



THIRTEEN SQUARES, which is 104 square dancers, had a lively time at the Robert Little school Thursday evening. Facilities of the school auditorium were taxed as dancers from Guelph, Burlington, Cookville and other nearby places, as well as

Acton, attended graduation night for beginners from the Acton club. They've been taking lessons for several months, learning the intricacies of the fast steps and complicated moves. (Staff Photo)



KNOWN COAST-TO-COAST across Canada for her ability to keep square dancing lively and entertaining is Orville Phelps. She was one of five callers at the Pairs and Squares graduation night Thursday. Dancers had a swinging time with this tune, "Gonna have a shindig in the barn." (Staff Photo)



ORV PHELPS, right, and his wife, Fannie, left, Reed and Valerie Coles were among those instructors, presented graduates of the Acton square dancing class with their diplomas at Thursday's gala graduation night. Gordon (Staff Photo)

Six guests present

Y's Men induct seven new members

President Gary Bateman presided at the regular meeting of Y's Men's Club with seven pres-

entive members and six guests present. After everyone was introduced Bill Henry assumed the gavel and conducted a very impartial "Fines" period which gathered money from young and old for the Bishop Fund. President Gary conducted a lively sing-song with Mary McKenzie assisting at the piano.

Special guest, Richard Chaloner, Crown Attorney for Wellington County, was introduced by Ed. Leatherland. Mr. Chaloner briefly outlined the British system of laws and the work of the police, Justices of Peace, Crown Attorneys, and judges, etc. to protect our present society. Many interesting questions were answered before "Sonny" Rogvaldson expressed our sincere thanks and presented a gift in appreciation.

Seven new members were inducted by the following induction team: Elmer Smith, Jack McGeachie, Bill Binson, Charles Leatherland, Sonny Rogvaldson, Gary Bateman. Special arrangements for the induction were

made by Y's Man Harry Arbie. Now members joining the club were: James Lindsay, Boardmore & Co.; Donald Perry, Lakeview Discount Centre; John McNabb, Acton Free Press; Stephen Lewis, Provincial Government; William Hurry, Acton Quarries; Terry Masalos, Mascon Motors; Barry Cleland, Acton Auto Body.

Special prizes for the occasion donated by Walter Dubois and Elmer Smith were won by Ron Rachlin and Harry Arbie. Frank Scott, who works for the Provincial Government, was presented as a prospective member. The club plans another induction ceremony March 28 to accommodate four prospective members who had to work during the last meeting.

Before the meeting adjourned the president announced Guelph would be visiting the club April 11, that we had an opportunity to support a YMCA in Montego Bay, Jamaica through the Ontario/Quebec Region. Plans were completed for the club's dance in the Music Centre Friday March 15.

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Defensive bidding is more difficult and more dangerous than an opening bid. The opponents already know that one hand has an opening bid. This makes it much easier to make a penalty double. However, the defense must not give up just because the other side has bid. One of the newer defensive weapons is the "unusual no trump" overall. Let's see it in action from a hand that occurred at the Acton Bridge Club last week.

The dealer was South and East-West were vulnerable.

NORTH
S - 8
H - 5 3
D - K 9 7 4 2
C - AKQ 9 3

WEST
S - AKJ 5 2
H - A - 8
D - J
C - J 10 6 4

EAST
S - Q 10 6
H - K 10 7
D - Q 8 3
C - 8 7 5

SOUTH
S - 9 7 4 3
H - J 9 6 4 2
D - A 10 6 5
C - 2

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
Pass 1 S 2 N.T. Pass
3 D All Pass

Opening lead, King of spades. The only unusual bid and it is unusual, is North's bid of two no trump. The unusual no trump asks, in fact demands, that partner choose between the low two unbid suits. These suits are most usually the minor suits.

Couldn't north bid these on his own? Which one would he bid? With the unusual no trump you can bid both suits at once. If you would like to try it here are the ground rules. A no trump bid is unusual in four cases.

If you are a passed hand (if you have already passed) then a no trump overall is never natural. A jump to two no trump as an overall cannot be natural. If you are very strong and the opponents open the bidding it's better to double or cue bid. A no trump overall of a no trump bid is never natural. If the opponents open one no trump

10 men jobless

Company may start fresh after costly Rockwood blaze

Fire which destroyed the Northern Tackle Company plant last week put 10 full-time employees out of work but general manager Roy L. Murphy said a fresh start in Rockwood is more than probable.

Rockwood volunteer firefighters answered the call which came at 9:20 p.m. last Tuesday night. They invoked the mutual aid agreement, requesting help from Guelph at 9:55.

The combined efforts of the two brigades were thwarted by the lack of water. Attempts to bring water from the river were hampered by the distance.

The 4,000 square foot frame structure, originally a freight shed before it was bought by the

company, burned right to the ground along with stock and material in process. The company manufactures lines for the fishing trade. Products are distributed from coast to coast.

The company started operation about six years ago in a building at the corner of Main and George Sts. and moved to the present location two years ago when Stag Lubricants moved to a brand new building next door.

Both Stag Lubricant and the C.N.R. station were threatened by the fire and firefighters re-

stricted their efforts to saving these buildings when they found it impossible to save the Northern Tackle plant. It is almost a century old. The Stratford-bound C.N.R. passenger train, the In Guelph at 12:33 a.m. was held up for 25 minutes by fire operation. The intense heat scorched railway ties.

The burned building was owned by the company on land leased from the C.N.R. No estimate has been made of the loss which was covered by insurance.

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\$417,207 net profit for Halton, Peel Trust

Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Co. reports record progress in its annual report for 1967.

Net profit of \$417,207 (\$1.13 per share) was four per cent above \$400,032 for 1966. Assets under administration increased to \$82,683,000 from \$69,689,000; savings and term deposits to \$70,387,000 from \$60,425,000; and estates, trust and agencies to \$9,126,000 from \$6,456,000. General reserves was raised by \$225,000 to \$1,225,000 and internal investment reserves by over \$375,000 to \$1,424,000. Total revenues of \$4,928,000 in 1967 was \$878,000 higher than in 1966. Authorized capital is being increased to \$10 million (2 million shares) from \$2 million (400,000 shares).

In 1967 the company made a very successful issue of shares to increase its capital and reserves by over \$400,000. The company has now moved into expanded quarters in Brampton and the Georgetown office has this week moved to its attractive new building recently completed.

Five Acton Lions will attend Quebec convention

Five Acton Lions and their wives have booked rooms for the convention in Quebec City in May and more are talking about attending. Transportation has been arranged by the Bramalea club. They have hired two railway coaches.

The Lions at their regular meeting last week had Ron Wolf of the Bramalea club, a candidate for zone chairman of 6 North, as their guest. Steven Lewis and John Trotter were also there as guests.

President Vic Bristow announced public speaking winner Carol Patterson leaves from Toronto on March 17 for the trip to Chicago she won in the competition. He also told Lions the club history records are ready to be mounted into frames thanks to the assistance of Joe Bray.

Nomination meeting for new officers has been set for March 25. Lion Chief Vic Bristow and Lion Murray Harrison outlined

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