

# Dennises Wind Up Their European Trip

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the last 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 will resume his duties as teacher of art in Bloomfield Hills High School; his wife is a visiting teacher in the same school system. The following letter is written from Copenhagen, Denmark, after a trip through Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands.

The final leg of our European trip, as well as our world tour, was planned (in the beginning) so that we would finish in Scandinavia. Two factors prompted this decision. The first was a consideration given to the weather, as summer always arrives here after July 4. The second reason was to save the best shopping area until last, for the Scandinavian design can be quite hazardous to the planned purse strings of an extended trip.

**THE WEATHER** proved to be ideal all the way, with only a suggestion of rain coming occasionally at night. The shops displayed their tempting wares, but it was easy to resist when one was at the bottom of a budget.

Driving north from France through Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

We planned our route so as to avoid the large cities and spend some time in wandering through the countryside in search of the castles, canals and color found only in the more remote areas.

**LUXEMBOURG** gave us rolling hills with numerous small vil-

lages nestled at the foot of imposing villas perched on heavily wooded hillsides.

The large frame houses with their gabled rooftops (tiled in red and black and slanted to a high peak) each had an air of royalty. Heavy wooden window frames, shutters and doors added an ornate touch to this little grand duchy.

In less than a day's time, we found ourselves crossing a casually guarded border station into Belgium, and an entirely different landscape began to unfold.

This time we saw more farmland, cleared and cultivated and stretching between modern industrial and commercial cities, much the same as in the Midwestern area of America.

**WE STOPPED** for a while in Bastogne to see the monument to one of the greatest battles of World War II. Moving on toward Liege, we came to the more industrial areas with their ultra-modern apartment buildings pushing out the old 19th-century red brick family units.

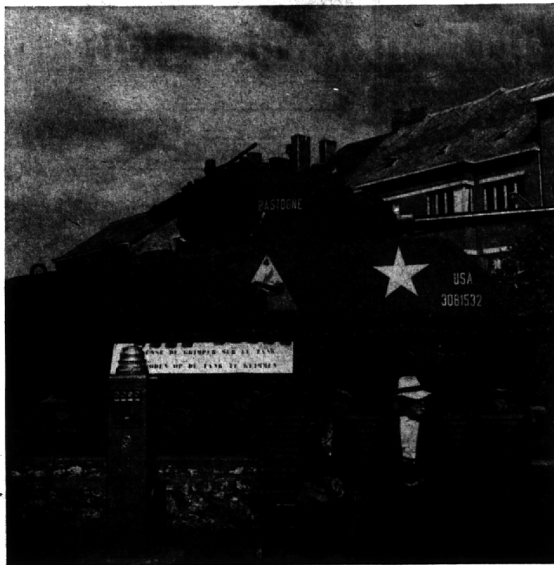
Canals began to dominate the scene, and river barges pushed by us along the many waterways that eventually found their way to the sea.

Crossing into Holland, we spent a couple of days in visiting such areas as Apeldoorn with its adjacent national park and the gem of all art museums, The Kroeller-Mueller."

**NOWHERE** have we been so impressed with the dignity and beauty of an art museum.

Van Gogh, Gris, Leger, Seraut, Picasso, along with most of the great masters and sculptors of the past century, have their work displayed here. An out-of-the-way museum but worth every effort to visit in Kroeller-Mueller.

Further on we spent some time



**TWO OLD BELGIAN** farmers sit in the town square of Bastogne before memorial of the famous tank battle of World War II. Their country's landscape has stretches of farmland between modern industrial and commercial cities, much as in the American Midwest.

In photographing the Dutch landscape of Hans Brinker.

The northeast area is one of canals, locks, flats, wooden shoes, flowers and windmills.

Most homes, even the ones now under construction, have the appearance of a De Hooch or Vermeer painting. Red brick, peaked roofs with tile and double chimneys, flower-bedecked window frames and colorful doors and shutters are the rule rather than the exception.

**THE THOUGHTFUL** Dutch road engineers have built a road system that provides canals for boats, black top for cars and cement or dirt pathways for bicycles.

All of these parallel each other in stretching from city to city, minimizing road hazards and making driving a real pleasure. We forgot the guidebooks when looking for lodging and food. From Luxembourg to Copenhagen we stopped whenever we felt it was time to do so and found all restaurants, hotels and motels to be spotlessly clean and comfortable.

They also provided excellent food, inexpensive accommodations and, even though conversation was

limited, the hosts and atmosphere were always most cordial.

**PROCEEDING** through the industrial area of northwest Germany, we took a short ferryboat ride to Denmark and then continued to wonderful Copenhagen. Here, we can truthfully say, dwell the friendliest, most fun-loving people in all the world.

The hospitality and warmth of the Danish people never cease to amaze us. If you want to feel more like a relative and less like a tourist, visit Denmark.

It has all the color and charm of a storybook. Excellent craftsmen and designers abound, and Danish food is a gourmet's delight.

To us, it is a fitting end to an exciting adventure and a highlight to what one's appetite for a return visit.

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## Class Enrollment Being Taken at Community House

Registrations for the fall series of craft, hobby and cultural classes at The Community House, Birmingham, are being accepted, according to Karl Emmanuel, Jr., director of educational activities. Most classes will start the week of Sept. 16, with others starting soon after.

A \$1.50 non-resident fee is required of all those who do not have a Birmingham - Bloomfield Hills post office address. As in the past, additional charges will be made for books, materials, firing charges and field trips. Registration must be made in person, and payment of fees is required at the time of registration.

**THE SCHEDULE** of the fall classes are as follows:

- Art Appreciation; Braille Transcribing; Bridge; Beginning; Bridge; Intermediate; Bridge; Continuation; Bridge; Duplicate; Creative Pottery; Crewel Embroidery; Ballroom Dancing; Exercise; (for women); First Aid; Flower Arrangement; French; Beginning; French; Furcraft; Home Accessories Workshop; Interior Decoration; Millinery; Painting; (adult); Rapid Reading; Russian; (advanced); Seamanship and Safe Boat Handling; Sewing and Tailoring; Silversmithing.
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Michigan State University has announced a new course offering in the area of School Lunch Management.

This course will be taught by Lois McLeod, school food service supervisor in Birmingham; Mrs. Mary Kern, food services consultant for Oakland County Board of Education; and Edna Cook, lunch-

room director for Bloomfield Public Schools.

Classes will be taught at Derby Junior High School, Adams Road and Derby St., Birmingham. Registration will take place at the opening session, Sept. 24, in Room 114.

**THE COURSE**, which is designed specifically for school lunchroom personnel, will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-10 p.m. for 10 weeks.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Miss McLeod or by contacting the Michigan State University Regional Director, Fred Brieve. Advance mail reservations will be accepted and the class will be limited to 30 enrollees.

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## BRIDGE

### in BIRMINGHAM

By **BUD MAYBAUM**  
 Southern Michigan Bridge Association

In these articles on bridge, I often mention sectional, regional and national tournaments, with the purpose of suggesting that my readers from Birmingham attend these tournaments.

Many with whom I discuss these tournaments tell me that these larger tournaments are for professionals, that they would not like the cold atmosphere of these tournaments.

Today's hand was actually played in the recent national tournament in Los Angeles. It is from the mixed team event, and the players involved in this story are the biggest names in bridge. The defenders were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kaplan.

Certainly these players demonstrated good sportsmanship and prove that the character of the players and the play of the game would meet your approval.

- NORTH**  
 (Mary Zita Jacoby)  
 ♠ 10 9 8  
 ♥ Q 9  
 ♦ A 10 9 8  
 ♣ Q 8 5 3
- WEST** (dealer) ♠ 5 4 2  
 ♥ 10 7 6 5 2  
 ♦ 7 3  
 ♣ K 9 8
- EAST** ♠ A Q J 6 3  
 ♥ 8 4 3  
 ♦ Q 6  
 ♣ 10 2
- SOUTH**  
 (Oswald Jacoby)  
 ♠ K 7  
 ♥ A J  
 ♦ K J 5 4 2  
 ♣ A 7 4

The Bidding:  
 West North East South  
 pass pass 1 ♠ 1 NT  
 pass 3 NT all pass  
 Opening lead: 5 ♣

All the experts made three no trumps on this hand, but when Mr. Jacoby received the unusual lead of the heart, he was able to make four and did mark down that score, which was approved by the defenders.

Director Harry Goldwater was called when Mary Zita Jacoby declared that she had bid only two no trump.

The director ruled that the other three were wrong and that Mary Zita Jacoby was right. That was the way the Jacobys lost the board.

**I HOPE** this little story will cause you to have more respect for these larger tournaments and will encourage you to attend them. In my prejudiced view, I feel that the bigger the tournament, the greater the excitement and more fun is had by all.

Recent winners in Birmingham tournaments include Jane Ford and Paul Phillips, Marcell Wetman and Helen Bernardini, Edwin V. Clarke and Dr. Harold Barron, Anne and Ed Walker, Gordon Harley and J. Martin, Lois and Burt Mann, George Alderton III and Dick Becker, Gretta Shepherd and Ollie Swartzwalter, and Dr. and Mrs. Walker.

Adelaide Westrate and Isabel Gutterman, Edna Canfield and Dorothy Loy, Charles Kondos and Ed Walker, Gordon Harley and J. Martin, Lois and Burt Mann, George Alderton III and Dick Becker, Gretta Shepherd and Ollie Swartzwalter, and Dr. and Mrs. Walker.

**THE BRIDGE** tournament will reopen Monday at The Community House, Birmingham. The first masterpiece of the new season will be Sept. 16.

The Windsor Sectional Bridge Tournament starts Friday at the Prince Edward Hotel. The men's pair and woman's pair will be Friday afternoon and that evening will be the mixed pair. Saturday the open pair in two sessions, and Sunday is the team of four in two sessions.

Our Southern Michigan Bridge Association sectional tournament in Pontiac starts Thursday and continues through Sunday.

Please contact me at a Birmingham tournament for full details of the schedule, cocktail parties, dinners and such. I will gladly aid you in obtaining a partner, or to make up a team.

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