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had I0 seasons with 20 goals or more. During his 20-year career, he performed II seasons with New York Rangers, during which time he had four 20-goals-plus seasons. Then in I963-64, his first full season with Boston, he scored 23. Then it was on to Detroit, where he had a 23-goal year in I966-67. From Detroit he went to Pittsburgh and in two years with the Penguins scored 26 and 2I goals in '69-70 - '70-7I, respectively. Pittsburgh sold him to Minnesota after the '7I seasons and Dean went on to score 20 and 26 in his two seasons as a North Star.

Brilliant careers indeed, for both men !! And Steady Eddie Shack is still giving opposing teams fits ....

The NHL and the WHA made peace recently (if you want to call it that) by agreeing to play a series of exhibition games prior to the start of next season. But if you check the proposed schedule of games between the two leagues, six of the NHL teams won't be part of it. Toronto Maple Leafs, New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings are the only three establish-ed clubs who have agreed to play against WHA teams, and in a sense you can't count the Leafs, since they are owned by Harold Ballard, who is a friend of John Bassett, who owns the WHA Toros. You'll notice that Montreal, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia -- probably the most established clubs, currently, in the NHL, don't plan to play exhibitions against WHA teams. And neither do Buffalo Sabres and Los Angeles Kings ....

Any idea what major league baseball umpires make, salary-wise? Not all that much when you consider all the crap they sometimes have to take. The umps recently accepted a new three-year contract that calls for annual pay raises, better expense allowances, etc. The pay raises boost the starting salary from $I2,500 a season to $I4,000, increasing to $I5,500 in I976. Minimum for five-year umps, meanwhile, goes up to $2I,000 from $I8,000 this year, and to $24,500 in two years. Ten-year umpires will make $26,000 beginning this year and $28,500 in I976. The true veterans, the guys who have been around 20 years or more, will make $35,000 this year and $37,500 in I976. Those chosen to officiate World Series games will make $8,500 this year, $9,000 next year and $9,500 I976. Come to think of it, that's not bad money ..

Ralph Goldston, former defensive halfback with Hamilton Tiger-Cats and later an assistant coach with Montreal Alouettes - and more recently an assistant coach at University of Colorado, -- has been named the first black pro football coach. Goldston, who had some fine years with the Ticats, will coach the Houston entry in the new World Football League. The Houston WFL entry was originally scheduled to play in New York, but has apparently been purchased by a rich, 30-year-old Houston accountant, John Rooney.

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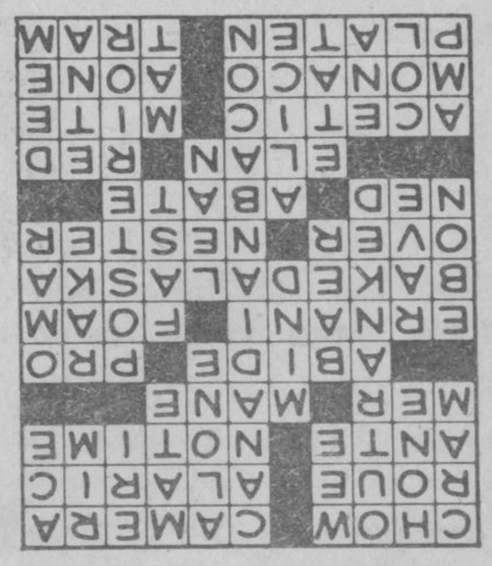
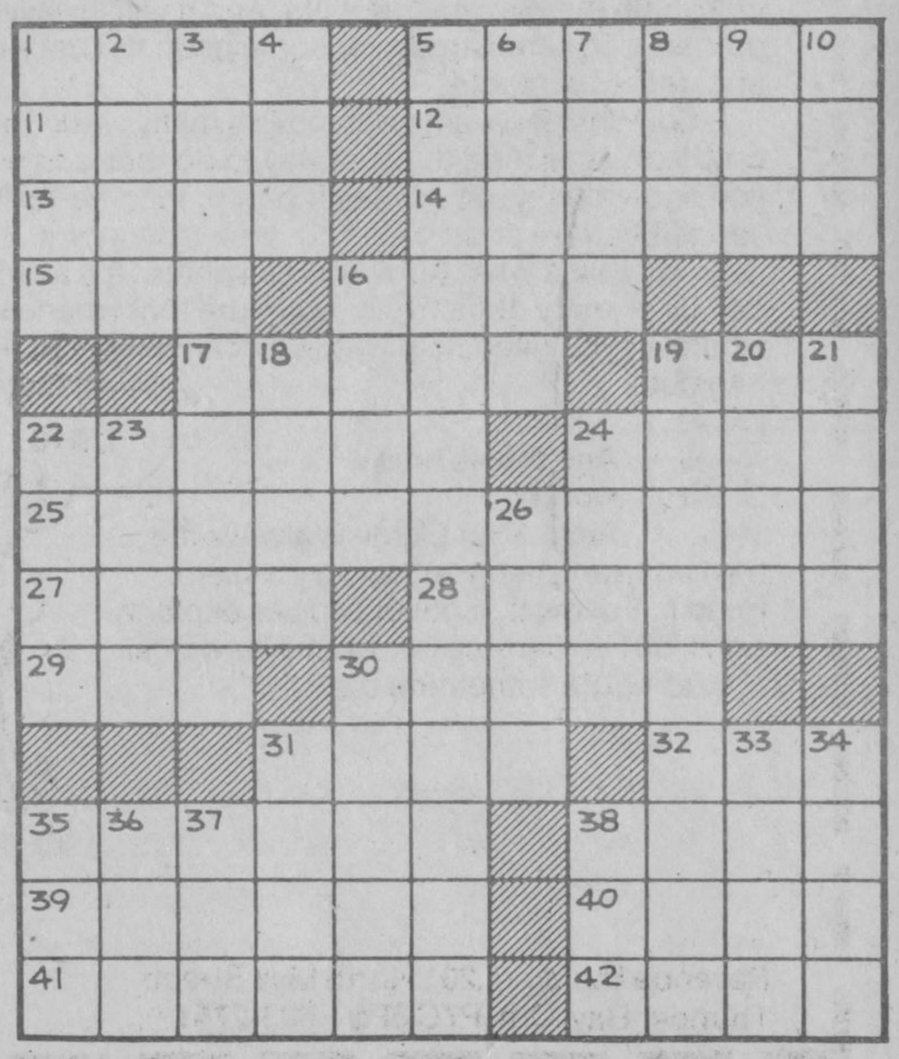
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

TODAY'S ANSWER



ACROSS
1. G.I. grub
5. Graduation gift
11. Libertine
12. Visigoth king
13. Price paid
14. "— for Sergeants" (2 wds.)
15. Mal de —
16. Dobbin's tresses
17. Endure
19. Between quid and quo
22. Verdi opera
24. Froth
25. Menu item in Nome? (2 wds.)
27. Finished
28. Homesteader
29. Man's nickname
30. Lessen
31. Joie de vivre
32. Cornell's color
35. Kind of acid
38. Tiny bit
39. Princess Grace's home
40. First-rate
41. Typewriter part
42. Streetcar in Blighty

DOWN
1. Burn the midnight oil
2. Whetstone
3. Exceeded in importance
4. Minuscule
5. Breakfast item in Toronto (2 wds.)
6. Apart from others
7. Defeat at chess
8. Assam silkworm
9. Margin
10. Winning card
16. Intellect
18. Max or Buddy
19. Situated behind
20. Roué
21. Esau's grandson
22. Black
23. Talk wildly
24. Partner of loose
26. Raw-boned
30. Ralph Kramden's wife
31. State (Fr.)
33. Sicilian volcano
34. Consider
35. Elec. meas.
36. Major's superior (abbr.)
37. Spanish queen
38. Floor covering