BEDTIME STORIES

Just Feeling Good

By Thornton W. Burgess

I tell the world when feeling good, as everybody always should.
—Stickytoes, the Tree Toad.

"Do you mean to tell me that you are not calling rain?" asked Blacky the Crow of Stickytoes the Tree Toad.

"Certainly, I do," replied Stickytoes "I might call until I lost my voice and it wouldn't bring one drop or rain."

"Then why is it that rain always follows you after you have been calling a while?" Blacky wanted to know.

"It doesn't always follow," retorted Stickytoes. "Folks just think it does." He began to call again.

Blacky watched him for a moment or two. "Then it is true that you are not calling for rain," said Blacky.

"I didn't say that," retorted Stickytoes somewhat sharply. "Calling for rain is not the same thing as calling rain. Calling rain means that rain will come for the calling. No one that I know can actually call rain, but anybody can call for rain."

Blacky lifted one foot and thoughtfully scratched his black bill. "I see," said he after a moment. "Still, that doesn't explain why it is that so often rain comes only after you have been calling for awhile."

"But how can you know that rain really is coming?" persisted Blacky.

Stickytoes chuckled. It was a funny little chuckle down in his throat. "It is because I don't call until I am quite sure rain is coming soon," said he. "I don't call when I'm not feeling good, and I don't feel good when the weather is too dry. But when I know that rain is coming soon, I begin to feel good and I like to tell folks that I'm feeling good."

"But how can you know that rain really is coming?" persisted Blacky

Again Stickytoes chuckled that funny little chuckle of his. "I can feel it," said he.

Blacky blinked both eyes. "What can you feel?" he demanded. "When rain is coming there is always dampness in the air first. If there is the least teeny, weeny bit of dampness in the air I can feel it. Dampness makes me feel good all over. When my skin is dry, it is most uncomfortable. This morning I felt dampness. I still can feel it," said Stickytoes. Blacky looked at him sharply. "I don't feel any dampness," said he.

"Take off your feathers and perhaps you will," said Stickytoes and chuckled again. "I guess folks who wear feathered coats and fur coats have got to be really wet before they feel it," he added.

"Thank you Stickytoes," said Blacky.

"What for?" asked Stickytoes.

"For telling me just why it is that you are callpng. Nowwhen folks tell me that you are calling such thing. You are calling because you are feeling good and that is something that everybody should do. I would do it myself right now, only I'm not feeling good. It is too hot and too dry," said Blacky.

Mar. Auto Ass'n. Jumps 15%

SAINT JOHN (CP) — W. N. Wickwire of Halifax, president of the Maritime Automobile Association, said Wednesday in his annual report that membership of the association has jumped 15 per cent in the last year.

Mr. Wickwire was re - elected president for a second term at the one-day meeting. Other officers include: Vice - presidents, F. W. Annand of Halifax and Oliver Vardy, St. John's, Nfld.

Directors include: J.E. Murphy, Moncton; Dr. George MacDougall, Sussex, N.B.; J. H. Proulx, Fredericton; Mayor R. Whidden Ganong of St. Stephen, N.B.; R. J. R. Nelson, Mr. Annand, James Myrden, Mr. Wickwire, D. F. Macisaac, K. A. Blakeney and George Tingley, all of Halifax; C. Wilmot Dean, Harmouth; D. F. McLeod, Sydney; Earle C. Baker, Charlottetown and Mr. Vardy.

A motion was passed at the meeting commending the New Brunswick provincial government on its road building program designed to lead to beettr driving signed to lead to better driving conditions and increased tourist trade.

Play Safe

on the highway this week-end

Keep alert while you drive—chew gum!

Alert drivers are safe drivers. Avoid drowsiness and driving jitters. Chew gum while you're behind the wheel. Chewing helps relieve strain and tension—helps keep you feeling fresh and alert.

Chew any brand you like, but chew while you drive. Naturally we recommend refreshing, delicious Wrigley's Spearmint Gum—for lively, full-bodied flavor and real, smooth chewing enjoyment.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	?	

What do you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠A8652 ♥4 ♦Q72 ♣K943
2. ♠Q7643 ♥J63 ♦K82 ♣75
3. ♠AK984 ♥743 ♦K982 ♣5
4. ♠AK97 ♥96 ♦J93 ♣A975

1. Five clubs. The three club rebid approximates a hand with six or seven good clubs and a high card point count around 16 or 17 points. The jump rebid urges, but does not command the responder to bid again.

The responder reacts by passing if his first bid was of the meager variety; by bidding four clubs, with club support, if his hand is worth around 9 points. Thus, if the king of clubs were the deuce, a four club raise would be in order. But when, as in the present case, there is an excellent trump fit, a singleton, and 9 high card points, the values are shown by leaping to five clubs. The opening bidder is invited to continue to a slam if he has the wherewithal.

2. Pass. The opener is asking for additional strength beyond that shown by the first response. The answer should be: "Frightfully sorry, old boy, but I just don't have it. Better luck next time."

3. Three diamonds. Game is sure, but we just can't tell where to play it. The chances are the best contract is in spades or notrump. By bidding three diamonds, the opening bidder is given an opportunity to bid three spades if his hand is suitable, in which case we will bid four spades. Also, the three diamond bid may enable him to say three notrump on a hand where he has heart strength and diamond weakness.

Of course, we have a strong preference for spades, as against diamonds, but partner will seldom be able to raise diamonds, and even when he does, he will have four of them. The opener will learn much more about our hand by the diamond bid than he would by a three spade rebid.

4. Six clubs. Instead of using point count, quick tricks or playing tricks, a better prediction of the potential can be obtained by asking ourselves what kind of hand partner is likely to have. If we start partner provisionally with six or seven clubs to the king-queen and two side aces (13 high card points), we are already up to ten or eleven winners.

He will have to have more than that to justify his three club rebid, perhaps another three points in high cards, or pronounced distributional features which we can only guess at.

TAKES FILM AWARD

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — The British film The Prisoner, starring Alec Guiness, has been awarded the 1956 grand prize of the International Catholic Office for the Cinema. The prisoner caste Guinness in the role—obviously patterned on Hungary's Cardinal Mindszenty—of a bishop imprisoned by the Communists who finally confesses to crimes after months of questioning.

DOCKWORKERS OUT

LIVERPOOL, England (Reuters)—Between 60 and 100 ships needing repairs have been held up in the Liverpool docks area strike of 900 boiler-makers and shipyard workers, it was announced Wednesday. Boilermakers union members are backing the strike, now in its eighth day, by boycotting ships from Liverpool seeking repairs elsewhere. The men want a 50 per cent increase in basic pay.

BUSY BEES

Production of a pound of honey requires about 35,000 trips from the hive by the average worker bee.

N. B. Holds First Potato Blossom Festival

ANDOVER, N. B. (CP)—Pretty Odette Ouelette of Grand Falls, N.B., was crowned potato queen Wednesday as 6,000 people from Andover and neighboring Perth celebrated the province's first potato blossom festival.

The three judges chose Wilma Godbout of St. Andre and Jacquelin Fraser, Central Blisville as attendants from 22 provincial finalists. All the girls, to meet contest rules, had to be single and between the ages of 17 and 25.

Agriculture Minister C. B. Sherwood crowned the queen.

Other highlights of the celebrations, much like the Annapolis Valley, N.S., apple blossom festival, included a chicken barbecue for 3,000 persons, a gigantic parade, a western jamboree, dances, floats and lunches.

WRONG DESCRIPTION

Arizona's Grand Canyon, a favored tourist spot, was described by an early American explorer as a "profitless locality."

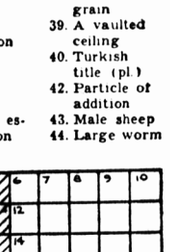
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. A nest-building fish (So. Am.)
6. Stone-throwing instrument
11. An order of architecture
12. Chief city of Viet-Nam
13. Play
14. Outdo
15. Upward curving of a ship's planking
16. Exist
17. Entire amount
18. Father
19. A supply
21. Lariats
24. Brightly-colored fish
28. Command
29. Breathe noisily in sleep
30. Hebrew musical instrument
31. Conical tent (var.)
32. Subject to argument
34. Tank destroyer (abbr.)
35. Male swan
38. Overhead
39. Burmese knife
41. Tapestry
43. Rascal
45. Tilt
46. Accumulate
47. Waits on
48. Flat-topped hills

DOWN

1. Succor
2. Saracen pirates
3. Biblical name
4. Frosty
5. Associate chartered account-ant (abbr.)
6. Gloss
7. Not strict
8. Peruvian Indian
9. Christmas song
10. Measure
16. Public vehicle
18. Malayan boat
19. Distant
20. Ready to eat
22. Fuss
23. Dura-tion of office
25. Small explosive noise
26. A bog orchid
27. Pay attention
29. Clique
31. Apex
33. Ejects
35. Throw
36. Voided es-cutcheon
37. Broken coal of cereal grain
39. A vaulted ceiling
40. Turkish title (pl.)
42. Particle of addition
43. Male sheep
44. Large worm



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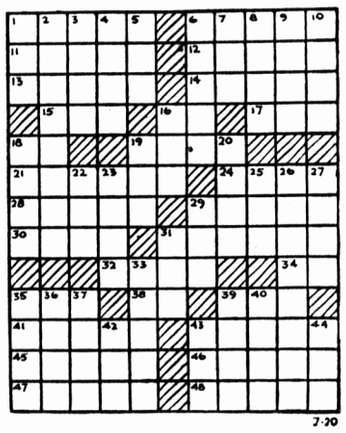

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

EV WTY VOH WVJT ME TFRWTEE UHVJT; MFR UOHT ME AVWR GVH TJTH—KTHHLIP.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE HEART CAN NE'ER A TRANSPORT KNOW, THAT NEVER FEELS A PAIN—LYTTELTON.

TELEVISION
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Television Programme Schedule
Channel 2

FRIDAY

2:30 p.m.—F.M. Concert Hall
4:25 p.m.—News Roundup
4:30 p.m.—Coffee Chatter
5:00 p.m.—Howdy Doody
5:30 p.m.—Roy Rogers
6:00 p.m.—Barbie's Scrapbook
6:30 p.m.—Viewing the 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.—In the Common Interest
7:30 p.m.—Theatre of Stars
8:00 p.m.—Guest Stage
8:30 p.m.—The Millionaire
9:00 p.m.—Lolly Two Dum
9:30 p.m.—Star Stage
10:00 p.m.—Celebrity Playhouse
10:30 p.m.—Captured
11:00 p.m.—Viewing the News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—Wrestling
12:15 p.m.—Sign Off

Our Boarding House

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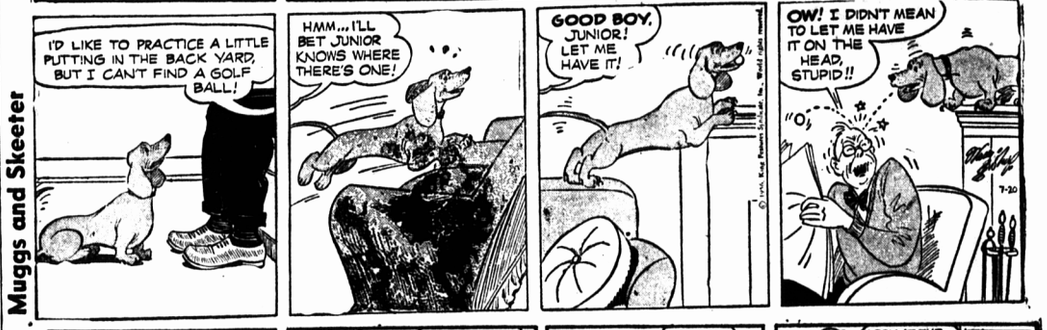
Out Our Way — By J. R. Williams

Li'l Abner

Bringing Up Father

Grandma / Mickey Mouse / Henry

Muggs and Skeeter



Tilly The Toiler / Etta Kett

Joe Palooka

The Lone Ranger

Secret Agent X9

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