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Bridge

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The American Contract Bridge League's organization permits the setting up of city units in communities where there is sufficient interest.

These units are nonprofit in nature and are organized solely for the purpose of holding more duplicate bridge sessions so that local players may accumulate more points with the ultimate aim of becoming full or life master players.

There are city units in nearly every metropolitan center and now Klamath Falls has become one. In a bridge sense, and has formed its unit and has been accepted by the American Contract Bridge League.

To begin with, only one unit master point game will be held each month. These will be Sunday games, at the Willard Hotel, starting with the last Sunday in February. Play will commence at 1 p.m. and a duplicate session usually requires about four hours. Full master points will be awarded to first place winners and fractional points to second, third and fourth place winners.

Duplicate bridge has boomed into popularity here. Tuesday and Thursday duplicate tournaments are held on a regular basis and classes of instruction are held Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings at the YMCA. The Monday class is filled and its members are all high school age. The Wednesday class for adult intermediate and advanced students has space for additional enrollment.

The duplicate sessions are attracting players from Fort Klamath, Lakeview, Merrill and other surrounding communities.

We predict that the formation of a city unit will add still more to the areawide interest in contract bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rickey have accepted co-chairmanship of the Klamath Falls city unit. Mrs. Lena Robertson is secretary and Mrs. S. M. Kerron is treasurer. David A. Richardson was elected as the local member to the national board of governors and other committee members elected were Mrs. Lena Smith, Mrs. H. O. Juckland and George McClary.

Stock Appeal

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — Glamour rarely touches the utility stocks. But in days like these they carry an appeal peculiarly their own.

Space age stocks may soar and then plunge to earth again. Prices of other industrials swing wildly with rumors of splits, proxy fights, mergers, or profit tumbles or gains.

But the utilities go along steadily, usually gaining each year in earnings if not in prices. Overlooked when the bulls are snorting and pawing, the utilities look like a good investing defense when the bears aren't hibernating.

In recent months the industrials have zipped to new highs and then tumbled spectacularly. Rails have followed, although at a more subdued pace.

But in all the hullabaloo, the utilities have followed the market sedately, whether on the upgrade or the downturn.

Today the 15-utility component in the Associated Press 60-stock price index is 5 per cent below its 1959-60 high and 4 per cent above its low. It is 1 per cent above the 1958 high. In other words, very little change over a two-year span.

When popularity polls are held, utilities are rarely anywhere near the top of big investment holdings. Yet three or four or so are included in most college endowment funds, in mutual funds, in investment club favorites, and of those participating in the New York Stock Exchange monthly investment plan.

The even course of utility earnings is shown in the 1959 results now being reported. Of 93 utilities to report so far, only 11 show declines from net income after taxes in 1958. Their combined earnings came to \$1,363,664,000, against \$1,245,094,000 for the same companies the year before, a gain of 9.4 per cent in 1959.

The yearly increase usually runs between 7 and 10 per cent. The reason is that the utilities are closely regulated. They can't make big gains in profits, and if business falls off or operating expenses rise too much they are able to get compensating rate increases.

Their steady profit gains depend in large degree on increased consumer use. Their declines are either due to increased costs or loss of sales from weather vagaries or industrial recessions.

The steady tone of the utility profit increase at 9.4 per cent contrasts sharply with the jump of

32 per cent by the motor industry in 1959 over 1958, or of the 20 per cent gain in meat packing profits, or the 49 per cent rise in farm machinery net income and the 44 per cent jump in rubber company earnings.

On the other side of the scale, the utilities' modest 9.4 per cent increase looks pretty good against the 50 per cent drop in earnings in the aircraft industry, or the 44 per cent decline in the sugar industry.

Service Presidents

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

If you want your boy to live in the White House later in life, it might be wise to have him serve a hitch in the Army, Navy or Marines. More than half the presidents served their country in uniform. President Eisenhower is the 19th.

One of the penalties of walking on your hind legs is varicose veins, which afflict about 10 per cent of all adults. If you went through life on all fours, this is one ailment you wouldn't have to worry about.

In 1959 alone Americans bought more new books, not including comic books, than existed in the entire history of the world before the 20th century.

Most trees will stop growing within four weeks if they are limited to eight hours of natural light daily.

Surgeons recently reported successfully using ear lobe tissue to repair nasal deformities in 17 patients.

Feminine logic: "Beauty is more important to a woman than brains," says actress Helen Dowrey, "because most men can see better than they can think."

There's an auto stolen in this country every 2 and 1-3 minutes.

The less you see while driving the more likely you are to have an accident, and when you drive at 50 miles an hour you see 14 per cent less than you do going 40.

Why is the potato sometimes known as a spud? It got this nickname from the initials of the "Society for the Prevention of Unwholesome Diet," which at one time held potatoes unfit as human food. The society never became too popular in Ireland.

"Virtue has at least one reward," points out singer Jeannie Thomas. "You can usually find parking space near a church." Only about 39 per cent of U. S. adults attend church on an average Sunday.

It was Aesop who observed: "Better beans and bacon in peace than cakes and ale in fear."

Overseas Scene

By PHIL NEWSOM

From the foreign editor's notebook:

U.S. refusal to permit KLM Royal Dutch Airlines to pick up passengers in Los Angeles en route to the Far East has rubbed an old sore spot. In Montreal, headquarters for the United Nations' International Civil Aviation Organization and the Airlines' International Air Transport Assn., aviation sources say they would not be surprised if a number of nations retaliate against what they regard as an unreasonably protective U.S. attitude. These countries may stall possible U.S. applications for corresponding rights in Europe until the U.S. government relaxes its attitude.

Despite Washington optimism that Russia ultimately will accept President Eisenhower's proposal for a ban on all nuclear tests except the smallest underground ones, sources in Geneva where the nuclear talks are being conducted, see little hope for any such Russian about-face. Instead, they think Britain, as the middle nation in the controversy, may try to reconcile U.S.-Soviet differences. Otherwise, they say, the deadlock is complete.

The London conference to arrange independence for Great Britain's African Kenya colony swiftly is getting nowhere. However, it generally is agreed that African control is coming soon and that white rule is on the way out.

West Germany's opposition Socialists are going to bring their big guns to bear on Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government in an early parliamentary debate on anti-Semitism. The government will weather the storm, but the Socialists plan to charge it with doing nothing during the recent anti-Semitic outbreak and with refusing to clean out Nazis from its own ranks.

Don't be Tranquil
By HAROLD T. HYMAN, M.D.
Written for
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Ever so many correspondents want to know the best tranquilizer to take for nervousness. It doesn't seem to occur to them that nervousness may be a very valuable asset, or that taking tranquilizers may be harmful.

You've only to read accounts of tragic accidents in your daily newspaper to get some appreciation of the value of nervousness.

Albert Camus, a recent winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, might be alive today if he'd told his companion-driver that a speed of 80 miles an hour on a country road made him "nervous." Five children, burned to death in their beds, might be alive today if their parents had been "too nervous" to leave them alone while they visited a local tavern. And scores of vacationers might not have drowned if they'd been "too nervous" to attempt a distance swim across a wide lake.

On the other hand, nervousness may be a liability. It may prevent an able person from seeking employment or holding a job in an occupation that involves a reasonable risk. It may keep a tourist from enjoying a view from a mountain top or from cooling off in waters deeper than shoulder level. It may alienate children from a mother whose constant warnings interfere with their progress or their fun.

From these examples, you may perhaps conclude that it would be stupid to tranquilize the person whose nervousness served a useful purpose. And with this, I would be in complete agreement.

Some of you who can remember back half a century, may recall the harm done by a famous "soothing syrup" that was recommended for crying babies, and by an equally famous preparation that was reputed to be a specific for the relief of "female disorders."

Well, the principal ingredient of the "soothing syrup" was opium, and the preparation was essentially gin. We've since found better ways to care for these matters.

From the standpoint of the principles of treatment, tranquilizers do not differ from the opium soothing syrup or the gin preparation.

But they can and do cause much more damage to the human body, although this unhappy fact is not emphasized (to put it mildly) to nonprofessional audiences or even to prescribing physicians.

I shan't attempt to estimate the number of deaths attributable to the administration of normal doses of tranquilizers. Nor shall I try to list the variety of undesirable side reactions that may accompany desired tranquilization.

But I do insist that you'd be wise to exhaust every nonmedicinal means for controlling unjustifiable nervousness before you resort to opium, alcoholic beverages or tranquilizer pills.

The Lighter Side
By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — I thought this year's crop of valentine poetry contained more inflation than inspiration.

Remember those old-fashioned comic valentines that used to sell for a penny? The ones with a cartoon and a verse on a single sheet of paper?

The ones that poked fun at drinkers, smokers, tightwads, sloppy dressers and other familiar types? The ones you sent to your friends without signing your name?

Well, I saw some very similar creations on sale this year and the price was three for a quarter. At that rate, I couldn't afford to insult anyone.

In view of the high costs, I thought, I would try to save some of our politicians some money by making up a batch of valentines for them to send to each other.

Unfortunately, I didn't get them finished in time for Valentine's Day. But the sentiments expressed are still fresh, so here's belated greeting:

"To Sen. Johnson from Sen. Kennedy—
"New Hampshire is red,
"Wisconsin is blue,
"I entered the primaries,
"Why didn't you?"

To Gov. Rockefeller from Vice President Nixon —
"Your voice is full of character;
"I admire your handsome face;
"For you became my valentine,
"When you dropped out of the race."

To Gov. Brown from Sen. Humphrey—
"I need each vote that I can get
"From every Californian.
"So won't you be my valentine
"Instead of a favorite son?"

To President Eisenhower from Sen. Symington—
"I send this little valentine
"All wrapped in hearts and tissue.
"For in each little missile gap
"I've found a campaign issue."

To Nixon from Sen. Dirksen, Rep. Halleck and 18 other Republicans—
"I love each hair upon your head;
"Each Democrat I hate.
"If you will be my valentine,
"I'll be your running mate."

To the voters of Tennessee from Sen. Kefauver—
"I made the race for President twice,
"And every time I meant it.
"But now I'll be content if I'm
"Re-elected to the Senate."

Almanac
By United Press International
Today is Monday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of the year, with 320 more days in 1960.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

On this day in history:
In 1564, Italian astronomer and mathematician Galileo Galilei was born.

In 1809, the inventor of the reaper, Cyrus McCormack, was born.

In 1820, Susan Anthony, pioneer crusader for women's rights was born.

In 1862, the Monitor, first ironclad vessel of the U.S. Navy, was ready for sea duty.

In 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin Delano Roosevelt narrowly escaped assassination in Miami, Florida.

A thought for today: Franklin Delano Roosevelt said: "Truth is found where men are free to pursue it."

Quotes
By United Press International
LONDON — Sister Helen Rowe, who attended Queen Elizabeth II as midwife at the births of Prince Charles and Princess Anne, stating she was not nervous about the approaching birth of the Queen's third child:

"I have delivered hundreds of babies, so many I cannot remember exactly. I shall treat the royal birth the same as any other."

ROME — Singer Abbe Lane, saying she "just loves" the idea of a hurricane being given her name by the U.S. Weather Bureau:

"The only trouble is, they'll have to call it 'Hurricane Abbe-Cha Cha Cha.'"

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



FROM THE OUTSIDE THE SALOON IN THE TV WESTERNS IS NOT MUCH BIGGER THAN A HOT-DOG WAGON....



BUT GET A LUMP OF THE INSIDE...BIG AS GRAND CENTRAL STATION....

THANKS AND OUR SINCERE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE J.R. MCKINNEY, COLLEGEVILLE, PENNA.

Nixon Aided Farm Speech

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson said Vice President Richard M. Nixon made "one or two" suggestions toward President Eisenhower's farm message to Congress.

Benson said he assumed Nixon or any other Republican Presidential nominee would support the administration's farm policy.

He denied reports that farm state Republicans persuaded the President to soften his message after it was in almost final form. And he denied that the President's conciliatory tone meant the administration had weakened its position on solving the critical wheat surplus problem.

Benson said the President insisted that the vice president read the message and that Nixon then participated in the discussion with legislative leaders about its contents. "I recall, one or two (suggestions) from the vice president," Benson said.

Colony Ship Reaches Port

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The troubled ship Alert came into Los Angeles harbor Saturday night, another leg completed on her slow journey to the Galapagos Islands with a band of colonists.

Aboard were a dozen men, wives and children, who had left the ship at Coos Bay, Oregon, after a storm had driven her to that haven, rejoined the men. They had gone south by land.

The Alert, which has had repeated trouble with bilge pumps and other equipment, will stay at Los Angeles harbor for some two weeks making more repairs, then will take off again for the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador.

The revenue to the State of New Jersey from Monmouth Park's 1959 racing season was \$7,913,724.

Boys Jailed In Gold Theft

PORTLAND (AP) — Three teenage boys were held in jail here today, accused of stealing, among other things, a little bar of gold in Seattle.

Police here gave this account of the events leading up to the arrests:

The three boys burglarized a house in Seattle last Wednesday, taking two pistols. Then they opened a safe in the house and made off with a diamond ring and a 6½-ounce bar of gold.

Following that, the boys stole a car, abandoned it in Bellingham and then came on to Portland by bus. Here, they pawned the ring and stole another car.

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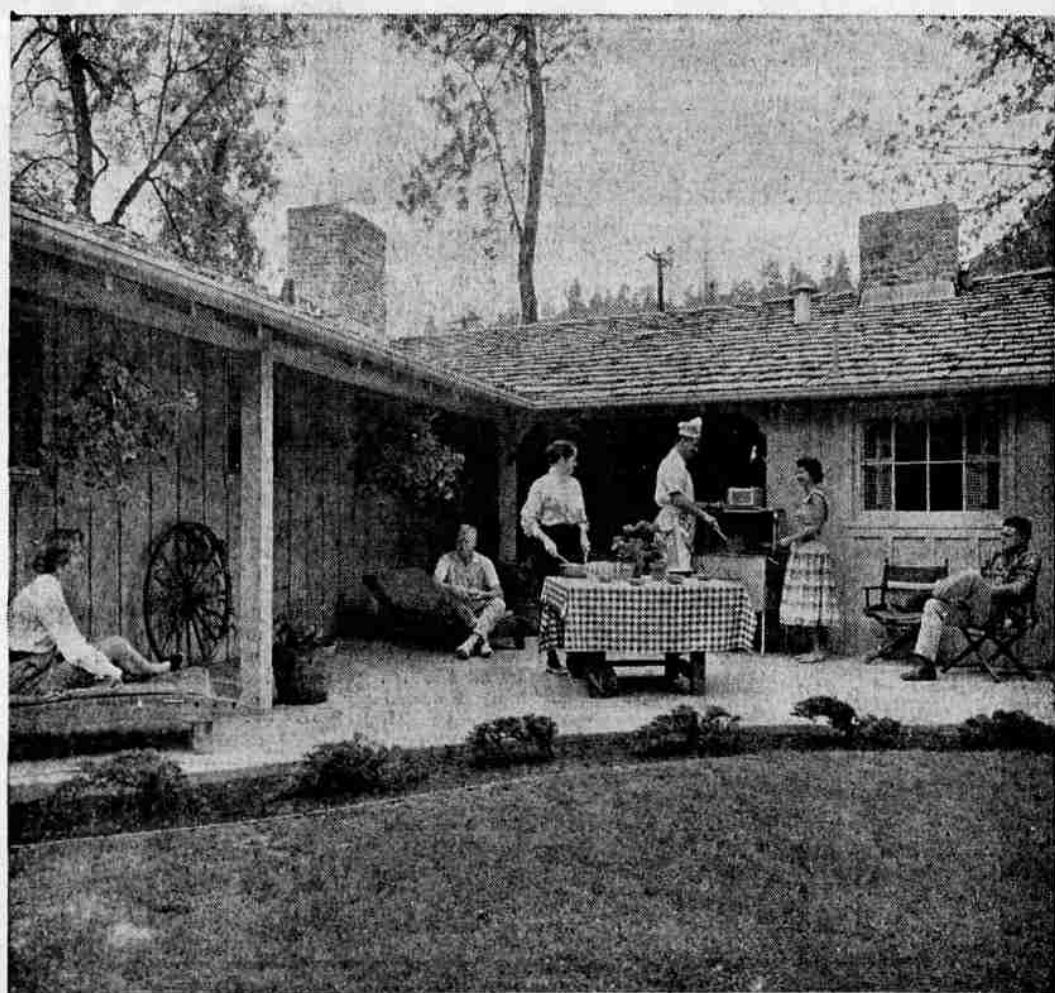
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