

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

TWO HOMES BETTER THAN ONE
Sometimes the best thing that can be is when two people disagree.



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It is out of disagreements that some of the best things in life happen. Little Joe Otter and Mrs. Joe disagreed. Mrs. Joe had left their home in a bank beside a deep pool where the entrance was under water. It was what might be called a perfect Otter home. The water of the pool was so deep that even in the coldest weather the ice never froze thick enough to close that doorway. There was a nice long hall leading up to a comfortable bedroom where the ground was sandy. Little Joe thought it a perfect home.

Mrs. Joe thought the same thing, but she wanted a change. So while Little Joe was away hunting and fishing for several days, she had looked around. And she had found the great hollow log in which she was now living. She had moved in right away. She hadn't been back to the old home since.

"Little Joe," said Little Joe, "and I like the old home best."
"Stay there then," said Mrs. Joe. "You can be comfortable there and I can be comfortable here."
So it came about that Little Joe and Mrs. Joe had two homes, one for him and one for her. Sometimes they went hunting and fishing together. They even went on one or two long trips together. But when they were at home one was over at the deep pool and the other was over in the hollow log. It was a plan that worked out very well. The fact is, they seldom were there excepting to sleep.

When the doctor says you'd better slow down, it seems that the calendar goes faster. In one respect, 1956 is bound to be tougher the last year. It has 53 Mondays.
"We called it the Bottomless Pit," wrote R. W. Limbert. That was his simple account of a strange discovery an expedition made in Idaho's "Craters of the Moon" region. It was the first exploration ever made in the vast lava and cinder-cone wasteland. The year was 1924. When they wandered upon magnetic crags that rendered their compasses useless, Limbert and his followers narrowly escaped becoming lost. Quite by accident one of the men rolled a pebble into a hole about 15 feet across. When they heard no sound of it striking bottom, Limbert directed that the explorers be rolled into the hole. Still no sound came out of the opening. Huge boulders were then rolled into the yawning hole. The men sat as near the edge as they dared and listened intently. Not a whisper of sound reached the explorers' ears to indicate the giant stones had struck bottom. Hence the name it still bears—Bottomless Pit.

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W.C.T.U. NOTES
"Put a few drunk drivers in jail," says Minister Robert G. Menzies of Australia, "and it will reduce road accidents." Commenting on this statement, Inspector A.B. Clark adds: "We've tried fines and every other avenue open to us—without success. The only thing to do now is to put the drunken driver in jail, where he belongs."
The National Institute of Statistics reports that "deaths from drinking in France cut national output by about 325,000,000 pounds a year." The French liquor bill is 7.3 per cent of national revenue, 1 per cent more than expenditure of health services.
A poll taken in England indicates that, though 35 per cent feel that income taxes should be reduced, only 5 per cent feel the same about taxes on beer and spirits. This 1 in 20 ratio might represent the alcoholics and excessive drinkers that the liquor traffic has developed in England. In Vancouver, Canada, one adult in every thirty-one over the age of twenty is an alcoholic. In Toronto the ratio is one alcoholic in every thirty-eight adults.
Beer production in Brazil has multiplied seven times in the past ten years. The output for 1955 totaled 27,000,000 gallons, compared with 3,000,000 in 1940.
Government workers in Iran have been ordered to quit opium smoking while at work. One source estimates that the number of addicts in government service is "not more than several thousand." Iran produces 750 tons of opium a year, of which 250 tons is exported.
According to the Ontario Alcoholism Research Foundation, Can-

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10:30 p.m.—Disneyland
11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
11:30 p.m.—Weather
12:00 p.m.—Sports
12:30 p.m.—CBC News
7:00 p.m.—Buras and Allen
7:30 p.m.—Holiday Ranch
8:00 p.m.—The Honey-mooners
8:30 p.m.—Stage Show
9:00 p.m.—This is Your Music
9:30 p.m.—His Honor Homer Bell
10:00 p.m.—The Bay Riders
11:00 p.m.—CKCW-TV News
11:30 p.m.—Weather
11:55 p.m.—Billy O'Connor
12:00 a.m.—Charlie Chan
12:30 a.m.—Sign Off

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

When the United States Government approved the building of the biggest gas pipeline from North-west Canada to New Mexico, it was a triumph for a curly-haired Canadian who has come a long way in the world from a humble beginning.

Francis (Frank) McMahon, 51, fought through the courts for seven years to get Canadian and U.S. approval for the line. At last, gas will soon flow from his rich properties in Alberta, Canada, to the rich U.S. markets. Frank has had many streaks of luck which have made him a rich man. But he can remember when things were different.

Borne in Moyle, British Columbia, he attended Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash. where he got to know Bing Crosby also a student there. After that, like his father before him, Frank went exploring for metal or oil or any thing he could find. After years of work and effort, he struck oil in 1937 on an 80-acre tract in the Turner Valley of Alberta. This was a stroke of fate since Frank promised to pay \$20,000 for the land even though he had "only \$100 cash."

Then followed a fantastic string of oil and gas strikes in Alberta. Included was the most famous oil well in the modern world—the Leduc gusher, officially known as Atlantic No. 3. This blew in March, 1948, at 12,000 barrels a day for six months the well earned \$3,000,000. Finding himself rich Frank helped form a distilling company financed three hit Broadway shows, and got interested in horse racing. One of his horses, for which he paid \$20,000, won the \$250,000 Hollywood Gold Cup.

There have been failures too. One of the worst was when his firm and several major oil companies made in Idaho's "Craters of the Moon" region. It was the first exploration ever made in the vast lava and cinder-cone wasteland. The year was 1924. When they wandered upon magnetic crags that rendered their compasses useless, Limbert and his followers narrowly escaped becoming lost. Quite by accident one of the men rolled a pebble into a hole about 15 feet across. When they heard no sound of it striking bottom, Limbert directed that the explorers be rolled into the hole. Still no sound came out of the opening. Huge boulders were then rolled into the yawning hole. The men sat as near the edge as they dared and listened intently. Not a whisper of sound reached the explorers' ears to indicate the giant stones had struck bottom. Hence the name it still bears—Bottomless Pit.

For two days a stray dog sat outside a country store at Clover,

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

A STRANGE HABIT

There was no conceivable reason for South to hold out his last trump in the following deal—unless one counts the fact that this is a strange habit afflicting millions of bridge players. It is also, at times, a costly habit—as it was here.

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
4NT Pass 5♥ Pass
6♠ Pass 6♠ Pass

South probably never realized how close he was to success in this deal. After the club ten held, all he had to do was lay down the ace and king and ruffed a third round with the spade nine. East overruled—a questionable action—and laid down the heart king. South ruffed and ten cashed just enough trumps to draw East's cards in the suit.

Now South led the club ten for the finesse that was vital in view of the non-break of diamonds. West, who still had his original club holding, was not foolish as to cover the ten, and when South immediately took another finesse in the suit, it success did him little good. He could discard one diamond on the club ace, but this left him a trick short.

South getting to the play and South's fatal error, we must observe, of course, that South was far from blameless in this bidding. First, he stretched his values when he jumped to three diamonds over two clubs; then he really went all out (and a little S.C., looking for handouts. From time to time, the store-keeper threw him a wiener. The third day, B.A. Schuler, who took a liking to the little white mongrel, let him in the store as the dog sat on a box, two men entered and attacked Mr. Schuler.

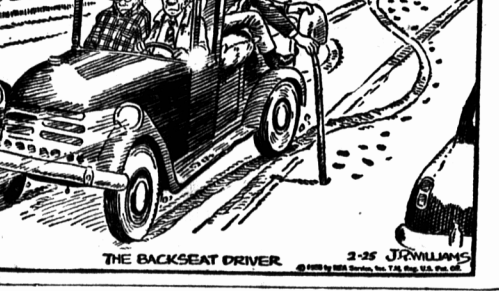
The dog immediately joined the struggle and sank his teeth into one man's leg. Both assailants fled, with the dog in pursuit. Now Mr. Schuler serves the dog top-grade hamburger.

Rusty, a cocker spaniel flashes a good tooth. His owner, Lynn Ataway, Jr., of Marks Miss, decided that the animal should have the flashy tooth. Lynn's father L.B. Ataway, operates a dental laboratory. He made the tooth.

TALL GRASS
The pampas grass of the Argentine plains, supporting big cattle herds, grows to eight or nine feet.

STRIKE HITS CHRYSLER
DETROIT (AP)—Chrysler Corp. Thursday closed the Mack plant of the automotive body division in Detroit, forcing the layoff of workers at two other Chrysler plants. Some 8,000 workers were made idle because of the dispute. A company spokesman said 1,100 workers in the trim department at Mack walked out apparently in protest to the disciplining of a United Auto Workers shop steward.

Out Our Way
By J. R. Williams



THE BACKSEAT DRIVER

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MY WORD, FATHER! THAT WAS THE SHORTEST BOAT I'VE SEEN SINCE JOE GANS KNOCKED OUT FRANK ERNE!

Bringin' Up Father



YEP, WHEN THE SHERIFF'S POSSE MOVED INTO OUR WEDDING PARTY IN A MOP-UP OPERATION I QUICKLY SECURED A FORWARD POSITION AT THE DOOR AND LEANED MY ANKLE AGAINST THE DOOR.



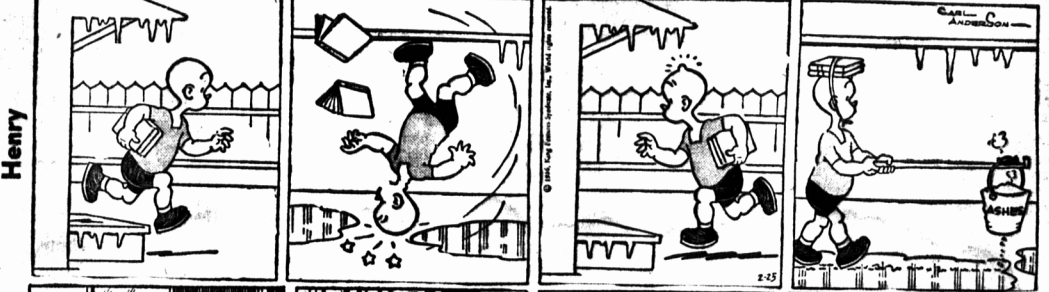
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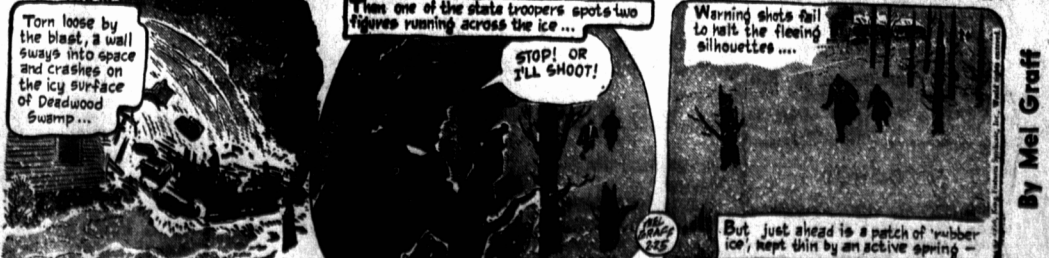
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