

# BELL LINES



by L. G. Denby  
your telephone  
manager

The other day I came across an interesting article about telephone calling in the old days. The article described how, in 1923, roller skates were introduced in one of our long distance centres for use by messengers carrying pertinent information about long distance calls from what we called "recording" to "line" positions. At that time, a "recording" operator took down the details of a customer's long distance call and then said, "We will call you back." Another "line" operator set up the connection and then telephoned the caller. Beginning in 1926, CLR (combined line and recording) ensured that most calls were completed while the caller remained on the phone.

It's a far cry from 1969 when you can pick up the phone in Acton and call almost anywhere in just a matter of seconds.

Did you know that the ordinary looking telephone in your home contains at least 62 different materials that come from all over the world. They range from the most valued — gold — to the most common — paper. Each performs a special function helping your phone to work better and longer.

Many of these materials — iron, zinc, copper, nickel and plastics can be obtained in Canada. But it takes the resources of nations on every continent but Antarctica to provide raw materials for a single phone. Tin, for example, comes from Malaya, Bolivia and Nigeria and is used in electroplating terminals.

To seek out these ingredients, suppliers are constantly on the move to gather the needed raw materials. Many are well-known: aluminum, carbon, chromium, copper, cotton, lead, nickel, nylon, rayon, rubber, silver, steel and zinc. Other materials have more exotic names such as beryllium, molybdenum, vanadium and palladium. The latter is a precious metal that is noted for its high electrical conductivity and resistance to corrosion. It is used for practically all electrical contacts in the telephone.

So the next time you make a telephone call, and you can call practically anywhere now, remember that, through your phone, the world is truly at your finger tips.

*Slyde Shulky*

BUSHY, BEARDED Sandy Cheney of Lake View, N.Y. was a colorful entrant in the sled dog races on the weekend. — (Staff Photo)

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SPILLS, THRILLS AND CHILLS highlight the weekend's sled dog races at Carlisle, where nine drivers from Ontario, New York and Ohio gathered to pit the strength and endurance of their trained teams against one another in a two heat, 17 mile race. Dr. Kent Vesko of Newbury, Ohio hollers his team on, as they race across the slushy terrain at the Carlisle park. — (Staff Photo)

## Ken Marshall and friends compete in sled dog races



WORN OUT AND WET TO THE SKIN, Ken Marshall and his Siberian Huskies relax after finishing a grueling heat in the Siberian Husky Club of Canada's annual sled dog races at a park near Carlisle on the weekend. Marshall held sixth place at the conclusion of the two-day meet. A 16-year-old Acton High School student, he is enjoying his second year of racing. He won a second prize in the races at Putlinch last year with a two dog team. — (Staff Photo)

Teams of trained Siberian Husky racing dogs from the Milton and Acton areas were among nine entered in the Siberian Husky Club of Canada's annual winter races held at Carlisle Park near Carlisle on the weekend.

Stephen French of Milton and his team of five dogs from Blue Spruce Kennels was the overall winner of the two-day meet. He completed the eight and a half mile course on Saturday in the fastest time of 39:25 seconds, then returned to come second in the Sunday afternoon heat in 26:37 minutes for a total time of just over 65 minutes on the 17 mile course.

Ken Marshall, a 16-year-old entrant from Acton, made a good showing. He just started Husky racing last year. His six-dog team ended sixth overall in the standings, with a total time of 97 minutes.

A special junior racing class for children was staged on Sunday afternoon, and Susan Currie of Milton, racing with three dogs from the Blue Spruce kennel, was the winner.

Second prize went to a four-year-old, Maryellis Carroll of Ransomville, N.Y. Her time wasn't apt to shatter any existing records but her style was a sight to behold. While other drivers stand on the rear of the sleigh to steer it through the drifts, the little four-year-old plunked herself right inside it and went through the abbreviated junior racing course "hanging on for dear life." Stephen French's dogs also won the weight pulling competition at 560 lbs. Art Wood of Lockport, N.Y., was second.

Peter French of Milton was trial judge for the annual winter event, and reports it was a grand success. Slippery racing conditions on Saturday hampered the dogs and kept the crowd of spectators down, but freezing conditions overnight made the course on Sunday one of the fastest, and a crowd of around 200 witnessed the final day's events.

## Legion town league tallies

ATOMS—Weston and Brampton ended their game last Saturday in a two-all tie. Tim Dagle scored the first goal for Brampton on a pass from Marc McKerracher in the first period. At the end of the first period Brampton was still leading 1-0. Neither team scored in the second. Early in the third period Scott Malcolm scored unassisted putting Brampton ahead 2-0. Then Weston took fire. Shane Withers put one in the net at the 9:09 mark from Ken Woodman. Bruce McPhail tied it up unassisted at 14:55.

NOVICE—Oshawa tied St. Kitts 1-1 in the first Novice action. Jim Ellerby scored from Mike Morris for Oshawa at the 1:30 mark. Ford Alton tied it for St. Kitts unassisted. The score remained 1-1 for the rest of the game.

In the second Novice game Hamilton defeated Niagara Falls 3-2. The Hamilton boys were leading through the entire game. It was 1-0 at the end of the first period with an unassisted goal by Gord Toth. Larry Brown scored on a pass from Fred Allan, and Marvin McNabb picked up a pass from Gord Toth making it 3-1 at the end of the second period.

For Niagara Falls, Joe Schuts scored from Steve McKnight in the second, and Doug McKnight scored from John Schuts in the third.

PEE WEE—Rochester downed Springfield 5-2 in the first Pee Wee match last Saturday. John Hansen scored for Rochester early in the first on a pass from Pete Hargrave. At the end of the first, it was 1-0 for Rochester. In the second, Steve Papillon tied it up on a pass from Bernie Taylor. Ten seconds later Pete Hargrave made it 2-1 for Rochester assisted by Dave Allen. Bernie Taylor put another in the net for Springfield with help from Terry Slaven and George Carnegie.

Then Rochester shot out in front with two goals by Doug Allen from Pete Hargrave and John Hansen, and one by Hansen unassisted. The final score was 5-2 for Rochester.

The second Pee Wee match was a dark day for Cleveland. Baltimore cleaned them 11-1. Wayne Allan scored Cleveland's only goal from John Cameron in the first period.

For Rochester, Charlie McCrae scored from Steve Ward, Mike Ferguson from Charlie McCrae, and John Dyer from Ron Death in the first period. In the second Ron Death scored unassisted on a penalty shot. Ron scored three more goals in the third period, one unassisted and the others on assists from Larry Hepburn. Charlie McCrae scored one unassisted and one from Mike Ferguson. Charlie Allen scored one from Charlie McCrae and John Dyer scored one unassisted. Each team had three penalties.

BANTAM—Buffalo downed Pittsburgh 3-2 in a close game. Randy Coker scored the first goal in the game from Riny Schuts putting Pittsburgh in the lead 1-0. John Jordan and Randy Ferguson scored unassisted for Buffalo changing the tide to a 2-1 lead for their team.

Jim MacNabb scored the second goal for Pittsburgh unassisted. Blair Slipp scored a third for Buffalo making it 3-2.

The game featured more penalties than goals. Buffalo suffered 13 penalties and Pittsburgh managed seven.

## At the Legion hall Activities at Branch 197

By Charlie Thomson

Results of the men's euchre at the Legion Friday night saw John Goy, Andy Nolan and Max Storey walk off with the steaks with scores of 63, 61 and 60 respectively. Jim Milne's 44 won him the hogona.

Mixed euchre Saturday won Joan Taylor and Janet Rogers steaks with scores of 56 and 54. Sandra Andrews took the baco

## Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Bridge players are continually testing and adding to their bidding a variety of conventions to more accurately describe their hands. Unfortunately they do not pay enough attention to their basic bids before they want to add these conventions.

Unless you and your partner have a good understanding of the basic bids you will always find hands which give you trouble to bid. Yet how many times have I seen a bridge player not keep his (or her) partner's bid open with six points or respond with a new suit at the two level to partners opening with less than ten points.

Another bidding "crime" occurs when your partner opens the bidding and you hold an opening bid yourself. Many bridge players make a jump response in this situation and thus cannot use a jump response to show a really good hand. Since, in standard American bridge, any change of suit is forcing, it is not necessary to make a jump response with just an opening bid.

The jump can be delayed to the record round of bidding with no problems. Such a jump shows value for game but little interest in slam.

A jump shift response to partner's opening bid should be reserved for hands where there is a definite chance for slam opposite partner's opening bid. The usual range is 19 points or more but this is often shaded in practice to hands which are good 17 point hands or better.

Last week at the Acton Bridge Club two pairs rined slam on the following hand. A proper understanding of the jump shift response should lead to an easy slam.

West dealt with East-West vulnerable.

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

WEST	EAST
S-6,3	S-3,8
H-7,6,5,4,2	H-Q,9,3
D-10,6,5	D-Q,10,6,5
C-7,4,2	C-Q,9,8,3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1S	Pass	3D
Pass	3S	Pass	3N.T.
Pass	5N.T.	Pass	5H.
Pass	6N.T.	Pass	6S

Opening lead—5 of hearts.

Once North opens the bidding, South should make a jump shift to show his excellent hand. After asking for ace, North could settle for six spades but his is duplicate and six no trump could be a better score. With the diamond queen on side, thirteen tricks are easy.

But if your jump shifts are made on 14 points how can you describe your 18 points. Bid no trump I suppose and that's just what two pairs did last week and they played it right there.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first Jackie Nolan and Betty Ashley, second Kay Campbell and Ivan Harris, third Gloria Coats and Art Norris, fourth Lloyd Kier and Dick Priest.

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ART HAWES

We have received word from the Department of Lands and Forests that the back patches hunters receive with their licences are not compulsory throughout Ontario.

Those hunting north of the French and Mattawa Rivers are not compelled to wear the back patches. The bark patches are compulsory in Southern Ontario.

### Acton team proceeds in bonspiel

One Acton team of five proceeds into the finals of the Smith and Stone bonspiel for Halton and Peel rinks. Ken Marchment's team won their third game last night (Tuesday) and will play again Thursday.

Walter Dubois' team lost their third game Tuesday.

John Goy, Meh Blow and Chester Anderson's teams lost out on Monday. The bonspiel started Saturday.

On the Marchment team are Ken Marchment skip, Allan Ellerby vice, Dick Lee second and Brydon Hunter lead.

### Filly bonspiel at Erin

An Acton ladies' curling team entered the annual Filly Bonspiel at Erin Tuesday, winning one game and losing one.

Curlers were Shirley Hunter skip, Anne Moore vice, Rene Watson second and Norma Robinson lead.

While they didn't win, they didn't come home empty-handed. Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Moore took the first and second prizes in a draw.

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