AUCTION BRIDGE CLINICS FOR EXPERT AND TYRO

Important Questions of Proper Bidding When the Score Is Advanced.

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ALL sound declarations at auction bridge are based upon the gaining of sufficient tricks to go game at the score or the converse, namely, preventing the reaching of the same objective by one's opponents. Thus, the score is the pivot around which the bidding revolves, and the same is true of the play of the hands.

It is rather remarkable how many excellent academic players, through inattention to this fundamental principle, fall short of winning games and rubbers warranted by their holdings and opportunities. One's own holding naturally tends to absorb entire attention through the intense interest aroused in the play of critical hands, but the player who fails to make a winning play or to lay down a card that will make or save a game or rubber well deserves some polite rebuke.

Extra tricks and slams are secondary to sure game, and the setting of an opponent's contract is also secondary to the saving of a game.

A declaration designed merely for the purpose of advancing a love score without hope of game is not in accord with the precepts of proper bidding. Fractional scores gained as a result of bids upon hands of indifferent strength are not compensatory for the chance of loss through an unfulfilled contract, a common outcome in such cases, on account of liability of over support. No matter how seemingly inoffensive a declaration may at first appear to the bidder, it opens the door that may lead to dire results, and has the same initial power to stir up trouble as the boldest bid. Hence, at an advanced score, the hope of holding a declaration worth a trick or two, but below the requirements of an original bid, is seldom realized.

On the other hand, a declaration made at an advanced score has a marked effect upon the action of one's opponents. Safety at an adverse advanced score demands defence that is unnecessary at a love score. Advanced scores are concededly not an objective point; but once upon the score sheet they raise many nice points of offence and defence, too lightly dismissed by most players. This phase we seek to point out to-day in certain illustrations from situations developed in actual play.

The following hand, played recently at a local club, illustrates the advantage of a bold defence to forestall the attack of an opponent yet to declare at an advanced score:

North: ♠ AK8 ♡ Q852 ◇ K53 ♣ 832
West: ♠ 7653 ♡ 109 ◇ QJ1042 ♣ KQ
East: ♠ QJ1094 ♡ AJ3 ◇ 9 ♣ A1076
South (Dealer): ♠ 2 ♡ K764 ◇ A876 ♣ J954

Score: Rubber game—North and South, 0; East and West, 18.

South declared one spade. West passed, properly withholding information of his diamonds, which would be misleading to his partner. Although two odd in diamonds would put him game, West realized the danger of over support should he take the offensive before the succeeding hands had an opportunity to act.

North declared one no trump, prepared to take a loss in order to shut out a possible bid in East's hand that might put the opponents game. At a love score this expedient would have been doubtful, owing to North's strength in spades, which augured well for strength sufficient to escape the maximum loss of 100 dependent upon fourth hand passing and leaving the contract of one spade unchallenged.

East passed. Advantageously placed at the adversary's make with his strong sequence in spades to open on the play-off and two sure re-entries, East felt no fear of the opponents going game. North and South, on the play-off, made five tricks, thereby losing 100 points, a small loss to save rubber.

Had East declared two royals, either one of the adversaries would probably have bid two no trumps. Three royals by West would have been the final declaration, figuring upon logical bidding. This contract could have been easily filled, as the cards show.

If East's silence at a no trump was due to the thought of an established suit on the second lead of spades his refusal to try for game at royals was unsound. With either ace or king of trumps in his partner's hands six tricks were assured. Deducting 36 points, which would have been the honor count, the loss through failure of the contract by two tricks would have been merely nominal.

Viewing West's hand as one unable to furnish even a trick, the danger from East's standpoint at the adverse no trump can easily be imagined. Considering the score at which the declaration was made, and the same expectation of strength in the two hands passing, East should have declared two royals.

In the following hand the question of whether an attack should be initiated by the player holding a strong advanced score arose, and how it was met is shown.

North: ♠ K82 ♡ J94 ◇ AK107 ♣ K83
West: ♠ J1065 ♡ K6 ◇ 85 ♣ AJ762
East: ♠ Q93 ♡ AQ103 ◇ QJ42 ♣ Q10
South (Dealer): ♠ A74 ♡ 8752 ◇ 963 ♣ 954

Score: Rubber game; North and South, 27; East and West, 0.

Three odd tricks at royals on a previous hand had placed North and South within a one-trick contract of game, ignoring spades in the bidding. So North decided that diamonds would answer nicely to fill the gap, and decided upon one in the suit, both previous bidders having passed. At a love score East would have remained quiet, his diamond strength suggesting the difficulty the adversary would encounter in successfully carrying through a game hand, but at only one to go an adequate defence was by no means assured. He therefore declared one no trump, which apparently offered greater possibilities than hearts, especially as two tricks in diamonds was practically certain against the opponent's suit attack.

East's declaration held the contract, as North refused to go further unsupported by his partner. In the play of the hand South opened with the nine of diamonds to his partner's suit, which North passed up, East winning with the jack. East led the queen of clubs, which held the trick. He now switched to the nine of spades, North winning the trick with the king. In order to remove a possible entry in the king of hearts from dummy's hand for the long club suit, North played hearts, leading the jack—the best supporting card to his partner's probable long suit. Dummy upon winning the king of hearts, cleared up his spades, South's ace dropping to the second lead. The two top diamonds were all that was left for North and South, and with the tops in spades previously made gave them four tricks, but not enough to save the game.

The play-off showed East alive to his opportunities. The moment the queen of clubs held the trick he realized the opportunity open to him to save the game without again finessing the clubs. It is equally clear to East what North's course would be in the event of winning a second club. Running to save the game, North would make his top diamonds and then switch to spades as his only chance to save the game. The king of clubs making in addition to the tricks made in actual play would have saved the game for North and South.

While North's defence may be criticised, it is a fair example of everyday play and emphasizes the necessity of preparedness to meet play, whether good or bad.

This hand forcibly brings to the attention the point constantly made that any declaration going game at an advanced score would usually have been equally successful at a love score. This precept is well worth remembering when confronted by a hand such as held by North. The futility of naming a suit good for a trick or two necessary for game is well illustrated. It simply gives the opponents a cue to step in where otherwise they would remain silent, looking to succeeding hands as offering better possibilities.

Whatever difference of opinion there might be as to the value of a fractional score in the bidding there can properly be no dissenting view in recognizing the worth of a full game to the bidding side. This phase is illustrated in the following hand:

North: ♠ 2 ♡ AK3 ◇ QJ108 ♣ K10975
West: ♠ AKJ875 ♡ 8 ◇ 9542 ♣ A4
East: ♠ 63 ♡ Q9764 ◇ 763 ♣ J82
South (Dealer): ♠ Q1094 ♡ J1052 ◇ AK ♣ Q63

Score East and West one game in and 20 on the second game.

South declared one no trump to an extremely backward score. West overcalled with two royals, which the score warranted, too odd being sufficient to put him game.

North made the usual three club bid on strength in clubs and side cards, to encourage his partner to return to no-trump if his strength in the opponents' suit warranted. South, having this strength, declared two no-trump.

West went to three royals, despite his partner's silence. North declared three no-trump, to show supporting strength considerably above the average. West doubled, which was the final bid, as South refused to redouble after some deliberation, fearing, no doubt, his partner's strong support was the result of over-estimation of the strength of his own original bid.

West departed from the usual procedure in the play-off, that of leading high from a long suit strong in top honors, and with an ace re-entry opening the eight, his fourth best spade. If West had read South for a double stopper in royals, which the bidding rather favored, he adopted the only method of attack tending to bring out the full strength of his hand. South, upon winning the spade, false-carding the ten, led a low heart, which dummy won with the king. The ten of clubs led from dummy, which East was careful not to cover, went to South's queen, West holding up the ace.

East's jack died, of course, meeting the fate of all jacks only twice guarded under similar conditions. West made his ace of clubs on the next lead, and with ace and king of spades scored only three tricks, the opponents going game with four odd at double value.

Success would have come to West had he properly played his ace of clubs and followed up the idea he started with, viz: a lead of spades through South. The jack of clubs, guarded now and of value as a stopper, would have been a thorn in the opponents' side and prevented them from making the club suit.

Eight tricks, one short of the contract, would have been all possible for North and South under these conditions.

With the advantage of one game in, West's stand in bidding was much too offensive. Although his hand was exceptionally strong at royals, he should have abandoned all thought of continuing his suit when his partner failed him in support. His high royal contract doubled would have seriously hurt his side, when the risk properly belonged to the other side. As a mathematical calculation gives the side winning the first game three out of four chances of winning the rubber, the course of a player in West's situation is obvious.

Actual Hands and Declarations Which Serve to Point Desired Moral.

Strong cards in the suit declared by the opponents who need only one or two tricks to put them game oftentimes forces a perplexing problem upon the player holding them when his partner offers a defensive bid.

In the following hand recently played in a duplicate match at a local club one hand particularly illustrated this point:

North: ♠ 854 ♡ KQJ8 ◇ Q9742 ♣ 6
West: ♠ 92 ♡ 943 ◇ K5 ♣ KQ10953
East: ♠ AQJ ♡ A1076Z ◇ J3 ♣ AJ2
South (Dealer): ♠ K10763 ♡ 5 ◇ A1086 ♣ 874

Score rubber game—North and South, 0; East and West, 16.

South declared one spade and West made it one club. East took his partner out with one heart, and South thereupon declared one royal. West supported his partner, bidding two hearts, and North went to two royals, as a fulfilled contract by the opponents would put them game and rubber.

East declared three hearts, hoping to push the opponents up, but seemingly well within his contract with his partner's promised support. South overcalled with three royals, just as East hoped one of the opponents would do. West passed, leaving further action to East, who immediately doubled, and the hand was played at that contract.

On the play-off West opened with the nine of trumps, fully conscious of the strength of a partner whose forced double was made at the expense of a probable game hand. East went up with the ace of trumps and returned the queen, South winninfg the trick. Two leads of diamonds which South now made established the suit and put West in with the king. West led the king of clubs and East overtook with the ace, leading the jack of trumps. Two more clubs and the ace of hearts completed East and West's trick taking, and with six tricks, instead of nine, North and South went down 100 points on their doubled contract.

This was sad indeed when they realized the impossibility of East and West fulfilling a three-heart contract to which they could have been held.

South failed to consider the score as a probable factor in North's support. He should have realized that North's bid was simply made to meet the exigencies of the situation, and after the opponents had been forced to a high contract should have left further decision to his partner.

A singleton heart in his hand should have hinted at possible heart strength with his partner. North's supporting bid, despite his strength in the adverse suit, was proper, and had South been able to grasp the situation his honor account would have shown an increase, rather than that of his opponent.

NEWS NOTES OF ACTIVITIES IN THE WELL KNOWN RESORTS OF SOCIETY

Continued from page two.

Belleclaire, Broadway and 77th st., on Friday night. The patronesses were Mrs. A. H. Humphreys, Mrs. R. W. Hopf, Mrs. George Wesslau, Mrs. Lucy Henry, Mrs. D. D. Jones, Mrs. E. Secardi, Mrs. George H. Hearn, Mrs. J. S. Martin, Mrs. Robert Stephens, Mrs. W. E. Stephens, Mrs. Hale Phillips, Mrs. Abell and Mrs. Oscar Newhouse.

The third of the series of dances given by the Southern Cotillon, under the auspices of Mrs. Wallace P. White, of Riverside Drive, will be held in the Oak Room of the Hotel Marie Antoinette on January 29. The patronesses are Mrs. Richard R. Watts, Mrs. George Petinot, Mrs. James Henry Parker, Mrs. Everett Teague, Mrs. Charles Follis and Mrs. Charles Sicard.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jerome Toomey gave a dinner on Thursday evening at their home, 56 West 53d st., in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Andrew Baggs. The table was decorated with pink and white spring flowers. The other guests were Judge and Mrs. Bartow S. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Searles Babbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Emdin, Miss Eva Smith and Clarence Arthur Rode.

IN BROOKLYN'S SOCIAL CIRCLES

Dances, Dinners and Entertainments, Planned and Past.

In compliment to their son's bride, Mrs. Robert Mallory, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mallory will give a dance on Friday evening at their home, 8 Montague Terrace. It is to be rather a small, informal affair of about fifty couples, drawn principally from the younger married set, and is given for the express purpose of affording friends of the Mallorys on the Heights the opportunity of meeting the bride. Mrs. Mallory, jr., was formerly Miss Prudence Whitney, daughter of Mrs. Marselis Clarke Parsons, of Rye, where the wedding took place last June.

Mrs. Robert Low Pierrepont was hostess to the season's debutantes at a jolly little house dance last evening. Practically all the young people present had known each other since their kiddie days, and as the gathering was a comparatively small one, there was a little wave of intimacy pervading which produced just a comfortable informality. The entire first floor of the Pierrepont home, at 140 Columbia Heights, was thrown open for the dancing, a string quartet furnishing the music. At midnight supper was served. Mrs. Pierrepont's guests were Miss Mary Sanger, Miss Marian Wrigley, Miss Ruth Jenks, Miss Susanne Howe, of Manhattan; Miss Helen Hinman, Miss Adelaide Moffat, Miss Katharine Ketcham, Miss Elizabeth Thayer, Miss Frances Dudley, Miss Louise Ruxton, Miss Frances Coutts, Miss Mabel Coutts, Miss Katharine Dana, Miss Mary Praeger, Miss Cecilia Brewster, Miss Edith Shaw, Miss Marjory Church, Miss Constance Marks, Almet F. Jenks, jr., Thornton Thayer, Gordon Thayer, David Moffat, Guy McCorkle, Schuyler Bergen, Edward H. Babcock, jr., Horatio King Gray, Carleton Palmer, Russel Bigelow, Porter Steele, Allan W. Dow, jr., Frederic P. Fiske, Howard Corlies, Ruel Ross Appleton, jr., A. Wallace Chauncey, Benjamin R. C. Low, Timothy Spelman, Lawrence Marks, E. Barton Burgess, William H. Baldwin, 3d, Nelson Dougherty, Ward Melville, Walter S. Marvin and W. Allen Putnam.

In compliment to her cousins, Miss Bertha Shults and Miss Mabel Shults, of Manhattan, Miss Helen Hinman on Friday evening gave a dinner of sixteen covers, after which she took her guests to the informal dance at the Heights Casino. The company included, in addition to the hostess and her guests of honor, Miss Alice Bulkley Moss, Miss Alice Blum, Miss Louise Ruxton, Miss Gertrude Thurston, Chester Palmer, Seneca Eldredge, Arthur Laurason, John Boshe, Tracy Walker, Frank Page, Mervin Wilson, Mark Reardon and Ferdinand Zogbaum.

Mrs. James L. Morgan is to give a dinner Wednesday evening at her home, 9 Pierrepont st. On Friday evening she will entertain at dinner for some of the younger married couples.

The annual entertainment for the benefit of the United Neighborhood Guild will this year take the form of a costume fete, and is to be given in the ballroom of the Hotel Bossert on Saturday afternoon and evening, February 6. Many periods will be presented, and the interesting programme is to be interpreted by pupils of Pratt Institute. It will be followed by general dancing. Miss Bertha Stockwell is chairman of the committee, and associated with her are Mrs. Frank C. Munson, Mrs. Edward F. Sanderson, Mrs. William Harrison Price, Miss Marion Litchfield, Miss Elizabeth Packard, Miss Anna Wilbur and Miss Marie Appleton.

Miss Susan Brewer Merrick has made so many friends while visiting her sister, Mrs. Theodore Pratt, and Mr. and Mrs. William N. Dykman, the parents of her fiance, Jackson A. Dykman, that her wedding, scheduled for February 3, is of the greatest interest here. As it is to take place in New Orleans, few of the Brooklyn friends of the bride will be present, but Mr. Dykman will bring his bride here to live. Further details of the wedding were published last Tuesday and to-day may be found elsewhere on the page.

Only a few boxes are left for the farmers' ball which the Junior League is to give on Friday evening, January 29. Boxes were taken last week by Judge and Mrs. Almet F. Jenks, Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederick Stohlmann, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell M. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Jourdan, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Callender, Mrs. Orris K. Eldredge and Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Noyes.

The final dance in the series which was given during the winter at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Low Pierrepont's home under the direction of Miss Margaret Calhoun, of Manhattan, took place on Wednesday evening, with all but two or three of the subscribers present. The success of the series was unanimously declared. The subscription list included Mr. and Mrs. John Hill Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Walter St. John Benedict, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Irving Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Vincent Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Munson, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Scudder Pool, Mr. and Mrs. H. Edward Dreier, Miss Brinsmade, Mrs. Enos S. T. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sterling Peters, Miss Bertha Stockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cary, Judge Norman S. Dike, John W. Raymond, James Jenkins, jr., Oscar Zinkeisen, Charles L. Brinsmade, C. Sheldon Parsons and David Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierrepont gave a dinner of ten covers on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Howard Frederic Whitney, of 78 Eighth av., has out cards for auction bridge Thursday afternoon, January 21.

Judge and Mrs. I. Raymond Oeland, of 45 Eighth av., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Margaret Oeland, to James Roy McCaldin, son of Mrs. James McCaldin, of 164 South Oxford st. The wedding is to take place Thursday afternoon, with only relatives present. Mr. McCaldin and his bride are to make their home in Tulsa, Okla. Miss Oeland is a member of the Riding and Driving Club. There has been much entertaining for her during the last fortnight.

Mrs. Calvin Fremyre Barber, of 57 South Oxford st., will give a reception Saturday afternoon, January 30, for her daughter, Miss Janet Barber. Mrs. George Holbrook Barber will receive with Mrs. Barber and the debutante.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Seamans, of 789 St. Mark's av., gave a dance Tuesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. William Allan Dyer, of Syracuse. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Morris U. Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barber, Dr. and Mrs. James Watt, Mr. and Mrs. John Cowdrey Grier, Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Downs, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison B. Starr, Chester S. Lord, Mrs. Harry Barber, John M. Peters, Miss Carrie Peters, James S. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Roland W. Betts, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchel, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Humpstone, Alexander Gale, Frederick Crego, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Graham, Newell Vanderhoef, Norman Thirkield, Gilbert Thirkield, Wilbur Thirkield, Miss Dorothy Seamans, Mrs. Robert Payson Loomis, Alexander Gale, Miss Grace Middleton and Ruel Ross Appleton, jr.

Wednesday will bring one of the most important weddings of the winter, that of Miss Elvia Zabriskie, daughter of Mrs. Cornelius Zabriskie, of 846 Carroll st., and Russell Trowbridge Bailey. It is to be a home ceremony, at 4 o'clock, followed by a large reception. Mrs. Rodney Slocum (Katherine Dudley) at whose wedding in November Miss Zabriskie was maid of honor, is to be the chief attendant. Miss Elvia Scoville is to be her aunt's flower girl, and the bridesmaids will be Miss Marjorie Decker, Miss Helen McCaldin, Miss Dorothy Wandel and Miss Helen Millard. Howard Bailey will be his brother's best man, and the ushers are to Clifford Bailey, Russell Earle, William Gill and Edwin Keiser.

Dr. and Mrs. Junius M. Stevens, of 815 Carroll st., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marjorie Lamont Stevens, to William Theodore Houseman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G. Houseman, of 188 Midwood st., Flatbush. The announcement was made at a tea Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Mohun, of 82 Twelfth av., Bensonhurst, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Josephine Mohun, to Alexander Murray, 3d, of Little Falls, N. J. Mr. Murray was graduated from the Yale Scientific School in 1912.

The second subscription dance given under the auspices of the Brooklyn Women's War Relief Committee took place Friday evening at the Standish Arms, 169 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn. The proceeds of the dance will go toward the purchasing of clothing for destitute babies of the Belgians. The dance included a contest for a silver cup given by a prominent Brooklyn jewelry firm; a lucky number contest, the prize a gold beaded purse, from a member of the War Relief Committee, and a silver cigarette case from H. Healy, a Brooklyn jeweller. The dance committee included Miss Marguerite D. Winant, chairman; Miss Hazel Bergen Hooper, Miss Marie Edgerton Donnelly, Miss Elsie M. Jenkins, Miss Agnes Ritchie, Miss Helen O'Keeffe and Miss Marguerite Fransciola.

"POLY PREP" PLAY'S CAST

Chorus Selected, and Harold Kuykendall to Dance.

The major chorus of "The Blue Butterfly," which the "Poly Prep" alumni will produce at the Academy of Music on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, February 27, has been selected. During the last week Charles S. Morgan, jr., chorus coach of this Duncan-Schroeder musical comedy, chose the men who have shown the most promise at the general rehearsals and on a stage improvised in the gymnasium drilled them in the opening chorus until a point nearing perfection had been reached. The following positions at this writing seem to be permanent:

Show girls, Schuyler Bergen, Lloyd H. Dalzell, Lester DuBois, William W. Kouwenhoven, jr., Tremper Longman, Reginald McGarry, Jeremiah V. Mesereole and Walter F. Schultze; beaux, Stephen Van Culen Hopkins, Herbert R. Marsh, Alexander B. Morris, George Quinn, H. S. Rickerson, E. G. Shonnard, F. A. Werlemann and Henry Werlemann; grisettes, Bayard Hopkins, K. S. Inslee, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Seaton; artists, Newton G. Chase, W. S. Child, William C. Cook, Frank D. Mulvihill, Carlos B. Smith, Richard W. Smythe, M. A. Sumner, A. R. Thompson and Kenneth Wilson.

Eight "girls" who are to appear in striking costumes in this chorus will be selected from the following boys who are still in school: Albert L. Amerman, William L. Chapman, George B. Green, T. H. Hyatt, Howard F. Keady, Robert P. MacFarland, James C. MacCurrach, George L. Mendes, Edmond J. Moran, John F. Shields, John C. Talbot and T. G. Tiebout. Sixteen boys in the lower grades are competing for eight places in a pony ballet which will be a feature of the production.

It is now a certainty that Harold E. Kuydendall will dance in "The Blue Butterfly." His contribution will either be a Chinese dance or the Indian fox trot, which he is now giving on the New York Roof. Harry Messenger is to be seen in an exhibition of society dancing, but his partner has not been chosen.

As usual, the Packer seniors will be programme and flower girls. The list comprises the Misses Helen F. Parker, president of class; Janet Barber, J. Mildred Baxter, Helen Davis, Grace Farrar, Marjorie Foote, Margherita Fransioli, Helen Friend, Juliet Kalley, Penelope Marsh, Dorothy McCurrach, Natalie Miller, Hazel Meeker, Helen Randall, Verna Rooney, Kathleen Rutter, Marjorie Schoudel, Helen Seymour, Marianne Stebbins, Dorothy Street, Helen Tiebout, Dorothy Tuttle, Lorraine Van Kleeck, Eleanor Walden and Ethel Wickett.

STATEN ISLAND SOCIAL NOTES

Mrs. Victor Garrett, of New Brighton, Gives a Delightful Tea.

Mrs. Victor Garrett, of Clinton av., New Brighton, gave a very delightful tea on Friday afternoon at her home for Mrs. Pitkin, of Lenox Place, New Brighton, who has recently come to live on Staten Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Le Poer French and their daughter, Miss Isabelle French, have closed their house on Prospect av., New Brighton, for the remainder of the winter and taken an apartment in town.

The third of the series of dances which are being held in the auditorium of St. John's Parish House Clifton, will be held on Friday evening, January 22. The committee in charge of these dances is composed of Mrs. Alfred Errington, chairman; Miss Evelyn Bridgeman, Mrs. Louis A. Dreyfus, Mrs. Blanche Harris, Mrs. Henry de Meli, Mrs. Charles Post, Mrs. Kennedy Randall, Miss Helen Morriss, Miss Janet Thompson, Mrs. Ferdinand C. Townsend and Miss Ruth Townsend.

Mrs. Sydney G. Willcox, of Davis av., West Brighton, who has been spending the past week in Bryn Mawr, is again at her home.

Miss Gladys Therrell, of Davis av., West Brighton, and Miss Margaret Cundell, also of West Brighton, who have been spending their Christmas vacations with their parents, have returned to Nova Scotia, where they are in boarding school.

Miss Louise Irving, of Henderson av., New Brighton, is spending a few weeks as the guest of relatives at Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Miss Dorothy Gostenhofer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gostenhofer, of Davis av., West Brighton, spent the week end as the guest of friends at Seabright, N. J.

It is announced that the annual charity ball, for the benefit of the S. R. Smith Infirmary, will take place at the German Club rooms, Stapleton, on Friday evening, February 5.

AIKEN

Aiken, S. C., Jan. 14.—What promises to be the biggest season Aiken has ever enjoyed was officially opened this week, when the New Highland Park Hotel opened for the winter. With unusually heavy all-season reservations, including a representative crowd from Newport, New York, Boston and Philadelphia, the new hotel promises to be the smartest and most exclusive of its size in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner M. Leeds will spend their first season at Aiken in the New Highland Park Hotel, as will Mrs. George Pratt, who is going to entertain members of her family throughout the season.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. King, of New York and Chicago, who will be in Aiken for the winter, have engaged a suite at the New Highland Park Hotel, as have Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Akers and Mrs. Samuel Styles.

Courtland has been opened for the season by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Norman, who arrived from Boston a week ago to remain until April.

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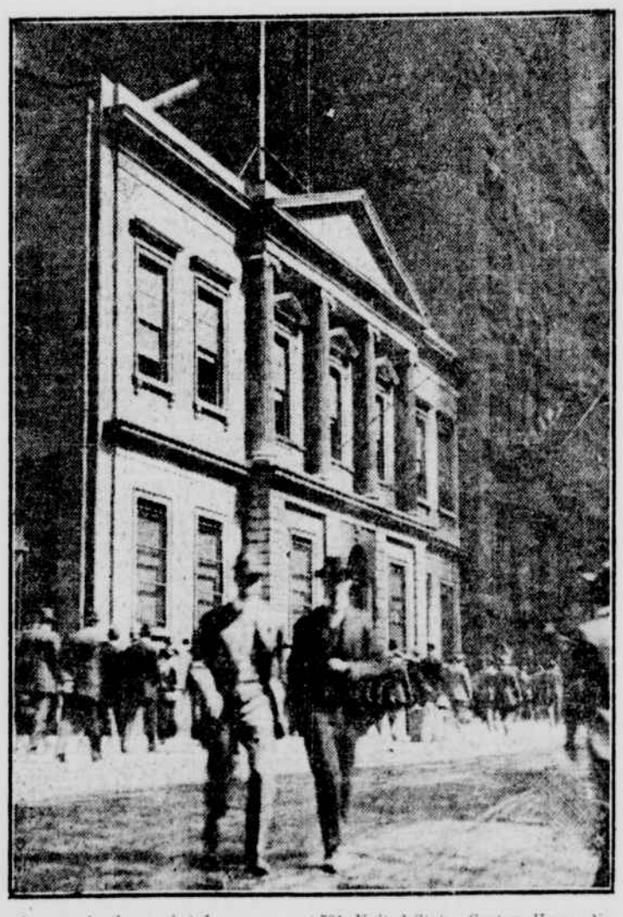

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SERIES OF DANCES AT NEWPORT

Winter Months To Be Enlivened by Affairs Given at Civic League House.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 16.—Another winter colony engagement served as one of the most interesting bits of news of the week. It was that of Miss Alice McCarty Little, daughter of Captain and Mrs. William McCarty Little, U. S. N., to James Lounsberry of Stockbridge, Mass. No wedding date has been set, but it is expected that it will be before spring and a Newport event. When it does take place, however, it will be a very quiet affair, owing to the health of Captain Little. He has not been in the best of health all winter and is still ill at his home.

Little jobs of improving continue to be started among the villas in the summer colony. Among the latest to start is that at the cottage of Colonel George R. Fearing, on Narragansett av., where considerable work is being done to the exterior of the house, which may be occupied next summer by Lieutenant Governor Grafton Cushing of Massachusetts.

The work at Oakland Farm is now well along toward completion, and the owners of the place, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, are said to be planning a visit to the farm during February.

It was reported during the week that Mr. and Mrs. George Brooke, of Philadelphia, the latter formerly Mrs. William E. Carter, and no stranger to the Newport colony, may take a house here during the coming summer.

A new dancing class has been formed by some of the women here, and professional instructors have been secured to teach the latest things in dance steps. The class met this week at the home of Mrs. Harold Brown, who was one of the organizers. The other members include Mrs. Louis L. Lorillard, Mrs. William R. Hunter, Miss Emma Stone and Mrs. Walter Norman Eldridge. Mrs. Eldridge may not remain in Newport for the whole of the winter, for she has in mind a long trip to the Orient in company with Mrs. William V. Pratt.

HOCKEY GAMES AT LAKEWOOD

Fine Skating in the Earlier Part of the Week Crowds Lake Carasaljo.

Lakewood, N. J., Jan. 16.—A combination of winter's cold and spring-like temperature this week gave sojourners a wide range of outdoor activity. In the early part of the week skating was good, and most of the people here were out on Lake Carasaljo morning and afternoon. Impromptu hockey games furnished the greater part of the sport on the lakes. Later in the week the warmer weather made golfing and driving popular.

Dancing at the hotels has been the principal form of indoor diversion. The the dansant this afternoon and supper dansant this evening at the Laurel House, together with the regular Saturday night hop at the Laurel-in-the-Pines, were well attended.

Edward Prime Stevenson, of Paris, who is stopping here for a couple of months, gives an author's reading on Monday evening at the Laurel House for the benefit of the sufferers of Dinard, France. Society and charity workers among the season sojourners here have taken hold of the entertainment with enthusiasm, and a goodly sum is expected for the destitute citizens of the French town.

The next big sporting event scheduled here is the annual tournament of the Laurel House Gun Club, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13. This annual shooting event usually attracts the crack shots of the East, and the announcement of the date this week was received with enthusiasm by athletic clubs in New York and other places. The tournament is an invitation affair and will consist of individual competition.

John Converse, of New York, is visiting his mother and sister, on Madison av.

After spending a week at the Laurel-in-the-Pines, Mrs. George Fales Baker left on Wednesday for Rosemont, Penn., where she will spend the week end. Later Mrs. Baker plans to go to White Sulphur Springs.

NEW TENNIS CLUB AT PALM BEACH

Handsome New Structure of Stone for Devotees of the Sport.

Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 16.—The Royal Poinciana, the largest of resort hotels, reopened here yesterday, and in another week the present Palm Beach season, which is expected to be a particularly important one on account of the booking of an extensive patronage usually belonging to Europe, will be fairly well started.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. MacLean, of Washington, who passed up Palm Beach last winter after a sensational season here the year before, have been here a week, stopping at The Breakers, where a number of early comers have been staying since Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. MacLean are in Palm Beach for a three month's stay with their young son.

William J. Conners and his family expect to arrive next week, and will occupy a villa Mr. Conners has had built on the ocean front, about half a mile south of The Breakers, instead of living at the Poinciana, as formerly.

A distinctly new feature in Palm Beach life this winter will be that centring at the Tennis Club, a handsome structure of Miami stone, larger than the Beach Club, and located adjacent to it. Being the first home the club has ever had, its erection is significant of the growth of the sport in Palm Beach, where the club will hold its sixth annual tournament beginning Saturday, February 27. This tournament will be under the auspices of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, which is now working it up through a committee comprising Edward F. Torrey, jr., of Clinton, N. Y.; A. L. Hopkins, of Philadelphia, and Raymond D. Little, of New York City.

ORMOND BEACH

John D. Rockefeller to Spend Month at Florida Resort.

Ormond Beach, Fla., Jan. 16.—The Ormond Hotel has now been opened about a week, and judging from its present appearance and the booking it will be the biggest season the hotel has ever known.

John D. Rockefeller has engaged a suite of rooms for a month's stay for himself and party from the middle of February. During his stay at the Hotel Clarendon last year he came up regularly each day to play on the Ormond Beach golf links, and this year he decided that he wished to be nearer them, so has engaged his accommodations at the Ormond.

E. A. Gillespie, of Woodhaven, Long Island, registered at the Ormond with his chauffeur and car on his way to Florence Villa, Fla., where he has bought an orange and grape fruit grove. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie and their daughter, Miss Marjorie, will return to Ormond for their usual visit in February.

F. K. Walbridge, of New York City, who is a guest of the Ormond, celebrated his birthday last Sunday night by entertaining a party of friends at dinner. Mr. Walbridge will spend the winter at the Ormond.

Mrs. A. Schultz and Miss E. Schultz, of Brooklyn, are spending the winter at the Ormond.

HOUSE PARTIES AT WHITE SULPHUR

A. M. Post-Mitchell, of Tuxedo, and Others Entertain in Country Style.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Jan. 16.—Several formal dinner parties in the Tudor room of the New Greenbrier and numerous old Virginia and game luncheons and suppers at the Log Cabin and Elmhurst Farm have been the diversions of a throng that has arrived to take the cure and plans to live out of doors and at the Kurhaus.

A. M. Post-Mitchell, of Tuxedo, who arrived from France a month ago and has been here taking the baths, has entertained at several farmhouse affairs, as have George R. Sheldon, Allison V. Armour, Mr. and Mrs. Julian de Cordova, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Fisk, Colonel James Ransom Branch, J. R. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Rea Agnew, Dr. and Mrs. William H. Vanden Burg, Herbert L. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McVeigh and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman L. Alexander.

George W. Stevens, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, who arrived this week for the baths, gave a dinner for a big company in the Tudor room, and others entertaining dinner companies included J. Stuart Mackie, Frank H. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Akers, who leave next week, with Miss Jane Akers, for Aiken, S. C., where they will spend a month at the New Highland Park Hotel.

William N. Cott, of the Hocking Valley Railroad, came this week to take the cure and will spend a month.

AUGUSTA

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 16.—The large colony of winter tourists arriving daily in Augusta included a great number of New Yorkers; in fact, visitors from that city outnumber about five to one guests from other Northern points. Armed with golf bags or tennis racquets, there is a constant procession of players on their way to the Augusta Country Club, which is located a short distance from Partridge Inn.

Of the greatest interest to those who have come down to enjoy the outdoor sports of this resort is the golf schedule which was announced last week and by the golf committee. This includes twenty golf events during the months of January, February and March, the most important dates being February 17 and 18, when a number of noted professional players will be here from the North and West who annually make a tour of the most popular golf courses throughout the Southland.

Gouverneur Morris, the novelist, who has been enjoying his winter home in Aiken for several weeks, was joined by Mrs. Morris a few days ago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morris are as well known in Augusta society as they are in New York and Aiken, and it is expected they will spend several week ends in Augusta during the season.

AT ARKANSAS HOT SPRINGS

Midwinter Gayety Enlivens the Season at the Southern Resort.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 16.—Mid-January finds another season of winter gayety in the Arkansas Hot Springs under way, and so great is the early influx of tourists that all indications point to the Spa enjoying three of the most prosperous months in its history. So heavy were this week's arrivals that the Arlington and the other fashionable hotels are almost completely filled, and now it is planned to open the Eastman on January 25, if not on January 20, instead of on January 30, the date originally named by the management.

The weather throughout the week was bright and clear and the golfers and equestrians had a particularly gala inning. Play commences Thursday in the annual midwinter tournament. The qualifying round is set for that day, with the first round of match play and the semi-final round on Friday and the final round on Saturday. Handsome silver loving cups will be awarded the winner and runner-up in each flight and Professional "Willie" Hoare is confident there will be three full divisions of sixteen players each.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. McCullough, of 318 West 51st st., are rounding out their third week as guests at the Arlington. They plan remaining in the Spa until mid-February.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fink are guests at the Arlington for the season. They came South in early October. Mrs. Fink is the charming sister of Willie Collier and is known professionally as Helen Collier. Mr. Fink is likewise allied with the stage.

H. C. Williams, manager of the York Hotel, is at the Arlington for the month of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Snell are paying their annual winter visit to the Arlington. They arrived Monday, and plan remaining in the Arkansas Hot Springs until late February.

PINEHURST

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 16.—The week has been a continuous round of merry-making, with interest centred in Wednesday's dance, Thursday's entertainment and Friday's banquet, arranged by the advertising golfers. For the coming week the midwinter trap shooting handicap is scheduled.

Late arrivals include Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Treadwell and Miss Treadwell, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barber and Miss Barber, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ridgway, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lasher, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hotchkin, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spaulding, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rudge, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rode,