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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluberton

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS

Most players judge a questionable overall on what seems to them the only practical basis: Did they get away with it, unhurt; or did they run into a punishing double?

Actually, the matter is not nearly that simple. There can be the most serious indirect results from a bad overall — results even more costly than being doubled and set a few hundred points. Here is a typical example of an indirect effect.

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.



The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

The six-club contract was precisely what it should have been, and easily makable, of course — but the question is whether North-South, even though a strong partnership, would have reached the slam if the opponents had kept quiet.

Let's review the bidding. The first point is that South (as he was the first to admit, later) stretched rather considerably in responding at the two-level to North's one-spade opening. Thus, other things being equal, South would have held back on later rounds.

Now assume that West passes over two clubs. How can North discover the perfect fit of the hands? He cannot blithely assume that South has control of hearts — South might have long clubs headed by king and queen, with king-queen of diamonds on the side. Nor would the Blackwood Convention help. No, it is only West's heart overall, indicating at least five hearts, and East's heart support at the four-level, indicating at least four hearts, that permit North to place his partner with the control in the one suit that is otherwise entirely obscure.

Crapaud W.M.S.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Crapaud Auxiliary of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Myers on Thursday evening, December 11th.

The program was under the leadership of Mrs. J. D. MacFarlane. The Christmas worship program was followed from "The Monthly" with scripture passages read by Ruth MacDonald, Lorna Nicholson, Margaret Dawson and Bertha Trowsdale. The Christmas hymns, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem", "Come All Ye Faithful", and "Nowell" were sung.

The offering was received and was dedicated by Mrs. MacKay. A donation of one dollar was also received.

The business period was presided over by the president. Minutes were read and approved, roll call was responded to by nine members, and there were also three visitors present.

The treasurer's report showed that the Auxiliary had a very successful year financially, with the allocation reached, and a goodly sum raised for local church improvement.

The supply secretary reported having sent a parcel for overseas relief. The card committee reported \$18.75 profit from sale of Christmas cards. The members reported fourteen calls made and thirty cards sent during the month.

The next meeting is to be at the home of Gladys Nicholson with Margaret MacDonald in charge of the program.

The following slate of officers were then elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Robt. Dawson (re-elected); vice-president, Mrs. Ralph Myers; secretary treasurer, Mrs. John Nicholson (re-elected); Christian Stewardship secretary, Mrs. Norman MacDonald; Christian Citizenship secretary, Mrs. Wm. Waddell; Community Friendship secretary, Mrs. Joseph Trowsdale; supply secretary, Mrs. Percy Dawson; Missionary Monthly secretary, Mrs. George Nicholson; literature secretary, Mrs. Frank MacDonald; press secretary, Mrs. John Simmons; Mission Band leader, Mrs. John Nicholson; assistant Mission Band leader, Mrs. Ralph Myers.

The meeting closed with hymn 602, "We Would See Jesus", read by Frances Craig, and Mizpah Benediction. A pleasant social hour was then enjoyed with lunch served by the hostess.

Albany Institute

Observes Anniversary

The members of Albany Pleasant Circle Institute celebrated their twenty-sixth anniversary by inviting their husbands to join them at a dinner served by the hostess at Pleasant View Farm, North Tryon.

Occupying the seat of honour at the table was the honorary president, Mrs. Ewen Cameron, a charter member and the first president of this Institute.

A most delicious dinner was served by the hostess, Mrs. F. Mitchell, and was much enjoyed by all.

A beautiful birthday cake was presented by the president, Mrs. John Walker, and was cut by Mrs. Ewen Cameron. A toast to the Queen by Mrs. Arthur MacKay was responded to by singing the National Anthem. A toast to charter members was proposed by Mrs. Elmer Gamble and responded to by Mrs. Ewen Cameron. A toast to the ladies of the Institute was proposed by Arthur MacKay and responded to by Mrs. John Walker.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. F. Mitchell for the lovely dinner and the use of the home.

A short sketch of the history of the Institute from its organization to the present day was read by Mrs. A. G. MacKay. A general sing-song of Christmas carols was enjoyed by all, and a short program of games directed by Mrs. Arthur MacKay caused great merriment.

The regular business meeting was then held. It was decided the dinner should become an annual event instead of once every twenty-six years.

The next meeting was to be held at the home of Mrs. Arthur MacKay, roll call to be answered by white elephant gifts.

HISTORIC ISLAND

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By Robert L. May

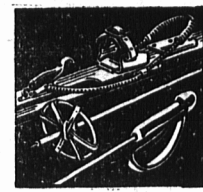


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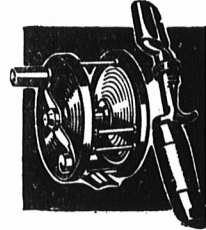


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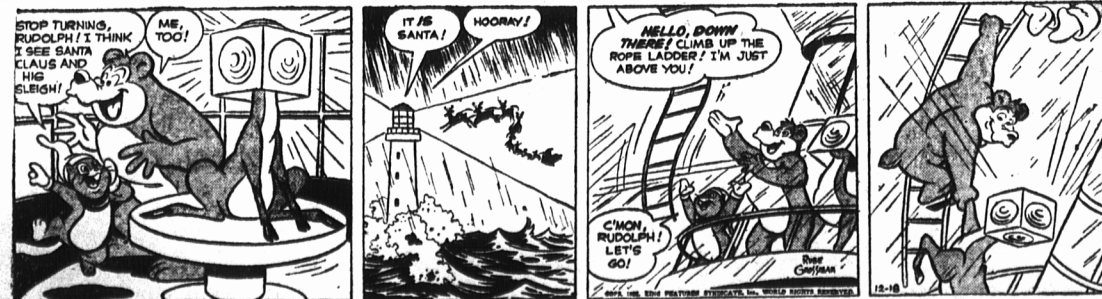
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