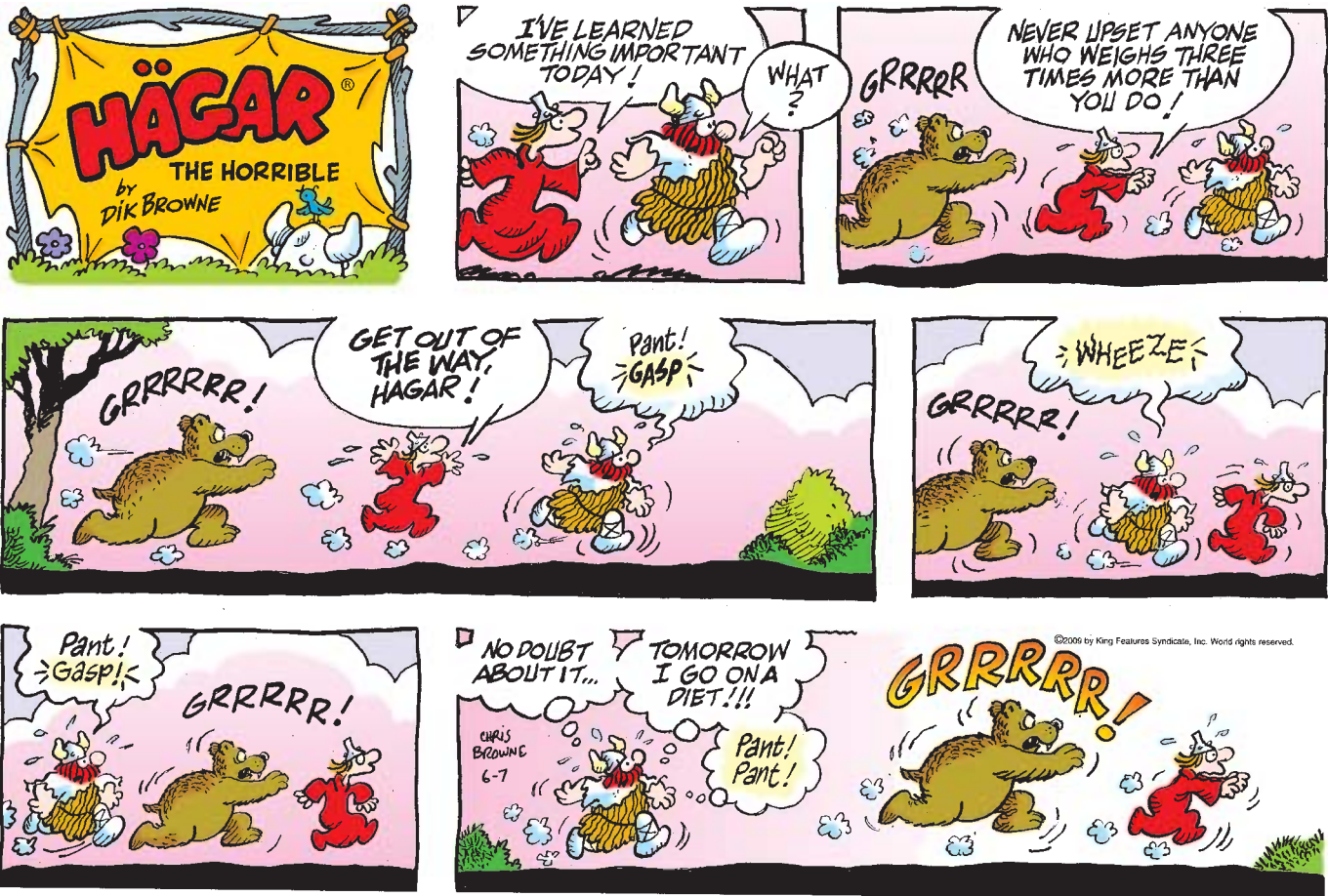
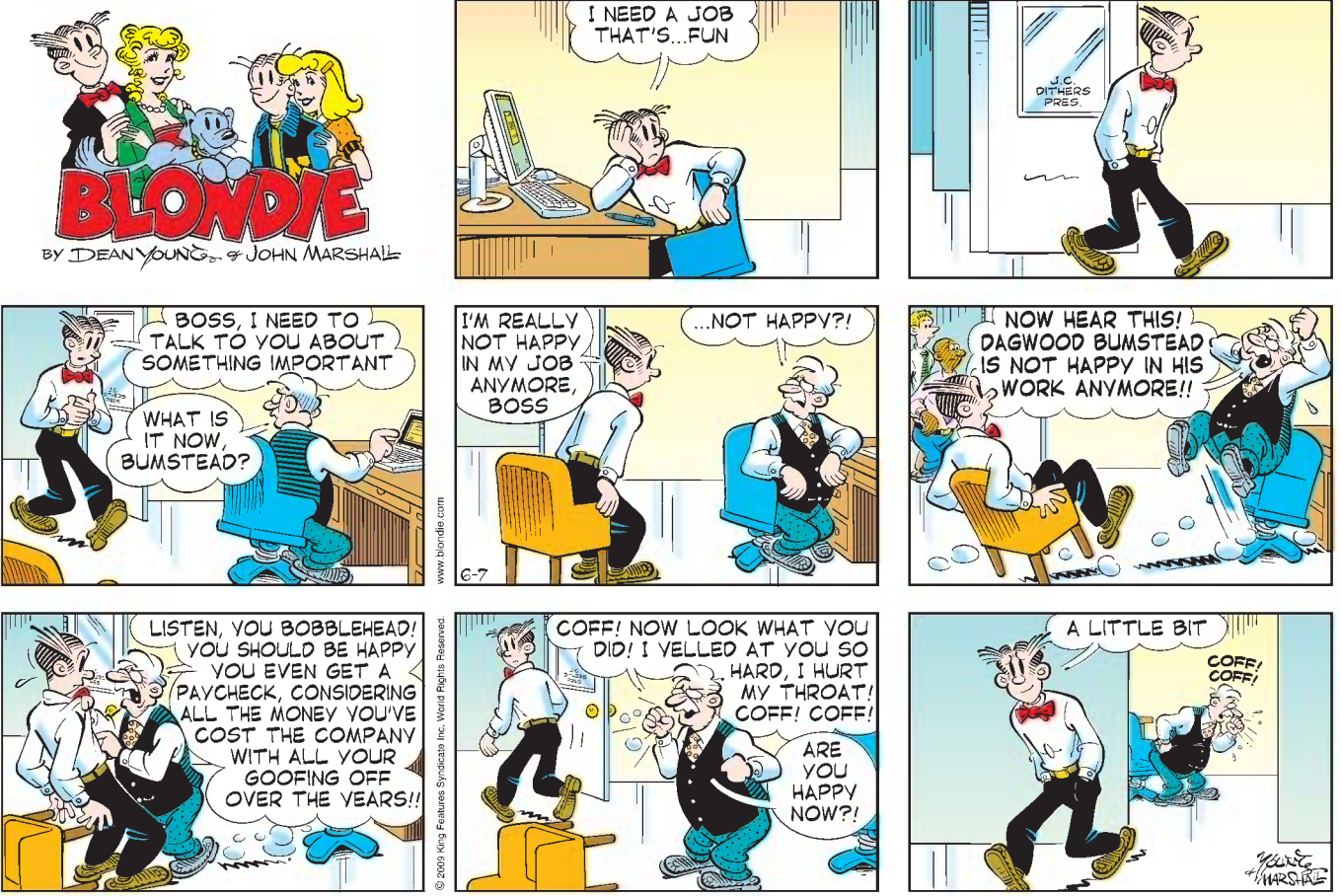
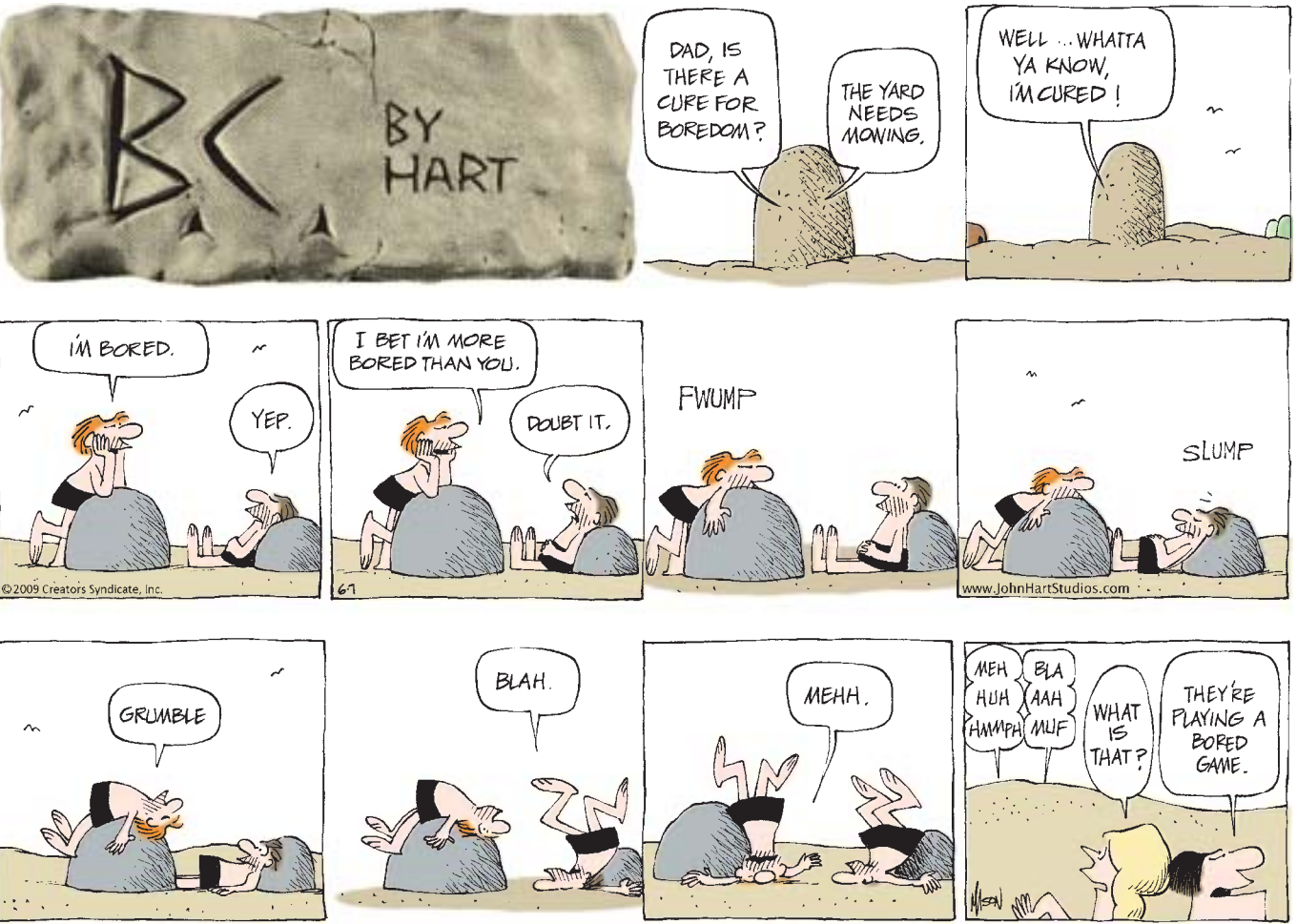
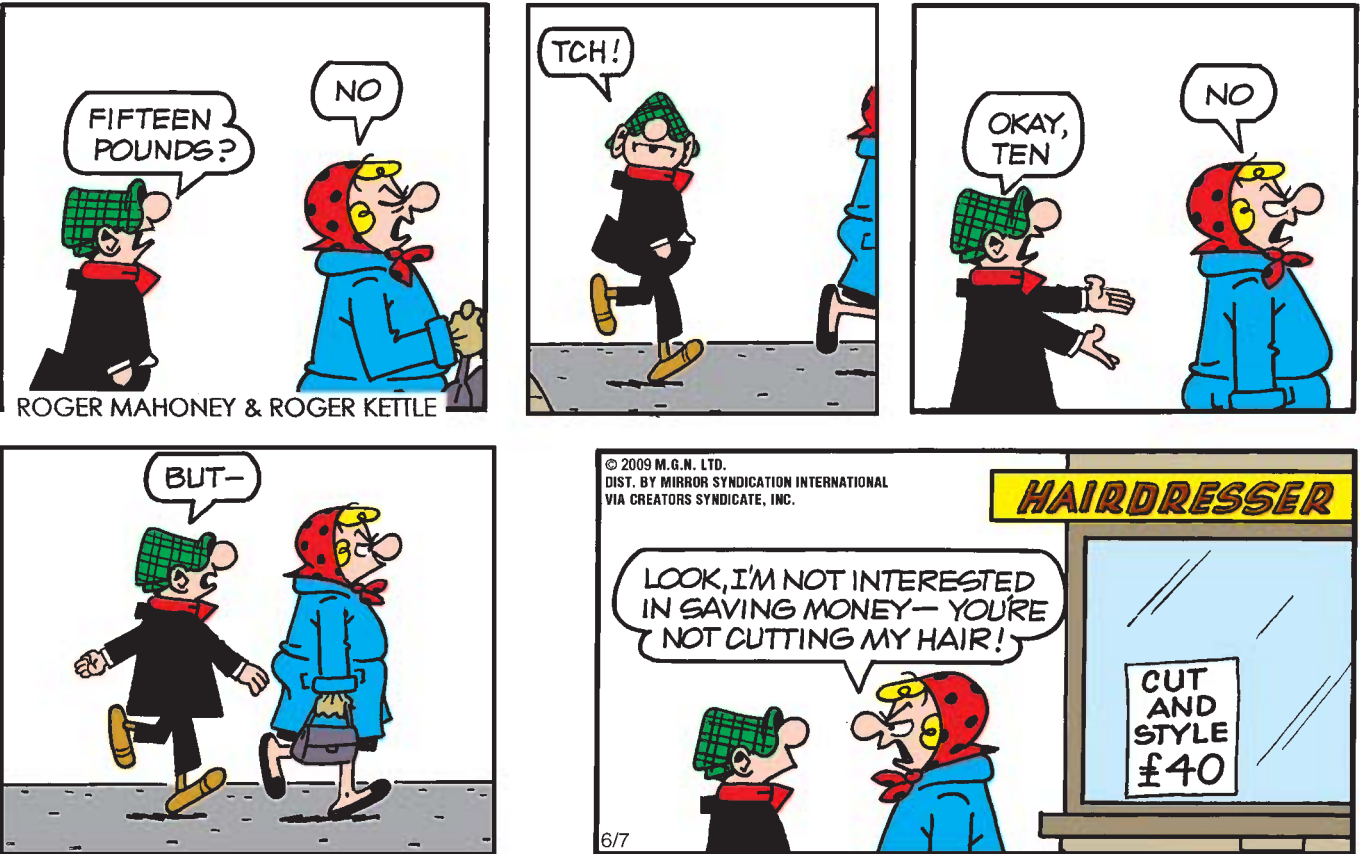
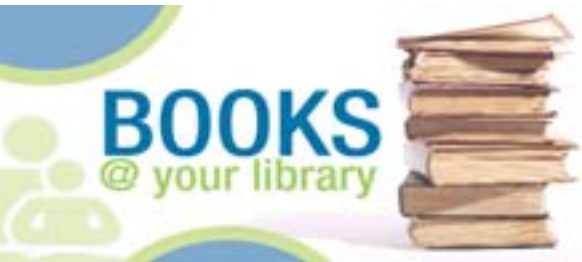




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Luckie Jackie: From Diapers to Rifles

by Jack Corless

Readers who are interested in true tales of life in early Prince George and area, who want to learn about personalities from the past, many of whom the streets of this city are named in honour of, will want to pick up Jack Corless's book, "Luckie Jackie: From Diapers to Rifles", the first part of three in the Luckie Jackie series. The tales, which are based on his personal experiences, are spun with the artistry of a true storyteller.

Jack Duncan Corless, born and raised in Prince George, opens his book with a brief history of his British parents and their eventual arrival in Fort George. His father, Richard Fredrick (Dick) Corless, arrived in Fort George in 1913. He travelled by Barnard's Express Stage Coach, which brought him from Ashcroft to Quesnel and then by the Cariboo Stage Coaches from Quesnel to Fort George. His mother, Mary Ellen (Nellie) Corless, arrived in Fort George in 1914, by the newly laid Grand Trunk Pacific Rail. The first family dwelling was a Kenyon House, a canvas tent pitched over a wooden frame, in which they spent their first winter with a baby and the potatoes sandwiched between them at night, to keep them from freezing.

The family's rise in fortune, coupled with the people they met along the way, is truly absorbing. The lives of Corless's siblings and his friendships are vividly portrayed, and added to the stories are many wonderful photos which were generously supplied by family and friends.

Some of the stories in the book will make readers want to share it with the person next to them. Some of the stories are funny, but mostly they inspire the thoughts such as "Oh my goodness. I can't believe this." The anecdotes are just plain fascinating, perhaps even spell-binding. Corless had many, many narrow escapes with his life, thus the name "Luckie Jackie." Readers will marvel at his many adventures and feel the thrill or sometimes the chill, as his narration unfolds. He covers a broad spectrum of topics - childhood, school days, hockey, hunting, forestry, and employment. Corless vividly depicts life as it was "in the good old days."

Readers are transported back and carried willingly alongside Corless, as he relives many eventful memories. Who but Corless and his friend Jack Harper would think that a skate up the frozen Fraser River to the small, sawmill town of Shelley - which was 24-miles round trip by road, using horses and sleigh - would be all in a day's entertainment for the pair who lived to tell the story? What inspired this journey of near tragedy? Further such adventures abound. This outstanding book is a treat for any reader. "Luckie Jackie"? Yes. Lucky readers? Definitely.

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House Calls by Dogsled: Six Years in an Arctic Medical Outpost

by Keith Billington

Prince George resident Keith Billington tells of his early life in Canada when he and his wife Muriel leave England for the Northwest Territories after their medical training as both a nurse (Keith) and midwife (Muriel). Arriving in Fort McPherson, Keith and Muriel served the Gwich'in people who taught the 20-something couple about life in the north. Two of the Billington's three children were born there and this delightful book is filled with stories and photos of both their family and their many friends.

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Luxe

by Anna Godbersen

The year is 1899 and 18-year-old New York socialite Elizabeth Holland has everything she wants. Or does she? With glamorous dresses, invitations to the most desirable parties, and the most coveted role in society as the soon-to-be wife of the powerful Henry Schoonmaker, Elizabeth couldn't ask for more. But what Elizabeth wants more than anything in the world is to be able to live her life out of the social spotlight in peace with her true love, a strong, handsome stable hand that has served her family for years. Social intrigue, scandalous rendezvous, and hidden passions make this historical romance a page-turner. Don't miss the next instalments in the series: Rumors and Envy. Luxe is available at the Prince George Public Library.

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U.S. writer wins Orange Prize

The Associated Press

LONDON — American writer Marilynne Robinson has won Britain's Orange Prize for Fiction by women. The judges awarded the prize to Robinson for her third novel "Home" about a man trying to make peace with his troubled past. Chairwoman Fi Glover said the judges unanimously agreed the novel was a "profound work of art." Robinson won the PEN/Hemingway Award for her first novel "House-keeping" published in 1981. Her second novel "Gilead" published in 2004 won the Pulitzer prize. Robinson beat five finalists including Ellen Feldman who was nominated for "Scottsboro."