



Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Have you ever seen a bridge book or a bridge column where the play of the hand seemed so unnatural that you wonder if such hands ever occur? Well, let me tell you - they really do happen, not often, maybe, but they can come up. Such an example occurred at the Acton Bridge Club last week and I'll give it to you, just as if you saw dealer.

East dealt with East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
S-KQ9
M-Q107
D-Q8
C-QJ432

WEST
S-10763
M-K
D-AJ54
C-10975

EAST
S-8342
M-10972
D-K63
C-AK6

SOUTH
S-AJ
M-AJ9542
D-10972
C-8

The bidding
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
Pass 1H Pass 3H
Pass 2H Pass 3H
Pass 4H All Pass

Opening lead - Ace of diamonds
South pushed a bit in the bidding but four hearts is a reasonable contract.

West diamond ace won the trick and West continues with a diamond. East wins and leads the club king followed by the club ace.

Now, pretend that you are south. You ruff, naturally, or you are set already.

How do you proceed? Do you say to yourself - it's a 50-50 chance who has the heart king? Do you enter dummy and finesse the hearts? It's a little more difficult to picture when you are not at the card table so I'll give you the clues. East has turned up with the diamond king and the club ace and king and most important -

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Art Norris and Cam Sinclair; second, Frank Hampshire and Bill Coats; third, Sue Sullivan and Lorena Norris; fourth, Midge Hampshire and Doreen Jucker.

NO DAVY
National Grocers is one of 350 firms enrolled in the Ontario Safety League's commercial vehicle program. Listed among their drivers eligible for a Safe Driver Award for being accident-free in 1968 are Douglas Crockett, Elwood Crockett, George Crockett, Robert Crockett, Ronald Crockett.

Davy, it seems, doesn't drive.

LIMEHOUSE

Holiday in Europe, shower visitors in district news

By Mrs. A. Benton
Mr. John Glynn is home after a three week holiday in Europe. In Germany he visited his son, Capt. Peter Glynn, his wife and baby daughter and the city of Berlin. He also toured Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Mr. E. Karn is home after three months in hospital. We hope his health may improve.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brigham, Miss Heather Brigham and Miss Bonnie Noyer of Santiago, California, have been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. Roughley and Mr. Roughley.

Miss Dale Hayes of Ottawa and Mr. and Mrs. Derek Hayes and children of Haliburton were with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry at Midland a week ago.



Report from Ottawa

by rud whitling

Last week, June 25 to be exact, completed my first year as Member of Parliament for Halton Riding. While newspapers and commentators reviewed the first year of the Trudeau Government I took a little time out to look back on what the year has meant to me. What follows then is of a personal nature and I hope I can be forgiven for devoting this space to these reflections.

Before being elected to Parliament, I had a job like everybody else. I left for work in the morning, came home for dinner and could spend most evenings with my family. Anne and I have two children - Jamie four and Tracy soon to be three.

Now I leave on Monday morning, catch a plane and I am in my office in Ottawa usually before noon. I get back home on Friday night. Saturday is devoted to meeting with people throughout the riding, either individually or in groups. Usually there is one or more functions to attend on the weekend.

Looking back over the past year I ask myself would I do it if I had the chance to make the same decision to run again. I would. Despite the long hours, being away from my family, the many problems I face in my efforts to help people and the problems a Member is faced with concerning legislation and the many constituency matters which come across my desk, I would again make the same decision.

It is a fascinating life to be a Member of Parliament and can be one of real service. As a Member I come into contact with many people with a wide variance of interests. Despite what is said about backbenchers, we all can be Chiefs. There are two sides to the work of a Member of Parliament. There is that which concerns the affairs of his constituents and

On behalf of the constituents of Halton there is a constant flow of correspondence and telephone calls which are always welcome.

This year we had the passport hassle and of great concern to many of the people of Halton was the change in the legislation on Estate Tax. I was pleased to help many Halton travellers who had emergency problems and needed passports quickly. By joining with other Members of Parliament we were instrumental in having the Minister of Finance make changes in the Estate Tax legislation and now no estate of \$50,000 or less, is taxed. During my first session in Parliament I have spoken in the House of Commons on four occasions.

This session of Parliament is now coming to an end and another starts in the Fall - that will be round two.



BEARDMORE vice president Frank Racey, of Montreal, presented a gift to employee Fred Kentner who retired last week, after 40 years service. (Staff Photo)

To conference

Meeting of the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses are cancelled from July 6 through July 13. Heading a delegation from this area to the Buffalo sessions of the world-wide peace conference in Buffalo is Henry Loewen of Acton.

Fred Kentner feted after 40 years' service

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The picturesque grounds at the entrance to the company's offices, recently enhanced by the addition of a fountain, a waterfall and a lovely rock garden provided an excellent setting for the occasion.

Company president Norman Braida welcomed the men, and then introduced vice-president, Frank Racey, of Montreal, who presented Mr. Kentner with a gift in recognition of his 40 years' service.

"This is a very special occasion for you and we wish you the best of luck in your retirement", Mr. Racey commented. In a lighter vein, he added that he hadn't yet been able to wear out all the soles that Fred had sorted over the years.

In reply, Mr. Kentner stated that he hadn't thought he would be the only person retiring, on that particular day. He thanked Mr. Braida and Mr. Racey for their kind words, and all the men for attending.

Following the presentation, Parkview Caterers of Guelph served the men a delicious buffet meal.

Mr. Kentner started with the company, April 1, 1929 and for the last 18 years has worked as a sorter in the outside department. However, during his 40 years, he has worked in several departments in the plant. In fact, he commented on Thursday that he believes he has worked for almost all the foremen who were present, and that he considers them all excellent men to work for.

In his retirement, he expects to keep busy, looking after over 200 show birds he owns. He plans to enter some of his poultry in shows in Ottawa, London, Syracuse, N. Y., York Pa., and the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. His birds have won prizes on many occasions in the past.

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"THE GUELPH REFORMATORY - REVISITED"

A few weeks ago, in "The Clergy Speak Out", my brother minister The Rev. Stan Gammon placed before his readers an excellent and challenging article on our neighbouring Reform Institution in Guelph. He painted dynamically the involvement of the Church and her pastors in the life of the Reformatory. For bringing this to our attention I thank Mr. Gammon. Too many "pass by" and haven't a clue what goes on there; nor care-lets about the hue and cry that echoes within the bodies of the men there confined.

Like The Rev. Mr. Gammon I too want to say my piece about Guelph. Something by way of expansion, and something by way of criticism of what he has written. And I too know something of the life of the Reformatory. Several years ago I served "my time" as a resident Chaplain and psychologist in the Juvenile Training School for the Province of Quebec. My apartment was next to the dormitory of the oldest inmates and we became fast friends around the pool table and at cards, as well as in the chapel and office. Often I get nostalgic about those days, for they were happy ones for me. And every few months my wife and I have visitors from amongst those inmates who are now our friends.

While I was at the Training School in Quebec I was totally disheartened by one factor: the total lack of interest and involvement of the Church and her pastors in these boys' lives. I am not much encouraged also by what I have seen in this vein in Ontario, since coming here some seven years ago. I remember pleading with ministers to befriend a boy when he was released. And so often when I asked - I should admit it was every time - these boys told me, "the church doesn't give a damn about us". They found no place in the life of their neighbouring churches, the pastors were no friends, and the people of the church wished they would go elsewhere.

So it is. So be it. Not yet, my friends. These are "Sons of God" as Mr. Gammon well pointed out, and for them and their welfare we must be concerned or shut up shop on the Church.

I feel encouraged that pastors do take their time to visit the Guelph Reformatory. I guess it does some good. I guess I did some good in my ministry there. But I fail to see that the Church's responsibility can end there. I fail to see that the ministry of the Church is exclusively the job of the clergy, or necessarily even his.

I also question whether it does much good to pass by and "say a little prayer for them". Not that prayer is ineffectual, mind you. But prayer without the investment of yourself in the emptiest of all Christian expressions.

Let me be specific! Some of "you" should be there visiting like Mr. Gammon; yes, "you" who are members and associates of the Church of Christ. You have an "extra" to give these boys that Mr. Gammon and I and other clergy don't have. You live in the common-every-day-world that these boys have to face again in a matter of months. And they are afraid to come out because they don't know how they will be received in that world. It can be your God-given opportunity to visit these boys and assure them that the world outside is not as hostile as they might think; that it will give them another chance (that is if you really believe it will, and that's another question).

This suggestion is not as utopian as it may sound. Some men in my Church are already at that task. They meet every week - without fail - with a group of selected inmates to talk about "life on the outside". Their experience seems to indicate that their acceptance and initiative is bearing fruit. The boys look-forward to these encounters with "men of the Church".

One thing further. When you drive by and see a work detail, have you ever thought what it might mean to stop and say "hi" and pass the time of day with these blue-jeaned lads? It would take but a moment of your time, but might mean something strange and unique to some lonely lad. I can't say what the reaction of the Administration at Guelph might be to your action, but rest assured that the guards are not armed as you might assume!

OBITUARY

Mrs. C. McCrea born in England

After an illness of two and a half years, Kate V. (Bassett) McCrea, 26 Scene St., Acton, passed away in Guelph General Hospital on June 19.

Rev. V. J. Morgan conducted the Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's church on June 21. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Henry McTrash, Henry Geberlein, Ilio Marzo, Erio Marzo, John Tyers and Edward McGiloway.

Mrs. McCrea was born in Birmingham, England, in 1910 and came to Canada in 1921. She had lived the last 29 years in Acton.

She is survived by her husband Charles; daughters Joan McTrash, R. R. 4, Acton; Jean Geberlein, 30 Scene St., Rita McCrea, Scarborough and Jane McCrea at home.

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