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**Sally Buck Named to Girls' State**

Annual election for a representative to Girls' State was held last week, by junior girls.

This year Sally Buck will be the delegate from Birmingham, spending the week of June 15-22 at the University of Michigan, choosing such activities as homemaking,

nursing, radio, photography, journalism and fundamental government.

Two outstanding girls from each Girls' State will be sent to Girls' Nation in Washington, D.C., Aug. 9-14.

Representatives are selected on the basis of leadership, mental alertness, personality and ambition. The Wolverine Girls' State is sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary.

**Michigan Mirror**  
INTERESTING... THE NEWS

By Gene Allman

An answer to the eternal question—why does government cost so much?—was provided recently by Governor Kim Sigler and Thomas J. Wilson, director of civil service.

Wilson pointed out that 3,216 new employees had been added in the past five years as a result of new activities, most of which were authorized by the legislature. Another 2,500 employees were hired to take care of an added load of work due to a 16 per cent increase in taxation.

Governor Sigler pointed out that if people wanted increased services from the State of Michigan, they must expect to pay for it.

A retired army career man, General Royce is director at \$9,500 a year. Administrative director is Don C. West, former head of the disbanded planning commission, at \$8,500 a year. The year's budget is \$108,000.

What will this new agency do? The year's program was adopted by the commission at its May meeting in Lansing. Here are some highlights: Assisting communities to make industrial surveys, such as has been done in the Upper Peninsula; including Michigan industries to consider Michigan locations when planning branch plants; development of rural industries; industrial land use; model township building code; special economic studies such as the state's transportation needs; publicity of the state's economic resources; and quarterly reports on economic conditions and trends.

The commission believes the state highway department should supplement its auto ferry service at the Straits by a similar service "between additional points."

Franklin to Memphremont had a steamerline passenger train schedule connecting Upper and Lower Peninsula cities is also suggested.

The new department's value will be judged in the future by what it accomplishes. Again, the agency illustrates the point that growth of public service is usually the result of demands made upon the legislature. We get what we are willing to pay for.

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**BRIDGE AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE**

By James C. Gray

48 regular on the Michigan bridge tournament held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 (School: You and your partner are cordially invited to participate).

Gull Rothfuss has found it—the element that works. From an indifferent bridge player a short time ago, Gull has burgeoned into a reliable partner and a dangerous opponent. It is a rare game now when he fails to collect one of the prizes.

Gull and his partner, Charles Thumser, were second in the East and West match of a nine-table tournament on May 19. Connie Sills and Mary Fletcher took first place. In the North and South division Mrs. James H. McGuire and John Kraus were the winners. With the Jim-Fenwick and Gray—second.

The bridge experts' "expert" manifests itself in the small departures from the myopic methods of the tyro. The following deal is a case in point.

**NORTH**  
S—xxxx  
H—A K x  
D—A K x  
C—A K 10 x

**EAST**  
S—A J 10 x x  
H—10  
D—K Q x x  
C—x x x

**SOUTH**  
S—K Q  
H—Q J x x x  
D—x x x x  
C—Q x

The auction: North, one club; East, one spade; South, two hearts; North, three hearts; South, four hearts.

The opening lead was a small spade. East captured this trick

**HOW TO Care For Your Dog**

By Erik Bergthagen

(Bergthagen, well-known Birmingham authority on dogs, their care and habits, welcomes letters, from readers concerning special dog problems. Write him in care of The Eccentric.)

**BATHING**

One of the most frequent questions asked kennel men and breeders is, "How often should my dog be bathed?" The answer depends on a number of factors.

Generally speaking, the dog should not be bathed more frequently than once a month. However, this statement is open to qualification depending on the many other factors.

Is it a long or short-haired dog? Is the dog groomed regularly with the proper comb and brush? Under what conditions is the dog kept? All this has to do with the frequency of bathing.

As a rule, short-haired dogs do not get as dirty as quickly as long-haired breeds. This is due mainly to the fact that the matted hair of an unkempt coat will retain the dirt and dust.

An animal that is brushed and combed daily is, generally speaking, a cleaner and as a result a much healthier animal. And, will require less frequent bathing.

When the dog is lathered pick warm sunny day. Use plenty of water and a good mild, white soap. Most medicated soaps have very little medicating properties and tend to cause skin irritation.

Be sure to rinse out all traces of the soap and rub the dog down deftly with a rough towel. Then allow him to dry off in the sun in a place that is free of draughts.

After the dog is thoroughly dry, use the comb and brush with vigor and then stand back and admire your handiwork.

with the ace and returned a spade, South's king holding. South led a heart to the ace, East's ten dropping. Gull's partner led a heart with himself.

"Bad—bad. West holds all the outstanding diamonds and has the outstanding spades (from the bidding). Lose two diamonds and try to ruff out in dummy? No, brother. Another spade lead from East would give West a sure trick in hearts."

"Only one chance—the club finesse against the jack. If it holds, the diamond losers can be discarded from the South hand."

The declarer played three more rounds of trump hoping for club discards from East. But East can't discard one spade and two diamonds instead. At this point, the family bridge player would start the club suit, nursing his last trump in the customary fashion. (All types like to "save a trump for the last trick.") Fortune would smile on him, of course, and he would make the contract because the club finesse would hold.

But Mr. Expert didn't do it that way. He wanted information on the club holding before chasing the finesse. Maybe the jack would hold. So he led the ten of trump. West and East both accommodated with club discards. The club queen was played. But the small club was led. West was forced to play the nine and South's problem was solved. The finesse was necessary. The jack must drop on the next trick.

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