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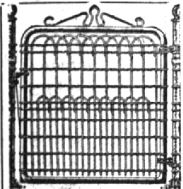
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PYTHIAN SISTERS PLAN BIG MEETING

District Will Hold First Convention Here In Seven Years

For the first time in seven years, the annual convention of District No. 11 of the Pythian Sisters, will be held in Birmingham at the Masonic Temple, Tuesday, May 13, at 10 a. m.

Plans are being made to entertain approximately 175 guests from the communities in the district as well as others from Detroit and other towns in the local.

Each of the Temples participating will take part in exemplifying the ritualistic work. Luncheon will be served at noon at the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Mildred Hayes, past grand chief of Michigan, and district deputy for the 11th district, will be among the guests.

Bridge Tourney For Team-of-Four Champions Held

The first of a series of four consecutive contract bridge tournaments to determine what quartet of local players will represent this city in a team-of-four match with a portland poked team was held last Monday night at the Community House under the direction of Mrs. Mary-Louis Fletcher.

Each of the four teams which failed to compete in the first tourney, yet wish to enter the series, are still eligible to play and win prizes, as well as the right to represent this city in a match with Portland.

SPECIAL TRAIN TOUR ON TEXAS CENTENNIAL

Texas newspapermen, oil millionaires, ranchers and businessmen will tour seventeen states commencing April 26, to invade the rest of the country to the one hundredth birthday celebration of the Lone Star state.

PIANIST HEARD IN PRIVATE RECITALS

Guest Of Mrs. Roosevelt Offers Criticism Of Performance

Editor's note: As a guest of Mrs. Dorothy Keane Roosevelt of Bloomfield Hills at private recitals given by the latter Wednesday afternoon and on Friday evening of last week, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Ballentine, offers this criticism of Mrs. Roosevelt's performance to The Eccentric.

Endowed with a number of attributes valuable to the concert performer, Mrs. Roosevelt has developed, within the past year, a technical command of her instrument which places her in the class of professional pianists.

Mrs. Roosevelt developed her themes most dynamically in the Largo and Finale of the Vivaldi concerto and in the Brahms Rhapsody. The Rachmaninoff Prelude in B flat was an outstanding performance on Saturday evening.

The Cantabile movement of the Vivaldi—a concerto seldom heard, by this—contained moments of great beauty for her listeners. This was manifest also in the Berens A minor Intermezzo, a particularly delightful work.

In the Szymanowski Etude, Mrs. Roosevelt gave an interpretation which was at times very moving. A little less pedal work in the Chopin Polonaise on Saturday evening might have given her phrases more delicacy. Flexibility was not lacking, as she amply proved in the Debussy works.

Community House Gossip

Satia Y. Osborne Annual Luncheon held around the corner now. Draper Allen, the chairman, has a grand general committee working Mrs. Rufus Jones, who is a newcomer in our midst.

But I laughed right out in meeting the other night and quite disgraced myself. "That Mrs. Jones should be apologized for in the ward to Mrs. Chissus. "She is so clever. No more than clever, she's really witty. And so damn human, in spite of lots of brains."

Everybody seems to know Carolyn Burlingame and if you know her, it isn't necessary for us to tell you. She has real ideas and is practical, though pleasant.

As for Barbara Pyle, of course she's working on this thing. It wouldn't be natural if she weren't in the center of Community House doings. She says she can't get along without the House and Bus says—"It's a poor role that doesn't work both ways."

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P. S. Ye Ed. has busy task every dash out of this column for the last three weeks (asterisks are all the same to him) and consequently the coffee boiler got a little together with our robust thoughts.

Chisler—You oughtn't to charge me but half price for cutting my hair when I'm half bald. Barber—Sorry, sir. We don't charge for cutting your hair—we charge for the time we spend hunting for it.

Mothers-Daughters Limited To 300 At Dinner

Mrs. Thomas R. Navin, general chairman of the Mother and Daughter dinner to be held Friday, May 15, at the Community House, announces that reservations will be limited to 300 including mothers and daughters.

Besides Mrs. Navin, others in charge of tickets include Mrs. J. H. Rosso for the Methodist group, and Mrs. Howard Reid for the Baptist group.

BITS ON BRIDGE

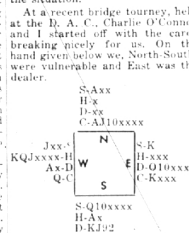
E. G. Whitney

Overcalling After the opponents open the bidding, it is difficult to reach a game contract against them.

Hands that are balanced, that is, hands with 3-3-3-4 distribution or others with no singletons or long suits, extreme caution should be used in overcalling, whether vulnerable or not. The most severe penalties are not inflicted on slam or game contracts, but paradoxically when the times vary on the level. Once, I recall playing at the old Knickerbocker Club on Cass against Dr. Kirkup, another splendid player, and a fourth whose name I do not recall.

Frequently, with a strong hand you can get into trouble after the opponents have indicated the long club. Suppose you hold S-A-J-K-H, K-Q-x-D, A-x-x-C, K-x and your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one Diamond. Now if you double, asking for a takeout fine, you may well immediately find yourself in not water if he has a blank hand.

At a recent bridge tourney, held at the R. A. C. Charlie O'Connor and I started off with the cards breaking nicely for us. On the hand given below, North and South were vulnerable and East was the dealer.

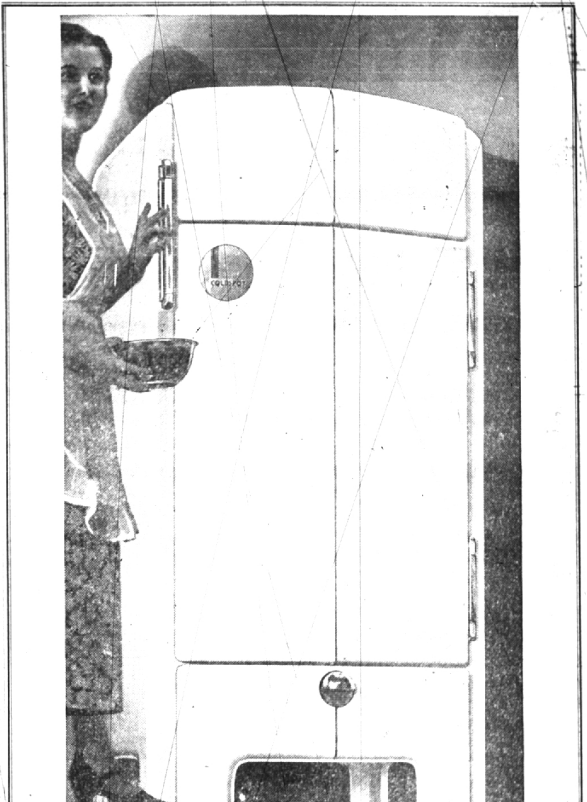


The bidding: East Pass, South Pass, West Pass, North Pass.

I readily admit that I've made lots of better bids than that vulnerable four Spade overall but the cards were breaking good for us at the time and East had shown he did not have a strong hand while my partner had been shut out by the premature four Heart bid.

We went down one trick on the play of the hand, as I played West's suit only once for doubling was due to his being nettled at having the contract taken away from him.

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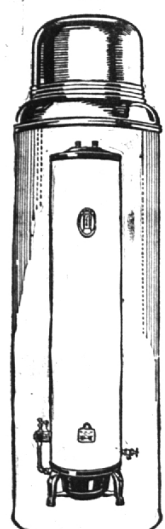
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