

## 'Blue Laws' Violated on Broad Scale

Practice and Legislation  
In America Show Wide Disparity.

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NEW YORK, June 16.—It may take as long as three weeks to get a Mexican divorce if your husband is opposed to the idea, according to a survey in the current *Today*. Usually it takes three hours. More Mexican divorces are granted out of El Paso alone than in all Reno, and El Paso is only one of half a dozen points close to the border where such divorces are easily procured. The Mexican treasury thrives.

It is a curious thing about Americans that we permit so wide a disparity between our practice and our laws. For some years prohibition stood grandly on our statute books, in spite of the evident fact that the nation was dry Martini-conscious. Laws against lotteries persist in the face of front-page stories telling us who won the Irish sweepstakes.

And our antiquated divorce laws drive residents of the United States out of the country when they wish to dissolve their marriages.

The American of 1934 is not the Puritan father of 1634, and it profits nobody to pretend that he is. The modern New Yorker especially is apt to be a gay and roistering type, to whom blue laws, of whatever type, are nothing but a nuisance which he surely will circumvent.

The belief, for instance, that you can prevent gambling by ordinance being disproved in a hundred bars or so, where the dice are tumbling from the shaker at this very moment.

The idea that collusion makes a divorce impossible is being contradicted by cases, this very day, in which a few friends of the husband and wife will perjure themselves in our courts in order to permit an amiable separation under the law.

### English Criticism True

Our laws against the distribution of birth control information are severe. Yet the educated American can find out all he needs to know on the subject without the slightest difficulty. Our laws against "torturing or mutilating an animal" are clear-cut in the extreme. Yet a lively and well attended fighting cock main was held near New York this month.

It is the reproach of the English that we Americans do not obey our laws, and they are right. We don't. But many of our laws have been drafted with no consideration for the temper of the people who are expected to live under them.

Unfortunately, the ultra-conservative groups have hobbies in all the capitals, while the liberals are largely unrepresented. Pressure upon our legislators is always from the right wing rather than the left. We have, as a result, a body of laws which delight the unco' guid but leave the rest of the nation cold. So we break them.

### Program Suggested

The motives of the reformers are undoubtedly of the highest. Their wish to make everybody in the country toe the mark according to their prim ideals is undoubtedly sincere.

But why don't they realize that it does precious little good to get legislation passed if everybody breaks the law? Why don't they save the funds they spend on expensive lobbies to block liberal legislation and dedicate it instead to a campaign of education to their views?

So long as our laws are arranged by the Puritans in the community the rest of us are forced to break or circumvent them in order to live reasonably placid lives.

We shall continue, as heretofore, to take our divorce trade down to Mexico and to place our bets on foreign lotteries. But it might help that budget if we could do these things at home.

**PIANO PUPILS TO PRESENT RECITAL**

Pupils of Georgiana Brown-Ritter will present a piano recital at 7:45 Wednesday in the assembly room of the First Baptist church with Katherine McDonald, violinist; Agnes Kirkpatrick, pianist, and Waldo Little, cornetist, assisting.

Taking part will be Ruth Maude, Virginia Beanning, Juanita Cook, Frances Searcy, Betty Lineback, Mary Catherine Neidigh, Betty Jean Neals, Betty Wilson, Gloria Ann Cox, Maxine Tiford, Betty Popow, Thelma Rivers, Raymond Edwards, Hila Marie and Florence Mae Ritter, Joseph Collier, Estella, Gladys and Frances Shepherd, Willie Gray, Jasper and Denver Gregory and Jack Lineback, pupil of Mr. Little.

**FLOWER MISSION SPONSORS OUTING**

An outing for the undernourished children and their mothers is planned by the Indianapolis Flower Mission for Friday at the home of Mrs. Fred Noerr near Valley Mills. Approximately three hundred have been invited, all from homes which receive aid from the Flower Mission, of which Mrs. David Ross is president.

Serving on the committee arranging the picnic are Mrs. James H. Lowes, Mrs. Robert Elliott, Mrs. Noerr, Mrs. F. H. Cheyne and Mrs. Lloyd Bowers.

**Seniors to Be Guests**

Senior members of the Butler University chapter of Phi Delta Theta fraternity will be entertained at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon by the fraternity Mothers' Club. Gifts will be presented to Bert L. Davis, James Stewart, Elbert Gilliom, William Raffensperger, William Horn, Sheldon A. Raiser, Richard Lowther, Jack C. Moore and Ben Parish.

## Ayres Styles Appear at Country Club Pool



Left to right, Misses Virginia Fleming, Lucinda Smith, Kathryn Driscoll and Virginia Judd.

On a hot summer day swimming pools are the most popular places at the country clubs, and the new sports styles of L. S. Ayres & Co. enable the comfort seekers to be fashionable.

Miss Virginia Fleming wears one of the practical new wagon-wheel beach hats with an orange and brown plaid halter and brown gabardine shorts, striped on the sides in orange.

Miss Kathryn Driscoll wears a tomato bisque linen shorts outfit is appropriately nautical. The shorts are laced up the side in white, matching the buttons and white braid on the sailor type collar.

"Comfortable for loafing," suggests Miss Lucinda Smith in a pair of navy blue jersey slacks, and white sweater striped in blue. More popular than ever is acetate, used in a blue and white plaid bathing suit worn by Miss Kathryn Driscoll. Miss Virginia Judd's tomato bisque linen shorts outfit is appropriately nautical. The shorts are laced up the side in white, matching the buttons and white braid on the sailor type collar.

## Children With June Birthdays to Be Honored

### Contract Bridge

Solution to Previous Contract Problem

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WHEN your partner makes an original bid in first or second position, and you also hold a big hand, I will admit that it is difficult to ask you to proceed cautiously with the bidding.

However, daring bidding will occasionally win, as was the case in today's hand.

When South opened the bidding with one spade, North immediately counted him for three tricks. Of course, if he had a six-card spade suit, he might have had only two and one-half tricks—but the average is three.

North figured that, to make an original bid, South, his partner, has the ace of spades, the ace of hearts, the king of diamonds, and either the queen of spades or the queen of hearts. When South finds himself in a seven contract, he must try to make it.

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Now if he can ruff two clubs, that will give him eight tricks, while four trump tricks will give him twelve in all. In the meantime, he may be able to squeeze a spade or a diamond trick.

So the safe play is to ruff the first club with the four of hearts. A small spade then is played and won in dummy with the king. Another small club is led and ruffed with the eight of hearts.

Declarer should cash the ace and queen of hearts, and then lead a small diamond, winning in dummy with the ace.

Now the king and jack of trump are led, picking up the outstanding trump. East lets go two clubs and the declarer discards two spades. The ace and king of clubs are played from dummy and East finds himself squeezed.

On the first club he can let go a diamond, and the declarer does the same. But on the second club, East is helpless.

If he drops the jack of diamonds, then the declarer's king and nine will be good, while if he lets go the nine of spades, declarer will discard the nine of diamonds and then lead a small spade from dummy and win with the ace.

The jack and queen will drop on that trick, making the ten good, and both were third.

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Q 3  
10 9 3 2  
8 5  
Q 10 8  
5

N  
W  
S  
Dealer

A 9 7  
5  
2  
3  
4  
None

K 8 4  
K 7 6  
A 4  
A K 6 2

Q 3  
10 9 3 2  
8 5  
Q 10 8  
5

J 9 7  
5  
2  
3  
4  
None

A 10 6 5 2  
A Q 8 4  
Q 9 7 3  
None

A 10 6 5 2  
A Q 8 4  
Q 9 7 3  
None

Declarer  
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tubber bridge—None vul.

Opening lead—Q.

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 N. T. Pass

3 ♠ Pass 7 ♠ Pass

9

he wins the last trick with the king of diamonds, making his grand slam.

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MAY BRIDE

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Mrs. Richard Kottcamp

The marriage of Miss Hildred Burnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Burnett, and Richard Kottcamp took place May 29.

Tie for Bridge Honor

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McSweeney and Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Rupp tied for first place at the bi-monthly duplicate contract party of the Hoosier Athletic Club, held Thursday. Mrs. L. H. Brink and Mrs. Kathleen Abbott were third.

Three Choose June Wedding Dates

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