



**WINDY CITY WINNER** — Barvige Pabst Lana, a cow owned by Claude F. Pickett, Georgetown, was 1st prize aged cow in the Holstein Section at the International Dairy Show, Chicago. The win earned her the special trophy offered by Batrud Farm, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Shown with Lana, left to right, Bert Stewart, Hornby, official handler; Peggy Neidermeier, Rock City, Illinois, that state's Holstein Duchess; William E. Ogilvie, secretary and general manager of the International Dairy Show, Chicago, who presented the award, and Claude F. Pickett, Georgetown.



## BE A SOLVENT SANTA-PLAN

A little advance planning can help you enjoy the holiday season as you should, without having to reach down the chimney of your bank.

Keep a 'Yule log' — a day by day record of Christmas expenses which can serve as a brake on this year's spending and act as a guide to future Christmas budgeting.

To do this, decide the total amount you can spend on gifts. This sum, divided by the people on your list, represents your average gift outlay. You can adjust this figure upward or downward for different persons just so you stay within your total gift outlay.

### FRAGILE EGG SHELLS FOR EXQUISITE TREE

An English proverb says 'Better half an egg than an empty shell.' However, creators of exquisite decorated egg shells have refuted this.

Take empty shells and a variety of other small fragile things — like pearls and brilliant stones, miniature gift ornaments, the tines of artificial flowers and ferns — and create Christmas tree ornaments of heirloom quality.

It is precisely because they are so fragile that these ornaments are so charming. Every one, strategically hung, could have a place of honor on your tree.

This does not mean, however, that you must ban an occasional splurge. Realistically, your Christmas budget should be like any other sound and practical one — controlled — by your real account of money; it must be allowed for the unexpected expense in your 'Yule Log'; you can avoid one of the costly mistakes many Christmas shoppers make, overspending on every item purchased.

By obtaining buying information, then comparing items, prices and stores and by avoiding the last minute rush this Christmas, you too can be one of the Three Wise Men.

## LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

When you have two suits that are equal in length and almost equal in strength, which one do you set up at a No. Trump contract? The answer can usually be found in the answer to a different question. Which opponent do you want on lead or which is the dangerous opponent?

Let's look at the following hand which occurred at the Afton Bridge Club. East dealt and North-South were vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
S-A Q 10 8 4  
H-A Q 6 5  
D-10 5  
C-K 7

**WEST**  
S-K 7 4  
H-J 10 3  
D-K 8 3  
C-A 10 8 6 2

**SOUTH**  
S-9 5 3  
H-K 9  
D-A Q 9 7 4  
C-Q 4 3

The bidding:  
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH  
Pass Pass Pass 2H  
Pass 2D Pass 3NT  
All Pass

Opening lead—six of clubs. For a change, the bidding is reasonably straight forward. South's two diamond responses showed at least 10 points. He felt he could at least push to 2 no trump since his hand is worth 12 points counting one extra for the fifth diamond.

On the opening lead of the club six, declarer put the king on from dummy. What East does will determine whether

declarer attacks diamonds or spades. If East has the club ace, declarer will hold up in clubs for three rounds and then try to develop dummy's spade suit.

What really happened on this hand, as you can see, is that East played low. Now East must not be allowed to get the lead, so diamonds is the suit to go after. The ten is led and passed to West's king. West led another club and declarer won.

A spade to ace allowed declarer to lead a diamond from dummy for a finesse of the nine. Declarer didn't even try the spade finesse. Why jeopardize a contract for an even chance finesse.

On the run of diamonds, East let go of a 'useless' heart which allowed declarer to score an undeserved trick. In all declarer took a spade, four hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

The Afton bridge club will continue to hold its regular meetings on Monday night at 8 p.m. throughout the holiday season. Anyone who would like to try duplicate bridge is more than welcome.

### UNUSUAL TRADITION

Perhaps one of the most unusual Christmas traditions is the one still adhered to by some Swiss romantics. These folks advise a boy or girl to visit nine different fountains and take three sips from each at the time the bells are ringing for midnight services on Christmas Eve. After this odd rite has been completed, the future husband or wife will be standing at the door of the church and a regular courtship will begin—if the spell has worked.



**THE WISE MEN** — This montage depicts the wise men journeying through the desert, following the star that shone above the manger in which Jesus lay, and bearing their gifts to the new born Messiah. It also shows the shepherds who saw the star while tending their flocks. The Goodrich Christmas special, 'Christ is Born', recounts the most famous of the Christmas stories.

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### BRIDGE CLUB

Georgetown duplicate bridge club had its last session of the year on Tuesday last week, when twelve tables of players competed.

It was master points night and there was lunch as well as a special lucky draw for boxes of chocolates. Winners of the candies included Mrs. Ern Hyde, Mrs. 'Gob' Collier, Mrs. Jack Hooper, Mrs. George Walker, Cam Sinclair and Mrs. Shepherd of Port Credit.

At cards, in the east-west group, a mother and son combination were first, Mrs. Bob Barber and Tom Barber. Other winners, Mrs. Jack Hooper and Mrs. Sue Sullivan, 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. R. Williams, 3rd; Syd Heller and Duke Wilson, 4th; Margery Mackenzie and Olive Logan, 5th.

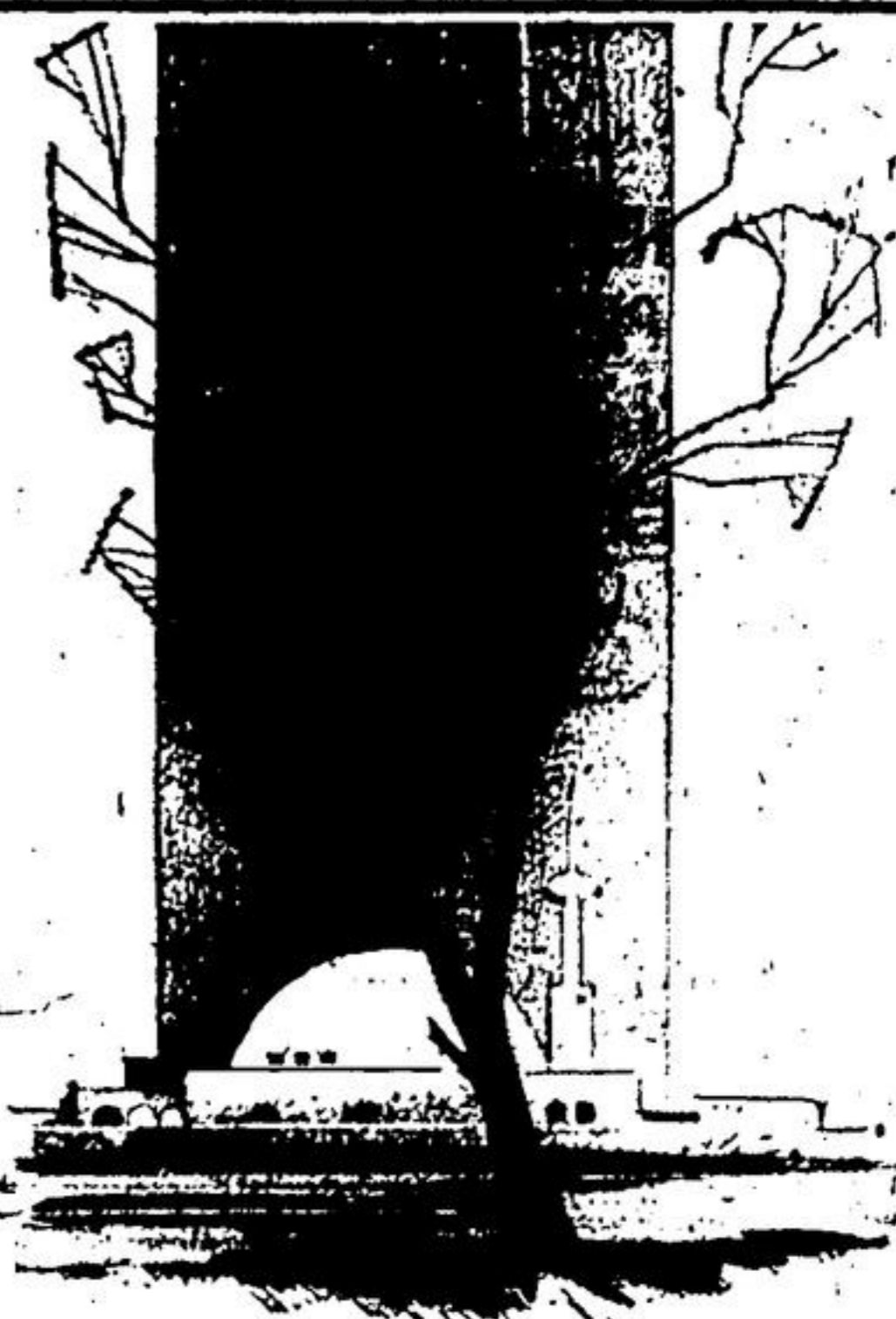
North-south winners — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen, 1st; Mrs. Ern Hyde and Larry Lawson, 2nd; a third place tie was shared by George Ellenton and Mrs. Neil Pattullo, Bill Hamilton and Cam Sinclair; and Mike Lorusso and Dick Prust were 5th.

The club is recessing for the holidays with the next game scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th.

## NOEL

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## GEORGETOWN DECORATING CENTRE

27 Mill Street (rear of Royal Bank) 877-4193



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to our many customers and friends.

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MILL STREET 877-9261



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STEWARTTOWN 877-9991



SEASON'S BEST to you

Wishing you a home filled with happiness.

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LUCKY DOLLAR STORE  
MR. AND MRS. DON WILKES  
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## JOE'S TUCK SHOP



Our wish is one that isn't new... but still we'd like to say to you: Merry Christmas!

SINCERE THANKS FROM  
T.S. ELECTRIC  
TERRY PEER AND FAMILY

## Christmas Greetings To All!



JEAN'S HOME FURNISHINGS  
— and —  
FURNITURE WAREHOUSE  
14 TODD ROAD



We rejoice in the opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

FROM THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT

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