



## Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

One theme that has constantly been stressed in this column is the need for declarer to make a plan. The mark of a good bridge player, is one who can select the best plan or make changes as the hand develops.

Here is a hand where I played as declarer in a small slam. I had a plan but unfortunately I thought it was the only plan and I didn't leave room for a change.

East dealt with neither side vulnerable.

NORTH  
S-10  
H-A 5  
D-A J 10 8 5 3  
C-K 9 4

WEST EAST  
S-7 8 3 2 H-3 4  
H-J 8 5 3 2 H-K Q 10  
D-8 7 3 2 D-K 8 7 4 3  
C-10 5

SOUTH  
S-A K Q 9 8 H-A 9 8  
D-Q C-A Q J 6

The bidding: All Pass  
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH  
Pass 1S Pass 2D  
Pass 4C Pass 4D  
Pass 4S Pass 5C  
Pass 6C Pass 6C  
Dble.

Opening lead - 9 of diamonds. The bidding wasn't particularly good. South should not go to slam on a simple suit preference in a forced bidding situation. South's jump shift to four clubs was game forcing and North had to keep bidding. South hoped to find ten high card points in North's hand and was disappointed when two of the points were distributional.

Not dim  
Prospects were not dim, however. Declarer could count five side suit winners - one

diamond, one heart and three spades. If he could make all seven trump separately he would have twelve tricks.

The opening lead was won in dummy and the singleton spade was led. On the next two spade leads declarer discarded two of dummy's hearts.

East of course played the jack on the third spade and it is at this point that declarer should reconsider his plan.

### Draw trumps

Declarer could take the heart ace and ruff a heart in dummy. Now trumps could be drawn and declarer's good spades would account for twelve tricks.

However declarer decided to keep to his original plan. That would be to take the heart ace and ruff a heart. Now a diamond ruff would be followed by another heart ruff. This cross ruff would continue with declarer's high trump.

### Two plans

The first plan works so long as clubs are not split five-one. The second works if diamonds are not split five-one. In retrospect I think the poor diamond split is more likely than a poor club split. However I tried the original plan and naturally West over-ruffed the diamond. His spade return left me no choice but to duck in dummy and I was down one. I wish now that I had given more thought to a change of plans when that jack of spades fell from East's hand.

### Last week's winners

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge club. First: Kay Coats and Cam Sinclair; second, Harry Arbic and Jack Greer; tied for third, Jack Coats and Duke Wilson with Gloria and Bill Coats.



HALTON FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU held its annual church parade in Milton as 45 firefighters from Halton's five fire departments marched from Victoria Park to Grace Anglican Church for the 11 a.m. service. Bureau

chairman Chief M. Holmes and the Milton Girls' Pipe Band headed the parade through the streets. The parade is held annually to draw attention to Fire Prevention Week. —(Staff Photo)

## Firefighters march to church service

A light rain didn't stop Halton Fire Prevention Bureau from holding its annual church parade in Milton.

In full dress uniforms, 45 firefighters from the five fire departments in the county marched from Victoria Park to Milton's Grace Anglican Church, led by the Milton Girls' Pipe Band. The parade is held annually in various towns in Halton, to draw attention to Fire Prevention Week which this year is being celebrated Oct. 4 to 10.

### Chiefs head parade

Fire chiefs from Acton, Georgetown, Milton and Oakville and Capt. Jim Jeffries of Burlington's No. 2 Company headed the marching group. Deputy Chief George Bundy of Milton Fire Department was parade marshal.

At the church they were welcomed to the 11 a.m. service by the rector, Rev. R. W. Foster. Bureau Chairman Chief M. Holmes of Acton and Chiefs J. C. Cunningham of Georgetown, A. E. Clement of Milton and Douglas Wilson of Oakville participated in the service by collecting the offering.

Milton Firefighters served the visitors a light lunch at Milton Fire Hall after the service.

## Closure orders rescinded some quarries, gravel pits

Five Halton firms ordered to cease mining their stone quarry or gravel pit operations on Sept. 26 have been given permits to temporarily continue operations, officials of the Ontario Department of Mines have announced.

Campbellville Sand and Gravel Supply Ltd., located on Five Sideroad east of the village of Campbellville, has been given a one month permit to continue mining in its lower pit. The firm had laid off 25 men a week ago, retaining only loaders and scale men, when the closure order was handed out by Mines Minister Allan Lawrence.

### Three others to continue

Salco Construction Ltd., Oakville has received a three month permit for its sand and gravel pits in Burlington and Rice and McHarg Ltd. of Georgetown received a 12 month permit to work their Esqueping operations. Shortly after the closure order was given, Dufferin Materials and Construction of Milton obtained a provisional one month permit to operate their large stone quarry in Nassagaweya.

Harvey Norton quarries, Limehouse, was granted a one month provisional permit.

Halton County roads department's gravel pit on Walker's Line in North Burlington has also been removed from the department's black list—the county no longer uses the pit.

## Erect fence to ensure tobogganers' safety

A fence between the C.N.R. tracks and Sir Donald Mann park in Glenlea subdivision will be erected soon to ensure maximum safety for winter tobogganers, parks board chairman Peter Marks stated.

Chairman Marks also said he had approached Acton Hydro Commission about using their automatic posthole digger, but added it was the collective opinion of commission members the machine would not be available until about Christmas time.

Consequently, the committee will hire a local contractor to dig post holes for the fence at a cost of \$1.25 per hole.

Material for the fence was

## Hill wants reasons

Esqueping Council wants reasons why the fee for a land separation in the township should be raised, before they make any final decision.

Committee of adjustment member Tom Van Sicker requested council consider raising the fee from the present figure of \$300, at a recent meeting.

### Others higher

Deputy-reeve Tom Hill said he couldn't justify raising the fee "just because somebody else's is higher."

Land separation fee in Nassagaweya is \$500, while Burlington's is \$900 and Oakville's from \$300 to \$850.

Clerk-treasurer Delmar French was instructed to ask committee of adjustment for guidance on the matter.

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## Obituary

### C. W. Lasby area farmer

In failing health for two years, Charles William Lasby of R. R. 1, Campbellville, passed away on September 19. A farmer, he was semi-retired.

Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoomaker funeral home on Sept. 22 and interment was at Eden Mills. Pallbearers were Bert Wright, Robert Croft, Gordon Brinklow, all longtime friends.

Flower bearers were Terry Hamilton, Don Early, Don Gibson, Ross Armstrong and Percy McGillivray.

Rev. D. R. Sinclair conducted the service.

### Born at Acton

Mr. Lasby was born in 1894 at Acton, son of Wallace A. and Jessie Anderson, and the family moved to Nassagaweya a few years later. He and Florence Swanson were married in 1920 in Eramosa township; she survives him.

They lived for 20 years at R. R. 2 Rockwood at the present home of son Wallace, and have been at R. R. 1, Campbellville for the past 21 years.

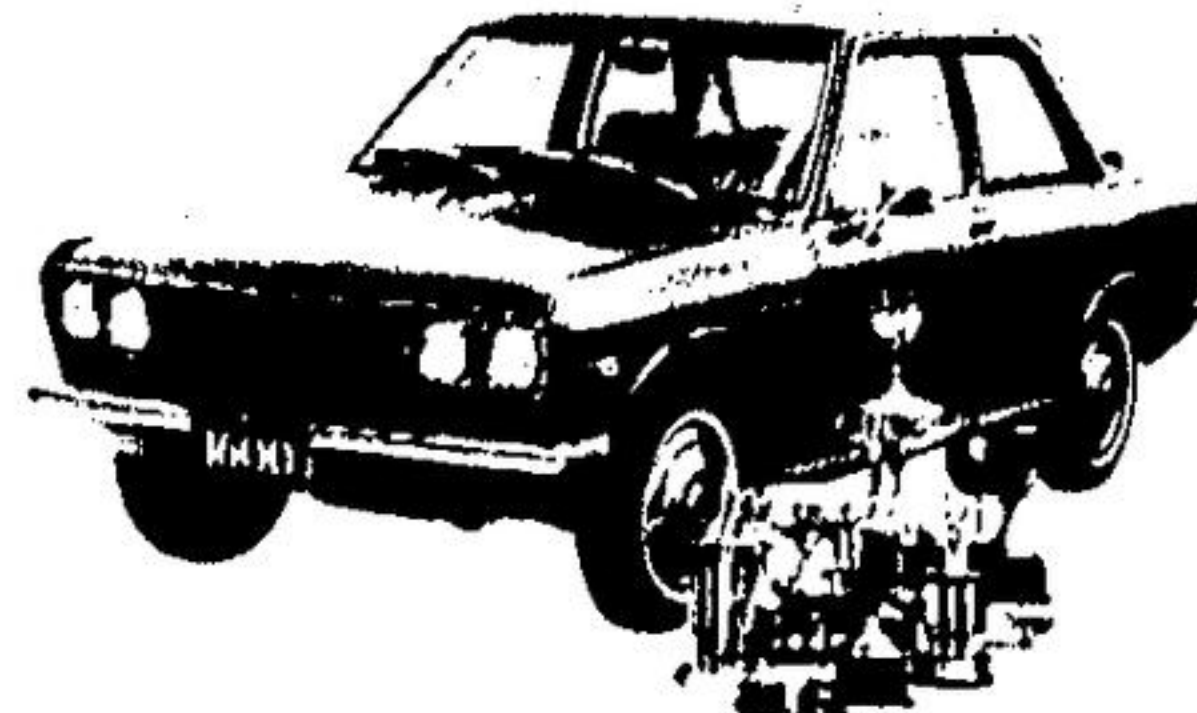
### Family survives

Surviving Mr. Lasby are his wife; sons G. Wallace, and Joseph A., and grandchildren Bill, Bob, Cathy, David, Stephen and Heather, all of R. R. 2, Rockwood.

A brother Joseph W. A. Lasby died in February 1970.

Mr. Lasby was keenly interested in purebred Shorthorn cattle, and showed for many years at local fall fairs.

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The Hon. Thomas L. Wells, Minister