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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 11th 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 about their stay in Nepal.

Situated in the lap of the Himalaya Mountains to the north of India lies one of the most picturesque little kingdoms in the world. This is Nepal, birthplace of the Lord Buddha and the meeting place for Hindu gods and Buddhist temples.

Flying into this tiny country (about half the size of Colorado) is like flying into Hilton's "Shangri La."
The minute we stepped out of the plane, which only seconds before had been threading its way between some beautiful mountain scenery, we knew that we were going to enjoy it.

THE ENTIRE VALLEY felt as though it might be air-conditioned for our comfort. We had spent the previous day sweating in noisy, hot, humid Calcutta (temperature 103 degrees and humidity 98 percent) so a dry 75 degrees was more than welcome.

The customs procedure was as varied as the weather. We were invited to sit down on the veranda of the terminal and have a soft drink while the officials made the necessary stamps on our visas and gave our luggage a hard look. This formality would probably have taken five minutes anywhere else, but in Nepal it took almost an hour. The time was pleasantly spent discussing the weather, the U.S. climbing team's progress and other important bits of news while we waited.

TRANSPORTATION to our hotel was really wild. We rode in an old touring car of about '29 vintage—a collector's

item in the states, but here it was par for the course. What a course it was, too, with loose boulders, ruts and cattle forcing our driver to drive as much sideways as straight ahead; but finally we made it to the "know view hotel."

This was to be our home away from home for three days. The minute we were situated and



"THIS LITTLE girl was one of hundreds of area tribespeople who descended into remote Kathmandu, Nepal, in the Himalayan Mountains for a two-day festival which took place while the Donald Dennis were visiting this remote area and many other tribal people, each group having its own individual dress and means of ornamentation."

had the same air of a relaxed, simple way of life.

AS LUCK WOULD have it, we were in for part of a festival that was to last for two days. People were everywhere and what a mixture to please the eye of a photographer! There were Brahmins, Sherpas, Newars and many other tribal people, all in their own individual dress and each one distinct from the other.

Earls, noses and cheeks were pierced for ornamentation and tattoos were prevalent on women as well as men. In some cases, the more holes in the ear, the more beautiful the girl.

IN THE MIDST of all this hubbub, cattle roamed at will, frustrating the cab drivers and street merchants with their poor sense of direction.
Most people walk in Nepal, and we could see why. It is much faster and simpler. Besides, no one seems in a hurry, and the Nepalese would rather sit and visit or nap than work.

All the villages that we visited

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By **RUD MAYBAUM**
Southern Michigan Bridge Association
Reporting the recent sectional tournament at Fort Huron, I did state that Greta Shepherd and

Ollie Swarzwaldter had successful games, but neglected to say they were first overall in the event. The affair drew in Birmingham and many other tribal people, each group having its own individual dress and means of ornamentation.
king on side she could now see that if the diamonds broke three-three she could make all thirteen tricks, but if they were four-two, she would be down one trick. She also knew that most North and South pairs would not be in a small slam with only 28 high card points, so she decided to play for the four-two break in the diamond suit.
After extracting the trumps, Mary led a diamond from the closed hand and when West played the three, Mary played the nine from dummy. East won this trick and played a club in an attempt to reduce entries in the dummy. The closed hand won the trick and she then played a second diamond, which she won in dummy with the ace.
She now played the king and then a small diamond which she ruffed in the closed hand; she returned to dummy with the club. This method of play gave her a top board and a well calculated play of the hand.

Both vulnerable. Dealer: North

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 5 3	♠ 6 2	♠ 8 7 6	♠ 4 3
♥ A 6 2	♥ K 8 7 6	♥ Q J 10 9	♥ Q J 10 4
♦ A 5 2	♦ Q 9 8	♦ K 7 6	♦ Q 3 8 7 4
SOUTH		WEST	
♠ K 7 2	♠ Q J 10 7 5	♠ 4 3	♠ 2
♥ A 5 2	♥ 4 3	♥ 2	♥ 2
♦ A 5 2	♦ 4 3	♦ 4 3	♦ 4 3
♣ 4	♣ 4	♣ 4	♣ 4

The bidding: North 1♣, East 1♥, South 2♥, West 2NT, pass, 5♣, all pass.
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