



To Show or Not to Show

Trying to help Mrs. Stuart P. Webb (center) decide which of the works in her Royal Oak studio to exhibit in the opening Terra Cotta Sculptors' show at the Birmingham Art Center are Mrs. James C. King (left) of 967 Rivenock, Birmingham, and Mrs. Edwin Mork of 1860 Pine Street, Birmingham. Mrs. Mork is chairman of the group's annual exhibition which opens (with a reception from 2 to 6 p.m.) Sunday and will run through June 9; Mrs. Webb and Mrs. King are serving as co-chairmen. Gallery hours will be from 2 to 5 p.m. except Monday.

BRIDGE
in BIRMINGHAM

By **BUD MAYBAUM**
Southern Michigan Bridge Association

One of our consistent winners in the Birmingham tournaments is Helen Boothman. One reason for this success is her understanding of her partner and another is her careful play of the hand.

In the interesting hand for today, may we describe Helen's partner as a bit wild? However, understanding this, Helen did arrive at the right contract and played the hand as the expert, that is, North and South vulnerable. Dealer is South.

NORTH
♠ AK4
♥ QJ87632
♦ 7
♣ 83

EAST
♠ Q75
♥ K10954
♦ J105
♣ 102

SOUTH
(Helen Boothman)
♠ J106
♥ A62
♦ AKQJ94
♣ AKQJ94

The bidding:
South 1♣ North 2♥
3♠ pass 4♥ pass
4NT pass 5♣ pass
all pass
Opening lead: K♣

I believe that North should have bid only one heart on the first call. When Helen would have bid three clubs, North could properly bid four hearts. From this bidding Helen then could either pass and arrive at the second best contract or continue on to the best contract of six clubs.

West's opening lead of the diamond king was won with the ace; a diamond return was refused in Dummy. Had Helen returned to her hand with a heart, the contract would have been doomed. Helen knew she was in the only contract that would collect all the points, so she decided to take no chances and assure her contract.

On the third trick, Helen returned to her hand with a trump and withdrew all opponents' trump and then cashed her ace of hearts. She returned to the dummy with a spade and played the queen of hearts. The location of the king made no difference, because if the king were covered, she could trump and, upon her return to dummy, discard her third diamond or spade.

Association Elects Area School Head
Eugene Johnson, superintendent of Bloomfield Hills School District, has been elected president of the Jakkand County School Administrators Association. He will take office in June, succeeding Les Green of Clarkston. The association meets monthly. Made up of some 50 superintendents and assistant superintendents, it is concerned with current school problems and school legislation.

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Potpourri
by **JULIE CANDLER**
Special Writer

I won't mention any names, but at least one Birmingham man slept through parts of "Boris Godunov." Another Birmingham male was out for a short count while Otello was thinking unkind things about Desdemona.

It wasn't the fault of the Metropolitan Opera Co. of the singers at last week's performances. The soprific problem was the blue cloud of hor, smoke-filled air that suffocated some opera-goers to semi-consciousness. (And they think Desdemona had trouble breathing.)

The M.-sonic Temple balcony was especially sweetening after the first act or so. Somebody should do something about circulating the air or letting some fresh breezes waft across the auditorium to keep the tired men awake. Besides, warm temperatures aren't good for those sable and chinchilla coats.

QUOTE of the week: "Culture is every man's itch and the arts are the means of scratching." Paul Ylvisaker, director, Public Affairs Program, Ford Foundation.

WHILE BIRMINGHAM Arts Festival producers were developing a scratching device for local residents' cultural itch, they ran into a problem last week.

Winnie (Mrs. Bean) Coffin can't project her hiccup. She's supposed to be a tiny Aunt Maggie in "The High Cost of Loving," the festival musical. But when she began rehearsing, her feeble hiccup was inaudible beyond the first row.

Those clever arts festival producers called in a doctor—Jack Hassberger, who happens to be directing the musical. (It's scheduled for performances June 20 through 23 in a geodesic dome in Shain Park.)

THE TALENTED Mrs. Coffin told her doctor-director, "I've spent my life teaching my kids not to belch—and now I've got to hiccup all over the place. I'll never make it!"

When Dr. Hassberger got through demonstrating the vocal mechanisms with which a girl should make her hiccup heard after a lifetime of suppression, the results were great.

I hear they're going to reinforce the geodesic beams to make certain the dome doesn't collapse from a thundering hiccup.

DIETING CAN be fun—the Potpourri pipeline learned recently on a trip just over the border from Bloomington to see Dick Osgood, WXYZ radio-TV show biz reporter, commentator and critic.

Dick, who lives out 14 Mile Road near the Eagle School, claimed he had just lost seven pounds from a tremendous new diet.

For breakfast, you have a boiled egg and a small glass of white wine. For lunch, you have two boiled eggs and two glasses of white wine. Dinner is the best part: you eat a small steak or serving of some lean meat, and then drink the rest of the bottle of white wine.

This diet will not only make you trim and shapely, but happy. Only trouble is, you aren't supposed to extend it beyond two days.

9 Area Residents Receive Degrees From Cranbrook

Nine Birmingham and area residents will receive degrees from Cranbrook Academy of Art in convocation ceremonies Friday at 4 p.m. in the Art Academy Library.

Receiving Master of Fine Art degrees are: Donald F. Fields, 725 N. Eton Road; Burton Dickerson, 828 Greenfield Road; Richard E. Kraft, 224 E. Brown; Jack Ramsey, 275 E. Brown; Alan L. Melis, 827 Walnut, Lake Orion—all in painting—and Marvin C. Anderson, 211 Townsend, in sculpture.

Bachelor of Fine Art degrees: David C. Ghesquiere, 9361 Franklin Road, in design; Mrs. Isabelle Waiting Mack, 132 N. Woodward, in sculpture, and J. Patrick Kemp, 4120 Middlebelt, Orchard Lake, in painting.

Norman Boothby, dean of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, will give the commencement address.

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