A. J. Whitmore, chief superof fisheries, announced Thursday that up to Sept. 5 approximately 4.000,000 pink salmon were caught in the area compared to the 1951 total of

A total of 291 seiners, largest fleet ever to assemble in any British Columbia fishing area, combined with 375 gillnetters to reap the harvest.

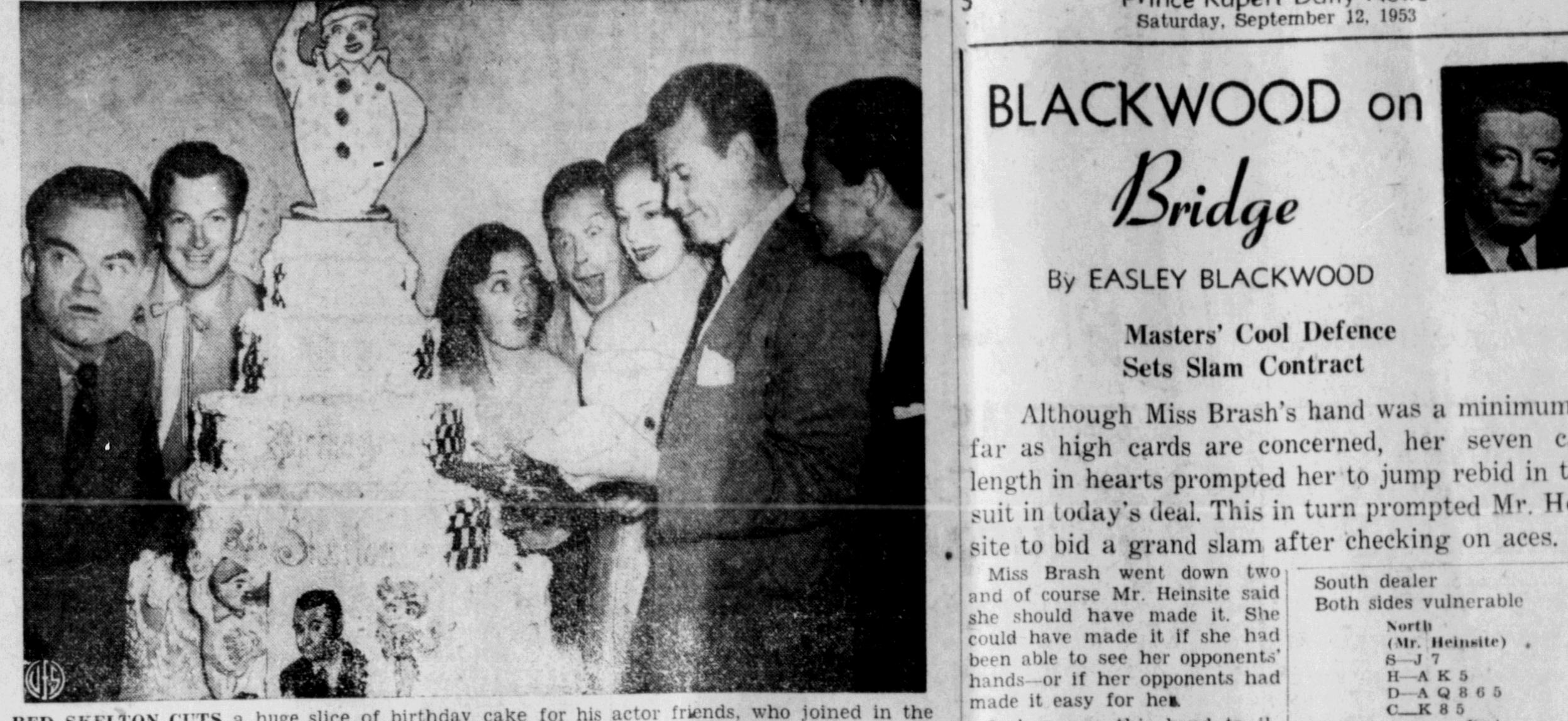
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# Trollers, Gillneters Fail To Make Great Deal of Headway Side by Side

By LARRY STANWOOD

As most of Prince Rupert's self with commercial fishing, a few notes on this primary B.C. industry may not be amiss here.

In all, salmon fishing this season has been and still is slack compared to previous runs gether in one area, for gillnetin recent years. Skeena River ters may drift their gear side "lift" a woman gets from illnetters, especially, have been by side for miles and so tie up hard hit with few fish hitting any amount of fishing grounds their nets. A good day now for the trollers who can't cross would be 20 fish, mixed cohoes

Further north, around Dunarea, fishing for cohoes has been much better. Even so, trollers and drift netters alike are finding it difficult to pick he was dragging some boat's by the U.S. government and up a good pay-load. Earlier in the season, towards the end of August, several "highliners" among the trollers put in \$100-

the nets with their lines. tertain a fate similar to one gunpoint. las Island, Wales and Hogan troller who decided not to be Furthermore, while the com-Islands and in the Port Simpson harbor-bound by the 'netters panies know full well what's goand set out with all his gear ing on, they are slow to comdown. A morning fog settled plain or press charges. No new

for the first time.

gear came free with the aid of result in a similar fate for them. a sharp knife. The troller spent Even with the ravages of the the next two days straightening pirates, the traps provide a share out his own gear,

Scarcity of salmon this year LAST WORD is blamed in some quarters on Ever see a fish sweat? he lack of conservation meas- | Peter Leighton, well-known ures in the neighborhood waters, retired Metlakatla fisherman. of Alaska which are practically swears he has, and recently imwithin shouting distance of parted the following account of some of B.C.'s most prolific sal- his experience to a group of mon grounds.

Most likely, the greatest pre- city: dation on the salmon fisheries | "I was trolling in the mouth in the Northern Pacific are the of the Metlakatla Pass," related Alaskan fish traps which have Peter, "when one pole jiggled been operating in strategic hard. I began to bring in the areas for the past 40 years.

school fish by the thousands in to save him I had to play him one day are operated by U.S. just like a sports fisherman does canneries but, ironically enough, with his rod and reel. few of the canneries are reaping "I gave the salmon more line, the intended profits from these then worked him back to unscrupulous methods.

worst year in the industry this Rupert. I finally brought him season, but for many years sal- to gaff at Cow Bay. He was a mon "pirates" have been pillag- big Spring, over 30 pounds, and ing the company traps, then as he law on the deck I could selling to loot back to the legal see the glistening beads of perowners.

Pirates work something like sides." this: Usually, they are seineboat owners, sometimes packers. In the beginning of the season, the captains made "deals" with

of spades and Miss Brash won days along Cohoe Rocks near the trap watchmen, offering to with the ace. She led to the ace Boat Harbor on Dundas but pay them in cash a few cents of diamonds, returned a diawaterfront activity concerns it- these fishermen complained for each fish taken out of the mond and ruffed it. they were "hamstrung" by the traps while the watchmen make | She then led to the ace of gillnetters who have been ad- like ostriches, or suddenly get hearts and ruffed another diamitted into the area this season gobs of black flies in their eyes. mond. Another heart to dum-

Pirates work in the dark, pick my's king and another ruff of Trollers say that they and the up their load fist with their a diamond cleared that suit. Mr. Masters had to discard on a guard for his queen of clubs, net boats just can't work to- bailers, and head for the canneries where they demand and these last two tricks. He did he would have had to let go of get full price for their spectacu- not fumble or hesitate but drop- his last spade. And that would bed the deuce and four of clubs, have set up dummy's jack of

And it doesn't pay the trap last two hearts. Mr. Masters calmly discarded the six of clubs squeeze, all right . . . but sne he doesn't make a deal, he's as Not unless they wish to en- likely or not to be held up at and the trey of spades. Mr. Dale didn't know it. After long 'et go the five of spades, then thought she led a club and fifalse-carded with the nine of nessed the jack, going down

and before the troller knew it, trap licences are being granted dummy's king and of course Mr. result would have been different Masters followed suit with the if he had resorted to headnet, enmeshed in his six lines many are being cancelled. Comnine. When the queen of dia- shaking, ear-pulling and a genand lures, his prop and shaft. panies fear that too much hulmonds was led from the board, eral air of pitiful resignation A quantity of the gillnetter's labaloo about their traps would of free fish for the canneries.

ardent sportsmen doctors in the

of the west coast. line on my gurdie but the fish These salmon traps which net | fought hard. In fact, if I wished

boat. I did this many times, all til the operation is well under ing tankers. Not only is Alaska seeing its the while heading for Prince way. spiration rolling down his

Costly Weeds

VEGREVILLE, Alta. (CP) - A barrels monthly compared to farmer in this district was fined 455,200 for all of Canada. \$50 and costs for allowing weeds Imperial Oil, the biggest comto grow on his land. He had pany here, will open its enpreviously been ordered by an larged refinery Sept. 16, capable inspector to get rid of the weeds, of handling 22,500 barrels of In addition, he was ordered to crude oil daily, compared to the destroy about 25 acres of crop current 12,000 barrels. that was overgrown with weeds. A pipeline spokesman said the

Through Line Oct. 1 VANCOUVER (CP) - A thin 124-inch line will carry 120,000 stream of black gold will begin barrels a day when it opens, to flow across the Canadian with three pumping stations Rockies on or about Oct. 1, tap- along the way. Approximately ping the oil fields of Alberta Dec. 1, a fourth station will in-

for the rapidly-increasing needs crease capacity to 150,000. The \$94,000,000 pipeline will Trans Mountain Pipeline Com- be tapped at Kamloops, in the pany has set that date to open B.C. interior. In addition, an its 718-mile line, stretching offshoot line will in time feed from nine miles east of Edmon- refineries in Washington state.

"Published tariff rate" for ton to Burnaby Mountain, near carrying the oil over the pipe-Just what the development line will be 45 cents a barrel will mean to British Columbia from Edmonton to Burnaby, \_\_ probably will not be known un- and 21/2 cents a barrel for load- Evenings

LONDON (CP) - On Scotland | NARVIK, Norway (CP) Yard's list of most-wanted per- shipments from this north sons for two years has been an Norwegian port reached a angular-faced, woman thief. She ord of 946,000 tons in July takes a job as a servant, then previous record of 872,000

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BLACKWOOD on

Bridge

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Miss Brash went down two

and of course Mr. Heinsite said

she should have made it. She

could have made it if she had

been able to see her opponents'

hands-or if her opponents had

I show you this hand to il-

lustrate the extreme importance

of remaining calm and cool

when defending in a ticklish

Mr. Masters realized early he

probably held the key cards in

the queen of spades and the

queen of clubs. Not only his play

But his demeanor was perfect

His opening lead was the king

Now Miss Brash cashed her spades.

on that suit.

here, and tidewater.

One oil official, stressing the

importance of the pipeline, esti-

mated B.C.'s yearly consump-

tion as one-eighth of the Can-

adian total, with a population

Although recent figure were

not available, he said B.C.'s de-

mand a year ago was 54,100

of one one-twelfth.

spades to prevent Miss Brash two when Mr. Masters cashed

Next came a small club to a spot. And don't you think the

Alberta Oil to Start

from getting an accurate count his two black queens.

Mr. Dale dropped the 10 of throughout the play?

made it easy for her.

situation like this one.

throughout the hand.

Masters' Cool Defence

Although Miss Brash's hand was a minimum as

South dealer

(Mr. Masters)

Both sides vulnerable

(Mr. Heinsite)

(Mr. Dale)

D-K 10 7 3

North

S-J 7

H-A K 5

(Miss Brash)

H-QJ108742

spades, Miss Brash the four of

spades, and Mr. Masters the six

Of course, the squeeze had

operated before this trick. That

is, if Mr. Masters had held onto

Yes. Miss Brash had a true

Mr. Masters had been in quite

7 H

All pass

length in hearts prompted her to jump rebid in that

suit in today's deal. This in turn prompted Mr. Hein-

Sets Slam Contract

takes the money and jewels. | was set in April last year

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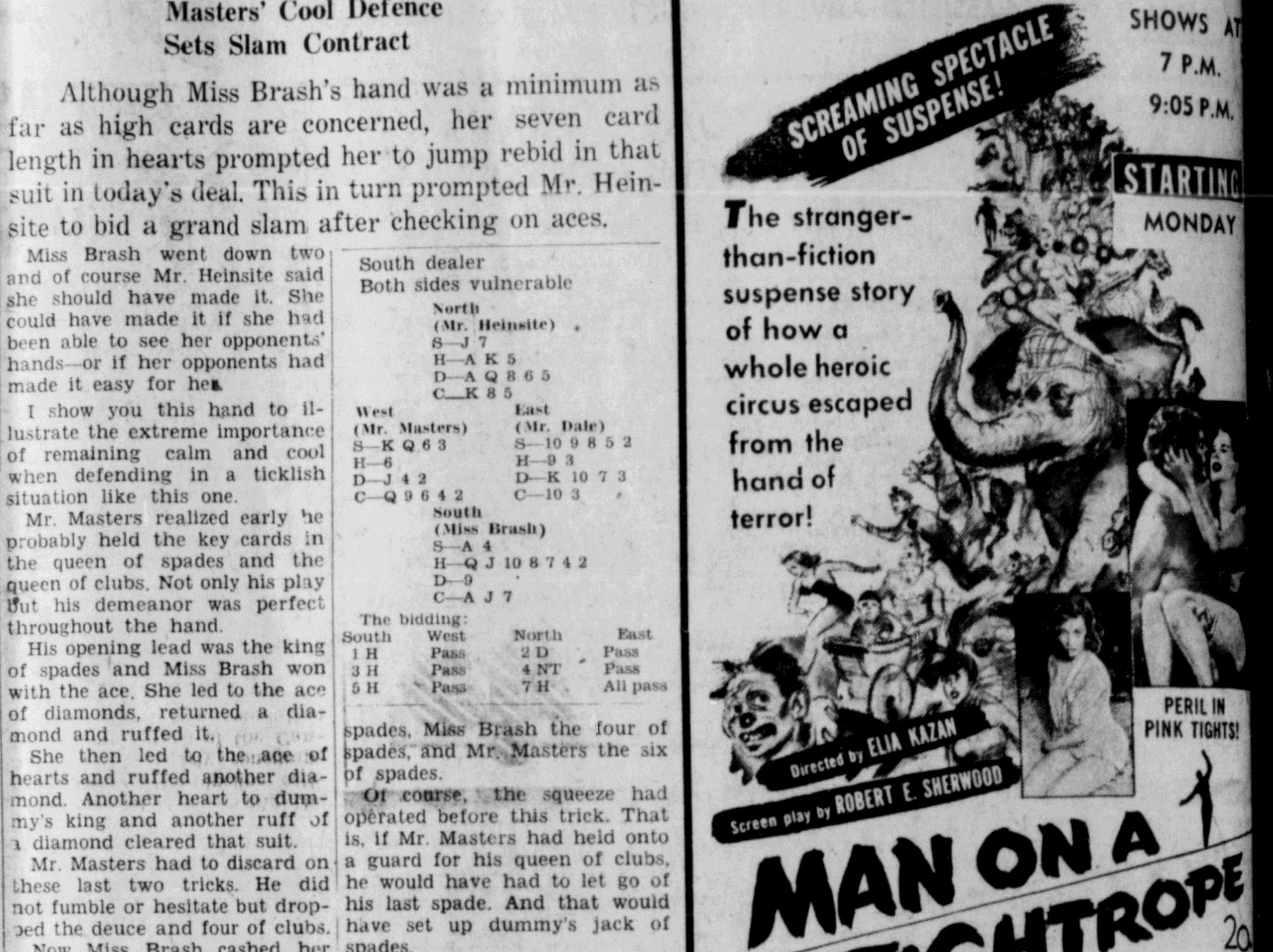
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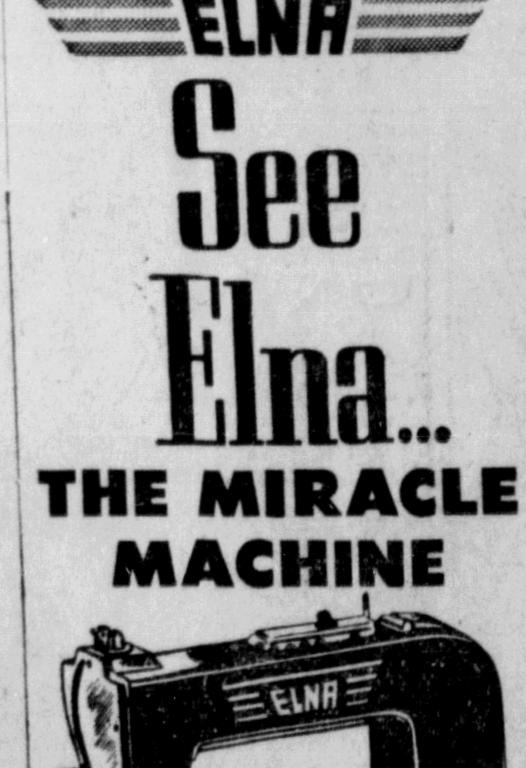
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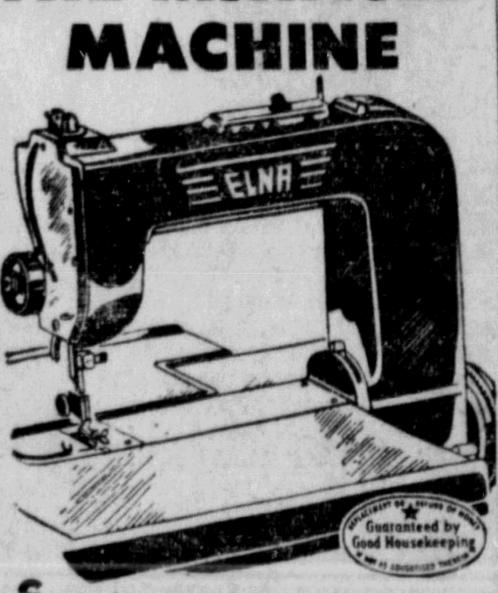


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