



On to Washington

Selecting materials from the book store at Elmira (N.Y.) College is Judith Snelham who will spend the spring semester studying political science in Washington, D.C. She is the first Elmira junior to be accepted for the Washington Semester, an off-campus program sponsored by the American University of Washington. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Snelham, 759 Lake Park, Birmingham. Mrs. Snelham is state president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

BRIDGE



By BUD MAYBAUM
Southern Michigan
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The recent regional tournament in Cincinnati did not find many from the Birmingham area, but those who did attend came home with red points.

There were many thrilling hands, and my hand for today is taken from this tournament. It was played by Mary Steel and Foster Veal, who won a first in their section.

Mary and Foster both have winning records in Birmingham tournaments, and this hand found many playing it in different contracts and in different manners. Before you read on in this column, figure your plan of play.

BOTH VULNERABLE—Dealer: South

NORTH (Foster Veal)
 ♠ A Q J 6
 ♥ A Q 8 2
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ Q 7

WEST
 ♠ 10 9 8 3
 ♥ 10 9 6
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ 10 9 6 2

(Dealer) SOUTH (Mary Steel)
 ♠ K 7 5
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ A 8 4
 ♣ A 7 3

The bidding:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1 NT pass 2 3 4 NT pass
 2 ♦ pass 5 NT pass
 6 ♦ pass 7 NT all pass

Opening lead: 10 ♠

Foster knew from the "Blackwood" response of Mary that they were missing a king, but he also knew that timid bidders do not win two session open pairs. Even Mr. Blackwood couldn't do better, as he came in first in his section, too, in this event.

At a quick glance Mary could see 12 top tricks and with a club hook, that is on side, she has her 13 tricks. Mary also knew that if the East and West hands were the opposite she could also make the contract.

Therefore, she decided to play the hand for the knockout and give herself this added chance of making the contract. By playing the ace of clubs, four hearts and four spades, the hand-holding four diamonds and the king of clubs was helplessly squeezed.

THE PONTIAC MOTOR Division has offered my readers the "24-page booklet, 'Easy Guide to Duplicate Bridge' without charge. This booklet was prepared by the American Contract Bridge League, and I believe you will find it a worthwhile help.

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Recent winners in Birmingham tournaments include Tom Greenfield and Ralph Hayes, Molly Corley and Eleanor Haack, Charles Johnson and Pete Drees, Ralph Tyson and Bud Maybaum, Edwin

V. Clarke and Bud Whiteman, Eve Drees and Dot Thumser, R. Guild and V. Fairchild; Betty Pope and Helen Bernardin, Hilda Murphy and Esther Clarke, Joan Diabler and Hugh Stevenson, Lullie Brunk and Dick Becker, Dave Cooper and Frank Perryman; Dr. Robert Segula and Don Stephenson; Stan Weadley and Bud Drefuss, Ron Rogalski and Julius Miller, S. Berger and L. Dickson, Jim Crabb and Stewart Murphy, Greta Shepherd and Marjorie Vehmeyer and Grace Stone and Sandy Stevenson.

FOR YOU WHO would like to plan in advance for a regional, out-of-town tournament, there will be two in May—one in Akron, Ohio, and the other in Lexington, Ky.

Our Southern Michigan Sectional Tournament will be held in Mt. Clemens Thursday, March 19, through Sunday, March 22. I will give the full details later.

Michigan Bridge will have its sectional March 5 through 8 at the Detroit Leland Hotel.

Potpourri

By JUNE CANDLE

Someone has estimated that 10 per cent of the families in the Birmingham area move away each year. It happens, according to this wizard, because many Birminghamers miss the work for big nation-wide corporations.

Their bosses must settle corporation crises all over the nation, so they keep assigning our Birmingham area fathers to them.

This week, we have news of some Potpourri-type people who have moved away from our town.

The Douglas A. Browns stopped off recently to see "Mr. Pim Passes By" at Birmingham Village Players, to which they belonged when they lived here. Wynne (Mrs. B.) and Doug were passing by the Detroit area en route to Brussels, Belgium.

THEY'VE STOPPED in Birmingham occasionally ever since Ford Motor Company first sent Doug to Stockholm, Sweden and later to Louisville, Ky. During one of their local stop-overs, they visited the John E. Halls on Willets St. and left for Louisville with a male golden Siamese kitten and his sister kitten.

During the recent move from Louisville to Brussels via Detroit, Doug Brown preceded Wynne here by a few days. On the same plane with Doug came a mamma golden Siamese (the sister kitten had grown to know love and maturity) and her two golden Siamese offspring.

A FEW DAYS LATER, Wynne got off a plane with the stacks of luggage any European-bound girl would naturally carry. And in her arms was Midas, the brother Siamese who was responsible for the Browns' two kittens becoming four.

Midas and the mamma took separate planes, the Browns explain. Because they feared the two might start scrapping. When two rival Siamese siblings are also husband and wife, it creates an emotional powder-keg that could expose passengers on board the same plane to grave danger.

Midas will remain with the Halls, while mamma and the baby kittens have been placed in foster homes.

In Stockholm, the old Potpourri pipeline once had the fascinating experience of hearing the attractive and capable Wynne telephone her grocery order in Swedish. In Brussels, Wynne will be switching to French.

WHEN THE architectural firm of Eero Saarinen and Associates moved to Connecticut, the Birmingham area lost some delightful families including the Joseph N. Lacy, formerly of Hillwood Drive, Bloomfield Hills.

Last week, through no fault of Potpourri or the postman, we received a letter sent Jan. 6 from North Haven, Conn., by Mary Lacy. She says "Birmingham-Bloomfield is still home to all of us, and The Eccentric is still our home paper, read from cover to cover before being handed on to other exiles!"

She reports that they are the proud grandparents of John Christopher Lacy, born Dec. 12, 1963. The new arrival is the son of Lt. John D. Lacy, USN, and Mrs. Lacy of Nicosia, Cyprus.

Mother and baby arrived home from the hospital the day the riots began in Nicosia. From their house, they could see smoke rising and hear the guns. But they knew little of what was happening, except what they could pick up from the Voice of America.

IT WAS ONLY last October that the David Goodfellow retired to their Torch Lake home at Bellaire. The pipeline sends word that Ida Goodfellow, who worked diligently on the AAUW Book Sale and dozens of other fine projects here, edited the local Bellaire area weekly, The Aurian County News, for a brief emergency.

She took over for the last three issues of '63 and found it quite a thrill to be back at the old stand. She had worked there earlier, from 1950 to 1952.

SHE ISN'T AN ex-Birminghamite, but photographer Constance Bannister once entertained the William H. McGaughey, Jane Schermerhorn of the Detroit News, and Potpourri for an evening of concentrated hilarity.

She's the creator of the "Bannister Babies" and a calendar engagement book which they decorate. La Bannister writes that she's looking forward to the time she can visit our city again. And so are we. She's even cuter and funnier than her Bannister babies.



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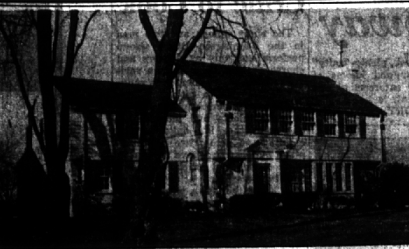
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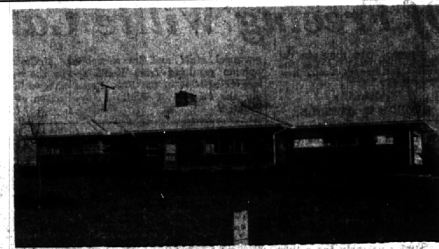
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