

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By BILL COATS

The term "psychic bidding" was coined in 1931 by the late Dorothy Rice Sims and the word psychic has stayed with us. Generally speaking, it means "bidding what you don't have, or bluffing, in order to create the illusion of strength, or to conceal a weakness."

As with any other bid or call in contract bridge, the opponents are entitled to as much information as your partner. Therefore when you make a psychic bid you fool not only the opposition but your partner as well. However the odds are two (opponents) to one (partner) that your psychic will work.

DISRUPT SEQUENCE
Even when the opponents know that you are making a psychic bid, you can often disrupt their sequence enough to achieve a good result. Here is an example from the Acton Bridge Club where a psychic bid paid off.

West dealt with North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S-K1084
H-J1074
D-A5
C-875

WEST
S-J6
H-852
D-108742
C-1094

EAST
S-97
H-A3
D-KQJ93
C-KJ83

SOUTH
S-AQ532
H-KQ96
D-6
C-AQ2

The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
PASS PASS 1D DBL
1S PASS 2D 2H
2NT. 3H PASS PASS
PASS

Opening lead—four of diamonds. East's opening bid is routine and so is South's take out double.

FANCY HIDING
West was looking at a near bust hand. With favorable vulnerability he decided to indulge in some fancy bidding. Since the opponents probably had a spade suit he bid one spade to try and steal their suit. This bid is reasonably safe since

Alf Allen Elected Zone Vice President

Alf Allen of Georgetown Senior Citizens Club was named third vice-president of the Zone 13 Senior Citizens at their annual rally November 8.

Arnold Covert of Burlington is president, Mrs. Shaw of Burlington, secretary, and Mrs. William Marshall of Milton, treasurer. The past president is William Fellows of Aldershot.

Tom Bralaye of Milton was chairman of the nominating committee. He presented outgoing president Mr. Fellows and Mrs. Richardson the outgoing secretary with gifts, and Mr. Covert presented past treasurer Mrs. Forster with a gift for their work of previous years.

A program of music, songs, recitations, reading, jokes and stories was presented after the election. About 300 senior citizens attended the rally in the Senior Citizens' Centre in Burlington.

Bridge Club

Eighteen tables played last week at the duplicate bridge club evening in the Legion auditorium.

North-South winners - 1st, Mrs. Isabel Mandy, Gord Mooney; 2nd (tie), Larry Lawson and Cam Sinclair, Mrs. Sue Sullivan and L. Moulton; 4th (tie) Roy Turton and Joe Kaine, Arthur Kwei and Ron Dickson; 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams.

East-West - 1st, Jim Kallil, Bill Wandel; 2nd, Frank Martin, Harry Arbic; 3rd, Bart Fisher, Duke Wilson; 4th, Jim Sargent, Tom Warnes; 5th, Mrs. Alleen Bradley, Mrs. Marguerite Taylor; 6th, Mrs. Helen Hyde, Mrs. Alice Walker.

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Child's Mind Like a Sponge

Maple Nursery Parents Have Controversial School Explained

The speaker at the second meeting of the Maple Nursery School parents on October 12 was Barbara Rodrigo, director of the demonstration Montessori Nursery School at Sheridan College. The parents were most interested in learning about this controversial type of nursery school.

Miss Rodrigo explained the Montessori theory that the young child's mind is like a sponge which will absorb enormous amounts of information. Using this theory as a base, Montessori school expose the child to a variety of learning situations.

They start with practical skills - things the child has seen his mother perform at home such as sweeping, pouring. The child is anxious to copy his mother's actions and learns these skills readily.

Then they move on to skills which will increase the child's independence, buttoning, zipping, tying shoes. These he is also eager to learn. Each of these skills is broken down into its individual steps - and it is described and demonstrated slowly and clearly.

To an adult, a button is a simple thing but to a child it means the use of some very intricate hand co-ordination - with both hands at the same time. He can, however, conquer the task, if he is shown exactly how to hold the button and the button-hole.

This method is applied to all areas of learning; each project is explained on a level that the child can understand, and he progresses from simple to more and more difficult.

NOT PUSHED

The second theory basic to the Montessori method is that the development of such co-ordination as is used in the skills mentioned above is essential before the more abstract learning of reading and arithmetic can occur. There were parents questions at this point regarding the necessity of young children learning to read, add, multiply, etc.

Miss Rodrigo gave assurances that the children were not pushed in any way, that they moved from one step to the next as they were ready, but she indicated that they usually do move ahead very quickly and are quite capable of learning these skills.

Other questions from parents centred around the fear that such a structured situation might stifle creativity. Miss Rodrigo agreed that she felt this was possible if no free play was allowed. She stated that each Montessori school depends largely on the director's interpretation of the Montessori principles.

FREE TIME
She allows a part of each morning for creative play, painting or drawing, or pretend, and an out-of-doors period when the children play with few restrictions. Another director might allow very little free time. Miss Rodrigo said the Dr. Montessori's theories have been proven but that they must be updated for the child of the 70s to produce a well-rounded child with social as well as intellectual development.

Since this meeting, some of the mothers have had the opportunity to visit the demonstration class at Sheridan. Anyone interested in observing this class in action could contact Sheridan College about dates. It is open Friday mornings but space is limited so one must arrange ahead.

BOOKS
The November meeting had the topic of books and Mrs. E. Ball from the Library and Mrs. J. Bellamy from the Book Shop were on hand to offer suggestions about books for children.

Mrs. Ball discussed ways of getting children interested in books and stressed reading to them from a very early age. Even before they can really understand it encourages a pleasant, close relationship. Mrs. Bellamy had with her a very large selection of children's books that are available in the Book Shop and the meeting closed with the parents browsing and planning Christmas lists over her display.

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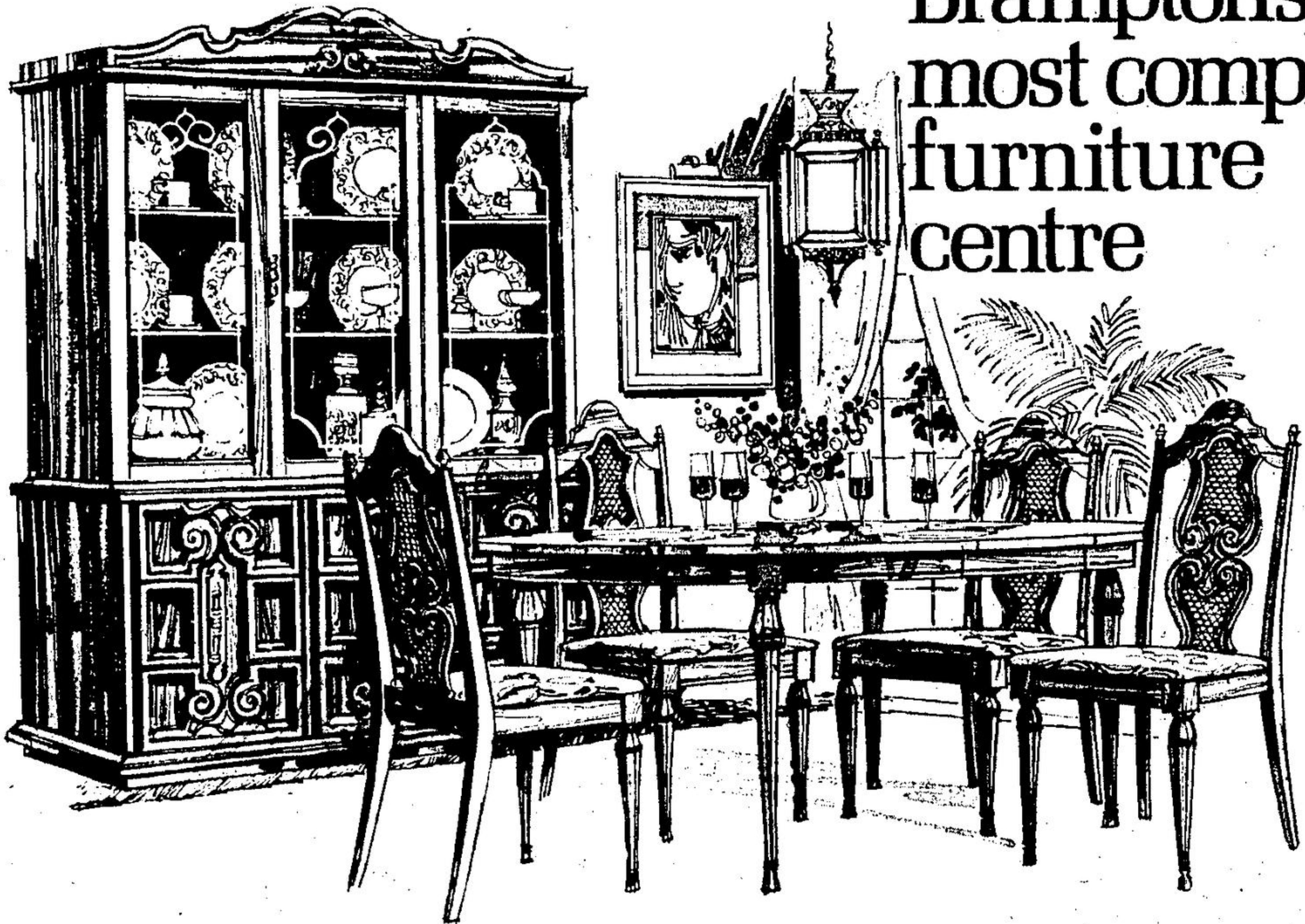
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