

# M.L.A. praises work with retarded; notes new needs

"I have a deep appreciation for the work being done for the mentally retarded in Halton," commented George Kerr, M.L.A., after giving a history of mental retardation and the work being done to combat it in the county.

Mr. Kerr was guest speaker at a banquet held by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded at Hornby Tower Golf Club Thursday evening.

Other interesting points came from the MPP's speech, including the fact that three per cent of the population are mentally retarded, 11 per cent obviously. Mental retardation is attributed tentatively to diseases during pregnancy or inheritance.

The re-tracting work with the mentally retarded showed

that the associations usually start with a group of parents of mentally retarded children banding together, then gradually getting help from service clubs, and now the government is lending a helping hand.

The Burlington Association originally had one room on the top floor of the now-extinct legion hall with seven children and one teacher.

Now there is a workshop in the town and the school pupils are attended by four full time teachers and a few part time teachers.

The subject, mental retardation, was once "tabu," Mr. Kerr noted, and if talked about at all was discussed quietly by those concerned.

Now research is being done, some of which is financed by provincial government grants. The 1966 budget for mental health in Ontario was \$47.8 million a jump of \$12.6 million over the 1965 figure.

The government looks after 80 per cent of the operating costs of the schools, the remaining 20 per cent is absorbed by the municipality.

Schools must, however, provide all capital for new buildings, transportation, land etc.

It was learned that many of the mental retardation clinics in Ontario are overcrowded because of the little screening done to segregate patients in need of specific training from others with different needs.

Part of the large expenditure

for mental health is a crash program for building institutions.

Four different types of clinics are needed, Mr. Kerr pointed out. Schools, for the education of mentally retarded children of school age; medical for those in need of intense care; residences for those whose parents are unable to transport them to and from other centres; and workshops for the older, more capable mentally retarded, almost ready to make their way in the everyday world.

It is the goal of all types of mental health institutions to assist the patient in becoming self-supporting.

Because the government is beginning to assist, and the movement has made astronomical progress since its beginning little more than a decade ago, there is the danger of losing the aid of the service clubs and private donors.

The challenge appears to these groups to have left mental retardation fund-raising.

Mr. Kerr was quick to point out that this is far from true. "There is still a great challenge," he asserted. "Still a need for individuals or clubs to assist."

Burlington's school, for instance, is already too small and new quarters are planned within the year.

The MPP complimented the president of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, Bob Kanerva, on the work of he and the association, and wished them the best of luck in their further work.

In closing, he urged all citizens to check with the local association on how they might help.

Mr. Kanerva thanked the speaker on behalf of the audience and reported briefly on the association. He thanked Rev. Christianson for his assistance, and noted that the Sunshine School at Hornby has 24 students enrolled; the HOPE workshop eight trainees under the direction of manager Mrs. H. Isham and assistant manager Mrs. D. Wood. Mrs. D. Wood also drives the recently acquired HOPE bus. The bus travels 100 miles each week day transporting trainees.

It was learned that much of the funds needed to keep the North Halton association solvent come from Acton, Georgetown and Milton Ladies' Auxiliaries.



WELLINGTON COUNTY carried off the honors in the beef cattle judging competition at the Inter-County Livestock Judging Competition at the Royal Winter Fair. Seen with the Ontario Veterinary Association Challenge Trophy are Bob Hodgson, Rockwood; Paul Hamilton, Acton; Mel Chamberlain, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food; Arthur Ruegg, Harrison and V. C. Rowan Walker, Ontario Veterinary Association president. Bob Hodgson was best judge of dairy cattle. —Photo Ont. Dept. of Agriculture & Food

## Queen's Guineas

### Six Halton members compete

By H. J. Stanley  
Agricultural Representative

Six 4H Club members from Halton competed in the annual Queen's Guineas Competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on Friday, November 18. David Hasson of Arris, in Wellington County, exhibited the Champion steer — an Aberdeen Angus which sold on Saturday morning for over \$7,000 to Dominion Stores. David is the brother of Linda Hasson, who won this competition in 1964. In the Shorthorn section, Douglas Gardhouse, Milton R.R. 5, and Bill and Bob Lasby, Rockwood R.R. 2, were placed in the 'A' group. Doug and Bill were then pulled out into the top group of eight calves from which the champion was chosen. This was the steer of Marlene Hyatt of Lambton County, which went on to be the Reserve Queen's Guineas winner.

The group of three Shorthorns were won by Lambton County, with Halton in second position, and Wellington third. In the Aberdeen Angus section, Bill Jackson, R.R. 1 Cooksville, and Ed Martin, Milton, placed in the 'A' group. Verna Thompson, Milton R.R. 2, placed in the 'B' group with her Hereford.

In the afternoon the 221 Queen's Guineas steers were sold by auction, with the prices for the Halton calves ranging from 33 to 35 cents per pound.

## Be careful

Local police are drawing the attention of school children, their parents and school bus drivers to the fact that there is still some danger in boarding and disembarking from the buses.

Previous to the new ordinance passed in September, drivers approaching a stopped bus from behind were required to stop, while those approaching in the opposite direction were asked only to slow down and proceed carefully.

The Ontario Highway Traffic Act now requires motorists coming from either direction to stop.

"Even though they have the protection provided by this law, some students are not taking adequate precautions but are crossing the roadway without first checking to make sure the traffic has in fact stopped in both directions," Minister of Transport Irwin Haskett said in a recent letter. "It seems difficult to instill into the minds of young students that there is still need for caution when alighting from the bus and crossing the road."

## Survey of farm facts launched by O.F.A.

The biggest, most detailed survey ever of Ontario farm facts and opinions by a non-government body is taking place this week.

Starting at 8 a.m. Monday, Ontario Federation of Agriculture workers began calling on more than 3,000 farmers, asking each to answer a 227-question survey. The surveyors will work in every county in the province.

Questions cover farm operations and management and ask what farmers think of government policies, marketing boards, co-operatives, international trade, schools, service clubs and farm and other organizations.

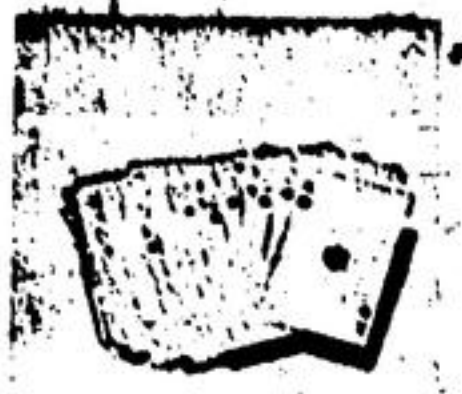
Some test the farmer's knowledge. For instance: Where is your county agricultural representative located? Is there a federation of agriculture in your county? Another question of general interest: should government subsidies be paid to lower

cost of food to consumers?

The OFA is a federation of 80 farm organizations representing 90,000 Ontario farmers. "The survey will ensure that the federation truly represents the opinions of the Ontario farmer for whom we speak," explains OFA president Charles Munro, an Embro dairy farmer.

The federation will use 587 volunteer and staff workers in its week-long effort, polling 3,257 farmers. Those to be questioned were chosen by a random-selection device. The answers will be transferred to punched cards and processed through business machine. Data is expected by the end of the year.

—The folk music group playing church music at the Anglican church is practising regularly. They have set some hymns to new music.



## Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Great news for bridge players in Canada. The top pair of bridge players in North America is a couple of Canadians, Eric Murray and Sammy Kehelea, the former from Hamilton and the latter from Toronto, placed first in the team trials just completed.

Sixteen pairs of the top players over the last year were chosen to compete for the privilege of representing North America in the world championships. After 10 days of bridge in which they met every other pair, the Canadian pair of Murray and Kehelea emerged on top. Our congratulations to these two fine players.

This week, I am going to discuss a problem that many of you have faced. Regrettably, this problem has no easy solution. When you make a lead, you usually pick a card that will let your partner know what you hold in the lead suit. You lead fourth best, top of a sequence, king from ace-king, king from king-queen etc.

It's this last combination that gives us trouble. With most hands, it really doesn't matter, but every so often, it does. Here is a hand from our game last week to illustrate this point.

The dealer is West and East-West are vulnerable.

North  
S-K 4 2  
H-A 10 9 2  
D-10 8 4 3  
C-J 10

West East  
S-O 9 8 3 S-J 10 7 5  
H-4 H-8 6 5

Never change lanes when driving without looking in your rear view mirror, signalling and glancing over your shoulder to check the "blind spot".

South  
S-A 6  
H-K O J 7-3  
D-A J 6 5  
C-7 3

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass 1C 1H  
Pass 2H 3C 3H  
Pass Pass 3S 4H  
All Pass

If West leads a spade or a heart, declarer can make his contract by drawing trump, eliminating spades and putting East on the lead with a club. He must get a ruff and a shift from East and he can now pass a diamond to West and end play West.

The most usual lead by West is the diamond king. If East does not ruff this, South can make his contract, losing only two clubs and one diamond. It is essential that East ruff his partner's king in order to set the contract.

What is the solution? There is no good solution, but many top players now lead ace from ace-king but this leads to more problems. Maybe you have the solution that the bridge world is waiting for.

Last week's winners were: first, Bill and Gloria Coats; second, George Soltz and Jack Coats; third, Ralph Barber and Harry Frost.



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## Legion Chorals

Acton Legion Chorals were honored guests at the annual Industrial Accident Prevention Association, Guelph district, dinner at Ferris, Thursday of last week.

Allan Lauder was chairman for the evening and introduced guest speaker Otto Klink from Kitchener, an amateur musician, who spoke on the "mingle of safety" using his talent to stress his points.

Also attending the dinner held at Beatty Brothers' cafeteria were Jack Greer and Tom Fountain from Beardmore and Co. Ltd.

## Santa Fair planned at U.C.W. unit meet

The Rev. Dwight Engel led members of unit three of the United Church Women in a very interesting questionnaire and study of a chapter of Luke, at their meeting Wednesday evening of last week.

Detailed plans were made for the Santa Fair in the old post office Saturday, Dec. 3.

A member, Mrs. Roy Knapton, is moving from town and a presentation was arranged.

Mrs. O. Johnston took the devotions.

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## NASSAGAWEYA TOWNSHIP NOMINATIONS

For Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Three Councillors for the Municipality of Nassagaweya, and Five Trustees for the Public School Board of the Township School Area of Nassagaweya for the Years 1967 and 1968

### Monday, Nov. 28, 1966

At the Township Hall, Brookville Nominations 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.

In the event of a poll being demanded, the balloting will be held on Monday, December 12, 1966, at the following places. Polls open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and close at seven o'clock in the afternoon.

#### LIST OF POLLING PLACES

For Polling Subdivision No. 1  
Lots No. 1 to 10 inclusive, in Concessions 1, 2, 3. Polling Location, Agnew Electric Bldg., Campbellville, Ont. Charles King, D.R.O.

For Polling Subdivision No. 2  
Lots No. 1 to 10 inclusive in Concessions 4, 5, 6, 7. Polling Location, Agnew Electric Bldg., Campbellville, Ont. Roy Wood, D.R.O.

For Polling Subdivision No. 3  
Lots 11 to 21 inclusive across the whole Township. Polling Location, Brookville Hall, T. Kennedy, D.R.O.

For Polling Subdivision No. 4  
Lots 22 to 28 inclusive and Lots 30, 31, 32, Concessions 5, 6, 7 and Lots 30, 31, 32, East Half Concession 4. Polling Location, Residence of Duncan Moffat, Art Diamond, D.R.O.

For Polling Subdivision No. 5  
Lots 30, 31, 32, in concessions 1, 2 and 3, and the West Half of Concession 4. Polling Location, Residence of Hugh MacPherson. Mrs. Helen MacPherson, D.R.O. Nassagaweya, November 14, 1966.

J. C. McINTYRE, Clerk

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