

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

REDDY GETS A RIDE

Reddy didn't have to learn something every day? he asked.

Reddy's grin was broader than ever. He almost chuckled. "I've never stopped learning," said he. "The fox who doesn't learn something every day as long as he lives, never lives long. Just remember that. Always there is something new to learn. You have been learning how to get away from dogs that are chasing you. I've shown you several tricks, but remember this, a new trick in time becomes old. The trick that will work today may not work tomorrow. You may think yourself very smart with a new trick, but in time the dog you have fooled with that new trick will have found out what the trick is, and it won't work."

Now the young fox really was smart. Never had a young fox learned faster than had he. He was



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going to school every day. Yes, sir, he was going to school, and it was a school with no vacations. It was the School of Life. Boys and girls have to go to school, of course. But it is very different from the school that all little folk have to go to. They are in school every hour they are awake.

Reddy had told the young fox how to break his trail by running in the midst of a flock of sheep, or just ahead of them. Those many feet would destroy the fox scent. The young fox wondered how it would feel to be running in among so many feet and trying to keep from being stepped on.

A few mornings later he was over near the field in which the flock of sheep were pastured. He heard a dog baying on the trail of some one he was chasing, and knew it probably was a fox. He found a good hiding place from which he could watch. The deep voice of that dog grew louder and louder. This meant that he was coming nearer and nearer. Then the young fox saw that it was Reddy who was running ahead of that dog. He was heading straight for that field where the sheep were.

"Now I'll have a chance to see how he works that trick of running with the sheep," thought the young fox, and watched eagerly.

Reddy was running some distance ahead of that dog, and in such a way that he kept brush between so that the dog couldn't see him. When he reached the edge of the field where the sheep were all standing with their heads up, looking in the direction of that dog and ready to run if should come, too near, Reddy stopped to listen for a moment. He waited until the dog was so near that the sheep were starting to run. Then Reddy ran after them and, because he could run faster than they could, he caught up with them almost as soon as they got started. Then he did something that made the young fox who was watching want to rub his eyes to make sure that he was seeing what he seemed to be seeing. Reddy jumped on the back of one of the biggest sheep. He was being taken for a ride.

HERMITAGE SCHOOL

Following is the November report for Hermitage School:

Grade IX—Lorraine MacVarish. Grade VIII—Noreen Curran. Grade VII—Mary Doran; Albert Hayes, Henry Hayes (absent for tests).

Grade V—Michael Wood; Elizabeth Curran; Leo Hayes. Grade III—Doreen Murphy. Grade II—Gerald Curran; Sharon Murphy; Preston Hayes; Marie Hayes.

Grade I (A)—Elaine Murphy. Grade I (B)—Blair Murphy.

Highest average in senior grades—Lorraine MacVarish, 96%.

Highest average in junior grades—Elaine Murphy, 98%.

Canada's 19 motor vehicle plants in 1952 employed a record total of 31,102 persons.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

BLACKWOOD WITH VARIATIONS

The Blackwood Convention, valuable though it is in countless situations, cannot cover all possible contingencies, and, recognizing this, experts often mix in some calls that require keen interpretation by their partners. Invariably, however, there is a core of logic in such extemporaneous bids—as there was in South's unusual six-club bid in the following hand.

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

♠ N
♥ E
♦ W
♣ S

♠ K J 10 9 5 4
♥ 3
♦ A Q 5
♣ A K Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣ (!)	Pass	6♣ (!)	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the queen of hearts and South spread his cards, claiming the grand-slam contract.

♠ A Q x x
♥ A K x x
♦ x x
♣ J 10 x

It may be thought that the same safe grand slam could have been reached in other ways, but let's consider. Suppose South had continued the Blackwood to ask for kinds, via five notrump. North's response would be five diamonds, but this would simply show one unspecified king. From South's point of view, if that were the bidding, North's holding might well be:

In this case, obviously enough, the grand slam would be unsafe, requiring the diamond finesse.

South realized that if he bid five notrump, it was quite likely that North would be able to show only one king, and that announcement would leave South in the dark. So he chose instead to bid six clubs because he was sure that North would read this unusual bid as the call for a specific king North might hold. (Remember North had already shown his aces.) If North had no king he would naturally go back to six spades; if he had the heart king, he would bid six hearts, and South would then be satisfied with six spades; but if, as was actually the case, North could show the fitting diamond king, South could visualize 13 cold tricks.

ST. PETER'S NORTH SCHOOL

The following is the honour roll for St. Peter's North School Primary Department for the month of November:

Grade V—1. Kathleen Gillis; 2. Daniel Gillis and Richard Flynn; 3. Ronald MacDonald.

Grade IV—1. Helen Ann MacCallum; 2. Lillian Powell; 3. Audrey Lewis.

Grade III—1. Daniel Lewis; 2. Margaret MacDonald; 3. Veronica Gillis.

Grade II—1. Adolphus Gillis; 2. Kenneth Larkin; 3. Carol MacDonald.

Grade I—No exams.

Teacher: Bernadette Gillis.

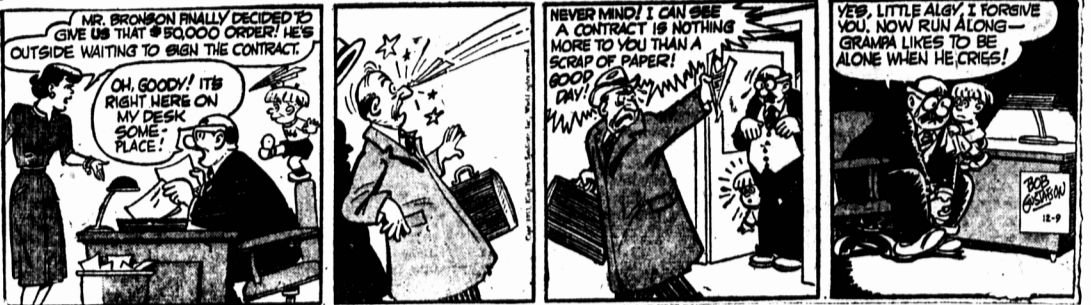
Rudolph—and the Blue Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May



Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



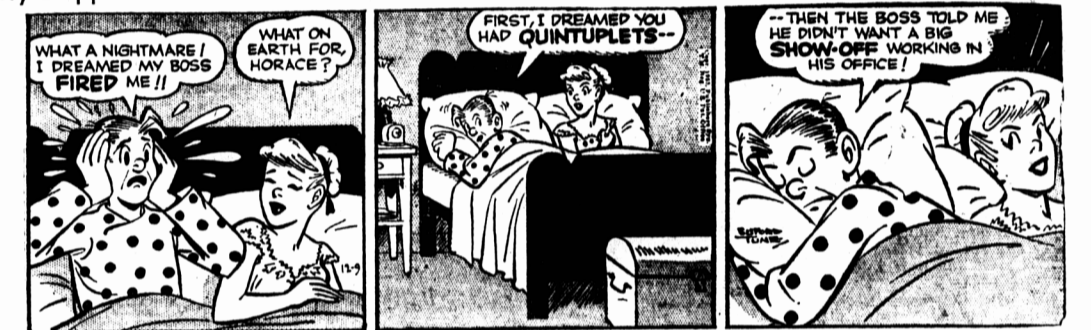
Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Dotty Dripple

By Buford



Tippy and "Cap" Stubbs

By Edwina



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



oe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



ip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



L'il Abner

By Al Capp

