

EXPERTS MAKE DRASTIC BRIDGE PLAY CHANGES

Old Forcing-Three Bid Is
Dumped Overboard in
One New System.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—The player who takes his contract bridge seriously enough to want to study has a busy fall cut out for him.

Three new books, each offering decided contributions to bridge literature, are on the September lists, and a fourth is due next month. The three books published this month are:

"The New Standardized Official System," issued by Bridge Headquarters, Inc.

"The One-Over-One for Every One," by Madeleine Kerwin, issued by the Avantine Press.

"The Distribution System of Contract Bridge," by Victor R. Smith, published by Dodd, Mead.

Drastic Changes Made

The sensation of the three is the Official System book, for it marks a revolutionary change in the system. The old forcing-three bid of last year is sunk without trace; it is not so much as mentioned anywhere in the book.

The forcing artificial two-club bid, offered last year as an alternative, now is made the core of the system. Aside from that the system is not vitally altered, though it is smoothed out materially in spots.

The original three bid is used to show a long, strong suit and some outside strength, but it is not a force.

The volume includes a section on the Culbertson forcing-two bid, explaining its use under the card valuations of the Official System.

One-Over-One System

There is also a section describing the various interpretations of the One-Over-One convention and outlining its use as part of the standard Official System without sacrificing the advantages of the intermediate, non-forcing two-bid which now is the primary distinction between Official and other systems.

The volume bears on its jacket photographs of Milton C. Work and Ely Culbertson.

Madeleine Kerwin's book is subtitled "Applied Card Sense," and describes itself as an exposition of "the bidding principles of contract bridge as developed by Philip Hal Sims."

Mrs. Kerwin combats the widespread belief that the Sims method of play is highly complicated and can be used only by experts with years of experience.

The book is very short and very clear. It assumes an acquaintance by the reader with the general principles of contract.

Offers Radical Theories

The third book on the list breaks into new ground with several radical bidding theories. It offers a highly complicated, but sound method of hand valuation. It also presents a new theory of slam bidding, based on "control values" of suits.

Smith breaks away from tradition by advocating the bidding of four card minors before four card majors.

This seems to be a logical development of the theory of keeping bidding as low as possible and as long as possible. Smith's book carries the one-over-one theory farther than any of its other protagonists.

TREE CRUSHES FARMER

Upper Section Dislodged When
Wagon Hub Hits Trunk.

By United Press

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., Sept. 30.—Dislodged when a hub of a wagon driven by James Linville, farmer, struck the tree trunk, the upper section of a tree fell on him, crushing his shoulder and causing serious internal injuries.

TOPS PEAK 585 TIMES

Oregon Man Started Climbing Mt.
Hood Back in 1903.

By United Press

GOVERNMENT CAMP, MT. HOOD, Ore., Sept. 30.—Those who are ambitious to set a record of some sort should consider the one held by Mark Woywendt. Since 1903 he has ascended the summit of Mt. Hood exactly 585 times.

Heads Squadron



Capt. Oliver H. Stout

Promotion of Capt. Oliver H. Stout of Indianapolis to command of the One hundred thirteenth observation squadron, Indiana national guard, with the rank of major, was recommended Wednesday to Governor Harry G. Leslie, by Adjutant-General Paul E. Tombaugh. Stout would succeed Major Richard F. Taylor, injured fatally a few weeks ago in an airplane crash.

Tombaugh also recommended that Lieutenant-Colonel Ernest C. Simpson of Gary be promoted to command the One hundred thirteenth engineers, with the rank of colonel. He would succeed Colonel Arthur P. Melton of Gary, who died Wednesday.

HOPE FOR LIFE LOST BY WITT

Parents Told 'Not to Spend
Any More Money.'

Hope has fled from the somber confines of a cell in the state prison at Michigan City, where Charles Vernon Witt awaits death in the electric chair for the murder, during a robbery attempt, of Lafayette A. Jackson, Indianapolis chain store operator.

Information that Witt is resigned to his fate since the supreme court denied his appeal has reached the Marion county prosecutor's office.

Witt has sent word to his parents "not to spend any more money defending me," it is reported.

Witt's attorney, Ira Holmes, it is understood, will file a new appeal for purpose of delaying the execution until completion of the second trial of Louis E. Hamilton, Witt's alleged pal.

A Boone county jury failed to convict Hamilton as the trigger man in the Jackson killing.

A stay of execution, granted Witt pending decision on his appeal from conviction, was to be effective until March 1.

Hamilton will face trial again before Judge Fred E. Hines of Hamilton circuit court, at Lebanon, Nov. 14. His case probably will be heard by a jury of Boone county citizens.

INDIANS TO HOLD FAIR

3,000 Cherokees Will Gather for
Carolina Festival.

By Science Service

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 30.—Three thousand Cherokee Indians are getting out their tribal finery and making ready to hold a big Indian fair Oct. 4 to 7 at Cherokee, N. C.

Cherokees of the Great Smoky mountains are educated and wear the white man's fashions, but for the fair they will revive their native ceremonies and dances in old-time regalia, and will display their prowess with bow and arrow.

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