

Halton County Council HIGHLIGHTS

Three Planning Areas

Division of the county into three planning areas, was proposed to Halton County Council Tuesday, when Robert Serena reported for the Halton Planning Association.

Mr. Serena proposed that from "some spot north of highway five" should be designated as one planning area and the areas of Oakville and Burlington should each form the two other areas. This would be one of the subjects to be discussed by the Planning Association during the next year, he suggested.

In making the proposal, he noted there was presently no overall planning concept in the county. "Halton is an ideal place for people, but it does require a united front," he suggested.

Merge Committees

The county's two Consultative Committees on Education, one for the elementary schools and one for the secondary schools will be merged to form a combined committee, members of Halton County Council agreed on Tuesday.

Chairman E. Gudgeon, made the suggestion in reporting for the Consultative Committee that in April recommended a county board of education. Mr. Gudgeon emphasized there would be much work ahead in implementing the provincial policy of a county board of education for Halton.

Amend Road By-Law

Amendments to the county road system were authorized by by-law adding approximately three miles to the county system and removing about one third of a mile. The additions were in Burlington and Nassagaweya and the deletion was in Burlington.

Expect Film in May

Joe Hurst, chairman of the County Industrial Committee, reported on the progress being made in preparation of a film on Halton. Weather delays had been overcome and the filming was now complete, he told the members of council. A screening in May was anticipated.

Two Honor Winners

During the meeting the County honored Carl Middlebrook and Murray Brownridge who placed first against 62 teams in the Ontario 4-H Inter-Club Judging competition in October. Reeve G. Leslie, as chairman of the county agricultural committee made the presentation of pen and pencil sets. It was noted a team from the Acton 4-H Club placed second.

Warden Reports Busy Week

Warden Coulter reported he had attended 362 meetings and uncounted social functions representing the county during his term as warden.

He expressed disappointment the county had not adopted the county assessment commissioner system and suggested equalization would be very difficult next year. In the planned county welfare system, all had opted out but Acton and Nassagaweya, which created a ridiculous operation he would seek to eliminate next year.

Old and New Meet

Members of council paid tribute to retiring members Herb Merry, George Leslie, Frank Rogers and Charles Menoff. Reeve A. Ledwith presented some colored pictures of county centennial activities to the retiring warden.

Members elect to the County Council, T. Hill, Mrs. E. Burke, Bill Gillies and Ron Harris were welcomed to the meeting.

Meet Minister on Merger

Council agreed with Peel County in authorizing representation to the Minister of Health to discuss the proposed merger of the Halton and Peel Boards of Health. Warden Coulter said such an amalgamation now without provincial decisions on the Plunkett and Smith Reports would be foolish.

Black Preceptory officers elected

At the meeting of the Royal Black Preceptory Orange Lodge 877, Guelph, the following officers were elected.

Preceptor worshipful sir knight N. Fryer; deputy preceptor sir knight F. Quee; chaplain, worshipful sir knight H. Mapes; receptor register worshipful sir knight W. McLaren; deputy register sir knight R. Barlow; financial register worshipful sir knight G. Miller; treasurer worshipful sir knight, W.B. Flannigan; first lecturer sir knight, N. Phillips; second lecturer sir knight, C. Heath; first censor sir knight H. Gordon; second censor sir knight, H. Walker; first stan-

dard bearer sir knight, A. Gordon; second standard bearer sir knight, W. Ingles; pursuivant worshipful sir knight, J. Mordau; committeemen worshipful sir knights, C. K. Browne, E. Lyons, C.J. Cummings, J. Givens, G. Miller, T. Mayes and G. Holman. Election and installation were carried out by worshipful sir knight, N. Vokey of RBP 950.

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WHAT'LL YOU HAVE, folks? Step right up and get your ice cream says booth proprietor Henry Rupert, behind the moustache. That's Judi Duby and Mrs. N. Hurst, his assistants at the Beardmore party. (Staff Photo)

Christmas reception held at county museum

The annual Christmas reception held by Halton county museum board for county council, staff, all those associated with the work there and their families was held Monday afternoon in the museum following the board's regular meeting.

The converted barn in Kelso Conservation area is the only inhabited building for some distance, and glowed in the fog with Christmas lights.

About 80 attended, numbers cut by the bad weather.

Oakville reeve Herb Merry, prime instigator of the museum years ago and a member of the board since its inception, expressed his regret at not being associated with the museum next year. (He lost the Oakville election.) He said that the result of seven years of complete co-operation was apparent, and he urged each one there to support the museum fully.

Board chairman Bill Hoey especially thanked Esqueping township and county council for the funds which made the centennial building, now under construction, possible. He praised director Maj. H. J. Newman and his assist-

ant, Mrs. Erle Brittain. A late-centennial presentation to the museum was made by warden Bill Coulter. As reeve of Nassagaweya, he gave to Maj. Newman one of the first volumes ever purchased by Nassagaweya, an old volume of Webster's dictionary. The township wished to make a significant donation, even though its monetary value might not be high, he said, as he handed over the heavy book in a pine case.

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Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Would you take a finesse in a suit if you knew that it would not work? If you answered no, then you have something to learn. At bridge there is never a clear cut yes or no answer. What is correct for one hand is incorrect for another.

Here is a case where you must finesse even though you expect to lose the trick. The dealer is West and both sides are vulnerable.

NORTH
S - 8 6 2
H - 4 2
D - K J 8 3
C - A 9 8 4

WEST
S - A K J 7 5
H - K 7
D - 10 9 6
C - Q 6 5

SOUTH
S - 10 4
H - A Q J 10 3
D - A 7
C - K J 10 2

The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1 S Pass Pass 2 H
2 S 3 H Pass 4 H
All Pass

Opening lead - King of Spades. West leads the spade king and continued with the ace when East signalled for a continuation. A third round of spades was led and South ruffed. Declarer had lost two tricks already and it looked like the king of trump was a sure loser.

West had opened the bidding and East could not find six points to keep the bidding open. Since the trump king was offside, declarer played the ace of trump and then the queen and went down to defeat. When West was in with the trump king, he simply led another spade.

East discarded and South had to ruff. Now East had one more trump than declarer and took the setting trick.

When declarer wins the third trick, he should do one of two things. Either enter dummy with the diamond king and lead a trump for a finesse or, if convinced that West has the king, lead the trump queen from his hand.

The reason is simple. Dummy has two trumps. One must be kept temporarily, to ruff spades. If West wins the first trump lead and leads a spade it can be ruffed in dummy. If East over-ruffs so can declarer.

The trump could be split 3-3. In that case West might refuse the first lead. Declarer can then take the ace and lead a third round.

If it should turn out that West has four trump to king, then all we can say is that declarer did the best he could. In all cases, declarer must lose the first trump in order to win the contract.

Last week at the Acton Bridge Club we had an individual movement. The winner was Mrs. Gloria Coats with Art Norris second and Jack Coats third.

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