

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

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Sluff Loser on Loser; Direct Opponent's Lead

When your partner opens the bidding, he has better than an average hand in high cards. If you have as good as an average hand yourself, obviously your side has the balance of power.

When partner opens the bidding and second hand doubles, you flash this information by redoubling. This call does not necessarily guarantee your side will reach a game. However, it does guarantee that you will make another bid (or double). Partner can therefore pass on the second round if he is not sure what action to take, with full assurance that you will take some further action.

Mr. Masters put in such a redouble on the first round of bidding in today's hand. This was passed around to Mr. Champion who bid one heart. Unwilling to double this and holding a good suit of his own, Mr. Masters bid one spade. When his partner

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable

North (Mr. Dale)
S-A J 5
H-7 3
D-A K Q 10
C-J 8 6 2

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

East (Mr. Champion)
S-K 3 2
H-A K Q 8 5
D-3
C-Q 10 7

South (Mr. Masters)
S-Q 10 9 8 6 4
H-9 2
D-J 6 4
C-A K

The bidding:
North 1 D East 1 S South 2 S West 2 S
1 D 1 H 1 S 1 S
Pass 1 H 1 S 1 S
2 S Pass 4 S All pass
raised spades, he went on to game.

The jack of hearts was led and Mr. Champion's plan of defence was good. He overtook with the queen of hearts and led his singleton diamond. He hoped Mr. Masters would take a finesse in spades in which case he would win with the king, return a low heart to Mr. Abel's 10 and ruff the diamond return.

If he couldn't reach his partner's hand on the second round of hearts, there appeared to be no chance to defeat the contract.

Very good planning. But Mr. Masters countered it with a good plan of his own. This involved that often-overlooked play of discarding a loser on a loser in order to surrender the lead to the "right" opponent.

After winning trick two with dummy's queen of diamonds, Mr. Masters cashed the ace and king of clubs. He then led a small spade and went right up with dummy's ace. The jack of clubs was returned and when the queen covered it, Mr. Masters calmly discarded his last heart.

Now there was no way for Mr. Champion to reach his partner's hand so that he could ruff a diamond return. He got the king of spades but that was his last trick.

Relieved of Job

VIENNA (AP)—The Bulgarian newspaper Izvestia which reached here today said Georgi Popov, minister for forestry, has been relieved of his job. Mako P. Dakov was named his successor. Popov was the last Socialist and one of the four non-Communists in the 29-man Bulgarian cabinet.

Leading Exponent of Air Concept of War Promoted

OTTAWA (CP)—Appointment of one of Canada's chief exponents of the air concept of war as the No. 2 man in the RCAF's defence command was announced here.

The appointment of chief staff officer, air defence command, goes to Air Commodore Clare L. Annis, 41, of Scarborough, Ont., now attending the Imperial Defence College in Britain. He will succeed Group Capt. J. G. Scott, 40, of Bobcaygeon, Ont., who is to take an overseas appointment.

Air Commodore Annis was captain of a Liberator bomber which in 1942 made the first attack on a U-boat in North American waters, off the strait of Belle Isle between Labrador and Newfoundland. He later commanded an RCAF bomber station in England and has held various posts since the war.

WATER SEEKERS

TRURO, N.S. (CP)—Water-well drillers from all over Nova Scotia met here to form the Nova Scotia Well Water Association. The organization seeks to raise the standards of those in the profession in co-operation with the provincial government.

Model Sues After Hair Turns Blue

LONDON (Reuters)—A model whose hair turned blue after treatment at a London beauty parlor has been awarded £100 damages. It was stated that Mary Margaret Ogilvie went to the salon to let the proprietor, who was going abroad to demonstrate new tints, experiment on her, in return for a fee. The irate model claimed a bleach applied to her hair before a rinse was used turned part of her hair navy blue and caused painful blisters.

Pulp and paper accounts for one third of all the electric power consumption in Canadian industry.

MP Suggests Subsidizing Canadian Fleet

OTTAWA (CP)—A Liberal member from the Maritimes Thursday suggested the government provide \$5,000,000 a year in subsidies to help maintain a Canadian merchant fleet of at least 50 vessels.

S. R. Balcum, member for Halifax, said in the Commons that Canada should have the nucleus of a merchant marine in case of emergency. A merchant fleet was the backbone of seapower. Its loss would reduce Canada to the status of a second-rate, dependent power with no means of supporting forces overseas in case of emergency. Speaking in the House of Commons, he said there were 100 ships under the Canadian flag in 1947. But by June 1953, the number had declined to 39.

USE—GEO. COOK Jeweller's Christmas Layaway Plan

A small deposit will hold any article until Christmas

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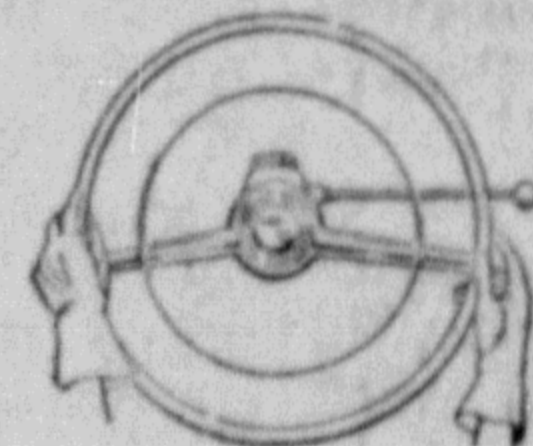


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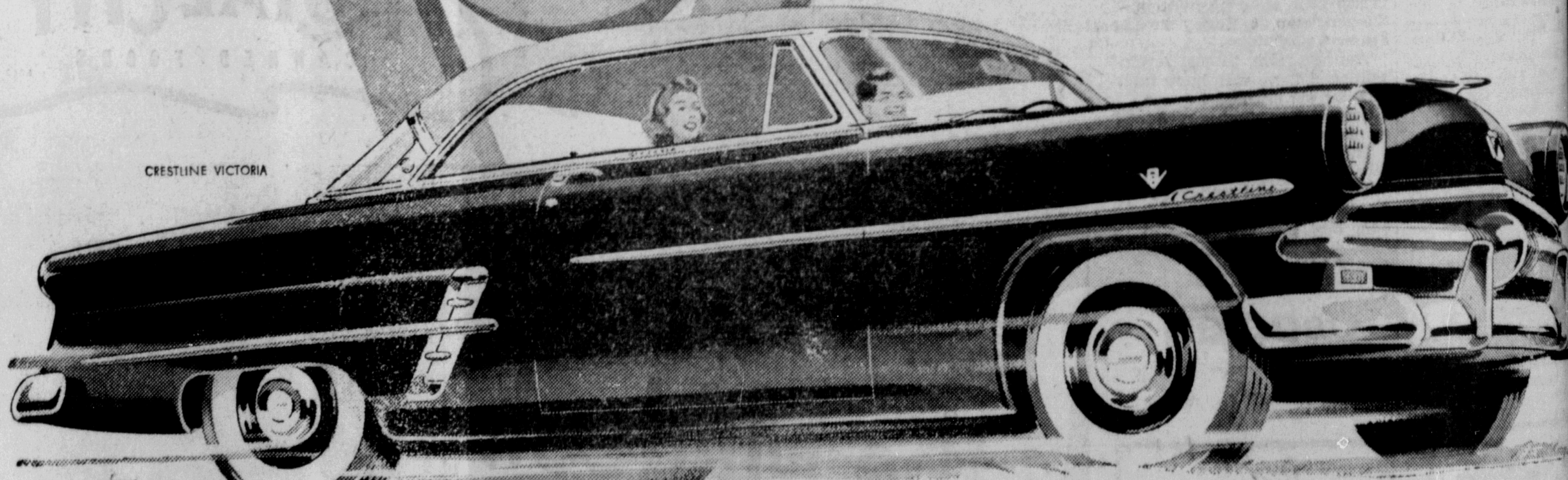
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