



(By Thornton W. Burgess)

THE FISHERMAN

Partly luck and partly skill. That is fishing if you will. —Bobby Coon.

Laughing Brook flows into the pond of Paddy the Beaver. Really that pond is Laughing Brook resting. You see, it was made by the building of a dam across Laughing Brook. Paddy and Mrs. Paddy built the dam. A dam holds water back behind it and in this way makes a pond.

Paddy's pond has many visitors. Some come by day, and more come by night. They come to drink, they come to bathe, they come to try to catch others who may also be visiting the pond, and a few come to fish. One of these is Bobby Coon. Another is

Billy Mink. Once in a while little Joe Otter comes for the same purpose. There are feathered folk who fish there. Longlegs, the great Blue Heron, and his cousin Quawk the Night Heron, and Rattles the Kingfisher long ago learned that there is good fishing there. And once in a while Blunger the Osprey visits it. All of these are good fishermen. Paddy and Mrs. Paddy seldom mind these visitors, for they themselves do not eat fish. Only one ever bothers them. This is little Joe Otter. He is big and strong and a famous fighter when he loses his temper. He is a wonderful swimmer, even more at home in the water than the Beaver, if that is possible. Fortunately he is good-natured. This night Bobby Coon had



This night Bobby Coon had visited Laughing Brook, wandering along and fishing in each little pool as he came to it. Finally he reached the pond of Paddy the Beaver. There, where Laughing Brook entered the pond there was a big log mostly in the water. Bobby knew all about that old log. It was one of his favorite fishing places. The water around it was shallow. Minnows, as certain small fish are called, often came in to that shallow water where the old log lay to be safe from hungry bigger fish in deeper water. Bobby delighted to go out on that log almost to the end and there squat down and keep perfectly still so that he looked like a big bump, a part of the log itself. Then if and when Minnows swam in close his little black paws shot out like lightning. Sometimes he caught one. Sometimes he didn't. Whether he did or didn't, he had a good time. He loved it. It is always that way with true fishermen.

Mistress Moon had risen above the treetops. Her soft silvery light flooded the little pond so that it was almost as light as by day. Only back where the trees grew close together did the Black Shadows gather. In their midst, and persisted with diamonds. Dummy's ace won and East's last club stopper was knocked out. That was the end of the matter, of course, since declarer could easily reach dummy with a heart. The score was 450 below the line for North-South, 400 above for an extra trick, plus the rubber bonus.

Now observe the remarkable difference if East had not been so "relaxed" because of his three club stoppers. Suppose that East ducked the first club lead, playing the three-spot! Now South would have only one club left in his own hand and only two outside entries in dummy. What could South do to himself? Another club lead would go to East who would of course return a diamond, and from that point on routine defense would hold South to two spade tricks, two hearts, three diamonds and one club. Instead of losing 1550 points on the hand, East-West would have collected 400 points!

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

HOLDING — UP WITH THREE STOPPERS

A player who has three stoppers in a suit is not apt to give much thought to a hold-up play in that suit — but he may have cause to regret his complacency!

Bridge hand diagram showing North-South vulnerable, North dealer, and card distributions for both sides.

The bidding: North East South West 1♠ Pass 2NT 3♠ Pass Pass 3NT Pass Pass Dble. Redbl. Pass Pass

West's three-spade bid was of course a sheer desperation effort, and he could scarcely enjoy the sound of East's double or South's redouble! However, West had great confidence in his partner and refused to "run."

South took the opening lead of the spade queen with the ace and led the club seven, overtaking with dummy's eight. East took the trick with the ten and shifted to the jack of diamonds. South won in his own hand and led his remaining club. East captured this trick with the queen

at the foot of the pond, stood Mrs. Lightfoot the Deer and her precious twins, now well grown. Looking across to the place where Laughing Brook joins the pond they saw Bobby Coon walk out on the old log. At that distance he looked small and black. Now they had been watching an earlier visitor to Paddy's pond. It was great big Buster Bear. They had watched him tear an old stump to pieces on the shore. He had caught something, probably a mouse. They had watched him dig open a nest of Ants. He had licked up the Ants as they had come pouring out to find out what was happening. Buster has a liking for Ants. But then Buster has a liking for almost anything he can eat. He is not at all fussy about his food, providing there is enough of it. After leaving the Ants nest he wandered back among the trees and disappeared. This was just before Bobby Coon appeared.

The next time the twins saw Buster Bear he came out from among the Black Shadows not far from where Bobby Coon was fishing. He didn't see Bobby Coon. This was because Bobby didn't move. Buster hasn't the best of eyes anyway. And, as I said before, Bobby kept so still that he looked as if he were a part of that log. For a few minutes Buster stood there swinging his head from side to side. As usual he was undecided what to do next. Some Minnows swam in close to the old log and Bobby Coon caught one. Buster Bear saw him

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North Winsloe School. The following is the report for the month of October: Grade X-1. Robert Younker. Grade VIII-1. George Younker. Grade VII-1. Ruth Ford. Grade V-1. Doris Younker; 2. David Ford. Grade IV-1. Roger Ford. Grade III-1. Inez MacQuarrie; 2. Stirling Parsons; 3. Harold MacQuarrie. Grade II-1. Blois Coles. Grade I (A)-1. James Shaw; 2. Margaret MacKinnon. Grade I (B)-1. Ivy Ford. Grade I (C)-1. Jean MacKinnon. Grade I (D)-1. David Younker; 2. Clark Shaw; 3. Dixie Cudmore. Reta MacNeill, teacher.

COLDS

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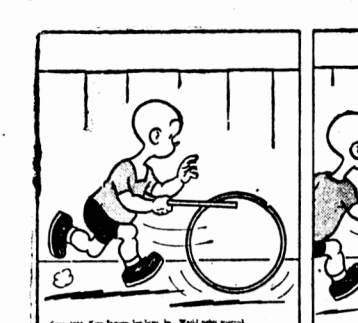
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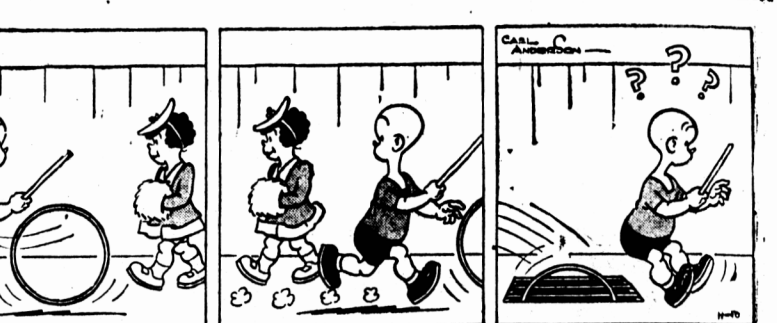
PENNY



By Ham Fisher



By Ruford



By Carl Anderson



By Edwin



By George McManus



By Westover



By Harry Heenigton

ST. ANDREW'S DINNER

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Celebration under the auspices of the Caledonian Club of Prince Edward Island will be held at

THE CHARLOTTETOWN Thursday, November 29 at 7 P.M.

The Toast—"The Day and A' Wha' Honour It".

The Orator—The Hon. J. A. D. McCurdy, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, who will be introduced by Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell.

Tickets may be secured from Clansman Bruce MacPherson, 157 Queen Street, until noon Nov. 26

\$2.50

"SMILIN' THROUGH"

3-Act Romantic Comedy Presented by S. D. U. Dramatic Society

COLLEGE GYMNASIUM

8:00 P.M. Saturday, Nov. 17 Admission 50c

Bus leaving terminal: 7:15 P.M., 7:30 P.M., 7:45 P.M. Ample Parking Space

FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

This notice is to remind all members of the Queen's County Fish & Game Association that our annual outing aboard the steamer Abegweit will be held on Nov. 20th, Tuesday. Members are asked to be at Simpson's Agency on Kent Street at 3 P.M., and any person wishing transportation please advise Frank A. MacKenzie, 64 Rochford Street. King's County and Prince County branches will join us at Borden, and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick groups will join us at Tormentine.

Prominent speakers and moving pictures will be provided.

Let's all show our interest in the Association by attending.

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LIL ABNER



RIP KIRBY



By WALT KELLY



By Al Capp



By Alex Raymond

