

# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAV BECKER

## FAMOUS HANDS

West dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
K J 5  
10 8 3  
A Q 10 8 8 2  
7

**WEST**  
10 7 6  
A 7 5  
K J 9 6 4 2  
A Q J 10 6

**EAST**  
4 3  
K J 9 6 4 2  
K 4  
K 8 3

**SOUTH**  
A Q 9 8 7  
10 8 3  
7 6 3  
9 5 4 2

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1 1 1 1  
2 2 2 2  
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Opening lead—ace of hearts.

In 1948, an American foursome consisting of John R. Crawford, George Rapee, Peter Leventritt and Sam Stayman went to London to play an invitation match of 192 deals against an aggregation of British experts. The British cut it pretty fine, winning by exactly 30 points.

Both Crawford and Rapee are on the American team of six now playing at Lake Como against Italy and Argentina for the world championship.

In the deal shown, Crawford (East) made a fine defensive play which succeeded in defeating declarer 500 points. The British declarer could have made four spades doubled.

8.55—Farm Forum News  
9.00—National Liberal Convention  
10.00—N.S. Road Report  
10.15—Music for You  
10.30—Music for You  
10.45—Don Messer and His Islanders  
11.00—Hi Fi Club  
11.15—National Farm Radio Forum  
11.30—Farm Forum News  
11.45—Assignment  
12.00—News and Weather  
12.15—Sons of the Pioneers  
12.30—Laz Unlimited  
12.45—The Concert Hour  
1.00—Diminution News  
1.15—Sign off

## Pickersgill In Last-Minute Move For Nfld. Hydro Aid

OTTAWA (CP)—J. W. Pickersgill made a last-minute appeal to the federal government Wednesday to provide financial assistance to Newfoundland for construction of hydro power plants. The former Liberal immigration minister, MP for Bonaville-Twillingate, was speaking on the final reading stage of a government bill to make federal financial assistance available to the Atlantic provinces for steam power development.

Mr. Pickersgill renewed a previous protest against the bill being limited to steam power plants. He said Newfoundland could not benefit from the legislation because it provided no assistance in the building of hydro plants.

The bill also would provide federal aid in the construction of transmission lines and subventions on Maritimes coal used to produce electricity for industrial purposes in the Atlantic provinces.

Mr. Pickersgill also protested against a statement Tuesday by Resources Minister Alvin Hamilton that private power companies would not be eligible for assistance. He said the former Liberal government had planned to include private companies.

He asked Mr. Hamilton for a clearer explanation of another statement Tuesday that it is not true the government has refused to help Newfoundland in the construction of hydro plants.

Mr. Hamilton said Tuesday that if Newfoundland puts forward a specific proposal for hydro plants it will be considered. He said it is a "matter of a hydro project a special bill will be brought in — or I imagine that is the way it would be handled."

**PREMIER INFORMED**  
The minister said details of aid the government is prepared to give Newfoundland are contained in a letter sent to Premier Joseph Smallwood.

If such a letter has been sent to Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Pickersgill said, the government is guilty of "shocking contempt of Parliament." The letter should have been tabled in the Commons.

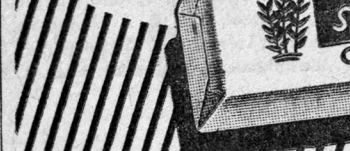
Mr. Pickersgill spoke for 85 minutes. Progressive Conservative members tried unsuccessfully several times to halt Mr. Pickersgill.

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The contract was reached on sheer momentum. A heart was opened and continued. South ruffing. Declarer decided diamonds should be tackled immediately, so he led a low diamond and palmed the eight from dummy. Without a flicker, Crawford played the four!

Encouraged by this apparent stroke of good fortune, South drew three rounds of trumps and then played another low diamond towards dummy. When West produced the jack, declarer, on the assumption West had started with K-J-5, finessed the queen.

The entire hand suddenly collapsed on declarer when Crawford won with the king and four club tricks were snatched by the defense. Down three—500 points. Had declarer gone up with the ace on the second diamond lead, he would have scored eleven tricks.

It was obvious to Crawford from the time dummy came down that declarer would make four spades doubled if left to his own devices. Crawford knew he might lose a trick by refusing the first diamond lead, but the potential 100-point loss was insignificant compared to the possible gain of 1,000 points which would accrue if the British declarer misjudged the situation.

At the other table, the final contract was five spades doubled. The king of diamonds was taken at the first opportunity and declarer went down one. The American team gained 400 points on the deal.

11.30—Portraits in Politics  
12.00—Here's the Weather and Sign Off  
\*Indicates a change from last week.

## Engineering Professor Added To Commission On Energy

OTTAWA (CP)—An Alberta engineering professor familiar with the oil and gas industry was added Wednesday to the royal commission studying energy resources.

Apparently bowing to criticism that the commission lacked a member from the province where the oil and gas industry is later to coal, nuclear power and water power.

**HAS WIDE POWERS**  
The commission's terms of reference give it sweeping powers to formulate an energy policy with particular stress on oil and natural gas pipelines. It was asked also to consider whether any special measures were needed in relation to Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited which is building a natural gas line to Ontario from Alberta with government aid.

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When the commission was named last October, the Conservative government came under fire in the Commons from Social Credit leader Low who described

the lack of an Albertan as a "serious omission."

Commission Chairman Henry Borden, 56, of Toronto, has announced the commission will start mapping a natural energy policy with hearings in Western Canada. Its early work will be devoted to the oil, natural gas and pipelines industry turning later to coal, nuclear power and water power.

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## Mersey Paper Head Retires

LIVERPOOL, N.S. (CP)—B. J. Waters, 66, is retiring as president of Mersey Paper Company, Ltd., it was announced Friday.

He is to be succeeded by J. M. Jones, 2, currently vice-president and general manager. The changes become effective July 1. Retiring at the same time is R. L. Seaborne, 68, vice-president and woodlands manager. J. A. Parker, secretary-treasurer, will become also a vice-president while Mr. Jones will continue as general manager.

Mr. Waters has been with Mersey since 1928. He will remain a member of the board of directors.

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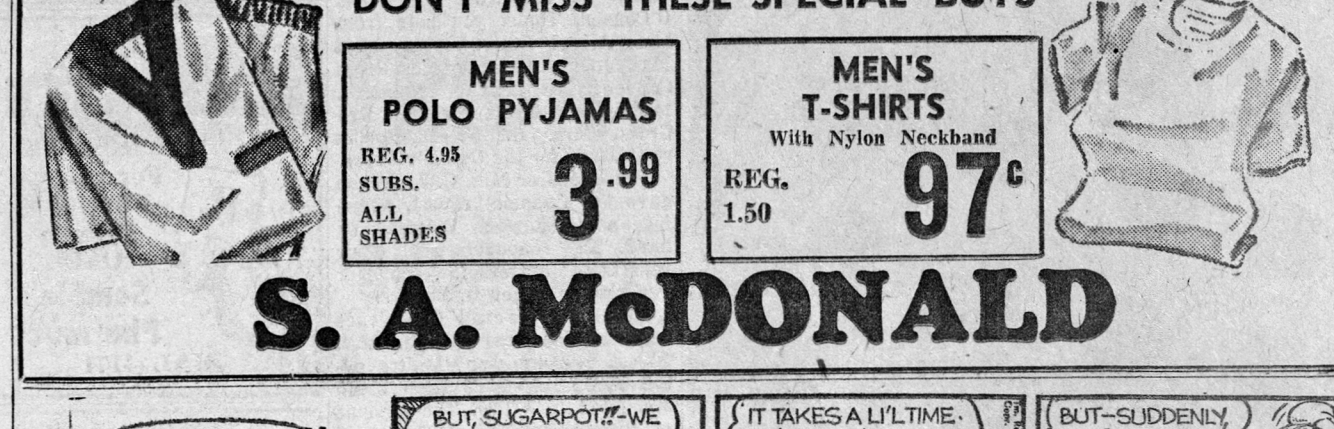
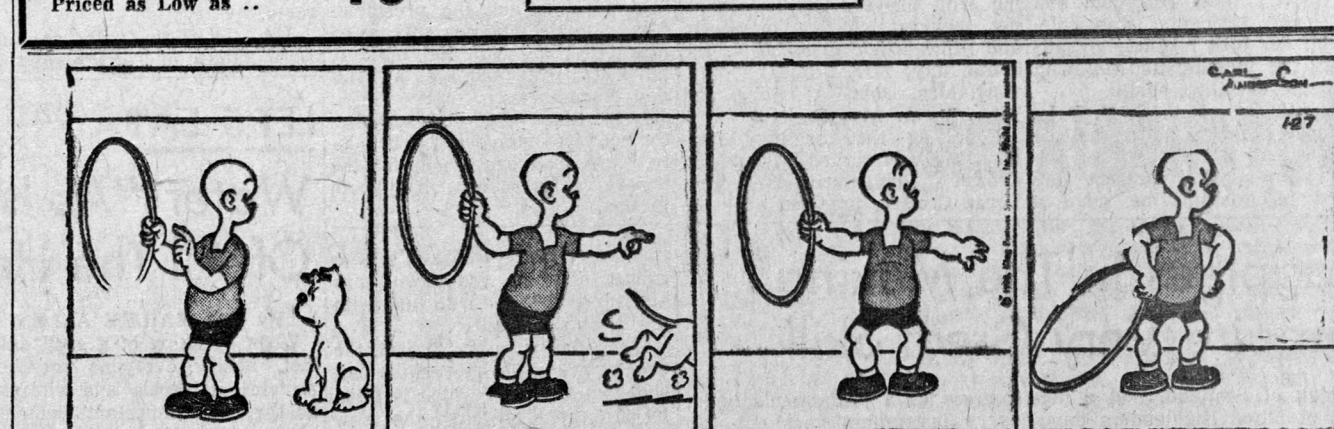
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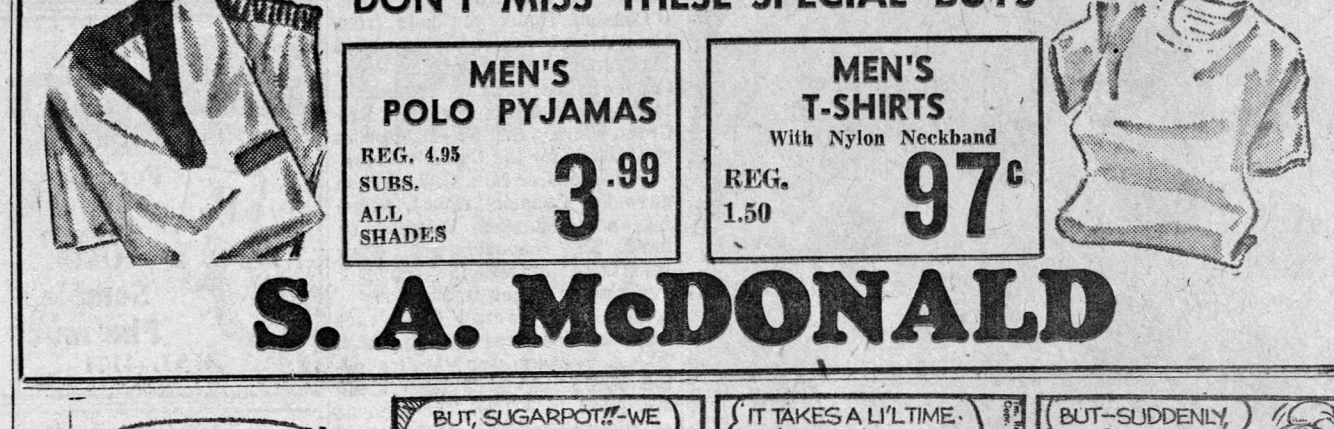
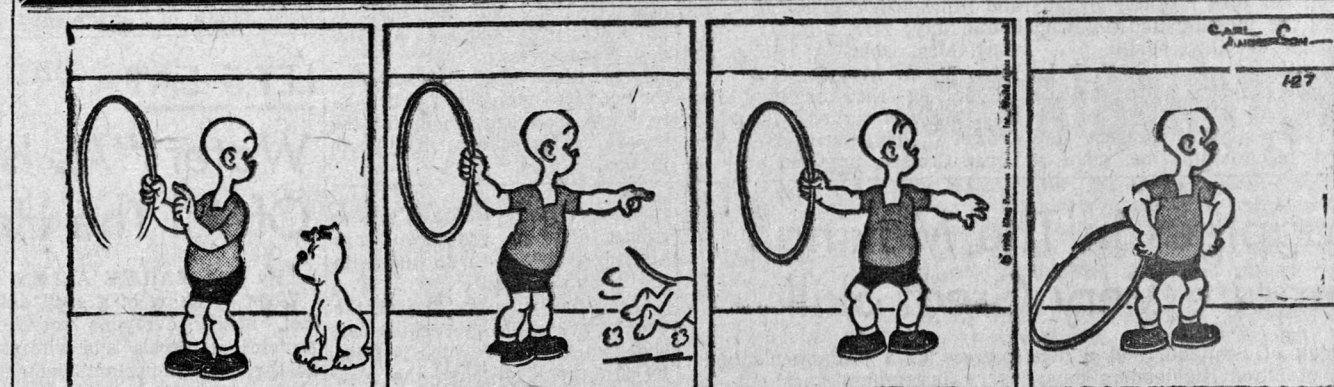
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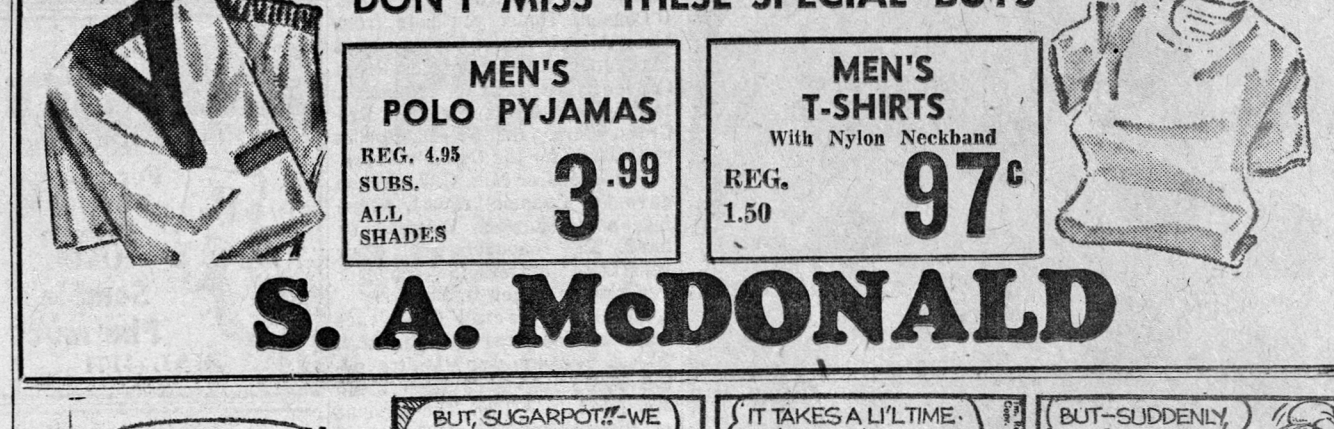
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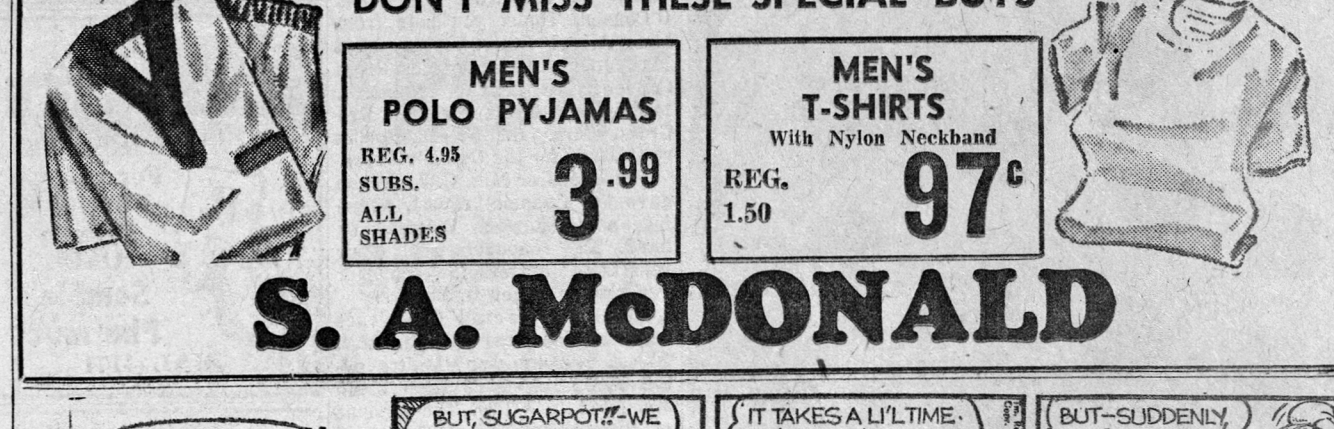
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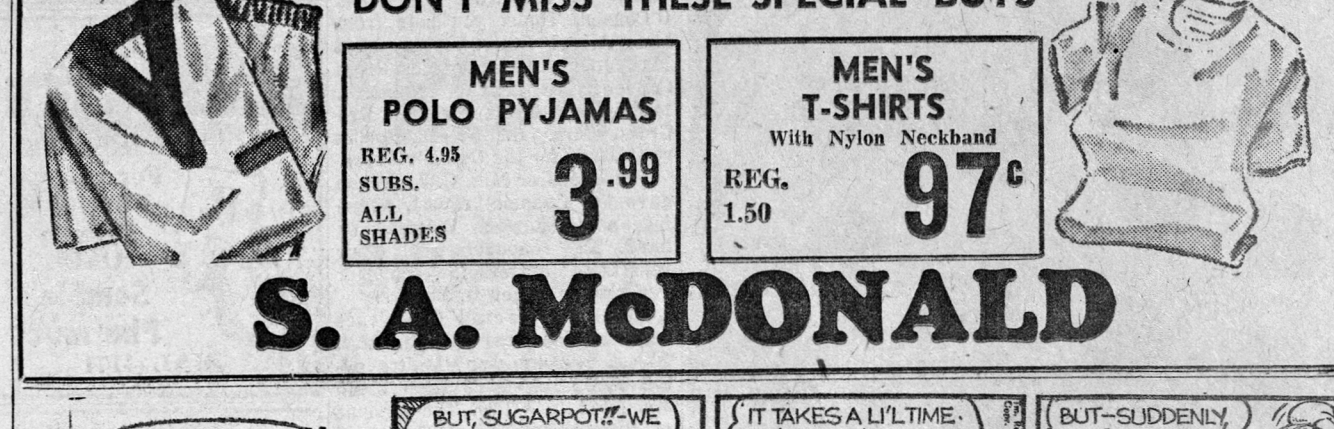
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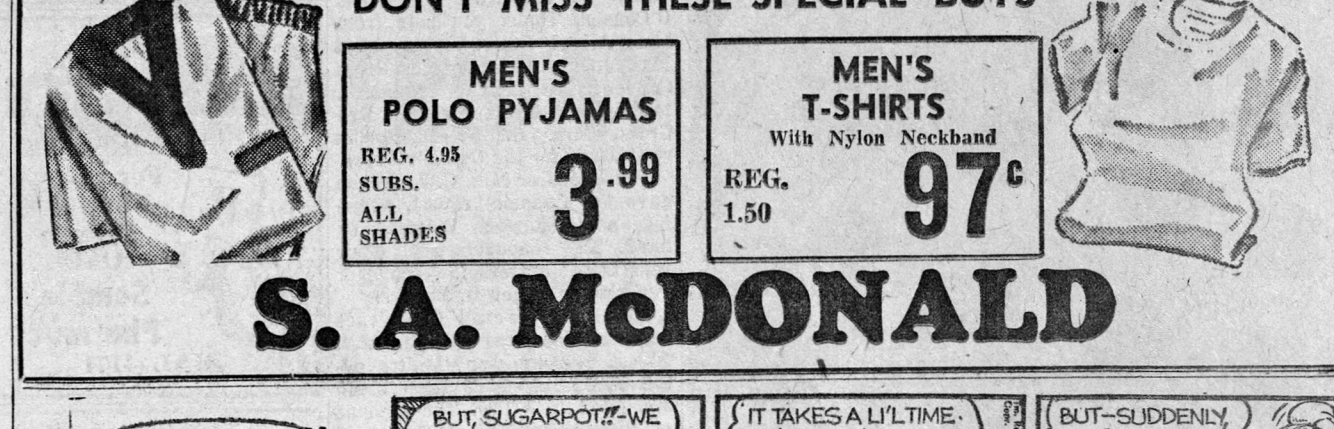
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## Germans Take Over Old Liner

BELFAST (AP)—West Germany's Hamburg Atlantic line Friday took over the liner Empress of Scotland, which it plans to make the first post-war German liner on the Atlantic run.

Documents for the sale of the vessel by the Canadian Pacific line were handed over here and a German crew has taken charge of the ship. It is scheduled to sail for Hamburg today.

A London spokesman for the Hamburg Atlantic line said it is hoped to have the 26,313-ton vessel sailing the Atlantic route by June or July, in time to take advantage of the summer tourist trade.

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## Three Judges Are Appointed

OTTAWA (CP)—Justice Minister Fulton Friday announced appointment of three new judges.

Hugh C. Farthing, of Calgary, was named a judge of the Alberta district court for southern Alberta, effective Feb. 1.

Ralph Herbert Shaw of Kentville, N.S., was appointed a judge of the county court of district No. 4 in Nova Scotia. He will take

over the post almost immediately.

Maxwell William Strange of Kingston, Ont., was made a judge of the Frontenac County court to fill a vacancy created by the death of Judge John Clifford Reynolds, who died last Nov. 29.

Mr. Fulton also officially announced the resignation, effective Dec. 31, 1957, of Chief Justice Gordon McGreggor Sloan of British Columbia.

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## Britain May Buy Frozen Gas Soon

LONDON (AP)—Sir David Eccles, board of trade president, said Friday that Britain may soon buy frozen natural gas from Mexico to cook British meals.

Returning from a three-week transatlantic trip, Sir David said, "I believe Mexico will continue to have a stable government and the prospects of trade with that country are immense."

He said one thing this country could sell Mexico is equipment for its oil fields. "The Mexicans want to start a merchant marine, ships, docks and harbors and all that sort of thing," he continued.

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