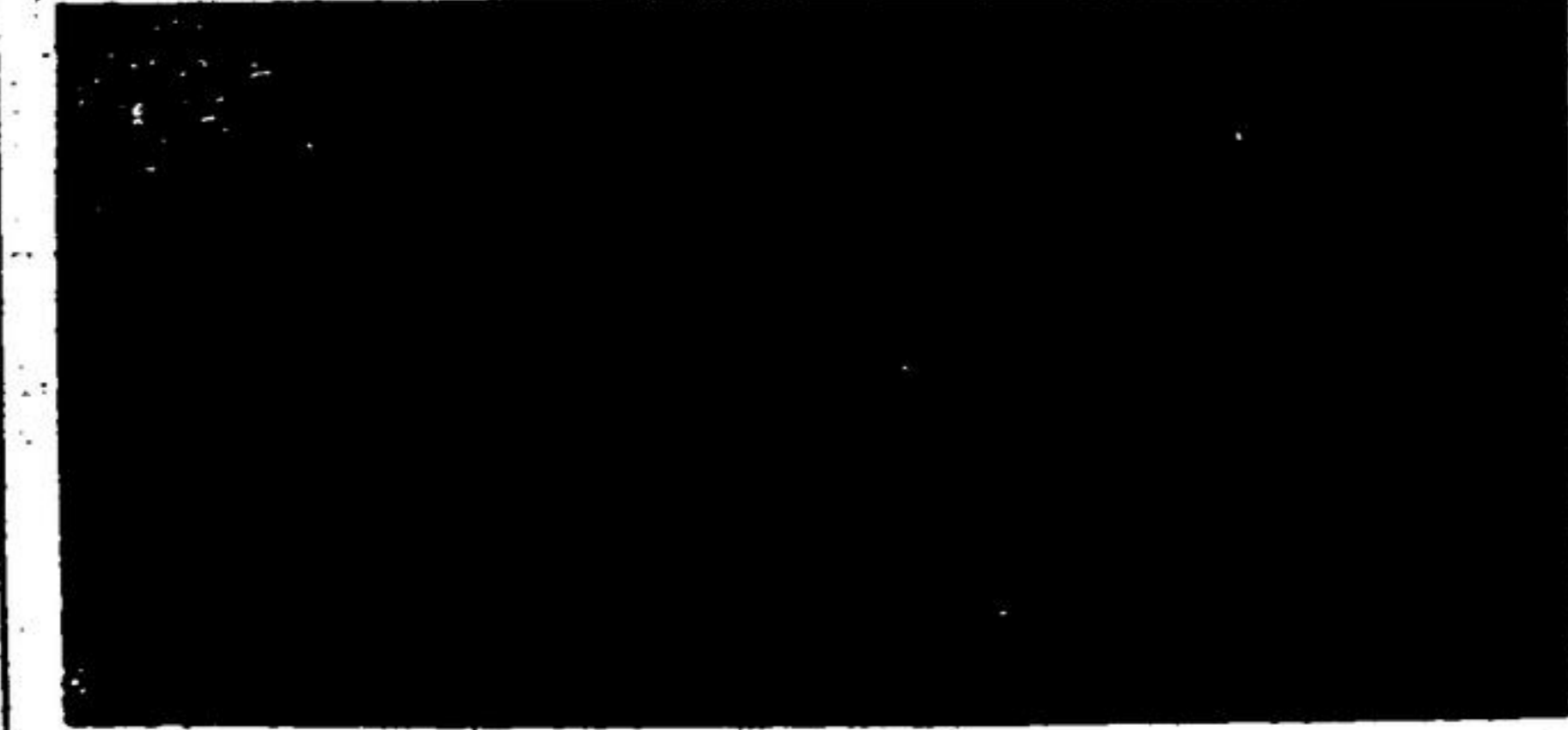




MR. AND MRS. KEITH PRESTON outside Norval United Church following their marriage. The bride is the former Sharon Burk, daughter of Mrs. Edward R. Burk, R.R. 2, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Preston, Georgetown.

"Noah's Ark" Disappears From Holiday Scene



ENCHANTMENT AT CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN of the nineteenth century often came in the form of a Noah's Ark, then a highly prized special occasion gift. The set shows contains more than 300 animals. Photo courtesy of the New York Historical Society, New York City, N.Y.

by Anna Mung
Where there are children, this holiday season, there's usually a Christmas tree—brightly lighted, gaily decorated, its fragrant branches bending low over a veritable "Toyland" of gifts from Santa's lavish pack.

These days, the variety of toys to enchant, entertain and instruct the youngster is practically limitless. The toy pack holds, it seems, everything and anything that a lucky child might see in his dreams.

A century or so ago, the picture was very different. Even the Christmas tree itself was not as likely to be a part of the holiday scene. Around the middle of the nineteenth century, the Sunday school movement had begun to popularize the idea of family Christmas trees, but a tree at home was still not something a child would take for granted.

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from were to be pitted.

In a single toy, the "Noah's Ark" then highly prized as a special occasion gift, nineteenth century children found entertainment in great variety.

Today the Noah's Ark has disappeared from the wonder world of toys, but in the days of its popularity, nearly every home with children also housed a Noah's Ark in some form, however modest.

Like modern toys, the Ark was available in many versions, from the simple to the complex. Basically, this toy consisted of the ark itself, in miniature of course, accompanied by gaily painted wooden figures representing Noah, his family, and animals in pairs.

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SETS OF DAYS

A 19-year-old Georgetown youth was sentenced Wednesday to 30 days hard labour in the county jail for his third conviction in three months of drinking liquor while a minor.

Magistrate James Black arranged for an interpreter to be present for the youth during his third conviction Dec. 23.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

Part score bidding and part score play probably give more trouble to bridge players than any other aspect of the game. The reason for playing a hand at a level below game is usually a lack of high cards. This means that the contract is usually up to the limits of the cards held.

Here is a competitive part score hand that occurred last week at the Actos Bridge Club.

Dealer: East

Both sides vulnerable.

North
S-10 9
H-K 8 7 3
D-9 8 5
C-A K 3 3

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

South
S-A 7 6 3 3
H-4 4
D-10
C-10 9 6 4

East South West North
Pass Pass 1 C Pass
1 D Pass 1 NT Pass
Pass 3 S Pass Pass
Dbl. All Pass

The bidding may require some explanation. West's one club bid is a prepared club. West will have re-bid problems with any other call, so he starts with one club in spite of having only three clubs. East's diamond bid and West's no trump make sense.

What did South expect from his two spade bids? East and West had limited their hands by passing out at one no trump. South has moderate strength, a five-card suit and can expect some strength from his partner. I was sitting East and could think of nothing better to do than double. This is strictly a duplicate bid. I would never consider doubling at rubber bridge.

The play is an interesting problem in control of a trump suit. West led the diamond ace and continued the suit. South discarded a heart on the second diamond and ruffed the third diamond lead. Declarer

must postpone taking out trump to take his best side suit—clubs.

A low club is led and ducked in dummy. East wins and leads a heart, which is won in dummy with the king. Declarer leads a spade from dummy and ducks the trick into West's hand. This keeps one trump in dummy to guard against a diamond lead. West leads a heart, won by declarer's ace. Now declarer takes the trump ace and leads a third round.

Fortunately, the opponent's trump are split and declarer is in control. Declarer wins any return and by finessing clubs, can win the balance of the tricks. In all, declarer lost two diamonds, two spades and one club.

This hand is a good example of trump management and use of a side suit in which one trick must be lost anyway.



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