



### BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess  
**BLACKY FINDS OUT**  
When in doubt just go away. The tempter gets the ones who stay.

—Blacky the Crow. No cannier person than Blacky the Crow walks and flies in the Green Forest. Were it not so, he would have been killed long ago. He would have been caught, or shot, or starved to death. As it is, he is very much alive. There is something cheerful in his harsh voice and a cold and blustering day. Blacky is alive because of his doubts. He never takes anything for granted. It is because he always heads his doubts that he manages to live in spite of all the dangers he must encounter. He has learned to turn his back on

temptation, and that is a most important thing for anyone to learn. He has learned the wisdom of turning his back and going away when he is in doubt.



"I've got to know," said Blacky to himself. "I've just got to know."

He was doing just that this cold winter morning as he flew toward the Big River. He had an empty crop and an empty stomach, yet he had just turned his back on a good breakfast. He had followed a Man down a partly frozen little brook. Twice the Man had stopped, and when he had gone on, Blacky found a little piece of meat at each of the places the Man had stopped. Never had Blacky wanted anything more in all his life than he wanted those two pieces of meat. He felt that he just had to have them; that unless he got some-

### Contract Bridge

By Josephina Culbertson

AN OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY

A defender in the following deal was given an opportunity doesn't arise very often — to gain three tricks by surrendering one trick.

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

7 2	8 4 3
K 8 5	A 6 2
6 3	Q 9 7 2
Q 10 8 6 2	K 5 4

♠ K J 10 9  
♥ 10 7 4 3  
♦ K J 5  
♣ A

North  
West  
East

Q 5	A 6 2
Q 3 9	Q 9 7 2
A 10 8 4	K 5 4
A 7 3	

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

thing to eat soon he would be unable to go on, and would starve or freeze to death.

North-South were now using the Stayman convention, and so North's two-club response to the notrump bid was a simple suit-showing action. South might have robed two diamonds instead of two notrump, since he was not particularly strong, but even though he chose the more encouraging rebid, North was unduly optimistic in going on to three notrump. A sign-off of three clubs was all that North's holding warranted.

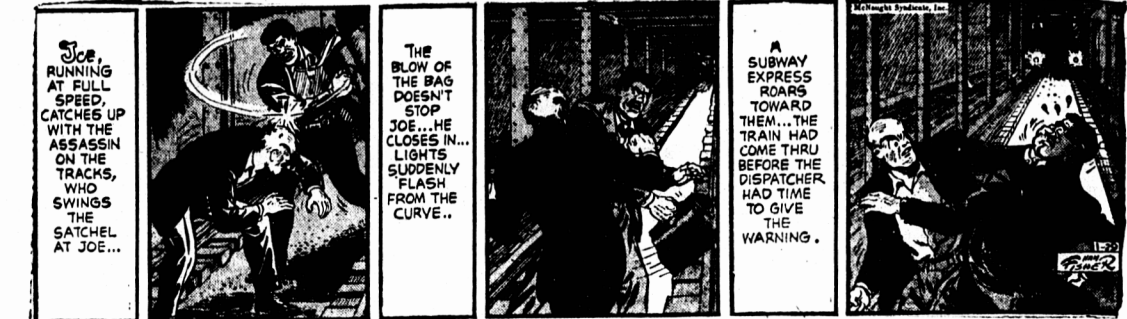
However, with help from East, North's optimism was rewarded. West opened the spade jack. South won with the queen and led a low club, tempting the opponents to take their club trick immediately. West's blank jack was overtaken with the queen in dummy—and East fell! All East could see was that if he played low, declarer would lead the club ten through him, and in that way smother East's king. East hoped that by taking the trick and returning a spade, he would find his partner with enough tricks to defeat the contract.

This hope, however, was not realized. On East's spade return, South ducked. West, as it happened, "could have been a hero" by shifting to diamonds, but he actually continued spades. Now South was safe. He was lucky to find the heart ace in East's hand instead of West's, but perhaps he deserved this luck because the enemy, notably East, had failed to defend correctly. All East had to do, of course, was hold up the club king and in that way shut out three club tricks in dummy by blocking the suit.

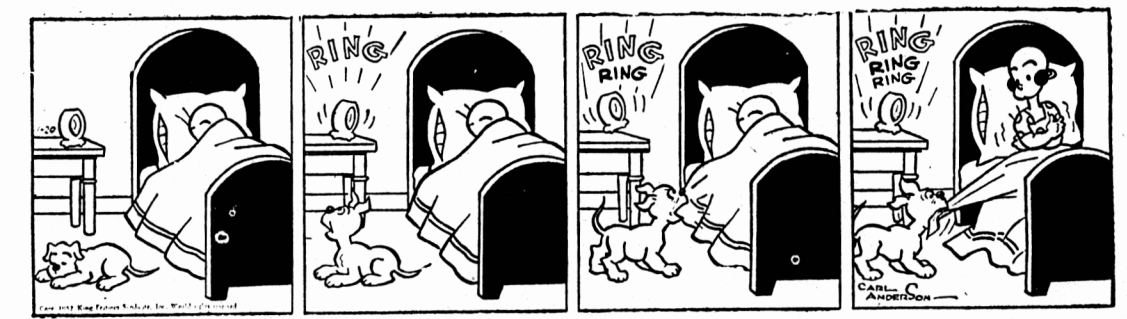
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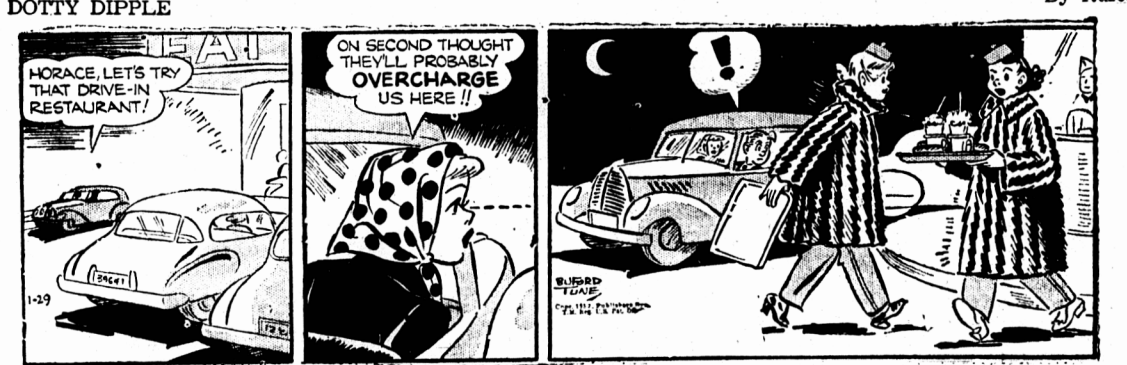
By Joe Palcora



By Carl Anderson



By Ruford



By Edwin

### DANCE

Annual St. Dunstan's Red and White Dance  
ALUMNI GYMNASIUM  
TUESDAY, Jan. 29  
Buses leaving terminal 8 — 8.30 — 8.45  
Music By Downtowners  
Dancing 8.30-11.30 Admission 50c

### PRINCE OF WALES CONCERT SERIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, AT 8.30  
Suzanne Brenton, pianist and the Prince of Wales College Girls Ensemble.  
An outstanding pianist and 18 talented singers.  
Lillian MacKenzie, director.  
Mrs. G. E. Full, accompanist.  
Tickets at door 50 cents; students 25 cents.

### ANNUAL MEETING

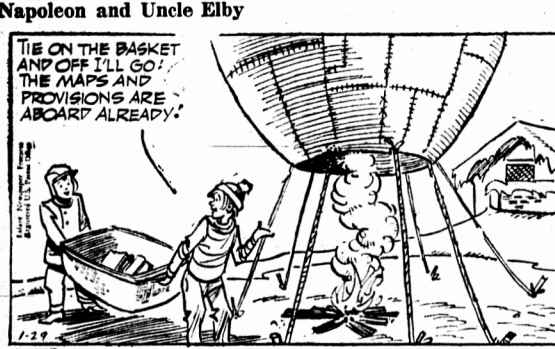
The annual meeting of Spring Park Community Club to be held in hall Wednesday, January 30th, at 8 P. M. All adult residents urgently requested to attend. This is your Community, and your presence and support is necessary.

### CARD PARTY

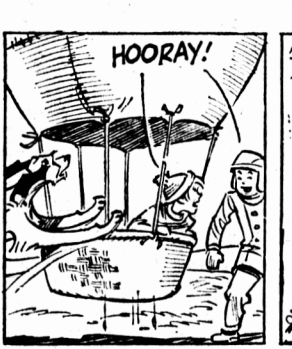
in aid of  
ST. CHARLES AUXILIARY  
Charlottetown Hospital  
TONIGHT  
8.30 Good prizes

### BINGO

Holy Redeemer Hall  
TONIGHT  
8.30  
The prizes are the same as those prevailing at other Bingos in the city.



By Clifford McBride



By Walt Kelly



By Al Capp



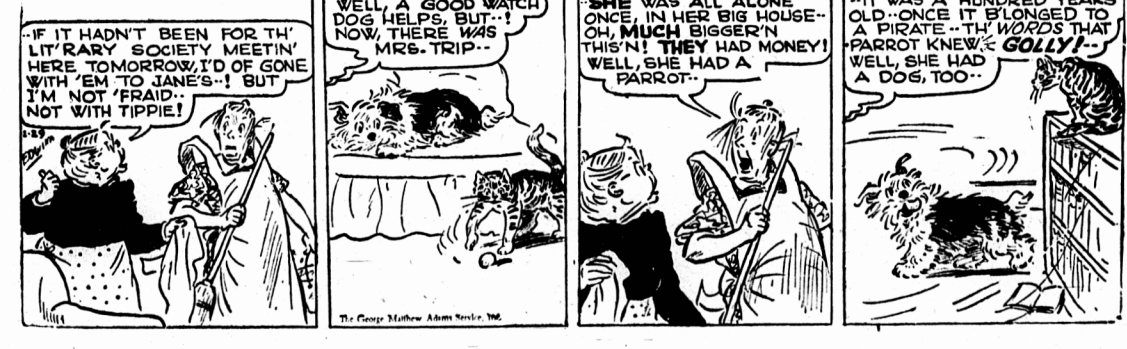
By Alex Raymond



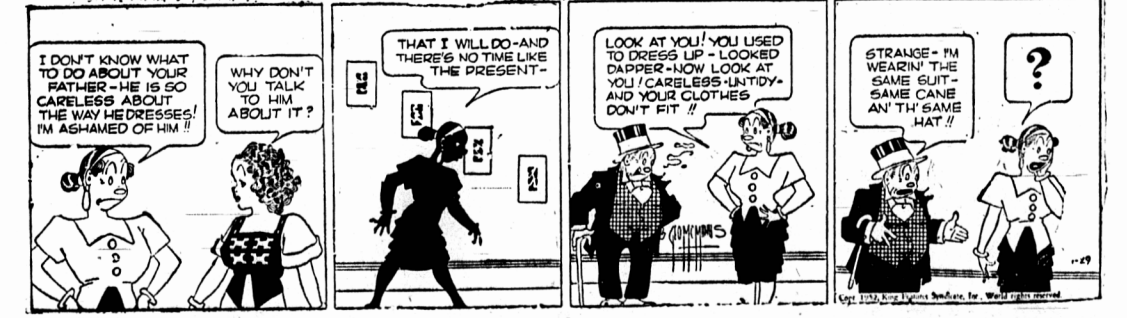
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