BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE OLD FAMILIAR WORRY

Some folks always look ahead.
Foolish ones look back instead.
—Old Mother Nature.

Old Mother Nature speaks truly. There are two kinds of folks in this world. Those who look ahead and those who look behind. Those who look ahead seldom have reason to look back with regret. Those who fail to look ahead always look back wishing that they had looked ahead.

"All depends on what?" asked Mrs. Jerry.

Spring was not far away. There had been a lot of snow and ice. It had been a hard, hard winter for some folks on the Green Meadows and in the Green Forest. Some of them had suffered much from cold and lack of food. A few had lived very comfortably. Down under the snow Danny and Nanny Mouse had had the best winter they ever had known. Over in the Green Forest Paddy the Beaver and Mrs. Paddy had lived in what is called solid comfort. That is because they never had to go out where Jack Frost could pinch them, and Rough Brother North Wind make things uncomfortable. Under the ice they knew nothing about storms. It was the same way with Jerry and Mrs. Muskrat in their home in the Smiling Pool.

Now the snow and ice were beginning to melt. Jerry Muskrat was beginning to worry. It was an old worry. It was a worry he had had every spring since he could remember.

"I hope," said Jerry to Mrs. Jerry, "that Mistress Spring will not be in too much of a hurry to get here."

"I hope so too," replied Mrs. Jerry. "If she gets here too soon and melts the snow too fast, she can make a lot of trouble for us."

"She sure can," said Jerry, in his squeaky voice. "Yes, sir, she sure can. You remember the time our house was washed away, and we were nearly carried off by the Big River?"

"Of course I remember it, and I don't like to think of it," squeaked Mrs. Jerry.

"I hope there'll never be another flood like that one," said Jerry.

"Have you noticed that the water is beginning to rise?"

"I hadn't noticed," replied Mrs. Jerry. "But, of course, we have to expect it at this time of year."

"Of course. We don't know much about things outside the Smiling Pool, but the other day when I was over in the open water of Laughing Brook, Peter Rabbit happened to be on the bank. He said the winter had been a hard one, and that there has been a lot of snow. If there has, of course you know what it means. Too much snow always means too much water at one time if it melts too fast," said Jerry.

"I know," said Mrs. Jerry. "Too much of anything usually means trouble. Do you think we'd better move over to our home in the bank?"

"Not yet," replied Jerry. "But, if the water begins to come down too fast, we will. I hope there won't be so much water that it will drive us out of that home. It all depends."

"All depends on what?" asked Mrs. Jerry.

"All depends on how much snow there is, how early Mistress Spring gets here and how fast she melts the snow when she does get here. I wish I knew really what to expect," replied Jerry.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

PART-SCORE CONTRACTS AT DUPLICATE

One of the most difficult transitions for rubber bridge players who take up duplicate is in acquiring proper respect for part-score contracts. Indeed, it can be said generally that a contract of one or two-odd is apt to require greater skill—on both offense and defense—than is needed in sound slam contracts.

Observe, for example, how a "top" was earned on the following hand:

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

	♠ Q 7 6 4 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ 9 4 3	
♠ A J 9 8 ♥ Q 8 7 3 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ A J	N W E S	♠ 10 3 ♥ 10 9 ♦ K 8 6 5 ♣ Q 10 7 6 2
	♠ K 5 2 ♥ A K 6 4 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ K 8 5	

This was the bidding at the table in reference:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the diamond queen. This was ducked all around, and West continued with the diamond jack. South put up dummy's ace, then led a low heart to the ace. Now he returned his last diamond, simply to exit and let an opponent start a new suit.

It would have been a good idea for East to overtake West's diamond ten and lead either a spade or a club, but East let his partner hold the trick. As the safest way out, West led a low trump, but South countered by putting up dummy's jack. South then cashed the heart king and threw West back on lead with the fourth heart.

Now West had no easy exit, and since East had discarded low clubs, discouraging that shift, West felt that his best course was to lead a low spade. His relief was short-lived: South won with the king and returned a spade. West put up the ace and played the spade jack, but the queen won, and when declarer then led dummy's last spade and discarded a club from his own hand, West was in once more, and now had to establish declarer's king of clubs.

Thus, through the series of throw-in plays, South won seven tricks in a situation that had been none too comfortable, and by going down only 50 points he earned top on the board

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The mewing of a cat over a party telephone line in the village of Greenwich, Ohio, led to the discovery of a broken into home.

Mrs. Walter Barre took down the receiver of her phone to make a call and heard pussy's meows. She called another neighbor and together they went to the nearby home of George MacMillens.

The women found the MacMillens away. They also discovered the house had been entered by thieves through a basement window. The phone was off its cradle and the family cat had meowed into it.

After a lot of strange but true mix-ups William Dennis and his fiancee of Hutchison, Kansas, finally got the green light and were married.

The ceremony was scheduled for 8 p.m. but Dennis forgot to pick up the license, and the probate judge had to make a special trip to the court house after hours. The preacher who was to have married them at 6 p. m. became ill and the assistant pastor had to take over the job.

The bride's attendants failed to arrive in time to take in the proceedings. The air conditioner in the church blew out the lighted candles, and one of the attendants had to relight them.

The prospective bridegroom couldn't find the wedding ring, the best man crawled through an ante-room window, ran around to the front of the church, and retrieved the ring from the bridesmaid so all in all, it was a bad start.

ST. PETER'S NORTH SCHOOL

*Mid-term report for January of St. Peter's North School:

Senior Room

Grade X — 1. Gerry Gillis; 2. Bernice O'Hanley; 3. Robert Rossiter.

Grade IX — 1. Carol O'Hanley; 2. Mary MacCallum.

Grade VIII — 1. Anna Lewis; 2. Lois Powell; 3. Lenny MacKinnon.

Grade VII — 1. David Lewis; 2. Gerard Leslie; 3. Charles Gillis.

Grade VI — 1. Ronnie MacDonald; 2. Kathleen Gillis; 3. Richard Flynn.

Highest average, Gerry Gillis, 93.2 per cent.

Junior Room:

Grade V — 1. Audrey Lewis; 2. Lillian Powell, Helen Ann MacCallum (equal); 3. James Condon.

Grade IV — 1. Veronica Gillis; 2. Margaret MacDonald; 3. Daniel Lewis, Melvin Lewis (equal).

Grade III — 1. Beverly O'Hanley; 2. Carol MacDonald; 3. Mary Lewis.

Grade II (a) — 1. Mary Leslie; 2. Frank Powell; 3. John Francis Condon.

Grade II (b) — 1. Margaret Lewis.

Grade I (a) — 1. Joan MacDonald; 2. Mary Flynn, Marion MacDonald (equal); 3. David MacDougall, Paul O'Hanley (equal).

Grade I (b) — 1. Mamie MacDonald; 2. Roger O'Hanley.

Principal: Arthur MacNeill; Assistant: Bernadette MacDonald.

WELLINGTON SCHOOL

Wellington French School Report:

Senior Dept.

Grade X —1. Edith Perry, Ann Mae Gallant, Cecile Richard.

Grade IX — Rose Mae Gallant, Mildred Gaudet, Urban Arsenault.

Grade VIII — Dianne Reid, Virginia Cameron, Bertha Gallant.

Grade VI — 1. Anita Arsenault, Una Perry, Kay Perry,.

Teacher: Mrs. W. J. Arsenault.

Primary Dept.

Grade V — Cheryl Reid, Grant Gallant, Roger Arsenault.

Grade IV — Velma Arsenault, Annette Arsenault, Roger Reid.

Grade III — Noella Reid, Stella Gallant, Carrinne Arsenault.

Grade II — Simonne Arsenault, Norma Arsenault, Adrienne Arsenault.

Grade I —Joyce Gaudet, Linda Arsenault, Theresa Arsenault, Dennis Gallant.

Teacher: Lorraine Arsenault.

—BM.

NEW HAVEN SCHOOL

Report of half-yearly exams of New Haven School is as follows:

GRADE X — 1. Marie Kickham.

GRADE IX — 1. Jane Docherty and Margaret Kickham (equal); 2. Joan Willis.

GRADE VIII — 1. Gloria Darach; 2. Ernest Moore; 3. Beryl Pollard.

GRADE VII — 1. Lewis Newman; 2. Wilfred Newman.

GRADE VI — 1. Lona Willis; 2. Melvin Frizzel; 3. Roddie MacKinnon.

GRADE V — 1. Charlotte MacDougall; 2. Andrew Gass; 3. Wayne MacPhee.

GRADE IV — 1. Russell Boyle; 2. Blair Darrach.

GRADE III — 1. Nora Boyle; 2. Charles Cavanagh; 3. Gordon Ross.

GRADE II — 1. Eric Willis; 2. Hester Boyle; 3. Eleanor Newman.

GRADE I (Sr.) — 1. Heather McPhee.

GRADE I (Jr.) — 1. Donna MacLeod.

Highest average in Senior Grades — Lewis Newman — 87%.

Highest average in Junior Grades — Heather MacPhee — 98%.

Teacher — Mrs. Mary Buchanan.

COLTS SIGN AMECHE

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Colts of the National Football League announced Alan (the Horse) Ameche, their No. 1 draft pick, signed a two-year contract Friday. No salary details were announced. Earlier reports said Ameche probably would get $15,000 to $17,000 a year.

RED POINT SCHOOL

*The following is the half-yearly report of Red Point School:

Grade X — 1. Elora Ching.

Grade IX—1. Weston Rose; 2. Arthur Stewart, Eileen Robertson; 3. Glen Stewart, Norma Garrett.

Grade VIII— 1. Ethan Garrett; 2. Sheldon Rose

Grade VII — 1. John Campbell.

Grade VI — 1. Rowena Garrett, Anne Whalen, Theresa Whalen; 2. Jerry Sutherland, Mary LaPierre; 3. Merton Bruce.

Grade V — 1. Helen Whalen.

Grade IV — 1. James Campbell; 2. George MacPhee.

Grade III — 1. Frances MacPhee; 2. Lee McInnis; 3. Ann Campbell.

Grade II (a) — 1. Claude LaPierre.

Grade II (b) — 1. Margaret Sutherland, Gary Young, Anne Rose; 2. Vernon Garrett; 3. George Campbell.

Grade II (c) — 1. Albert Whalen, Mae MacPhee; 2. Robert MacPhee.

Grade I (a) — 1. Roger Rose.

Grade I (b) — 1. Theresa MacPhee; 2. Winnifred Whalen, Clarice McNeill; 3. Reta Campbell, Joseph Whalen.

Highest average in the Senior Grades, Rowena Garrett, 84.8 per cent.

Junior Grades, Margaret Sutherland, 94.3 per cent.

Bernice MacPhee, Teacher.

Mary, Countess of Pembroke, was a 16th century author of several poetical volumes.

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LEGION HALL — CHARLOTTETOWN

Wednesday, March 2nd—
1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.—Prince Edward Island Dairymen's Association.

Thursday, March 3rd—
10:00 a.m.—Prince Edward Island Sheep Breeders' Association.
1:00 p.m.—Prince Edward Island Swine Breeders' Association.
3:30 p.m.—Central Farmers' Institute.
7:30 p.m.—Federation of Agriculture.

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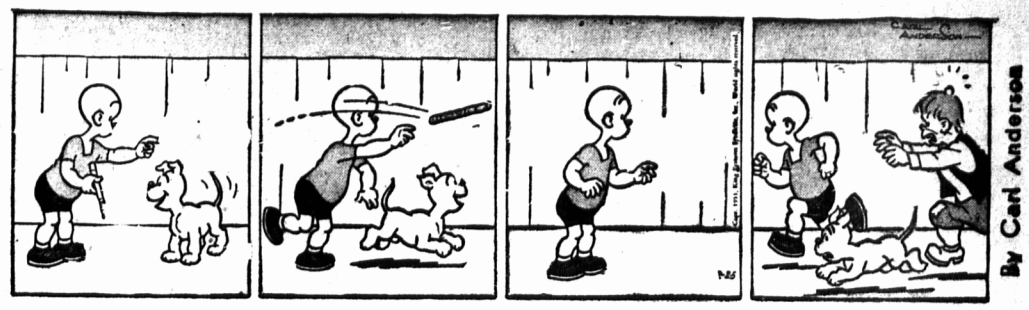

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Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

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Li'l Abner — By Al Capp

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker