

Strohm Food, Farm Series Sparks Contradictory Criticism And Praise

Jacoby On Bridge

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| NORTH 13 | | | |
| 1053 | 9762 | | |
| 10432 | 9762 | | |
| 873 | 9762 | | |
| AQ6 | 9762 | | |
| WEST | | | |
| Q84 | 9762 | | |
| Q85 | 9762 | | |
| AK9 | 10652 | | |
| J952 | 1074 | | |
| EAST | | | |
| AKJ | 9762 | | |
| AK976 | 9762 | | |
| J4 | 9762 | | |
| K83 | 9762 | | |
| East and West vulnerable | | | |
| South West North East | Pass | 2 Pass | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| Opening lead—4♣ | | | |

Sure Fire Play Seen

By OSWALD JACOBY
Written for
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If you look around, you will often find a sure fire play for an apparently doubtful contract.

Playing at four hearts, South will ruff the third diamond lead and play his ace and king of trumps. When East shows out South will have a certain trump loser and at first thought will decide a successful spade finesse is necessary if he wants to make his contract.

A look at the East-West hands will show that the spade finesse is not going to work and if the South player relies on it, he'll be complaining about bad luck. It will be unnecessary bad luck because South can make his contract by an elimination play.

After cashing the second heart South should run three rounds of clubs, then lead a heart.

West will win with the queen and will have to lead something. He won't have any hearts or diamonds so his choice will be between a club and a spade. The spade will be taking South's finesse for him and South will make his jack of spades. On a club South will ruff in dummy and discard his jack of spades. Either way, South makes his contract.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
1♠ Double Pass 2♠
2♥ 4♥ 4♠ Pass
Pass Double Pass Pass
Redbl. Pass Pass 7

You, South, hold:
♠854 ♥10865 ♦432 ♣874
What do you do?
A—Pass. Your partner still thinks he can beat four spades and you know that you can't make five hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Again your partner doubles a one spade opening bid. You hold:
♠854 ♥K765 ♦KJ92 ♣42
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

Court Records

KLAMATH FALLS MUNICIPAL COURT
Feb. 11

William Bluebird, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Leroy Joe Sherman, vagrancy, \$100 and 30 days.
Raymond Townsend, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Ralph Gustavog, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Percy Ball, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Franklin Hutchinson, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Linda Oren Cingo, drunk, \$25 forfeit.
Forest Beamer, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Cyril England, disorderly conduct, \$100 forfeit, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Harold Davis, disorderly conduct, \$100 forfeit.
Domingo Bencomen Jr., drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Ludwig Duan, drunk, \$25 forfeit.
Nathan Cooperfield, drunk, \$25 forfeit.
Lona Lanning, drunk, \$25 forfeit.
Raymond Jackson, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Elizabeth Chilipala, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Thomas Campbell, drunk, \$25 forfeit.
Earl Campbell, drunk, \$25 forfeit.
John Jackson, drunk, \$25 forfeit.
Charles Crayne, drunk, \$25 forfeit.
Joan Kirk Jr., drunk, \$25 forfeit.
Vance Rabe Checklock, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
Red Doherty, drunk, \$25 forfeit.

On The Record

LAKE COUNTY BIRTHS
YATE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Yate, Jan. 23, a girl, 8 lbs., 4 1/2 oz., at the Lakeview Hospital.
EVANS—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Ray Evans, Jan. 28, a girl, 8 lbs., 3 1/2 oz., at the Lakeview Hospital.
PENNINGTON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pennington, Jan. 27, a boy, 7 lbs., 4 oz., at the Lakeview Hospital.
WITMER—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Winer, Feb. 1, a boy, 9 lbs., 3 1/2 oz., at the Lakeview Hospital.
EBERT—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ebert, Feb. 1, a girl, 7 lbs., 12 oz., at the Lakeview Hospital.
ACKERMAN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ackerman, Feb. 1, a boy, 8 lbs., 14 oz., at the Lakeview Hospital.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Norman Edward Yuck, Braggins, and Hazel Mary Shattuck, Loring.
Kenneth Duane Mattison, New River Creek, and Alice Faye Winer, Lakeview.

DIVORCES FILED
Susan P. Curry from Wilbert N. Curry.

JUSTICE COURT
Edik Ellsworth Wadsworth, driving while operator's license suspended, \$50.
James J. Wilkey, unlawful possession of bars of silver, 20 days, suspended for one year on good behavior.
Richard Russell Wilkey, unlawful possession of bars of silver, 30 days, suspended for one year on good behavior.
William Harold Rogers, running stop sign, \$15.
Dorothy Christensen, running stop sign, \$15.

Coast-to-Coast NEWSPAPERS SELL THE MOST!

NEW YORK (NEA)—"A most constructive contribution" . . . "completely ignores fundamental circumstances" . . . "every American will benefit from reading it" . . . "a study in contradiction."

Those are some of the conflicting opinions of farm organizations and farm authorities on John Strohm's controversial series, "Our Crazy Food and Farm Problem." The five-part report, written for the Newspaper Enterprise Assn., is appearing in hundreds of U.S. newspapers the week of Feb. 11.

Comments on Strohm's reporting and analysis of this major domestic question follow.

W. Harold Brenton, Iowa farmer and banker, trustee of the non-partisan Committee for Economic Development and chairman of the subcommittee which prepared the CED policy statement on agriculture:

"John Strohm's series was a most constructive contributing and

you are to be congratulated for publishing his thoughtful articles. Of greatest importance, it seems to me, was his stressing of the human factors involved. As Strohm says, the real farm problem is a social problem—a million farmers who no longer are needed to produce food and fiber, because agriculture has the mechanical muscles and know-how to produce three times as efficiently as it did 20 years ago.

"It was an understanding of this fact that led the Committee for Economic Development, in its policy statement, 'An Adaptive Program for Agriculture,' to seek for ways that would help people on the farm adjust to the dramatic changes caused mainly by science and technology. The storm aroused by the CED statement shows it is not easy to confront these facts. But it is urgently important to reduce the waste of our resources, especially our human resources, in agriculture. The

costs of the present situation, to farmers, as well as consumers, are too high. That is why anyone truly interested in the farmer and his personal welfare must search for better ways of adapting to reality.

"Strohm has made it clear that this is a job not only for farmers and the federal government, but for all of us."

National Farmers Union:
"A study in contradiction. He commends farmers for their productivity genius. But he says that continuation or expansion of the farm program would hamstring farmers into mediocrity. In light of his views, therefore, it is interesting to note that farmers have made the greatest advances in efficiency through technology in the last 20 years. This is about the same time that the present farm program has been in effect.

"The farm program has helped immensely in bringing about the economic conditions in agriculture

that allow farmers to earn a better income, and income or capital is the chief factor in providing labor-saving devices which contribute to efficiency.

"So while Strohm urges withdrawal of the very same legislative devices which have helped to bring about the greater efficiency, this greater efficiency has resulted in greater productivity.

"On wheat, he misses a basic point in urging return to free market. If all production controls were removed, farmers would be competing in a production free-for-all, and the result would be wholesale price cutting and economic disaster.

"If production control programs were removed from wheat, the output would jump 300 million bushels the first year and price would drop to half of what it is now. So Strohm doesn't answer the question of what we'd do with overproduction.

"The only thing he advocates is

using these surpluses as a shot in the arm to help less developed nations get on their feet.

"We shipped through the food for peace program 600 million bushels last year out of production of 1.1 billion. The problem is to get more shipments of wheat and get sufficient appropriations for the program and at the same time not disrupt normal channels of trade."

Charles Shuman, president, American Farm Bureau Federation:
"Every American will benefit from reading the John Strohm series."

Herschel D. Newsom, Master, The National Grange:
"In this series John Strohm has, as usual, made an excellent presentation of several important facts pertaining to American agriculture. However he completely ignores fundamental circumstances responsible for maladjustments

in the agricultural economy of the nation.

"He fails to recognize that the so-called 'farm problem' is—to a great extent—a result of a comprehensive and evasive structure of government programs designed to protect the income of those in nonagricultural segments of our economy.

"Our first government interferences with 'full free competition' came with the Tariff Act of 1789—the first piece of legislation passed by the first Congress of the United States. Since that time, through wage and hour laws, tax concessions and other protective devices, including direct taxpayers' subsidies, government income protection has been extended to every major non-agricultural segment of the U.S. economy. This protective structure has become the very foundation of our entire economic system. The elimination of the total structure is unthinkable.

able. No one has even suggested such action: to do so would be tantamount to inviting economic disaster.

"Somehow we must therefore make well-meaning citizens such as John Strohm understand that wages and prices established under this protective system automatically become the farmer's production cost—and that herein lies the primary cause of our farm income problem. Programs to correct these inequities must be designed . . . commodity by commodity . . . to provide America's agricultural producers an opportunity to earn and receive an equitable income primarily from the domestic market just as other government programs are designed to provide that opportunity to those engaged in nonagricultural sectors of the nation's economy."

Don Paarlberg, economist, Purdue University:

"I share Strohm's low appraisal of the present agricultural policies of the executive branch of the United States government, commonly referred to as the New Frontier.

"The administration scorns the ability of the farmer to make wise decisions: as to resource use, and has unwarranted high regard for the ability of government to make these decisions. The weight of evidence is to the contrary. We are in best adjustment for livestock, fruits and vegetables, concerning which farmers make their own decisions. We are in poorest adjustment for wheat and feed grains, concerning which the government sets the price and production pattern. Government-dominated crops bring in about one-fourth of the farm income, account for about three-fourths of the farm program costs, and are responsible for about 90 per cent of the controversy.

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