

# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER  
FAMOUS HANDS

West dealer.  
N-South vulnerable.  
N-South part score of 60.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 7 6 5 2  
♥ J 5  
♦ 7 3  
♣ 7 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ K 7 6 3  
♥ K 10 8 5 4  
♦ J 9 8 3

**EAST**  
♠ A 8 4 3  
♥ Q 10 9 3  
♦ J 2  
♣ K Q 10

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 9  
♥ A 8 6  
♦ A Q 9  
♣ A 5 4

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass 1 NT  
3♦ Pass 1 NT

Opening lead—five of diamonds. There was nothing dramatic about the background. It was just a rubber bridge game. The stakes were, say, two zlotys a point. The declarer was Howard Schenken (South).

On the preceding hand he and his partner, by a series of brilliant bids, had arrived at a contract of two spades, making six. The recriminations had not yet died down and the atmosphere was arctic when Schenken, holding half the deck, found himself confronted with a third-hand spade bid. After a brief skirmish, he bought the contract at two no-trump.

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ly, if he attacked spades, East would hold off until the fourth round. Without winning the fifth spade in dummy there would be no eighth trick.

Schenken worked out a way to make the contract. Like most good plans, it was simple in design and easy to execute. He led the nine of diamonds.

West took the ten and returned a diamond. East discarded a spade. There were now eight tricks. The scheme had worked. East had made a perfectly natural discard on the third diamond. The king of spades was led and East's ace was forced out, giving declarer four spade tricks and the contract.

Maybe East shouldn't have thrown a spade. But he hated to part with either a heart of a club. Both suits seemed more important to hang on to than the apparently useless spade.

The actual East was a well-known life master. He had no idea that the spade discard would give declarer his eighth trick. He was only doing what came naturally—he threw away what appeared to be the most useless card in his hand.

South's play illustrates an important item in dummy play. Most hands are made strictly on their merits. In some hands the declarer lacks the ammunition to fulfill his contract by straight play. In such hands the defenders are given every opportunity to make a mistake. Strategy and deception count too.

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# ELLERSLIE AND BIDEFORD

Sincere sympathy is being extended to the family of the late Wesley Wagner whose death occurred at the P. E. I. Hospital, Charlottetown, on Christmas Day.

The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29th from his late residence to St. John's Anglican Church, Ellerslie, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Findlay, the burial service was conducted by Rev. Archdeacon G. H. Harrison, Summerside. Buriel was in the church cemetery.

Master Carman Paynter, Summerside, spent part of last week visiting with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Coughlin, Ellerslie. L.A.C. George Williams who is with the R.C.A.F., stationed at Moncton, N. B., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Williams, Bideford.

Mrs. Lester Yeo, Harmony, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Coughlin recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and two sons of St. John, N. B., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Logie, Bideford, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were former residents of Bideford where Mr. Wilson was employed on the staff of the Biological station.

Sincere sympathy is being extended to the surviving relatives of the late Mrs. George William Robinson of Mount Pleasant, whose death occurred at her home on Monday, Dec. 31st.

Friends of Mr. William Noye, regret to learn of his illness in the Tynes Valley Health Centre. All join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Coughlin were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Coughlin's mother, Mrs. Annie Cotton, Springhill.

# BEDTIME STORIES

## Blacky Watches

In watching others, it is plain. There's little loss and often gain. —Blacky the Crow

Blacky the Crow was having a hard time. Perhaps it was no harder than some others were having, but at best it was really hard. One must eat but how can one eat when there is nothing to eat, or seemingly so?

"I need food in order to fly. And I must fly in order to find food. I t just isn't right to have it that way," grumbled Blacky as he sat in the top of a pine tree in the Green Forest trying to think where he would be most likely to find something he could eat. Everywhere was snow and ice. It was discouraging to one as hungry as Blacky the Crow. It was more than discouraging—it was frightening.



You wouldn't be so happy if you were as hungry as I am," said Blacky.

"Dee, dee, dee, dee. Chickadee! See me! See me!" cried Tommy Tit. He sounded as happy as if it were a lovely summer day instead of a bitter cold winter day.

Somehow just hearing and seeing someone so cheerful made Blacky feel worse than ever. "You wouldn't be so happy if you were as hungry as I am," said Blacky.

"I wouldn't be hungry," replied Tommy Tit. "No sir, I wouldn't be hungry. I never am. There is always something somewhere."

"That may be true, but if you don't know where somewhere is, you don't get anything to eat. If you were as big as me you would know what it is to go hungry most of the time in winter even though you may wear your wings out flying," replied Blacky.

"Dee, dee, dee! Not me! cried Tommy Tit. "I would see where others are getting food, then I wouldn't be afraid to go there too. I'm sorry for you Blacky, yet I am not sorry. There is plenty of food put out every day for we

# MILLIGAN WILL REPORT TO BURMA ON POTENTIAL

SINGAPORE (Reuters) — Gordon Milligan, leader of a Canadian government team which has been surveying possibilities for hydro-electric projects in Burma as part of Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan, arrived here today on his way home.

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# GRANDMA



"WE SO COLD WE'LL JUST HANG SMALL THINGS OUT TODAY, JOE!"

"I'LL GIVE YOU TABLECLOTHS AND SHEETS IN THE BASEMENT!"

"THE LAST TIME I WASHED AN' IT WAS COLD LIKE THIS..."

"...TH' SHEETS FREEZE STIFF AN' I COULDN' GET 'EM!"

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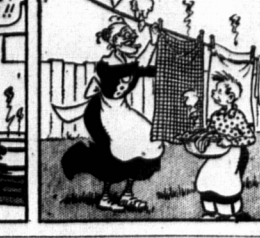
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# HENRY



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