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LOCAL NOTES Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blue of Rose street entertained at dinner Wednesday in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Chester Reed. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Reed and family of Cypress street; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Reed and Miss Winnie Reed of San Pedro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Draffen, Miss Geraldine Draffen of Pine street, and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Golding and sons of Almond street were entertained at dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Draffen of Long Beach.



How to Play BRIDGE

Series 1927-28 by Wynne Ferguson Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

ARTICLE No. 14 One of the greatest charms of auction bridge is the fact that practically all players feel that they play as well as the next fellow. Therefore they get much more enjoyment from playing on what they consider an "equal" basis than if they considered themselves inferior.

"There!" said the criminal Miller triumphantly, as he took on the odd trick at the conclusion of a hand; "that could not have been played better, I flatter myself—impossible to have made another trick!"

"Miller ought to have trumped the diamond, oughtn't he sir?" said the old lady.

Mr. Pickwick nodded assent. "Ought I, though?" said the unfortunate, with a doubtful appeal to his partner.

"You ought, Sir," said the fat gentleman in an awful voice. "Very sorry," said the crestfallen Miller. "Much use that," growled the fat gentleman.

Mr. Pickwick started his travels in 1827 so that the quotation, describing conditions in Whist a century ago, shows how little human nature has changed in the meantime. There are undoubtedly many Mr. Millers playing today who fancy their game, and as many fat gentlemen who delight in criticizing them.

In preceding articles, reference has been made to the informatory double and its proper application. Here are two hands of a similar character that bring out still further principles:

Hand No. 1 Hearts—8, 7, 3 Clubs—9, 4 Diamonds—A, K, 5 Spades—J, 7, 6, 5, 2

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one spade, A doubled (informatory) and Y passed. What should B bid? B has the choice of passing the one spade double in the hope that he and his partner can defeat the bid, or of bidding one no-trump. A great many players would probably pass and try to defeat the bid but such procedure seems unsound.

At most, B cannot figure his hand worth more than three or possibly four tricks. Therefore, unless B's partner can take four tricks, Z will make his bid. On the other hand, if the no-trump is bid, B's hand has possibilities of game. As between a doubtful pass and a sure score at no-trump, there is no choice. The no-trump should be bid without question.

Hand No. 2 Hearts—9, 4, 2 Clubs—9, 7, 3 Diamonds—9, 6, 2 Spades—J, 6, 5, 3

No score, first game. Z dealt, bid one spade, A doubled (informatory) and Y passed. What should B bid?

This situation comes up so frequently that it should be carefully noted. When your partner makes an informatory double and the only four-card suit you hold is the one doubled, you can do one of two things: First, if the suit is strong enough to act as a double stopper of the suit bid, you should bid one no-trump. This shows your partner the type of hand you hold and that you probably have no other four-card suit.

Second, if the suit is so weak that it contains no stopper in the suit bid or possibly only one, you should bid two clubs, or if that is the suit doubled, two diamonds. In other words, when the suit doubled is your only four-card suit and it is too weak to justify a no-trump bid, you should bid two of a minor suit; two clubs if that is not the suit doubled; otherwise two diamonds. This is a sensible rule and should be closely followed.

In this example hand, the point is well brought out. Four spades to the jack is too weak to justify a no-trump bid, so B has no choice but to bid two clubs.

Answer to Problem No. 15 Hearts—J, 10 Clubs—A, 7, 6 Diamonds—9, 6 Spades—10, 9, 7

Hearts—3 Clubs—J, 5, 3, 2 Diamonds—none Spades—Q, J, 6, 5

Hearts—K, Q, 8, 7 Clubs—Q, 10, 9, 4 Diamonds—5 Spades—none

Hearts—6 Clubs—K, 8 Diamonds—Q, J, 10, 9, 7, 6 Spades—none

Diamonds are trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Z play the hand so that he can win all of the tricks against any defense? Z should lead out six rounds of diamonds. A is forced to make six discards. His first five are easy. He can discard the trey of hearts, the deuce of clubs and the jack, six of spades. Y must make only five discards. His first four are easy as he can discard two hearts and two spades. B must also make five discards and his first four are also easy. He should discard three hearts and one club. At the sixth trick the cards held by the four players are as follows:

Hearts—none Clubs—A, 7, 6 Diamonds—none Spades—10

Hearts—K Clubs—Q, 10, 9 Spades—none Diamonds—none

Hearts—6 Clubs—K, 8 Diamonds—Q, J, 10, 9, 7, 6 Spades—none

Z now leads his six of diamonds. What can A discard? If he discards his spade, Y's ten of spades is good. Therefore A is forced to discard the trey of clubs. Y should now discard the ten of spades. What can B discard? If he discards the king of hearts, Z's six of hearts is good. Therefore B is forced to discard the nine of clubs.

Z now should lead the king of clubs, then the eight, winning the second club trick in Y's hand with the ace. Y's last club is now good and Y is in this way with all of the tricks against any defense, by forcing discards from both A and B.

This forcing of discards is called the "squeeze;" and when effective against both opponents, as in this problem, is called the "double squeeze." It is a pretty little problem and should be studied carefully.

Keystone Notes

Mrs. Fox and Miss Fern Chambers both teachers at Carson street school are confined to their homes with illness. Mrs. Talitha Carleton, formerly assistant to Mrs. Blanche Ritter was a visitor at Carson street school on Tuesday. Her many friends here will be sorry to learn that she does not expect to return here to teach. She has been confined to her home for some time owing to ill health.

Mrs. Wendell Cowan of Long Beach was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Tannehill on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marks of Long Beach visited their daughter, Mrs. Walter Phillips and her family at their home on Carson street Tuesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Carson street Parent-Teachers' Association was held in the auditorium of the school building at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Miss Holman, the school nurse, gave a very interesting talk on the wonderful benefit that our children derive from the clinic and gave an outline of the various phases of the work being done there. It was decided to give a luncheon for the children at the school next Tuesday. Next Wednesday was chosen to be the day to gather all old newspapers and magazines in the community. They may be brought to the school in the morning and will be picked up by members of the P. T. A.

A very dainty colation was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Joseph DiMaesa and Miss Ruth Fox after the business meeting.

The Board of Supervisors set the incorporation election of Torrance for April 12, 1928.

J. Ischstein was elected president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

W. H. Gilbert was elected president of the Torrance Country Club.

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Lodge announced plans for the erection of a \$25,000 Masonic Temple. The trustees were as follows: R. R. Smith, G. W. Towne, W. A. Renn, Paul J. Beall and G. W. Nell.

Mrs. George Watson and daughter Virginia attended a performance at the Morosco theatre.

W. W. Woodington of South Arlington has purchased the home of H. Nash, and will move next week into his new residence. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kite will occupy the house vacated by the Woodingtons and Mr. and Mrs. Nash will move into the cottage that Mr. and Mrs. Woodington are building.

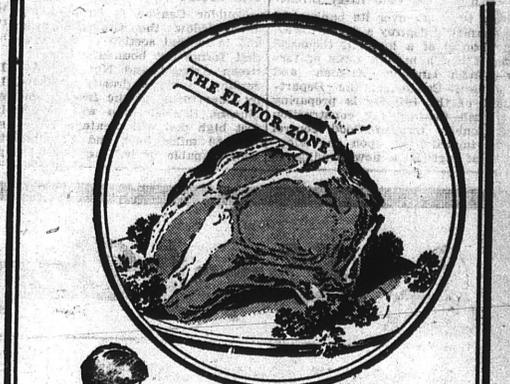
Miss Mildred Adams, clerk in the postoffice is suffering from poison oak which she came in contact with on a hike to Mt. Baldy and the Palos Verdes Hills.

John Him, recovered from an illness, has bought four lots on Cota avenue from Frank Sammons and is going to build.

Mrs. Hattie Rosenhorst of Miller street, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Skoglund and Miss Evelyn Skoglund of Long Beach, visited the Shrine home for children at Redlands Sunday. Mr. Skoglund's sister is matron at the Home.

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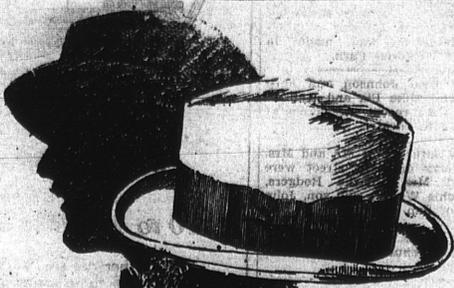
After having sold over \$70,000 worth of lots in the Hammetton Tract and interested many people in the Community Building Company, Mr. A. H. Bartlett found the work of handling the two together too burdensome, and is now devoting all his time to promote the affairs of the building company.

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LOCAL NOTES

Mrs. Paul Edwards and Mrs. Harry Iseman were recent luncheon guests of Mrs. Cal Rice of Weston street. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Luck were entertained at dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Hunt of 25th and Governor avenue. Mrs. J. H. Splittsoesser and Miss Irene Splittsoesser of Hill street are guests of Los Angeles friends today. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Golding and son Lyle of Almond street and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pearson of San Pedro attended the Orpheum in Los Angeles Saturday. The Missionary Society of the Community church is meeting today with Mrs. Harold Coakley of Vine street. Mrs. T. W. Tonkin and niece Jean Lakin of Carpinteria were guests over the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Tonkin of Beacon street. Mrs. Tonkin reports that Mr. Tonkin is in fairly good health again. The T. W. Tonkins formerly lived on Flower street.

