

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W Burgess)

**THE FOOLISH WISH**  
Wishing is of small avail. Almost always it will fail.

—Old Mother Nature. No one knows better than does Old Mother Nature how foolish seldom come true themselves. It is a work, not wishes, that brings things to pass. To wish and work to make that wish come true is all right. But to simply wish is at best foolish. Little Stripes, small son of Striped Chipmunk, and Two Stripes, small son of Jimmy Skunk, had become acquainted. Each was just starting out in the Great World. Each knew almost nothing about the Great World. They had to learn as they went along day by day. It is just that way with most of the furred and feathered folk when they leave

home. They have to learn for themselves. And if they fail to learn fast they seldom live long. Now Little Stripes and Two Stripes were as different as two small folks very well could be. They were about the same age, but Two Stripes was bigger than Little Stripes. Of course this was to be expected, for Jimmy Skunk is very much bigger than Striped Chipmunk. The small Chipmunk was nervous and worried. Every unexpected little sound made him jump. On the other hand the small Skunk paid little attention to anything but what he might be doing at the moment. Little Stripes was excited. Two Stripes wasn't excited at all. They were as different in their ways of living as they were in their looks. They had just met for the second



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time. Little Stripes had had some rather frightful adventures. He had barely escaped with his life. On the other hand, the small Skunk had so far no adventures at all. You see, he had been left alone by all who met him. Everyone knew that small as he was he had a little scent gun like those of his father and mother, and everyone respects those little scent guns. The little Chipmunk had nothing of this kind. He had nothing at all to make others afraid or to win their respect.

"Let's take a walk," said the little Skunk to the little Chipmunk. "Where to?" answered the little Chipmunk. "Anywhere. What does it matter where we go?" replied Two Stripes. So the two started off together. Two Stripes didn't hurry at all. He ambled along as if he had all the time in the world and as if nothing or anything could make him hurry. The small Chipmunk would start ahead a little way, then stop and look and listen and appear to be frightened half to death. Sometimes he would dart to one side and hide for a moment or two while peeping out to make sure the way was clear and safe. Then he would hurry to catch up with Little Two Stripes who seemed never to look around for possible danger.

They met a small dog. Little Stripes ran for the nearest hiding place. The small Skunk didn't run at all. He stamped his feet at the small dog and threatened to make him sorry if the dog dared touch him. The dog was a small dog and didn't dare. All he did was to bark, which made the small Skunk stamp his feet more than ever. Finally, the little dog gave up and went on his way. Two Stripes started along just as if nothing had happened. The little Chipmunk hurried to catch up with him. "I wish," said he, "that I had a little scent gun and was not afraid."

That was a foolish wish. A few minutes later they came to a road. Far down the road was a strange and terrible thing rushing toward them. The little Chipmunk ran back of the road as fast as his small legs could take him. He was scared almost out of his wits. The little Skunk simply turned and faced the monster coming so fast. He wasn't afraid. He stamped his feet. The terrible monster rushed on. It was an automobile. Not being afraid cost the little Skunk his life. The little Chipmunk who had wished that he was not afraid was still alive because he was afraid.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

**GOOD START; BAD FINISH**  
It was too bad that South's initial decision about the play in the following hand should have come to grief because of his illogical "follow-up."

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ A 9  
♥ A K Q J 3  
♦ K 3 2  
♣ J 10 9

♠ K Q 10  
♥ 10 8 7  
♦ 6 2  
♣ Q 8 8

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

♠ A 6 2  
♥ 5  
♦ 10 7 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
2NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass Pass

North's last bid was too aggressive. Having made all the efforts he did make, he should have accepted a three spade contract.

West opened the heart king, and it was tempting for South to cash the ace and king of trumps, then to try for several diamonds on dummy's diamonds. Observe that this plan would fail. East would ruff the third round of diamonds and exit with a heart. South would have gotten rid of only two losers, and now dummy would be dead. South would end up with only six trump tricks, two diamonds and the heart ace — a trick short of his goal.

South avoided this trap, but unfortunately he fell into a different error. He started off well by leading diamonds immediately, and discarding a heart, but when East ruffed the third diamond with the spade nine — South over-ruffed! After that, the contract was hopeless.

If South had properly discarded his last heart and permitted East to win the trick when he ruffed the third diamond, South could have controlled East's return (presumably a heart), and then laid down the king of spades. Now another trump lead, to dummy's ace, would drop the outstanding trumps, and declarer could get another vital discard on the diamond jack. After that he could well afford to give up two clubs.

**EN ROUTE TO OTTAWA**  
ROME, Sept. 5 (AP)— Prime Minister Alcide De Gasperi left Rome by train today for Cherbourg on his way to the Ottawa Atlantic Pact conference and to Washington for talks with President Truman.

## DR. J. R. MURCHISON

Hunter River  
will be absent from his office  
September 6th to latter part of month.

## EATON AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

The T. Eaton Co., Ltd., has donated a Scholarship to be awarded at the 1951 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto.

This Scholarship is open to boys who have not reached their 25th birthday on October 20, 1951. The Scholarship provides for all College fees, board, and lodging, for a four-year-course commencing in the Autumn of 1952 at any Agricultural College in Canada selected by the winner. Candidates must be in their graduating year in high school or have already graduated, but not in attendance at a University.

The winning candidate in Prince Edward Island will be awarded a trip to the Royal Winter Fair at the expense of the T. Eaton Company where he will compete with winners from the other provinces for this Scholarship.

Interested students should forward their application before September 20th to S. C. Wright, Provincial Department of Agriculture, Box 9, Charlottetown.

## ANNUAL MEETING

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION  
FIFTH DISTRICT OF QUEENS  
(Charlottetown and Royalty)

will be held in the Canadian Legion Hall, Grafton Street, Friday, September 7th, at 8.00 p.m. Poll Chairmen are requested to have five duly accredited delegates in attendance. All interested are invited to attend.

A. J. HASLAM,  
President  
C. R. McQUAID,  
Secretary

## DANCE

EAST ROYALTY RINK HALL  
Friday, September 7th  
George Chappelle and His Merry Islanders  
Busses Leaving I.M.T. 9:30 and 10  
Admission 50 cents  
Canteen service Free Check Room

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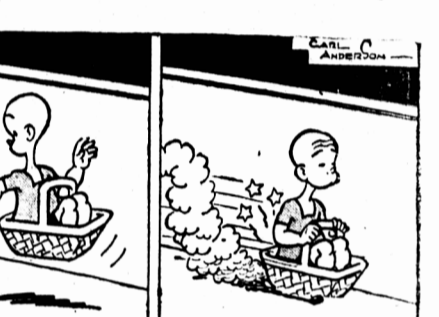
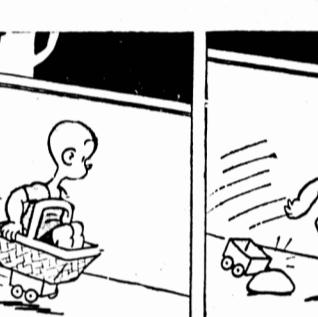
## JOE PALOOKA



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## HENRY



## TIPPY AND "CAP" STURS



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## By WALT KELLY



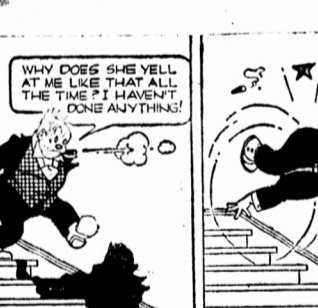
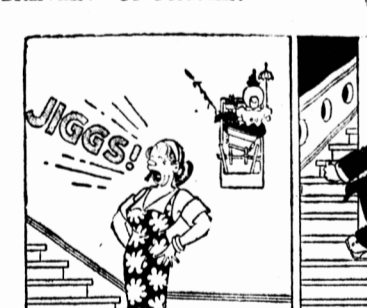
## By Al Capp



## By Alex Raymond



## BRINGING UP FATHER



## By George McManus

## TILLY THE TOILER



## By Westover

## PENNY



## By Harry Hoehnigen