

CIVIC CENTRE

The Toddler Class — under three — got off to a good start yesterday with 29 kiddies enrolling for the first class. Mrs. Armine Boas was in charge. Quite a few mothers stayed at the Civic Centre to watch while others went on to the city while the children stayed at the Civic Centre. Activities yesterday were

confined to simple games with a ball with participants split into small groups and playing with toys that mothers had brought along or that were supplied by the Civic Centre.

The Tiny Tots class continues to grow. Yesterday afternoon there were an additional six members joined.

The junior girls and junior boys gymnasium classes at the Civic Centre, have begun working together now in preparation for the joint display they will be staging in March.

Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

My friend Mrs. Keen was the heroine of this hand. She used a part of the Blackwood slam convention which doesn't come up very often. But when it does, it's mighty useful.

Usually when your partner bids four no trumps, asking for aces, your duty is simply to tell him how many you have. Partner is supposed to know what to do with this information.

But in this hand Mrs. Keen felt that she had some special information which she could not get across to Mr. Dale just by telling him how many aces she had. She was thinking, of course, about her void in hearts. She feared if she bid five diamonds Mr. Dale might pass, believing the opponents could win two aces.

So over her partner's four no trump, Mrs. Keen bounded straight into six hearts. As you see, there is no way to beat that contract. It is also clear that Mr. Dale would have passed a bid of five diamonds.

Mrs. Keen's bid really told her partner that she had one ace and a void suit. When you jump straight into a slam over your partner's four no trump bid you are saying, "Partner, I hold the number of aces I would have shown had I bid five in this suit instead of six. In addition to this, I hold a void suit, and dare not bid only five in my suit for fear you might pass."

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

Mrs. Keen S-Q 5 4 2
H-None
D-K Q 6 5 4
C-A J 7 6

Mr. Dale S-4
H-K Q
D-A J 10 8 3 2
C-K Q 10 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 D Pass 3 D Pass
4 NT Pass 6 D All pass

When your agreed suit is hearts and you jump to six hearts over your partner's four no-trump, you are saying that you hold two aces and a void. When you agreed suit is spades and you go to six spades over your partner's four no trump, you are saying that you hold three aces and a void suit.

Really your jump from four no trump to six in a suit tells your partner how many aces you hold just does a bid of five in a suit, but it gives the additional information that you have a void suit. Sometimes your part-

ner is able to use that information to bid a grand slam.

Remember you jump directly to six in this manner only when your "normal" ace showing response at the five range happens to be in your agreed suit. Otherwise you merely show your aces at the five range in the usual manner. For example, with hearts as your suit you do not jump to six hearts over four no trump holding an ace and a void. In this case there is no hurry and no danger of partner passing. You simply bid five diamonds to show one ace. Partner will bid at least five hearts, and you will then have the chance to go on to six on the strength of your void—if your overall holding warrants it.

Sports Fixes Charged

NEW YORK — Basketball gambling scandal erupted today with disclosure of an attempt to fix Tuesday night's Manhattan-Dauphin college game and the arrest of two former Manhattan players accused of throwing a game last season.

Players were Henry E. Poppe, 24, and John A. Byrnes, 22, co-captains of last season's team, charged with taking bribes in three college games.

Also arrested as alleged "fixers" were Irving Schwatzberg, 35, his brother Benjamin, 35, and Cernelus Kelleher, 35. They and two former players were charged with conspiracy and bribery.

Canadian Team Beats Germans

FUSSEN, Ger. — Touring Lehighridge Maple Leafs walloped top flight German team 16-4 tonight for second straight victory in Germany.

A crowd of 3,000 sat through driving rain to watch the Canadian club outclass the Fussen team, former German champions.

Archie Cameron, Fort Francis, is due in on tonight's train to take passage on the Prince George for Vancouver.

25 YEARS AGO

January 18, 1941

Snow has been falling in the interior, according to reports received here this morning. Although not deep, conditions seemed to indicate a continuance. It is raining at Anyox and Stewart.

Miss Lorna MacLaren returned from Vancouver on the Cardena yesterday.

Miss Helen McLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McLeod, arrived from Vancouver on the Cardena yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Menzies, after spending their honeymoon in the south, returned to the city on the Cardena and are taking up residence at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Conrad Street.

10 YEARS AGO

January 18, 1941

Mrs. H. L. Landry and son Thorpe will be leaving the city at the end of this month to take up residence at Victoria.

Lee M. Gordon sailed last night on the Prince Rupert for a business trip to Vancouver.

With a score of 7620, the Ramblers opened the second half of the Prince Rupert Bridge last night.

Herring are still failing to show up in this vicinity in sufficient quantities for seining.

Close Race In Bowls Leagues

Top place in both divisions of the Men's Five Pin Bowling League is being fought for closely with numerous teams making a bid for first place. In this week's bowling I Dunbar tabled both the high single and high three game totals of 298 and 773. Team results are as follows:

- Manson's 4, D & S 0
- Three C's 4 Fitters 0
- Bulger's 3, Brownwoods 1
- Home Oil 3, Toughies 1
- Short Circuits 2, Crescents 2
- Philpott Evitt 2, Cook's Jewellers 2
- Thom Sheet No. 1, 4; Ambassadors 0
- Jaycees No. 1, 3, Scotians 1
- Canadian Legion 3, Helpers 1
- Thom Sheet No. 2, 3; Kaien Industries 1
- Oddfellows 3, Blains 1
- Mallets 2, Jaycees No. 2, 2.

STANDINGS:

"A" League	
Short Circuits	19
Home Oil	19
Philpott Evitt	17
Manson's	16
Three C's	16
Bulger's	10
Brownwoods	10
Toughies	10
Crescents	9
D & S	8
Cook's Jewellers	8
Fitters	3

"B" League	
Thom Sheet No. 1	20
Canadian Legion	18
Jaycees No. 1	16
Oddfellows	15
Blains	14
Mallets	13
Thom Sheet No. 2	10
Ambassadors	9
Jaycees No. 2	9
Helpers	8
Kaien Industries	7
Scotians	5

James Lee and Harold Thom Canadian Fishing Company, sail tonight on the Prince George for a two weeks' business trip to Vancouver. Accompanying them will be Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Thom is expected to join them in Vancouver next week.

SPORT SHOTS

Air Passengers

Four American ski champions have left by air to compete in international meets in Switzerland, Austria and Italy. In the group were Andrea Meade of Rutland, Vt., 1950 eastern women's slalom champion; Jeanette Burr of Seattle, 1950 national downhill women's champion; George Macomber of West Newton, Mass., 1949 national downhill and slalom champion, and David Lawrence of New York, 1949 national giant slalom champion. They will stay in Europe until March 12.

To Vancouver (today) — H. Howick, R. J. Cave, R. J. Holmes, W. Miller, D. S. Collins, Miss G. Zaduski, T. Grove, N. Bond.

To Stewart (today) — Cst. Crouch, Mrs. McDonald.

From Vancouver (yesterday) — R. W. Cierhuie, W. P. Wallace, Mr. Carr-Harris, E. McCaskill, E. T. Applewhaite, P. Forman, R. Harris, R. J. Cave, A. E. Mosher, A. Young, J. Wilson, Mr. McLintosh, R. T. Nickett, G. Lahien, Mr. Sangster, D. S. Collins, J. B. Collins, Mr. McElroy.

To Sandspit (yesterday) — Mrs. C. N. F. Morgan, R. Morgan.

Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinals' slugger, says he is ready to pack his bags to join other major league luminaries in a jaunt overseas to entertain American occupation troops in Germany. Musial said he received travel orders from the War Department

P. Forman returned on yesterday's plane from a week's business trip to Vancouver.

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