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A. E. Staebler Directs Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

Arthur E. Staebler was appointed director of the W. K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary near Augusta late Thursday, June 10, by the state board of agriculture, governing body of Michigan State college. Karl H. McDonel, board secretary, announced. The Sanctuary is part of the M. S. C. Kellogg experiment station.

Dr. Staebler took over his duties at the Sanctuary on June 15, replacing Dr. Miles D. Pirnie, who left after 17 years of directing the Bird Sanctuary to join the resident staff of the college. Staebler has lived in Michigan all his life and is from Birmingham where he received his early education. He has been studying Michigan bird life during the last ten years while obtaining his bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees at the University of Michigan in 1938, 1940 and 1948, respectively.

At Cranbrook Institute Since 1939 he has been research associate at Cranbrook Institute of Science and has participated in many scientific research expeditions on this continent. At the University of Michigan Dr. Staebler has worked in the bird division, museum of zoology, in charge of preparing, identifying and cataloging specimens for the Michigan birds collection.

He is a World War II veteran and spent 34 months as a commissioned officer in the U. S. Public Health Service as an entomologist. He is now in charge of the George game preserve near Gregory as part of his academic work at the University of Michigan.

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BRIDGE AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

By James C. Gray

(A report on the duplicate bridge tournament held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. You and your partner are cordially invited to participate.)

The bacon and Robert William Voss—they went home together. Because June 9 was one of those evenings when Robert William, sitting North, bid no slams when he was short two aces. Now did he underlead a single king against suit contracts. And his no-trumps were as solid as a rock. I know. It was his partner.

Second place in the North and South division of this nine table game went to Mrs. G. P. Nelson and Mrs. N. F. Hadley. In the East and West match, Helen Sobel Duglas and Josephine Galterson Renton were first, with Mac McElhaney and Sammy Hyams second.

There was I, starting for a drive to downtown Detroit, idly wondering how to fill this space this week when I was stopped by the traffic light at Wilson's Drug Store. And, lo and behold, standing waiting for a bus was this column in the form of Mr. Contract Bridge himself, C. W. Churchill.

"Hey, Church—a lift!" "Sure." So Church's two hundred and thirteen pounds were soon encountered beside me. We started down Woodward. And, naturally, the conversation immediately turned toward our favorite sport. An obviously childless driver moving at 40 in a 25 mile an hour zone whipped by us, and Church said:

"You gotta be in the right contract. That's the important thing. There are plenty of good defensive players, lots of fine card handlers, but few sound bidders. In my opinion bidding is 70 per cent of the game, defense 20 per cent, play 10 per cent."

At the Fourteen Mile road, a female in a convertible, acting rude to type, made a right turn from the left lane, and Church said:

"I can't learn how to bid by reading bridge books. Experience is the only teacher. Shall I make another bid? Shall I pass? Shall I double the opponent? No person can give you the answer. No book can either. Only years of playing with an expert and fine players—will enable you to develop sound judgment."

At the Eleven Mile road I dodged around a small boy riding "no-hands" on a bicycle, and Church said:

"Phoney bids, psychic bids—a losing game. They never fool the fine players and what's the use of trying to delude the dubs? The dubs will beat themselves. Let em play the bids."

Passing through Ferndale, I forgot to gnash my teeth at the traffic control system of uncoordinated lights because Church said:

"That man is a fine player but a bad partner. His incessant criticism exasperates his partners to the point where they're lucky to cash their aces. And he never learns. I can't figure it out. He throws away me after game because his partners are in a continuous state of jitter."

At the Ford plant in Highland Park, a tall honey blond took the high first step into a street car, turned my eyes away in a gentlemanly fashion, and Church said:

"The artificial club bid is perfectly OK. Any recognized bidding system is alright provided you know how to handle it. All systems should produce the same result."

At the Boulevard a traffic officer stared a hole through me as I just slightly rushed an amber light. Uncomfortably conscious of my Oakland county operator's license I assumed an innocent look and kept going. Church said:

"Now I personally favor the two club bid as the only game demand. This enables you to bid two diamonds, two hearts, or two spades as an opening bid to show slightly less than a game demand. If your partner has a 'bust' he can then pass."

At Brady street my course turned east. So Church disembarbed. And I went on my way thinking: when I have learned half as much bridge as that man has forgotten, I will begin to believe I know something about the game.

Join Marine Woman Reserve Unit



Cpl. Martha E. Rucker (left) and Cpl. Virginia B. McLachlin are sworn in to the new Volunteer Marine Woman Reserve Unit now forming at the Grasse Ile Naval Air Station. Both girls served with the U. S. Marine Corps during the war and now are employed by the Michigan Bell office in Birmingham. Captain Fred V. Avey, recruiting officer for the Grasse Ile detachment, administered the oath to the girls.



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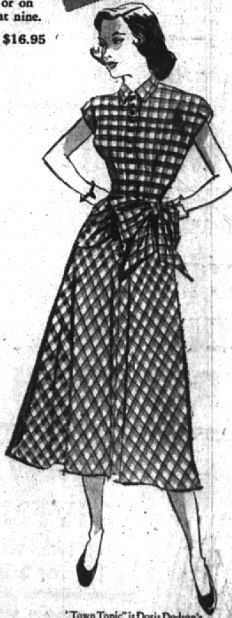
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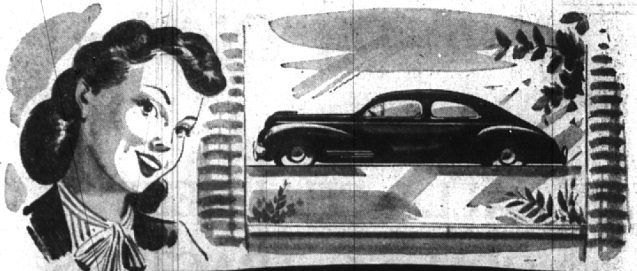
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