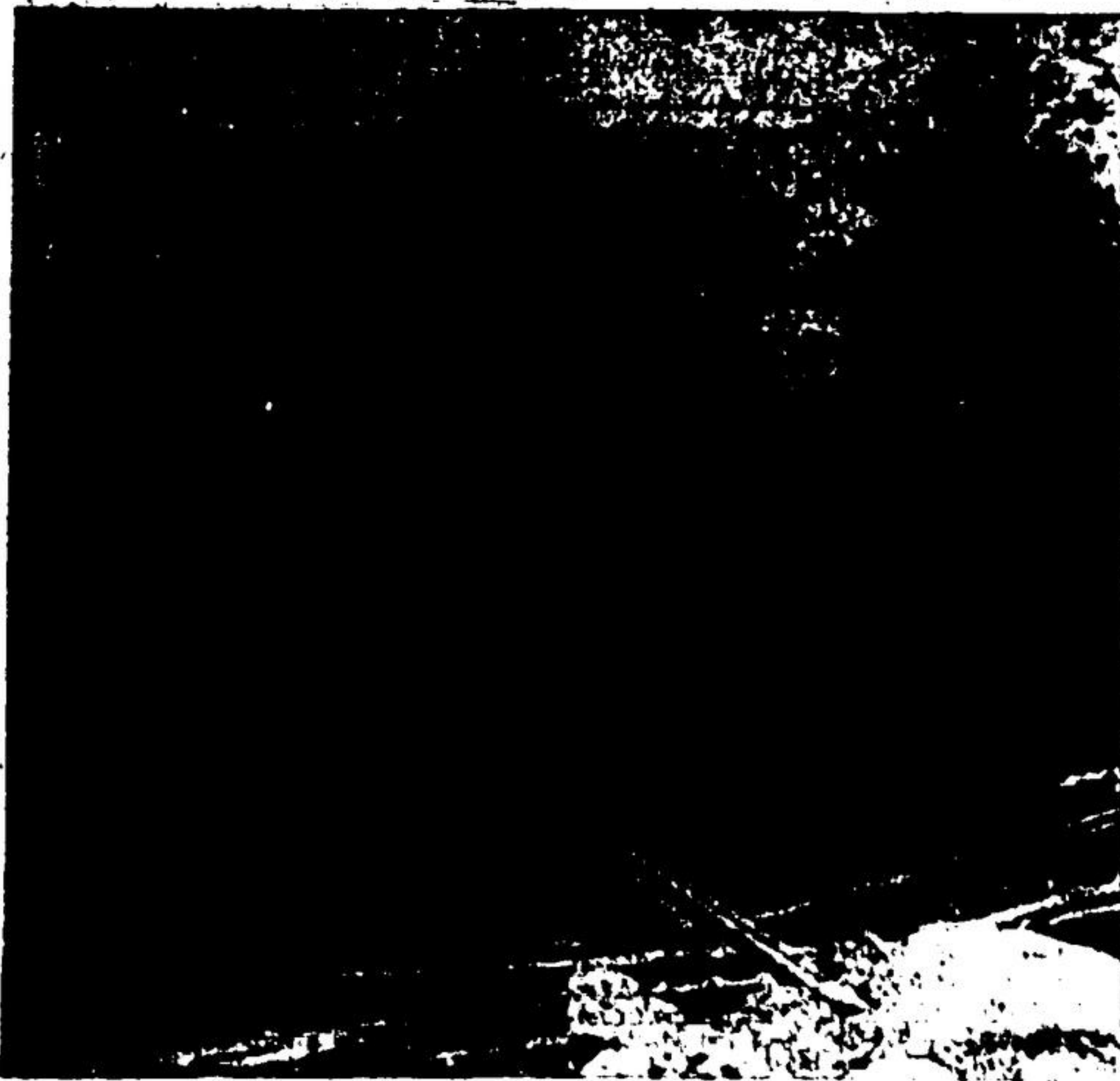


## Rural Beauty



MANY BARE TREES are fast disappearing and by its appearance, this one will soon be due for replacement. The warm weather is fast bringing out the leaves and a drive in the country at this time of year is most relaxing.

## Don't Rush to Sign . . .

"If you don't want, can't afford it, or don't need it, don't buy it". By itself such a suggestion seems quite unnecessary and perhaps a little foolish, but believe us, the warning is still apparently necessary.

Talking with a police official this week and he suggested it was amazing what people really didn't want but ended up buying or signing long-term financing contracts.

At the root of the problem seemed to be the overwhelming feeling, on the part of the "suckers" that they were going to get something for nothing. Now after some trying experience, which inevitably include running to the police crying fraud, the individuals are much wiser and much poorer.

Pamphlets mailed out to homeowners offering free this or free that, for some seemingly innocent action, usually trigger the series for events that follow. Once they have your name you become a prospect. Once you become a prospect you can count on it sometime, with well prepared pitch and hungry eyes, is only a short distance from your pocketbook.

## Government and Individuals . . .

There is mounting concern that the activity of government may soon overbalance the rights of the individual and destroy the individualism that pioneers areas and builds countries.

A newcomer to the provincial legislature, Halton's George Kerr, in the report to constituents in this week's issue, says "As a new member I was surprised how much the Provincial Government affects the day-to-day lives of the people of Ontario. There is no question but that the spheres of influence are greater than any other level of government in Canada and are becoming greater . . ."

It is quite evident that the mounting requests for government assistance, intervention or direction in a wide variety of fields will continue as long as there is some feeling that it doesn't cost anything if government does it. The municipal tax bill, arriving directly on the door step, seems more closely related to the individual than do the hidden and unknown taxes by which the province gathers its revenue.

One of the most recent outrages for governmental action has been in dealing with lake levels. Now perhaps we're somewhat naive but we didn't realize that government had been charged with some special responsibility by Nature to take care of lake levels. Studies have shown that lake levels do vary within some cyclical patterns. Undoubtedly

By this time it is important that you not be rushed into signing anything. And this is often where the difficulty develops. Limited time offers and all sorts of gimmicks are introduced to put the pressure on for an immediate signature, sometimes even on an uncompleted contract.

If you overcome the first hurdle of panic you've got time to check out some of the promises as well as the contract. Sure, a lawyer will charge you to read it and give an opinion, but it may be a worthwhile investment now, rather than later. If the cold, critical eye of the lawyer reduces the thing to a poor deal, you've saved a lot of cash. If on the other hand it still looks o.k., you can go ahead with confidence.

This is the season for home improvements and all kinds of gimmick deals. If you want to be safe rather than sorry, look them over carefully and remember once you've signed you're committed to a legal battle if you want to get out of it. The police can't help if you can't do much for yourself. Look that deal over first.

there are permits granted for water taking, by provincial authorities, but it seems somewhat misplaced to look to Legislators to raise lake levels.

Indeed one wonders if the faith of the people of the province is not sadly misplaced in depending on legislators for things that are more rightly a concern between themselves and the balances of Nature.

Today it seems the individual is lost in an age where even common sense must be legislated and the pattern will be duplicated many times over as long as we continue to look to government to bail us out of situations into which we have put ourselves. Just as lake levels may be affected by good conservation practice, so government action and intervention are affected by the increasing demands from its citizens. In both there must be some realization that we, as individuals, should be playing a part rather than looking to some provincial Santa Claus for all the answers.

It would be refreshing to hear someone call for action on the part of individuals, rather than running off to the province with a brief and snowing legislators under with some more problems for special committees and boards. Perhaps the difficulty, however, is in finding any real individual since everyone now seems to be part of a "crowd."

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 4, 1944.

A quiet but pretty spring wedding was solemnized April 29 in the United Church parsonage when Velma Blair, youngest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Wm. R. E. Blair became the bride of Rae West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. West, Rockwood. Rev. A. W. Fosbury officiated. A reception followed in the Sunday School. Four chums of the bride, Miss Dora Lambert R.N., Mrs. Marie Gray R.N., Mrs. Olive Hall and Miss Emma Wilderspin served the wedding supper. For travelling the bride donned an English hooded topcoat over her street length white wool wedding dress. On their return they will live on John St.

The Carload grocer and E. J. Lott Bros. have two fine Victoria Loan window displays.

On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. William Ballentine, Orton, celebrated their 25 wedding anniversary. Mrs. Peter Smith opened her home for the May meeting of the Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E. Mrs. J. C. Matthews, the regent, presided. The war convener, Mrs. Schroeder reported 8 pairs of socks and 10 quilts completed in April. The chapter was very pleased to have as their guest Lt. Nursing Sister Nora Kenney, recently returned from New Zealand, and Mrs. W. J. Beatty presented her with a travelling portfolio.

The school board visited the school at Easter and decided one of the rooms was large enough for a kindergarten if a partition was removed. The work could be done in the summer holidays. Prices on the equipment will be obtained. All teachers were offered re-engagement for the coming year, also principal W. E. Smith at a salary of \$1700. Ontario Junior Farmers met in Toronto. Charlotte McCullough, president of North Junior Institute, was appointed to the executive committee. Halton was represented by George Atkins of the Palermo Juniors.

The Boys' Overseas Comforts Committee of the Busy Bees packed parcels for seven boys overseas from the S.S. 7 Nassagaweya district at the home of Mrs. Stan Robinson.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 7, 1914.

A little did the congregation of Knox church think when their former much beloved pastor Rev. H. A. MacPherson of Chalmers Church, Toronto, preached eloquent sermons here on the 5th of April, that a month from that day he would have passed to a better world.

Mr. W. Gowdy, manager of Toronto Lime Company, is sporting a fine new five-passenger motor car of which he is justly proud.

Mr. W. E. Hamlin has sold his residence on Willow St. at the head of Bower Ave. to Mr. Murray McDonald, customs officer.

The result of the faithful ministry of Rev. Charles Draper and the efforts of the workers associated with him in the Methodist Church was manifest on an encouraging degree at the service for reception of new members last Sunday evening. Eighty-one new members received the right hand of fellowship. Of these 41 were adults and 41 children. The majority were on profession of faith.

A charter has recently been granted by the provincial government to the Children's Aid Society of the county of Halton, having its headquarters in Milton. The urgent need for a society of this nature has been very apparent. Half a dozen urgent cases are before it already. A fund is being organized to defray the expenses.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Winkler was the scene of a pretty wedding when their eldest daughter Maude Pearl, was united in marriage to Mr. Robert Edwin Murray. The bride was charming in a gown of white silk trimmed with lace and pearls, with tulle veil and wreath of orange blossoms, carrying bridal roses and lily-of-the-valley.

The couple left on a short trip to Berlin. The bride's going away suit was of navy serge with crepe de chine waist and white Panama hat with large willow plume and rose buds. The gifts were many and valuable, showing the esteem in which the young couple was held.

Young Andrew Frank was successfully operated on for appendicitis.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

**MILTON** — Miss Gail Thomas, a perky, pretty 16-year-old student was recently named Milton's first "Miss Chamber of Commerce." Competing against seven other local beauties, Miss Thomas won the judges' nod and will reign over all Chamber of Commerce functions during the next 12 months. Miss Thomas was shocked, elated, thrilled and overjoyed — all at once — when the judges' decision was announced. The pretty local Miss received several valuable gifts from Milton merchants and businessmen.

**BURLINGTON** — Members of the town's finance committee discussed possible changes in Burlington's ward boundary system at a recent meeting and will present the results for the perusal of council. Town clerk W. K. Sims is in favor of a change from the present system, noting "I'd like to see a lower number of wards, possibly four, with two representatives in each ward. From the population viewpoint nine wards is too many."

**GEORGETOWN** — Following a recent phone survey, The Bell Telephone Co. has agreed to introduce a new phone expense and free calling plan between Georgetown and Brampton. The survey indicated that 41 per cent were in favor of free calling to Brampton, 37.7 per cent said it made no difference to them and three per cent expressed no opinion. When town council received the report, they unanimously approved the move, although they had previously opposed the plan.

**BRAMPTON** — Attempting artificial respiration under strained circumstances for the first time, Richard Boyle of Wellington St. East saved the life of a five-year-old boy who had slipped into a diversion channel at James and Wellington Streets. The youngster, playing near the channel, slipped into five feet of water and was floating face down when Mr. Boyle carried him to the bank and applied artificial respiration. This is the fifth such incident at the retention basin, which is considered an engineering necessity. In the past, two youngsters were drowned and two were saved.

**OAKVILLE** — The annual "Walkathon" craze that hits some Ontario cities, invaded Oakville this week and even one local newspaper got into the act, letting their news editor get out for the stroll. Nearly 500 town residents took off early Saturday morning for the 18-mile march dressed in "bermuda shorts and sleeveless shirts", despite unseasonably cold breezes.

### The Bruce Trail

## Build "Blue-Knuckle" Bridge

(Third of a series of articles on the Bruce Trail in this district, written by Mrs. Edith Austen, Lloyd of Hamilton, trail director of the Hamilton Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club.)

The Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club is responsible for building the Bruce Trail from Grimsby through Hamilton, along the escarpment near Ancaster, across the Dundas Valley to Webster's Falls Ravine, and following the escarpment to Rock Chapel, Watford, and through Burlington to Mount Nemo, Rattlesnake Point and the Kelso Conservation Area.

Already there are ten miles of trail open to the public in the Dundas Valley, and eventually there will be 60 to 80 miles of trail in this region.

During the past winter, many enthusiastic people have become interested in this project. One group in the Hamilton City section has been working outdoors

during the coldest winter weekends. Their "Blue-Knuckle Bridge" was built in January, complete with two spans, an abutment, railings, a nicely designed sign, and a love-seat!

Groups in Ancaster and Watford have been pre-fabricating siles during the winter. Another group has been surveying in the Mount Nemo area and has located a beautiful route for the trail.

Good Spring weather will give an added impetus to trail building and groups will be out working on all sections of the trail.

If residents of Milton and district would like to help build the trail, they may contact the Club through—Marie Gandy, R.R.—1, Millgrove, NE 42779, or Robin Stowe, R.R. 3, Campbellville, 689-5509, or Bill Brandis, 1410 Halifax Place, Burlington, 637-0986, who are in charge of the trail in the vicinity of Mount Nemo.

Membership in the club is

## Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL ENLEY

Everybody is writing about Shakespeare these days. The only sour note in the fanfare of acclaim marking his 400th anniversary is a deep, rumbling sound that has many people baffled.

A few romantics claim it is the ghostly applause of nearly four centuries of playgoers, echoing down the years. A few realists assert that it is the mutinous mumbling of 20 generations of students who had to memorize chunks from his works.

Personally, I think the discordant note is caused by the rapid rotation in his grave of the bones of The Bard, a shrewd businessman, as he agonizes over all those royalties he is not collecting.

Otherwise, things are going swimmingly as the critics and professors of English peer and peck and poke among the magnum opus, and the inane argument about who really wrote the plays waxes on more with futile fury.

But I'm not concerned with

### Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coats

I have often been asked the question, "How do you know when to draw trump?" The simplest answer I know is, "Draw trump unless you have a good reason not to." The usual reasons for not drawing trump are you need trump for entries after another suit is set up.

I would like to show you a hand from last Monday's meeting of the Acton Bridge Club, where by simply drawing trump, I got a top board. You will have to remember that at duplicate, it is not just enough to make your contract. You must try to take as many tricks as possible.

This is hand No. 18. The dealer is South and East-West are vulnerable.

North		East	
S-8 6 5 4	S-9 7	H-10 9 5	H-8 7
H-Q J 6 4 2	D-K 10 3	D-K 10 3	D-A Q J 9 6
D-7	C-K 8 7	C-10 5 4 3	C-Q J 6 2

South		West	
S-K J 3 2	H-A K 3	S-A Q 10	H-10 9 5
H-A K 3	D-8 5 4 2	D-K 10 3	D-A Q J 9 6
C-A 9		C-10 5 4 3	C-Q J 6 2

The bidding:  
South 1S Pass  
West 1S Pass  
North 2S Pass  
East 2S Pass

North is not strong enough to bid his heart suit and must settle for the simple raise in spades. South might try three spades but the bidding should finish there.

It does not matter what West leads. The whole point of this hand is to take out trump. There is no reason not to. The solid heart suit must be protected. There is no reason to ruff diamonds as they can be pitched on dummy's hearts.

I received a club lead and won in dummy with the king. I led a spade and finessed. West took the trick and returned a club. I won with the ace and led a low spade, hoping to drop the ace, but no luck. West took his two spades and led a third club. I ruffed and ran the good hearts. In the end, I lost three trump tricks, but only one diamond, for a total of four losers.

Two other pairs tried spades, but made only eight tricks. I can only suppose that the none top solid trump suit kept them from taking out trump.

Two other pairs tried hearts as a trump suit. This didn't pay off, as it is difficult, but not impossible, to make nine tricks with hearts trump. With eight cards in a suit between the two hands, it is usually better to play in a suit divided four-four, than a suit divided five-three.

So don't forget. Take out trump unless you have a good reason not to.

This week's winners: three tied for first place, Mr. and Mrs. Art Norris, Dick Anderson and Jack Hooper, Mrs. Gibbons and Duke Wilson.

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that. There are enough people plodding about through his works, trampling poetry under foot as they search for clues to prove that he was really Bacon or Marlowe or the Earl of Newcastle.

Let's look for a moment at the real Will Shakespeare.

We find him in the hundreds of brief passages that have come ringing down the years with their universal truths. He had to put them in the mouths of others, of course, but the man himself is there, warm, alive, grinning, scowling, scolding, smiling.

What could be more human, for instance, than his pride in his own success? When the opening night performance of Hamlet showed that the play was a smash, he deftly inserted in the last scene, and on the spur of the moment, the joyful line, "A hit, a very palpable hit."

We can see his amused tolerance of his wife's lack of muscle in another famous line. She'd been spring cleaning and had slipped a disc while trying to move an old trunk full of sonnets. "Fruity, thy name is woman," quipped Will.

We can sympathize with his honest rage (this was before dry-cleaning) as he scrubbed the gray stain on his new silk

breaches and belated, "Out, damned spot! Out, I say!"

What man's heart does not warm to The Bard's forthright suggestion, in Henry VI, Part 2, "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers."

Is there a housewife living who has not echoed, at some time, Shakespeare's immortal comment when his wife came home from the butcher with a stringy roast, "This is the most unkindest cut of all?"

Many a man has wished he had the gift, and the nerve, that Will displayed the night he got home from the pub, tiddly and lardy, and was confronted by his wife, her sister, and his mother-in-law. Did he say he was sorry and would never do it again? Not he. He roared, "How now, was I set, black and midnight hags!"

He knew men, as witness, "Is ever common that men are merrier when they are from home?" He knew women, too. "There was never yet a fair woman but she made months in a glass."

As this piece of research ends, I can hear a multitude of English teachers saying, in unison, "For this relief, much thanks!"

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