

Contract Bridge

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West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

AK76	QJ82
A3	89
J832	1097
1043	QJ82
QJ109	89
764	1097
A10	AK76
7	89

The bidding:
West North East South
2 Pass 5 Pass 4 Pass 5 Pass 4

Opening lead—queen of hearts. One of the purposes of the opening three bid is to prevent the smooth exchange of information between the opponents at a low level. It is not surprising, therefore, that the adversaries frequently fail to arrive at their best contract after a preemptive bid and, in fact, are sometimes completely shut out of the bidding even though they have the preponderance of the high cards.

South might have bid three no-trump and North might have doubled three hearts, but the fact remains that North-South arrived at the inferior contract of five clubs. Without the interference bid by West, a final contract of three no-trump is not hard to reach.

South had his work cut out for him to make five clubs. He won the heart lead in dummy and played the ten of clubs, winning the trick. Another club finesse proved that East had started with three of them and that there would be trouble taking care of the losing heart.

Two diamond losers appeared certain since the ace of diamonds was sure to be in West's hand as part of his vulnerable three bid. The heart loser could not be avoided by attempting to ruff it in dummy because East was obviously short of hearts.

The situation looked dark, but South found a perfectly legitimate way to make the hand. After drawing East's last trump, declarer played to the ace-king of spades and trumped to a spade. South then led his last two trumps, leaving himself with the K-x in both red suits. On the last trump West had to choose a discard from his holding of J-10-9 of hearts and A-10 of diamonds.

If he discarded a heart, South would force him into the lead by playing the king and another heart, compelling West to lead a diamond. If West discarded the ten of diamonds, a low diamond play would establish South's king. Either way the jig was up.

Cheers to South for his fine play, but West has to get some of the credit for having made it possible to test South's mettle.

GRANTS DISPENSATION
OTTAWA (CP)—Confirmation has been received here by apostolic delegation here that the Pope has dispensed Roman Catholics throughout the world from the obligation of fasting and abstinence today, the eve of the Feast of the Assumption. The delegation announced confirmation of the Pope's decision Monday.

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THURSDAY

8:30 p.m.—F.M. Concert Hall
8:45 p.m.—Viewing the News and Weather
9:00 p.m.—Coffee Chatter
9:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
10:00 p.m.—Fun Time
10:30 p.m.—Trouble with Father
11:00 p.m.—Viewing the News
11:15 p.m.—Weather
11:30 p.m.—Decoy
12:30 a.m.—Sign Off



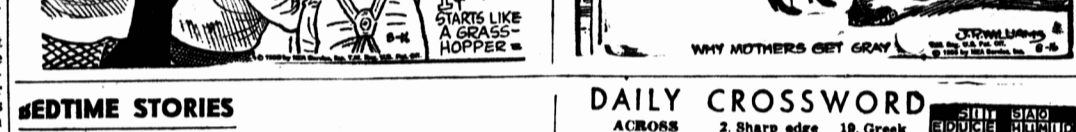
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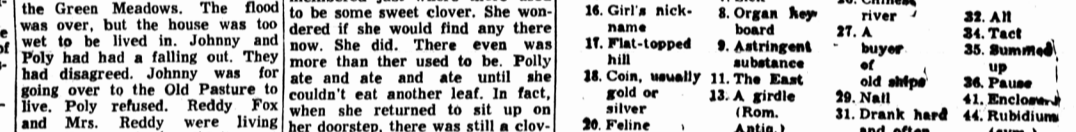
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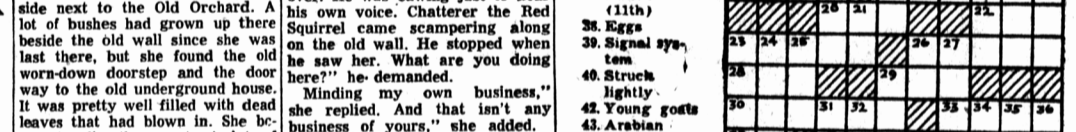
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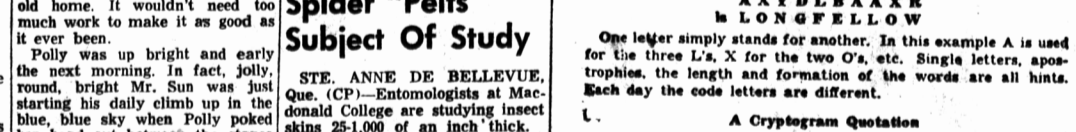
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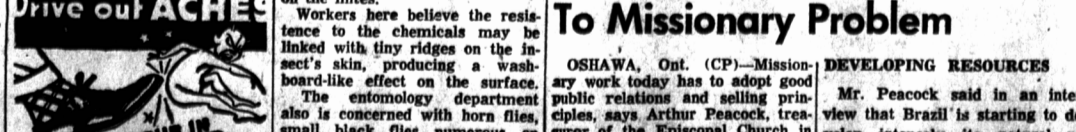
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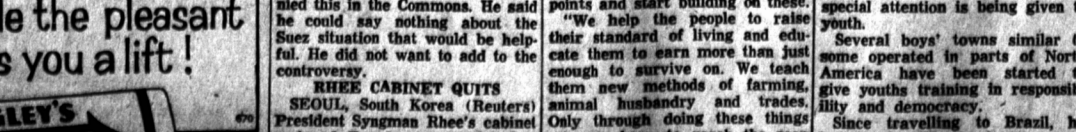
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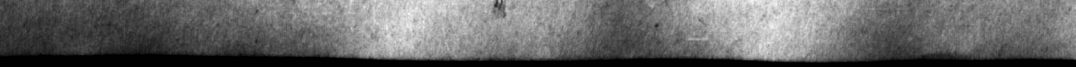
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Eira Keri



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The Lone Ranger

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