

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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After my travels from coast to coast this year, I found that there were several new books out on bridge. During my vacation the latter part of September, I had a chance to look some of them over, and thought I would tell you about their various points of interest. For example, here is a hand from "Handbook on the Theory and Play

♠ 74
♥ J1042
♦ K1042
♣ 1074

♠ 1086
♥ 9753
♦ A5
♣ A82

W
N
E
S
Dealer

♠ KQJ953
♥ AKQ
♦ 97
♣ K3

Duplicate—None vul.
South West North East
2♠ Pass 2N.T. Pass
3♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening—♥ 3. 13

of Championship Contract Bridge," by Harold E. Simmelkjaer.

This book advocates a point-count bidding system, with opening suit bids of one, two or three made to show the maximum strength of the hand. That accounts for the opening two-bid with the South hand, which in the most widely played systems, is below par for a two-point bid.

The author's comment on this bidding is: "An example of a fine sign-off. A commendable feature of the book is that it discusses how not to bid game, as well as how to bid game.

South has to play well to make even his contract of three spades. He wins the opening lead and starts the trumps. West is in with the ace, and should find his best defense by leading the ace and five of diamonds, forcing out the king.

Now dummy has no re-entry to make the jack of hearts. But declarer unblocks the two high hearts and then puts West in with the fourth round of trumps. West has to lead a heart or else lead away from his club ace. In either case, declarer loses only one club trick.

New Shoulders



Here is a new shoulder line in a classic shirt waist dress, a button front model which you can make up in woolen or rayon crepes or gabardine and wear day after day through the fall and winter seasons.

Cleverly shaped shoulder yokes do the whole trick of giving an individual smartness to this design. The shoulders may have the slightest padding so that the dress will have the width across the top which will make your waistline seem tiny and your hips narrower.

Pattern No. 8043 is designed for sizes 14 to 24; 40, 42 and 44. Size 16 requires 4 yards 39-inch material.

For this attractive pattern send 15c in coin, your name, address, pattern number and size to The Reporter-Telegram Today's Pattern Service, 211 W Wacker Drive, Chicago.

All size ranges are shown in the new series of patterns offered in the latest Fall Fashion Book. Send for your copy today.

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Fire Destroys Ballinger Gin

BALLINGER.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Ballinger Co-Op Gin No. 1 here Sunday, officials fixing the total loss at \$40,000. Only \$14,000 insurance was carried.

Flames broke out about 5 a. m. The gin had shut-down about 8 p. m. Saturday after operating the first five nights of the week. Three large gasoline storage tanks near the gin escaped the fire.

The co-operative gin was organized in 1936. A second gin, Ballinger Co-Op Gin No. 30, is operated here. Frank Kemp managed the two gins. All four gins here operated nightly last week in order to handle the big crop.

JAPAN STARTS AIR RAID DEFENSE TESTS

TOKYO (AP)—Nationwide air raid defense tests were inaugurated Sunday night with black-outs enforced everywhere in the land except Tokyo.

The capital itself is concentrating on fire drills until next Monday when it, too, will have light control.

Several matters of importance to retail establishments of the city will be decided at the meeting.

All Retailers Are Invited To Meeting

Every business firm of Midland was urged to have a representative at a mass meeting of retail merchants in the Crystal Ballroom of Hoel Scharbauer at 2 p. m. Tuesday. The meeting is sponsored by the business promotion and retailers committees of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. P. A. Nelson will preside.

The fact that the little 60-ton vessel was intercepted "during Sep-

Navy To Withhold Details Of Vessel

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy indicated Monday it intended to see the captured Nazi radio expedition ship safe in a United States port before disclosing further details on how the ship was caught off Greenland after setting up a secret wireless station there.

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NEW YORK (AP)—All domestic commodity and securities markets, with the exception of some livestock markets, are closed Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

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A first-aid and safety training school, open to Midland citizens at junior high school building.

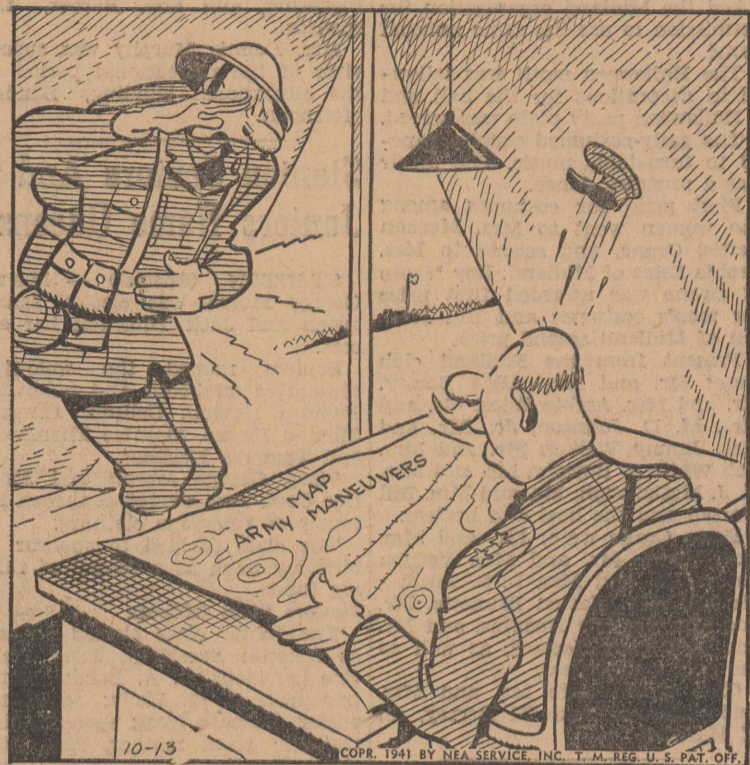
The instructor for the 20-hour course will be D. H. Casper and the sponsor is the first aid and safety committee of the Midland County Chapter of American Red Cross.

LIMITED HITS LOCOMOTIVE BUT NONE IS HURT

CHILLICOTHE, O. (AP)—The "National Limited," streamlined passenger train of the Baltimore & Ohio, slid into the locomotive of a freight train at a siding 24 miles east of here in Jackson County early Monday.

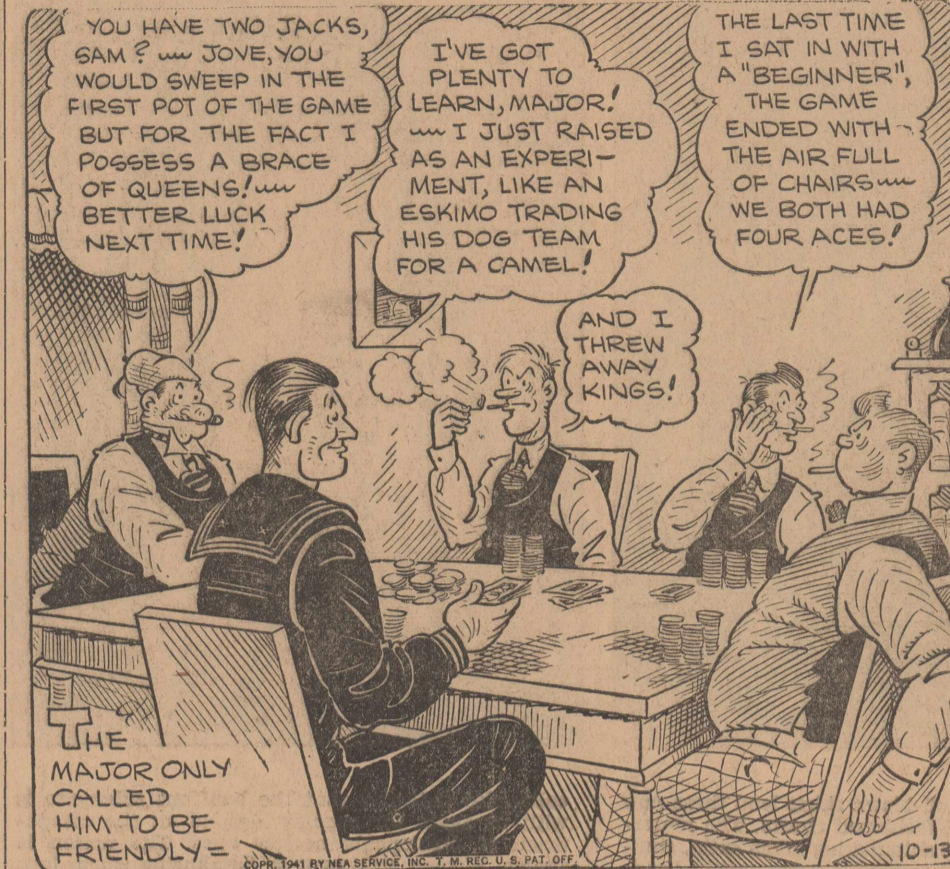
At least four persons were injured, none seriously. The brakes of the streamliner's Diesel locomotive were locked as the crash occurred.

Funny Business



"Quick, sir, call out the ambulance corps! The opposing army tricked us into going through a green-apple orchard!"

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



"I LIKE MAJOR ONLY CALLED HIM TO BE FRIENDLY."

OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

Side Glances

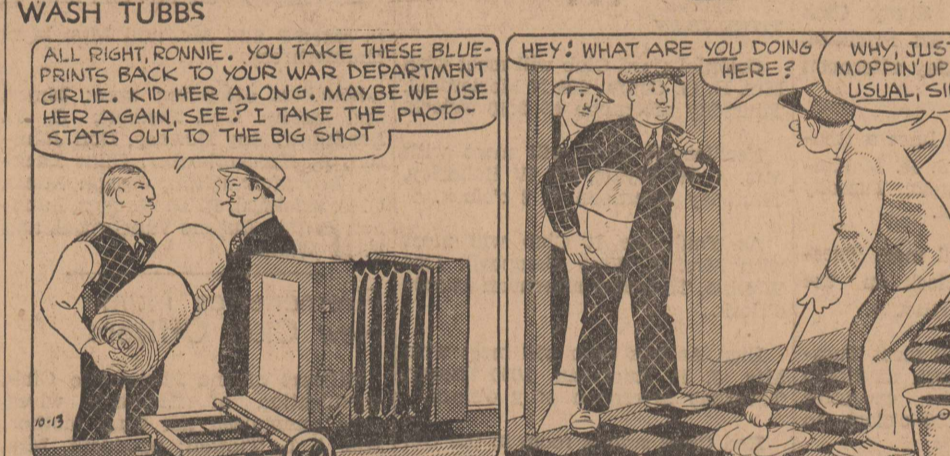


"Bonfire? Well, don't tell your father—he would just take theimps some potatoes!"

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



WASH TUBBS



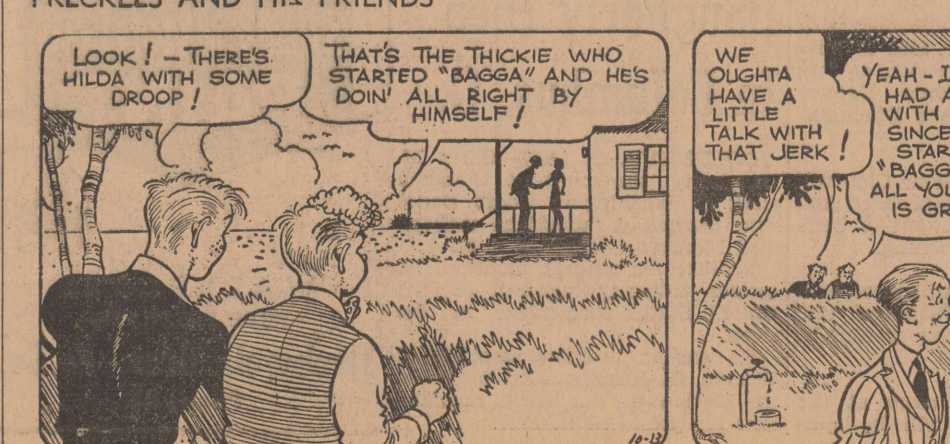
ALLEY OOP



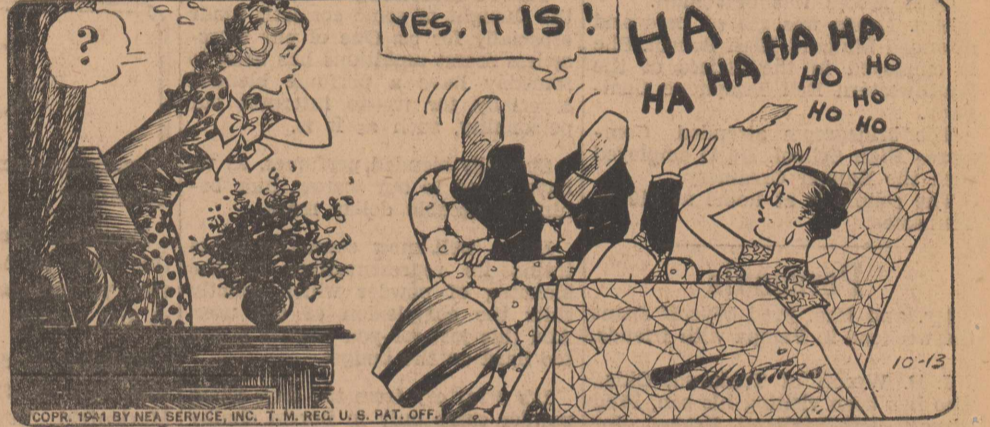
RED RYDER



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



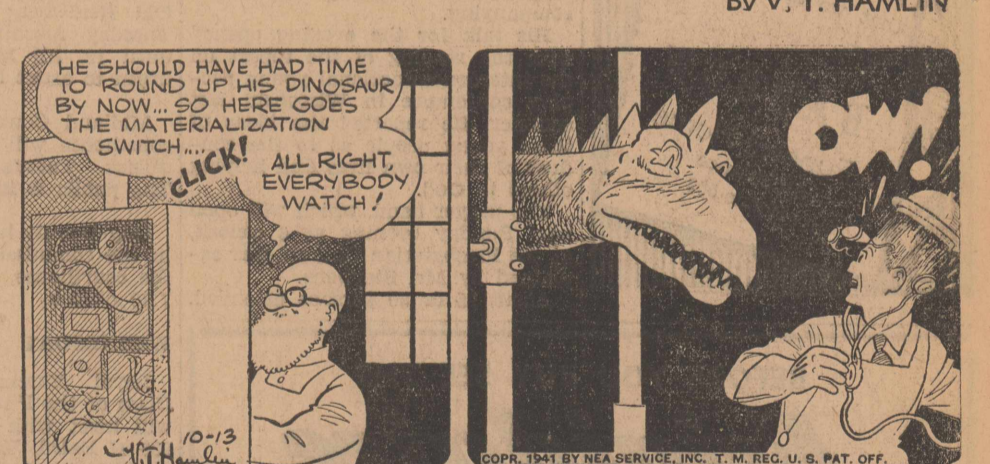
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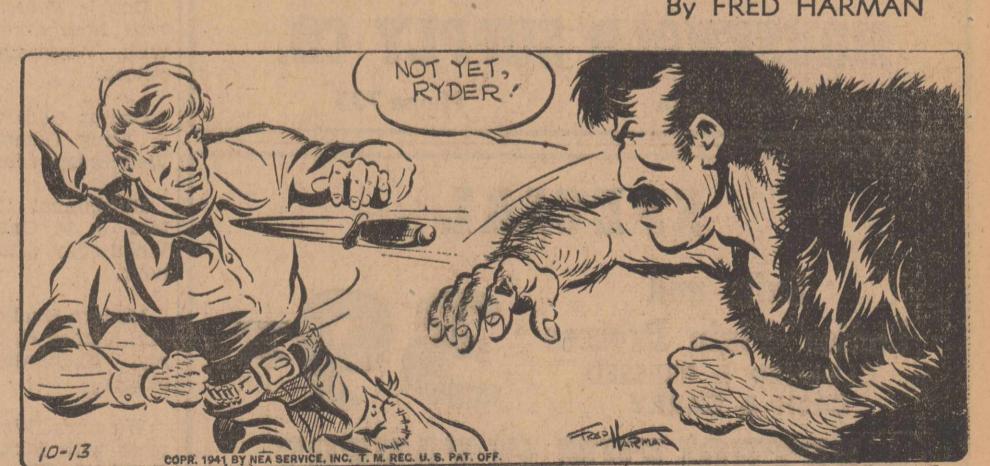
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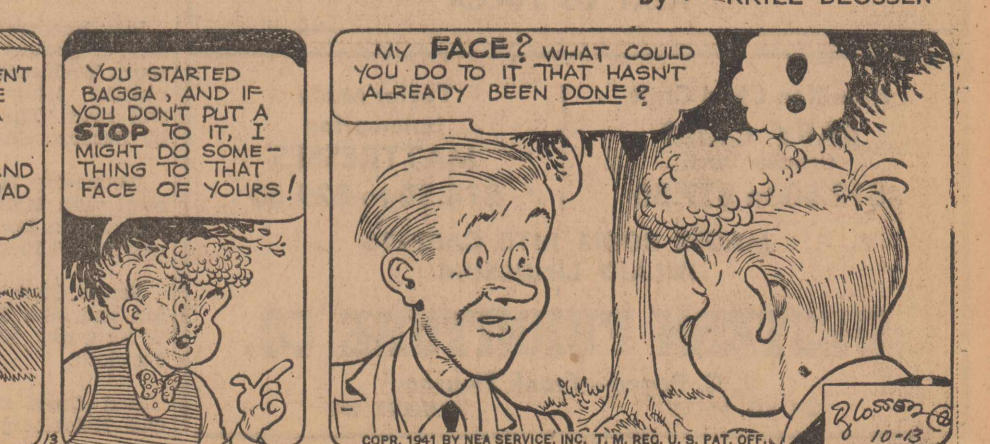
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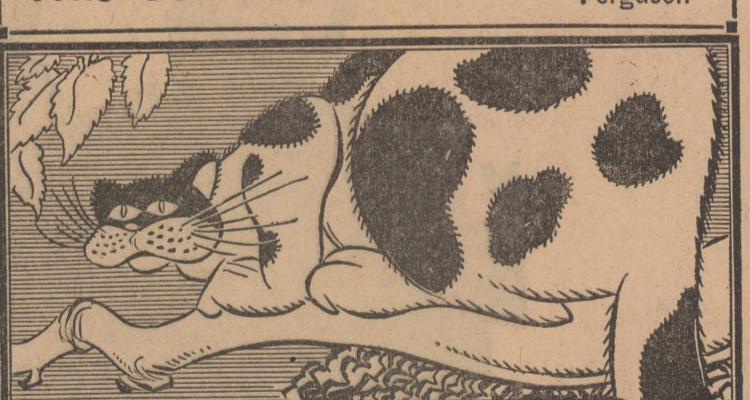
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By MERRILL BLOSSER



THIS CURIOUS WORLD



32,000 WILD HOUSE-CATS ARE ROAMING OVER THE U.S. TODAY AS PREDATORY ANIMALS, SAY BIOLOGICAL SURVEY ESTIMATES.

ANTs, IT IS BELIEVED, CAN COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER BY RUBBING THEIR ANTENNAE TOGETHER!



TO MAKE FIR TANBARK TAN FIR BARK, SAYS MRS. F. J. FASHLEY, FRANKFORT, N.Y.

NEXT: A whale of a diver!

