

Christmas Shopping



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Covering the Gamut...

In the course of covering the week's news in the 52 weeks of the year we attend countless meetings. The degree of efficiency with which a meeting is conducted ranges the gamut of inefficient to efficient.

Few people have ever studied the rules of procedure when they are suddenly thrust into a presidency or chairmanship. At this season, just prior to the new year when officers are being elected, it would seem there should be a Short Course for Presidents-to-be. It could do much for the conduct of club and organizational business meetings and be a very welcome help to those entrusted with the responsibility of office.

We don't propose to offer any such course but we've often noticed how amendments to amendments to motions will often bowl over the most calm and collected chairman. A recent bank news letter suggests how to handle the amendments without a fumble.

A first amendment is easy to handle it must not say "no" to the motion, but only vary it in some detail; it must not introduce entirely new matter (which belongs in new motions); it may leave out certain words, add certain words, or delete certain words and replace them by others. These same rules apply to an amendment of the amendment.

Suppose someone makes a motion to give "\$100" to the Society of Ancient and Antiquarian Bell Ringers.

The amendment is to delete "\$100" and

This and That...

The Better Business Bureau has issued its annual warning to consumers to beware of the questionable business practices that appear at this time of the year. The bureau suggests people should be on the lookout for worthless Christmas and money sales. It also suggests Christmas shoppers should determine the store's policy on returns after Christmas, before buying.

There is nothing as disheartening as to have completed Christmas shopping and then have the gates closed to your unlocked parked car. Before the doors of both your car and home are locked to prevent disappointment on Christmas morning.

Tragedies at this time of year are particularly upsetting. With pre-Christmas parties in full swing and first winter driving

substitute "\$150". The amendment to the amendment is to delete "\$150" and substitute "\$50 at this time and \$100 spread over the next five months."

You call for a vote on the amendment to the amendment. If it carries, then the main motion is automatically carried as amended by the double amendment. If it is defeated, you call for a vote on the amendment. If it carries, the original motion is carried as amended. If the amendment is defeated, you put the original motion.

Got it? If not, try again, because fumbling with amendments throws a lot of meetings into confusion.

You can dig deeper into the rules of parliamentary procedure, which govern all meetings by consulting Beauchesne's "Procedure at Meetings in Canada" (1954) or Bourinot's "Rules of Order" (1924).

And incidentally to those who are appointed press reporters could we urge an interesting article including the highlights be prepared for this newspaper immediately following the event. This paper produces the only completely local news package every week and your organization's representation is largely dependent on you.

Now we're all set for another 52 weeks of efficient or inefficient meetings. Best of luck to those in positions of responsibility in the new year. You play a vital role in the affairs of a community, be it rural or urban.

conditions, it is wise to exercise a little extra caution so the Christmas season will not be marred by injury or death on the highways.

The Fire Prevention Bureau has issued a pamphlet attached to Christmas trees containing precautions to take in setting up Christmas trees. A little extra care will insure a safe Christmas. With the trees in place, a careful use of outdoor lighting will help to avoid lighting circuits.

Christmas shopping is well underway. Local stores still have a wide variety of merchandise available. Shopping done in Acton has a five-fold benefit: the convenience and reliability of local stores and the retention of a greater percentage of the money expended which goes through the local merchants and clerks to the local economy.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Dec. 16, 1943.

A determined effort by council to make an outdoor ice surface for skating has been a failure so far. The site on Bower Ave. is not suitable. Large quantities of water poured on it have just disappeared, but everyone will agree the weather has been cold enough.

One option is to make an open air rink on Fairy Lake. Another alternative is a rink in the school grounds. Tonight, the public school board will meet to see if this can be arranged. Lights and flooding would be simpler there. Councillor Kirkness is exploring all the possibilities.

George A. Johnson has enlisted in the Canadian Armored Corps and is stationed in London.

A letter from Jim McClellan in Italy: We had it pretty bad for five days steady, getting very little sleep, little to eat and doing lots of walking. I didn't say marching because we had to move very cautiously behind hills, up river beds, etc.

At the Boy Scout meeting Monday, the following passed their Kims game: Andrew Nichol, Monty Ranney, George Elliott and Harold Smith.

Bingo! The thermometer has been under the zero mark too much this week.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McCrellan, the gift of a son, Brian James.

Sgt. Ted Clifford is now in Italy.

The Red Cross rooms will be closed for two weeks in the Christmas holidays. Acton Branch of the Navy League and the War Service League received donations from St. Joseph's church this week.

Bro. W. M. Near is the W.M. of Walker Lodge for 1943-44. The present problem of juvenile delinquency is being attributed to the fact many mothers have gone into war work.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heveran (nee Ida Ever) were given gifts at the meeting of Dublin Literary Society. Willard Britton presided for the program.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Dec. 11, 1913.

On Saturday afternoon, there was laid to rest at Guelph the remains of one of nature's noblest, Thomas Gowdy. He organized the Toronto Lime Company at Limehouse, of which he was president up to the time of his death at 83. His son William is the very successful manager. He was financially interested in various institutions. He was born in the embryo city of Toronto—muddy little York.

Council's business of the year is about completed in all departments. The firemen's regular grant of \$100 was given.

Up to December 1, the farmers of Western Canada marketed 14,000,000 bushels of grain, for which they received an actual cash \$90,000,000. This is the greatest movement ever known and it is but part of the story of Western prosperity for the grain is coming along more rapidly than ever and there is no sign of abatement.

Christmas presents for children at Johnson and Co. Furniture and Undertaking, rocking chairs, 60 cents up, doll carriages, \$1.15 up; shoofly horses, \$1.35 up; kindergarten sets, \$2.25 up.

Henderson and Co. Christmas groceries: oranges, 40 cents per dozen; 3 cans peas, 25; 3 cans corn, 25; salmon, 22c; tea, 30c per pound.

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The 14th annual provincial Winter Fair in Guelph eclipses any livestock show heretofore put on in the Dominion. In the 43rd year of its history, the annual Christmas Fair Stock Show, from 1870 to 1913, there has never been gathered together a finer collection of livestock than that which this week fills to overflowing the buildings of the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair. A large number from Acton and vicinity have attended.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

MILTON — Santa Claus floats in Milton have been plagued by bad luck and fires in recent years. But this year they've come up with the answer — they're going to store Milton's brand new Santa float and render it in the basement of the Milton Fire Hall. Every day a long line of people will be seen at the fire hall. The 1962 Santa's float was destroyed in the tragic mill fire last February. A similar fate met the one before that. "We've had awful luck with our float," muttered George Swann, a mill employee who was responsible for the building and maintenance of the floats.

CHINGACOUSY — Visitors to Chingacousy's annual meetings are slowly learning it pays to hold onto your hat. Jim Milroy, a Bramalea candidate, had his hat taken at a meeting. When he went to purchase a new one at a hat shop, he was told he was the sixth man to come from the meeting asking for a new hat.

OAKVILLE — The Consumers Protective Bureau of Oakville received 217 complaints in the three months ending November, a bureau announcement states. The greatest number of telephone enquiries received concerned unsolicited Christmas cards delivered by mail. The second highest number relates to enquiries of complaints about local firms.

BRAMPTON — Three Brampton high school graduates attending the O.A.C. in Guelph, took a day off school work to go to Washington for the funeral of former U.S. president John F. Kennedy. The Canadian attitude was very disappointing, "one of the boys remarked. "When we're required to regular classes we're refused admittance which we think was a pretty small task." The boys were told that their moral duty was to Washington was a valid reason for missing one day of school.

GEORGETOWN — Out of my election pleads a tract in the interests of the people. If there are so much against purchase of the old post office, I want to know. Councillor Charles Hildbrand, and a number of other members of the council, are of the opinion that the use of the proposed new municipal office with special meeting rooms and photographic area was accepted by council.

BURLINGTON — It was booked as a concert, the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the late Sir John A. Macdonald. The concert was given at the Burlington High School. After singing the anthems, their next act was a dramatic play and members of the press. It was found that there were only 10 of the common folk in the 145 seat hall.

Canadians Set Pace at Chicago Gardhouse Shows Grand Champion

At the Chicago International Gardhouse Show, the greatest show Canadian horticulturists set the pace winning many championship awards. R. W. Gardhouse of Toronto won the grand prize of the show when his senior vealring bulb, Abertfeldy Devon, was named senior grand champion and supreme champion of the show.

Junior and reserve grand champion was the winning junior bulb, called Florida. Laron shown by Toronto Master Farms, Peterborough, Ont. Lussada also won the reserve senior championship with their junior vealring, Louisiana 4, however.

In the female championships, Gardhouse had the junior and reserve grand with his winning better call, Abertfeldy Waterloo Delight. Gardhouse also had the reserve senior champion female with his senior vealring, Abertfeldy Waterloo Beth 2nd. She placed second in her class to the grand champion female, bred in Illinois.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

It's late to be commencing on the assassination of President Kennedy. Most of the words associated with the act of violence—tragedy, shock, horror—have already been used.

But as an average Canadian, I cannot refrain from remarking that the people of this country seemed just as deeply affected by this moment in history as their friends across the border.

We learned of the shooting with horrified disbelief. One reaction was that of a man who learns that the neighbor with whom he has argued over minor things, with whom he has visited, with whom he has fought against brutality and tyranny, has been killed by a sneak thief.

People are a pretty callous lot, and Canadians are no better.

Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coats

It may appear to the regular readers of this column that I always know the right play for every hand. This is far from the truth and in fact, this week, I would like to present a hand which I played very poorly, so poorly in fact, that we got a bottom score on it at the Acton Bridge Club.

Before I present the hand, may I point out again one difference between rubber bridge and duplicate bridge. In rubber bridge, usually all that matters is whether you make your contract or not. In duplicate, what really counts is how well you do with a hand, compared to how well the other pairs do with the same hand.

On board No. 5, I bid and made three no trump. This might be fine in rubber bridge, but the other pairs all bid three no trump and proceeded to make overtricks.

North-South vulnerable Dealer — North

S: K Q 9 7 2 D: 10 6 C: A K 10 8 6

West East S: A 9 7 4 3 2 S: 10 8 H: 10 6 H: A 5 4 3 D: 9 D: O 1 7 4 2 C: 7 5 4 2 C: O 3

South S: O 1 6 5 H: J 8 7 6 5 D: A K 8 5 3 C: 1 9

The bidding: South West North East Pass Pass 1H Pass 2D Pass 3C Pass 3NT Pass Passes out

North should open one club. South should still bid two diamonds. Having once passed, South could show close to an opening by jumping over a two heart rebid by North and then could go straight to three no trump.

West led the spade four and dummy's singleton king won. I led a heart singleton when the jack was led, but I switched to the jack of clubs for the finesse. This lost to East's queen and he returned a spade.

I played the jack and West ducked. Now I was afraid to lead hearts for East's ace could win and return another spade through my queen. This way I ended up with four tricks and a bottom board score.

It was a good defense to me, but I had the spade trick but I was not playing that low down. When you have two aces, that can be developed at one trump generally you work on the one that has top value in it. These tricks must be made anyway.

When the heart trick won the second trick I should have continued to work on hearts. When the 10 fell from West's hand, I should have led the 9, which would have been a surprise to the defence.

The weekly winners of the Acton Bridge Club are: Bill Hedges, 1st; Charles E. King, 2nd; Dick Wilson, 3rd; and Jack Hooper, 4th.

Win Group Contests: By group classes, Canada heads continued their winning ways. Toronto was the coveted trophy for the Best 10 Heads of the show.

The first man-made writing material was papyrus, from which comes the word "paper". The stems of the reed-like papyrus plant were peeled apart and flattened. Then they were laid crosswise and pressed down with muddy Nile water or with a wheat-flour paste. When hammered and dried in the sun they formed a sheet of papyrus, a fine writing surface.



When somebody else picks a fight, the brothers find themselves on the same side, slugging it out with all they've got. When it's peaceful, they squabble with each other, as brothers have since the beginning of time.

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I've said this to tell the many American readers, and remind the host of Canadian readers of this column, that we are neighbors, and we are friends.

We have more things in common, probably, than any two neighboring nations in the world. We have a common heritage of language, law and literature. We have the same basic moral values. We are both young and brash. We are both inclined to be touchy.

Think of us as brothers. The United States is the big brother, grown up, wealthy, powerful, past rebellious nature of his youth, but still containing the lurking violence which told the old man to go to blazes and made it stick. The older brother is ready to settle down, raise a family and enjoy what his strength and hard work have created for him.

Canada is the younger brother, a little more cautious, just beginning to feel his man's strength, but just as determined to be rich and successful, just as bound to go to take nothing out of nobody. He, too, has cut the family ties, and is going it alone, but he is envious of his bro-

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ther's big spread to the south, and he is resentful of his big brother's paternal attitude, and he is adamant that people recognize him as a person, not just a kid brother.

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Perhaps that is why Canadians were staggered by the death of a man who represented the strength, decency and idealism of the United States. Perhaps that is why they were so deeply moved by the lonely courage of his wife.

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