

Acton Bridge Club Affiliates With A.C.B.L., Awards Points

The Acton Bridge Club has recently become affiliated with the American Contract Bridge League (A.C.B.L.) Members of the Acton Bridge Club will receive master points at their weekly duplicate games. These master points are exactly the same type of master points awarded at large bridge tournaments says bridge instructor Bill Coats.

Local members will also be able to participate in other A.C.B.L. sponsored activities such as entry to other bridge tournaments in the area, receipt of a monthly bridge magazine, The Contract Bridge Bulletin and the promotion of bridge as a competitive sport and spectator game.

Non-Profit Group

The A.C.B.L. is a non-profit organization of more than 125,000 members mainly in North America. There are over 5,000 affiliated clubs conducting duplicate bridge activities in which a total of some two million players take part.

The A.C.B.L. conducts or sanctions bridge championships at all levels: national, regional, sectional, local and club. In all there are some 500 major tournaments and about 300,000 club tournaments every year. The Acton Bridge Club will be holding an open pairs club championship in the spring of 1964.

For all these tournaments and local games, the A.C.B.L. issues master points to the winners and high finishers. The awards are on a basis that provides commensurate awards according to the importance of the event.

Fire Facts For All

Firecrackers and picnic bonfires are wonderful attractions for the young at heart. But both entail dangers that stand thinking about. Firecrackers are no longer something for small children to play with. Displays should be strictly supervised and in any case, subject to local ordinance. As for bonfires on the family outing, let there be adult ideas about the manner of start and stop. The bonfire out of hand can become a tragedy.

Home, safe home... Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home, fire-safe home... a home which uses proper size electrical fuses, which has plenty of large ash trays around for smokers, which keeps its heating equipment in good order and which is free of disorderly trash and rubbish. It's a good home for Canadians.

"It happened in a flash, like a bolt from the blue." Nothing can be more terrifying than a "flash fire" in the home, especially since it usually strikes in the most innocent way.

Hold an unlit match level with and an inch away from a candle flame. The match doesn't light. But hold the same match four inches directly above the candle flame and the match ignites. Heat rises. And so do the deadly combustion gases. Now you know why one of the firefighter's first jobs at a burning building is to chop a hole in the roof. It's to let the superheated gases out.

Is the electrical wiring in your home capable of safely taking the "load" of appliances? Look at it from the standpoint of appliances available then and now: 1913, 5; 1933, 19; 1963, 60.

If you cook with electricity, the blowing of the fuse is your safety signal. With gas, your nose gives warning of a leak. Whether natural or manufactured gas, a distinctive odor is deliberately introduced for your protection. The natural gas odor is sweet and sickly, even suggestive of a skunk. Manufactured gas may smell to high heaven like rotten cabbage. You may never enjoy such rare fragrances. But if you do, open the windows, get out and call and don't strike a match or switch a light.

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championship might receive, as many as 125 master points where as a local game provides one master point on a special night each month and fractional master points for the regular games.

Charity Fund

The A.C.B.L. maintains a Charity Fund. In the last ten years the Fund has provided well over \$1,000 to medical research and relief. Any Canadian club which raises money for the Charity Fund donates the money to the corresponding Canadian charity. The director of the Acton Bridge Club, Mr. Coats, had the privilege of directing the first Canadian Charity game ever held for the Port Credit Bridge Club in 1958.

Of all the major tournaments held, three are on a national level. Top bridge players from all over America attended these. Next summer, for the first time, a national tournament will be held in Canada, based at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

BUSINESS

Ebenezer Church Anniversary Draws Huge Crowds Sept. 22

Additional seating had to be supplied on Sunday to accommodate the crowds who flocked to Ebenezer's 141st anniversary.

Rev. Bill Sherwin of Paisley Memorial, the guest speaker brought two inspiring messages. His morning topic was "The Great Church Victorious." People may scoff at the church in these troubled times, but we have Jesus' promise, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Mr. Sherwin spoke of his work as chaplain at the Ontario Reformatory for the past four years. In none of the hundreds of cases, he had interviewed, had the culprit attended church the Sunday before the crime was committed.

The evening sermon was based on 11 Kings 7: 31. "Good News for Bad Times." The four lepers did not keep the good news to themselves in spite of prejudice against them. If they had not shared their discovery, history might have been different. Mr. Sherwin spoke of the hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." He said if men in the army gave the excuses for not attending morning drill — "I was there last week, I'm expecting company," etc. that people give for not attending church, the sergeant would "throw them in the brig." Mr. Sherwin also told of the little city boy visiting his uncle in the country and being taken to church for the first time. He liked the singing. When the man talked for a long time, and then said "Amen," it wasn't too bad, but the best part was when they passed the collection plate. "I got 25c. How much did you get, Uncle?" Two many people are like that little boy, and just go to church for what they can get out of it.

Bridge has become such a spectator sport that Mr. Coats feels many bridge enthusiasts from this area will attend and watch top bridge players in action. The attendance at Toronto will not reach the proportions that it did at the 1963 Summer National, though, he thinks. At the last Summer National just held in Los Angeles, the open pairs game drew 772 tables. The total number of tables over the ten day period was 12,486. They even averaged 30 tables a night in an after midnight game!

The Acton Bridge Club provides duplicate bridge every Monday night from September through until June.

Once each month Mr. Coats holds a special Club Master Point game. The winner of this game receive a full master point.

This game is on the third Monday of each month. The winners of the regular weekly game receive up to 30 master points. There are also decreased awards for the runners-up.

Autumn Bazaar

A number of Ebenezer ladies spent a pleasant afternoon at the Stone church recently, at their special autumn meeting, tea and bazaar. Mrs. Dills, formerly of Rockwood, spoke about the many small but important things our hands can do. Mrs. Moffatt gave an interesting account of her visit to Hawaii last winter.

September 29 is Mission Band meeting. The leader, Mrs. Stewart Miller asks the members to remember their gift boxes.

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Firefighters Busy

Plan Fire Prevention Week

Halton's fire departments are going "all out" to mark the annual celebration of Fire Prevention Week in Canada, October 6 to 12. Several projects have been arranged by the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, to supplement the planned programs of each individual fire brigade.

A county-wide poster contest, church parade, fire hall open houses, home inspections, movie showings, distribution of restaurant placemats and other literature, and school fire drills are being combined to emphasize fire prevention not only during Fire Prevention Week, but throughout the year, according to Erwin Lewis of Georgetown.

chairman of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Each year the Halton Bureau sponsors a poster contest for all Grade Five students, on the theme "Fire Prevention in the Home." The boy and girl winners are honored at a banquet later this fall, when they will receive personal and school trophies for their efforts. Their posters are also submitted to an Ontario-wide contest sponsored by the Ontario Fire Chiefs' Association.

Restaurants in the county are being given free placemats bearing fire prevention messages, and over 200,000 other pieces of literature are expected to be given to Halton residents through the local fire departments.

Ask Farmers Report

Finding Meteorites

Canada's farmers and other rural residents are being asked to help clear up some of the mysteries of outer space.

Valuable space clues come from meteorites, pieces of interplanetary material that plunge to earth. Scientists want all the help they can get in finding meteorites and are willing to pay for them. The Geological Survey of Canada will pay upwards of \$100 for a meteorite.

Made Door Jam

Because they live for the most part in, sparsely settled areas and devote much of their time to working on the land, it is not surprising that among the most likely persons to come across a meteorite, one Canadian farmer found a meteorite virtually in his own backyard. It had been used for years to prop open the barn door.

To help the farmer and his neighbor identify meteorites, the National Research Council Associate Committee on Meteorites has had published an eight-page, illustrated booklet describing the origin of meteorites and how to identify them.

Prepared by the Geological Survey of Canada, a branch of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, the booklet is printed in both French and English and is non-scientifically language. It describes the appearance and characteristics of meteorites. Photographs show the three types of meteorites and rocks or other objects commonly mistaken for meteorites. Copies are available free from the

Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa.

Study Space

By studying meteorites, scientists may determine, for example, whether the radiation level in parts of the solar system is so high as to mean certain death to the space traveller. From meteorites come information about the age of the solar system; meteorite studies may also help solve space-vehicle re-entry problems.

Persons finding what they believe are meteorites are being urged to get in touch immediately with the Associate Committee on Meteorites of the National Research Council, Ottawa. Specimens may be sent to the Geological Survey of Canada or the nearest university for identification.

Fire Strikes Every Week

Every week, fire strikes at more than 1,000 Canadian homes. In terms of dollars, that means a yearly loss of below \$30,000,000 although the typical house fire averages under \$500 in damage.

But the truth is that three-quarters of all fire deaths occur in those homes. And not only deaths, for hundreds of Canadians are horribly burned and often permanently scarred in these fires.

Fires rarely just "happen." Nine out of every ten fires are the result of carelessness and neglect and the victims are often trapped by their own ignorance. They might have gotten out if they had known how.

Close the Door to Fire Open it to Prevention

Close your door to fire, but keep it open for fire prevention. This newly describes the philosophy of Canada's campaign for greater fire safety in the home, on the job and everywhere.

Close your door to fire, in plants, office buildings, schools, wells, fire doors must be kept closed. Why? To shut off live air (oxygen) from fueling a fire. In the home, too, a closed door will slow down the spread of fire. Open your door to fire pre-

vention. Don't "slam it" in the firefighter's face if he shows up suggesting a look-around for possible hazards. Smoke fumes, an unduly heated floor, or a congested, unclean chimney are all things you should know about. Forget these things if you have an ounce of common sense.

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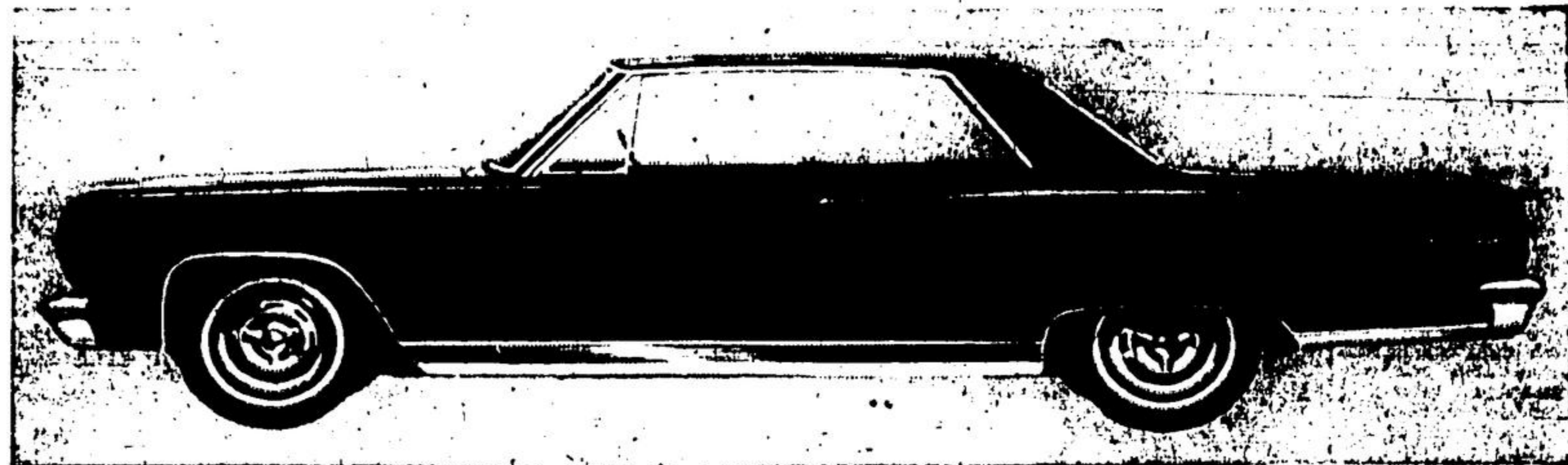
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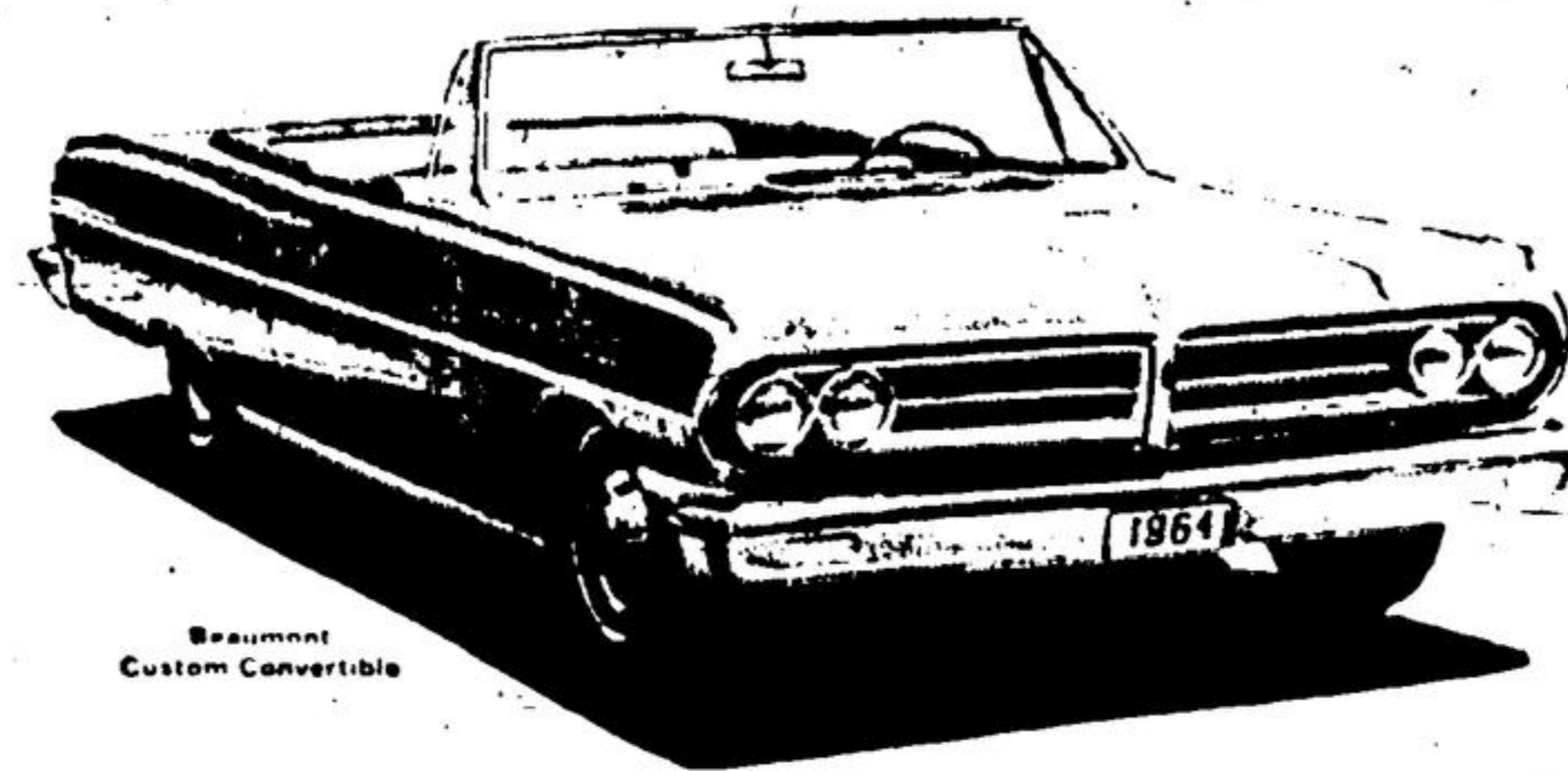
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