



By Thornton W. Burgess

MRS. TIMMY MAKES UP THEIR MINDS

A mind made up for one will do, tis better still when made for two.

—Mrs. Timmy.

Timmy the Flying Squirrel and Mrs. Timmy were of two minds. They found some bird houses that Farmer Brown's Boy had put up just outside the edge of the Green Forest. Until they had found these, they had been house-hunting without success. But these were not the kind of houses they were used to. All their lives they had lived in holes in trees, usually old Woodpecker holes that the owners no longer used. It was a hole of this kind that they were now living in, but from which they must move. Anyway, Mrs. Timmy said they must. This was because Spooky Owl had moved in almost next door. It wouldn't do at all for them to try to raise a family with Spooky such a near neighbor. Anyway, Mrs. Timmy said it wouldn't, and probably she was right.

So, night after night, they had gone house-hunting, and they had hunted in vain. The only houses they found were occupied. There was a housing shortage all through the Green Forest. It was Tommy Tit the Chickadee who told them of the new housing-development near the edge of the



"That's our new home," said she. Green Forest. Of course, those houses were intended for feathered folk. Probably Farmer Brown's Boy thought only the birds would be interested in them. Together they had visited each of the new houses. Timmy, who didn't want to move anyway, soon lost interest. He sat around waiting for Mrs. Timmy. She wasn't satisfied with the one visit to each one of these houses. She visited all of them over again. She spent considerable time in one. It appeared that she liked this one better than the others. Finally, she pointed Timmy in a tree at the edge of the Green Forest.

"Well, what do you think?" asked Mrs. Timmy. "I think we better go home and forget all about a new house," squeaked Timmy.

"Of course these houses are quite different," ventured Mrs. Timmy.

"Too different," retorted Timmy.

"Still, they're rather nice," said Mrs. Timmy.

Timmy looked at her very hard. "Don't tell me you really like them," said he.

"One of them could be very comfortable," said Mrs. Timmy. "They're too much out in the open," declared Timmy.

"It would be a change," said Mrs. Timmy.

"A change for the worse," grumbled Timmy.

"It is only a good jump from one of these houses to the nearest tree in the Green Forest, and what is one jump?" retorted Mrs. Timmy.

"Out in the open like that I wouldn't dare show my head outside the door, not until after

dark," declared Timmy.

"That is good," said Mrs. Timmy.

"What is good?" demanded Timmy, and he sounded cross. I suspect he was losing his temper a little.

"It is good that you wouldn't dare show your head outside until after dark," said Mrs. Timmy. "You shouldn't do that anyway. You know as well as I do that we are not supposed to be out until after dark."

"Our children should be brought up in the Green Forest where we belong; we are tree folk. You know that as well as I do. Now let's go home. I'm tired of this house business," declared Timmy.

Mrs. Timmy made no reply. She turned and ran up to the top of the tree in which they were sitting. She glided over to the foot of the tall pole on top of which was the bird house she liked best. She climbed up to it and disappeared inside. She didn't come out for some time. Timmy grew impatient. Finally she came out and glided over to join him. "That's our new home," said she.

"Who says so?" squeaked Timmy sharply. "I do. I've made up our minds," said Mrs. Timmy.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

Honor Roll for January: Grade X-1. James Gaudet; Grade IX-1. Elaine Wedge; Grade VIII-1. Marie Allen; 2. Irene Gaudet; 3. Wilbert Perry; Grade VII-1. Clovis Doucette; 2. Eugene Arsenault; 3. Billie Bernard.

Grade VI-1. Merina Brown; 2. Marie Doucette; 3. Lorraine Brown and Clarence Wedge (tie); Grade V-1. Francis Richard; 2. Patricia Gaudet; 3. George Mallett.

Grade IV-1. Roger Allen; 2. Violet Doucette; 3. Myrna Gaudet; Grade III (A)-1. Dolores Gaudet; 2. Leo E. Perry; 3. Nelson Arsenault.

Grade III (B)-1. Eddie Arsenault; Grade II (A)-1. Anna Mallett; 2. Maureen Gaudet; 3. Anne Mae Doucette.

Grade II (B)-1. Gerarda Bernard; 2. Francis Brown; Grade I (A)-1. George Perry; 2. Clifford Perry.

Grade I (B)-1. Stephen Mallett. Perfect half yearly attendance: Marie Allen, Austin Mallett, Francis Brown.

The pupils of St. Louis School collected from their district the sum of \$15.35 for the "Polio March of Dimes".

Teacher: Jean Callaghap.

LONDON-(CP)—More young men than ever before are taking physical training courses before being called up for military service. Community centres and sports ground officials say the conscripts all want to be better able to defend themselves.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluerton

NO PROBLEM FOR AN EXPERT. No expert would lose the three-notrump contract in today's deal, but it is to be feared that a great many average players would lose it.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

Q 10 3, P 6 5, J 9 3 2, 8 5 4

9 6 5 2, A 10 8 4, 6, K 7 2

A K J, K J 7, A Q 10 4, A 10 9

The bidding: South West North East, 2NT Pass 3NT Pass, Pass Pass

Reference to every expert's making three notrump with this hand was based on the opening lead actually made — West's fourth-highest heart. With East playing the queen, South's normal (and correct) course is to win with the king, then to cross to dummy by overtaking the spade jack and to go after the diamond suit.

If, however, South makes the same mistake that is seen at so many thousands of bridge tables, and selects the diamond jack for his first lead from the board, he is in for a disappointment! A sound East will not cover the jack — and then, regardless of South's play from his own hand, the contract is doomed. He cannot afford to unblock his own ten underneath the jack — if he does so and then leads the diamond nine, East will cover with the king, and South is left with a diamond loser. Conversely, if declarer leads the diamond jack from dummy and does not unblock his own ten, he must win the next diamond lead in his own hand and cannot take the needed third finesse against East.

The solution of this difficulty is easy. Instead of the jack, declarer must carefully select the diamond nine for his first lead of the suit. Now it does not matter how East defends. If he covers the nine, South wins with the ace and still has solid diamonds in the combined hands; if he does not cover the nine, South plays the four-spot and then leads the jack. Once more it doesn't matter what East does; if he covers, South runs the entire suit; if East does not cover, the lead remains on the table and South can take the vital third finesse.

By Walt Kelly

COLDS Check Them Fast for 35c SOLD EVERYWHERE BUCKLEY'S CAPSULES

Spring Park Community Club

will hold its regular meeting in the Hall, February 20, at 8 P.M. Mr. Walter Shaw, guest speaker.

Lunch served.

POGO



By Clifford McBride



By Al Capp



By Alex Raymond



KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Zee Grey



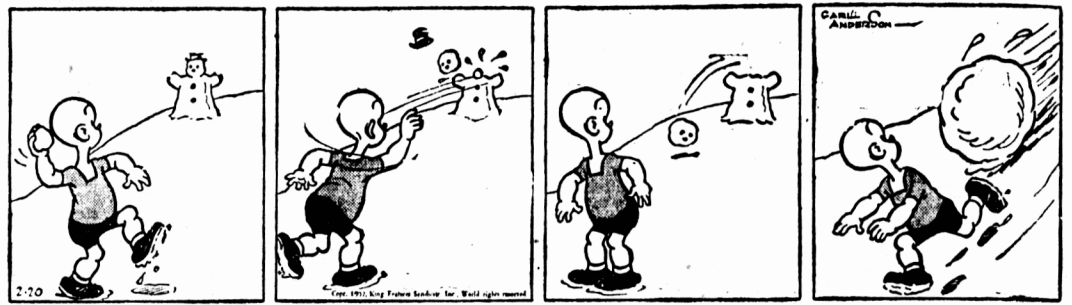
JOE PALOOKA

By Ham Fisher



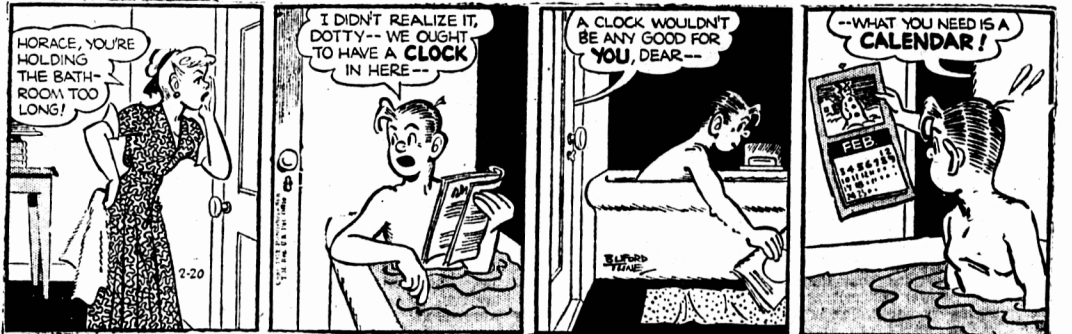
HENRY

By Carl Anderson



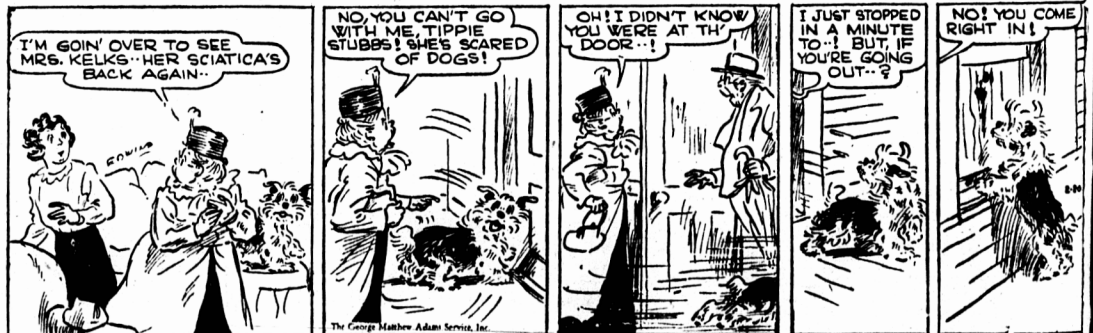
DOTTY DIPPLE

By Rufus



TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS

By Edwin



BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManis



TILLY THE TOILER

By Bob Gustafson



PENNY

By Harry Hoanigan

