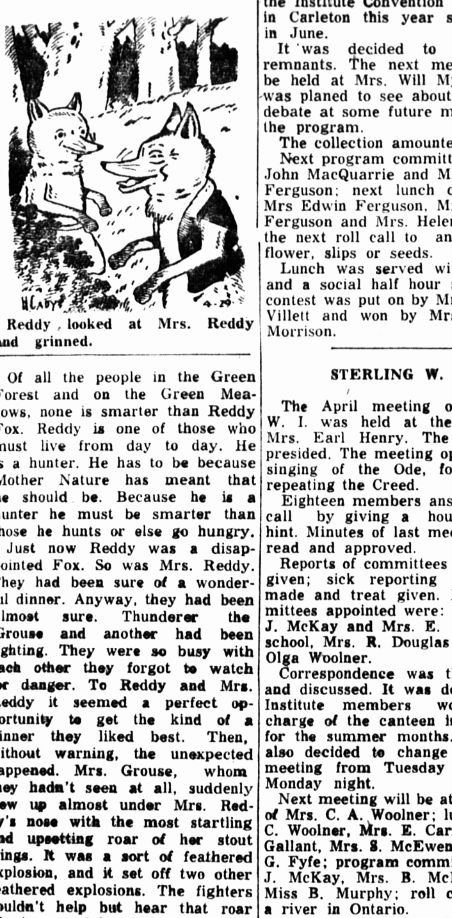
BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

A GOOD LOSER

Who loses out and still can grin,
If given time is sure to win.
—Old Mother Nature.

With the Green Forest and the Green Meadow folk life is just one thing after another and they are obliged to take things as they come. You see with most of them, living from day to day is an uncertainty. A few of them can plan ahead, but more cannot. Most of them have to get their food from day to day, and seldom know where the next meal is coming from. So, sometimes they have plenty, and sometimes they are very near starvation. Living that way means many disappointments. It is the ones who learn to take disappointments best, who can lose and still grin, that live longest.



Reddy looked at Mrs. Reddy and grinned.

Of all the people in the Green Forest and on the Green Meadows, none is smarter than Reddy Fox. Reddy is one of those who must live from day to day. He is a hunter. He has to be because Mother Nature has meant that he should be. Because he is a hunter he must be smarter than those he hunts or else go hungry.

Just now Reddy was a disappointed Fox. So was Mrs. Reddy. They had been sure of a wonderful dinner. Anyway, they had been almost sure. Thunderer the Grouse and another had been fighting. They were so busy with each other they forgot to watch for danger. To Reddy and Mrs. Reddy it seemed a perfect opportunity to get the kind of a dinner they liked best. Then, without warning, the unexpected happened. Mrs. Grouse, whom they hadn't seen at all, suddenly flew up almost under Mrs. Reddy's nose with the most startling and upsetting roar of her stout wings. It was a sort of feathered explosion, and it set off two other feathered explosions. The fighters couldn't help but hear that roar of wings, and knew instantly what it meant. So, without waiting to see what the danger was, they took to their own wings.

To Reddy and Mrs. Reddy it was very much as it would be to you if you were hungry and just sitting down to a wonderful dinner, and the dinner was suddenly snatched away. You would probably feel just as they felt.

Reddy looked at Mrs. Reddy and grinned. Yes sir, he grinned. He looked as if he felt a little foolish, and she looked the same way. You see both had known that Mrs. Grouse might be hidden somewhere there, but they didn't know where; nor could they be certain that she was there. So they had been taking extra care as they stole up on those two fighting birds, who never even once looked to see if any enemies were about. But they had failed to find Mrs. Grouse and Mrs. Reddy almost stepped on her before she took to her wings.

"Better luck next time, my dear," said Reddy, as they trotted away. "That dinner wasn't meant for us this time. I know where there is a colony of Mice. Let's pay it a visit."

There were two others who were quite as disappointed as Reddy. One was Hooty the Owl. The other was Terror the Goshawk, one of the biggest of the Hawk family, and one of the fiercest. Both had been sure they were going to have one of those fighters. Both lost their tempers when they failed. They were not good losers. Terror even tried to follow and catch one of those Grouse, but couldn't dodge in and out among the trees fast enough.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

TOO MANY "RULES"

One of the many disadvantages in taking "rules" too seriously is that they often conflict with each other. Take, for example, "second-hand low" and "cover an honor with an honor." East's trouble in the following deal was in not knowing which of these (both unreliable) old saws to apply.

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Both sides 60 on score.

North: ♠ 9 8 4 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ A K Q 6 ♣ J 2

West: ♠ A Q 7 ♥ Q J 10 7 3 ♦ 8 2 ♣ K 10 8

East: ♠ 6 5 3 ♥ 9 4 ♦ J 7 5 3 ♣ A 7 4 3

South: ♠ K J 10 2 ♥ A 8 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ Q 9 6 5

The bidding:

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

West, realizing that the situation was desperate, felt that it would be better to play for a diamond ruff than to look for heart tricks, so he opened his top diamond. Dummy won and the spade four was led to the jack. West took the trick with the queen and returned his last diamond. Again dummy won, and now the spade eight was led to the king.

After winning with the spade ace, West shifted to the queen of hearts. South let this ride to his own ace, but then he could not afford to draw another round of trumps because he might have urgent need of dummy's last trump. Instead, he led a diamond toward dummy, giving West a chance to ruff.

West did ruff, and he then led the heart jack. The king won, and now came the crucial play: the club jack was led, and East ducked. West won with the king but was helpless. His heart return was ruffed by South with the ten; dummy was entered with the trump, the high diamond was cashed, and the club deuce was led toward the queen, which was sure to make for the fulfilling trick.

It would have done West no good to return a club instead of the heart ten, because this simply would have set up South's clubs.

The "point" of the defense was that East should have played the club ace on the jack and returned a trump. This would have prevented declarer from taking any club trick, or from ruffing a club in dummy.

HAMPTON W. I.

The April meeting of the Hampton W. I., was held at the home of Mrs. John H. Myers. The meeting opened by repeating the Creed in unison.

Minutes were read and approved. The roll call was answered with a get-well card by 13 members; one visitor.

Two bills were presented and ordered paid.

Plans were made and a committee appointed to have another social in the hall soon.

Red Cross convener reported all the sewing and knitting nearly completed.

Thank-you notes were read, also some letters.

Some plans were talked over the Institute Convention to be held in Carleton this year some time in June.

It was decided to send for remnants. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Will Myers'. It was planed to see about having a debate at some future meeting for the program.

The collection amounted to $1.90.

Next program committee is Mrs. John MacQuarrie and Mrs. Harold Ferguson; next lunch committee, Mrs Edwin Ferguson, Mrs. Rowan Ferguson and Mrs. Helen Merrell; the next roll call to answer with flower, slips or seeds.

Lunch was served with hostess and a social half hour spent. A contest was put on by Mrs. Gordon Villett and won by Mrs. Clayton Morrison.

STERLING W. I.

The April meeting of Sterling W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Henry. The president presided. The meeting opened with singing of the Ode, followed by repeating the Creed.

Eighteen members answered roll call by giving a housecleaning hint. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of committees were then given; sick reporting four calls made and treat given. New committees appointed were: Sick, Mrs. J. McKay and Mrs. E. Henry; school, Mrs. R. Douglas and Miss Olga Woolner.

Correspondence was then read and discussed. It was decided the Institute members would take charge of the canteen in the rink for the summer months. It was also decided to change night of meeting from Tuesday night to Monday night.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. A. Woolner; lunch, Mrs. C. Woolner, Mrs. E. Carr, Mrs. T. Gallant, Mrs. S. McEwen and Mrs. G. Fyfe; program committee, Mrs. J. McKay, Mrs. B. McEwen and Miss B. Murphy; roll call, name a river in Ontario.

Collection was $1.85. Lunch was then served by hostess and committee in charge. Meeting closed with singing of Queen.

CORNWALL W. I.

Cornwall W. I., met at the home of Mrs. Norman Hyde for the April meeting; which opened with "When It's Springtime In The Rockies," followed by the Collect.

The president, presided and wlecomed all new members and visitors. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved and holl call. The treasurer gave her report.

Correspondence was read and discussed and bills presented and moved paid. School and sick committee gave their reports.

Business arising from the minutes was discussed and new business was presented.

Plans were made for a pantry sale to be held on Easter Saturday.

Miss Robin gave a very interesting talk on "Preserving Nutrients in Food Stuffs." Mrs. Manning spoke on 4-H Calf work throughout Canada, especially the competition at the C. N. E.

Sick and shut-ins were to be remembered at Easter.

Mrs. Rector Scott will be hostess for the May meeting when the topic will be "Music;" roll call is to be answered by a famous Canadian and why you chose him or her. Mrs. James Beer will give a demonstration on flower making.

Lunch committee is Mrs. Jeo Donahue, Mrs. Annie MacDonald, and Mrs. W. Lowther. Meeting closed with "The Maple Leaf Forever."

Lunch was served, which included ice cream and a delicious anniversary cake made by Mrs. Donuglas MacDonald and much enjoyed by all.

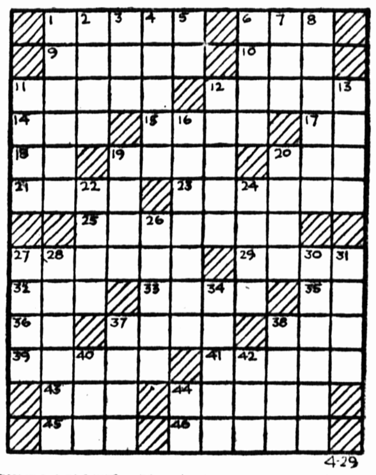
MORE PHONES

Canadian cities of 15,000 or more population had 40 telephones for every 100 persons in 1953.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Cracks or fissures
6. Portion of a curved line
9. Maxim
10. Exclamation of contempt
11. Coldness
12. Group of islands (S. Pac.)
14. Head covering
15. Branch of learning
17. Greek letter
18. Land-measure
19. Woody plant
20. Any coniferous tree
21. String across finishing line (Sports)
23. Dresses, as feathers
25. Nuts
27. Column
29. Questions
32. One-spot card
33. Article
35. Exclamation
36. Measure (Chin.)
37. Handle (Rom. Antiq.)
38. Coin (Swed.)
39. Frighten
41. Pulverize
43. Escape (slang)
44. River in France
45. Type measures
46. Angler's basket

DOWN
1. Large desert (Afr.)
2. Egress
3. Trouble
4. A grinding tooth
5. Samarium (sym.)
6. Arabian garments
7. Male sheep
8. Polish-French pianist and composer
11. Talk
12. Severe
13. Melodies
16. Accounts
19. Narrate
20. Wide horizontal band across escutcheon
22. Wan
24. A kind of cheese
26. New England state
27. Chums
28. Pendant of ice
30. A grain, as of wheat
31. Lean-to
34. Anxious
37. Fortifies
38. River (Fr.)
40. An old measure for liquids (Du.)
42. Regret
44. Master of Ceremonies (abbr.)



Yesterday's Answer

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

UKV IKLLOLL TZLK HSO TBH KQ SKZRDFA UKVB HKFAVO-[illegible]Z- HTDBO.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ALL WILL COME OUT IN THE WASHING—CERVANTES.

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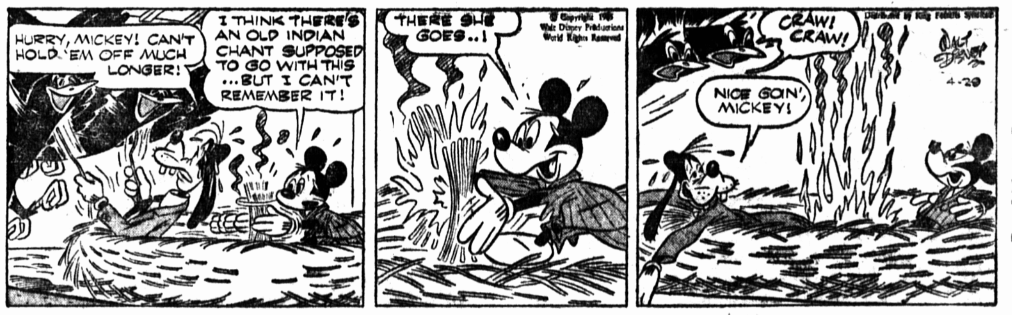
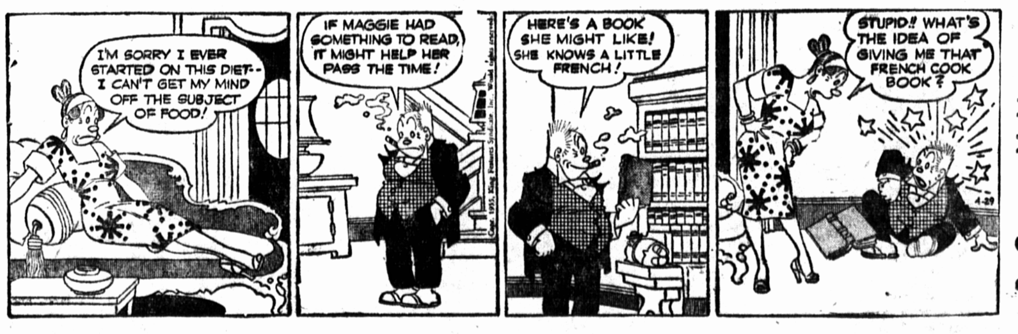
Mickey Mouse



By Walt Disney

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

Muggs and Skeeter

By Wally Bishop

Secret Agent X9

By Mel Graff

Etta Kent

By Paul Robinson

L'il Abner

By Al Capp

Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson