

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

MRS. HOOTY MAKES UP HER MIND

There's little can be done, you'll find, Until decided in your mind.

Blacky the Crow and Mrs. Blacky were unhappy. Yes, sir, they were unhappy. They had had a hard winter, but so far had managed to pull through it all right. Already they had begun to look forward to the end of winter, and the coming of Mistress Spring. They had even talked over a plan to nest early, using their old nest of last year. They had gone over to have a look at it just to see how it had come through the winter. They had discovered that they were not the only ones with the same thought. Hooty and Mrs. Hooty, biggest of the Owl family, were doing that very thing, looking that nest over. Mrs. Hooty spent a lot of time fussing around that nest. She looked it all over outside. She stood on the edge of it and looked it all over inside. She settled herself down in it, as if trying to see how it would fit her. All the time

Blacky and Mrs. Blacky were watching from a distance. Finally the two big Owls flew over into the darkest part of the Green Forest. "Perhaps they were just curious," said Blacky. "Shall we go over and have a look at the nest now?" "No," said Mrs. Blacky. "The best thing we can do is get away from here, and keep out of sight for the present. I guess we just can't use that nest after all, and it was the best one we ever had." "Don't be so upset, my dear," replied Blacky. "Those Owls probably had just found our old nest, and were looking it over out of curiosity. They may never go near it again. We are not ready to use it now, and by the time we are ready to nest they probably will be nesting somewhere else." "Just the same, we can't use that nest!" declared Mrs. Blacky flatly. "Why not?" Blacky wanted to know. "Because," replied Mrs. Blacky, "I would never feel safe there. Even if they don't take the nest themselves, one of them might come around some time just to see if we were using it. We'll have to build a new nest this spring. That



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is all there is to it." The next day Blacky went back just to see if the Hootys were around. They were. They were looking that nest over again. Anyway, Mrs. Hooty was looking it over. Hooty was sitting near. He didn't seem to have much to say. Mrs. Hooty was doing all the talking. Blacky couldn't hear what she was saying, but guessed she was talking about that nest. She was "I think it will do," said Mrs. Hooty, as she leaned over the edge of the nest, and pushed a small stick into place. "Are you sure it is big enough?" asked Hooty. "You don't think I would look at it twice if I didn't think it was big enough, do you?" retorted Mrs. Hooty. "Very little," replied Mrs. Hooty. "We may have to add a few sticks, and perhaps fix up the inside a little, but that is all." "I rather thought we would use the same nest we did last year, that old nest of Redtail the Hawk's. That was a good nest, and it is good now. I stopped for a look at it the other day," said Hooty. "I know," said Mrs. Hooty. "I've looked it all over. It is a good enough nest, but I don't like the place it is in as well as I do this place. Those Crows know a good thing when they see it, and chose this tree on which to build. The more I see of this place and this nest, the better I like them. We'll take possession right away," Mrs. Hooty spoke very decidedly. Hooty gave a little sigh of relief. "Then that's settled," said he. "Do you know what I think?" "What do you think?" asked Mrs. Hooty. "And I think I will settle right down in this nest and keep the snow out of it," said Mrs. Hooty.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluvertson

AN EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE

South exhibited high imagination and perfect technique in his play of the following hand.

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

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

South said later he had not "enjoyed" having to bid in response to North's two diamonds, nor going to five clubs over North's jump to four clubs, but there had been no place at which South could "get out."

West opened the spade king — which was fortunate for the declarer. The latter won, led a club to the king and another club back to the ace, then led a low spade toward dummy's J-4. West put up the queen and, when East signalled with the nine of diamonds, shifted to the jack of diamonds. Declarer played the diamond ace from dummy, and when he followed up with the spade jack, East was in trouble! If he threw off another diamond, declarer could establish the queen by ruffing twice in the suit. If East trumped dummy's good spade jack, he would have to make a most uncomfortable return. So, for want of a better play, East discarded a heart. South read the situation perfectly. He cashed the king and ace of hearts, ruffed a heart in dummy, then ruffed a diamond. Now, when he led and ruffed his last spade with dummy's last trump, East was still helpless. If he over-ruffed with the jack, declarer would cash in his own last trump and his good heart; and when East actually discarded a diamond, declarer's ruff of another diamond (with his own last trump) gave him the fulfilling trick.

CIVIC TAX APPEALS

NOTICE is hereby given that Friday, March 6th, 1953, at 10:00 A.M. in the Court Room in the City Building has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of all Appeals against Civic valuations and assessments.

J. A. FULLERTON, City Clerk.

Charlottetown, February 23rd, 1953.

NOTICE

On November 17, 1952, the Minister of Industry and Natural Resources declared an open season on Beavers. Notice is hereby given that this open season shall expire on Saturday, February 28, 1953.

As from this date it shall be illegal to trap or shoot Beavers within the Province except in such cases where a special permit has been issued to a resident on whose property beavers are causing damage by flooding.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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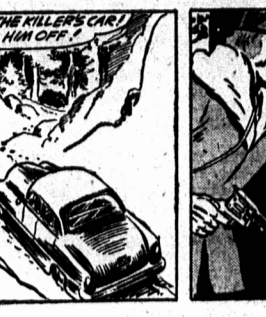


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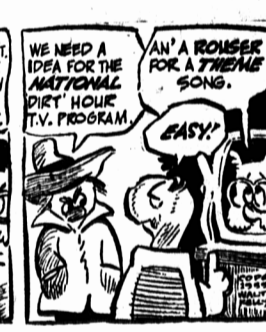
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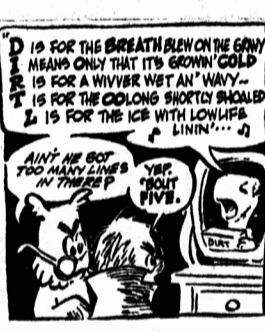
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