

Halton-Peel wedding . . .

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Acton analyzes the minister's proposals in context, Mr. Marks went on. Nasagaweya and Acton standing together to oppose is all well and good but the minister has 75 per cent going for his proposal. Let's accept Halton and Peel and go over the boundaries he suggests, get down to work and guide the ship now that it is on its way. It would be better for the people of Acton, he stated.

"What good does it do to stand back and object, object, object?" he asked. "We should prepare a detailed brief to submit to Mr. McKeough."

Mayor Doby, however, saw the situation from a different angle. "We've been held in limbo for the past several months now, and he looked askance on adding to the town's woes."

"The ball is in our court," Mr. Marks insisted.

"We're in the throes of another phasing out operation, just like the CNR," the mayor countered. "There is no consideration for the town of Acton whatsoever. We're not being heard. They are just

listening to the powerhouse and just going through the motions of listening to us."

The reeve agreed, insisting the town has done everything the minister has asked and if he'd tell us what his plan is we'd come up with an alternative. "We haven't fallen down," he declared.

Mr. Marks said the minister had given a general outline of his plans in Phase 2 Design for Development, but the mayor said these thoughts had been gone over thoroughly by Councillor Coats and himself representing Acton at a recent Central Ontario Regional Development Council meeting. "The town has not fallen down on this," he told Mr. Marks.

Councillor Marks conceded the CORDA questionnaire was good but claimed it lacked the power of collective opinion. He suggested a committee to co-ordinate Acton's ideas on the subject.

The Burlington resolution was filed with virtually no support. The Nasagaweya resolution passed with Marks and McKenzie opposed.



MASTER OF WALKER Lodge for 1070, Vic Patrick receives gavel from immediate Past Master Don Van Fleet. Officers were installed Saturday evening. — (Staff Photo)

Refer appointments back to committee

Appointments, usually a routine council resolution at the year-end meeting, ran into some unexpected opposition when names were submitted to bring the Parks Board and Recreation Committee to full strength at last Tuesday's council meeting. Deputy Reeve Ted Tyler thought council should have at least a week to consider the names of Art Gordon, John Shadbolt and Norm Elliott, submitted by Parks Board to replace chairman Brendan Aherne who resigned and the expired terms of Herb Dodds and Wilf Duval. The latter two did not wish to continue.

Councillor Peter Marks, one of two councillors on Parks Board, said council knew that two appointments must be made this year and there had been plenty of time to consider who should fill the vacancies. Councillor Bill Coats agreed.

But Mayor Les Doby sided with the deputy reeve that the decision should be held in abeyance because council knew nothing official about the resignation and retirements.

"There is no way I can accept the recommendations of people who are resigning because of their attitude to us," the mayor said, referring to the recent feud between council and the board. "Are you suggesting sour grapes, Mr. Mayor?" asked Councillor Marks.

They were very disenchanted with council, the mayor explained, so there is no way I can accept their recommendations, sour grapes or not. "As mayor I'm concerned," he declared.

Councillor McKenzie said he also was concerned especially when council never knew how many resignations were forthcoming. The four are now three, he said. "Now to deal with resignations and appointments all in one breath." Resignations, he suggested, should be kept above board. Hold it over and deal with it later, he urged.

"I can't see anything wrong with the actions of the board," Councillor Marks said. "Any decision they make until the end of the year is valid, regardless of feelings."

Council didn't agree by seven votes to two and the appointments were referred to committee with Marks and Coats opposing.

Appointments made by council were:

- Vic Britton to Planning Board for three years.
- Jim Lindsay to Committee of Adjustment for three years.
- George Lee, Fred New, Ted Pratt and Rev. Harry Dawson to the Library Board.
- J. H. Creighton to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Public accounts committee another job for Whiting?

Halton MP Rud Whiting got a nice Christmas present another job.

Rumors from the nation's capital Christmas week, said Mr. Whiting was expected to be appointed to the Public Accounts Committee when the House of Commons resumes in mid-January after its Christmas recess. The all-party committee is headed by Conservative MP Alf Hales of Guelph and the committee is charged with being

the government's "watchdog" keeping an eye on the public spending.

This committee recently looked into the expenses of retitling the HMCS Bonaventure and a public row developed when the committee findings were made public. Tax write-offs for automobile manufacturers also caused a controversy and this year the committee plans to look into the operation of the CBC.

Elected to the house in 1968, Mr. Whiting has been busy at Ottawa with riding problems and has served on the regional development committee in addition to being a parliamentary observer at the United Nations in New York.

Name J. Snow OHC member

Halton East MPP Jim Snow has been appointed a member of the Ontario Housing Corporation, Premier John Robarts' office announced on Wednesday. Mr. Snow will be the first government member to sit on the OHC.

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Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Season's greetings to all our readers. May the new year bring you more and better bridge.

The duplicate players' life is ruled by overtricks. He must try to make more tricks than others who play the same cards, even though it may risk the contract that he is in.

Here is an example of how this happens, taken from last week's holiday game at the Acton Bridge Club.

East dealt with North-South vulnerable:

NORTH	SOUTH
S 192	S Void
H A 5	H K 10 8 6 4
D 10 9 4 1	D Q 7 5 2
C Q 6 5 1	C 9 4 2
WEST	EAST
S A 8 6 3	H Q 1
H 13 7 2	H 10 8 6 4
D 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	D Q 7 5 2
C K 10 9 8	C 9 4 2
SOUTH	NORTH
S K Q 10 7 5 4	H A 5
H Q 1	H 10 8 6 4
D A J 6	D 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
C A 7	C 9 4 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1S	2C	2NT
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Opening lead 10 of diamonds. West's overcall may seem atrocious to many but he didn't feel like selling out to his vulnerable opponents. North could double the two-club bid but again being vulnerable could be made enough points to offset a vulnerable game. One North shows a good hand, South proceeds directly to game.

The opening lead is ducked around to declarer who wins with the Jack East, of course, does not play the queen on the lead.

A round of trump discloses the void in the East hand as he signals with the heart eight. At this point, declarer is sure that East has the heart King and West the club King. The diamond distribution is unknown. West wins the second trump and in response to his partner's signal leads a heart.

Declarer wins in dummy and proceeds to lead out all his trump. When West discards two hearts and East lets go one diamond and three clubs and a couple of hearts.

The club ace forces East to discard another red card. At this point, declarer could take the ace and king of diamonds and claim the contract. A duplicate player should watch East's discard and play accordingly.

In actual play, East discarded a heart. Declarer cashed the diamond ace and led the queen of hearts. East won and was forced to lead from his

queen-eight of diamonds into dummy's king-nine.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Kate and Jack Coats with Can Sinclair and Bill Coats; third, Walter Behn and Frank Mullin; fourth, Betty Ashby and Kay Campbell.

Midnight mass packed to doors

Midnight mass at St. Joseph's Church on Christmas eve was packed and two Christmas day masses found large throngs of worshippers attending.

The beautiful altar and the crib, long a highlight of St. Joseph's Parish, were at the usual high standard.

Father V. J. Morgan, pastor, said all three masses, the senior choir sang at midnight mass and the junior choir at morning masses.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

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