

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

SPOOKY GOES TO TOWN

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. A saying true and very old. Not to the timid goes the prize. But to the daring and the bold. —Old Mother Nature.

Spooky the Screech Owl is a small person. He is much smaller than he seems. He wears a rather loose coat which makes him look bigger than he is. Sometimes he wears a red coat and sometimes he wears a gray coat. Spooky is plucky. He doesn't like the idea of going down to the Sunny South as so many other birds do when winter comes. He is an independent little chap and sure that he can take care of himself and get enough to eat despite Rough Brother North Wind and Jack Frost.



So Spooky went to town.

Now Spooky is a great hunter of mice. He knows all about Danny Meadow Mouse and his ways. He knows all about Whitefoot the Wood Mouse, and where and when to look for him. He knows all about other members of the Mouse family. A successful hunter must know all about those he hunts. Spooky knew that with the coming of the cold weather many mice leave the fields and the woods and move over and around in farm buildings. So Spooky has learned that often the best hunting is around the homes of man. As a matter of fact, Spooky was living in a hollow tree in the Old Orchard near the edge of Farmer Brown's dooryard. Spooky had caught many mice around Farmer Brown's barn and the henhouses and other buildings. He had caught many of these mice and he was very hungry. He was going hungry more often than he had a full stomach. So it was that Spooky decided he would have to do some hunting elsewhere. There wasn't much use in going over to the Green Forest, for there his big cousin, Hooty the Great Horned Owl, and his other big cousin from the far north, Whitey the Snowy Owl, were constantly hunting. So Spooky decided that his best chance for catching mice

was to stay near the buildings of man. Now it was only a short distance from Farmer Brown's farm to the village. There many buildings were near together and there should be good hunting. So Spooky went to town. Of course the first thing he did was to look for a place to stay. He visited every big tree in the village, but in none could he find a hollow big enough for him to live in. It was disappointing. Spooky is one of those feathered folk who like to live in a house and not in an open tree. He likes a hollow in a tree. It doesn't have to be a big hollow. A big Woodpecker house suits him first night. But there were no big Woodpecker houses in the village trees. Spooky didn't want to go back to Farmer Brown's Old Orchard. Not yet anyway. He was sure there must be good hunting around the village. He was flying over a house when he noticed a chimney that had an opening close to the top. In fact, it had an opening on each of the four sides of the top. The top itself was covered. Spooky lighted in one of these openings to rest awhile. Then he got curious and began to investigate. It was very comfortable there. Perhaps he could live in there comfortably. Anyway it was worth investigating.

Burton Foresees Trend To Night Shopping In Future

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer
TORONTO (CP)—Night shopping is the trend of the future, says E.G. Burton, president of the Simpsons Limited, adding that many cities which bar such activity are harboring "antiquated" store-hour laws. "One or two evenings a week for shopping is almost a must in many of the outlying shopping centres which are being developed at the present time," he said. "The big department store and mail-order business told the Gordon economic commission today. "Yet in many places these progressive retailers are prevented by this outmoded legislation from giving the people what they want. "But despite the current curbs, "we are going to see evening shopping becoming the custom in more and more cities in the years ahead."

The veteran retailer, looking to the future, could see Canadians earning more money and spending more on goods previously considered luxury items. Emphasis in the future will be on self-service stores, more suburban shopping centres, higher sales of labor-saving devices and an expansion in the business of servicing appliances and gadgets. Downtown department stores will still be important commercial centers but their growth will be slowed as more Canadians move to the suburbs and do their shopping in local centres. While Mr. Burton could see these trends ahead, there were a few present-day problems that concerned him. He was concerned over bank credit restrictions, predicting that those who extend consumer credit soon will probably find it more difficult and more expensive to provide financing. "It is my sincere belief that it would be a great mistake to contemplate any direct consumer credit controls at the present time," he said. In fact, the only control he felt

necessary to make sure consumer credit doesn't rise unreasonably is the good judgment of persons granting such credit and the availability of funds. He felt also the law against predetermining of retail prices by manufacturers should be removed. With current keen competition among manufacturers and retailers, the resale price maintenance ban was unnecessary, he said. Simpsons found that despite the farm-to-city trend in population shifts, mail order business was increasing, and this was having a strong levelling influence on consumer prices from coast to coast.

GAZA, Egypt (AP)—Egypt lodged an official protest with the UN military armistice commission Saturday over an Israeli attack on an Egyptian outpost south of Gaza. He said the Israelis were forced off Friday after 40 minutes. No Egyptian casualties were reported.

Roads—Believe It or Not!

THE BRIDGE WAS ONLY FOR 30 COWS
First, Germany
IT IS 1550 FEET LONG AND 30 FEET WIDE AND REQUIRES 1000 HOURS OF LABOR. BUT AT THE TIME THE BRIDGE WAS COMPLETED ITS COST OF 128,000 \$256 PAPER MARKS REPRESENTED ONLY 30 CENTS IN REAL MONEY
July 16, 1925

A BOMB
LAST BY MISS J.L. ROBERTS WHEN SHE WAS 6 YEARS OF AGE WAS FOUND AND RETURNED TO HER 44 YEARS LATER
Dallas, Texas

THE ZEBRA
WOLF ZEBRA AND HALF HORSE
2000 MOUNTAIN TROOPS IN INDIA

POPE JOHN XXIII
1024-1033
HE WAS THE FIRST STUDENT OF OUR MUSICAL SYSTEM
THE POPE WAS THE INITIAL PUPIL OF GUIDO D'AREZZO WHO INVENTED THE DO RE MI

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Mail and special cargo may zoom across country from New York City to San Francisco in an hour or less in rockets within a few years. Harry F. Guggenheim, of New York City, spoke very matter-of-factly about such a possibility at a meeting of the American Rocket Society. Guggenheim was given an honorary membership in the society in recognition of his leadership in the development of aviation and of rocket and jet-propelled aircraft. The expert based his prediction on the marked difference in the cost. "The new jet planes will have to compete with rockets which will attain speeds of 3,000 miles an hour or better," explained Guggenheim. "The cost of operation and construction of jet planes for hauling mail and special cargo will be prohibitive compared to that of the rocket."

"In an airplane you have to pay for the cost of fuel for each mile across country, whereas by rocket you only have to pay for the cost of fuel for a distance of about 90 miles," Guggenheim added. He explained that a rocket uses fuel as it gains flight altitude and also as it decelerates before landing. That includes about 60 miles up and 30 miles down. During the rest of the 5,000-mile trip, the rocket coasts along in the ionosphere without using fuel. Pennies are scarce so scarce that two United States cents are devoted all their time to making one-cent pieces. And they have been at it for two months. New England banks have so few pennies that some of them are offering \$1.05 for every 100 pennies brought in. In most areas where there is a shortage of pennies, the banks have had to ration pennies to member banks. During the first 10 months of 1954 the mints delivered 150,000,000 pennies to the 12 federal reserve banks. During the same time in 1955 they delivered 900,000,000. Several reasons have been advanced for the penny shortage, and all center on the scarcity of silver. The penny is made of 95 per cent copper, 4 per cent zinc, and 1 per cent tin. The boy's parents complained to the authorities. District Attorney Frank Giolotta ruled that the discipline was legal. For running across a street between intersections and banging into a car, Arthur Hrovat was fined \$15 in Cleveland. The charge was

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT

East-West certainly did not distinguish themselves in the deal below! First, they were outgeneraled in the bidding, and then they allowed themselves to be routed in the play.

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ 1 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 4 ♥ 4 ♣ Pass

It is true that North's leap to four clubs posed something of a problem for East, but with West putting in a vulnerable overcall against both the club opening and the heart response, it did not require great optimism or courage for East to bid four spades, either directly over the four-club call or when South's four-heart rebid came toward the king. Four hearts, bid and made.

Out of jail on \$10,000 bond, Douglas Gott embraced his wife, Joan in a Cleveland hospital. Gott is charged with the fatal stabbing of a tavern operator who he said embraced Mrs. Gott. She was slashed in the light that preceded the slaying.

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



Our Boarding House

Major Hoople



By WILDROOT

A SUCCESS STORY OF PERSONAL CONFIDENCE

POOR APPEARANCE NO CONFIDENCE
NO, WE'RE NOT GOING TO-DAY...

NEXT DAY... SALES MANAGER SAYS, "JOE, YOU LOST THAT SALE BECAUSE YOU LACK CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF—AND CONFIDENCE BEGINS WITH WELL-GROOMED HAIR!"

WELL-GROOMED HAIR LOSE NO CONFIDENCE
SHIP THIS ORDER RIGHT AWAY AND SEE ME IN TWO WEEKS

YOU GET CONFIDENCE BY HAVING A GOOD APPEARANCE. —USE WILDROOT CREAM-OIL AND YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT YOUR HAIR WILL ALWAYS LOOK ITS BEST IN ANY SITUATION

WILDROOT CREAM-OIL CONTAINS THE HEART OF LANOLIN NATURE'S FINEST HAIR AND SCALP CONDITIONER

TELEVISION CKCW — Moncton

Television Programme

Channel 2

MONDAY

2:00 p.m.—F. M. Concert Hall
2:45 p.m.—Charles Antel
3:00 p.m.—Liberace
3:30 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker
4:30 p.m.—Today with Arlene Holder
6:45 p.m.—Uncle Jack at the Piano
8:00 p.m.—Fur & Feathers
8:15 p.m.—Aubrey & Gus
8:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
8:45 p.m.—Puppet Theatre
9:15 p.m.—Person to Person
9:30 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
9:40 p.m.—Weather
9:45 p.m.—Sports
9:50 p.m.—CBC News
7:00 p.m.—Fury
7:30 p.m.—Westmorland Singers
7:45 p.m.—Teenage Forum
8:00 p.m.—Caesar's Hour
9:00 p.m.—Cabaret
8:30 p.m.—Denny Vaughan Show
11:00 p.m.—Studio One
11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
11:10 p.m.—Weather
11:15 p.m.—Bonnie
12:15 a.m.—Sign Off

POGO

WATCH IT! WATCH IT!

YOU'RE CELEBRATING ALL OVER EVERYWHERE—BUT OFF!

YOU! YOU'RE THE ONE! TAKIN' UP ALL THAT ROOM!

PUSH ME, WILL YOU? HAVE A CARE... I'LL WHOP YOU!

WHY YOU HAIRLESS CATERPILLER! HOW'D YOU LIKE A GOOD SWAT?

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! EVERYBODY OUT! IF YOU CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT FIGHTIN', YOU'VE GOT TO EVER TAKE US ALL FOR A LIT' OUT!

Grandma

WELL, O.K. IF YOU REALLY WANTA DRY A FEW DISHES FOR ME!

THESE ARE MY VERY BEST PLATES. AN I DON'T WANT ANY OF 'EM BROKEN!

SO, FIRST, LET'S PUT ON THIS B'G SUPER-APRON AN'...

THERE, THAT'LL CATER! ANY THAT SLIP OUT O' YOUR HANDS!

Mickey Mouse

NOW WHAT'S PLUTO DOING?

WHY, YOU'RE BURYING... ER... THAT HANDSOME PINK AND RED AND YELLOW AND PURPLE-STRIPPED SWEATER THAT ANNIE KNIT FOR ME...

TAKE A REST AND ENJOY THAT SNACK, PLUTO! NO SENSE IN YOU DOING ALL THE WORK!

Henry

BOO-HOO!

BOO-HOO!

Muggs and Skeeter

HEY, GRAMPA!

OH, GRAMPA! HEY! STOP!

GRAMMA SAYS, SLOW DOWN OR EAT SCRAMBLED EGGS AND LICE THEM!

Tilly The Toiler

THAT'S A SWITCH!

LISTEN TO THIS MESSAGE THE BOSS WROTE ON THE POSTCARD HE'S SENDIN' TO A PAL ON VACATION IN THE SUNNY SOUTH

GO AHEAD

DEAR HOWARD, I MISS YOU! WISH YOU WERE HERE! I'M THINKIN' OF J.P. SIMPKINS!

HOWARD'S THE ONE HE WING ALL THE MONEY FROM, PLAYIN' PINOCHE!

Era Kent

YOU ACTUALLY ARE? OH, HOW LUCKY! ARE THE PLACES DEFINITELY DROPPING WITH CUTE MEN!

EVERYBODY GOES PLACES BUT US! CAN'T WE DO SOMETHING EXCITING TOO?

MAYBE!

I'LL SIMPLY DIE IN THIS BUT 'LET'S DECIDE OUR DECISION NOW!

GEE!... I'LL SURE BE GLAD WHEN YOUR MAKES UP YOUR MIND!

Joe Palooka

MEY, SORRY! SWINE AW DOKA! AULDGRAP!

HOWS ABOUT ME? HERE FOR EVERYBODY?

DR. SORRY, OIL! SORRY, OIL! SORRY, OIL! GET THE CHAMP TO AUTOGRAPH ONE TO ME PERSONALLY!

VA HADDA GO AN' SIGN AUTOGRAPHS FOR THE WHOLE ARMY. VA COULDA RUMORED YER HANDS!

HAHA! THE EXERCISE WINS GOOD FOR ME... I'LL ON ANN AND TELL HER THAT SOAP'S MOTHER NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT HER SON!

WHEN... IF HE WERENT IN GOOD FOR ME... I'LL ON ANN AND TELL HER THAT SOAP'S MOTHER NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT HER SON!

The Lone Ranger

I DID NOT CAPTURE YOUR SON, BAXTER, AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO—

—SHOOT ME!

YOU'RE GOING TO LISTEN!

Secret Agent X9

A car pulls into the yard of a lonely structure in Deadwood Swamp—

HOPE ED'S GOT EVERYTHING WARM AND COZY! WE MIGHT HAVE TO SPEND THE WINTER HERE!

A few minutes later

GLAD YOU MADE IT, TINY TOM! I WAS GETTIN' JITTERY!

THE COP WHO FINALLY GOING ME IS 600PS TO RIDE THE BLACK BUS ALONG WITH ME!

UH, SURE, TINY! LOOK, I GOT A GUEST—A DAME!

YOU FOOL! I TOLD YOU NOT TO BRING ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS!

By Walt Kelly

YOU SHOULDN'T OF TROD HER, CLARK STABLE. SHE WAS ONLY TELLIN' TH' TRUTH. AH- IS BLIND—WANT AN'?

Y-YES?

WAL, DON'T FEEL BAD. L'L' SNOR AN' HONEST ABE IS G-GONE. AN' I'LL NEVER SEE THEM AGN—

ANY THAR'S NOthin' ELSE IN TH' WORLD. AH WANTS T'SEE. AH DON'T MIND ME BEIN' THIS WAY— IF 'O' DON'T.

FRIENDS—ONLY A GIRL LIKE HER COULD LIKE A GUY LIKE ME!

By Charles Kuhn
By Walt Disney
By Carl Anderson
By Wally Boskos
By Bob Gustafson
By Paul Robinson
By Ham Fisher
By Fran Striker
By Mel Graff
By Al Capp