

BEDTIME STORIES

How Welcome Robin Got His Name

By Thornton W. Burgess

To banish gloom and drive out fear.

—Farmer Brown's boy.

From the top of a tall tree near the cabin of the Old Hermit, Welcome Robin was singing the news that everyone had been waiting to hear. He had just arrived, coming from the sunny South, and he was telling all within hearing that Mistress Spring was not far behind him. It is because of this cheerful habit that the Robin is always so welcome when spring is due.

"Did you ever hear how it is that Welcome Robin got his name?" the Old Hermit asked Farmer Brown's boy.

"No, said the latter. 'Tell me, I love fables.'"

The Old Hermit smiled. "So do I," said he. "Many a truth is taught in good fables, and the fable of the Robin as I heard it when I was a boy."

"Long long ago when the world was young, Mother Nature was looking for a messenger. She wanted to send word from way down to the far away from Northland that Sweet Mistress Spring would soon be on her way up there. First she asked the fishes if some among them would take the message up here. They all said they couldn't swim so far. Then she asked the four-footed folk, but all begged off. They were sure they would starve to death before they could get there. Last of all she asked the birds, beginning with the biggest and the strongest. One after another they shivered and shook their heads and turned away.

"I'll go," said Mr. Robin. "There's nothing like a word of cheer."

"At last Mother Nature came to Mr. Robin. 'I'll go,' said Mr. Robin. 'Old Mother Nature looked at him doubtfully. 'But, you are so small,' said she. 'However, will you face the storms and cold? How will you find enough to eat?'"

"I'll go," repeated Mr. Robin stoutly. He didn't try to answer the questions.

"You're crazy," cried all the other birds.

"Mr. Robin still insisted that he would go. So, carrying the message that Sweet Mistress Spring would be not far behind him, he took to his wings and bravely headed for the distant Northland.

"The farther he went, the more cheerless became the days and the colder the nights. He not only had hard work to keep from freezing to death, but also to keep from being tempted to turn back, but instead went a little farther. Every time he stopped to rest or look for food, he first flew to the tip top of the tallest tree and there he sang, 'Cheer up! Cheer up! Cheer up! Cheer! Mistress Spring will soon be here!'"

"Then all who heard him came

out to give him joyous greeting. Thoughtful folk put out food and water for him. So it was that when at last Sweet Mistress Spring arrived in the now no longer Frozen Northland, she found a joyous welcome and that Mr. Robin was the most loved of all the feathered folk. She found too that he had a new name. It was Welcome Robin.

"So it is that from that long ago time, all Robins have borne that name proudly."

Chairman for the meeting was Mr. Frank MacDonald who commended the Superintendent and teachers on the wonderful work accomplished by the school last year. Complimentary remarks were also given by Mr. W. H. MacInnis. Miss Tappin MacDonald was appointed Secretary for the meeting.

After a devotional period the following officers and teachers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent — Mr. Samuel Buchanan; Assistant Superintendent — Mrs. John A. Ross; Sec'y - Treas. — Mrs. Pearl Dobson; Organist — Mrs. John MacWilliams.

Teachers are: Mrs. Colin MacCall, Tappy MacDonald, Bessie Larsen, Joan Gillis, Sadie Gillis, Mrs. John A. Ross, Mrs. Elizabeth Penny Shirley Gillis, Doris Gillis, Mrs. Charles Ross, Mrs. John MacWilliams and Louis Larsen.

The school will meet on summer schedule starting next Sunday at 10 a. m. when the officers will be installed. A large attendance is anticipated.

At Belfast St. John's Presbyterian Church Sunday School met on Sunday, May 6th at 2 p.m. to reorganize for the 1956 school year with sixty-three members in attendance.

Canadian headquarters for the credit union movement are in Hamilton, Ont. Prince Edward Island has 60 credit unions with 10,100 members.

In Canada there are 4,065 of these self-help thrift groups owned and operated by 1,756,347 members who pool their savings and lend to each other at low interest rates. Canadian credit union members will be represented by 24 directors at the CUNA annual meeting.

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Attending CUNA Annual Meeting

Mr. J. Corcoran, 20 Dorchester St. is in Milwaukee, Wis. this week representing Prince Edward Island at the annual meeting of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA). He will confer with credit union leaders from Canada, the U.S., Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Jamaica.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER (Top record holder in Masters' Individual Championship Play)

QUIZ Your right-hand opponent deals a bid of one heart; neither side is vulnerable. What do you bid now? Each of the following four hands is:

- 1. ♠AK843 ♥J ♦A986 ♣K97
2. ♠92♥8643 ♦AQ763 ♠A
3. ♠K6♥9 ♦AJ974 ♠AQ8J3
4. ♠AKQ86 ♥— ♦AQJ87 ♠AKJ4

Q1. Double. A bid of one spade would be incorrect. The overall in the one level usually ranges between 7 and 13 points in high cards. In general, it denies having an opening bid. The chief partner of the overcaller has some limited bidding values which justify competing. When values in excess of an opening bid are held, the most usual way to compete is by means of an informative double. This announces to partner that the doubler has an opening bid and requests the responder to name his best suit. It is important to distinguish between the simple overall in the one level—which would be proper if we were lacking, say, the ace of diamonds in the hand—and the actual holding, which a one spade overall would not correctly picture to partner.

Q2. Pass. There is little to be gained by bidding, and much to be lost. There is a sharp distinction between the overall made in the one level, which is a bid for

seven tricks, and the overall made in the two level, where eight tricks are being undertaken. The requirements for the bid in the two level differ radically from the overall in the one level. The prime consideration is safety. This means the overcaller must be prepared for a business double by the next player without being subject to a penalty in excess of 500 points. For this reason the suit named must be a substantial one, either in high cards or strong intermediates. The number of winning tricks rather than the point count determines the safety of the overcall. Usually a hand justifying an overall in the two level will rank as an opening bid of its own.

Q3. Two diamonds. Although we have the high cards to warrant an informative double, so much ground may be lost before the bid gets back to us that we might not have time or space to bid both minor suits. For bidding economy we therefore choose the overall of two diamonds, which as indicated before shows a promising hand.

Q4. Two hearts. The best plan of action is to make a cue bid of the opponent's suit. Partner should be notified immediately of the void in hearts, and that the hand is of such proportions that game must be reached. Adequate support for any suit named by responder is clearly implied. An informative double will not nearly so well acquaint partner with the true size and shape of the hand.

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TROUBLE IN TIBET

NEW DELHI (AP) — Reports from Kalimpong Wednesday said Communist tribesmen have killed or wounded 2,500 Chinese in a widespread guerrilla campaign in eastern Tibet. The Chinese are retaliating by bombing strongholds of the Tibetan

FLOATING THEATRE

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Believe It or Not!

Advertisement for Martin P. Kiesel featuring a portrait and text: 'WHERE EVERY RAIN BRINGS A CROP OF GOLD... GOLD AND COPPER COINS ARE FOUND IN THE GROUND IN BENDAPPA, INDIA AFTER EACH RAINSTORM... TRUMPETS USED IN THE TEMPLES OF TIBET MADE FROM HUMAN THIGH BONES'

Our Boarding House

Comic strip 'Our Boarding House' by Major Hoople. Panel 1: 'EGAD, TWIGGS! I DUPED BAXTER SO COMPLETELY THAT HE APPEALED TO CITY COUNCIL AGAINST THAT IMAGINARY USED CAR LOT! I FEEL A TWINGE OF REMORSE... I MUST REASSURE THE POOR CHAP AND MAKE AMENDS!'

Out Our Way

Comic strip 'Out Our Way' by J. R. Williams. Panel 1: 'DON'T GET SORE—I WAS JUST KIDDING! I AIN'T GOT NO HUMOR?'

Bringing Up Father

Comic strip 'Bringing Up Father'. Panel 1: 'MR. JIGGS, YOUR WIFE AND DAUGHTER JUST GOT OFF THE ELEVATOR!'

LIT ABNER

Comic strip 'LIT ABNER'. Panel 1: 'YOU LOOKS GREAT, YOKUM, BUT YOU'S A MESS INSIDE. YOU'S MERELY A HANSOME, HOLLER SHELL!'

Secret Agent X9

Comic strip 'Secret Agent X9'. Panel 1: 'A few weeks pass... D'MOTEL IS COMPLETED, BENNY!'

Comic strip 'Grandma'. Panel 1: 'HERE, JOE! IF YOU FORGOT YOUR GLOVE, USE MINE!'

Comic strip 'Mickey Mouse'. Panel 1: 'WHOO! THAT WAS A SCARY ONE!'

Comic strip 'Henry'. Panel 1: 'WATER HELPS EVERETT TO GROW—HENRY!'

Comic strip 'Muggs and Skeeter'. Panel 1: 'SKEETER MCGINNIS! COME HERE THIS MINUTE!'

Comic strip 'Tilly the Toiler'. Panel 1: 'TILLY, THOSE MAGAZINES IN THE WAITING ROOM ARE YEARS OLD! BETTER GET RID OF 'EM!'

Comic strip 'Etta Kert'. Panel 1: 'ARIEE WAS SNACKING AGAIN! GEE MOM, SURE!—BUT HOW'D YOU KNOW?'

Comic strip 'Joe Palooka'. Panel 1: 'STEVIE DARLING—HOW CAN THEY DO THIS TO YOU, YOU POOR DEAR! BUT I TRIED TO MAKE YOU SEE HOW EVERYONE MISTREATS YOU!'

Comic strip 'The Lone Ranger'. Panel 1: 'IT'LL BE TOO BAD FOR THE LONE RANGER IF WE DON'T OVERTAKE HIM BEFORE HE MEETS UP WITH THE JONES BROTHERS.'

Comic strip 'Secret Agent X9'. Panel 1: 'WHAT DOES DE AVERAGE MOTEL CHARGE PER DAY?'

Comic strip 'POGO'. Panel 1: 'IT'S TRUE, OW. YOUR BIG SPLASH HAS RAISED A THOUSAND RIPPLES OF THOUGHT—NOW HERE'S A HANDFUL OF COIN THAT I TOSS OUT TO SEE IF A BIRD OF PARADISE WILL GIVE IT A PASSING PICK.'

Comic strip 'Secret Agent X9'. Panel 1: 'THERE WILL BE NO MINIMUM GUEST PAY, ACCORDING TO HIS RATING ON THE 'TEN MOST WANTED LIST!'



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Television Programme Channel 2 Friday: '2:00 p.m.—School Telecast; 2:30 p.m.—FBI Concert Hall; 3:00 p.m.—Coffee Chatter; 3:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker; 4:30 p.m.—Barbie's Scrapbook; 5:00 p.m.—Roy Rogers; 5:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody; 6:00 p.m.—Puppet Theatre; 6:15 p.m.—Playtime with Panda; 6:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News; 6:40 p.m.—Weather; 6:45 p.m.—Sports; 6:50 p.m.—CBC News; 7:00 p.m.—This Week in Sports; 7:15 p.m.—Mr. Fixit; 7:30 p.m.—Theatre of Stars; 8:00 p.m.—Dances of the Nations; 8:30 p.m.—The Plouffe Family; 9:00 p.m.—Graphic; 9:30 p.m.—Star Stage; 10:00 p.m.—Celebrity Playhouse; 10:30 p.m.—This Is Your Life; 11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News; 11:10 p.m.—Weather; 11:15 p.m.—Wrestling; 12:15 a.m.—Sign Off'