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Oriental Trains, Hospitality, Traditional Art Please Couple

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth in a series of dispatches to The Eccentric from Donald Dennis and his wife, Margaret, as they make a seven-month trip around the world. Dennis teaches art at Bloomfield Hills High School; his wife is a visiting teacher in the same school system. The following letter was written shortly before their departure from Japan.

The train service of Japan could well be one of the seven wonders of the modern world. Now that we are ending our stay in Japan, we feel qualified to reflect with some authority on Japan's main artery of transportation.

We have traveled on all trains from third class locals to so-called "romance" specials going for longer trips and each one is unique.

IF YOU PLAN to travel from one large city to another, be prepared for one continuous meal experience.

If the train windows can open, every stop finds vendors eagerly hawking their wares (this is usually box lunches of basic fish and rice or fruits) and the train passengers with arms and heads protruding from the windows, just as eager to buy.

If the windows cannot be opened, train stewards push carts down the aisles, selling everything from pots of tea to complete four-course dinners.

This process is repeated every half hour or so and it is immediately apparent that the Japanese people are the biggest "chow hounds" in the world—at least those riding trains appear to be.

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OF COURSE, a trip to Japan is not complete until you partake of the traditional tea ceremony and observe some of the classic theater and dances. It is here that we were exposed to the grace and poise of the Oriental way.

For things traditional, the Japanese have great respect, and in spite of the modern Western influence, this part of the Japanese way of life seems to be holding its own.

THEATERS offer good family entertainment and even these restaurants in the large cities are coming into vogue.

For our last night in Tokyo, Marmie and I are planning to splurge a little and visit the "Mikado" theater restaurant for dinner.

OUR MOST interesting visit was to a little out-of-the-way shop specializing in the sale of wood-block prints.

It was quite by accident that we stumbled in to the "Red Lantern" as it had started to rain and we were really looking for shelter. The proprietor was an extremely polite old gentleman and since we were not in any hurry, he invited us to sit and talk for awhile.

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THE third afternoon session of the Oakland Hills Country Club's women's duplicate bridge tournament took place at the club on March 13.

Winners at North-South position were: first, Mrs. J. Howard Reed and Mrs. Charles B. O'Neil; second, Mrs. Joseph P. Staphinakas and Mrs. George H. Quinn; third, Mrs. Walter Westman and Mrs. Chester A. C. Cahn.

At East-West, winners were: first, Mrs. John W. Chouault and Mrs. Richard J. Osborn; second, Mrs. Wayne M. Spade and Mrs. James W. Gunn; third, Mrs. Alton J. Hole and Mrs. Harry B. Stillman.

Mrs. C. Boyd Stockmeyer is chairman of the after-bridge tournament, which is sponsored by the Oakland Hills special activities committee of which Don W. Graham is chairman. Mixed pairs will compete tonight. The date for the next afternoon competition is Wednesday.

WE HAVE ALSO been able to visit artists at work on the wood-blocks, cloisonne, bonnaki (sand painting) and ceramics. All of them are very interesting.

Bridge

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of spades, with which he was already marked.

THE LINE of play was to play all five of his hearts, leaving his hand with four cards, all three original clubs and the seven of spades.

Don left the dummy with two spades and two clubs. When East reduced his hand to four cards, he must keep three clubs or lose all the clubs—and one spade.

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RECENT WINNERS in the Birmingham area include: Gloria Ravitz and Barbara Macdon; Goldie Beal and Hilda Murphy; Dave Cooper and Jim Penwick; Ed Ravitz and Marty Madman; Dr. Robert Chappert and Dr. Lee Hughes; Louise Benjamin and Ollie Swartz; Maxine Morden and Irene Bowden; Pat Holloway and Fran Greenleaf.

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phy; Dr. and Mrs. Harold Barron; Edwin V. and George Clarke; George Alderton III and Jim Cook. The Southern Michigan Bridge Association will hold their annual Port Huron Tournament, which is a sectional affair, at the Harrington Hotel starting April 4. On the evening of the 4th will be the men's team and women's team; on the 5th we will have an individual in the afternoon and a mixed pair at night; on the 6th will be the open pairs, the novice pairs and limited pairs. On the 7th we will have the women's pairs, the men's pairs and team of four.

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Miss Patricia Brown, director of secondary school libraries of Royal Oak, was elected chairman. Mrs. Dorothy Marks, director of Ferndale School libraries, was elected vice-chairman. Robert Shaw, librarian for the County Board of Education was elected secretary-treasurer.

Miss Brown said the purpose of the group will be the improvement of school library service within the County. The next meeting will be held in May.

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