



**BANE OF MOTORISTS** and treacherous for pedestrians, snow nevertheless transforms the town into a wintry wonderland. The fluffy flakes cover over the bare, barren places with a white blanket and grace the stark skeletons of trees shorn of leaves. Evergreens accent their green branches, taking on a coat of white ermine, the envy of less graceful shrubs—(Staff Photo)



### Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Slam hands play a very important part in rubber bridge. This is where the great swing hands occur. A thousand points can be won or lost on the bid or play in the slam zone. It is said that the Italians are the World Champions of contract bridge because of their ability to get into borderline slams that are makeable and staying out of those that don't make.

This is not as true as duplicate bridge. At duplicate you can make just as many match points at a one club contract as you can in a grand slam. In fact I just saw at a tournament in Toronto a score where a pair who bid 6 diamonds and made an overtrick received no match points. A bottom board in duplicate for bidding and making a slam. Everyone else was in 6 no trump or 7 no trump for a better score.

Since slams are more important to the rubber bridge player, special attention should be given to them by any serious bridge player. Even though they don't occur too frequently, they can account for most of the points won or lost.

This week I would like to discuss a special type of bid that can be used by any regular partnership. This is a bid to check on whether a grand slam is possible when a small slam is assured. It could have been used last week at the Acton Bridge Club where this hand occurred.

East-West were vulnerable and East dealt.

Suggested bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1H	Pass	3D
Pass	4D	Pass	4NT
Pass	5H	Pass	6C
Pass	7H	Pass	7NT
Pass		Pass	

South has a good opening bid of one heart and North has all the points required for a jump shift. After South supports diamonds, North tries Blackwood and discovers that his side has all the aces. A small slam in diamonds is assured but what about a grand slam?

North's bid of six clubs is called a Grand Slam Force. After checking for aces any bid at the six level is an unbid suit below the agreed suit is a Grand Slam Force. It's request is simple—partner, if you hold two of the top three honors in the agreed trump suit bid seven.

Since South had both the king and queen of diamonds, he obeyed and bid seven. North went to seven no trump since he could count thirteen top tricks.

You don't use the Grand Slam Force too often, but when it's needed it's worth a lot of points on the score card.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Tom Barber and Duke Wilson; second, Lloyd Kier and Dick Prust; third, Bill and Gloria Coats; fourth, Jack and Katherine Coats.

**DRIVERS!** The law requires you to always signal your intention when you decide suddenly to slow down, to stop, or to change lanes. The proper use of turn signals is a MUST in today's traffic—especially when travelling on a freeway. Never move from one lane of traffic to another until you make certain that you can do so safely.

Always make sure you have safe clearance to the side, ahead and behind your vehicle—then signal your intention well in advance.

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| NORTH | S-KO7     | EAST | S-J10943 |
|       | H-KR      |      | H-109    |
|       | D-A 96543 |      | D-102    |
|       | C-AK      |      | C-Q1096  |
| WEST  | S-865     | EAST | S-J10943 |
|       | H-Q1653   |      | H-109    |
|       | D-8       |      | D-102    |
|       | C-7832    |      | C-Q1096  |
| SOUTH | H-A742    |      | H-109    |
|       | D-KQ17    |      | D-102    |
|       | C-754     |      | C-Q1096  |

### Halton Home, School Council

A home and school body planned to cover the entire county—The Halton Home and School Council—has recently been formed to serve as a co-ordinating body for every Home and School group in Halton.

To date Burlington, Oakville and Milton delegates have laid the groundwork for the council, and plan to invite organizations in Acton, Georgetown, Esqueping and Nassagaweya to join.

Mrs. Betty Laing of Burlington is president, with Bert King of Oakville, Mrs. J. Johnston of Milton and Mrs. Evelyn Oates of North Burlington serving as vice-presidents. Main aim of the organization is to co-ordinate Home and School activities with the newly-formed Halton County Board of Education. The group hopes to have a member appointed to attend board meetings.

The council will also provide leadership training and help with programs at the local Home and School group level. It is affiliated with the Ontario Federation of Home and School groups.

### 38th annual banquet at Legion Saturday

Charter members Fred Wright and Dr. Allan Buchanan were honored along with World War I veterans at the annual dinner of Branch 197 of the Royal Canadian Legion at the legion hall Saturday evening. It was the 38th annual banquet and a large attendance enjoyed a piping hot roast beef dinner with all the trimmings served by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Head table guests included Rev. Gordon Turner, Padre Rev. A. McKenzie, president Gord James, zone commander Bill Shields of Oakville, second vice president Doug Guthrie, fire chief Mick Holmes, Mayor Les Doby and the chairman John Goy.

The Library Board and staff and our reading public are certainly grateful Miss Ruby Clark presented us with a very beautiful set of Charles Dickens' works. It is illustrated and has large print so easy for everyone to read.

May we call our readers' attention also at this time to the facilities available to procure books, not on our shelves, through the Library Interloan.

The Library shelves have a new shipment of books of varied titles and subjects which should meet with the approval of most of our patrons.

One which should be timely and popular is "Frontiers of the Unknown" by Andrew McKenzie, who also wrote the "Unexplained" a year or so ago. There is quite a write up in the latest book about flying saucers, which leaves us all wondering.

F. W. Kenyon's latest historical novel is the story of Lucretia Borgia, who down through history became quite a byword for evil doings. However, in this tale he paints her in a less lurid picture as if she were a victim of politics and circumstances beyond her control. The name of the book is "The Naked Sword."

"Four Came Back" by Martin Caidin is a chilling tale of violence and adventure in outer space. Those readers who enjoy science fiction have a real treat in store.

"The Springers" by Berkeley Mather is a masterpiece of exciting writing, which grabs your interest and holds it to the very end. It tells of an intelligence agent, his mission to assist a prisoner to be sprung from a top-security gaol in England and spirited to Hong Kong. There, the prisoner, who is a leading Russian agent, is to be exchanged for a British agent in the hands of the Chinese. This is certainly a hot thriller.

Simon Harvester has come out with his latest book "Zion Road" and the story takes place in one of the political boiling pots the Middle East mainly in Tel Aviv which is on the brink of hostilities, of war confusion between Israeli and Arab forces, and the climax in the wastes of Sinai. The author shows his deep compassion for these people trapped in a useless, needless war.

Emily Loring's "In Times Like These" is a novel of international intrigue, an exciting mystery and an absorbing romance.

Mary Stewart's new novel, "The Wind off the Small Isles," takes place on the Canary Islands. It is quite a story and quite short, but well worth the time spent to read it.

"Target 2067" Canada's second century by Leonard Bertin, is an exciting panorama of what may lie in the future for Canadians in the next 100 years.

"The Golden Sickle" by Davis Grubb is a fascinating, exciting tale placed in the time of post revolutionary Virginia, a story of treasure, sudden death, and the exciting details of life at that time. River pirates, stealing, murder, the whole bit is told in this novel placed way back in the olden days.

"They Caught These Killers" by Bruce Sanders is a collection of 12 case histories of crime, which provides a comparative study for the student of crime, also exciting reading for those who enjoy vivid real-life drama.

"Animals in Danger" is the story of vanishing American wildlife by Frances and Dorothy Wood. The title describes the trend of the book which brings the story of what should and must be done in aid of America's wildlife conservation. It is good reading for young and old alike, and one of which we should take heed.

Heroes of History" by Winston Churchill is a beautifully illustrated book all in color and, of course, written as only Winston Churchill, the master of the English language, could write.

Hans Snyman's "Birdless Summer" vividly reconstructs, in this third volume of his autobiography, the events of Chinese history in the era between 1936 and 1948. It brings to our attention in a powerful way the spirit and politics of China. It is a significant contribution to the history of our time.

In the juvenile section there are some new science books on "Astronautics," "Galaxies" and "Stars" that is in one section; another is "The Earth's Surface," "The Earth's Neighbors," "The Sea's Inhabitants," and "The Story of Man." There is a new book of Canadian poetry for children, "The Wind Has Wings."

Then there is an adventure in evolution "From Fins to Hands" by Anthony Ravelli. In the geographic section is "East Africa," comprising Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Another timely book on the "Middle East," that part of the world that seems to be at boiling point these days with an outbreak of war today to subside tomorrow and break out.

"Luther" Father of the Reformation is in the Biographies which today are so popular.

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According to Bus and Truck Transport Magazine the answers are:

About 170 feet, if you have typical highway tires all around. And just about the same distance, if you have regular snow tires on the driving wheels.

About 140 feet if you have studded snow tires on two wheels, and about 115 if you have studded snow tires on all four wheels, a skid reduction of 33 per cent or about three car lengths.

But there's a "but." These figures apply only to skids on ice close to 27 degrees Fahrenheit.

Research shows that of the half-dozen or so factors which bear on the relative effectiveness of studded tires, the temperature of the ice is at the top of the list.

Studs exert their greatest stopping power on ice near the melting point (where, incidentally, the skid hazard is greatest). As the ice temperature falls, the studs lose their effectiveness. At 10 degrees below zero, they're no better than snow tires.

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### Library Report

By Mrs. Isabel Watson

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### OUR READERS WRITE:

#### 15 SIDE ROAD NEEDS SOME WORK

Dear Sir:

It would be humorous, if it wasn't so pathetic, to see traffic counters on County Road 15 in the Townships of Esqueping and Nassagaweya. No doubt there have been many complaints about the deplorable condition of this road, and so some "wide-head" has decided to place traffic counters on it to substantiate the county's reason for not bothering to straighten, level, or even properly maintain this road.

Of course the fact that weather conditions are such that only essential traffic is using the road at this time is known by those responsible for this road. They wouldn't want the flow of traffic to the Mohawk, Sunday drivers, etc., to be recorded and so prove that the 15 Side Rd is more travelled than any other non-metalled County road in Northern Halton County.

Some time earlier this year, disgusted with the lack of work on the 15 Side Road, and observing the straightening, levelling, etc., going on on other side roads, I made a personal survey. I found this road is the only non-metalled (hard surfaced) County road above the Campbellville Side Rd. that goes anywhere in Halton County (Other Side Rds (unmetalled) either start at a line, and die at a Highway, or vice-versa. 15 Side Rd. can be said to start at Georgetown (Stewartstown) No. 7 Highway, and finishes at No. 6 Highway, via 25 Highway and the Auelph Line, yet only one part (through Moffat) is hard

#### PRICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15-16-17-18

Dear Mr. Coles:

On behalf of Charles Braden, Director of the South Central Regional Library System, and myself, may I express our thanks and appreciation for the coverage you gave in your newspaper respecting YOUNG CANADA'S BOOK WEEK. Your assistance in publicizing our program was very beneficial.

Yours sincerely,  
(Miss) Ida Reddy  
Assistant Director.

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