

# BRIDGE in BIRMINGHAM

By **BUD MAYBAUM**  
Southern Michigan  
Bridge Association

Being the father of a large family, a bridge teacher and director of two bridge tournaments, Harry Philp, of the Birmingham area, does not find it possible to play as often as he desires.

However, when the opportunity occurs, he usually obtains such results as are displayed in today's hand.

Harry was able to make his contract on a "squeeze play" which takes a master's touch to execute, is beautiful to watch and gives exciting results.

East and West vulnerable:  
**NORTH (dealer)**  
♠ 9 7 6 5 3  
♥ K  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ J 8

**WEST** ♠ 10 4 2  
♥ 10 9 7 2  
♦ 5 4 2  
♣ 10 4

**EAST** ♠ A K Q 8  
♥ 6  
♦ 10 9 8  
♣ K Q 7 3 2

**SOUTH (Harry Philp)**  
♠ none  
♥ A Q 8 5 4 3  
♦ K J 3  
♣ 9 6 5

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♠ pass  
2 ♠ pass 4 N T pass  
5 ♣ pass 6 ♣ bid  
All pass

Opening lead: 10 ♣  
Harry covered the opening lead of the 10 of clubs with the jack, which East won with the queen. East now led the king of spades which was ruffed in the closed hand.

South led a small heart to the king and returned a small spade which he again ruffed.

Harry then played four rounds of trump, discarding two spades, one club and one heart from dummy. Next, he led his king of diamonds and the following cards remained:

**NORTH**  
♠ J 5  
♥ A 6  
♦ A  
♣ 8

**WEST** ♠ 10  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ 4

**EAST** ♠ A K  
♥ A K 8 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ 8  
♥ J 3  
♦ 7 6

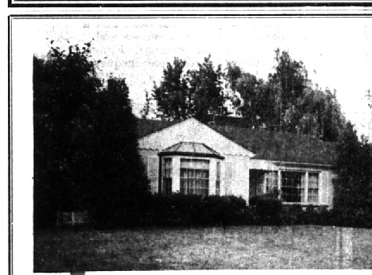


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AS THE SUMMER wore on and a drought settled over the area, the grass slowed down and the neighbors put their power mowers back in storage. Now for sure it would be delightfully quiet and we could loiter around and read and luxuriate around the pool. Surely nothing else could disturb the tranquility of our country living.

THE ONE THING we didn't plan on was the fact that our wasn't the only home to be built in the area. Other people also liked the neighborhood and this meant excavation, grading and tree removal. To accomplish successfully this sort of thing the contractor would be using some rather noisy equipment. And if you don't think steam shovels and bulldozers are noisy at 7 a.m. Saturday morning you have a surprise coming to you.

"The peace and quiet surely will come later," I said as I buried my head in my pillow hoping the equipment would break down. Well, they didn't manage to break down but eventually they moved on where, I suppose, they would jolt someone else out of bed.

But then I made another discovery. Houses are put together with nails—and nails must be hammered. And before a carpenter can use his hammer the boards must be cut to correct size. Both hammers and saws make noise. Lots of noise, and carpenters will put boiler makers to shame when it comes to making noise.

AFTER THE LAST house within the range of our hearing had been completed and the carpenters had disappeared the neighbors decided it was time to start the swimming pools.

When the trailer trucks lumbered into the neighborhood transporting the steam shovels, I thought for a moment we'd lost World War II. I was almost sure a German panzer division was about to capture the town.

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## Behind the Welcome Mat

by CORINNE ABATT

If there breathes a woman who never nags her husband she probably has either the one-in-a-million perfect mate or a permanent case of laryngitis.

Obviously the reasons behind a woman's compulsion to nag may range from highly psychotic ones to a gentle desire to find room for improvement in almost everything.

I know many husbands who are nagged and don't even know it because their wives have learned that with a hostile audience you start out on a point of agreement.

So instead of harping at their husbands with a phrase like, "Charlie, why must you wear that lousy green tie with the blue shirt," these clever ladies take a positive approach. "I love that blue shirt, but the silver and blue tie would do more for your eyes—what I mean is, you'd look fabulous in the other tie."

Now, Charlie, smart guy that he is, figures he is being hoodwinked, but he probably won't care as long as he ends up looking fabulous.

MANY A MAN who spends his spare time eating and sitting finds he has a spare tire to show for it. This accumulation of "avoir-dupos" is often a favorite nagging point with the little woman. Of course, if

she nags the guy into doing something about it, she is actually putting years on his life — fatally speaking.

One friend, determined to keep her husband at his weight, newly dieted-off form, has posted signs on all the goodies in the cupboard like, "These are a thousand calories a handful" and "You don't want to be a big, fat slob again, do you?" Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand nags. A nice, clear color photo or movie which shows a person looking like the "before" in a weight lifting ad may clinch the resolve to hop on the diet wagon.

ONE OF MY mother's pieces of advice for me was, "Never marry a man with the idea of changing him." Well, Mom, it isn't that we wives want to change our husbands, it's just that most of us feel compelled to make an occasional minor alteration.

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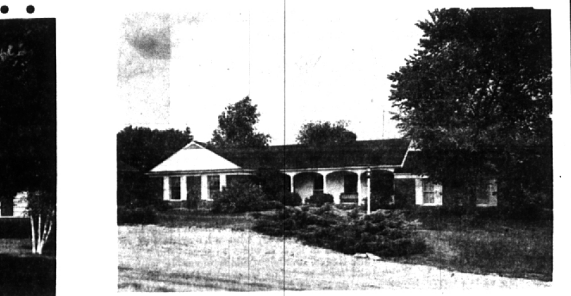


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