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Contract Bridge

By FLORENCE JENKINS
As types of toys for children change over the years, so do tastes in recreation for adults.
However, the game of Bridge is still with us and it is heartening to read the announcement of a new series of Bridge lessons to start next Friday at the local YMCA.
Several experts have themselves a pile of money through promotion of new Bridge systems. Ely Culbertson had a terrific run of popularity and almost any whist player could master the system in eight to ten lessons.
Sam Gordon put forth his Horse Sense Bridge system which has been worked out by him and his son shortly before the son's death in Portland nearly 25 years ago. Perhaps Sam Gordon oversimplified the count of the hand, but Horse Sense players and Culbertson players could team up as partners without too much difficulty as a rule.
Goren, for many years, confined his books to the play of the hand at which he was a master, with out any question of a doubt. From that, he moved on to a new count system, somewhat more complicated, but considerably more elastic than Gordon's count.
Regardless of the system, Bridge playing is good mental gymnastics and we're highly in favor of it.
The next step in Klamath Falls, we hope, will be the establishment of regular bridge tournaments for the play of duplicate Bridge.

State Division

By BOB CHANDLER
Editor Bend (Oregon) Bulletin
SAN DIEGO — California papers are making much these days over the result of a poll taken by the San Francisco Chronicle which shows that a large number of Californians favor dividing the state into two.
The feud between Northern and Southern California is of long duration. No love has been lost between the two sections of the state for several decades.
Northern Californians look upon their southern brethren as uncouth and naive, ever ready to hook on to a phony religion or a new real estate boom.
Southern Californians shudder when they look north of the Tehachapi mountains. There they see the "country cousins" who embarrass them with various bucolic attitudes and mannerisms when they come to call.
Such attitudes are not unusual in states with two major geographic divisions. Oregonians, for example, sometimes are prone to look at persons or institutions from "the other side of the Cascades" with some suspicion and mistrust.
Many Californians look upon the San Francisco paper's suggestion as a good one. A division of the state, they feel, would be just fine. It might be.
But, it's illegal.
Congress alone has the power to divide states, and with Northern vs. Southern prejudices—to mention only one area of conflict—in the U. S. Senate there is no chance a partition bill would get to first base.
Except, of course, if it was for the state of Texas. Texas, if memory serves us right, retained the right, in joining the union many years ago, to split itself into five states.
For many years no advantage was taken of the right. No one would dream of breaking up the nation's largest state into five. But, as of now, the once-largest state is now the second largest—with Alaska taking over the size crown.
Now, it might appeal to Texas pride to be represented five times in the Senate, for example.
Two senators each from West Texas, North Texas, South Texas and Central Texas would carry a lot of power.
There's only a minimal chance this will come to pass, of course. But it is sure to come way ahead of a division of the state of California into two.

But, except by chance, a youngster can go through most of his formal education period from threat to threat or reward to reward. He will have learned just what was necessary to achieve passing grades and, in most cases, forgotten this knowledge before the ink on the test papers has dried.
Sometimes threats or rewards are necessary to set the direction for learning, but this is only a small part of the parents' task. The big job is instilling in the child a love to learn.
It's not an easy job, but it's probably the most important task involving the child's entire future life.
It's not easy because it demands subtlety as well as endurance. One doesn't instill a desire to learn by merely telling a child it's fun. A parent has to prove it. He has to show that life is immensely happier if one has examined the nooks and crannies of the world of knowledge. He must show that the real rewards of learning are not wealth, fame nor prestige. The real reward is the inner happiness of opening doors that reveal new storehouses of knowledge.
Happiness is enhanced by the practical application of much of that knowledge. Wealth or fame may not be the result of that application, but the job of adjusting to one's fellow man will more likely be successful. This comes from greater understanding of one's fellow man.
Certainly no formula is available for mass producing love of learning. It's a personal matter of many different approaches depending on both the child and parent.
At least two approaches are important. One of these is example. A child, active of mind and inquisitive, often looks to his parents with love and admiration approaching that for a demigod. This love and admiration often takes the form of following suit. Thus the parent can set an example. If the parent appears to have fun learning new things, so may the child.
Another approach is fighting a climate which is far too prevalent in the United States—that great knowledge is just for eggheads. It isn't important to the normal citizen, except when it leads to wealth. This is a deadly attitude that spells brain stagnation and a proportionate unhappiness with the narrow, little world in which one lives. The person with a great storehouse of knowledge deserves far greater prestige than the fame which often goes with wealth. A happy man is not necessarily a rich man, but a learned man is likely to be happy.
The love of learning for a happier life is the heritage of the parents, which can be passed on to their children with the help of teachers.

Love Of Learning

By GEORGE CASTILLO
In Roseburg News-Review

At a meeting in Roseburg this week, the subject of the roles of the parents and teachers in developing the lives of children was introduced.

As in many another discussion, the failure of the parent to fulfill his rightful role in the life of his child became evident. The school teacher supplements the job in many cases, but it is not his duty primarily.

Part of the parental duty is to take an interest in the methods and progress of the education of one's child. More vital, however, is instilling the love of knowledge in the child.

As one man at the meeting pointed out, a parent might be extremely interested in his child's education but he, too often, uses the wrong incentives. These false incentives may take the form of threats or big material rewards.

These may serve a momentary purpose. They may push Junior to his books for the evening, muttering because he has a distasteful job that he must get done.

Prudent Economy

By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—The President's sermon on thrift to the Congress and to the American people is based on the practically unchallenged thesis:
Only by prudent economy can the nation ward off further inflation. But will it try to?

The rub comes in this: Will the Congress, and the people it represents, care enough about fighting a future and somewhat nebulous inflation to do without the present sugar plums the President's new economy drive proposes to withhold?

Supposing the Congress goes along — and the President points out that Congress alone holds the purse strings — many industries will be cut off from some orders they would get from freer federal spending. The first economy drive some two years ago showed how quickly some industries could be

hurt when Uncle Sam tightened up on his spending.
The President offers the classic indictment of government spending in excess of income, with the end result of whittling away the purchasing power of the dollar: "Inflation is not a Robin Hood, taking from the rich to give to the poor. Rather, it deals most cruelly with those who can least protect themselves. It strikes hardest those millions of our citizens whose incomes do not quickly rise with the cost of living."

The proposed economy would end the federal deficit financing, which the President lists along with the wage-price spiral as basic causes of inflation.
If Congress fools the experts and approves tight budgeting, what would it do to present business expectations?
A realistic appraisal of most of the predictions of good times in 1959 shows that one of the factors they strongly count upon is a rise in government spending — at the federal, state and local levels — and spending beyond the amounts the President says he will propose to Congress.
In dollar volume defense spending would be as high as expected — the President approves a slight increase in the coming year. The uncertainty to be dissolved when the detailed budget and defense department programs are spelled out lies in what direction these defense dollars will be channeled.
Switching from one type of weapon to another usually sends the company with the new contract booming and leads to layoffs in the concern whose contract is canceled.
It is in other fields than defense that the President seeks dollar cutbacks. He mentions in general terms the ending of some costly housing, farming and veteran programs.
Those who supply or work for builders could have some of their hopes dashed. Those who sell to farmers could find some of them less enthusiastic buyers of goods. Veterans benefits have a way of passing quickly through the beneficiary's pockets and out into various trade channels.
A real economy drive would mean cutting back the number of government workers — a total that seems to grow year by year. Their spending boosts retail volume across the nation. This was especially noted last summer when their pay increased.
And a successful economy drive could dampen some of the ardor of the stock market. The bull market has fed on expectations of further inflation from deficit spending and from the wage-price spiral that it often speeds up.

Vet's Mail Bag

More than a million veterans holding GI life insurance policies are using their regular annual dividends to guard against loss of their GI insurance, the Veterans Administration said today.
The statement followed VA's recent announcement that 236 million dollars in policy dividends would be paid during 1959 to more than five million holders of participating GI insurance.

VA said GI policyholders may have these annual dividends held — with interest — by the agency as a credit to pay the premium monthly if the policyholder fails to pay it before the end of the 31-day grace period.

This policy-safeguarding procedure is followed automatically if the policyholder has not requested other disposition of his annual dividends, VA pointed out.

The agency said two other dividend options were open to all holders of participating GI policies. They may direct VA to use their annual dividends to pay policy premiums ahead of time, or they may request that their dividends be paid in cash.
In addition, holders of permanent plan policies have still another option that is not open to term policyholders. They may authorize VA to hold annual dividends on deposit, with interest and subject to withdrawal on request. If not withdrawn, the money and accrued interest will increase the value of the policy, VA added.
To change their dividend options, veterans should write to the VA district office which services their policies, making sure to include their insurance number and the new option they wish to elect, VA said.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Q—I receive a pension from VA in reporting income for the past year for VA pension purposes. I don't have to include my pension payments, do I?

A—No. Your VA pension payments are not considered income for purposes of your report on 1958 income.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



'Responsible Liberalism' Pushed By Gov. Brown

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown pushed ahead today with his legislative program.
Ready for introduction in the Senate were two more measures designed to carry out the Democratic governor's 12-point program for "responsible liberalism."
Sen. Richard Richards (D-Los Angeles) will author Brown's proposal to set up an office of state consumer counsel — an agency, probably to be headed by a woman, to advise the governor on legislation needed to protect and promote consumer interests and to give the consumer an effective voice in government.
Also ready for introduction in the upper house was a bill by Sen. James A. Cobey (D-Merced) to create another state department — an economic development agency.
Brown, starting his second week of a four-year term, said an economic development agency is needed to look after commerce and industry and promote new business in California.
The legislation provides for a director at \$16,500 a year while the post of consumer counsel would pay \$15,000 annually.
Last week, two other Brown proposals took shape in Assembly bills. One would abolish cross-filing, and the other would set up a Fair Employment Practices Commission.
Brown has yet to describe to the Legislature in detail three major recommendations — taxes, the budget, and a labor program.
His aides currently are drafting a special message to the Legislature on labor union reforms. It probably will be completed late this week and will be implemented by a series of bills introduced with the approval of the governor.
In his inaugural message, Brown promised he would have a specific program to safeguard workers' rights and to assure democracy in labor unions.
The governor's recommendations for a water program are expected later this month with his budget and tax message set for delivery the final week of January.
The governor made it clear at a Chamber of Commerce speech Friday and again at his first news conference that he definitely will ask the Legislature to levy some new or higher taxes to offset the state's deficit and finance his own program.

During the Civil War, 359,528 Union soldiers were killed or died of disease; Confederate losses totaled 133,785.

Prefers School To Alaska Trip

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Carolyn Sue Haag likes school so much she has turned down a chance to attend inauguration ceremonies for Alaska's governor next Saturday.
The 16-year-old honor student, whose father works for an Alaskan company, received an official invitation to attend Gov. William A. Egan's inaugural in Juneau.
"I would like to go," Carolyn said. "But I think school is more important."
Carolyn, a junior, has not missed a day of high school.

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