

Jacoby On Bridge

NORTH
 ▲ QJ9
 ▲ Q7
 ▲ K2
 ▲ AQ10974

WEST
 ▲ K852
 ▲ K63
 ▲ 104
 ▲ K552

EAST
 ▲ 764
 ▲ 9542
 ▲ J98765
 ▲ None

SOUTH (D)
 ▲ A103
 ▲ J103
 ▲ AQ3
 ▲ J63

Both vulnerable
 South West North East
 1 N.T. Pass 4 Pass
 4 N.T. Pass 6 N.T. Pass
 Pass Pass
 Opening lead—♦ 10

Slam Asked By Gerber

By OSWALD JACOBY, Written for Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

The Gerber convention is similar to Blackwood. It uses the four-club bid to ask for aces, instead of four no-trump. The convention has never achieved popularity except that many players use the jump response of four clubs to an opening no-trump to ask for aces and follow with five clubs to ask for kings. In that situation the bid proves very valuable and is worth including in your kit of bids if you are willing to take the trouble to learn it.

Today's hand was played at a recent tournament in which only one North-South pair managed to reach six no-trump. All others played no-trump, but below the slam level.

With the club finesse the slam is a laydown, but even with the finesse wrong declarer would have a choice of finesses in the major suits after losing the club.

After the game the experts had no trouble showing how they should have reached the slam if their partners had only bid properly, but Bobby Nail of Houston got there simply by responding four clubs to ask for aces and then going to six when his partner showed three.

Bobby's analysis was worth repeating. He said: "I have 14 points and a six-card suit. If my partner holds the other three aces he is sure to have a good play for six. If he has just one ace I will stop at four no-trump. If he has two aces I will ask for kings and stop at five no-trump unless he shows all three."

Speed Law Proposed For Oregon

SALEM (UPI)—Thirty-nine legislative changes—including establishment of speed laws and drunk driving regulations—were proposed today by the Oregon Legislative Highway Interim Committee.

Rep. Norman R. Howard, D-Portland, submitted the committee's report to Gov. Mark Hatfield today.

Seven of the proposed changes involved traffic safety.

One would set the speed limit at 25 miles per hour in school and business zones, 30 mph in residential zones, 65 mph on open highways other than freeways where the limit would be 70 mph.

"The proposal contemplates a retention of the basic rule in its present form," the committee said. The basic rule makes it illegal to drive in a manner that is unsafe in view of weather and road conditions.

The drunk driving provisions call for arrest on "probable cause" for drunk driving, chemical tests for intoxication of a person arrested for drunken driving, and would make it unlawful for a person to drive or be in physical control of a vehicle while drunk.

The committee urged the legislature to adopt standards for seat belts, even though present law does not require installation of seat belts.

Another recommendation would make it unlawful to drive the wrong way on a one-way road or one-way section of a freeway. At present there is no statute which clearly lists wrong-way driving as a violation, the committee stated.

Authorizing the use of flashing amber lamps on state, county or other political subdivision vehicles when used for official business also was recommended.

Other members of the interim committee include Sens. Melvin R. Goode, R-Albany, Walter J. Pearson, D-Portland, and Anthony Yurri, R-Ontario, and Reps. Robert L. Ellstrom, R-Salem, W. O. Kebsay, D-Roseburg, and William Bradley, D-Gresham.

Bank Tieup Probe Urged

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House Small Business Committee said today a study of the 200 largest banks in the Federal Reserve System showed "a whole network of links among the top stockholders."

The committee, led by Rep. Wright Patman, D-Tex., said the links were found particularly in such financial centers as New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland and Hartford, Conn.

Patman, who will head the House Banking Committee in the new Congress, said the links "suggest many areas of further inquiry." He said they raised "a number of questions" and Congress "should probe behind the scenes."

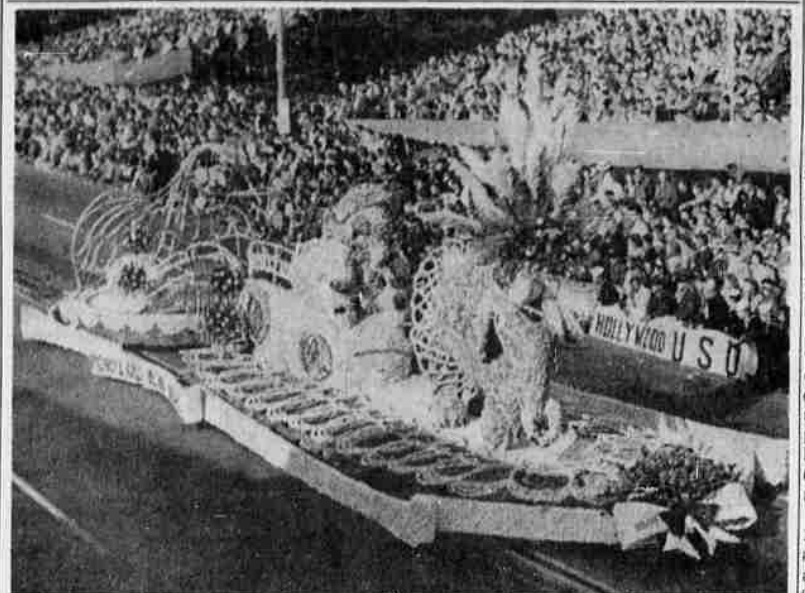
Patman said any investigation should explore such questions "as to the extent to which such stockholdings represent actual power over management decisions, the extent to which they may eliminate competition between banks in the principal financial centers, and whether they form a preliminary step in eventual merger among banks."

"Further investigation should be made as to interlocking relationships between the large banks and large industrial and other corporations," he said.

The order came in a 10-year-old legal battle waged by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, the attorney general's office and the PUC for cuts in wholesale gas prices.

Grover said the rate reductions will save consumers an estimated \$16 million a year. He said the exact amounts will be announced after conferences between PUC officials and representatives of utilities.

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BELLE FEATURED—Belle's First, entered by the city of Portland and the Portland Rose Festival features the nationally-known mother elephant at the Portland zoo, and her equally famous son, Packy. The float is shown on Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena during the Tournament of Roses Parade. —UPI Telephoto

Share In Profits Of Automation Urged For Laid-Off Rail Workers

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A presidential board recommended today that railroad employees who lose their jobs as a result of automation should share in the resulting savings.

The recommendation was made by an emergency board seeking a basis for settlement of a strike by the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks against the Southern Pacific Co.

But it could establish a precedent in the job security dispute involving all of the nation's railroads and various unions.

The recommendation is not binding on either the company or the union. It is intended to be the basis of future negotiations.

The courts and emergency boards have ruled in similar disputes in the past that railroads should be allowed to discharge employees displaced by automation consolidations and abandonments.

They also said discharged employees should be given adequate severance pay, but had not suggested that the workers share in the savings of automation.

The question of pay for discharged employees arose during the mid-1950s when the railroads began laying off clerks whose jobs could be done by machines.

From 1957 through 1961 more than 4,500 positions, or almost 40 per cent of the clerk jobs, were eliminated by Southern Pacific while traffic over the line's 8,900 miles of track increased 11.6 per cent.

On Sept. 22, 1958, the brotherhood notified the Southern Pacific it wanted 100 per cent income protection for five years for workers laid off due to automation.

The railroad rejected the demand and the union called a strike. The strike was delayed when the emergency board was appointed last January.

The board, headed by J. Keith Mann, Stanford, Calif., found that abolition of jobs had caused hardship to employees laid off in a time of "excessive national unemployment" to follow.

The parties have 30 days in which to decide whether to accept the recommendations. After that time the union would be free to set another strike date in the event of a continued dispute.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY
PROSPERITY REBEKAH LODGE NO. 104, 8 p.m., meeting, IOOF Hall.

Y-NE-MA TWIRLERS, 8 p.m., square dance, YMCA. Bring sandwiches.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE, Lake Shore Duplicate Bridge Club, 7:30 p.m., city library.

VENTURE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., business meeting, Winema Hotel.

FRIDAY
LOOM, 7:30 p.m., Moose Night, Moose Home, 1010 Pine.

THETA RHO GIRLS CLUB NO. 8, 7:30 p.m., public installation, IOOF Hall.

YMCA FAMILY NIGHT, 6:30 p.m., potluck, games and recreation, YMCA. Bring table service, beverage.

SHASTA VIEW GRANGE, 8 p.m., meeting, Grange Hall.

ALOHA SOCIAL CLUB, O.E.S., 1:45 p.m., meeting, Masonic Temple.

NAACP, 7 p.m., meeting, Klamath County Library.

MT. LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB, 8 p.m., potluck, Mt. Lake Farm Bureau Hall.

MERRY MIXERS, 8 p.m., square dance, Pelican City Hall. Bring doughnuts.

SATURDAY
SHASTA BUILDING COMMITTEE, 8 p.m., card party, Community Hall, Shasta Way and Madison.

LOOM AND WOTM, 6:30 p.m., potluck, ham and scalloped potatoes, Moose Home. Card party to follow.

RAMBLING SQUARES, 7 to 9 p.m., beginning square dance, 9 p.m., regular dance, Bob's Barn. Bring refreshments.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE, Klamath Bridge Club, 8 p.m., city library.

MONDAY
EULALONA CHAPTER, D.A.R., 8 p.m., meeting and travelogue, First Presbyterian Church.

TUESDAY
DUPLICATE BRIDGE, Lake Shore Duplicate Bridge Club, 11 a.m., city library.

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Death Rumor

NEW YORK (UPI)—The show business newspaper Variety reported today that Bette Davis' lawyer telephoned the actress at her home last week when he heard a rumor that she had died.

Variety said Miss Davis told attorney Tom Hammond, "with the newspaper strike on I wouldn't consider it."

Forest Service Errors Result in Big Profits

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Government auditors disclosed today forest service mistakes had resulted in windfall profits to unidentified private interests that acquired timber lands in the Rogue River National Forest in Oregon.

The general accounting office (GAO) reported to Congress a review of two land exchanges showed that the forest service had underestimated timber values. The result, it said, was that private parties were able to sell timber lands they acquired in the exchange for \$207,000 more than the appraised value.

In one exchange, in January 1960, timber lands were acquired at the appraised price of \$76,060 and a month later sold for \$225,000, according to the report.

It added that in the second exchange, in May 1960, the timber land was appraised at \$25,260 but the following month sold for \$83,500.

A GAO examiner said that in one case the ultimate purchasers of the timber lands had cut 90 per cent more timber than the forest service had estimated.

The GAO report said Carroll E. Brown, forest supervisor for the Rogue River service, had told examiners that the major part of the differences between estimates and the actual cut had been due



SEN. KERR DIES—Sen. Robert S. Kerr, who died in Washington Jan. 1 at age 66, was considered by many to be the most powerful man in Congress. Kerr, a prime mover for most Kennedy legislation, accomplished a surprising feat in October, 1961. Kennedy visited Kerr's ranch to inspect the Senator's prize Black Angus (top) and at the same time Kerr brought about Kennedy's worst congressional defeat when he teamed up with Sen. Dirksen (bottom photo) to wreck the Medicare bill. —UPI Telephoto

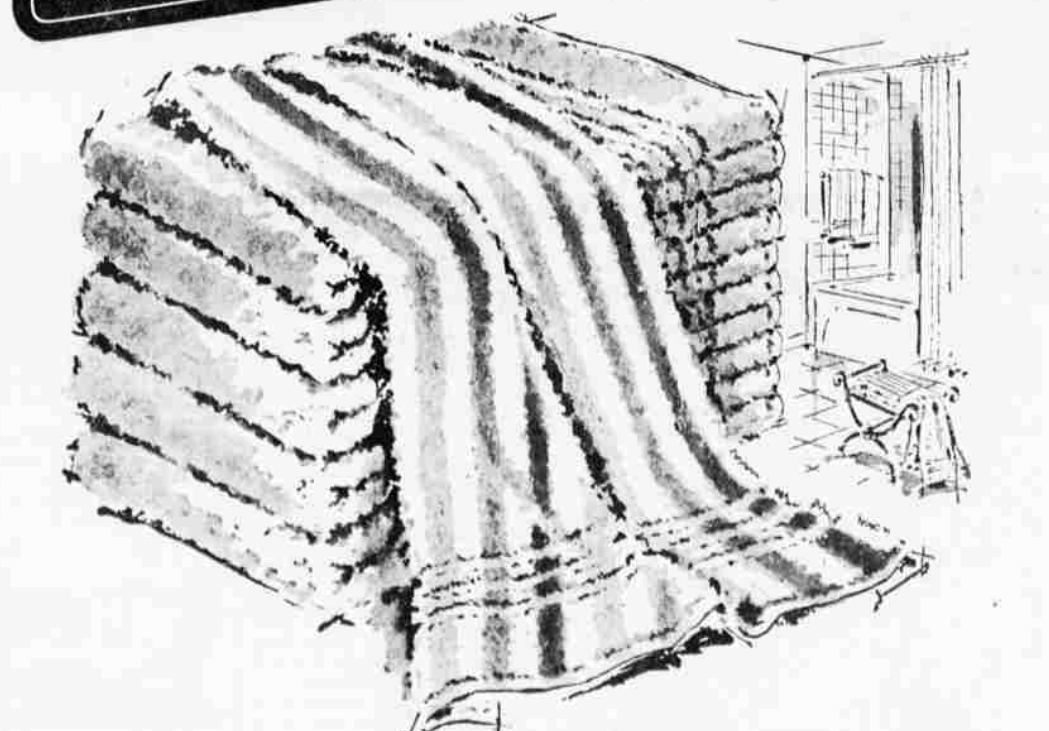
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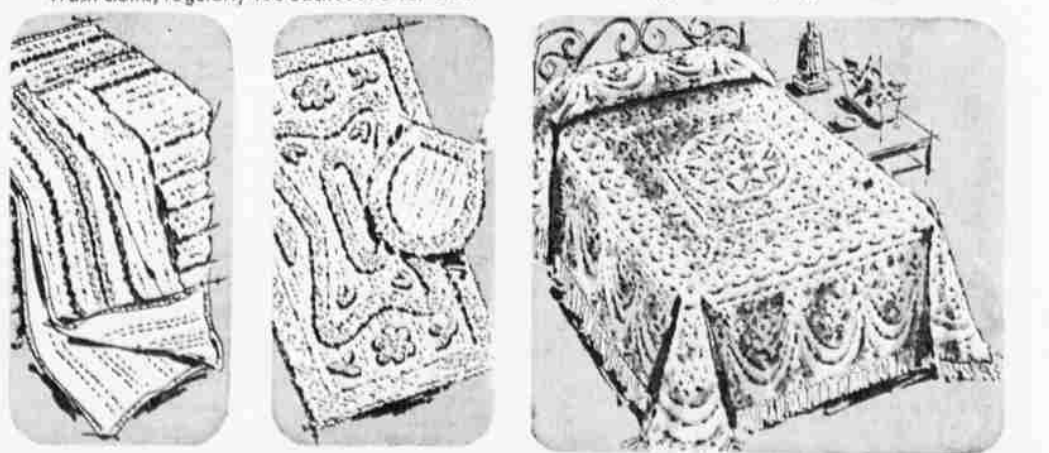


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Price Reduced

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Household gas bills in California may be cut as much as \$1 a month as early as Feb. 1, the State Public Utilities Commission said Saturday.

George C. Grover, commission president, said the reduction results from a consent order signed by El Paso Natural Gas Co. and accepted Friday by the Federal Power Commission.

The order came in a 10-year-old legal battle waged by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, the attorney general's office and the PUC for cuts in wholesale gas prices.

Grover said the rate reductions will save consumers an estimated \$16 million a year. He said the exact amounts will be announced after conferences between PUC officials and representatives of utilities.

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