



LORNA ANDERSON, Toronto model, was at Ledger's I.G.A. store a weekend ago to hand out draw tickets to customers eligible for a free trip to Nassau. She is shown (centre) explaining details of the contest to Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Dick, Acton. The contest winner will be announced early in May.

Guides, Brownies Say "Good-Bye" To Three Faithful Leaders Friday

Friday night at the scout hall saw a great gathering of Guides and Brownies, all together to say "thank you" and "good-bye" to some of their faithful leaders — Mrs. George Wallis, retiring after three terms as commissioner, Mrs. Tom Watson and Mrs. George Williams, giving up the Guide company of which Mrs. Watson had been captain for the past five years.

Gifts were exchanged and speeches made. Mrs. Watson doing the honors to Mrs. Wallis, Janet Rogynaldson to Mrs. Watson and Cavell Marshall to Mrs. Williams.

The Brownies gave them the special salute, the Grand Howl. After the ceremonies were over, it was announced by Mrs. E. Franklin that she would take over the Guide company until new leaders were found. The present Brownie leaders all offered their help.

Some fine singing was led, of course by the "one and only Mrs. Watson." The spirit and comradeship found wherever Guides and Brownies meet was evident and fun and laughter filled the scout hall. Refreshments were served by the scout mothers and leaders.



ROYAL WINTER FAIR line-up includes, left to right, Doreen Crawford of Glencoe, alternate Shorthorn Lassie; Charlotte Smith; Guelph, Shorthorn Lassie; E. J. Caninaert, judge of the Shorthorn show; from Rockford, Alberta, S. G. Bennett, Scotsdale Farms, Esquimaux, receiving the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor banners from George De Pape, Winnipeg, Manitoba, president of the Shorthorn Association with Emmerson Clark at the halter.

HARLEY...to HALTON

By DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P.

One of the measures before the House of Commons is the providing of funds for the twinning of the Welland Canal. The tonnage of shipping through the canal has been gradually increasing and would have reached a critical stage between 1964 and 1966.

The twinning of the Welland Canal will be carried out in the off-season and will be completed by 1969. The twinning of the canal and increased tonnage through the canal should stimulate our area in such a way proximately to the canal.

Electoral Boundaries

The major matter now before parliament is a resolution dealing with electrical boundaries and redistribution. Redistribution takes place every 10 years, based on the census which was done in 1961. This is to be done by an independent commission and not a committee of parliament, as has been done in the past. In this way, political advantage will not be allowed to play a part.

Our independent commission for all of Canada would mean that it would probably be 1968 before the new boundaries could be used in an election. It is felt by the government that a commission for each province would speed up the process by three years and allow people very knowledgeable of their provincial boundaries and problems to work on the commission.

This matter is to be brought forward with the understanding that the Bill is a suggestion and not an order and amendments will be considered for all parties.

and groups in the House. It will not be a question of confidence in the government. The discussion is to be non-partisan and voting will be carried out not on party lines but on the merits of the proposals.

Represent 70,000

It is estimated that if the seats remain at 265, there is some feeling this should be increased but disagree with that that each member should represent approximately 70,000 people. Some percentage of allowance other way will be given to allow for rural areas, natural boundaries, etc.

This will probably be between 20 per cent and 33 1/3 per cent either way. As an example, if 20 per cent variation is allowed, the number of people in a riding could vary between 50,000 and 84,000.

On this basis, it is estimated that P.E.I., New Brunswick, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Newfoundland would have the same representation. Nova Scotia, Quebec and Manitoba would have one seat. Saskatchewan would have four seats. British Columbia would gain one seat. Alberta (two seats) and Ontario (three seats).

If redistribution goes through as suggested, it seems inevitable that the boundaries of Halton will change as our population is now over 120,000 people, well above the expected maximum allowed. Exactly how this would be done is unknown, as an independent non-political commission will draw up the proposed boundaries.

Let's Play Bridge

How does a rubber bridge player know when he has played a hand well? He can always look at all the cards afterwards and see what the defense should have done, but would other defenses have been the same or not?

The duplicate player has no such problem since other players will play the same cards. It's a thrill, then, to make a contract that other declarers did not make.

Board No. 5 from last week's game at the Acton Bridge Club was one of those occasions. It was played three times, one at three hearts making three, one at twice as for hearts, one declarer went down two, while I managed to make four.

In the bidding, I don't agree with my partner's original pass. With 14 points, this hand should be opened. One diamond would be the best opening bid. I think the final contract would be the same in either case.

Board No. 5

Dealer — West

East — West vulnerable

North	South
S-A O 2	S-K J 8 5 4 3
H-9 7 3 2	H-K 10 5
D-J 4-3-2	D-10 7
C-A O	C-K J 10 9 2 2 C-6 3

South

S-10 7

H-A J 8 6 4

D-A Q 8

C-8 5 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	III
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

The opening lead was the spade 9 which I ducked. East won with the jack and led back the diamond 10. Again, I ducked and this lost to West's king. West returned another spade, which I won with the ace.

At this point, I had lost two tricks and I was faced with a sure trump loser. Hence, I had to assume that the club finesse would work. Now all I had to worry about was the trump suit.

I decided to play for a trump split a singleton honor in one hand. That is, I decided to play the heart ace and see what happened. I led a low heart from dummy, and East put on the 10. This was not a good play on East's part. It looked to me as if the 10 was from a doubleton or it was a singleton.

In the first case, it would be right to play the ace, and in the second case (singleton), it wouldn't matter. Hence, I played the ace and dropped West's singleton queen. It was now easy to drive out the heart king, remove trump and take the club finesse, which fortunately made.

Hindsight is always better than foresight, but I still think I would have played the ace even if East had played a low trump. My tip to bridge players is to always play low unless you have a good reason not to do so.

This week's winners: first, Mrs. Kay Campbell, Duke Wilson, second, Earl Emmond, Mike Lorusso, third, Gloria Coax, Charlie Corcoran.

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Sometime between now and the end of January, you will get the card in the mail. You can obtain your new driver's license by filling out the application, enclosing your money, and either taking it to your local issuing office or mailing it to the Ontario Department of Transport, Toronto.

When will you get your application form?

How long will your new license be valid?

How much will you have to pay?

All Depends

All these things depend on your birthdate. Transport Minister Irwin Haskett outlined the procedure in a preview of how the new system will work.

If your birthday is in January, you can expect to receive your form very soon. If it is in June, you'll get your form about New Year's; if it is in the final months of the year, you'll get your form later in January. The application forms are being mailed in the chronological order of the drivers' birthdays.

Your license will be valid for more than one year. The expiry date will be printed on it. If your birthday is between the 1st and the 19th, the expiry date will be on your birthday in 1966.

Price Tag

And how much will it cost?

"The annual license fee remains the same at \$2 per year," Mr. Haskett said. "The amount will be calculated according to the length of time each license is valid."

License will result in a measure of greater convenience for drivers, too.

Better Plan

The mechanized methods make it possible to keep out complete-time, resulting in better control over suspended drivers, better facilities for research, and other improvements in the interests of the safety of all drivers in the province.

Mr. Haskett said the first step in conversion was to make out punchcards for every driver, and this began in December of last year. It was probably the biggest changeover to date in Canada, and at one time there were 65 key-punch operators on the job.

In city traffic, signal your turn, and do it as far in advance as possible.

For example: If your birthdate is June 12, your license will be valid for about a year and a half — all of 1964 and up until June 12, 1965 — and your fee will be \$3.00. If your birthdate is November 22, your license will be valid for all of 1964 and 1965 and up until November 22, 1966 — and your fee will be \$5.80.

Why aren't the licenses being sent out all at once? Simply because there are two and a half million of them. Even with machines printing and mailing the cards at the rate of nearly one every second, and operating 24 hours a day, it will take two full months to get them out.

473 Miles

If the cards to every driver could be laid end to end, they would form a continuous strip for 473 miles — from Toronto to well beyond Sault Ste. Marie.

To get ready for the simple operation of printing your card and mailing it to you, the personnel of the Department of Transport have been working full-tilt for nearly a year and a half.

At the same time they have been looking after such details as changes in address. And with so many drivers involved, this is no small chore — change-of-address forms have been received in a volume as heavy as 3,000 per day.

What's the reason for the new system?

Mechanized Now

"Sheer volume made it essential to switch to a mechanized system of processing drivers' licenses," Mr. Haskett said.

"Once the transition to the new system has been made, with licenses being renewed on birthdates all through the year, we will be processing applications for drivers' licenses at the rate of about 80,000 a month. This is much more efficient than handling all two and a half million licenses in a two to three month period each year."

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