

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

There is a problem on defense that occurred last week at the Acton Bridge Club. I'll only show you West's cards and dummy. You take the West cards and see how you defend.

Summary
S-O 10 9 5
H-10 9 3
D-A 10 9 8 3
C-2

Yes
S-A K 8 6
H-J 5
D-J 6 5
C-J 10 7 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1H Pass 2H
Pass 3H Pass 4H

All Pass
This type of bidding should tip you off to the fact that this is going to be a close contract. Both South and North sound like they are pushing the bidding a bit.

You decide to make a safe lead, so you select a club. After dummy goes down, you wish that you had led a trump, but really it makes no difference. You notice dummy spade and you should decide now what you are going to do, if de-

clarer leads a spade later. Declarer wins the club with the ace and ruffs a club. He leads a low diamond and wins with the king. Now he ruffs another club and leads a trump from dummy. He takes two rounds of trump with the ace and king and leads a low spade.

This is what you have been waiting for. Without hesitation, you play... what? You assume that your partner has a trump trick and you need three others to set the contract. Declarer must have three spades, else he should have bid diamonds differently.

If you read declarer's mind, you will see that he is going to finesse the spade nine. You should play low without hesitation - neither too fast nor too slow. If declarer does play the queen, I suggest that you hold your cards closer to your chest.

Here is the complete deal:
North
S-O 10 9 5
H-10 9 3
D-A 10 9 8 3
C-2
West
S-A K 8 6
H-J 5
D-J 6 5
C-J 10 7 5
East
S-J 3
H-O 8 6
D-O 4 2
C-K O 8 6 3

'Acton Afghan' Brownies' plan; discarded clothing, soap needed

Now that Halloween is safely over, it is not too soon to think of Christmas.

Will you help to keep a child warm this winter?

Acton Brownies have planned an "Acton Afghan". Will anyone who knits find time to contribute some four inch squares? Details from Brown Owl, Mrs. T. S. Newton, 853-0477. Use up any scraps of wool - the brighter the better.

Don't throw away old work socks - they make the coziest little vests. Tops of men's socks can be made into warm mitts and caps. Heel-less socks are easy to knit and are invaluable to keep away frostbite from little feet in the cold countries of the world. (Pattern available from Mrs. R. Buckner, 853-1240). Warm mitts are also urgently needed.

Canada's name echoes around the world as Dr. Lotta Hirschmanova travels to Korea, Greece, India, Hong Kong and other countries representing the Unitarian Service Committee, a non-denominational, non-political and government endorsed organization, distributing clothing and supplies.

If you cannot knit, have you any material lying around which can be made into training pants, children's pyjamas or nightgowns for use in the hospitals? Scraps of fat and pieces of soap can be made up into cakes of washing soap and are also sent abroad.

Have you ordered new warm flannel sheets? May we have your old ones to cut up for diapers? Can you spare a woollen garment to send off in our Christmas parcel? Anyone seeing films of these thin, shivering children could not fail to find something warm (with six months' wear left) to pass over this winter.

Again this year, there is a "mitten tree" at the Buckner home. Mitts, scarves and caps collected on the "mitten tree" are shipped as a Christmas project by the Unitarian Services Committee.

If you have anything to be collected, please phone Mrs. R. Buckner - 853-1240.

Desperately needed, too, are men's pants; often just one pair is shared by a whole family. Don't discard a garment because there is a hole or because it is worn. Work pants will "mend and make do". The good parts of old skirts and pants are cut up into squares and make warm coverlets.

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Set Esquering nominations for Nov. 28 Ratepayers will go to polls Dec. 5

Esquering ratepayers will select candidates of their choice for reeve, deputy reeve, council and members of the school area board during a nomination meeting Monday, November 28

Firefighters seek campaign donations

The people who "won't take no for an answer" usually fall into two classes - they are either obstinate or dedicated. Obstinate merely indicates lack of thought, while dedication indicates faith in a goal - more often than not, a worthwhile goal. It may be further noted that obstinacy is a mark of selfishness, and that dedication is a mark of unselfishness.

One of the most dedicated groups of citizens in this country is the 40,000 firefighters who, they may risk their lives braving the terrors of fire and destruction, have time for another sort of dedication.

They are dedicated to the belief that science will ultimately conquer muscular dystrophy. This is not just a pious hope on their part, either. They have actually raised more than \$1,500,000 to prove their point.

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at the Stewarttown community hall. In the event an election is necessary it will be held Monday, December 5. These dates were set by Esquering council at its regular meeting Wednesday, November 2.

During the meeting it was also agreed to lower the grade at the intersection of the Erin-Esquering township boundaries on the second line at No. 25 Highway north. A tender for a hopper and spreader at a cost of \$2,435.38 from Brantford Trailer and Body Ltd. was accepted.

It was also agreed to advertise for tenders for two maintainers equipped with snow-

plow and wing for use on township roads from December 15, 1966 to March 15, 1967.

Ratepayers living on a stretch of unpaved road on No. 5 side-road requested council's consideration for paving this area to comply with the paved area at each end presently under the county road system. This will

be referred to county council for its consideration. Council agreed to write Dr. John Brown and Herb Lunan to inform them their places of residence do not comply with the building by-law.

Following a review of both properties it was agreed that Dr. Brown's building did not meet the required area clause and that Mr. Lunan's building was being used for other than the purpose for which a building permit had been issued. Accounts totalling \$4,519.82 were approved for payment.

IDEAS

Annual bazaar, hallowe'en highlights community news

(Intended for last week) Snowflurries fell Wednesday but didn't dampen the spirit of Edon Mills Presbyterian Ladies in holding their annual bazaar. Many from other centres attended to admire and buy the many beautiful articles on the fancy work table and aprons galore. The baking table was soon emptied of its supply of pies, cakes, cookies and other baking. The coloring was red and gold. Taking turns pouring tea were Mrs. E. Millson, Mrs. N. Marshall, Mrs. W. Gilbertson and Mrs. G. Aitken. Receiving at the door were Mrs. Beryl Wright, president, and Mrs. George Aitken.

In charge were: fancy work table, Mrs. J. Milne and Mrs. G. Aitken; aprons, Mrs. C. Lasby and Mrs. K. Gilbertson; country store, Mrs. W. Gilbertson; touch and take, Mrs. H. Buchan; bake table, Mrs. H. Gilbertson and Mrs. R. Wright; convener for the tea tables was Mrs. R. Roy.

Edon Mills young fry were around the homes early for shell-outs on Halloween night as the community personnel were waiting at the hall later in the evening to judge costumes and serve hot chocolate and doughnuts.

Over 100 ghosts, goblins, angels, scarecrows and others gathered with the results as follows: pre-school girls and boys - girls, Sandra Blows, Tina Hennessy; boys, Steve Tuck, Ro-

bert Millburn, 6 to 7 years - girls, Leslie Chamberlain, Debbie Vlietstra; boys, Danny Marshall, Mark Mitchell.

8 to 10 years - girls, Diane Jackson, Pauline Maude; boys, Tyler Clifford, Robert Wardle. 11 to 13 years - girls, Eva Stevenson, Petra Schulte; boys, Mike Erier, Jeff Perry. 14 years and over - girls, Martha Stevenson, Joanne Wright; boys, Karl Deitz. Judges were Mrs. Metz, Miss Barrow and Mrs. Beattie. Mrs. Anna Wilson attended the christening of her niece, Janet Ann Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parks, Guelph, on Sunday.

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