



LEAVING UP for the Expo-bound bus are these Robert Little school students last Thursday morning. A full bus load arrived in Montreal Thursday afternoon and arrived home Monday evening. (Staff Photo)

Sweat shirt difference between winning, losing centennial mayor race

"I lost by a sweat shirt," grined Acton Mayor Les Doby recounting his second place finish in the Centennial race of the Guelph road races on Thanksgiving Day in the Royal City.

Invitations were issued to mayors throughout the Guelph area to participate in the annual program but only six mayors tried the course.

Winner was Galt Mayor Bob Kerr who came from behind to overtake Acton's chief executive, striding ahead purposefully setting the pace.

It was a kind of a lark since the Galt mayor hitched a ride on a police cruiser to overtake the athletic efforts of Mayor Doby.

The special event was started by Vern McIlwraith, chairman of the Guelph centennial group. He had comparisons to make pointing out the Queen's Plate run in Guelph in 1864 had been won by a "mare".

Competing as well as winner Bob Kerr and runner-up Les Doby were John Campbell, of Fergus, Harry Halberstadt, of Preston, Arnold Patterson, Orangeville and Guelph mayor Ralph Smith.

A big steak dinner followed the event.

Many of us grow sage after sowing wild oats.

BACK TO MILWAUKEE Monday night

Wary and happy, the busload of Robert Little students and five adults returned back from Expo about 6:30 Monday evening. The young people had a grand time.

Anyone who can take a pill at a fountain, deserves to get well. Gardener: One who thinks that what goes down must come up.

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Esquising turns down Milton request

Esquising township council turned down a request from the town of Milton to gauge public opinion by ballot of a measure asking the province to pay the total cost of education.

Milton launched a province-wide campaign to measure support for assumption of 100 per cent of the cost of education by the province and will put the question to electors this December. Nearly 1,000 letters were sent out to other Ontario municipalities asking them to take similar action.

Esquising councillors sympathized with the resolution but felt the question was a matter for a provincial ballot rather than municipal.

Clerk K.C. Lindsay initiated discussion by asking if councillors thought there would be any improvement if the government paid 100 per cent of the cost of education.

"Ask for more if you can get it but I think it's the wrong thing to ask for it at all," said the deputy reeve George Currie. "It'd be a useless ballot. Probably 99 per cent would vote for it. I don't go along with it."

"Milton wants an answer," reminded Reeve George Leslie.

The deputy-reeve reiterated his objections. Councillor Jim Goodlet argued the matter should be a matter for the provincial government not on the municipal ballot.

"I go along with their policy, but . . ." Councillor Tom Hill couldn't see why the question should be on a municipal ballot.

"If there's enough pressure you may get it but you'd only pay it somewhere else," said Mr. Goodlet.

Council finally passed a resolution which read:

"The Township of Esquising does not approve of a request of a ballot for the government to pay the cost of education even if we feel the government should assume the full cost of education."

Free Press Local News Items

- A new check-out counter and other alterations have renovated A-B Supermarket.
- No municipal election this year! For the first time, all elected posts are for a two-year term.
- The fall bazaars are beginning, already, with the Legion Ladies' this Saturday. Quite a few other groups are planning for the special events that fill successive fall weekends.
- A movie producer making a picture for Halton county made arrangements to film a blast at Acton Limestone Quarries.
- The parks commissioner at the University of Guelph says all the elm trees there are dead or near-dead, and there's nothing that can be done about it.
- Rev. R. McMurray and some U. of G. students are attending a Teach-In in Toronto this weekend. One of the speakers will be U. THANT of the United Nations.
- School children were inspected by firefighters when they had fire drill last week. It was Fire Prevention Week, but not too cold for the girls and boys to file out briskly without their coats.
- Quite a few high school students, disappointed that the proposed appearance of all three candidates at the high school didn't work out, attended the C. of C. Meet the Candidates meeting. There was a surprisingly high number of public and high school students, to balance the somewhat meagre number of adults.
- The \$5,300,000 arts complex at the University of Guelph opened Friday with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- The asphalt for No. 25 highway repaving is being processed at a plant located at the Acton Limestone Quarries.
- The Canadian Government has transported free of charge four UNICEF-purchased "Tiger" well-drilling rigs to assist the drought-stricken states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh in India.
- Fruit and vegetables keep ripening in the sunny, fairly mild weather. Raspberries and strawberries are still being picked.
- An ecumenical bowling league is being set up between the churches of Acton. Names of prospective bowlers are being assembled.

Esquising Council briefs

- Esquising Council meeting on Monday:
- * Read and passed a by-law authorizing the township to borrow \$14,936 from the bank for two portable classrooms at Pineview School in township school area number one. The loan is to be repaid over three years at the current interest rate charged by the bank for municipal loans. The by-law is subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board.
- * Received correspondence from the U.L.A. notifying council of their intention to evict a woman with eight children from U.L.A. property.
- * Received a letter from a lady trailer occupant objecting to the license fee charged and stating there was no intention of paying it unless she could see some benefits. She felt the land owner should pay the tax since he paid taxes. The lady wrote it was becoming harder and harder to raise a family and impossible to get ahead on an average wage. Councillors instructed the clerk to write a letter of reply stating the \$10 a month was for permit to live in a trailer. They were empowered by a by-law which the Municipal Act gave council the power to pass.
- * Agreed to petition the Department of Highways for interim subsidy of \$130,377.28, road accounts until Sept. 30 this year.
- * Received a request for candidates for a Good Roads course at the University of Guelph May 12 to 15.
- * Received a request from United Gas to extend their pipe lines in Glen Williams. Reeve Leslie objected to the position of pipes. He said this could be an "Ethiopian in the woods." Streets may have to be widened then we've got to bear the cost. Council felt the company should get permission from the county to lay pipes along Main St. in the Glen, a county artery, before they give their O.K.
- * Passed a motion authorizing the road superintendent to purchase sand from the county - 1500 tons at \$1.60 ton delivered to superintendent.
- * Agreed to call tenders for snow plowing on township roads. Reeve George Leslie presided at the three and a half hour meeting with Deputy-reeve George Currie, Councillors Tom Hill and Jim Goodlet, Clerk K.C. Lindsay and road superintendent, Bud Snow in attendance. Assessor Art Brown nominated the clerk in the absence of assistant clerk D. [Name obscured]

Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

Rules at bridge are made to be broken. When to break them is left to human judgment, hence, computers would never be good bridge players. Last week at the Acton Bridge Club I broke a rule that I cannot recall ever breaking before. Since it led to a good result I shall pass it on for what it is worth.

Both sides are vulnerable and the dealer is North.

NORTH	S - A K Q 2	H - 9 7	D - A 9 6 3	C - 7 6 2
WEST	S - 8 6	H - 10 8 4 2	D - K Q 4 2	C - 9 4 3
EAST	S - J 9 7 5 3	H - 3	D - J 7 5	C - A K Q J
SOUTH	S - 10 4	H - A K Q J 6 5	D - 10 8	C - 10 8 5

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1 D 2 C 4 H All pass

Opening lead club 9.
North's opening bid is correct. With two four card suits, the one bow your shortest suit should be bid first. I sat East and I had a problem. I could not make a tabout double since I was so short in hearts. I would really like to show my spades but I didn't want my partner to lead spades. The clubs looked very nice but I have never overcalled on a four card suit. I finally bid two clubs so that my partner might have a suit to lead to. I could always bid spades later.

South's leap to four hearts closed out the bidding. With his solid six tricks in trump, this was a good call.

Maybe West would have led a club anyway, I don't know. But after East's bid, there was no doubt. After the club lead declarer did not have a chance. West led the club nine and declarer played the five. On the second club led, declarer dropped the ten while West played the four.

Since West would lead low from four clubs, declarer is known to have another. A third club was taken and now the stage was set. Declarer appears to have 10 tricks, once he gets the lead. There are 6 trump tricks, three spades and the diamond ace.

One trick disappeared when East led his last club. Declarer chose to play East for the heart ten and took a discard. West ruffed with the 10 for the setting trick. Even if declarer ruffs high, the four one trump suit now defeats the contract.

Maybe the next time I have ace, king, queen and jack of a suit I'll over-call again and see what happens.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Bev Pattullo and Bill Coats; tied for second; Jack Coats and Duke Wilson with Helen Hyde and Mike Lorusso; fourth, Joyce Pickle and Betty Ashley.

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