



VETERAN BASEBALL MAN Earl Nicholson of Waterdown was re-elected president of the Halton County Baseball Association on Saturday. This year's annual meeting was especially lively, with elections for nearly every position on the executive. A motion by Andy Anderson of Oakville, that the Association in its entirety drop out of the Ontario Baseball Association for at least one year, was voted down by a large majority. Standing in the photo are secretary-treasurer Reg Locke of Burlington and Mr. Nicholson. Standing are third vice president Tom Beyers of Oakville, second vice president Ian Andrews of Campbellville and first vice president Bill Richmond of Georgetown. The Association executive consists of the president, three vice-presidents, secretary-treasurer, four representatives from the minors and four representatives from the intermediates.

Centralizing Education System Ends One-Room School Era

January 31, 1965, will end an era in education for Eramosa township when the seven one-room schools will be closed. Two one-room schools were closed in 1962.

Education in Eramosa was first organized on June 25, 1842, when a meeting of the School Commissioners was held in the Central School House (probably in the vicinity of Centre Inn). At that time there were four schools in operation — one on the site of No. 1 school, one near the site of the Rockwood Academy started in 1850, one school nearly finished on the site of McCormack's Cemetery, and

the Central School House near Centre Inn. At the meeting in 1842 the settled part of the township was divided into five school districts, and organized education continued from that date.

Divided Again
The five districts served the township until 1850 when districts six and seven were added. In 1870 the township was divided into eight school sections of equal size, each section being eight lots in length and three and a half concessions in width, number one to eight.

In 1871, Rockwood clonoured for a school and S.S. No. 9 was carved from Sections 1, 2, 7, and 8. In 1891, S.S. No. 4) was established, taking territory from Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6. In 1905 S.S. No. 10 was erected, taking parts of 2, 3, 6, 7, and 9.

At this time local township by-laws were passed providing for union sections by crossing boundaries into neighboring townships. Each of these school sections had its own school board of three members each.

One Board
In 1945 the Eramosa Township School Area was formed and the 11 school sections were dissolved. The whole area was to be governed by a school board of five members.

Centralization of the school system was first approached by the school board in 1960 under Chairmanship of Duncan McPhedran. Various proposals were submitted and finally in June 1963 the people of Eramosa gave approval for a central school.

Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coats

Defense is always more difficult than offense in contract bridge. Defense can manipulate his 26 cards any way that he wishes, but a defender has only 13 cards and must depend on his partner to make maximum use of their 26 cards.

Here is a hand from the Acton Bridge Club that has me a bit puzzled. Good defense should usually set this hand, yet three declarers out of four made four hearts. Here is the board:

Dealer — South
Neither side vulnerable.

North
S-K 9 4
H-Q 10 8 6
D-A 10
C-K Q 4 2

West East
S-10 7 6 S-Q J 8 5
H-K 5 2 H-9 7 4 3
D-8 7 D-Q 7 6 5 4 3
C-10 6 5 3 C-A 9

South
S-A 2
H-1 9 7 4 3
D-K J
C-J 8 7

Suggested bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1C 1D
1H Pass 3H Pass
4H Pass Pass Pass

Last must take some action over North's opener. A double, for take out, is not practical since West may bid hearts. I think the diamond overall is best until there is further bidding.

Many bridge players fail to re-evaluate their hand after partner bids. North's hand is worth 16 points in support of hearts. His jump is a bit of a stretch but he needs to clarify his third hand opener. South has a good re-pondering hand and goes to four hearts.

Since three declarers made 10 tricks at hearts, this is not an unreasonable contract. But how did they make it?

West leads a diamond in response to his partner's bid. This gives declarer a finesse which is useless. A round of trump to East's ace and a diamond back.

Declarer should lose two trump, the club ace and a spade. As long as East-West do not lead clubs, and there is no reason why they should lead clubs, declarer can only make his contract by guessing that East has the doubleton ace of clubs.

This is quite a guess for declarer to make. In fact, declarer's best play is lead clubs towards dummy and hope the West has the ace, or that clubs split three-three. Since neither of these happens, declarer is doomed.

Did three Wests lead clubs to their partners, or did three declarers guess a doubleton ace in East's hand? I don't know, but as I said, three Souths made 10 tricks.

Last week's winners: First, Earl Emohd and Mike Louusso; second, Gary Ellis and Brian Hamilton; third, Lou Bertasson and Bill Hamilton.

Organization Meeting Set For Acton Unit of Jaycees

"Acton might well be the next community that can pride itself in having an active Jaycee Unit," said Thom DeVries this week. He explains that the Junior Chamber of Commerce has over 300,000 members in 6,900 individual communities in some 90 countries throughout the free world. Young men between the ages of 18 and 35, who believe in the aims of the Jaycees, have been developing themselves and their countries since 1915 when the first meeting was held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Besides the age limit, there are other differences that make the Jaycees stand completely separate from the Senior Chamber of Commerce and service clubs. Junior Chambers concentrate on providing leadership training to their members, effective speaking courses, and self-development activities in the community. The Junior Chamber member of note becomes the trained leader for a senior Chamber or service club tomorrow.

"Jaycees in Acton would fulfill a deep need by the young men in Acton," says Mr. De Vries shortly after the campaign speeches for local government were printed in the Free Press in November, in which Mr. De Vries advised the electors that he was a Gold Award member of the Oakville Jaycees, inquiries were received by him from a few young men to find out how they could go about starting a unit in Acton. It has now developed that if there are at least 15 young men interested and willing to attend the organizational meeting on Monday evening, at the residence of Roy Hawkins, 188 Church Hill Road S., then the Oakville Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor and guide this local unit to success.

"A Jaycee Unit in Acton could prove very valuable to local employers who have young men with the right spirit on their staff. They will reap the benefits of having better men on the job and these employees have a few years in the Jaycees. Even the local

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Miss Isabel Anderson read a letter, written as Christmas message to members from Miss Margaret I. Kennedy who has recently returned to the Blue Field in India. She told of how Christmas would be spent in the Mission Field as she and Miss Beatrice Scott would endeavour to bring joy in the midst of sorrow and peace in the midst of conflict.

Mrs. Anderson gave an account of the recent annual Presbyterial meeting held in Guelph. Since Mrs. Bennie now resides in Terra Cotta, and had been for many years a valued member and active in the Auxiliary, the members presented her with a chair for her new home, with Mrs. Kenneby and Miss Clark making the presentation.

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First Aid

Monday's after their regular practice, almost all of the Fire fighters are taking instruction in first aid from Bob Hart of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The eight-week course started this week. Firefighters last took course together about five years ago.

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No Extension

Many Licence Plates Unsold

Ontario owners of passenger and dual purpose vehicles and motorcycles are lagging badly in their purchases of 1965 licence plates. Transport Minister Irwin Haskett warned today.

"Unless the pace picks up there will be long lineups late in February just before the old plates expire," Mr. Haskett said.

New plates went on sale December 1. At the end of December with one third of the total time gone, only one tenth of these owners had obtained theirs.

1,500,000 to Go
This means that of the province's 1,700,000 passenger cars, 1,500,000 still lacked the new plates as the year ended.

On and after March 1, drivers using 1964 plates will be liable to a fine of up to \$50. There will be "absolutely no extension" beyond the February 28 deadline, said Mr. Haskett.

The 1965 plates for trucks and trailers go on sale March 1, 1965 and the 1964 truck and trailer plates expire March 31, 1965.

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