

EDEN MILLS

Reports gratifying at annual meeting of Presbyterian church

The annual meeting of Eden Mills Presbyterian church was held Monday evening with Rev. D. J. Sinclair presiding. Mrs. Don Blacklock was appointed secretary for the evening. Minutes and treasurer's report were read. Reports from the different organizations were very gratifying. Election of officers for the year were as follows: Elders: clerk of Session William McLean Sr., William Lowrie, Roy Gordon, Robert Wright, Clarence Ramsey, Gordon Blacklock, Wallace Lasby. Managers: chairman Russell Blacklock, Donald Blacklock, Chamberlain, George McAlpine, Bill McDonald. Secretary-treasurer, Donald Blacklock; organist, Mrs. D. Blacklock; auditors, Bill McLean Sr., Wallace Lasby. The Session wishes to thank all members of the church for their faithful services during the past year. Under the leadership of our new minister, Rev. D. Sinclair, we hope to accomplish much more in the coming year. The ladies served refreshments. Recent visitors of Mrs. Mary Moeckle and family were Miss Polly Miller, Toronto and Mrs. Ula Allan, Brampton. The sympathy of the community is extended to the family of the late George Hampson, Eden Mills. In hospital at present is the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Neville. Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson were Mr. and Mrs. G. Flewelling and Mr. and Mrs. H. Clements of Elora. The first March of Dimes campaign for the village was carried out by Captain, Mrs. Ted Barden and her helpers, Mrs. Doug. Beattie and Mrs. Norman Marshall Jr. The response was most gratifying with special mention to Eden Mills No. 11 public school children. The first Eden Mills Scout Group Committee held their annual euchre in the Community Hall on Saturday evening. Prize winners were Mrs. Ed. Jennings, Emily Franklin and Mrs. W. Giberson; gents, Lloyd Neville, Ed. Jennings and Don Moeckle. After over 40 years of service to the public both as storekeeper and post master in Eden Mills, Mr. Norman Marshall Sr., has sold the business and will retire at the end of March. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner, former residents of Eden Mills, will take over, and we wish them every success in their new venture.

Lengthy annual meeting held by Knox church congregation

In a lengthy annual meeting about 40 of the congregation of Knox Presbyterian church accepted a \$27,275 objective, appointed managers and auditors and discussed the writing of a church history as a centennial project. Murray Scoyne chaired the meeting and Mrs. Bill Toth acted as secretary. The Rev. A. H. McKenzie opened the meeting with Scripture, prayer and a hymn. New managers elected for three year terms are J. B. Frank and J. C. McIntyre, who were returned to office, and new members Bob Marshall, Bob Paul, Bob Heatley and John Toebes. Auditors re-appointed are Jim Inglis and Herb Ritchie. M. M. Coles was named to chair a committee to consider the writing of a church history, to add to the history of the church's first 100 years, published in 1945. At that time Miss Isabel Anderson wrote the history of the church to mark the 100th anniversary of Knox. It is hoped that during the course of the year the remainder of the debt of \$4,800 will be paid off for the renovations. The minister urged the members of the congregation to provide three delegates to the pre-assembly congress at Kingston in June. Expenses will be paid by the congregation. Continued support toward the building fund, which now stands at \$24,500 was recommended strongly by the minister. A survey showed future expansion of the church or the establishment of a second congregation in Acton would be forthcoming at some time. He especially thanked the board of managers for their fine leadership and their chairman C. McIntyre; Mrs. Tom Watson for her care of the nursery, church school superintendent Murray Coles and the Sunday School teachers. Total membership of the church is 588, with 65 of these non-residents. The session report included the noteworthy fact that the congregation includes 45 widows but just six widowers. There are 55 unmarried adults 21 years of age or older. During the past year the minister conducted 13 weddings and baptized 38 persons, three adults and 35 children. The largest baptism was on Christmas Family Sunday when 19 children were baptized. The report continued "the session rejoices in the fact that our facilities for Christian education and fellowship have been greatly improved by the recent renovation program and that the congregation is wiping out the indebtedness so rapidly. We are also gratified that in 1966 the largest amount ever contributed to the General Assembly's budget was given — \$4,443.22. Members are being encouraged to present gifts of needed and "serviceable character" to mark centennial year. A dedication service is planned. The board of managers reported repairs and improvements at the church and manse and the purchase of a new rostrum for the schoolroom as a memorial. Resignation of Ab Robinson, envelope secretary and assistant treasurer, after 25 years of faithful service, was reported and Mrs. A. Waidie was appointed envelope secretary effective Jan. 15. The Sunday school reported an enrollment of 170 and average attendance of 60. There are 55 children on the nursery roll, three years old and younger. The proposed budget of \$27,275 was accepted for salaries, church property and expenses, Christian education and support for the Canadian and the world church. The last item includes the allocation, Presbyterian and Synod assessment, the church pension fund, inter-church aid, camps, refugees and world service, miscellaneous donations and expenses for delegates to the pre-assembly congress. Financial statements in mimeograph form were presented by the church school, choir, Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S., Alert Evening Auxiliary, Daughters of Knox, the Ladies' Aid, Heather Club and Children of the Church. Lunch was served after the three-hour meeting. You think our strikes are never-ending? In Copenhagen, the barbers' assistants have just ended one that lasted 33 years!

Program, candidates combine for NDP popularity — Gilbert

The quality of its program has combined with its capable candidates and the untiring support of party workers to cause the "amazing rise in popularity of the New Democratic Party." John Gilbert, M.P. for Broadview, told more than 50 at the Halton East N.D. nomination meeting that "the popularity of the party has climbed from 11 per cent of the Canadian vote in 1962, to 26 per cent in 1967." He added "and it will continue to climb if we can continue the present formula." The small, confident speaker advocated a "knock on every door — not once but three or four times" policy when canvassing. "It works, we have proven it twice," he said. He said that when he was last elected, he and his wife visited every home in the riding and indicated that other party workers had visited and revisited the same homes. "We won, and the campaign cost was less than \$6,000. The loser spent more than \$12,000," he said. The speaker referred to the lack of housing as being a "national crisis" and suggested the need for a Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. He quoted statistics indicating the need for 170,000 new homes this year and said the optimistic predictions only indicated 150,000 would be built. Mr. Gilbert said the N.S.A. plan "tends to operate for people in higher income brackets, and interest rates would have to be lowered before people in the lower income brackets could really take advantage of it." He also said the cost of furniture and furnishings, a necessary part of starting a home, should be included in the Housing Act. He said that during Centennial year in particular, a full credit should be given to Senior Citizens. "They should be the first priority when housing is considered," he said. Mr. Gilbert touched on several other subjects including urban redevelopment, the price review board, auto insurance plans, medicare and the interest rates offered by finance companies. Deputy Reeve Charles Menefy of Milton thanked the guest speaker for his "interesting address." Murray S. Kernighan of Milton, president of the Halton East New Democratic Party, and Ed Bruce, president of Union Local 707 of Oakville, were others who spoke during the meeting.



Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

The newest bridge club in the area got underway last week when George Solt's Milton Bridge Club had its first duplicate session. Several regular Milton players were in attendance as well as a few out-of-towners. Bill Harbour and Brian Hamilton, both of Milton, were the first winners. We wish the new club lots of success and hope that it will stimulate duplicate bridge in the Milton area.

If you have never tried duplicate bridge before, why not drop out to one of the local clubs and give it a whirl. Newcomers are always welcome and your presence would be appreciated. There is no need to bring a partner, but you may bring your favorite partner if you wish.

Here is a list of the local clubs and their meeting places. Acton Bridge Club — every Monday at 31 Young St.; Erin Bridge Club — first, third and fifth Thursday at the Legion Hall in Erin; Georgetown Bridge Club — every Tuesday at the Legion Hall in Georgetown; Milton Bridge Club — every Wednesday at the Legion Hall in Milton.

Come time at all these clubs is 8 p.m. sharp and play usually concludes about 11 p.m. Entry fees range from 50c to 75c per person. So for an enjoyable and social evening that's not too expensive, why not try duplicate bridge?

Here is a hand that occurred at that first duplicate game in Milton. It's Board No. 13 and both sides are vulnerable. The dealer was West.

North
S-7543
H-54
D-Q98532
C-10

West East
S-Q9 S-K82
H-76 H-Q10982
D-AK7 D-10
C-K67532 C-J96

South
S-AJ106
H-AKJ
D-J64
C-AQ4

The bidding:
West North East South
1C Pass 1H 3NT
Pass 4D Pass 4NT
Dblc All Pass

A slight misunderstanding occurred between North and South. The contract could easily have been three no trump instead of four.

West led the five of clubs. East covering dummy's 10 with the jack and declarer won with the queen. The diamond jack was led and ducked all around. A second diamond was led and West won. Too bad West did not continue his fine play to date.

He tried to find his partner's suit. West led the heart seven. West contributed the eight and declarer won with the jack.

South's last diamond was led to put West on play again. This time he led a spade. Declarer won with the 10, played the ace of spades to drop West's queen and continued with the jack to drive out the king. This made dummy's seven of spades the high spade and an entry to all those diamond tricks over there.

West made a common mistake of leading a different suit every time he got the lead. This usually leads to a loss of tricks as it certainly did in this case.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Mrs. L. Potter and Cam Sinclair; tied for second, Jack Coats and Frank Graham, with Bill Coats and George Solt.

Township promises answer soon on school expansion

Spurred by the indication that generous Federal-Provincial grants might be sliced after March 31, Nassagaweya Council promised to "act as

soon as possible" on the Milton District High School Board proposed school expansion plans.

The Board's finance committee chairman, Glyn Roberts, school principal R. C. Hunter and board members Ross Carbert and A. N. Keilly attended the Monday night meeting of Nassagaweya Council and presented their plans to make the school a composite school.

Mr. Roberts said the estimated cost of the project was \$1,309,000 and that according to the present system, Federal-Provincial grants of \$900,000 could be gained.

Nassagaweya Council would be asked to contribute \$75,011 to the expansion program, while Milton's share would be over \$230,000 and Esquesing's would be over \$7,000.

In answer to a question by Deputy Reeve W. A. N. Hoey, Mr. Roberts said it might be possible that students who live in Nassagaweya but are in the Acton High School Area might be able to take advantage of the composite school programs in Milton.

Nassagaweya, Esquesing and Milton councils will meet with the High School Board to discuss the plan on Wednesday, February 15, in Esquesing.

Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting.—Morley.

Gov. Kerr opposes Plunkett proposals

Opposition to Montreal consultant Thomas Plunkett's proposed one-tier system of regional government for Halton and Peel Counties, and support for a two-tier plan was voiced in the Ontario Legislature Friday by George A. Kerr, Halton's Progressive Conservative M.P.

Mr. Kerr, speaking in the throne speech debate, said most organizations in the two counties had rejected Plunkett's idea to replace existing municipal governments by one rural and one urban regional council. His plan for a two-tier system of government included a regional council plus local units who would continue to render many services to the people. Mr. Kerr's proposed regional council would replace the present county councils.

Two Liberals are seeking nomination

Two 29-year-old political hopefuls and the new Ontario Liberal leader Robert Nixon will share the spotlight on Wednesday evening, February 15, when the Halton East Liberals hold a nomination convention.

The Pine Room of Oakville arena will be the site of the meeting. Murray Haesler, a lawyer and Oakville councillor, and Robin Skuce, head of the French Department at Appleby College, Oakville, are contesting the nomination for the party in Halton East.

There is speculation that it will be an extremely close race, with Mr. Skuce — who resigned as president of the Halton East Liberals — being a slight favorite.

Mr. Nixon, who was named as the Provincial Liberal Leader in early January, will be making his first appearance in Halton East since he accepted the post.

Both Mr. Skuce and Mr. Haesler have been campaigning for the nomination and have visited Milton on several occasions.

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