

## News of the District

### PROBUS

Sometime after dark on Saturday night, vandals did extensive damage to tombstones in the older part of Belsyde cemetery. Councillor Tom Boyd, chairman of the parks and cemetery committee, told the regular council meeting on Monday night that at least 35 stones were pushed over and decorative tops were taken off others. He pointed out that it couldn't be young people who did the damage as most of the stones were too large to be pushed over easily. Some of the fancy tops had been thrown at other stones, causing more damage.

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The "trees for a penny" program is conducted by the Grand River Conservation Authority which will send out an experienced crew and a machine and plant the trees at no cost to the owner.

### ERIN

Dr. B. T. Dale, medical officer of health for the Wellington-Dufferin Health Unit for the past 16 years, has been appointed to a similar position with the new Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph health unit.

The new health unit was organized recently with the merging of the two health units to form a more economical administration unit.

Population of Erin High was slightly depleted last week as a contingent of Grade 9 and 10 students spent four days at the World's Fair. The group travelled by bus, leaving on Monday, May 1, and returning on Thursday, May 4. They were under the authority of Mr. Copeland, Mrs. Florence and Mrs. O'Sullivan.

### ELORA

Elora Gorge Conservation area will get its share of centennial tourists this season. The 300-acre Grand River Conservation Authority recreation area officially opened last weekend. Although it is only open from May to Oct. 15, Canadian and American tourists flood into the area all year round.

The unusual ice formations during the winter drew thousands of people on weekends. On Sunday, April 30 hundreds

### Witnesses protest arrest of members

Henry C. Loewen, presiding minister of the Acton congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, reports that the 33 members assembled for the weekly ministry school session at Kingdon Hall unanimously approved a public protest of the persecution of Jehovah's Witnesses in Portugal.

The expression of the congregation followed a report on recent developments in Portugal in an appeal of the Witnesses to the Supreme Court of that land. Mr. Loewen told the local congregation that the Supreme Court of Portugal had, on February 22 this year, upheld the conviction of 49 Portuguese Witnesses arrested in June of 1965 for attending a Bible meeting. They make up the entire adult membership of the Feijo congregation. Police invaded a private home there and broke up religious services.

"You will be shocked," he told the local group, "to hear that these Christians were charged by the Plenary Court of Lisbon with being guilty of a crime against the security of the state." It was ridiculous, he added, for anyone to think of these harmless Christians as a security risk.

He explained, "It is most interesting that the prosecution produced no witnesses to back up the charges and no evidence to show guilt at any time during the three-day trial. Hence it was unreasonable for the Supreme Court to uphold these convictions." He claimed that the Portuguese press, significantly, had not reported the Court's decision to the public.

"Even more shocking," the congregation was told, "will be the results for the families involved. Thirty-five of those convicted are women who will be taken away from their families. Two of the women are expectant mothers. Their babies will be born in prison. Terms of from one and a half to five and a half months have been set for 39 of those convicted. Ten were given suspended sentences. All 49 were fined from \$47 to \$170 and must pay court costs of \$35 each.

The hope was expressed that public awareness of the treatment of a minority religious group in Portugal might yet bring relief to the Witnesses there.

of cars poured into the park. Expo '67 is proving to be a profitable asset already. Many campsites have been reserved by people on their way to Montreal.

### MILTON

Toronto may have its bronze Archer . . . but Milton is to have its limestone block. Milton Council agreed to use a block of limestone as its cairn marking the town's centennial project at the Mill Pond.

Centennial Manager E. R. Pearen, authorized to investigate the possibility, reported Milton Quarries would donate and load an eight ton block of limestone he had selected for mounting at the pond site. These surfaces would be dressed for the attachment of three bronze plaques.

The Canadian Champion, Milton's weekly paper, celebrated its 107th birthday last week with its Wednesday issue. James Campbell founded the Champion in 1861.

### GEORGETOWN

The Delrex market centre now known as the 'Georgetown Market' will shortly more than double its size, according to Bruce McLaughlin, president of Metropolitan Halton Developments. The present shopping area covers 45,000 square feet, and the plans call for an additional 55,000 square feet.

Preliminary agreements have been signed with several new tenants including a food store and another bank. Architects are hoping to construct an enclosed mall east of the present shopping area.

Door-to-door mail delivery to 240 homes and businesses in Glen Williams will start as soon as 80 per cent of the patrons install mail boxes it was announced by Dr. Harry Harley, M.P. for Halton.

Four adults and 13 children escaped in their night clothes moments before fire gutted a two storey apartment block at 45 Main St. N., Friday morning. The 100-year old structure was in a semi-demolished state prior to the blaze, the start of a demolition project that would eventually eliminate the entire building from the downtown scene. The loss was not insured.

Razed were two vacant and two occupied apartments and two vacant business quarters in the front of the building. The residents fled into the street shortly before 5:30 after one of the adults discovered flames and alerted the other occupants in an upstairs apartment. They took shelter in the police station across the road while firemen battled the inferno.

### Decoration Day plans proceeding

On May 11, the second meeting of the Decoration Day committee was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Currie. Reports were given and all arrangements were completed for the parade and the ceremony at the cemetery for Decoration Day, June 4.

The first Vacation Bible School for youngsters was opened in 1901 in New York City by Dr. Robert Boville of the Baptist City Mission.



ORCHIDS BLOOMED in the league finals to take the Blue Springs league five pin bowling championship at Acton Lanes. Captain Burns White holds on to the trophy flanked by Marjorie Johnston on her left and Tracy Vlastra, right. In the back are Lois Walker, Marion Storey and Betty Hardie. (Staff Photo)



## Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

When someone is learning to play Contract Bridge, he or she is told a lot of rules. Some of these are "always cover an honor with an honor" or "second play low, third play high" or "never finesse against your partner".

These rules are fine for the novice, but in order to be a good bridge player, you must learn when to break the rules. Take this hand, for example, which occurred during a rubber bridge game. North-South were vulnerable and South dealt.

North  
S-A J 8 3  
H-8 6  
D-K J 7  
C-Q 10 4 2

West  
S-9 7 6  
H-J 9 5 3 2  
D-8 5 3  
C-K 9 3

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

South  
S-K 10 4  
H-K 10 7  
D-A Q 4 3  
C-A J 5

The bidding:  
South 1NT West North East  
1NT Pass 2C Pass  
2D Pass 3NT All Pass

North's two club response to a one no trump opening bid was the Stayman Convention. It asked South if he had a four card (or better) major suit. When South replied two diamonds, denying a four card major, North went straight to three no trump.

West led the three of hearts following the rule of leading fourth best of his longest suit. This is a good rule and should be followed in this case. Dummy played low and East has a choice.

Should East play the ace or break the rule and play the queen. Never finesse against your partner, the rule suggests.

A good defender will break the rule in this case. If West holds the king, it doesn't matter what East does. But if declarer holds the king — well, let's see.

Suppose East plays the ace and continues with the queen. Declarer refuses the trick and wins the third round when East plays the four. Declarer tries the spade finesse, which loses to East, but East has no more hearts.

clarer will refuse the finesse and settle for nine tricks — three spades, four diamonds and one each in hearts and clubs.

Now let's go back to the opening trick. If East plays the queen, declarer will win. He can no longer chance a hold-up since West might have led from a suit headed by ace-king.

Now when the spade finesse fails. Each cashes the heart ace and leads his third heart. Defense collects four heart tricks plus a spade for a one trick defeat.

Rules at contract bridge were made to be broken and knowing when to break them is the mark of a good bridge player.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, George Soltz and Bill Wandel; second, Charles Renwick and Tom Warnes; third, Bill Barbour and Clay Barbour.



### O.P.P. weekly report

## Highway fatal, accidental death

A fatality on the highway and an accidental death in which a 16-year-old Georgetown boy was killed by a train ended a busy week for Milton O.P.P. on Saturday.

During the period May 7 to May 13 inclusive, personnel of

the Milton detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, worked a total of 993 1/4 hours and patrolled a total of 7,912 miles on area highways. As a result of patrol, 29 traffic charges were preferred, 24 traffic violation warnings were issued, 18 veh-

icles were safety checked and 17 convictions registered.

There was one fatal accident resulting in one person killed and one person injured; two personal injury accidents resulting in four persons injured; three property damage accidents investigated and approximately \$3,225 in property damage recorded. Causes of accidents were fall to stop at stop street; inattentive driving; fall to turn out to the left; and driver lost control.

There were 58 general occurrences during this period including one accidental death; theft of trees from property of U. Muller, Nassagaweya Twp.; theft of hub caps in Equeusing Twp.; one person charged "driving while under suspension"; one person charged "driving while ability impaired"; four L.C.A. investigations resulting in four persons being charged under the Liquor Control Act; four premises found "insecure at night"; Other occurrences were of a minor nature.

Traffic safety officer Const. W. F. Joyce gave a safety lecture to 25 Cubs at Milton detachment office.

## Loyal service to Knox church by Mr. Mrs. Robinson praised

A social evening was held last Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ab Robinson, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Waldie.

Mr. Robinson has served for 25 years as envelope secretary and assistant treasurer of Knox Presbyterian Church, and relinquished his post at the end of September.

Present at the gathering were members of the board of managers of the church and their wives, the minister Rev. A. H. McKenzie and his wife and the clerk of session.

Murray Scoyne, past chairman of the board, on their behalf presented to Mr. Robinson 25 silver dollars, ten of them the new centennial silver dollars. A pointed plant was presented to Mrs. Robinson, who filled in for her husband when he suffered a broken leg.

Alex Mann, a representative of the session, and Mr. McKenzie both expressed thanks for

their diligent and loyal service to the church.

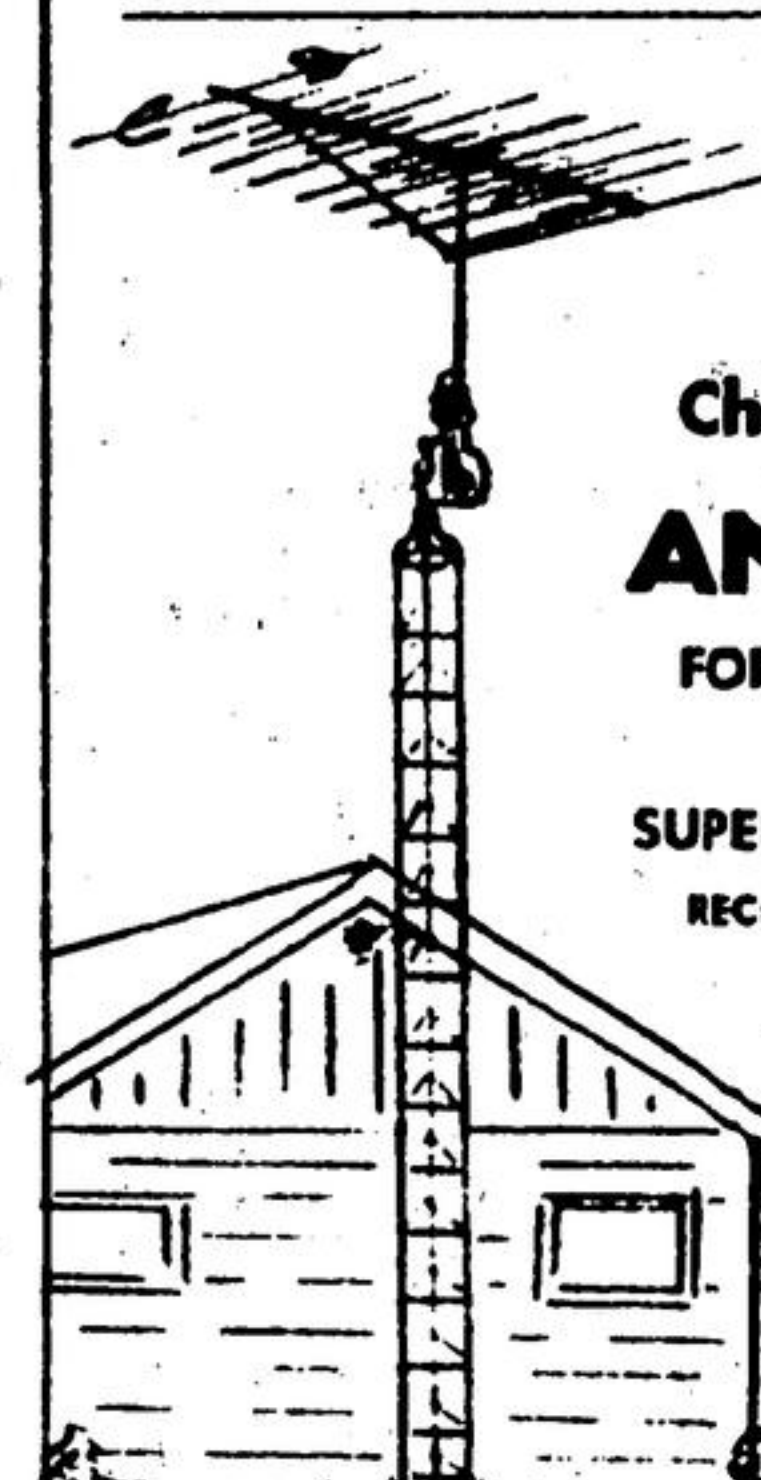
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