

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By Bill Coals

A hand occurred at the Acton Bridge Club last week in which a free finesse for the declarer cost him the contract. In this case, I call a finesse a free finesse, since declarer could not take the finesse himself — he was void in the suit. The point I wish to bring out is on odd one — don't make a play you don't need or don't play before you plan.

Here are the hands:
Board No. 3
Dealer — South
East — West vulnerable.

North
S-973
H-A Q 8 4 2
D-K
C-J 10 7 6

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

South
S-K
H-10 6 5 3
D-A K 3 2
C-A K 3 2

The bidding
South West North East
2D Pass 2H 2S
3D Pass 3H 2S
4C Pass 5C Dblc
5D Pass 4Pass Dblc

All Pass
I do not agree with South's opening bid. His hand is one trick short of a demand bid. From there on, however, the bidding is reasonable. I sat with my 15 points in high cards — what is going on? I doubled the final contract on the basis of my 15 points, which is not at all a good thing to do.

With dummy bidding hearts twice and with West holding five hearts, West judged that a heart lead would find someone void in the suit. Here was a free finesse for declarer. If it worked, fine — if it didn't, he could ruff, so how could the finesse cost a trick?

On the heart lead, declarer called for the queen and East played the king. Declarer ruffed and led a trump, which East won. The spade ace dropped the king and East got off the lead with a spade.

Declarer ran his trump suit, all except one, but East hung on to three clubs. When the club ace and king failed to drop the queen, declarer conceded down one.

Always plan your play before playing to the first trick. Hasty play to the first trick has lost many a contract.
One other South played five diamonds doubled and made it. One tried six diamonds — down two, while a fourth settled for three diamonds. One East ended up in two spades, down one. It would appear that nine tricks are available in spades.

Last week's winners were: first, Mike Lorusso and Earl Emond; second, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coats; third, Harry Frost and Brian Hamilton.

School Closed Chilly Monday

A broken fan on the furnace at the Robert Little school Monday caused the temperature to dip into the low 50's which resulted in dismissal of pupils for the day.

Caretaker James Broadshaw found the trouble when he arrived around 7 a.m. Monday morning. The flashing warning signal mounted on the roof had just started as the temperature dipped. He shut this off and immediately called trustees.

Tell Message to Tape
A call was made to the manufacturer in Toronto but at this early hour only a recording message was received and need for a part was dictated. A later call was made and it was learned the part had not been shipped out as requested. Pupils were sent home for the morning and instructed to return in the afternoon. It was hoped the spare part would arrive by noon bus and be installed immediately.

When pupils arrived in the afternoon, everyone was instructed to leave coats on. At 1:15 p.m. everyone filed outside for the raising of the new flag and then they were sent home for the afternoon.

The new fan didn't arrive until late in the evening and heat was not restored until after 10 p.m. at night.

Swim, Anyone?

A swimming pool was temporarily added to the facilities at the community centre. Floods in the basement provided the newest attraction just temporarily.

Be careful to prevent forest fires.



A DELUGE OF ICE FLOES from the nearby Credit River surrounded these two cars, parked in the back yard at a Glen Williams home last week, when the river overflowed its banks during a thaw and rainstorm Wednesday night. Glen residents, who have it pretty rough every Spring, cannot recall a worse flood. And Spring is still to come!

February, March Busy Period For Halton Junior Farmers

The latter part of February and the first part of March will be the busiest period of the year for Halton County Junior Farmers as they prepare for a drama festival, attend their annual meeting, go to the Ontario Junior Farmer conference in Guelph and attend the Orangeville Leadership Training School in Orangeville.

One of the brightest dates in the Junior Farmer calendar is the annual Junior Farmer Drama Festival, scheduled for Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown on Wednesday, February 24. Plays will be presented by Koyal, Palermo and Halton Junior Farmer clubs and the best actress and actor as well as the best play will be selected. The winning play will represent Halton in the zone finals at Dundas.

The annual meeting of the Halton Junior Farmers will be held in the Ontario Department of Agriculture office in Milton. Heading the business list at the meeting will be the election of officers for 1965-66 and the presentation of awards.

Several Halton Junior Farmers are expected to attend the March conference of the Ontario Junior Farmers on the University of Guelph Campus in March. An interesting program of debating, many friends here will be sorry to hear of the accident.

Completes 52 Years of Service County Honors Miss E. Houston

Retiring after 52 years' service, Miss Eva Houston of Milton was specially honored by members of Halton County Council during the regular meeting on Tuesday.

Miss Houston has been employed in the Halton County Registry Office since 1913, and Warden H. Merry, on behalf of the County, presented her with an engraved sterling silver bracelet.

Later, Miss Houston recalled for The Champion she had served in four different Halton Registry offices, beginning in the one that preceded the building on the corner of King and Brown Sts. Documents in those days were copied by long hand.

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Attacked by Cat

Mrs. Hector Guthrie, Guelph, was attacked by a neighbor's cat and the cut on her leg required eight stitches. It was determined that the cat did not have rabies. Mrs. Guthrie is Mrs. Nelson Lambert's daughter; many friends here will be sorry to hear of the accident.

Many Washouts On District Roads

Last Wednesday's mild weather and the rain made a lot of washouts in the district roads. It kept the County and Township men busy hauling gravel to fill in the holes.

A car load of ladies from the Navasagweya Church went to Campbellville on Thursday to St. David's Church Valentine luncheon.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Marshall Pyatt and Miss Linda Beno of Brampton were married in Navasagweya Presbyterian Church. They left that evening on a honeymoon trip to Florida.

The funeral of the late Arthur Padbury, a former Mollat resident, was held in Toronto on Thursday. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Padbury in her bereavement.

Miss Wilson Snyder was struck on with a heart serum last week and is confined to the hospital. Her friends hope she will soon be around again.

Skating on the lake has been excellent, with a resultant drop in attendance at skating Guild's Valentine tea and sale of sessions in the arena. Since the thaw, many low-lying areas have been transformed into rinks as well and youngsters are skating on roads, sidewalks, parks and gardens. It was possible to skate from the arena door right down the track and off onto the lake.

—The thaw reveals just how much sand has been spread on icy hills.

—Still in the same color scheme, school children's projects have switched from Valentine's Day to the new flag.

—A man's body is extremely sensitive. Pat hum on the back and his head swells.

—The water has slowed down remarkably in the school creek.

—Plenty of room Thursday afternoon at the arena for mothers and pre-school boys skating.

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