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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Colburn

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low club—was quite a shock, but there was still no great reason to fear that the contract could not be made. The heart six was led to the ace and the queen was cashed, dummy discarding a diamond and East continuing to let go clubs. South now led the heart ten to force out West's jack, and another diamond was discarded from dummy.

West was quite sure from the source of play that South had started with only one diamond, and therefore he realized it would be futile to lead a second card of that suit. Instead, he casually laid down the ace and a low spade. South was naturally afraid to finesse for the spade queen. He put up the king, because he counted on discarding his own last spade on dummy's clubs. When, however, South led a club to the ace, West ruffed the trick and triumphantly cashed the spade queen to set the contract.

Granting that it was bad luck to find West void of clubs South still missed an absolutely safe play when he failed to ruff a diamond with the heart eight to enter his own hand so that he could draw West's last trump.

CAVINDISH SCHOOL Report for month of January. Grade IX — 1. Charlie Gallant, 2. Eric MacNeill, 3. Herbie Moore and Albert Laird (equal). Grade VII — 1. Bessie Moore, 2. Gordon Gallant. Grade VI — 1. Alvin MacNeill. Grade V — 1. Winnie Clark, 2. Gordon Graham. Grade IV Sr. — 1. Harvey Gallant. Grade IV Jr. — 1. Shirley Gallant. Grade III Sr. — 1. Vernon Gallant. Grade II Jr. — 1. Janet Stewart and Ian McCoubrey (equal). Teacher — Mureen Doyle.

Viscount Alexander Tells Own Story Of African Campaign

LONDON, Feb. 7 — (Reuters)—Field Marshal Viscount Alexander's own story of the achievements of United States, British and French troops which, under his command, swept the Germans and Italians from North Africa in 1943 and cleared the way for the invasion of Southern Europe was published today.

Lord Alexander, now Governor-General of Canada, tells of the 1,800-mile desert advance which ended the threat to Egypt and of the Tunisian campaign which was "an unusually complete example of the battle of annihilation" in a dispatch sent to the British War Office in May last year and now released.

When, on May 7, 1943, United States troops entered Bizerta and British troops entered Tunis, Rommel's African army was finished and the way was clear for the invasion of Sicily.

"Never before had a great army been so totally destroyed," Lord Alexander declared. "A quarter of a million men laid down their arms in unconditional surrender; 663 escaped. Immense stocks of arms, ammunition and supplies of all natures were the booty of the victors. Our own casualties in the final battle were less than 2,000 men."

Lord Alexander describes the Tunisian campaign and the sweep across Cyrenaica and Libya which preceded it as "the first wholly successful campaign against the Axis."

The Turning Point Hitler's luck began to run out in Egypt in September, 1942, Lord Alexander says. The turning point was the battle of Alam El Halfa, even though it was Field Marshal Rommel's battle.

This was the German Afrika Corps effort to break through Britain's Middle East defences before war material from the United States began arriving in quantity. Up to that time the enemy was setting the pace. The crucial battle of El Alamein, only 60 miles from Alexandria, still was to be fought. In that battle, "Desert Fox" Rommel met crushing defeat.

Lord Alexander says the weight of the United States was beginning to be felt at the time. Sherman tanks were arriving at Suez. The battle of El Alamein began Oct. 23, before the Allied landing in Northwest Africa. It opened the campaign in which the enemy ultimately was expelled from Africa in May, 1943.

Rommel Tricked

Lord Alexander disclosed how Field Marshal Rommel was fooled in the Battle of El Alamein. The battle began Oct. 23, 1942, and was the beginning of the Allied offensive that swept the "desert fox" and his Afrika Corps out of North Africa.

Lord Alexander said the front in August, 1942, was like a door hinged at the sea at El Alamein and extending into the desert. The door might have been pushed open at the southern end but it was decided to strike it at the hinge, he said. The problem was to deceive the Germans as to where the blow would fall.

More than 700 dummy vehicles were placed over tanks to hide the real concentrations from German observation. Other dummy tanks were placed in a manner to indicate concentrations were being made far south of El Alamein. A dummy pipeline of old gasoline drums was built into the desert toward the southern end of the line. Dummy fuel reservoirs, pumping stations and mock supply dumps were established.

To make the set-up more baffling, fake messages were broadcast to confuse the enemy intelligence service.

This elaborate deception was substantially successful, Lord Alexander wrote, and when the attack began Rommel's armor was



COURT DECIDES STRAPPING JUST

Hazel Smeathers, Sarnia public school teacher, was supported in police court by Magistrate C. S. Woodrow when the teacher appeared on a charge of common assault. She was charged by Clifford Simpson, father of Kenneth Simpson, who had been strapped by Miss Smeathers, and in attempting to dodge the strap received a cut over his eye. After hearing the evidence, his worship called Kenneth "a very objectionable young man."

German Leaps To Death In Prison

NUERNBERG, Feb. 5—(AP)—German Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz committed suicide today by leaping from the top catwalk of the Nuernberg Prison a short time before he was to go on trial for war crimes.

His death did not delay the trial of 13 of his co-defendants—all of them former German military leaders. They were escorted into a United States tribunal to answer charges of crimes against peace and crimes against humanity.

The 64-year-old Blaskowitz broke away from a file of prisoners on one of the high runways surrounding the prison rotunda. With surprising nimbleness he clambered up a seven-foot wire fence. Then, as the guards watched helplessly, he threw himself over the fence hurtling 30 feet to a tile floor.

He was the ninth prisoner to take his life in the Nuernberg Prison. Among the others were Herman Goering; Robert Ley, former Nazi labor boss, and Dr. Leonard Conti, accused founder of an inhuman medical experiment program.

NORTH PINETTE SCHOOL

The following is the Honor Roll for the pupils of North Pinette School, after their semi-annual exam in January:

- Grade X — 1. Annie Ross, 2. Earl Ross. Grade IX — 1. John Morrison. Grade VIII — 1. Anna Docherty. Grade VII — 1. Johnny Pantou, Billy Ross and Verna Ross (equal), 2. Boyston Pantou, 3. Joreen Docherty. Grade V — 1. Peggy Ross, 2. Nell Pantou. Grade IV — 1. Orvid Ross. Grade III — 1. John Docherty. Grade II Sr. — 1. Bruce Singleton. Grade II Jr. — 1. Vonda MacLayish, 2. Gracie Docherty, 3. Clayton Singleton. Grade I Sr. — 1. Robert Ross, 2. Hazel MacRae. Grade I Jr. — 1. Howard Ross, 2. Alan Ross. Grade I (Beginners)—1. Caroline Buchanan, 2. Seldon Singleton. Teacher — Flora Gillis Morrison.

VICTORIA, THE VILLAGE BY THE SEA

Miss Joan MacLeod, Bonshaw is visiting in Victoria, guest of her aunt, Mrs. Eddie Morrison.

Mr. Sandy Morrison, South Granville, was a recent visitor to Victoria, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Inman.

Miss Freda Howatt teacher, Victoria, spent last weekend with her sister, Mrs. Chester Sturdy, Crapaud Road.

Mrs. Malcolm MacKenzie, Canoe Cove, has been visiting in Victoria, guest of her niece, Mrs. Peter MacEachern.

The streets and roadways in and around the Village by the Sea are kept in excellent condition by frequent visits of the snow plow, much to the satisfaction of motorists and bus drivers.

Measles an epidemic which is almost sure to appear at this season of the year is now going the rounds, several children being absent from school on this account in this village.

An interesting game of hockey took place at Victoria Rink, Tuesday night, February 2nd, between the Tryon, Arrows and the Crapaud Heartbreakers, ending in a score 4-4. A good crowd was in attendance and as usual an evening of enjoyment was had.

Mrs. Stewart Inman, Victoria, entertained several of the ladies of the village at her home recently at a quilting party when a lovely quilt for the Orphanage at Mount Herbert was made. These ladies who are all expert needle women are to be commended for their unceasing efforts along this line. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and a social time had, by all present.

Friends of Mrs. Bertha MacQuarrie, Victoria, are pleased to learn she is much improved after a recent stay of one week in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside where she was receiving treatment.

Amongst those attending the Presbyterial held in Summerside recently were Mrs. L. D. MacLeod, representing the Women's Missionary Society; Mrs. Keith Boswell and Mrs. Evan Wright from the Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. and Mrs. Allison Lea from the Mission Band.

On Thursday evening of last week the Albany St. Pats and the Crapaud Heartbreakers met for a friendly game of hockey at Victoria Rink which ended in the score of 6-6. A good clean game, splendid ice and a grand crowd.

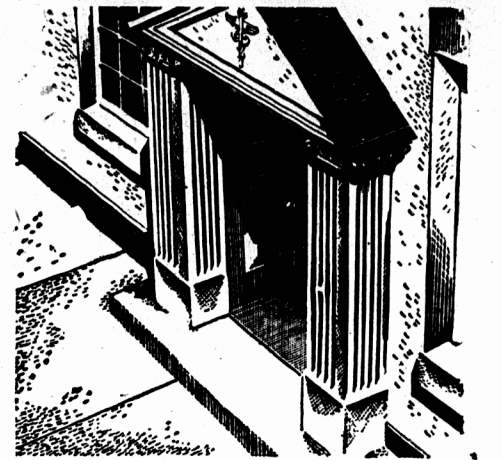
Fire, that devastating and horrifying element again visited the village of Victoria and leveled to the ground the comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan MacLeod. The fire which is supposed to have started from an overheated stove had gained considerable headway before being noticed by Mrs. MacLeod who with her two young children had barely time to make their escape to a next door neighbor's to give the alarm. By the time the village folk had gathered the house was a mass of flames, consequently only a very few articles consisting of the kitchen range and an electric washer could be saved. The house which had been re-modelled and fitted with electric lights quite recently is a severe loss to this young couple. The fire happening as it did around the noon hour and on a very calm day lessened the anxiety for the safety of the nearby residences. However the friendly Crapaud Fire Brigade stood by until all danger was past, this being the second time they had been called into action to the Village by the Sea inside two months, this being the second residence to be destroyed by fire.

Mr. MacLeod was away from home having gone to Oakville, Ontario, a short time ago. This property was formerly owned by the late Alfred Sherrin and was picturesquely situated at the entrance to the village near the bridge and lighthouse. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod in the great loss they have suffered in the destruction of their home at this cold and trying season of the year. The long siege of zero weather and the fact that the hedge-hog surely saw his shadow on the bright sunny morning of Feb. 2nd has not daunted the spirits of at least a few of the fairer sex in Victoria who have again been busy ransacking attics and store-rooms in search of hooking material and pretty soon they will be vying with each other in an effort to see who can turn out the most up-to-date pattern of rug for believe it or not the ladies of Victoria are hard to beat in this fascinating line of work. Mrs. Dan MacLeod, Victoria, whose home was recently destroyed by fire left last week accompanied by her two young children to join her husband in Oakville, Ontario, where he went a short time ago and where he has secured a good position with a pottery firm. Mrs. MacLeod who formerly belonged to Pictou has made many friends, for herself during the past few years that she has made her home here, and who will regret her departure as she was an energetic and active worker in all social and church activities. She wishes to express her sincere thanks to her friends and neighbors of Victoria and all others who showed such great kindness to herself and children during the time of the fire and afterwards and regrets very much having to leave the Village by the Sea.—V.

Scores Of Telegrams For Barbara Ann

(By The Canadian Press) ST. MORITZ, Feb. 6—Scores of telegrams tonight poured into the hotel room of Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's newly-crowned Olympic figure-skating queen. The congratulatory messages

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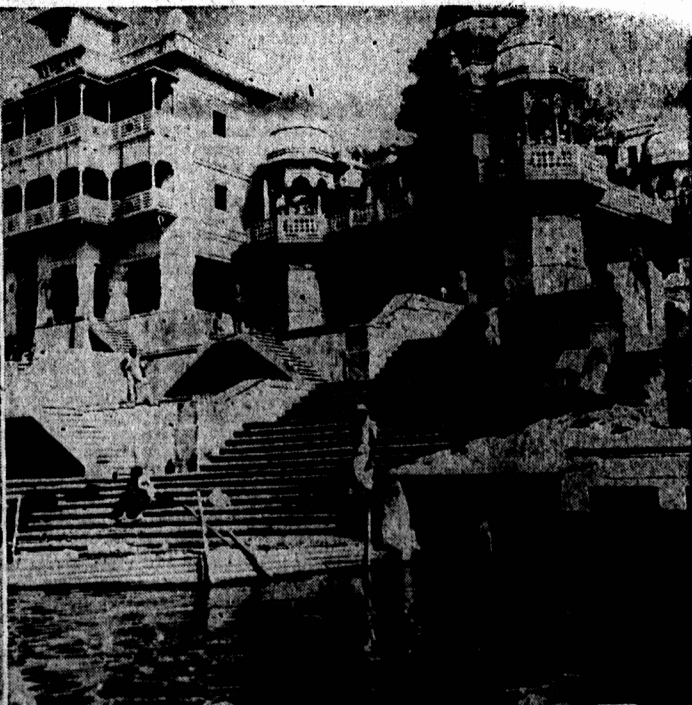
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Fragrant Flames of Burning Sandalwood Consume Frail Body of Murdered Gandhi in New Delhi as Thousands Mourn



Mad with grief over the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi, mobs put the torch to premises owned by members of the Hindoo group to which the assassin belonged.



Flames from sandalwood pyre, on banks of sacred Jumna river at New Delhi, consumed the body of Gandhi while an estimated million wept. Procession through streets lasted over five hours.



Frail woman at Gandhi cremation was only restrained from throwing herself on the blazing pyre by Lady Mountbatten, wife of India's governor-general. Aashes of the Hindoo spiritual leader, at his own request, are to be scattered over the Ganges, in which Indians bathe, as shown here.