

BEDTIME STORIES

Blacky Settles It

Make up your mind and then stick to it. The chances are you'll never rue it.

—Old Mother Nature—

Over in the Old Orchard the feathered home-makers were wondering if Scrapper the Kingbird and Mrs. Scrapper were not going to build there this year. They hadn't begun building, but spent most of their time just sitting around when they were not looking for food. The fact is they were undecided whether to build there in the Old Orchard or go look for a place near the Smiling Pool, or near the Big River, or along Laughing Brook, for they like to be near water.

"Of course if we go somewhere else we'll miss th' neighbors here," said Scrapper.

"We'll probably have some other good neighbors," declared Mrs. Scrapper.

"But not so many of them," said Scrapper. "We have a lot of good neighbors here in the Old Orchard."

However, it is for you to say. I'm satisfied to stay here. But we'll go where you want to go. Just make up your mind, my dear. That's all I ask."



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But Mrs. Scrapper couldn't make up her mind. She wanted to go and she didn't want to go. Then the matter was settled for her, and who should settle it but Blacky the Crow.

Blacky has a liking for eggs when he can get them. Anybody's eggs except those of other crows. He long ago learned that he could now and then get a good breakfast of eggs in the Old Orchard because all the folks living there were so much smaller than himself. And it wasn't always eggs that Blacky took. Sometimes the eggs had hatched and Blacky took the babies. Sammy Jay did the same thing.

So it happened that very early one morning Blacky flew over to the Old Orchard. He was very shy about it. He didn't do any cawing then. It was so early that Farmer Brown's boy was not yet up. As soon as he got to the Old Orchard he began looking for nests. The first one he discovered was Welcome Robin's. There were five eggs in that nest. When he saw them from a little distance I suspect he would have licked his lips

if he had any lips to lick. Of course no bird has.

Welcome Robin saw him and instantly began to scream "Robber! Robber! Robber!" Everybody in the Old Orchard who heard him, and that meant everybody that lived there, flew to the neighborhood and began screaming at the top of their lungs. Welcome Robin and Mrs. Welcome threatened to peck Blacky but didn't quite dare to. It looked very much as if they were going to lose those precious blue eggs.

Then Scrapper the Kingbird came. He wasn't as big as Welcome Robin, but he didn't hesitate. He was behind Blacky and pecking at the back of his head in a jiffy. There was nothing Blacky could do about it but try to get away from him. He forgot about those eggs. He took to his wings and Scrapper flew right along with him. So it was that Blacky was driven away.

Scrapper flew back to his favorite perch. Mrs. Scrapper was waiting for him. "My dear," said Scrapper. "I guess we are needed here. The sooner that we begin building the better."

"Just as you say, my dear," said Mrs. Scrapper mildly. "I guess the Old Orchard is the best place after all."

Only One Voter In This Poll

EDMONTON (CP) — Only one voter is listed in poll 227 in Edmonton — Strathcona constituency in the June 10 federal general election. And the single voter probably won't mark a ballot.

Poll 227, probably the only one-voter poll in Canada, consists of the Gold Bar farm just east of Edmonton and its one voting resident is Sandy MacTaggart.

The deputy returning officer will receive \$15 for his election day work and the poll clerk \$10. Two enumerators each received \$25 for placing Mr. MacTaggart's name on the voters list.

After all this effort, it appears Mr. MacTaggart isn't likely to put in an appearance at the poll. He is in Britain and isn't expected back for several months.

DRO, CLERK WILL VOTE

However, it won't be a total loss because the DRO and the poll

clerk, through transfer certificates, will cast their ballots at No. 227.

If, by some chance, Mr. MacTaggart returns and votes, the secrecy of his ballot may be preserved through the votes from the election officials. If he doesn't return, the deputy returning officer and clerk will have to vote for different candidates or their ballots will not be secret.

Returning officer J. L. Chapman said the poll was created in March when it was not absolutely certain there would be a federal election this year.

Since housing development is slated for the area, it is possible there could be many voters in the area by next year, he said. In addition, it was felt the area should be a separate poll because it covers a large area.

MANY BY-PRODUCTS

Minor products helping swell the yield from Canadian forests include Christmas trees, maple syrup, balsam gum, resin and tanbark.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By R. JAY BECKER

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH: ♠ K43, ♥ 1052, ♦ A84, ♣ 9763. WEST: ♠ 9762, ♥ J, ♦ QJ103, ♣ KJ52. EAST: ♠ 108, ♥ Q976, ♦ 9762, ♣ A98. SOUTH: ♠ AK845, ♥ K5, ♦ 104.

The bidding.

South West North East: 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass, 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass.

Opening lead—queen of diamonds.

Strength showing bids take many forms. The most usual way to show strength is to jump the bidding, but there are many other means by which excess power can be represented without skipping a level of bidding.

South's two spade bid is an example of a strong bid without a leap. It is known as a reverse bid. When two suits adjacent to one another in rank are both mentioned, with the lower ranking one being named first, that is, in reverse order, a strong hand becomes identified.

Usually, the reverse bid signifies at least 17 points. In addition, the reverse also announces

that the first suit named is greater in length than the second one. That is why North's preference for hearts rather than spades is justified.

The play involved emphasizes an important principle that declarer must not forget. Declarer notes there are two inescapable club losers and that the result of the hand depends upon the number of trump tricks he loses.

If South is able to restrict his trump losses to one or none he makes the contract. All thoughts are therefore concentrated on the trump suit.

Declarer wins the diamond lead in dummy and plays a low trump to the ace. West producing the jack. The crux of the deal is reached. If South makes the mistake of playing the king of hearts, he goes down. East acquires two trump tricks.

Declarer should consider, instead, the possibility that West's jack may be a singleton, and look for some way to deal with this case if it exists. The jack play dealt appears to indicate West has dealt either jack alone, or Q-J alone towards dummy's ten, instead of leading the king, he will lose a trick unnecessarily when West holds Q-J, but he will make the hand.

If it turns out west has the jack alone, he also makes the hand because he can then pick up East's remaining trumps after losing the ten to the queen.

The safety play is therefore in order.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Cry, as an asa, 3. Apple, 5. Polished, 10. Scolds, 12. Sea eagle, 13. Hustle, 14. Ova, 15. Affirm, 16. Toward, 17. Binds, 18. Punctuation, 21. Road, 24. Man's name (L.).

- DOWN: 2. Dissented, 5. Malt kilns, 7. Particle, 8. Building additions, 9. Stewed (archaic), 11. Place, 13. Adherent, 15. Affirm, 16. Toward, 17. Binds, 18. Punctuation, 21. Road, 24. Man's name (L.).

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbers 1-24.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE is LONGFELLOW. 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 appear trophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation: OTRFZOK ANTPWEDY YWEP BO DJJDER BY B KTFP AIERZRPV XEIPD.

Yesterday's Cryptquote: A TRUTH THAT'S TOLD WITH BAD INTENT BEATS ALL THE LIES YOU CAN INVENT — WILLIAM BLAKE.

No Policy On Dominion Day

MONTREAL (CP) — The Canadian Chamber of Commerce announced Thursday that as the result of a poll among its member organizations it is unable to formulate a national policy on observance of Dominion Day.

The chamber sent this question to its 760-odd member boards of trade and chambers of commerce: Does your board of chamber favor a change in the observance of Dominion Day to the first Monday of the month of July?

Of 396 replies, from all 10 provinces and from the Yukon and Northwest Territories, 190 were in favor of observing the first Monday in July; 206 favored observing the holiday on July 1.

The Canadian Chamber reported the vote was inconclusive because of the requirement that two thirds of a vote cast must be in favor of the question asked.

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- SUNDAY: Atlantic Daylight Time, 11:45 a.m.—Morning Musicals, 12:30 p.m.—Faith For Today, 1:00 p.m.—About Canada, 1:30 p.m.—Master Musicians, 2:00 p.m.—Junior Magazine, 3:00 p.m.—Family Circle, 3:30 p.m.—Blondie, 4:00 p.m.—You Are There, 4:30 p.m.—Lassie, 5:00 p.m.—Lilly Too Dum, 5:30 p.m.—Perspective, 6:00 p.m.—Burns & Allen, 6:30 p.m.—Father Knows Best, 7:00 p.m.—December Bride, 7:30 p.m.—This Is The Life, 8:00 p.m.—Ed Sullivan Show, 9:00 p.m.—All Star Theatre, 9:30 p.m.—CGE Showtime, 10:00 p.m.—CBC TV Theatre, 11:03 p.m.—Fighting Words, 11:33 p.m.—Serenade for Strings.

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