

### CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 7 4  
♥ K J 5  
♦ K J 9  
♣ K 7 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ 7 5 3  
♥ K 6 4  
♦ 7 4  
♣ J 10 8 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 6 2  
♥ J 8 2  
♦ 10 6 3 2  
♣ 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 9  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ A Q 8 5  
♣ A Q 6

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2NT Pass 6NT Pass

Opening lead—jack of clubs.

The opportunity to finesse is certainly no stranger in the average declarer's hand. Its very frequency leads many players into unnecessary error. Before taking a finesse, it is not a bad idea of declarer to cultivate the habit of asking himself: is this finesse necessary?

There are many ways a trick can be gained without running the risk associated with a finesse. The elimination play, the endplay, the establishment of a long suit, are among the weapons sometimes available to declarer in lieu of the finesse.

These words are not intended as part of a campaign to outlaw the finesse. Undoubtedly, there are many situations where the only weapon at hand is the finesse. When this is the case, all declarer can do is use it, and hope for the best.

### Defence Contracts Report Released

OTTAWA (CP)—Contracts valued at \$12,048,146 were issued by Defence Construction (1951) Limited and the defence production department during the first half of April.

Defence Production issued the majority of the contracts, a list of which was released Tuesday, amounting to \$9,006,719.

Only unclassified contracts and orders valued at \$10,000 or more were released.

Tellier and Groleau, Trois-Rivieres, Que., were awarded a contract valued at \$1,200,000 for bank blocks and water and sanitary sewer services at St. Johns, Que.

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9:28 p.m.—Sign On  
10:00 p.m.—Howdy Doodie  
10:30 p.m.—Maggie Muggins  
11:15 p.m.—Sportstime  
11:30 p.m.—Lone Ranger  
12:00 p.m.—Open House  
12:30 p.m.—CFCY Television News  
1:35 p.m.—Weather  
1:40 p.m.—CBC News  
1:50 p.m.—Operation Home Improvement  
7:00 p.m.—Sports Weekly with Loman McAlulay  
7:30 p.m.—I Search For Adventure  
8:00 p.m.—Jane Wyman Fireside Theatre  
8:30 p.m.—Climax  
9:30 p.m.—Jackie Rae Show  
10:00 p.m.—C. F. C. Y. Television News & Weather  
10:06 p.m.—Four Jills In A Jeep  
11:45 p.m.—Sign Off

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Television Programme Schedule

**THURSDAY**

1:30 p.m.—F.M. Concert Hall  
2:25 p.m.—News  
2:30 p.m.—Cook's Chatter  
3:00 p.m.—At Home with Helen Crocker  
4:00 p.m.—Uncle Jack At The Piano  
4:15 p.m.—People and Places  
4:30 p.m.—Howdy Doodie  
5:00 p.m.—Maggie Muggins  
5:15 p.m.—Sportstime  
5:30 p.m.—Lone Ranger  
6:00 p.m.—The Merry-makers  
6:30 p.m.—Early Evening TV News  
6:45 p.m.—Weather  
6:50 p.m.—Sports  
7:00 p.m.—Little Red Schoolhouse  
7:30 p.m.—I Search For Adventure  
8:00 p.m.—Jane Wyman Theatre  
8:30 p.m.—Climax  
9:30 p.m.—Jackie Rae Show  
10:00 p.m.—44.00 Question  
11:30 p.m.—CBC TV News  
11:40 p.m.—CKCW TV News and Weather  
11:50 p.m.—Billboard  
11:55 p.m.—Never Take A Day

### Bureau Says Living Costs For March Reached New High

OTTAWA (CP)—It cost more than ever to live in Canada last March, although Finance Minister Harris took off the tax on a number of household items in his budget midway through that month.

The bureau of statistics reported Friday that the consumer price index during March was 120.8 per cent, up 0.2 over the February figure for a post-war high. The figure was 3.7 per cent more than that for March a year ago. The index is based on 1949 equals 100.

A sharp rise in medical costs accounted for most of the gain, although some vegetables and clothing went up. Rents were stationary.

The index has four specific categories and one catch-all: food, shelter, clothing, household operation and "other commodities and services."

**BIGGEST INCREASE**

The catch-all showed the biggest increase. Household operation declined. Food and clothing gained. Shelter didn't change.

Mr. Harris, in his budget speech last March 15, removed immediately the special excise tax of 10 per cent on soft drinks, candy, chocolate, confectionery, chewing gum. He also lifted the 10-per cent sales tax on tea, coffee, cocoa, prepared desserts and a long list of grocery articles ranging from baking powder to vinegars.

March food prices gained during March outweighed declines, hovering the food component up 0.3 per cent to 116.7, from 116.4. Tomatoes, lettuce and cabbage, were sharply higher. Fresh fruits, sugar, bread, chocolate bars and beef were up slightly.

**TEA AND COFFEE DOWN**

Tea and coffee, reflecting the tax changes, were down, as were potatoes, celery, eggs, bananas and pork.

Footwear and some items of men and children's wear sent clothing to 108.5, up 0.3 from 108.2.

In household operation increases in furniture, floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment were offset by declines in appliance prices, resulting in an over-all index decrease of 0.1 per cent, to 119.4.

The greatest advance was the 0.7 per cent registered in medical costs, listed in the catch-all "other commodities and services."

The bureau said there were substantial increases in prepaid health care, coupled with lesser increases in doctor's, dentist's, and optical care fees. The component index moved to 125.1 per cent, from 124.2.

### BEDTIME STORIES

#### The Dispute

In a dispute which side is right, is never proven by a fight. —Peter Rabbit.

Peter says that right is right and wrong is wrong and fighting doesn't change the facts at all. All the fighting in the world will not change right and wrong. So, wisely, Peter very seldom fights. It takes a great deal to make him lose his temper and he very seldom fights.



All the Swallow folk are wonderful when flying.

Skimmer the Swallow and Mrs. Skimmer had just arrived in the Old Orchard. They had come up from the Sunny South where they had spent the winter. They were so glad to be back that they flew this way and that way all over the Old Orchard and all around it. Peter Rabbit happened to be over there when they arrived and he was delighted to see them. It made him feel good all over to see them darting this way and that way and twittering joyously. It almost seemed sometimes as if they were trying to dance in the air. All the Swallow folk are wonderful when flying. Only a few other folk are so much at home in the air as the Swallows.

After they had rested a bit and told Peter how glad they were

to make a discard and threw a club in order to keep his king of hearts guard. Two rounds of clubs were next taken, ending in dummy.

By this time, dummy had two hearts and a club. South had three hearts, and West K-6 of hearts and ten of clubs.

The club was led from dummy, declarer discarding a low heart, and West was in the lead. He had to heart into South's A-Q, and the slam was made.

By keeping his eye on West's distribution, which proved West to have started with three spades, three hearts, two diamonds and five clubs, South had a sure thing going for him. A heart finesse would have been an unnecessary risk.

### Survey Indicates Variations Occur In Cancer Death Rate

STE. ADLE, Que. (CP)—A Toronto medical statistician Friday reported wide variations in the cancer death rate in certain parts of eight countries under study since 1941.

Dr. Alex Phillips, statistician for the National Cancer Institute of Canada, was addressing the annual meeting of the Quebec division of the Canadian Medical Association in this Laurentian resort town.

He said a long-range study of Canadian cancer mortality "has shown decreases in stomach, uterus and mouth cancer and an increase in lung cancer between 1941 and 1953."

Dr. Phillips picked Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, Israel, France, the Netherlands and Australia for study because they have the same way of coding cancer death figures and the structure of their populations is known.

**AGE PATTERNS IDENTICAL**

"The most interesting thing that came out of study," he said, "is that for cancer at all sites in both sexes in all eight countries, the patterns of deaths by age are absolutely identical."

He said only appear "The variations only appear on a breakdown by sites."

Some of his findings showed that cancer of the digestive organs in

the Japanese male occur earlier and at a higher rate. He said one guess is that very hot foods are a factor because the male Japanese by custom, are served food first.

In the United Kingdom the trend towards cancer of the respiratory system in men is earlier and higher. Some researchers suspect urban air pollution.

He said cancer of the breast is practically non-existent in Japan. France and Israel also had a low rate. The other five countries studied had identical rates. He said use of the brassiere is limited in Japan and breast feeding is common.

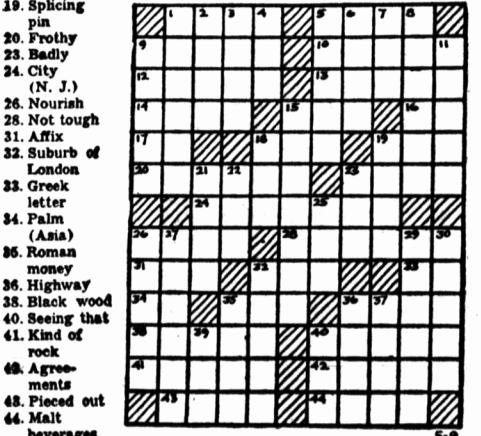
### Tobacco Firm Head Dies In Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Funeral services will be held here today for A. Fred deForest, president of A. F. deForest Ltd., who died in hospital Monday.

Mr. deForest founded the family firm which deals in wholesale and retail tobacco and confectionery. He was a former president of the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Wholesale Tobacco Association.

### DAILY CROSSWORD

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>              | <b>DOWN</b>                      | <b>11.</b>                  |
| 1. Food (slang)            | 1. Grumble                       | 15. Prairie wolves          |
| 5. Jewish month            | 2. Sounded, as a bell            | 18. Pippen                  |
| 9. Harangue                | 3. Indians                       | 19. God of pleasure (Egypt) |
| 10. French painter         | 4. God of away                   | 21. Asleep                  |
| 12. Roman date             | 5. With might                    | 22. Mournful                |
| 13. Winged fellow          | 6. Stupid                        | 23. Wayside hotel           |
| 14. Blockheads (slang)     | 7. Mother of Irish gods          | 25. Fresh                   |
| 15. Tradesman (derogatory) | 8. Not wholesale                 | 26. Destinies               |
| 16. Public notice          | 9. Decorative material in relief | 27. Eatable (Iran)          |
| 17. Like                   |                                  | 29. Demands                 |
| 18. Offspring              |                                  | 30. Ridicules (colloq.)     |
| 19. Spicing                |                                  | 32. Attuned                 |
| 20. Frothy                 |                                  | 35. Poker stake             |
| 21. Badly                  |                                  | 36. Silver coin             |
| 24. City (N. J.)           |                                  | 37. At one time             |
| 26. Nourish                |                                  | 39. Tree                    |
| 28. Not tough              |                                  | 40. Resort                  |
| 31. Affix                  |                                  |                             |
| 32. Suburb of London       |                                  |                             |
| 33. Greek letter           |                                  |                             |
| 34. Palm (Asia)            |                                  |                             |
| 36. Roman money            |                                  |                             |
| 38. Highway                |                                  |                             |
| 38. Black wood             |                                  |                             |
| 40. Seeing that            |                                  |                             |
| 41. Kind of rock           |                                  |                             |
| 42. Agreements             |                                  |                             |
| 44. Piced out              |                                  |                             |
| 44. Malt beverages         |                                  |                             |



### DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE  
LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation  
WXHYSJYLQWIAJRE YXLAH HY  
BRJLD GJKA OAWIHRQ HGY-RCCRQV  
BRTLGLJOF.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAY, AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS — ISAIAH.

### OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

THIS TY CHAP WANTED TO BUY YOUR CONTRACT, BUICK, SO WE MUST HAVE ONE! UM! WHEREAS THE PARTY OF THE FIRST PART DOES HEREBY— JONE! I'M A BIT RUSTY ON THESE DOCUMENTS—WHAT WOULD BE A FAIR PRICE—\$1,000? WE'LL SPLIT IT, OF COURSE!

YOU'RE TALKIN' BOXCAR NUMBERS, MAJOR!—Mebbe you could feel the guy out with a left, AN BE READY TO BACK AWAY! DON'T TAKE A BIG DIVE AN' MISS THE POOL!

WE EXPECTED HIM TO BUY A MILLION—\$4

### OUT OUR WAY BY J. R. WILLIAMS

WHAT WAS THAT WITH THAT APPLAUSE AND LAUGHTER IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY FUNNY!

YES, TELL US THE JOKE—IT MUST HAVE BEEN GOOD!

YEAH, TELL US WHAT THEY DID AND SAID!

OH, YEAH! AN' I MISS 'EM NEXT ONE WHILE I'M TELLIN' YOU ALL ABOUT 'EM OTHER ONE! BOY, SOME PEOPLE GOT LOTS OF NERVE!

**GRANDMA**

GRANDMA WE LEFT OUR SOAP-BUBBLE-BLOWIN' THINGS OUT ON 'TH BENCH...

SHOULDN'T WE GET 'EM BEFORE TH BOYS MAKE OFF WITH EVERYTHING?

HECK, DON'T WORRY-YOUR BUBBLE-BLOWIN' OUTETS ARE PERFECTLY SAFE!

THOSE BOYS WILL NEVER TOUCH A THING TH HAS 'T DO WITH SOAP!

**MICKY MOUSE**

THAT SCARECROW'S NOT KEEPING THOSE PESKY BIRDS OUT OF THE GARDEN!

...AND NOW FRIENDS...RUSH OUT AND GET A BOTTLE OF HANDY DANDY SINUS SYRUP... YAK...YAK...YAK...

**HENRY**

LEARN TO ROLLER SKATE. WE SUPPLY SKATES AN' INSTRUCTOR.

5 \$ A LESSN

**MUGGS & SKEETER**

...AND REMEMBER, KODIE...YIKES! CLEM' WILL BE BACK AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT! SO BE SURE TO BE ON HAND...BACK AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, PARTICULARLY YOU!!

I HOPE 'GAGUS GLEM' WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!

HUM?

WHY SHOULD HE BE DISAPPOINTED, VICKIE?

BECAUSE HE'S GOING BACK TOMORROW NIGHT ESPECIALLY FOR ME.

...AND I WON'T BE HERE...I'M GOING TO SUSIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!!

**TILLY THE TOILER**

WAS THAT CUTE LITTLE MAN?

HE MADE HIS AIR TWID!

HE'S SO AMOROUS TO LIKE TO PICK HIM UP AND SQUEEZE HIM!

MR. TIM!

THE SAIL CONSTRUCTION SAND

**ETA KEIT**

DON'T WORRY, JANIE! THE RIGHT BOY WILL COME ALONG FOR YOU!

OH, WELL... I CAN ALWAYS FALL BACK ON JIMMY!

HEY, WHAT GOES? GIVE, GIRL, GIVE!

IT'S THE NEIGHBOR BOY! I SIT WITH HIS BABY SISTER!

YOU MEAN HE HAS A CAUGH ON YOU? BUT HE'S ONLY TEN!

THAT'LL BE A LONG ENGAGEMENT!

**JOE PALOOKA**

IT'S A BOY!! IT'S A BOY!! CHAR!!

WELL? WHIN...NO USE TRYIN' 'T SLEEP ANYMORE...IT'S TIME 'T GET UP AN' START WORKIN'!

EVERYBODY CHECKED OUT...WHIN...GET BUSY CLEANIN' TH ROOMS, JERRY!! A MAXWELL, AWREDDY?

WELL, I'LL BE...IT'S SIGNED "J. BENNY"...I THO' I'VE LOOKED FAMILIAR?

YEAH, BUT...THIS GUY LOOKS MORE THAN THIRTY-NINE YEARS OLD?

COULD YOU USE YOUR REFERENCE TO HAVE THE SANDWICHES VARIED FROM DRY TO DRY?

**SECRET AGENT X-9**

"LUCKY", AS LONG AS YOU KEEP THE PURY OF THE EXPLODED BICARBON WITHIN YOUR HANDS, THE COUNTRY IS SAFE; FROM NOW ON, THIS IS YOUR LIFE!

OF COURSE, YOU CAN'T SPEND ANONEY, SO I WILL RECOMMEND THAT YOUR SALARY BE DOUBLED!

"THE FBI WILL DROP YOU A DAILY SANDWICH FROM A HELICOPTER, WEATHER PERMITTING! AFTER ALL, WE WANT YOU TO KEEP IN TIP-TOP SHAPE!"

"B-BUT, PHIL...I'M BOUND TO GROW OLD! MY HANDS WILL GET WEAK! I'LL HAVE TO UNLEASH THE EXPLOSION!"

DON'T WHINE! I HAVE TROUBLES, TOO! HOWEVER, ON MY VACATION, AS I FISH AND SWIM IN THE BRACING MOUNTAIN AIR, I'LL GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO YOUR IMPOSSIBLE PREDICAMENT!

COULD YOU USE YOUR REFERENCE TO HAVE THE SANDWICHES VARIED FROM DRY TO DRY?

**THE LONE RANGER**

WHY-WHAT'S GOING ON?

HE STOP MASKED MAN!

SOMETIMES BIG REWARD PAID FOR MASKED MEN!

YOU HELP HOLD-UM!

WHY-UM-YES-IF THERE'S A REWARD-

**L'IL ABNER**

ZE BEANPOOP KNOX WATCH!

NOW AT LAST-IT IS QUIET!!-PROCEEDS WILLED TO GUILLOTINING!

ONE LAST REQUEST? COULD THAT POOR GENTLEMAN IN THE REAR BE GIVEN A CHOICE SEAT UP FRONT?

HE IS IMPROVING? T?

TERRIBLY! HE'S THE MAN I'VE BEEN KILLED? SAY-Y-Y? THERE'S SOMETHING GOING HERE!

LASUCY! YOU FOOL! WHY ARE YOU HERE? I AM A GUILLOTTINE FAN!

ZE PERFORMANCE IS CANCELLED-IT WOULD BE UNFRENCH TO GUILLOTINE A TOURIST WHO HAVE NOT EVEN COMMIT ZE MURDER!

NOT SO FAST, DAD!

**FOR EVERY OCCASION**

**Smiles'n Chuckles**  
CHOCOLATES

...AND 'SPECIALLY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 12 SUNDAY

GIFT WRAPPED