

Gideon Planish

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GOVERNOR BLIZZARD had summoned Dr. Planish, who found a changed man.

"Doc, I'm going to get out of this town and go back to the United States of America. This is the time for it. I think maybe I'm the guy to put up against FDR at the next Democratic National Convention, and till then I want to just set in Waskeegan and get the garlic and Chanel smells off me.

"Yep, I'm reverting to Main Street with some of the fastest reversion you ever saw.

"But I might be able to use the lowdown on the virtuous shenanigans that Marduc and that daughter of his may pull from now on. My bank will be sending you—at your home address—a check for one hundred dollars, every month, and I'd like you to keep me informed on whatever that enlightening pair get away with."

Dr. Planish gasped, "You don't mean you want me to spy on Colonel Marduc?"

"Sure I do!"

"Oh! Oh, I see. Well—"

THE publicizing of the Marduc Plan was interrupted by the most strategic idea Dr. Planish had had for a year. He saw a way in which, even during these troublous times, the DDD might be kept alive and useful no matter how wartime finances might go.

The aureous life-blood of all organizations was, to Dr. Planish's public rejoicing and private worry, flowing into war bonds and Red Cross subscriptions, just when he had to pay the installments on Peony's new near-diamond and semi-sapphire bracelet. He knew that the other organizations must be suffering from the same anemia. Why not save expenses by combining all of them—

with Dr. Gideon Planish as the executive secretary of the lot?

The idea was simple and brilliant, he felt, and Colonel Marduc approved it.

The word "Co-operation" had long been one of the most valu-

able in the organizational treasure-house.

Now, with his secretary, he began to list all the national welfare and educational organizations with headquarters in New York City.

He stopped when he had listed 2000 of them.

He arbitrarily picked out every hundredth league, called a taxicab, started out to co-operate the 20 he had chosen—and quit his crusade at 4:37 that afternoon.

By 4:37 p. m. the innocent Doctor had been shocked by the whole business of organizationality. He had found that the National American Eclectic Institute for the Advancement of the Popular Principle in Education was one large, gray old gentleman who had a small desk in a corner of a public stenographer's cluttered office; that its rival, the Society for the Humanization of Higher Education, did have rooms and rooms and pamphlets and pamphlets, but was, all the while, just another league for attacking union labor; and that another rival, the Institute of Investigative Consideration of Education, was nothing at all but No. 3 telephone in a row of 12 telephones upon the desk of a backroom real estate dealer, whose desk was equally the headquarters of the Mount Celestial Cemetery Corp., the Fig Leaf Publishing Co., and the League for the Protection of Home and Marriage.

Dr. Planish returned to his office, and left the world to darkness and to philanthrobbing. He was so sunk that for a moment he thought of going back to work, of taking a school job so that some younger toiler might be released for enlistment.

But, he snorted, what percentage was there in being a professional Light to the Toilers if you merely became a toiler? That would be as silly as for a professional evangelist to go to somebody else's mission and get saved, with not even a look-in on the collection box.

No, he would go on with his co-operation, but he would perform it with sound, reliable organizations, the ones he already knew personally.

NEXT morning, at 11, he was in the anteroom of the Anti-Racial Youth Committee of the Organization of Global Co-operation, waiting to see its managing secretary, Prof. Goetz Buchwald.

Into this room militarily strode

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority

This is the second of two articles reviewing a new book, "The Koenig System of Bidding at Duplicate Contract Bridge," by Thomas W. Koenig of Johnstown, Pa., whose book is designed exclusively for duplicate players, uses three methods, the "minor suit slam convention," the Blackwood slam convention and direct slam bidding either at a suit or no trump.

Whenever the partnership bidding discloses a combined holding of 11 playing tricks minimum and a possibility of a suit fit, the slam try should be made.

The "minor suit slam convention" is preferred over other methods because of the greater factor of safety, by the use of which contracts for unmakeable slams can be avoided. This convention is never used unless a game forcing bid has preceded it. If the game forcing bid was an opening bid of two in a suit, or an overcall in a suit bid by an opponent, a bid of either four clubs or four diamonds initiates the convention. With other game forcing bids, such as two spades over one heart, the four-bid in a minor suit must be made by either partner at his first opportunity following the game forcing bid.

When these conditions have been met, a bid of four clubs guarantees trump support and also tells partner that at least 11 tricks are held by the combined hands. If partner responds with four diamonds, the slam invitation has been accepted. Any other bid, including four no trump, refuses the slam try, and indicates a desire to sign off. Here is an example of its use:

South: 1 spade, 4 clubs, 4 N. T., 5 hearts. North: 3 hearts, 4 diamonds, 5 clubs, 6 hearts.

The bid of four clubs by South initiated the slam convention. North's response of four diamonds accepted it, and asked for aces. The four no trump bid showed two aces, and the five club bid then asked for kings. When only one king was shown by the response, North signed off in the proper slam contract.

Dallas Pastors Open New 'Morals' Drive

DALLAS —(AP)—Dr. William C. Jones, Dallas Pastors Association president, said "We want people to have a good time and live an abundant life but an effort must be made to lift the moral sense of the people through proper law enforcement."

He made his statement Monday when the association voted to investigate the facts behind gambling, drinking and venereal disease in Dallas, to present the information to the grand jury and to preach it from the pulpits. A hundred churches have membership in the organization.

There are more persons by the name of Smith in the United States and England than any other.

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Calvary Baptist Church Pays Debt

The Calvary Baptist Church has paid the last of its building debt. Last Sunday morning in a public offering the members gave the necessary amount to bring to a close their four-and-a-half month drive toward the payment of the indebtedness against their church building and other property.

Claude O. Crane offered at the beginning of the campaign to pay the last \$500 when the remainder of the \$2500 was obtained by the church.

Calvary Church was founded December 1, 1940, and began immediately to build what is now the pastor's home and formerly the place of worship. The present church building was completed December 30, 1942, at a cost of \$8,500, leaving an indebtedness of \$2,500.

Less than 14 months later, this church of 300 members, with the help of its friends, was able to make the final payment.

The first pastor, now Chaplain Fred McPherson, led in the construction of both buildings, although the church was not completed until five months after his resignation. The present pastor,

Fort Bliss Denies Jap Internees Were Mistreated In 1942

EL PASO —(AP)—Fort Bliss public relations office said Tuesday that the 200 Japanese internees quartered at the fort for six months in 1942 "were so well treated that Army officials received numerous complaints that internees were 'pampered.'"

"The Japs got the same food and shelter as U. S. troops," said an official statement following a Japanese broadcast charging the internees were forced in bad weather to live in dilapidated tents on the post.

Silverware Unearthed At Gravel Pile Here

Workmen of the Austin Construction Co. late Monday unearthed a quantity of silverware while digging in a gravel pile near the T. & P. Railroad and Colorado Streets. The silverware was turned over to police.

Officers later recovered on a highway a box of dishes.

Rev. A. W. Smith, has served since September, 1942.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

WILL THE "FLOWERS" BLOOM IN TOKYO THIS SPRING?

BECAUSE TOKYO HAS SUFFERED SO OFTEN FROM FIRES, A JAPANESE PROVERB SAYS "THE FIRE IS YEDO'S (TOKYO'S) FLOWER."

THERE ARE ABOUT 272,000 SEEDS IN A POUND OF CLOVER SEED AND EACH ONE REPRESENTS A VISIT TO A CLOVER BLOSSOM BY A BEE.

THIS "Little Island" in the Holy Cross marks the Atlantic end of the 3,000 mile boundary between Canada and the United States.

Yours for victory in 1944.

Private Elmer

WHERE'S ELMER?

ANSWER: St. Croix Island, Maine.

SIDE GLANCES

By William Ferguson

"Since I've had to help wash the dishes every night, the thought has been growing on me that paper plates would be wonderful—so I bought some!"

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REFINERY WILL REOPEN AFTER RECONVERSION

LONGVIEW —(AP)—The Danziger Refinery, which will reopen about March 15 after a reconversion period, will produce both aviation gas and "B-B cut," a component of high octane gasoline, says J. C. Hinds, engineer and superintendent. The B-B cut will be supplied to other refineries.

HOLD EVERYTHING

By William Ferguson

"Pardon me, but what's the bugle call for crap games sound like?"

Arguments Ended In Estate Tax Case

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Arguments were ended Monday before the Supreme Court on an appeal from a Louisiana State Supreme Court decision which held unconstitutional a section of the 1942 federal estate tax act.

The case affects the application of federal tax laws in ten states with community property statutes—California, Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Nev-

EVANS QUITS POST WITH CHICAGO SUN

CHICAGO —(AP)—Silliman Evans, who formerly worked on several Texas newspapers, has resigned as publisher of the Chicago Sun and has been succeeded by Marshall Field, editor and owner, the Sun announced Monday night.

Evans, owner and publisher of the Nashville Tennessean, has maintained his residence in Nashville, Tenn., and offices in Chicago, Oklahoma, Oregon and Washington.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE —with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. WILLIAMS

"DASH IT, BUSTER! IT WAS AS PLAN AS JAKE'S BAD PATE!—A LEERING FACE AT THAT WINDOW, DARK AND SINGIER! AND TOPPED BY AN ORIENTAL TURBAN!"

"YEP, I SEEN IT TOO, AS UGLY AS A PROCESS SERVER! I COCKED THIS VASE TO PITCH A STRIKE AT TH' GEEZER, BUT I HAPPENED TO THINK MARTHA DON'T LIKE TO HEAR THINGS BUST!"

"QUIT SHAKING LIKE JEEPS!—ARE YOU SURE THIS WASN'T A BOURBON MIRAGE?"

JAKE'S THINKING HOW NICE IT IS IN CHICAGO—

PORTRAITS
COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
KODAK FINISHING
MIDLAND STUDIO
116 South Loralne
Phone 1003

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

By Edgar Martin

HOLD ON, AN'THET—IT AIR TH' CLANSONS' AN' ME WITHOUT NO SHOOTIN' AIRN

THEM MANGY HOBBSSES AIR IN THIS HYAR MAOUSE AN' WE AIRS T'GO IN AFTER 'EM!

WE'LL CHARGE 'EM BAR-HANDED!

COME ON, N, SAMPSON!

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Merrill Blosser

MR SKALES TURNED ME DOWN, SO IM STUDYING HAL KROONER'S STYLE—MUCH AS I HATE THE GUY!

I PLAY THE BLACK NOTES, WHEN YOU ARE AWAY

IT'S PRETTY DISCOURAGING, ISN'T IT?

I SOUND JUST LIKE HIM!

WASH TUBBS

By Leslie Turner

ICE THIS A PART SYLON. GOSH! DOESN'T LOOK VERY WICKED NOW, DOES IT?

...ACROSS IRAN... LOOK! AN AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE HAULING LEND-LEASE SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIA

...EASTWARD ABOVE THE HIGHWAY BUILT BY GENSHIS KHAN... HITLER'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE LEARNED HIS TERROR TACTICS FROM THE KHANS! MAYBE SO, BUT HE COULD TEACH THEM A FEW THINGS, ILL BE!

buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

RED RYDER

By Fred Harman

I WARNED HER NOT TO RIDE TOWARD TH' INDIAN VILLAGE!

THEN THAT'S JUST WHERE THAT HEAD STRONG ALICE WENT, RED!

COME ON! I WE'RE FATTY! I'VE AN CLAW (A VISIT!)

PUT ALICE, TERROR-DRICKEN IS LOST IN THE WOODS, FAR FROM THE INDIAN CAMP!

ALLEY OOP

By V. T. Hamlin

HA! I GOT TH' SHORT STRAW!! SHE'S MINE!

OKAY, BUD GO GET 'ER, WE'LL STAY OUTTA SIGHT!

WELL, FOR HEAVENS SAKE!

HEY! WHO GOES? AINT YOU SCARED?

WHY, NO! SHOULD I BE?

OF COURSE! I'M ONE OF TH' TERRIBLE GORILLAS! DON'T THAT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?

WELL, MY STARS, MISTER GORILLA! PARDON ME FOR MISTAKING YOU FOR A BARBON!

HUMP THUMP

