

NON-WRITER STILL FORGER

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—A 31-year-old man who can't write was convicted of forgery recently.

John D. Daniel, Port Huron, Mich., made an "X" on someone else's \$97.50 government cheque, and cashed it. He was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in jail.



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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD



Players Often End Up In Wrong Contract

Mr. Abel could have made a lot of tricks at no trump. I regret to report to you, however, that bridge players do not always end up in the right contract. Maybe the 100 honors had something to do with it, but in any case Mr. Abel insisted on a contract of four spades.

Of course he could have made that, too, if he had played properly. Mr. Dale led the king of hearts and followed with the ace. He led a third heart and dummy's queen won. Mr. Abel discarded a small diamond.

MUZZY DISINTERESTED

Mr. Muzzy was taking no interest at all in the proceedings and probably he would have given odds of a 100-to-1 that he did not have a key defensive card in his hand. He would have lost that bet.

If, starting at trick four, Mr. Abel had laid down the ace of trumps and followed with the queen, he would have had no trouble winning 10 tricks. Since Mr. Dale had opened the bidding, he was certain to hold the king of spades, so that a finesse against that card was something of a hopeless gesture.

Regardless of this logic, Mr. Abel led a spade from dummy and finessed the queen. Mr. Dale won with the king and it now appeared to him that the only hope for another trick lay in the trump suit itself. If Mr. Muzzy held any trump higher than dummy's five spot, there was a chance.

Mr. Dale pounded out another

West dealer			
Neither side vulnerable			
North (Mrs. Keen)			
S—5 4			
H—Q J 5			
D—K Q J 3 6			
C—K Q 5			
West		East	
(Mr. Dale)		(Mr. Muzzy)	
S—K 9 7 6		S—8 2	
H—A K 10 9 7		H—4 3 2	
D—10		D—5 4 3 2	
C—J 7 6		C—8 4 3 2	
		South (Mr. Abel)	
		S—A Q J 10 3	
		H—8 6	
		D—A 9 7	
		C—A 10 9	
The bidding:			
West	North	East	South
1 H	2 D	Pass	3 S
Pass	3 N T	Pass	4 S
All Pass			

heart. Dummy ruffed with the five of spades and Mr. Muzzy gathered his wits sufficiently to overruff with the eight. Mr. Abel found it necessary to play his ten of spades to win the trick.

This left him with A J 3 in spades and since Mr. Dale had left three spades to the nine, the nine was bound to win the setting trick.

"Thank you partner," said Mr. Dale.

Mr. Muzzy looked puzzled. "For what?" he asked.

"For holding that eight of spades," Mr. Dale replied.

Mr. Muzzy nodded sagely. "Got to keep on your toes in this game," he said importantly.

BCE Net Profit Last Year Listed At \$4,595,257

VANCOUVER (CP)—Net profit of \$4,595,257 was earned by the B.C. Electric Co. Ltd. in 1953, the annual report of the parent company, B.C. Power Corporation, Ltd., showed today.

This figure represented a slight increase over the 1952 profit of \$4,005,070. Earnings per common share increased from \$1.34 to \$1.47.

Electricity sales jumped 15.1 per cent in 1953 to a record 1.9 billion kilowatt hours.

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Siamese Twins in Montreal Lose 20-Day Battle For Life

MONTREAL (CP)—Siamese girl twins after a 20-day battle for life against prohibitive odds, died Friday despite an emergency operation aimed at saving the life of one of them.

One of the baby girls, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Savage, died while being transferred from Catherine Booth Hospital, where they were born, to the Montreal Neurological Institute. Doctors operated in an attempt to save the life of the other twin, but failed.

The twins were born in a rare triple birth March 27. The third child, also a girl, is doing well at home. The mother and the normal child were released from hospital a week ago.

Although there have been two previous reported cases of Siamese twins arriving as part of a triple birth, medical annals show none has survived. In both previous cases the children died shortly after birth.

It was reported that doctors attempted to separate the twins in a bid to save the life of the healthier girl. Officials at the hospital would not officially confirm or deny the report.

The babies were joined by skin and bone at the crown of the head such that they were forced to lie end-to-end.

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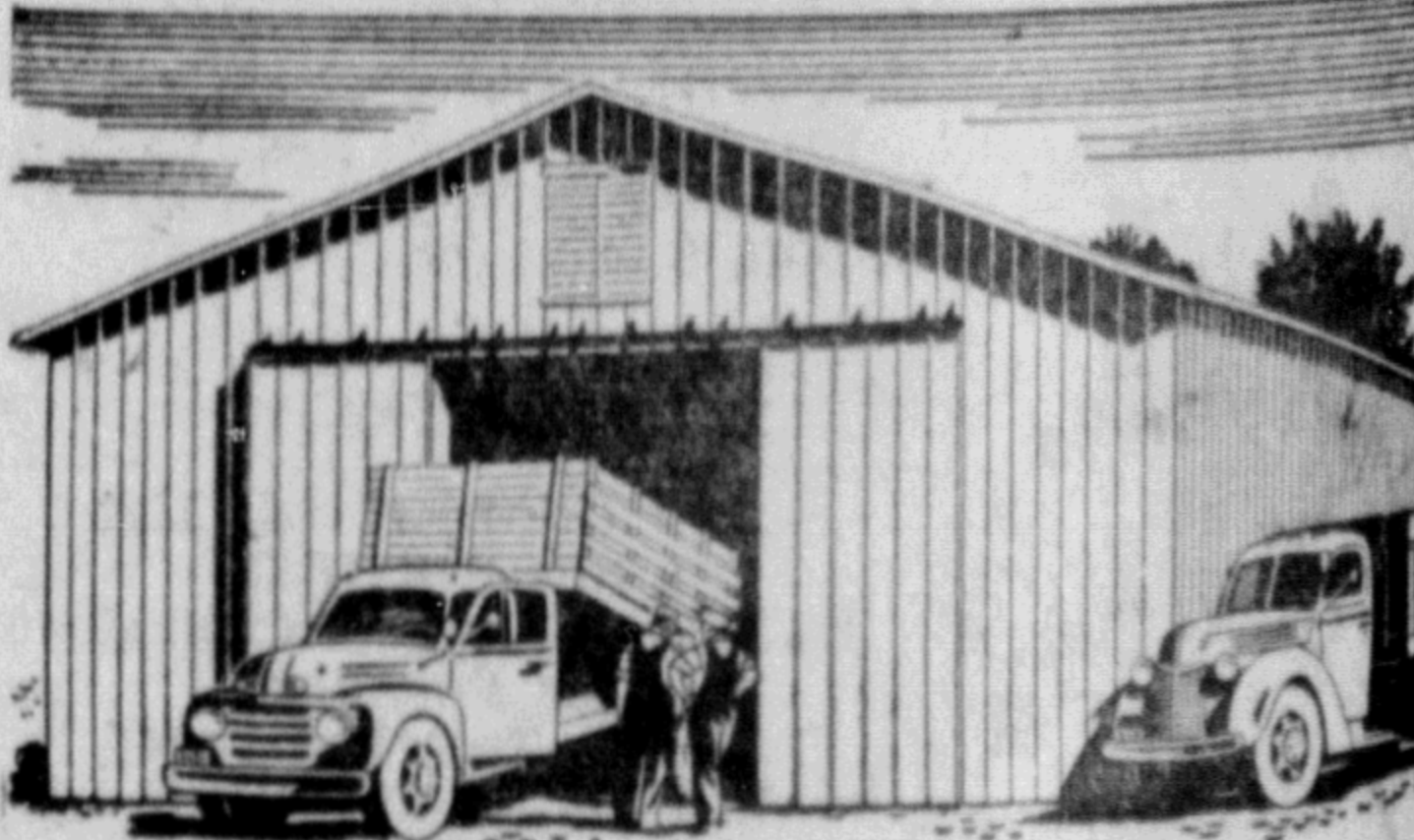
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