

SMILING THROUGH the hole left when somebody walked off with a 200-pound cornerstone are Frances Blank of Elizabeth, N.J., Nancy Pampanin of Phillipsburg, N.J., and Myrtle Frey of East Rutherford, N.J., students at Trenton St te Teachers College. The stone, cemented into the wall of a new women's dormitory, was carried off the day after the building was dedicated. Police have begun a search for the missing cornerstone, valued at about \$200.

Canadian Army

OTTAWA ()-The army has

discarded the British 5.5-inch

gun in favor of the United States

155-millimeter howitzer as its

standard medium artillery piece.

any particulars of the U.S. how-

itzer on the grounds of "secur-

However, it can be stated au-

has a maximum range of 16,000

yards, a weight of 3,825 pounds,

an over-all length of 150 inches,

a rate of fire of two rounds per

minute, a maximum powder

pressure of 32 000 pounds per

square Eich; that the volume of

the chambers is 725 cubic inches

that the weight of the projectil

is 95 pounds and that the gun

carriage alone weighs 8,975

These are some of the specifi-

cations given in a book entitled

"Weapons of World War II."

published in 1947 by the U.S.

Army Ordnance Association and

the Franklin Institute of the

State of Pennsylvania and avail-

able in almost any library or

The 155-millimeter gun was

designed in 1939 and was used

extensively during the Second

World War. The Germans cap-

tured a lot of them. The Allies

shipped some to Russia under

The Canadian Army began us-

The howitzer also has been on

ing the U.S. howitzer about three

years ago. Pictures of it have

appeared in army publications.

public display in several places

erborough, Ont., when the re-

serve army there took delivery

of a couple. Canadian newspap-

ers from time to time have car-

given at least some of its specifi-

The 155-millimeter gun is con-

sidered more accurate than the

British 5.5-inch gun though the

maximum effective range is

The 5.5 was used by all Com-

about the same. It weighs 1,300

monwealth troops during the

Second World War. It fired

pounds less than the 5.5.

shell of 80 or 100 pounds.

pounds.

book store.

lend-lease.

cations.

Discards 5.5

For U.S. Gun



ONE OF EUROPE'S most-fabulous pieces of imperial jewelry, the 992-year-old Crown of the Holy Roman Empire, is on view in Vienna for the first time since Adolf Hitler stole it in 1938. The gem-studded crown, nearly lost forever when it was buried behind cement in World War II, is on display at the old Hofburg Palace under heavy guard. Scholars say the crown, built for the coronation of Emperor Otto the First in 962 A.D., is easily the oldest of its kind in existence. The diamonds, amethysts and other precious stones with which it is encrusted are in rough, unpolished form. They could pass for worthless pebbles, for the men who made the crown did not know the art of diamondcutting.

# Cowichan Commandos Keeping Reserve Army Units on Alert

Canadian Army reserve units. being discovered.

Comprising 32 former officers "We also got into headquarters aim by using a 19th century mili-too." tary mannual and going contrary to it when the situation requires.

James Flynn ,a former lieutenant-commander in the Royal Canadian Navy, organized the Commandos last year, he said, because reserve forces are in ered to see the nine-day run of "dreadful" shape. He attributes a color film about the manufacpart of the cause to lack of realism.

### EFFICIENT FORCE

cient military organization which sonably watered down. includes an air force of two planes, both privately owned by members. Their wives have also been pressed into service, operating radios and maintaining the hauquarters.

So effective have the Commandos been that their honorary colonel, Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes, V.C., member of Parliament for Esquimalt-Saanich, has dubbed them "Her Majesty's Loyal Communist Army."

Working by night, the Commandos have carried out "raids" without defeat. Their strategy is to blacken their faces and slip through "enemy" lines.

DUNCAN, B.C. P-The "Cowi- On one occasion they crept chan Commandoes," a self-styled into a reserve army camp, stole in Canada at various timesmilitary outfit, have the dedi- the food supply and let the air recently outside the University cated purpose of showing up out of the tires of a truck before. armories in Toronto and at Pet-

of the German, Polish, British and swiped a case of beer," Mr. and Canadian armed forces, the Flynn adds. "After all, the Com- ried pictures of the gun and civilian organization achieves its mandos need some incentive

## Personal Test

LONDON (P) - Thirteen hundred whisky drinkers volunteture and blending of scotch whisky. After each showing the audience tasted raw whiskies of The Commandos boast an effi- various grains and malts-re-

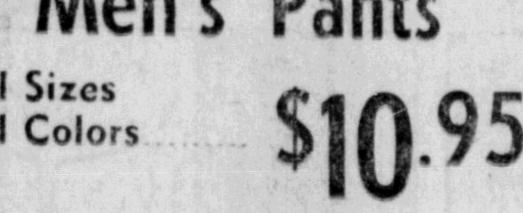


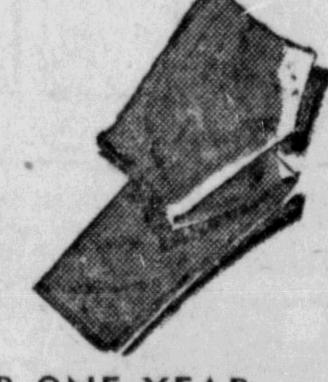
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# BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE By EASLEY BLACKWOOD



I am fully aware of the fact that the bidding of today's hand might well have gone: one heart by North, one spade by South, two spades by North and six spades by South. That would have been a much more direct method of reaching the slam.

Both sides vulnerable

D-K J 2

North (Mr. Abel)

South (Mr. Meek)

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OSLO, Norway W-India's Red

Cross has joined the national

in demanding that the Red Cross

League ask for an immediate

ban on nuclear weapons, includ-

A draft resolution asked the

session of the league board of

ing the hydrogen bomb.

(Mr. Dale)

S Q 10 5 3

However, the way the hand was actually bid by Mr. Abel and Mr. Meek offers a good example of a succession of forcing. bids of the nonjump type.

After spades were set as the trump suit, the next four bies were absolutely forcing. Meek's bid of three diamonds promised first-round control of that suit. Mr. Abel could not pass it. Even if he had stretched a bit to bid two spades he was expected to go back to that suit at the three level.

Actually, Mr. Abel was glad to have the opportunity to bid again. He slipped in a three. heart bid to show good highcard strength in that suit. Mr. Meek could not logically pass here. Both he and his partner had now made strong, forward going bids and certainly there was no sense in either of them stopping under game.

The four-club bid was a slam suggestion, showing first-round control of that suit. The following four-diamond call showed second round control of diamonds (the king or a singleton). Cautious as usual and still fear. ful of two spade losers, Mr. Meek But the army refuses to give now felt he had given his all governors here to plead with all and he went to four spades, na jons, "to undertake to pro-However, the good spade sun- hibit complete recourse to all port promised by Mr. Abel's five such means," as asphyxiating spade bid prodded him into the and poison gases and germ warthoritatively that the howitzer

The jack of clubs was led and won with the ace. Mr. Meck then made the good play of leading a heart and finessing the jack. When that held, he could afford to make a safety play in trumps. If the heart finesse had lost, he would have had to try for no spade losers, cashing the king and then finessing the jack. As you see, that play of the spade suit would have lost.

Actually Mr. Meek cashed the ace of spades at trick three. He came to his hand with the ace of clubs and led a small spade. When Mrs. Keen showed out on the second spade, dummy's jack was played and lost to the queen. However, Mr. Meek now had king-nine over Mr. Dale's ten-

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# Fipple Flute, Popular in Anicent Times, Making Comeback in Modern Music Store

By RICHARD DAIGNAULT

ical instrument whose delicate one else. Today every music store because it imitated the sor notes delighted noblemen and has them on hand.

Some 200 persons in Quebec- and the United States. Recorder was also used at court dans university professors school music is also imported. teachers, engineers, members of POPULAR LONG AGO religious orders and others - are said to own one or more of the fragile flute - like instrument

They come in five sizes, priced chestra was taken by the cross- By the 19th century it was from \$2 to \$150. Music store own- | blown flute. ers who normally sold them only | Origin of the intrument is un- ing metal flute. to professional or student musicians, can't explain just why many people have suddenly taken an interest in them.

People now buying them are not accomplished musicians. Mos of them are people who want to try making music for

### SIMPLE STRUCTURE

All recorders, from the tiny hirh-pitched soprano to the basslook amazinaly simple. They consist of a bored tube of woodplastic in the chapper models with appropriately placed, holes societies of Japan and Sweden and a whistle-like mouthpiece

> a half-dozen institutions where children are taught on small p'astic models how to plav simple tunes like 'Frere Jac-One group of men and women

> has formed an amateur group

which meets one or twice a week

to perform classical music.

Interest in Quebec has spread

Two years ago when some Quebecers made enquiries about the instrument, whose use has been

May 25th, 1954.

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women of Europe centuries ago No recorders are made in Car- that the instrument was k is pacing a revival of music in ada. They are imported from as "flute d'Angleterre" a

Popular in Shakespeare's time recorder reached its peak of recorders were relegated to mus ularity in the 18th century eums as oddities some 150 years Johann Sebastian Bach called recorders, or fipple flutes. ago when their place in the or- George Frederick Handel.

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