



**CROCUSES, OR IS IT CROCAE?** are one of the first messengers of spring, blooming in the refuse left by winter as it starts its long retreat up arctic corridors. (Staff Photo)

**O.P.P. donates \$103 muscular dystrophy**

A gift from the Milton and Oakville detachments, Ontario Provincial Police, will mean \$103 worth of extra treatment and care for children suffering from muscular dystrophy.

Through their association, the two police detachments have forwarded the amount to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada with the hopes it will bring a little comfort into the lives of needy children.

Const. W. Jordan of Milton O.P.P. explained that at the end of each fiscal year, the district association's excess money is distributed to worthwhile charities through the area O.P.P. offices. In other years the Milton O.P.P. has supported the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, but a broomball game planned for April 21 will be raising money for that purpose this year so the M-D fund was chosen to reap the benefits.

The O.P.P. Association raised its funds through dances and social outings for its members. The constitution says any profit must go to charity.

**Six permits**

Nassagaweya Township issued six housing permits for a total value of \$125,000 last month. This brings the 1968 total value for building in Nassagaweya to \$198,800, which is up nine per cent from last year. Building Inspector S. W. Savage said.

**Golden Age club features Irish tunes, rhythm band**

The regular evening meeting of Acton Golden Age Club held Tuesday, March 19 in Luxton Hall with 49 members and several visitors was a most enjoyable one.

An invitation from Silverwood Limestone W.L. to the rhythm band to help entertain at a birthday party in Milton Manor on April 24 was accepted. Practice is to be held in the home of Mrs. Bradshaw April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Wilderspin introduced Steven Van Fleet who won first in the Public Speaking Contest in North Halton. Steven gave his winning speech "War No More" to a very attentive and appreciative audience who were much impressed with his clear diction and nice delivery. He was heartily applauded and congratulated and given encouragement to go on to a successful career from such a promising beginning.

Mr. Banks entertained at the piano with Irish tunes and led in the singing of "Two Eyes of Blue." The rhythm band made their first appearance in their new uniforms for the ladies - white blouse and navy skirts. The men wore white shirts

and dark ties with their dark suits. All wore a large green shamrock. They Rhythm-ed and sang Irish songs, "It's a long way to Tipperary," "My Wild Irish Rose," "Peggy O'Neil" and finished with their theme song "Mocking Bird Hill."

Mrs. Herrington and her helpers served a nice lunch. Lunch convener for April will be Mrs. Gerguson with helpers Mrs. J. Lambert, Mrs. N. Lambert, Mrs. Agnew, Mrs. McEnery and Mrs. Millar. Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. McCutcheon are entertainment conveners.

Alcohol An Anaesthetic - \*The effects of alcohol in the bloodstream arise from the anaesthetic properties of alcohol. Alcohol is classed by pharmacists as a drug, producing progressive depression action on the central nervous system. Alcohol acts as an anaesthetic, like ether or chloroform; all are depressants of the central nervous system. Because of the varying effects of alcohol it has been classified as sedative, analgesic, hypnotic and narcotic. The most accurate classification, however, is that of anaesthetic.

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**THANKS REFEREES**

Dear Sir:

I would like to express our appreciation and thanks for the referees from Acton who refereed in the International Bantam Tournament in Georgetown. These boys did a good job and were very dependable.

The names of these fellows are: Murray Harrison, Barry Inscow, Harold Townsley, Gary Masales and Danny Arbic.

Thanking you for your space in the Acton Free Press.

Yours for better hockey,  
"Referee in Chief"  
Gerald "Pinky" Perkins.

**COMPLAINTS ABOUT ZONING HEARING**

Dear Sir:

On the 25th of March 1968, I attended the Ontario Municipal Board hearing on the zoning by-law for the Township of Nassagaweya. I was far from impressed.

The hearing was called for 11 a.m. when most of those affected by this zoning by-law were at work earning their daily bread, so they were denied the right

to be heard. One or two taxpayers who stood to stand financial loss appeared with counsel; thus, plus the high cost of a counsel, they had to forfeit a day's pay. The charade started when a gaggle of lawyers were allowed to pick their time to be heard. I had worked the night previous to the hearing, had had one hour's sleep and couldn't foresee being heard that day. At the noon recess I left the meeting in disgust.

I think the highlight of the forenoon hearing was when the chairman of the meeting, a member of the Municipal Board, a senior servant of the Provincial Government didn't recognize or affected not to recognize, Mr. Yarmko, Minister of Family Planning and Social Services.

William A. Johnson  
R.R. 2, Rockwood.

**Music Festival in Acton next week entries again high in solo classes**

The children in the schools of Acton, Milton, Esqueping and Nassagaweya townships are busy practising for the North Halton Music Festival.

This year the festival is being held in the Robert Little School Acton on Tuesday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 10.

Garfield Bender, a well-known supervisor of music with the Kitchener school system, will adjudicate at all sessions.

The Tuesday program commences at 8:45 a.m. with the Triple Duet competitions. In the morning as well, primary choirs and Junior choirs compete.

The afternoon session begins at 12:45 with the Boys' Unchanged Voices followed by Grade Four choirs and Senior Chorus competing. Competition will be keen since there are 8 to 11 entries in most classes.

As well as a cup and shield for first and second the Festival Association has purchased plaques which will be presented to the third place entry in each class.

For a second time solo competitions will be held on Wednesday. The response this year has far surpassed 1967 and many more schools are sending participants.

It is impossible to complete all classes before lunch. Classes competing in the morning will be Primary and Junior girls and boys beginning at 8:45. Commencing at 12:15 the senior boys and girls sing.

Medals will be presented to the top three entrants in each class. The Wednesday evening program starts at 7:30. Several winners from Tuesday and Wednesday will entertain and there will be three classes in competition.

The public is urged to attend as many sessions as possible. The standard of music in the schools of Halton County has always been exceptionally good. No admission is charged nor is there an entry fee. This is possible due to the tremendous financial support the Association receives from the school boards, Women's Institutes, I.O.D.E., Home and Schools and interested service clubs.

Jack Reed, vice principal of the Stewarttown Sr. Public School is the 1968 president and James Zehr, Brookville public school is vice president. Mrs. F. Marcoux, Acton, is past president and Mrs. Glenda Benton, an M.Z. Bennett, Acton, teacher is secretary-treasurer.

The trophy convener is Mrs. R. Frost, R. R. 4, Georgetown who is assisted by Mrs. S. Brunelle, Acton, and Mrs. M. Appleyard, R. R. 1, Georgetown.

The Area Superintendents, O. G. McDowell and W. L. McNeil give a great deal of encouragement and assistance.

The music supervisors who train and coach the young musicians are Mrs. Lenora Vickery, Nassagaweya; Mrs. Mary Kidney and Mrs. Margaret Ridley, Esqueping; Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing, Milton and Glenn Banks, Acton.

**\$1,800 collected by Red Cross youth**

A total of \$1,800 will be turned over to Paul Meldrum, director of Red Cross Youth for the Canadian Red Cross soon.

The money was raised during a six-week campaign by public school students in Nassagaweya, Esqueping, Georgetown, Acton and Milton school areas.

Area superintendent W. L. McNeil reports the 3,000 students in his area turned in around \$900 which slightly surpasses last year's tally.

A representative for area superintendent O. McDowell noted one school in his section is yet to be heard from, but the total will also approximate \$900.

The money was raised through candy sales, auctions, movies, plays, puppet shows and a host of other student-created and executive activities.

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**Let's Play Bridge**

by Bill Coats

Safety plays don't have much of a place in duplicate bridge but they are very important at rubber bridge. Closely allied with the safety play is what might be described as a precautionary play. When you can lead high cards from either hand, it sometimes pays to lead from one rather than the other hand.

Here is an example from last week's action at the Acton Bridge Club.

The dealer is East and East-West are vulnerable:

NORTH  
S-10 6 4  
H-A-K 8  
D-A-K 6 5  
C-Q 10 6

WEST  
S-7 3 2  
H-Q 9 5 3  
D-J 3  
C-J 7 3 2

EAST  
S-K J 9 5  
H-J 10 6 2  
D-Q 10 9 8 4  
C-VOID

SOUTH  
S-A Q 8  
H-7 4  
D-7 2  
C-A K 9 8 5 4

The bidding:  
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH  
Pass 1 C Pass 1 D  
Pass 2 C Pass 3 H  
Pass 3 N.T. Pass 4 N.T.  
Pass 5 H Pass 6 N.T.  
All Pass

Opening lead - three of hearts. Sometimes big hands are more difficult to bid than average ones. North has problems over South's opening bid. North has the points and distribution for a three no trump bid but he has no spade stoppers.

North temporizes with one diamond response. When next it is his turn to bid he must show

the power of his hand with a jump shift - even with a three card suit.

South goes to three no trump and then North uses Blackwood to discover South's two aces. With that he proceeds to six no trump.

Declarer won the lead in dummy and took stock. It looks like six club tricks plus two each in diamonds and hearts. This meant that spades had to produce two tricks for the small slam.

The only problem was to play the clubs safely. If either opponent had four clubs, declarer must play to take that into account. A low club should be led from dummy and when East shows out declarer can win and take the honor finesse against West's jack.

It looks easy when you see it in this paper but two declarers who played this hand at six no trump both cashed the club queen first.

One was able to recover however. Declarer conceded a club trick to West and won the heart return. A spade finesse was taken successfully. Now came the rest of declarer's clubs. Dummy kept three diamonds and a spade. East could not guard both spades and diamonds and elected to keep the same a dummy. The last four tricks were the ace and king of diamonds and the ace and eight of spades.

If declarer had played the club suit correctly he would not have had to find such a fortunate division of spade and diamond suits in order to make the contract.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Barbour; second Mrs. Gill Cook and Jack Coats; third, Mrs. Joan Garrett and Mrs. Katherine Coats.

**Pay Georgetown, Milton libraries \$700 for use by township students**

School board chairman William Lawson and trustee Chester Early appeared before Esqueping council Monday to acquaint councillors with final figures on an addition to the Glen Williams school.

Higher bids for two rooms, a library resources area and alterations on the school will bring the total price up to around \$79,000, Mr. Lawson explained. Tentative approval had only been resolved on \$75,700.

"The board will make up the difference out of current funds," Mr. Lawson said. "This means raising the levy one-quarter of a mill to cover the cost."

Breakdown on costs as requested by the clerk for submission to the Ontario Municipal Board revealed the initial tender was \$73,685, alterations would cost \$858 for a \$74,543 total. Architect's fees would bring the expenditure up to \$79,000, estimated the board chairman.

Mr. Lawson also told council

arrangements with the librarians which covered up for last year's use, Mr. Lawson said.

"Heard any reply?" asked the deputy - reeve. "No?" We've learned our lesson. Next time we've got any dealings with Georgetown, we'll get it in writing."

the board had agreed to reimburse Georgetown and Milton librarians for township pupils using the facilities in 1967 at a rate of one dollar per pupil. Cheques were sent to the Georgetown and Milton librarians for \$450 and \$250 respectively.

Principals worked out the ar-

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