

BEDTIME STORIES

The Snake That Wasn't

By Thornton W. Burgess

More are fooled by self than by All the others that may try.

Old Mother Nature. This seems queer, but it is true. More folks fool themselves than are fooled by other folks. This is partly because they do not use their eyes as eyes are meant to be used. They do not hear as they should hear. They see and hear what they want to see and hear. They believe what they want to believe. So it is they fool themselves.

Nanny Meadow Mouse was sure she had seen Mr. Blacksnake in the grass near Farmer Brown's house where she and Danny had hoped to get some sunflower seeds. She knew she had seen Mr. Blacksnake. She had been so frightened that at first she couldn't move. Afterward she told Danny about it. "He was lying there in the grass and he lifted his head and moved it back and forth. I guess I was lucky he didn't see me," squeaked Nanny as she was telling all about it after they got home under the henhouse.

There was one thing that those two mice didn't think about. There is always something that folks do not think about. They completely forget that at this time of year there was nothing to be afraid of from Mr. Blacksnake or any other members of the Snake family. Somewhere in his secret retreat, probably down deep in the ground or among the rocks, Mr. Blacksnake was fast asleep. It wasn't warm enough to wake him up. If Danny had remembered this, they would have known they had nothing to be afraid of from Mr. Blacksnake.



It was the tail of Black Pussy the Cat.

Now though they had wisely agreed that they would stay away

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Commons Gives Time Extension To Rail Company

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons committee Tuesday approved, despite Progressive Conservative protests, a 10-year extension in the time given Quebec Northshore-Labrador Railway Company for the construction of its line up to Ungava bay.

Howard Green (PC-Vancouver Quadra) sought to amend a bill giving the company more time to build 300 miles of railroad between Schefferville, Que., and Ungava bay. Mr. Green suggested the company be given five years to do the job.

The committee defeated his proposed amendment by a vote of 30 to 6. The bill now goes back to the Commons for third and final reading. It has already been approved by the Senate.

355 MILES ALREADY BUILT The railway already has built 355 miles of railway between Repulse, on the St. Lawrence river north shore, and its Schefferville iron ore deposits, straddling the Quebec-Labrador boundary.

Under a 1947 charter, the company, a subsidiary of the Iron Ore Company of Canada, had until 1957 to build the rail line through Ungava bay, near the northern tip of Quebec.

Mr. Green criticized the 10-year extension because it would give a company controlled in the United States a "stranglehold" on the development of northern Quebec. It was proper to give the company a five-year concession, but 10 years was too long a time.

APPROVE WATER SALE WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission today announced the AEC said it has approved the sale of 129 tons of heavy water to six nations and that 16 tons of this had been shipped to Britain and five to France.

WIND BRIDE BURNED ALVA, Okla. (AP)—The charred body of a 21-year-old Northwestern State college bride, believed killed by an unknown assailant, was found Tuesday in the flaming wreckage of her car on a lonely country road near here.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

A FATAL RESULT Even the most enthusiastic advocates of shutoff bidding—which include this writer—must admit that there can be bad repercussions. Here is a case in point, from a team-of-four match:

Table with 4 columns: South, West, North, East. Rows show card counts and pass/fold status.

The same club queen was led, but this declarer, warned that West had great length in clubs, realized that if either defender had all three missing trumps, it would be East rather than West. So this declarer started with a low trump from his own hand—and obviously with full success. West's void came to light, and all South had to do was put up the spade king and take the proved finesse against East.

Off hand, it would appear that this result was a signal victory for the school which deprecates preemptive bidding, inasmuch as the four-club call told South No. 2 how to play the hand. Such reputation, however, are not very frequent.

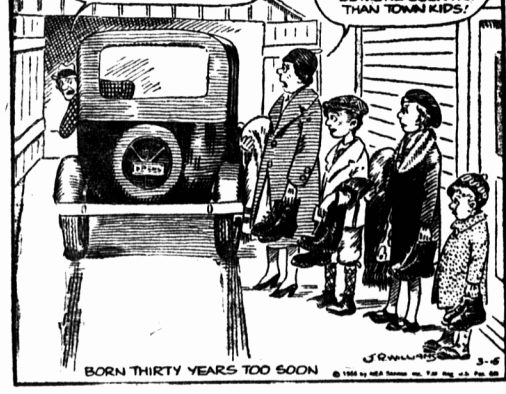
Pet Ocelot Chews Off Part Of Foot of Two-Month-Old Baby

BELTSVILLE, Md. (AP)—A pet ocelot Tuesday chewed all the toes from the left foot of a two-month-old boy.

The infant is Thomas Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Perry. The parents were reported to be in New York. Police said they found the ocelot, a large American spotted cat, seven Siamese cats, an otter-like jaguarundi, and a dog in the home. Winslow Prescott, a handyman, said he found the ocelot in the baby's crib and snatched the pet away. The animal, he said, had crept upstairs to the nursery where the baby and his one-year-old sister were sleeping. The girl was not harmed.

The ocelot was deposited at the University of Maryland livestock laboratory until police talk with the wounded child's parents.

Out Our Way

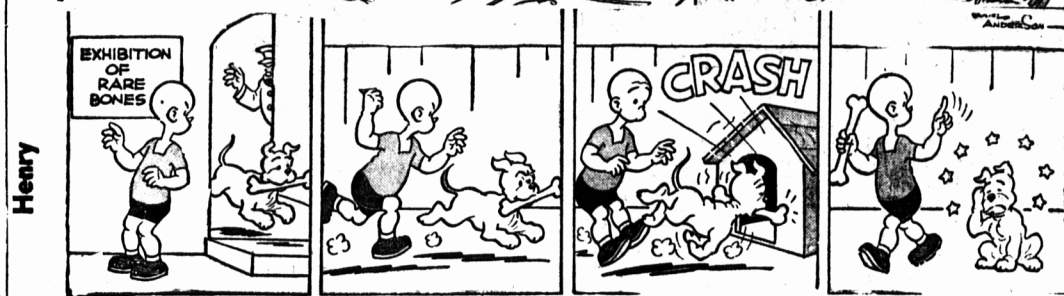


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Our Boarding House



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