

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

by Bill Coats

The care and handling of entries is just as important at rubber bridge as it is at duplicate bridge. Last week two players came to grief on a hand that looks very simple. I can only assume that they did not handle their entries too well.

The hand was board No. 3. The dealer was East. North-South are vulnerable.

North
S-9 8
H-J 10 9 5 4 3 2
D-Q J 10
C-A

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

East
S-J 5 3
H-Void
D-A 10 7 4
C-9 8 7 6 5 3

South
S-A K Q 10 7 3
H-7 6
D-K 3
C-K 4 3

Suggested bidding:
West South West North
Pass 1S Dbble 2H
Pass 2S Pass 3H
Pass 3S Pass 4S
All Pass

Just one word on the bidding. When South shows a six

card spade suit by bidding it three times. North should be glad to carry it to four spades. North's hand is valued at 11 points in support of spades.

If West leads a club, all South needs to do is take the ace, lead one round of trumps and ruff a club. Now South can give up two hearts and a diamond but four spades is cold.

More than likely, West will lead a high heart. Once dummy goes down, West should switch to a trump to cut down clubs ruffs. Now the best South can do is take out trump. Now the king of diamonds must be led before clubs are touched.

If that wins a second diamond led, if East takes his ace the third diamond in dummy will provide a parking space for South's club loser.

The cards must be played in this order so that North's only sure entry is used at the right time. If dummy is short of entries, plan your play to make the best use of entries.

Monday winners at bridge club Earl Emond and Duke Wilson. Mrs. K. Campbell and Glenn Hank. Mrs. S. Sullivan and Mrs. Barb McLaughlin.

Honour Night for Ag Chief Farmers Applaud Francis

More than 150 farmers, friends and well-wishers turned out to attend the "Al Francis Night" last week.

Francis, retiring agricultural representative to the Department of Agriculture for Halton, was presented with a specially commissioned oil painting and watch by members of the 4-H Club and by local farmers.

Present at the gathering was Arthur Bennett, associate director of the Department of Agriculture who told the audience he has known Francis for many years and pointed out the marked progress in the running of the Halton agricultural commission since he took charge five years ago.

"He was an innovator," said Bennett. "He did not have to wait for a directive from head office before he put into practice new ideas."

Acting as master of ceremonies was George Atkins, member of the Halton Region Conservation Authority, who introduced eight variety acts presented by the 4-H Club members.

Francis leaves five years of service with the Halton agricultural Department behind him. He was with the Halton County for five years and two and a half years assistant representative in South Simcoe County before that.

Along with Francis, Douglas Burnside, assistant agricultural representative for Halton, and Earle Y. Muir, fruit and vegetable specialist with the department have resigned their positions.

The trio announced last month they will go into partnership in a farming venture in Northern Ontario.

As he accepted the presentation Francis told the audience he found his years with the Halton office a rewarding experience and he found it now that he was leaving difficult not to feel pangs of regret.

"I have strong feelings about farming—as you all well know. That is why I have felt compelled to take up farming as a career," he said.

Roy Coulter, president of the Ontario Wheat Board Association made the presentation of

the watch to the representative. As he handed over the watch he said "May you never now keep Shirley waiting," he was referring to Mrs. Francis.

Henry J. Stanley, who takes over the position of Halton representative on May 1, told the audience he is looking forward to his new position with eagerness. He told the gathering that he has been given every assistance in his new post in addition to "wisdom and advice" from Mr. Francis.

Stanley, though a young man, brings many years experience with the department to his new position. He entered farming when he was 16 and then attended the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. After graduation in animal husbandry he returned to the family farm in Lanark County. During this period he farmed part time and worked as a junior field man with the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

Stanley entered full time work with the department in 1937 as assistant agricultural representative for Lanark County. In 1950 he was transferred to Wellington County where he continued working as an assistant representative. He says he will move his wife, Isabel and his three sons aged five, three and one to Milton the first week in June. His wife is a native of Ottawa and worked as a stenographer for the Canadian Seed Growers Association.

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AT KENNEDY IT WAS WORK NOW PLAY LATER

Denise Snider, 165 Raylaw Crescent, and Cal Smith, 53 Weber Drive, show Mrs. Brown, 38 Langstone Crescent, their contributions to the Kennedy Home and School's Fun Fair, which was held Saturday. Mrs. Brown was one of the conveners of the Fair which drew an overflow crowd of eager shoppers again this year. The Fair boosted an auction sale, bake sale, film show, tea room and numerous booths.

5025 Patient Days is Hospital Report Figure

A statistical report from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for the first three months of operation in 1964, shows an increase in patient days but a decrease in the average patient load.

Total patient days recorded at the hospital to the 1st of April was 5,025. Last year during the same period the total was 4,960.

The daily average patient load so far this year is 55.9 compared with 53.9 last year.

The percentage of available beds occupied during the first three months averaged 82.4 per cent for adults and children and 48.1 per cent newborn. In March the percentage was slightly higher for adults and children, 83.9 per cent and lower for newborn, 38.2. Both the figures for the first quarter of the year and the month of March itself are increases.

The average length of stay per patient for the first three months was 10.5 days for adults and children and 8.2 days for newborn. During March it was 9.1 days for adults and 6.1 days for newborn.

There have been 41 major operations performed, 116 minor operations and 84 tonsillectomies and appendectomies during 1964 so far. In March the count was 10 major, 45 minor and 38 T and A.

X-ray examinations this year were made for 431 inpatients, 719 outpatients and 107 chest X-rays.

So far there have been 360 emergency visits to the hospital this year, 94 of those in March.

The report shows the hospital full time personnel stood at 100 at the 1st of April. Relief staff totalled 30.

Overflow Audience Greet Drama, Music at School

A well balanced program of music and drama greeted an overflow audience at Showcase '64 presented last Wednesday in the high school auditorium.

Senior and junior bands and choirs were directed by Dr. Charles Wilson in an ambitious program ranging from spirituals and hymns to the classics. Highland Lullaby was a solo number by Vivian Parry and Mary Jane Emerson and Marion Whang sang the Evening Prayer from Israel and Gretel.

Both plays had a foreign setting. A Battle of Witwas presented in Chinese style with property man Patricia

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