Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

CHOOSE THE CONTRACT

A hand in a national team-of-four tournament led to a peculiar and even an amusing sort of "swing."

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

This was the bidding at Table 1:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

When the match was over, South explained that he had gone in for deliberate underbidding on this board because, with both opponents bidding and North passing, it had seemed that he might get doubled short of game—an outcome that South ardently hoped for, of course. This did not come off, but the amusing part was that South made 11 tricks at his three-heart contract, whereas his opposite number at the other table made only nine tricks at his four-heart contract. At Table 1 the opening lead by West was a club. Declarer drew the adverse trumps, then led the diamond king. West ducked, and ducked again on the following diamond lead. Dummy's queen was played, and South then conceded two spades.

The other South felt that North might lack the wherewithal for any response to one heart and yet that there might be a reasonable play for game, so he opened the bidding with two hearts and ended up in a heart game. Against that contract, West laid down the spade king. East overtook and returned the spade four; West won and led a third round. East ruffed with the jack of hearts, and this promoted West's heart queen. Declarer was helpless.

The moral (if any) seems to be that the more you bid on some hands, the less you make, and vice versa.

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Biggest Outbreak Of Juvenile Gangdom

PHILADELPHIA, (AP) — Some 500 boys and girls rioted Wednesday night in what police described as the "biggest outbreak in juvenile gangdom in west Philadelphia."

Police broke up what they said was a fighting, screaming mob, after seven gun shots were fired, and arrested 46 boys. Most of the milling teenagers fled.

Authorities said the fight was between two Negro gangs known as "the Syndicate' and the "Bottoms."

No one was injured seriously and police indicated the shots apparently were fired into the air.

Members of the two gangs had been feuding over girls the last month, and a few minor skirmishes had been reported.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thorton W. Burgess

THE CLOSED DOOR

Precaution never is amiss,
Who fails to take it is remiss.
—Johnny Chuck.

Peter Rabbit had found Johnny Chuck preparing to go to bed for the winter. As yet there had been no really cold weather. Why Johnny wanted to go to bed so early Peter couldn't understand. But then, he couldn't understand why anyone would want to sleep all winter. He had asked Johnny if the latter wasn't afraid some hungry enemy might not dig him out while he was asleep, and Johnny said that he would shut the door. When Peter asked him what he meant by that Johnny replied, "Just try to get in after I'm asleep, and you'll find out." Then, without another word he turned and went down out of sight in his underground home.

Peter waited around awhile to see if Johnny would come out again, but Johnny didn't. Peter went on home to the dear Old Brier-patch. He told Mrs. Peter what Johnny Chuck had said. "What do you suppose he meant by saying he would shut the door?" said Peter.

There were no footprints on that doorstep.

"But I don't want to wait," said Peter. "I want to know now." Peter is sometimes short on patience.

The next time Peter passed Johnny Chuck's house Johnny was nowhere to be seen. Peter wondered if he was down inside asleep, or if he was outside somewhere. He was tempted to peek inside. He didn't. The truth is, he was a little afraid to. Supposing Johnny was outside, and should find him inside. Johnny's teeth were sharp, and he knew how to use them. "I'll wait until I'm sure he's asleep," thought Peter.

It was some time before Peter passed Johnny Chuck's house again. By that time Jack Frost had arrived. Most of the leaves on many of the trees had fallen. Old Man Winter wasn't far away.

Peter hopped up on Johnny Chuck's doorstep. There were no footprints on that doorstep. It did not look as if anyone had been there for some time. Peter guessed that Johnny Chuck had gone to sleep for the winter. He was about to go on his way when he remembered the last time he had seen Johnny Chuck, and what Johnny had said about closing his door.

"I wonder if Johnny really meant what he said when he told me that if I tried to enter his house after he was asleep, I would find out about shutting the door," thought Peter.

He poked his head inside, but he could see nothing. He started to enter, then hesitated and backed out. "I'll do it some other time," thought Peter, and started to hop away. Then curiosity got the better of him. He stopped. He looked back. Then slowly he returned to Johnny Chuck's doorway, and entered. He didn't go far. He bumped his nose against a wall of sand. Johnny Chuck had packed his hallway solid. That is what he had meant by closing his door.

There was a twinkle in little Mrs. Peter's soft eyes. "Why ask me?" said she. "All you have to do is wait until Johnny is asleep, then try to get into his house. He said you would find out then."

YOUNG FISHERMEN

GRANBY, Que. (CP) — The Yamaska conservation association has placed 1,000 trout in the ponds of two Granby parks and youngsters will be given a chance to catch some of them next year in a contest sponsored by the association to promote conservation.

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PRAISE FOR TENOR

OTTAWA (CP) — Critics called Quebec tenor Pierre Boutet "a splendid choice" for the opening concert of a new Sunday series begun here by Les Dimanches Artistiques. The young singer offered an audience in the academic hall of the University of Ottawa a program of French and English songs, German lieder and operatic arias.

HISTORIC CREST

VANCOUVER (CP) — The battered wooden RCMP crest of the former Arctic patrol vessel St. Roch now is in the wardroom of her successor, HMCS Labrador. The St. Roch will remain here as a floating museum.

Canada Bans Imports Of British Sheep

OTTAWA, (CP) — Canada has banned imports of sheep from Britain to prevent the spread of scrapie, a virus disease that attacks the animal's spinal cord.

The Canada Gazette said today the import ban will continue "until further notice."

Federal veterinarians explained that scrapie hits the animal's nervous system, and makes the sheep feel so itchy that they would rather scratch against something than eat. The disease proves fatal in many cases.

The veterinarians said Canada usually imports several dozen choice sheep from Britain for breeding purposes each year, but because the disease is reported to be spreading in Britain, it was decided to halt imports for an indefinite period.

DROMORE SCHOOL

October Report

Grade IX — 1. Eleanor Hughes; Gladys Hughes.

Grade VIII — 1. Imelda Callaghan; 2. Eric McGuirk; 3. Margaret Hughes, (absent).

Grade VII — 1. Hope Rose; 2. John McGuirk.

Grade VI — 1. Edward Hughes; 2. Audrey Hughes; 3. Joseph Corrigan; 4. Reginald Corrigan.

Grade V — 1. Shirley McGuirk; 2. Shirley Hughes; 3. Mary Hughes.

Grade IV — 1. Thelma Hughes; 2. Pauline Hughes; 3. Margaret Barrett, (absent).

Grade III — 1. Edna Barrett.

Highest Average in the Senior Grades, Eleanor Hughes, 91 per cent.

Highest Average in the Junior Grades, Edna Barrett, 93.7 per cent.

Teacher: Mae Grimes.

STURDY RELIC

ST. NICHOLAS, Que. (CP) — Victor Filteau, 76-year-old retired farmer, still drives his canvas-top 1922 model McLaughlin Buick in the streets here. He says he gets 17 miles to the gallon of gasoline in the old limousine, which has gone 78,700 miles.

Jasper House, a Hudson's Bay Company post built on the upper Athabaska river in 1799, was named after clerk Jasper Hawes.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. City (Fla.)
6. Cuts finely
11. Worship
12. Monetary unit (India)
13. Talks wildly
14. Russian lake
15. Russian city
16. Perform
17. Exclamation (slang)
18. Proportion
20. Employ
21. Masurium (sym.)
23. Wait on
24. Female ruff
25. Fields
27. Greek epic poem
29. River (Span.)
30. Story
32. Nova Scotia (abbr.)
33. Frozen water
34. Concerning
36. Greek letter
37. Luzon native
38. Particle
41. Famous mission (Tex.)
43. Part of a flower
44. One who tames wild animals
45. Silly
46. Ireland's
47. Book of maps

DOWN

1. Edible rootstock
2. Jewish month
3. One who moves
4. A church dignitary
5. Roman money
6. A thick-skinned reptile
7. Search for
8. Open (poet.)
9. Of Pegasus or poetry (rare)
10. Marine algae
16. River (Fr.)
19. Those who make wills
20. Swiss canton
21. Let stand in seasoned vinegar-oil
22. Needle-shaped
26. Spawn of fish
28. Merciful
31. Miscellany
35. Whole amount
37. Egyptian god (var.)
39. River (Afr.)
40. Malt beverages
42. Frenchman's friend
43. East Indian herb

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Saturday's Answer

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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

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

D T P L V C Y N E H T N Z U B N Z P Q Q
A Q C V V L R Y V H Q N U . D T P L V C I B L Z .
P Q Q J T C P O K T C V B C T C A C Q N U — G C R .

Saturday's Cryptoquote: HALF OUR KNOWLEDGE WE MUST SNATCH, NOT TAKE — POPE.

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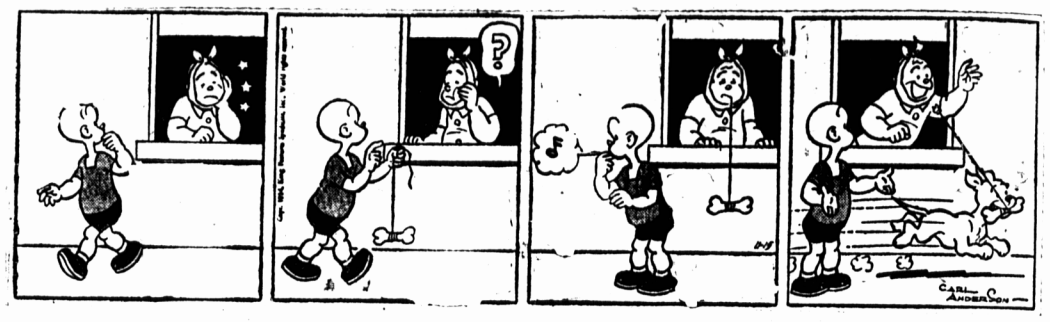
"Toast? . . . did he say toast? Then I'll have Shirriff's Marmalade."

Etta Kett — By Paul Robinson

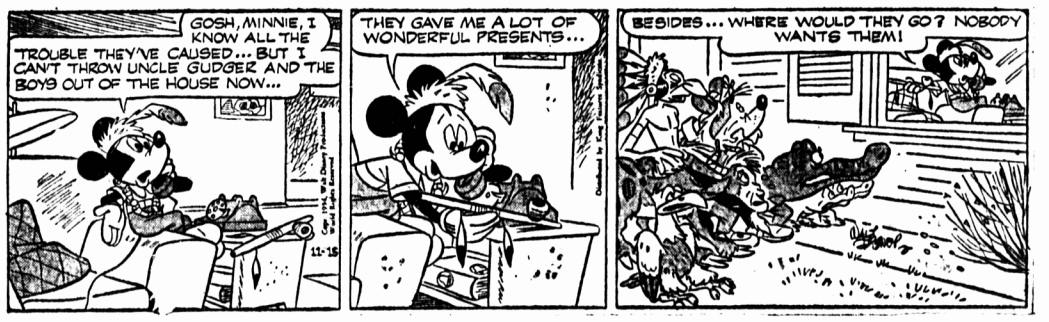
Henry — By Carl Anderson



Grandma — by Charles Kuhn

Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson

Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker

Joe Palooka — By Ham Fisher

Li'l Abner — By Al Capp

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff