

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Occasionally, when there is an odd number of persons out to the Acton Bridge Club, I find myself without a game. On one of these evenings I might find in a fixed hand. Now, as I have explained before, the hands at duplicate are not pre-dealt or fixed in any way. They are usually shuffled and dealt at the beginning of the evening's play. A few hands, however, are not in play immediately and it is one of these that I set up.

I am not interested in trick distribution, unmanageable trump suits or triple squeezes. All that I set up are fairly routine situations. Here is one of them.

South deals with neither side vulnerable.

Opening lead: 6 of hearts.

North did not respond two clubs because he had clubs, not did South bid two diamonds because he had diamonds. It was just a coincidence. North is using the popular Stayman convention. A response of two clubs to an opening bid of no trump asks—do you have a four card major? South's reply of two diamonds says—no I do not. If he had had a four card major he would have bid it.

West leads his fourth best heart and it's up to East. The whole point of this hand is East's play at trick one. You have all heard the old adage "Never finesse against your partner". This is a good rule to follow most of the time but this is not one of them. Since South holds the heart king, what difference can it make? Well let's see. If East plays the ace and then the queen, South will (should) hold up. Now when East leads his last heart, declarer will win and take the diamond finesse. This loses but declarer can claim the balance of the trick.

If East plays the queen of hearts to trick one it would take a lot of nerve by South to duck.

He could picture West holding ace-jack over his king. Now when the diamond finesse loses, East catches the heart ace and leads the deuce to his partner's good hearts.

If declarer does hold up when East plays the queen, all I can suggest is that East hold his cards a little closer to his chest.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: tied for first, Ivan Harris and Mel Harris with Bev Piatullo and Cam Sinclair, third Duke Wilson and Gloria Coats.

NORTH
S-K,Q,J,3
H-A,5
D-A,6,4
C-Q,9,6,2

WEST
S-8,4
H-10,7,6,4
D-8,7
C-10,7,4

SOUTH
S-A,8,2
H-K,9,3
D-Q,10,3
C-A,K,3

EAST
S-10,9,7
H-A,10,2
D-K,9,5,2
C-10,5

Suggested bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 NT PASS 2 C PASS
2 D PASS 3 NT ALL PASS

Two births

Nine buffalo at Rattlesnake point

People who last year called him "Bashful Bobby" are now having second thoughts. Last week the bison bull of the Halton Region Conservation Authority became the proud father of two more calves. Two others are expected at a later date. This brings the total number in the Halton herd to nine.

Their buffalo compound can be found below Rattlesnake Point on No. 10 Sideroad, west of Hwy. 25, Milton.

Developed as a conservation area by the Authority, here one has an excellent view of the 70 acre compound below the escarpment where the buffalo roam. With its abundant grasses and spring-fed area, this pasture is an ideal buffalo habitat.

The Halton Region Conservation Authority imported five buffalo in October, 1965—a bull and four cows—from Elk Island National Park. "We assumed that a great many people in Ontario might otherwise never have a chance to see a buffalo," explains D. J. Murray, Halton Resources Manager.

Shipped first class via railway, it was a long and uneventful journey for the animals.

On the day of their arrival, reporters, photographers and sightseers came from miles around, prepared for a clamorous stampede. A ramp with seven-foot fences had been built. Unexpectedly, the five calves that detrained were relatively small (about 300 lbs.), perhaps three feet tall, weary and perfectly obliging. As all buffalo will do when alarmed, displeased or lost, they uttered low, abrupt grunts, buffalo do not bellow.

Usually, the buffalo are imperturbable and amiable. "People don't bother them," Mr. Murray says. "At feeding time, they come trotting down like puppy dogs." However, Mr. Murray warns that it is not a good idea to come between a hungry buffalo and his breakfast. The area is posted "dangerous", something a buffalo, without warning, can be.

Halton's buffalo have been uncommonly defensive and wary in recent weeks. If people approach, they retreat or form circles. With tactics as ancient as the species, the buffalo are protecting four calves that were born last spring.

Buffalo calves are born in April or May, after a gestation period of about nine and a half months. Multiple births are rare, but sometimes twins are born.

At birth, the robust little calves may weigh 35 to 40 pounds. They have a soft tawny-colored coat and bear a strong resemblance to their domestic kin. Within a few hours they are able to stand; within a few days they are sure-footed and agile. The average lifespan of a captive buffalo is 15 to 20 years; some, however, may live for 30 years.

The Rattlesnake point pasture can accommodate 30 buffalo, according to Mr. Murray. Eventually, new stock will be introduced.

Halton okays deer season

Wellington says "no"

Halton probably won't have an open hunting season on deer this fall.

Although Halton County Council last week gave a hunt the high sign, approval was contingent on neighboring Wellington and Wentworth counties agreeing. And Wellington has already nixed a hunt in that county.

Announcement that Halton was considering its first fall hunt in two years immediately brought protests from Oakville, where council in 1967 had put up stiff opposition against the

three-day hunt. Oakville council had tried, unsuccessfully, to prevent the hunt in Oakville.

Department of Lands and Forests officials told County Council they were only interested in a hunt locally if three neighboring counties go together. If only one county opens for a hunt, too many hunters flock in from neighboring areas.

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Paving for area schools

Halton Board of Education awarded \$13,656.97 worth of contracts for asphalt paving at 22 Halton schools during their Thursday meeting.

Included are \$856 worth of work at Speyside P.S. and \$1,084 worth at Stewarttown P.S. Both these contracts were awarded to Ancaster Paving Ltd.



BILL BUCHANAN, a head table official at last week's Yri-Ande Men's Club dinner, congratulates the Hon. Robert Winters on his address. Mr. Winters, a candidate for the prime minister's chair, lost out to Pierre Trudeau at a Liberal leadership convention. He painted a realistic picture of the problems facing Canadians for an attentive audience. —(Staff Photo)

Take up cross, follow Christ

secret to church unity

"Unity between the Anglican and United churches can't stand on doctrinal differences," Rev. Gordon Turner told the Yri-Ande Men's club at last Thursday's dinner meeting.

He recommended the men take seriously the command of Christ to deny themselves, take up their cross daily and follow Him. "Herein lies the hope for the unity in reconciling realities of life together."

A regular feature of the laymen's organization made up of members from the Anglican and United churches, the spiritual message came on the heels of the Hon. Robert Winters' address.

Mr. Turner said we are living in a pragmatic rather than a doctrinal day. "We are judged not by what we believe but what we do and contribute to the fabric of life."

He picked an episode out of the current news, where Ted Kennedy had asked that the state be merciful to his brother Robert's convicted killer, as a lesson for Christians. "What Kennedy said is much of the kind of spirit a Christian must have." It cut across the fabric of life we are used to. And put love in the place of the Old Testament dictum, "An eye for an eye."

Mr. Turner also invited the Anglican men to make a weekend retreat with United Church laymen in the near future.

At the Legion hall

Activities at Branch 197

By Charlie Thomson

Legion mixed euchre saw a full slate of activity last Saturday night. Harry Palmer took the steaks in the men's league with 55. Jim McNabb had 52, and Mollie McHugh got the bacon with a hidden score of 42.

In the women's game, Peg Loutett got the steaks with 60, Joan Taylor had 59, and Marg Palmer took the bacon with a hidden score of 41.

Y's Men's auction

raises \$600 Friday

About \$600 was raised Friday evening for the Y's Men's club when they repeated their annual but - the grant rummage and auction sale.

Auctioneers Jack Holmes and Chris Schouten rattled off figures to knock down hundreds of items to eager buyers.

Larger items included chesterfields, sewing machines, stoves, lawn mowers, T.V.'s and a row of beds.

Size ranged on down to teapots, plants and tools.

The rummage sale which raised over \$250 included dresses, coats, hats, and books.

Inflation showed at the book counter, where the set price has gone up from a hickel to a dime each.

One canny buyer just bought the fur of an old coat.

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Robert Winters optimistic about future of Canada

Liberal leadership contender Robert Winters, a former cabinet minister in the Pearson government, predicted a bright future for Canada and Canadians in a brief but thoughtful address to the Yri-Ande Club at Luxton Memorial Hall last week.

However, he warned there were many problems to solve as Canada becomes more urban with half the population now under 25 years of age. "This," he said, "gives Canada a younger population than any other industrial country in the world."

"Although this is a great blessing, the baby boom has also placed a high priority on education," he stressed. "It used to be that education was only for those who could afford it. Progress has been made but much remains to be done. There was also a time in the past when a degree was not as important."

"Today it is necessary for survival," Mr. Winters emphasized, saying that the way to the top was often barred because of lack of education, although the educated man was not necessarily the better man.

"Universities must not remain a middle or upper class institution," he said, "or a degree sacrosanct."

There is an urgent responsibility to create a growing environment of opportunities for the young. The smallest proportion of 25 in the country are between 25 and 65 which means that there are two Canadians not working for every one at work. The proportions will get better as the work force increases but in the meantime one out of three must bear the burden.

He foresaw the time

approaching when Canadians could spend less attention on basic survival and more on the refinements of living.

"Modern Canada is predominantly urban and industrialized," the speaker told the audience but the problems created by the migration to the cities are without parallel. Only one in 10 Canadians live on the farm now although today's farmers are vastly more productive. Agricultural problems are intensified by world markets he said.

Fresh new thinking is needed to combat the problems which the speaker listed as he saw the top priorities. Air pollution heads the list followed by water pollution, clogged transportation systems, scarcity of low cost housing and last-but not one of the most important - inflation.

In 1967 Canada doubled its output in a decade but only half is real production. The rest can be laid at the door of inflation. Canada's economic problem now is not only to get the economy running but on an even keel.

"There is a vital need to maintain a dynamic society

where there is a chance to get ahead regardless of origin." The speaker pointed out that there are regional disparities in the country which need to be patched up, especially in the economic development.

He saw Canada becoming increasingly affluent with the main problem being how to manage it properly.

Local Liberal Bill Coats introduced Mr. Winters to the 80 men who attended the meeting of Anglican and United Church laymen. The letters PC stand for his name, said Mr. Coats, stand for almost Prime Minister of Canada, not another political persuasion.

Mr. Winters referred to his race with Pierre Trudeau for the Liberal leadership lightly as the time "I talked myself out of a job. My chances went out the window last spring and in many ways I'm glad it did."

Bob Hart of Trinity, president of the Yri-Ande Club, was chairman for the evening and the speaker was thanked by Joe Bray from St. Alban's with a joke to match others swapped in the initial part of the meeting.



SPRING CLEANING ALONG Ontario's highways is in full swing in preparation for the holiday season. In the top photo, maintenance crews from the Department of Highways collect litter scattered along the roadside during the winter season on part of the 13,000 miles of King's and Secondary Highways. Bottom, these scattered pieces of litter add up to truck loads of refuse. Last year, DHO spent \$908,000 on the collection and disposal of litter. As part of an anti-litter campaign, the Department appeals to motorists to take along a litter bag and use it instead of tossing litter out along the roadside. —(Photo by Department of Highways).



Sports for girls

Girls and women should be encouraged to take part in sports and games, just as boys and men should be, says the National Health and Welfare publication, Get Fit - Keep Fit, a physical fitness and training guide for young Canadians.

Strenuous efforts in sports are not harmful as has been shown by our female athletes in swimming, track and field, skiing, figure skating, volleyball, basketball, to name just a few.

Co-educational games such as tennis and badminton are especially recommended.

WEEDS!

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