

## Blackwood On Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

In a bridge game there is no substitute for good judgment. No count or system will ever be devised which will enable you to make the winning bid at all times.

There are many things to consider in addition to the cards you hold in your hand. For example, the

temperament of your partner and of your opponents, their respective abilities, their individual foibles and superstitions, the condition of the score—in fact about everything by tomorrow's weather report.

Sound complicated? Actually it is quite simple. To prove that to you, let me ask you a question. Would you rather play most of your hands with the weakest player or the strongest player as your partner?

You say the answer is obvious. All right. But isn't it true that when the weakest player in the game is your partner, you make sacrifice bids just because you hate to have the opponents win the rubber?

Admit it—you know it's true. I do the same thing myself now and then and I am fully aware of the folly of it. The remedy is simple, too. When you have a weak partner, just don't make sacrifice bids—unless you are going to play the hand yourself and a favorable result seems a moral certainty.

In these remarks I have assumed the common practice of cutting for partners or pivoting after each rubber. If you have somehow got yourself into a set game with a weak partner as your partner, I can't help you. Only your banker can. Both sides vulnerable. West dealer.

North (Mr. Muzzy)  
S-A Q J 6 5  
H-J  
D-Q J 7  
C-9 8 7 5

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

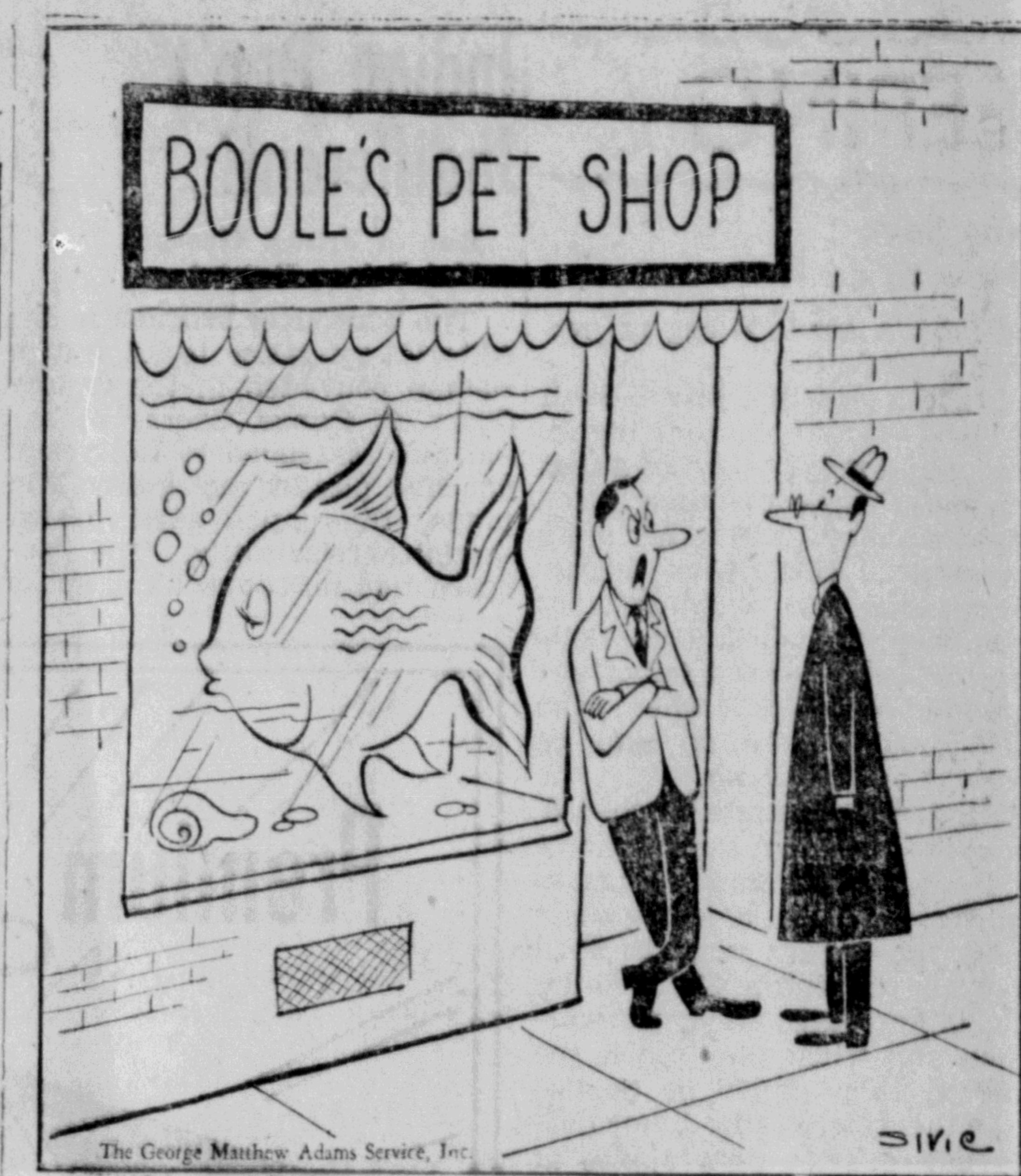
South (Mr. Dale)  
S-10 9 4 3 2  
H-10 3 2  
D-A 4  
C-6 4 2

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

In today's hand, Mr. Dale, the old master who knows how to make friends at the bridge table, had Mr. Muzzy for a partner. Mr. Muzzy is the type of player who, after going set 1400 points, is capable of looking across the table and saving brightly: "But I had a hundred honors, partner."

Mr. Dale wanted to bid four spades on the South cards. He felt it would be a good sacrifice and that four hearts would be easy for the enemy to make. But he didn't care to suffer with Mr. Muzzy for too many hands and so he passed.

Strangely enough Mr. Muzzy got off to the good lead of the queen of diamonds. Dummy's king was put up and Mr. Dale won with the ace. He returned



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the four of diamonds and Mr. Muzzy won with the jack and led a third diamond for Mr. Dale to ruff. Now the ace of spades provided the setting trick. Nobody was more surprised and more pleased than Mr. Dale.

But the result was a fitting reward for his admirable decision not to interfere, originally chock full of practically everything imaginable. Prices, for the most part, were good for both buyer and seller. The antics that started off the sale lasted throughout the afternoon; so that people who attended had a lot of fun as well as filling in some vacancies in their home furnishings. Also sold was clothing of nearly all kinds.

During the afternoon there were many instances of human frailty, such as the woman who wondered after buying a fur coat if it would fit. There were other cases where if the purchaser knew what he was buying, the auctioneer did not know what he was selling.

In all, Rotarians were pleased with the outcome of the sale, both as to enjoying the work they did and the financial results. Early estimates are that more than \$500 above expenses will be realized to be applied against tennis court construction.

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