

Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

In the present series of articles I have given you many examples where the Blackwood Convention helps decide whether or not to bid a slam.

I hope I have not given you the impression that I recommend the use of the Blackwood on all slam

hands. No one knows better than I that it is often used when it should not be used. I would say that if you use the Blackwood Convention on much more than half of your slam zone hands, you are using it too often.

On many big hands there is more important information to be developed than the number of aces your partner holds. Sometimes it is vital to find out not only how many aces partner has but which ace or aces. Often it is better to describe your hand fully to partner rather than to ask him something about his.

Here is a good test which will help you determine whether or not you should use the Blackwood four no trump bid. Look at your hand, consider the bidding to date, then ask yourself this question: "If I find out how many aces my partner has, will I then be able to reach a definite clear-cut decision about slam?"

If the answer is yes, the Blackwood fits the situation nicely. If it is no—that is if you are still hazy about your slam chances—you should have used some other method.

South dealer
North-South vulnerable

North		East	
(Mr. Masters)			
S-7	H-3	S-8	H-10
D-10	C-4	D-9	C-10
West			
(Miss Brash)			
S-A	H-10	S-8	H-10
D-10	C-4	D-9	C-10
East			
(Mr. Abel)			
S-7	H-3	S-8	H-10
D-10	C-4	D-9	C-10
South			
(Mr. Champion)			
D-7	H-3	S-8	H-10
D-10	C-4	D-9	C-10

The bidding:
South West North East
1H 3H 5H Pass
6H All pass

In today's hand after Miss Brash tried to gum up the works by bidding three spades, the primary question in Mr. Master's mind was not how many aces Mr. Champion held.

The chances that Mr. Champion had at least one ace to open the bidding were overwhelming. What Mr. Masters wanted to know was how many quick spade losers there were in the South hand.

He bid five hearts, asking Mr. Champion to go to six if he could control the second round of spades. Holding the king and one spade, Mr. Champion could, and he bid the slam.

Miss Brash opened the singleton club which Mr. Champion won with the ace, extracted the trumps and parked his small spade on dummy's third club. He trumped his fourth diamond in dummy and the contract rolled home.

Anger Is Harmful To Mental Health

TORONTO — Hostility can bounce right back to harm a person who is hostile, says Dr. J. D. M. Griffin, medical director of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

He gave a gathering of University of Toronto students recently an idea of what happens to anyone who harbors feelings of hostility and suddenly realizes that he has a headache and a pain in the stomach.

He said the mucous membranes lining the throat and stomach and some other organs are affected. Glands misbehave and the blood undergoes bi-chemical changes. Altogether, he said, hostility is a harmful thing that apparently is flourishing these days.

Dr. Griffin said that during recent United Nations debates on the Far Eastern situation, Canada's representatives displayed more maturity and less psychiatric hostility than those of "some other countries we could mention." Canadians could be "reasonably proud" of the action of their delegates.

Dr. Griffin also discussed a motion picture, "The Feeling of Hostility" which apparently aroused some hostility itself when shown to home and school association groups.

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"It had to be withdrawn from general release," said Dr. Griffin. "A lot of people thought it was disturbing. It hasn't the sort of ending that sends everyone home happy, so they can put it out of their minds."

The film showed how hostility grew in the mind of a little girl named Clare, whose father was killed in the Canadian mining country and whose widowed mother made Clare too dependent upon her.

It showed then how Clare took on aspects of rejection and resentment after an unspectacular stepfather appeared on the scene and how she finally turned into a friendless shy girl who was unable to show everyone that even if she wasn't lovable, she was smart.

In the end she became a successful editorial assistant in a publishing house but she spent her evenings alone. There was so much hostility in her make-up that there was no room for love.

W. H. Murray returned Saturday from Vancouver where he attended a meeting of the directors of the B.C. Hotelmen's Association. Matters concerning providing better service to the public took up much of the time at the meetings.

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TUESDAY—A.M.

- 7:00—Musical Clock
 - 8:00—CBC News
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- 12:00—Mid-Day Melodies
 - 12:15—CBC News
 - 12:25—Program resume
 - 12:30—B.C. Farm Broadcast
 - 12:55—Rec Int.
 - 1:00—The Concert Hour
 - 1:30—Musical Program

Local real estate dealers have decided to organize as the Prince Rupert Real Estate Board. Edward Gladding has been elected president and Allan Armstrong, secretary, both pro tem, pending completion of organization.

Organization of the local board followed a meeting during the latter part of last week in the Civic Centre when S. V. Smith of the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Board from Vancouver was on hand to advise the local realtors on the latest regulations governing the real estate business.

A provisional committee will draw up bylaws and arrange other details.

The purpose of the Board is "to increase the service to the public and create a spirit of co-operation and good will in the district."

It has been decided that the members of the Board will join the National Association of Real Estate Boards in order to keep in close contact with the activities of the profession across Canada.

Represented at the initiatory meeting were Armstrong Agencies, G. P. Tinker Ltd., H. G. Helgerson Ltd., S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd., Dybhavn & Hanson Ltd., R. E. Mortimer, Prince Rupert Realty Co. and T. Norton Youngs.

Father Of Marc Gormely Passes

Funeral took place this morning from St. Augustine's Church in Vancouver of the late Michael William Gormely, father of District Forester Marc Gormely of Prince Rupert. Mr. and Mrs. Gormely left here last week to attend the funeral at which Rev. Father L. J. Sweeney O.M.I. officiated.

Mr. Gormely, who was known as a visitor in Prince Rupert, passed away last Wednesday.

In addition to the son here, deceased has two other sons and two daughters.

sugar, while a soft drink has nearly a tablespoonful. Introduced and thanked by Mr. Moore, Dr. Black framed his talk with an anagram on the word "HEALTH." Taking each letter of the word, the doctor stressed "habits, exercise, appetite, leisure, teeth and happiness."

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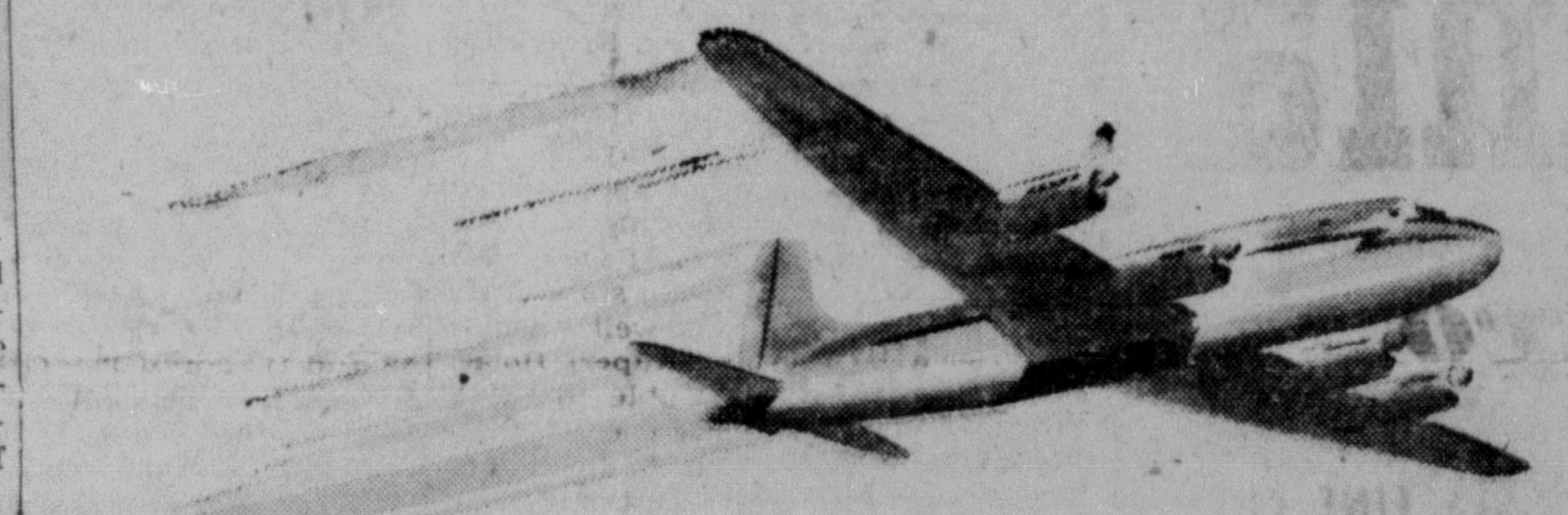
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