improvements in the River Clyde in the next 15 years were announced here Tuesday. They include a 9,000,000 dock on the west side of Glasgow's King George V Dock, the widening of the entrance to Queen's Dock, a building of a new quay and an extension to the grain installations at Meadowside.

Sees Man On Moon By 2,000

TORONTO (CP) — Dr. J. E. Keyston, vice-chairman of the defence research board, says in a copyright article in the Toronto Star "man will set foot on the moon by the end of this astonishing century."

"My guess is that the October revolutions of this (Russian) satellite in the heavens will provide a challenge that will ensure the first man on the moon is not going to be a Russian."

Dr. Keyston says the earth satellite launched last week by Russia is "the first concrete step towards space travel."

He says he mentions the moon in consideration of the satellite's significance because "the moon is only 250,000 miles away and we could go there and back by spaceship in a day or two."

Dr. Keyston says the most significant of all conclusions from the Russian satellite is this:

"In 1945 we were far in advance of Russia in military technology and in almost every branch of application of new scientific knowledge. In 12 years they have over-come our long lead and caught up or maybe passed us."

Slight Decline In Contracts Let

TORONTO (CP) — Canadian construction contracts worth \$2,196,061,900 were awarded for the first nine months of 1957, Hugh C. MacLean Building Reports said Monday. A year ago they totalled \$2,685,874,200.

Contract awards were also down to \$217,964,500 during September from \$258,203,500 last year.

A decline in house construction and in engineering projects was responsible for the overall downward trend.

All regions of the country, especially Ontario, showed declines in contract awards for the year. In September alone, Quebec and the western provinces had projects greater in value than 1956.

The January-September regional figures (with 1956 comparison in brackets) were: Maritimes \$122,005,900 (\$127,550,800); Quebec \$488,439,800 (\$793,539,900); Ontario \$988,541,700 (\$1,072,966,100); Western Canada \$599,044,800 (\$699,809,400).

BERNARD COBB DEAD

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Bernard C. Cobb, 87, utility executive and former board chairman of the old Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, died Tuesday.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAV BECKER

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH ♠ 6 5 ♥ 7 8 ♦ 3 6 4 3 2 ♣ A K 9 8 WEST ♠ K Q 9 ♥ 10 9 7 2 ♦ A ♣ 10 7 4 3 2 SOUTH ♠ A 10 4 ♥ A K Q 5 ♦ K Q J 10 5 ♣ 5

The bidding: South West North East 1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass 4♣ Pass 4NT Pass 5♦ Pass

Opening lead—king of spades. Donald Sweet, of Chicago, sent me this interesting hand which was played recently in a duplicate game.

The bidding was very good. South identified his enormous hand by jumping to three hearts although two hearts would have been equally forcing. North cooperated in the slam effort by bidding clubs, and Blackwood took over from there.

At several tables declarer went down at the six diamond contract. The play went ace of spades, followed by three rounds of hearts, dummy's spade being discarded. The ace of diamonds was then forced out but West re-

turned the fourth round of hearts. Dummy ruffed. East overruffed and the contract was down one. The defense at these tables was pretty automatic. Declarer had led a low heart to the jack, which held the trick, so that West in each case, knew South had started with A-K-Q-x of hearts. It was not too much for the West players to hope that partner could over-craft dummy on a heart return.

Those who made the six diamond contract foresaw the possibility of the heart overruff. After cashing three high hearts and discarding the spade, they also cashed the A-K of clubs, discarding the remaining high heart. Now the ace of diamonds was conceded, and the slam was made.

Of course, the situation is unusual where declarer goes out of his way to discard a winner on a winner, but in this case retention of the high heart constitutes a "cut-danger" which has to be averted.

The heart is disposed of because it is a liability if it remains in the declarer's hand. Not only is the slam subject to defeat against the actual East-West distribution, if the heart is retained, but also if the East and West hands are exchanged. In such case, East also would return the fourth round of hearts after taking his singleton ace of diamonds and allow West to score the setting trick with the nine of diamonds.

Not Enough New Homes For Men Earning Under \$5,000

LONDON, Ont. (CP)—The construction industry is not building enough homes at a price the average Canadian can pay, T. N. Carter, president of the Canadian Home Builders' Association, said Monday.

Mr. Carter, Toronto contractor,

Canadian Construction Association told the London Builders' Exchange that more than 1,000,000 homes have been built since the end of the Second World War, but that isn't enough. The population increase meant that 116,000 new families must be housed each year.

The crux of the housing problem was how to provide a house priced for the man who earns under \$5,000 a year. To find the answer, the CCA was planning a conference in Ottawa next month to study how it could be done. Representatives of the construction industry, finance, governments and the design professions would attend.

Mr. Carter said the average down payment for a single family house built under the National Housing Act is \$3,900. Applicants for housing loans had an average income of just under \$5,300.

'A'NT CONTROL TREND He said there are many uncontrollable reasons why the average N.H.A. home is costing almost \$15,000, up by about \$1,400 in 1956.

There was a need to look at new techniques and materials. Labor costs this year would add 2 1/2 per cent or about \$375 to the average N.H.A. home. Average floor space in N.H.A. homes had increased.

ATOMIC ENERGY HEAD

VIENNA (AP) — W. Sterling Cole, 53-year-old U.S. congressman, was elected the first permanent director of the new International Atomic Energy Agency here Friday. His term is for four years. The job pays \$20,000 a year with liberal expenses.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1. Nuclei of starch grain 5. Shoe tie 9. Ghastly 10. Lengthwise of 11. Harangue 13. Felt blanket 14. Chest 15. Girl's name (abbr.) 16. District Attorney (abbr.) 17. Tibetan sheep 18. Torrid 21. Dutch painter 22. Devilish 23. Kind of horse 27. Bed canopy 30. Polish 31. Ered 32. Greek letter 33. Ancient Hispania 36. Luzon native 37. Shade of purple 38. A peer 40. City (Aia.) 41. Not straight 42. Weakens 43. Colors DOWN 1. A cheer 2. Arab country (abbr.)



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample 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 NH AX TNA WH LXXA NANKFWHF. HX AX TNA WH LXXA NANAOUCK—PNUFXA. Yesterday's Cryptogram: WORDS ARE WOMEN, DEEDS ARE MEN—HERBERT.

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