

### Studying Scripts

MSUO Summer Theatre School students relax on campus while looking over the scripts for "Mrs. McThing" which they will present Tuesday through Aug. 4, at 8 p.m. each evening in the Gold Room of the student center. Seater (from left) are Lynn Bowman, 931 Ridgedale, Birmingham; Bob Woods and Mrs. Bernice Rogers, both of 699 Bennington, Bloomfield Hills. Standing behind are Pamela Roberts of Rochester and Ray Lyon, also of 699 Bennington, Bloomfield Hills. Also in the play, but not in the picture is Jennifer Jackson, 927 Madison, Birmingham. "Mrs. McThing" is being directed by William Merrill, former owner and director of Will-O-Way Theatre.



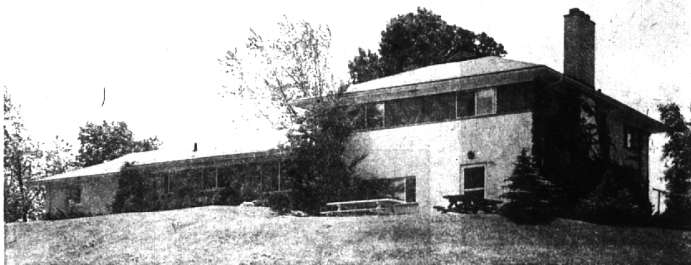
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## BRIDGE in BIRMINGHAM

By **BUD MAYBAUM**  
Southern Michigan  
Bridge Association

Today's hand was played in the Southern Michigan Bridge Association's sectional tournament by Norma Keller of the greater Birmingham area.

Norma was one of the founders of the Southern Michigan Bridge Association and is its very efficient Secretary.

East and West attempted to bid Norma out of the slam, but being the real "pro" that she is, it was to no avail.

North and South vulnerable:

**NORTH**  
▲ T 5 3  
♦ A J 4 3  
♥ K 5 6  
♣ A 7 2

**WEST**      **EAST (dealer)**  
▲ A 8      ▲ J 2  
♥ Q 10 9 8 5      ♥ K 7  
♦ Q 7 5      ♦ 8 3 2  
♣ 5 4 3      ♣ Q J 10 9 8 6

**SOUTH (Norma Keller)**  
▲ K Q 10 9 6 4  
♦ 6 4  
♥ A J 10 4  
♣ K

The bidding:  
**EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH**  
3    3    3    5    5    5  
pass 6    4    all pass

Opening lead: 3 ♠  
East's bid was a pre-empt, aimed at blocking North and South from arriving at the proper contract.

West also wanted to get into the fray and made the second pre-empt of five clubs. This bid also blocked a "blackwood" call by North or South. They now had to guess at the proper bid.

North's bid of five spades was the least she could do. Norma now accepted the challenge of the two pre-empt bids by her opponents by bidding six spades.

**IN PLAYING** the hand, West opened the three of clubs which was won in the closed hand. Norma now returned the heart to the dummy's ace. She cashed in the ace of clubs and dropped her remaining heart, then led the three of spades to her closed hand and played the queen. West won with the ace and returned his eight of spades which cleared the suit.

**NORMA WAS** now in the position that she must open the diamond suit herself; but to whom was she to play for the queen? Neither opponent was clearly marked as having the queen, but Norma reasoned that West returned the small spade because he didn't have the king of hearts. Therefore East must have it. Besides, if East had that king she would have had too many points

On the next play she parted with the four of diamonds and hooked the nine in dummy to make her slam.  
She was the only one in the room who bid six that made the contract.

**OTHER BIRMINGHAM** area players who fared well in this tournament were Ruth Ann Keller, Henry Georgia, Edwin V. Clarke, George Alderton III, Dr. and Mrs.

Lutz; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sandelman; Dr. and Mrs. Harold Barron.  
Last call for national championship game at Elks Temple in Pontiac on July 28th at 1:30 p.m. for charity.

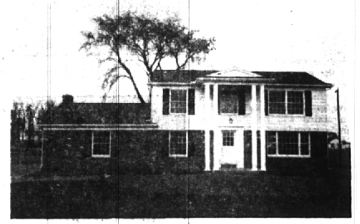
**World Festival**  
The first annual Nations of the World Festival will be held at the fairgrounds in Detroit Sunday, beginning at 10 a.m.

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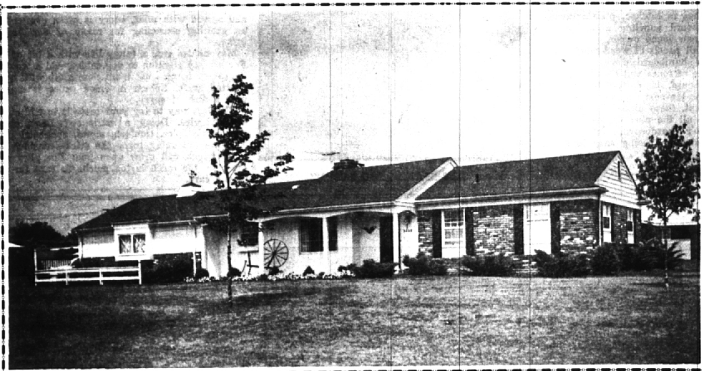
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