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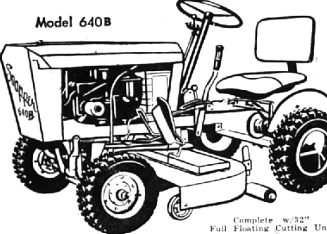
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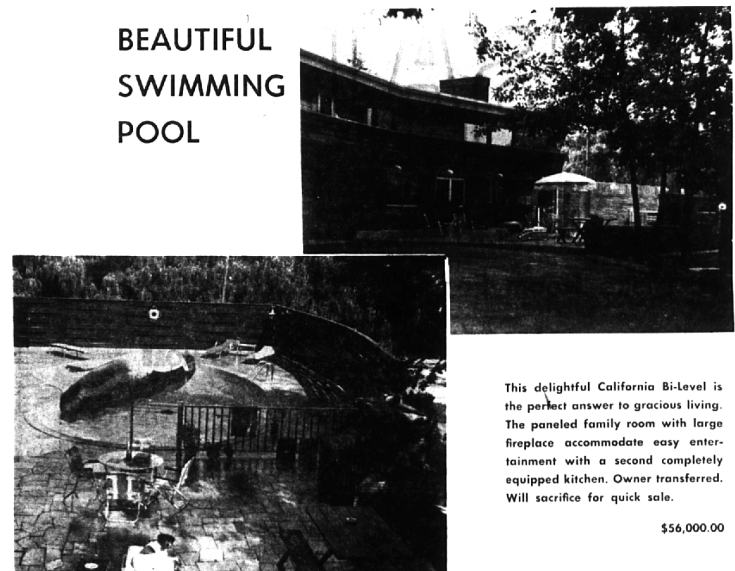
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BRIDGE in BIRMINGHAM

By RUD MAYBAUM
Southern Michigan Bridge Association

Nearly all the really great bridge players in United States and Canada gathered in Youngstown for their regional tournament recently.

Bruce Coryell of the greater Birmingham area was no exception. Playing with Don Bowen, they won the president's pair. Also competing in this event were such players as Mr. Jacoby, the top player in North America, and others of this category.

Today's hand shows the daring of these winners. North and South with a combined 22 points looked like sure winners.

Both sides vulnerable:

NORTH (dealer)
▲ K 10
♥ K 6 5
♦ 10 7 5
♠ 10 8 7 4 3

WEST (Coryell) EAST (Bowen)
▲ 9 8 7 3 ▲ A Q 4 2
♥ Q 8 ♥ 10 7 3 2
♦ A 9 6 4 ♦ K J 8 4
♠ Q 9 2 ♠ 6

SOUTH
▲ J 6 5
♥ A J 9 4
♦ Q 2
♠ A K J 5

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
pass pass 1 NT pass
pass Dble all pass
Opening lead: ♠ 9

Behind the Welcome Mat
by CORINNE ABATT

Our two girls, ages eight and two and a half, slipped out of the dressing room when I was trying on dresses this spring, and I found them later in the children's department of the store.

Instead of shoeing them back, the saleslady asked what type of clothes they wished to look at, found the right sizes for each, and even pointed out several good buys on the sale table to the older one.

By the time I found them they had picked out some things for me to look over. I had the feeling I had been had, but it was done with tact and grace and I was secretly pleased.

The clerk for her efforts got a good sale and the girls were delighted to have been treated as bona fide customers.

ONCE IN A while there is a night when I can't bring myself to clear the floor of all the pull-toys, blocks, balls, tops and model cars before going to bed.

But I sleep well, comforted by a fact that I have left behind me the most foolproof burglar alarm ever made.

For anyone foolish enough to try to make it to our cache of valuables (?) would suffer at least a sprained ankle, and more likely a cracked skull, before beating a fast retreat back over the obstacle course.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED to ox-tail soup? As youngsters we demanded it every day simply because it sounded like the next most exciting thing to tiger stew.

Amazing how good the rather dubious sounding combination of chocolate milk and cake tastes on a hot summer day—likewise milk and gingerale.

When we found that our kitten, Tuffy, has six toes on each front paw, we thought it was pretty special. But it turns out that six-toed cats are fairly common in the area.

Our baby sitter says six-toed cats are always good mousers and Granddaddy reports that the six-toed cat of his youth could pick up a spool of thread.



'There, Just the Spot'

Miss Myra Showman, education director at the Birmingham Community House, chooses the proper spot for a small clay vase on the ceramics table display. The ceramics exhibit was one of many at the Community House last week as local artists placed works of science and all types of art on exhibit as part of the city's Michigan Week observance.

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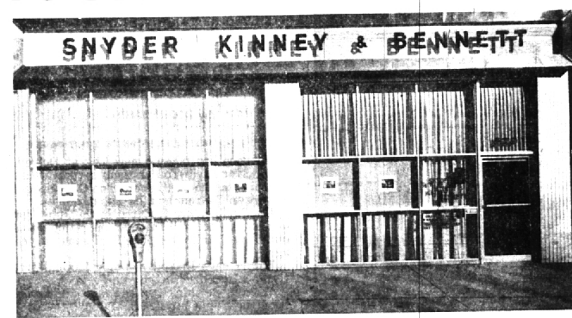
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