

BRIDGE AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

By James C. Gray

(A report on the proceedings at the day-long bridge tournament held every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. You and your partner are cordially invited to participate.)

The war between men and women goes on even at the bridge table. And brothers, I regret to report that we lost heavily in the skirmish of March 17 at the Community House. The results, with nine tables filled: North and South; May Each and Marie McElhenny; first; Esther Clarke and Gertrude Bevis, second. East and West: Jean Hough and Henry Georgia, first; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Richards, second.

On March 14, at the team-of-four matches of the Detroit district championship tournament held at the Detroit-Leland Hotel, a team composed of Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club members

finished third, one point from first place. Jean Hough, Mack McElhenny, Do. Gay and Sam Hyams made up the team. Ted Nellis was alternate.

"All the leading players from Detroit and several life masters from other cities were in this tournament," said Ted Nellis. "There is an illustration of the way they played and defended."

NORTH
H-K10xx
D-AXxx
C-KJ10x
WEST
S-x
H-J
D-KQJxxx
C-AQxxx
EAST
S-AJ10xx
H-xx
D-xx
C-xxxx
SOUTH
S-KQJxxx
H-AQxxxx
D-7

"The bidding: South, one spade; West, two diamonds; North, double; South, three hearts; North, four no-trumps; South, six hearts. There is an illustration of the way they played and defended."

"West opened the club ace which South ruffed. South then played one round of trump to test the distribution. At this point, a technical rule violation by his partner forced South to play a second round of trump, ending in dummy. He then led a small spade. The ordinary player holding the East hand would have covered with the ace. Not so, Mr. Life Master. This error would have solved all of South's problems, enabling him to establish the spade suit by ruffing it out twice. So East craftily played the ten.

"South, undaunted, had another vicious scheme ready, however. He took the spade trick with the queen. Then he led a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond in his hand, stripping East of diamonds. Finally, he led a low spade and discarded a diamond from the dummy, putting East in the lead. East was lost. He could lead only a club or a spade, either of which would give South all of the remaining tricks."

Beverly Ballard of Troy Township, who was born without several internal organs, has never been able to attend school. So the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children bring school to Beverly.

Handicapped Girl Is Aided by Sale of Easter Seals



Beverly is shown above with her teacher, Mrs. Ruth Wass of Birmingham.

This is one of many services brought to the physically handicapped by the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, which furnishes expert medical care, wheel chairs and appliances, physical therapy, bedside teaching, occupational therapy and craft work, and many other types of aid.

Work done by this Society is financed through the sale of Easter Seals which were recently mailed to 75,000 persons throughout Oakland County.

Oscar Peterson of Birmingham, chairman of the Easter Seal Campaign, says that at least \$20,000 must be raised this year in the

county if the work the Society is doing for the severely handicapped is to be continued. He urges those persons in sympathy with the program, and who have not received Easter Seals through the mail, send their check to the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, 152 West Lawrence Street, Pontiac.

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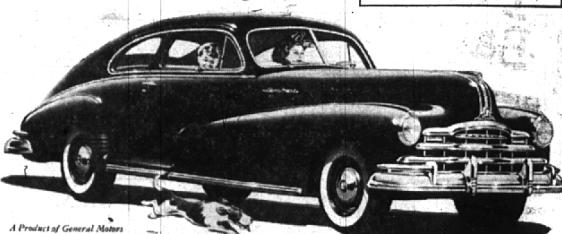
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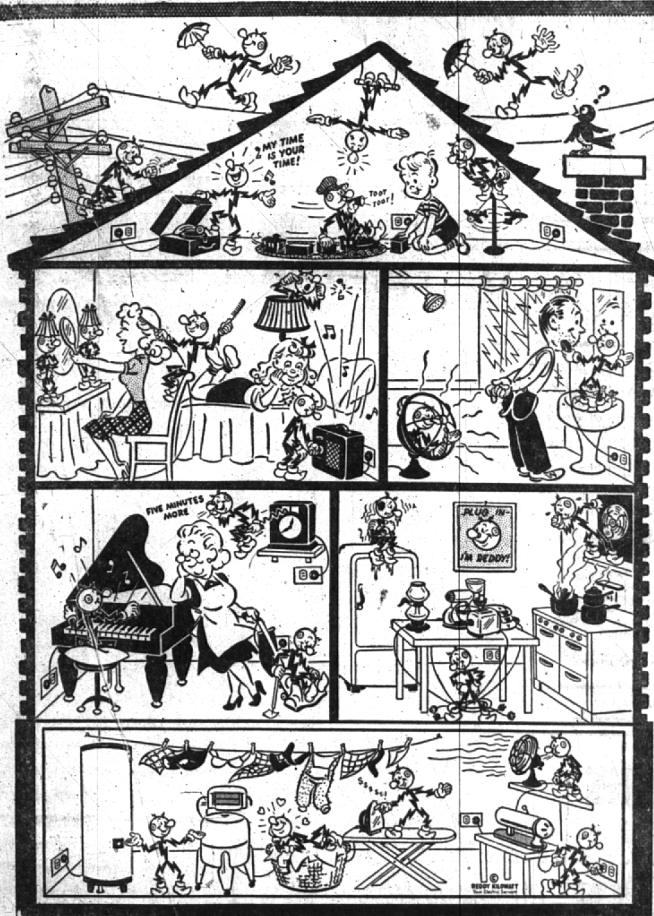
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