

# BRIDGE

in BIRMINGHAM

By **BUD MAYBAUM**  
Southern Michigan  
Bridge Association

In the recent regional tournament held at the Detroit Leland Hotel, Birmingham players did very well. They brought home stacks of those difficult red points that are required to become a life master.

I have noticed that Helen Bernarshi has had her name in this article almost every week as a winner and she took the regional in stride. She came in first in her section in the women's pair with Dorothy MacPherson as her partner.

Today's hand, as played by them, is a good example in how to lure your opponents into handing you a top board. Helen very cleverly laid the trap, and in they fell. Neither side vulnerable. Dealer is North.

- NORTH** (Dorothy MacPherson)
- ♠ A 8 6
  - ♥ 5 3
  - ♦ A 10 6 2
  - ♣ K J 7 4
- WEST**
- ♠ 9 5 3
  - ♥ 8 7 2
  - ♦ Q J 4
  - ♣ 10 5 2
- EAST**
- ♠ Q 9 7 4
  - ♥ Q J 6 4
  - ♦ 7 5
  - ♣ 9 8 3
- SOUTH** (Helen Bernarshi)
- ♠ 10 2
  - ♥ A K 10 9
  - ♦ K 8 8 3
  - ♣ A Q 6

The bidding:  
**NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST**  
1 ♠ pass 1 ♠ pass  
2 ♠ pass 2 ♠ pass  
3 ♠ pass 4 NT pass  
5 ♠ pass 6 NT all pass

Opening lead: 8 ♠

Helen had hopes of a slam when her partner opened the bidding and when the best her partner could do was to bid two diamonds, she knew she had her work cut out for her to bring in a slam. Her two spades was a new suit and therefore could not be passed, and she must block a spade lead if she is to win this hand.

The bidding almost forced West to lead the top of nothing eight of hearts, and West's jack was covered with the ace. From this point on, Helen had her contract assured. She gave up a diamond trick and later hooked East for the queen of hearts, that she was marked with, and won herself and her partner a top board.

Most South hands avoided the no trump due to their inability to find the stopper in North's hand. If North plays the hand, and South having bid hearts, East will open the Spade and six no trump can't be made.

**RED POINT** winners from Birmingham include: Tom Batton and

Walter Lauchner; Cjpa Walker and Gerry Reisman; Ralph Tyson and Robert Larson; Dr. Harris and George Alderton III; Mr. and Mrs. Starr Wadley; E. M. and W. O. Cunningham; Terry O'Hearn and Robert Murphy; Dottie Barron; Robert Gasvoda; Robert Sheppard; Gene Miller and Joan Dindler; Tuckie Stinson and Martin Madvin; Dan Hartman and Bill Frank; Margaret Lockwood; Walter Goldsmith; Barbara Madvin.

**RECENT WINNERS** in Birmingham Tournaments include: Bob Voss and Mother; Helen and Cy O'Neil; Mr. and Mrs. Coffin; Joan Muller and Dorothy Fox; Helen and Mike Bailie; Ann Hasikin and Ruth Guild; Grace Stone and Muriel Wetsman; Loretta Rice

## He'll Play the Lead In WSU 'Julius Caesar'

A former teacher of English at Birmingham's Seaholm High School, David L. Meneghel, has been named a member of Wayne State University's new Classic Theatre Repertory Company. Meneghel will play the title role in "Julius Caesar," which will open a series of four Shakespearean plays at Wayne Jan. 15.

A candidate for a Ph.D. at Wayne, Meneghel is one of 33 members of the repertory company, which was selected from 250 applicants around the nation.



DAVID L. MENEGHEL

**DON'T FORGET** our Winner's game the second Sunday of the month at the St. Clair Shores Recreation.

Nearby Sectional tournaments of interest include Lansing this weekend; Nov. 8 through 10, and another the following weekend in Toledo. I will gladly give details of these events on request.

The actor-teacher has appeared in several major Wayne theatre productions including "King Lear," "Rohomou" and "All the Way Home." In 1959 he won a Best Actor Award as an undergraduate at Eastern Michigan University.

The opening season of Wayne State's Classic Theatre has been named "Shakespeare 400" in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare.

The season, to run for six months, also will include "As You Like It," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Antony and Cleopatra."

Meneghel, who taught at Seaholm for three years, lives with his wife and two daughters at 1388 Ruffner, Birmingham.

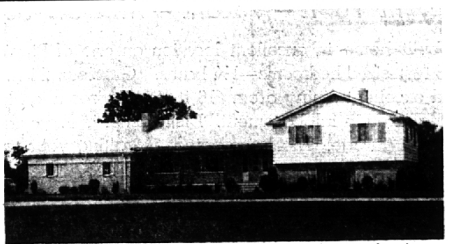
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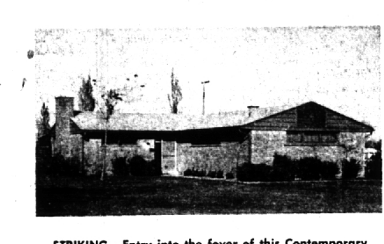
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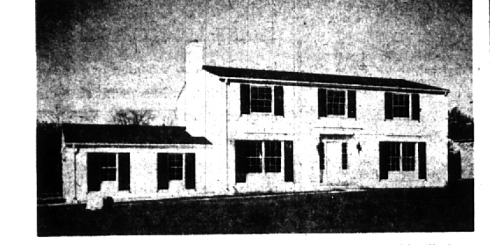
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