

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

OLD MR. TOAD HOLDS HIS BREATH

Be sure before you go ahead. Better late than to be dead. —Old Mr. Toad.

Hop, hop, hop, hippity hop hop. Old Mr. Toad was on his way from Farmer Brown's garden to the Smiling Pool. It was broad daylight. He would much rather

been traveling at night, but he couldn't wait for night to come. He simply couldn't. As it was, he was late in reaching the Smiling Pool. To begin with, he had overslept this spring. When he did get started, he was in such a hurry that he jumped right into trouble because he just didn't see it. He jumped into a pit in a corner of Farmer Brown's garden. This had delayed him still more. He had been thrown out of the pit when Farmer Brown's boy had come this morning to dig that pit deeper. He had been thrown out in a shovelful of sand without Farmer Brown's boy knowing it. So now he had still more time to make up.

Why was he in such a hurry? Because he was supposed to meet Old Mrs. Toad in the Smiling Pool, and he was afraid she might think he was not coming. Besides, one should never keep a lady waiting. He never had kept her waiting before. Always before, he had reached the Smiling Pool first and had become an important part of that wonderful chorus before ever Old



So Old Mr. Toad kept right on going, hop, hop, hop, hippity hop.

Mrs. Toad arrived. That was as it should be. She had his voice to guide her if she needed any guidance. You see, his voice always was the sweetest voice in the Smiling Pool. So, Old Mr. Toad kept right on going, hop, hop, hop, hippity hop. He stopped only long enough to listen and make sure he was going in the right direction. Twice, the singing in the Smiling Pool stopped. When the singers stopped singing, Old Mr. Toad stopped hopping. Then there was no sound to guide him. But it was more than that that caused him to stop. He knew from long experience what that sudden silence meant. It meant danger. So Old Mr. Toad stopped. The danger might not be near him, but the wise thing to do was to make sure.

"It's a silly Toad who takes chances." Old Mr. Toad would say to himself. Of course he was right. What a pity it is that so many boys and girls and older folks too are like silly Toads instead of wise ones.

Pretty soon the singing began again. The minute he heard the first voice in the Smiling Pool, off went Mr. Toad, hop, hop, hop, hippity hop. Sometimes he had foolish wishes. Sometimes he wished he could jump up in the air and look ahead. Sometimes he wished he had long legs on which he could stand up to look over the grass. Then again he would be very glad he didn't have it. It was a great deal easier to keep out of sight with

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE OPENING LEAD WAS THE CUE

Declarer's weak play of his game contract in today's deal was due to the scant consideration he gave to the opening lead.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ T Pass 3 NT Pass

With diamonds bid on his right and clubs on his left, West decided that he would choose a major suit opening, and selected his top heart.

Dummy's heart ten, was put in to cover West's eight, and when East played the queen, South took the trick. Perhaps he hoped that he could win a second trick in the suit by leading toward the J-5. That, however, was a forlorn hope. When South knocked out the diamond ace — he couldn't even hope for nine tricks without doing so — West continued with his heart seven, and East ran off four heart tricks to defeat the contract. It is evident that South did not pay much attention to the precise heart opened by West. The moment East could cover the ten with a higher card, South could tell that the eight was not a fourth-highest lead. If it had been, West's suit would have to be K-Q-J-8, with or without lower cards. Thus, the lead was almost certainly the "top of nothing," and there was a strong probability that East had the heart length.

Acting on this logical reading, South should have let East hold the first trick with the heart queen. If East returned a heart from his marked king, South would of course duck again and win in dummy. If East returned any other suit, South would have ample time to clear his diamonds while keeping control of hearts.

DRINK **Coca-Cola** The pause that refreshes

OUR NEWS BUDGET for OUR SATURDAY SUBSCRIBERS

MONDAY

Two young children were injured, one seriously, in two accidents yesterday involving automobiles. In the first accident on the Malpeque Road, near St. Dunstan's University, little six-year-old Susanne Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnston, suffered a broken leg and fractured collarbone when struck by a car near her home.

The car was driven by Mr. Anson MacLaughlin, Winslow, who apparently did everything possible to avoid hitting the little girl who was reported to have run in front of the car. Mr. MacLaughlin drove the car into an embankment and it is reported completely wrecked. The girl is being treated at the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

More than one hundred members of the Canadian Legion stepped off smartly in parade Sunday morning from the Legion Home to the music of the 17th P. E. I. Recce band, to attend Divine Service. The parade was under command of Legion President, C. M. Sinclair.

The Y. E. Day Memorial Service, which has become an annual obligation, designed to keep forever green the memory of comrades who "have gone before." The parade was halted at the war monument on Queen's Square, where a wreath was placed in memory of fallen comrades, after which the Provincial Command Chaplain, Major T. E. MacNutt, read from the poet Lawrence Binyon, "They Shall Grow Not Old." This was followed by the "Lark Song," sounded by Cpl. Frank Smith.

Over the week end the new six hundred foot well on Central Street at the base of the stand pipe was connected to the main line feeding into the town water supply. The cut-in took place yesterday morning at about eleven o'clock and during the afternoon a number of citizens, at the invitation of Water Commissioners Leigh Stewart and Robert Dewar, were invited to view the recently installed Byron Jackson pump which pumps the water from this well into the main reservoir.

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WEDNESDAY

Pole and Beer Construction Company, Montague, was granted the contract to grade and gravel the streets of Montague at a special meeting of the Town Council last night. His Worship, Mayor B. H. Yeo presided. Present were Councillors Hessian, Reynolds, Jamieson and McGowan. Mr. Austin Fraser was present to represent the construction company.

At last evening's Y. Men's Club meeting in Summerside, President Charles Linkletter presented a check for \$1,106.75 on behalf of the Summerside Y. Men's Club, to W. Chester S. Macdonald. This money was collected by Summerside Y. Men for furtherance of Boy Scout work in Summerside and Prince Edward Island.

The awarding of a contract to Jenkins Brothers, Summerside, for the supplying of 250,000 pounds of herring bait for the Government Cold Storage plant on Esher Street here, was announced last night by officials of the P. E. I. Industrial Corporation.

Tenders for the contract had been called for several weeks ago, but no definite word was received until yesterday.

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THURSDAY

Preliminary work on the rehabilitation of the city streets will start next week. It was stated at a special meeting of the City Council last night following the acceptance of the tender of the Warren Maritimes Limited for the work.

Councillors were told that the contract is being let on a 14,000 ton minimum basis and that 700 miles of streets at an approximate cost of \$21,000. Councillor F. J. Storey, Chairman of the Street Committee, expressed the opinion that 20,000 tons would do the whole program at a cost slightly over the estimated \$30,000.

The tender of the Warren Paving was lower on six of the eight items tendered, on including the two main ones for the asphalt concrete base and the hot mix chip seal. Three other Maritime companies bid on the work.

The ranks of the veterans of the South African War were further depleted yesterday, when Mr. John Edward Lawlor, 78, passed away at the Prince Edward Island Hospital. Due to failing health, Mr. Lawlor was unable to attend the annual Paardeberg service this year. Born at Suffolk, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lawlor, and on his return from the South African campaign, he married the former Ethel McEwen of Tryon.

Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, pastor of Trinity United Charlottetown, has accepted a call to McDougall United Church in Edmonton, Alberta, it was learned yesterday. He will assume his new duties in September of this year.

In the meantime, on May 17, he is being honoured with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Queen's University, Kingston.

The sportsmanship which might be enjoyed by competitors in the Musical Festival, which concluded its third day in Charlottetown last evening, was stressed at various sessions during the day by both adjudicators.

At the morning session in the Community Centre, Mr. Clayton Hare stated he agreed with Mr. Reginald Geen that marks in the Festival were comparatively unimportant and that "if you've done your best you are a winner." He also stressed the fact that the audience should also endeavour to forget the competitive side of the week and applaud those who were competing with their friends.

The large audience was quick to accept the suggestion and it was noticed that visitors to his city were welcomed with bursts of applause as they appeared on the stage at all sessions during the day.

Advice to first elect their village commissioners and then have them approach the Government regarding desired improvements was given to the Parkdale Men's Association at their monthly meeting last night by Mr. B. Earle MacDonald, M.L.A., representative of Fifth Queens.

Mr. MacDonald briefly addressed the club on the matter of paving streets and the water supply. While he could make no definite promises he assured the members that they could expect every assistance possible both from the Government and the Water Commissioners.

All this week officials of Falconwood Hospital have made available to the public through newspaper articles the efforts being made on behalf of those of this Province who are mentally ill. They have also opened the doors to the public of the new Occupational Therapy building.

It is in this building that a great deal of the work necessary towards the rehabilitation of a patient is done. Here may be followed the progress of patients from the most elementary carpentry work for male patients to some really exquisite needlework by the women.

HALIFAX, May 8 (CP) — Honorary degree of Doctor of Canon Law was conferred at the convocation of the University of Kings College today on Rev. A. E. Coleman, Saint John, N. B., and Judge H. L. Palmer, Charlottetown.

MARRIAGES

HURRY-DINGWELL — At Charlottetown on April 10th, 1952, by Rev. E. C. Evans, David Kaye Dingwell, of Charlottetown, to Robert James Hurry, Jr., West Royalty, P.E.I.

DEATHS

BECK — At the King's County Memorial Hospital, Montague, on Thursday, May 8, Sandra Anne, aged 11 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Beck, Charlottetown.

MONAGHAN — At the Sacred Heart Home on May 5th Miss Heart Crossin, daughter of Kelly's Crossin, at his home on Notre Dame Street on Monday, May 5th, Antoine Arsenault, aged 79 years.

MACKINNON — At Union Road on Saturday, May 3, Mrs. John A. Mackinnon in her 79th year.

RILEY — At the P. E. Island Hospital on Saturday, May 3, John Riley in his 77th year.

SIMPSON — At 74 Gerald Street, May 7, 1952, Benjamin Simpson, in his 70th year.

HARRINGTON — At the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, on May 7, Mrs. Theresa Harrington, formerly of Charlottetown, and formerly widow of the late J. Peter Harrington.

MACNEVIN — At the P. E. Island Hospital, May 8, 1952, Mrs. Nell MacNevin of Argyle Shore in her 78th year.

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NOTICE

Semi-Annual Meeting of the Milk Producers and Vendors Association will be held in third floor City Hall, Tuesday evening, May 13, 8:30 p.m. Signed: PERCY GAY, Sec'y.

Canadian Legion Clover Club Dance

EVERY SATURDAY For reservations Phone 1222 Before 7 P.M. call 478-L Reservations held until 10:30 p.m. SATURDAY NIGHT IS YOUR DANCE NIGHT AT THE CLOVER CLUB Al Blanchard and the "Clover Club" Band Admission—75c Dancing 9:30 to 12:00

CREAM HAULING

Hazelbrook Dairying Company will have a truck begin hauling cream over the Murray Harbor North route, TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1952. This route also includes Brudenell and New Perth. MILDRED PAYNTER, Sec'y.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



JOE PALOOKA



LI'L ABNER



RIP KIRBY



ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the P. E. I. Division of the Canadian Cancer Society will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Charlottetown. All contributors and the public generally cordially invited to attend. Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan, O.B.E. President. Ralph M. Jones Secretary.

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