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# BINGO

Holy Redeemer Hall  
 TONIGHT  
 8.30

The prizes are the same as those prevailing at other Bingos in the city.

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



(By Thornton W. Burgess)

## FOOTPRINTS IN THE SNOW

In winter everywhere you go are stories written in the snow.—Old Mother Nature.

Most people write with their hands. Of course, that is, most human folks do. Not so with the Green Forest folk. They do their writing with their feet. That is, most of them do, nearly all of those without wings and some of those with wings. This is especially true of all the four-legged folk and of some of the feathered folk who live where winter covers the naked ugliness of bare ground with beautiful blankets of snow. There those with understanding eyes can read countless stories written in the snow by traveling feet.

Where there is no snow some of the stories are written in mud where they may be read just as in the snow. More stories are written where there is neither snow nor mud, but these cannot be read by even the most knowing eyes. There is nothing to see, and the best of eyes are useless where there is nothing to see. These stories can be read by noses. Not noses like yours or mine, but noses like those of Bowser the Hound and other Dogs and many of the Green Forest folk, the very ones who write stories with their own feet. Reddy Fox, Lightfoot the Deer, Bobby Coon, Buster Bear, and many others both large and small.

Farmer Brown's boy has learned to read the stories written in the snow. In this way he has learned much about his neighbors, the Green Meadow and Green Forest folk. He has learned what they do, how they live, and many of the things that happen to them, all written in the snow by their busy feet. Whenever there is a good "tracking" snow he tries to go afield.

Christmas morning the snow lay deep and soft. He thought of Reddy Fox and Mrs. Reddy living up in the Old Pasture. He knew that they really were prisoners in their home there, prisoners of the snow. They could only flounder about in such deep soft snow. They must be very, very hungry. So on his snowshoes he took them a Christmas dinner. On his way there he stopped at the dear Old Brier-patch to leave a Christmas treat for Pe-



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ter Rabbit and Mrs. Peter. He knew that they were living mostly on bark these days. So he took them a Christmas treat, enough to last them several days. The second day after Christmas there was a light rain and then Jack Frost became busy. He formed a crust over the snow, a crust strong enough for Foxes to run about on it. A light snow followed, just enough falling on that crust for busy feet to write the story of their adventures.

Farmer Brown's boy was worried about Reddy and Mrs. Reddy. Yes, sir, he really was. He is fond of them. He is their friend, and he knows that they know it. He knew that while the snow was deep and soft they couldn't get about to hunt for food. Now that there was a crust they could get about but that very crust made getting enough to eat difficult. While it helped the hunters a little, even more the hunted. Foxes live largely on mice, and never are safer than when running about in their tunnels in the snow under a hard crust.

So now Farmer Brown's boy on snowshoes was seeking to learn something of his red-coated friends who lived in the Old Pasture. He found their footprints almost at once. They had left the Old Pasture together. He stopped and studied the footprints. He followed them a little way to where there were two lines of footprints, one leading in one direction and one in another direction. Of course this meant that the makers had separated there. He looked along one line of footprints, looking at them closely. He did the same to the other line. An anxious look crept over his freckled face. "Something is wrong here," muttered Farmer Brown's boy, and started to follow the line of footprints in the snow.

## CORNWALL MISSION BAND

The annual meeting of Cornwall Mission Band was held on Dec. 7. The opening hymn, was "Away In a Manger". O Christmas story was told by the leader, and Scripture was read in unison taken from Matthew 21-14.

A program was carried out by several members and the leader. The chorus of "O Come Let Us Adore Him" was sung, with responsive readings by the leader.

While the offering was taken by Joan MacKinnon the leader gave prayer and the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison. The president took charge of the business. The new officers for the coming year are: President—Christine MacPhail, Treasurer—George Lowther, Secretary—Willard MacDonald, Program—Anna Young, Merrill Lowther, Lunch—Christine MacPhail.

Twenty-eight members answered roll call. Next meeting to be answered by membership fees. Collection amounted to 76 cents. The treasurer report for the year, raised by Cornwall and Meadow Bank Bands \$118.91.

A program by the committee in charge consisted of a song by Donna Wilson, Gail Lowther, Norma Howard, Recitation—Merrill Scott, Game, Willard MacDonald. Lunch and candy was served the members at the close of the meeting.

## STELLA MARIS C. W. L.

The regular monthly meeting of the Stella Maris sub-division of the C. W. L. was held recently with the president Mrs. M. J. Doyle presiding. Rev. Father Robin opened the meeting with the recitation of the league prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The financial report was read and adopted.

The convener of the magazine committee stated that she had received four subscriptions for the league magazine.

The membership committee reported that collectors had been out collecting membership fees.

The social committee, Mrs. L. Doucette convener reported they had made seven sick calls. She also reported that weekly meetings were being held and they had procured yarn which was being knitted for needy children.

Mrs. Emile Gauthier reported for the Girl Guide committee and gave an account of the meeting which had been held in Charlottetown. It was reported that Mrs. J. D. McGuigan presented the North Rustico Guides with a flag. The presentation and blessing of the flag to take place the coming week.

Plans were made to prepare Christmas baskets for the needy families at Christmas. The meeting was adjourned by prayer.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### HELP NEEDED

The declarer did a fine job in the following hand—but he couldn't have done it all by himself!

South dealer.  
 East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

The bidding requires a little explaining. North was an average player, and his partner was a famous expert; consequently, North "steered" the play into South's hand. The singleton club North had would presumably be a liability at no-trump, and so North should have persisted in hearts, but, as it happened, in this case six hearts would have had only about the same chance for success as the actual six-trump contract had.

After long cogitation, West opened the diamond five. Dummy played low, of course, and East made the correct play of the ten. (If he had foolishly put up the king, he would have smoothed South's path.)

South took the first trick with the diamond ace, then went into the club finesse. He would need at least two club tricks, and it was advisable to find out about the club king immediately. When the finesse succeeded, South ran the rest of the hearts and cashed dummy's spade ace, leaving this ending:

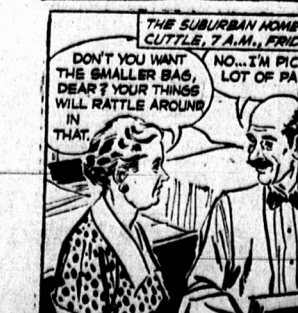
Dummy's four cards were the spade four and the J-7-3 of diamonds. East's were the blank diamond king and the K-10-6 of clubs. South still had the spade king, the diamond six and the A-J of clubs. West had the 9-8 of spades and the Q-9 of diamonds.

Now South led the spade four to his own king. It would have been an excellent idea for East to get rid of his diamond king, but East was not up to that sort of thing; he discarded his low club. That was all South needed! He threw East in with a diamond, and East's forced club return gave South another finesse which fulfilled the slam contract.

## WINSLOE NORTH W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of Winsloe North W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Shaw, with the president presiding. The

meeting opened by singing Jingle Bells, and repeating creed in unison. Eight members answered the roll call by exchange of Christmas gifts. Two members paid their fees. Minutes of the annual meeting were read and adopted. The secretary reported the donation sent to Cancer Society and a receipt was received for same. It was moved and seconded that \$5.20 be given to T. B. League and \$15.00 to the Children's Aid Society. The sum of \$25.73 was received from a pantry sale held recently. Sick committee reported that fruit had been sent. Bills were presented and paid.



## THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW

By Fage & Shorter



BEFORE DINNER TO HEAR POP, HE'S GOT MORE ENERGY THAN BOULDER DAM.

YUP! NO QUESTION ABOUT IT! YOU WOMEN ARE THE WEAKER SEX. YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE PEP THE DRIVE A MAN HAS. NO REAL STAMINA!



AFTER DINNER GIVE A LOOK AT THE HUMAN DYNAMO!

DID YOU HEAR WHAT I HEARD ABOUT PEP AND ENERGY?

Thanks to EVA SYLVIA CRINER, 650 SHAMROCK AVE., BEAUMONT, TEX.



WHENEVER YOU HIT BOSSO UP FOR THAT RAISE, IT SEEMS THE BOOKKEEPING DEPT. CAN'T COPE WITH ADDITIONS.

A RAISE! HARROOHPH! MISS GRINSTONE, YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT COMPLICATIONS THAT WOULD CAUSE IN OUR ACCOUNTING DEPT! IT WOULD THROW THE FISCAL YEAR ALL OFF!



BUT WHEN BOSSO HITS YOU UP FOR HIS PET CHARITY—PRESTO! HOW THEY CAN SUBTRACT!

FINE! THEN I'LL SIGN YOU DOWN AS AN ASSOCIATE SUBSCRIBER TO THE FUND FOR STRAY CATS AT \$25.00. SIGN THIS SLIP AND WE'LL JUST DEDUCT IT FROM YOUR PAY CHECK THIS WEEK.

Thanks to MARGARET VONDER HAAR, 415 MELROSE N., SEATTLE, WASH.

School committee reported that dust bane had been purchased. The bill was presented and paid. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Ray For act as correspondent secretary for the coming year. Correspondence was presented and discussed. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Younger, with the programme in charge of Mrs. Walter Roberts. Lunch committee, Mrs. Irving Parsons, Mrs. Walter Roberts, Mrs. Arnett Shaw.

Meeting closed by singing "The King" after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge. Collection, \$1.06.

HUNGNAM BEACHHEAD, Northeast Korea, Dec. 21—(Delayed)—A uniformed North Korean woman who may have been a Communist war correspondent was found dead on the beachhead from Thursday. She was carrying a big German-made portrait-type camera.

SEUL, South Korea, Dec. 22—(Reuters)—The South Korean Government will introduce tomorrow penal reforms following United Nations protests over recent mass executions. These include remission of death sentence, except for most serious crimes.

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By Al Capp

