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## Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

Mr. Masters had to play his number one game to make this contract. Mr. Dale led the deuce of diamonds and Mr. Abel took the ace and led back the queen.

Now what would you play on this trick? Would you play the king or the nine—or doesn't it make any difference? See if you can figure it out as Mr. Masters did, before reading on.

First, Mr. Masters was practically certain the opening lead was a singleton. That meant his king of diamonds was going to be ruffed out so that, in effect, he would lose three diamond tricks.

That wouldn't be fatal. He could still take a finesse against the king of spades for four-odd. But Mr. Masters doesn't like to depend on a finesse when a better play is available. He found one. He saw that all he had to do was keep Mr. Dale from getting in prematurely for a lead

North dealer  
North-South vulnerable

North  
(Miss Brash)  
S-A 3 7  
H-K 10 9  
D-8 6 5 4 3  
C-K 10

West (Mr. Dale) East (Mr. Abel)  
S-10 8 6 5 2 S-K 9 3  
H-8 5 4 H-7  
D-2 D-A Q J 10  
C-Q 7 5 3 C-J 8 4 2

South (Mr. Masters)  
S-Q 4  
H-A Q J 6 3 2  
D-K 9 7  
C-A 6

The bidding:  
North Pass East Pass South 1 H West Pass  
3 H Pass 4 H All pass

through dummy's spades. So he ducked the second diamond lead, Mr. Dale discarding a small spade.

Mr. Abel came on with the jack of diamonds and the king was ruffed out by Mr. Dale. On the expected spade return Mr. Masters went right up with dummy's ace. He then led the fourth diamond. Mr. Abel played his now singleton ten spot and the ace of trumps went on from the closed hand. This was a little high for Mr. Dale and he dropped a small club.

Now the remaining enemy trumps were picked up and Mr. Masters placed his losing spade on the good eight of diamonds in dummy. If he had played his king of diamonds at trick two he would have lost the hand.

Mr. New, the eager kibitzer, is getting pretty cocky with his new-found bridge knowledge, gained entirely from the sidelines. "Nice play, Masters," he said, "but Mr. Dale would have beaten you if he had ruffed the second diamonds and led a spade."

"You're wrong, son," Mr. Dale replied. "If I'd ruffed the second diamond and led a spade, Masters would have gone up with the ace, extracted trumps and conceded a spade trick. Incidentally, I've heard Champion invite you into the game several times. I'd sort of like to see you in there myself. [There was a gleam of amusement in the old boy's eyes.] We could give you a little uh... seasoning."

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The city will be divided into districts, and each organization will be responsible for a section. Canvassers will leave pledge cards at each home, and will explain the procedure to be followed. Canvassing will commence on Monday next, and the clinic will be held August 20, 21, and 22.

The following attended the meeting: Martin Van Cooten, Gyros; R. M. MacLean, Canadian Legion; Mrs. J. Gillander, Soroptomist; Miss Steves, Health Unit. Mrs. William Bremner, Presbyterian W. A.; Mrs. Wilson, Women of Moose; Mrs. G. M. Handley, Mrs. W. Rothwell, Legion W. A.; Mrs. Wood, Rebekah; Mrs. Lineth, St. Andrews W. A.; Mrs. Clarke McLean, Cambral IOOE; Mrs. Carr, Queen Mary IOOE; Mrs. Thompson, L.O.B.A.; Mrs. Hardy, King Edward P.T.A.; Mrs. Strand, Sonja Ladies and Sons of Norway; Mrs. T. Norton Youngs, Mrs. A. Haines and Mrs. T. J. Boulter, Co-ordinating Council. Organizations not represented but active in the drive are the Rotary Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Kinsmen.

## air passengers

To Vancouver (today)—Miss E. Schild, G. C. Naylor, H. Guest, Miss J. Norrie, N. Scherk, J. Comer, R. Cave, Mr. Pecknold. To Sandspit (today)—O. A. Clebo.

From Vancouver (Thursday)—J. E. Melansen, R. J. Cave, J. Patterson, W. Smith, J. Gorden, R. MacLachlan, M. McDonald, Capt. Coles, D. J. Doswell, J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Turner.

From Sandspit (Thursday)—J. Wolstenholme, W. Hilton, R. Falton, Mrs. Pelton, Mrs. S. Debucy, W. J. Davies, N. Barnett.

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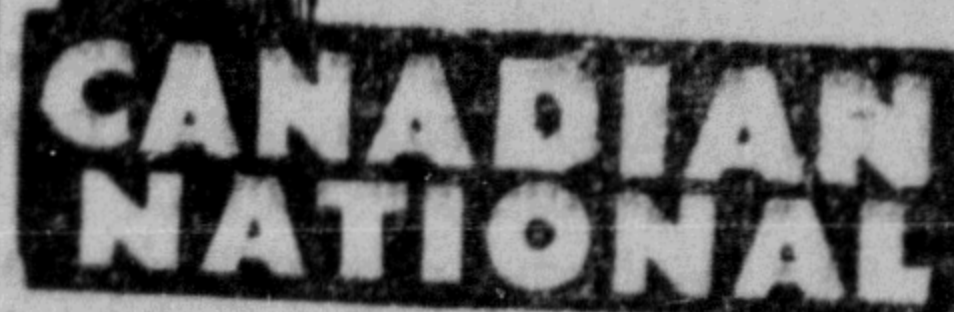
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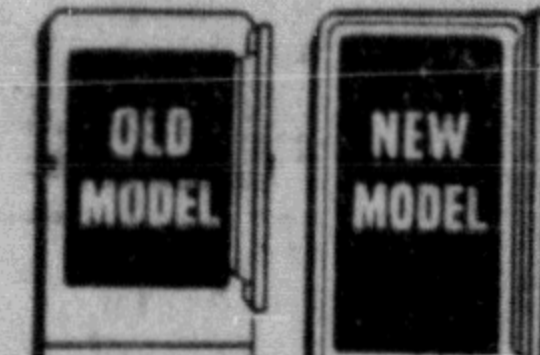
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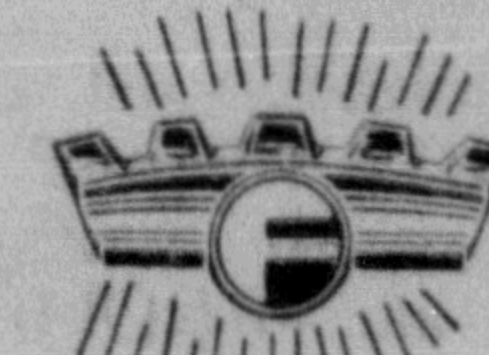
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