

Parents Hear Progress Report at Sunshine School Open House

The fourth parents' and teachers' night was held at the Sunshine School by the Education committee of the North Halton Association for Retarded Children recently.

The committee and teachers were on hand to greet the parents as they arrived and signed the guest book. The meeting was held in the therapy room with Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, the chairman of the committee, conducting the meeting. She opened with the C.A.R.C. prayer and introduced Mrs. L. A. Merritt, secretary of the committee.

Mrs. Kennedy welcomed teachers and parents and told them they made a necessary team. The education of a retarded child is partnership effort in which mutual interest and problems are involved. The fact that you are here tonight is proof that you are trying to be part of that team, she noted.

B. Behaviour Problems

Mrs. Joe Lewin, a member of the education committee, addressed the meeting on subjects taken from the teachers' education conference of the O.A.R.C. at London in late October where she, with teacher Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Campbellville, and Mrs. John C. Hill, Hornby, attended.

Highlights were reviewed from 'How to solve behaviour problems' taken from J. B. Forheringham's address; language development and special speech problems' from Miss Jean Ward; 'development of music and rhythm' from Miss Bocian; 'trends in teaching and programming for trainable retarded' from Mr. McCarthy and from Dr. S. K. Koegler's address.

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Mrs. Lewin was thanked by all for her splendid report from the conference.

Principal Report

One of the highlights of these parents' and teachers' meetings has been when Mrs. Jeffares of Campbellville, principal of Sunshine School, in her sincere and cheerful way speaks to them of her pupils and incidents of everyday school teaching at Sunshine School.

At this meeting Mrs. Jeffares explained why she thought the IQ grading within the retarded schools was unimportant. She gave an outline of a day teaching at the school. She told how Mrs. Hill taught the beginners and guests' learned reg in her class. Mrs. Mitchell handled the more active and demanding children of seven to nine years. The ten years and over-all day pupils were her own charge in the morning. Mrs. Mitchell makes the second necessary teacher for the afternoon class. These all day pupils are taught duties and responsibilities used and needed around the home and in the community during the afternoon period. The many jobs at Jean Ward; 'development of music and rhythm' from Miss Bocian; 'trends in teaching and programming for trainable retarded' from Mr. McCarthy and from Dr. S. K. Koegler's address.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

by Bill Coats

How does a rubber bridge player know when he has played a hand well? He can always look at all the cards afterwards and see what the defence should have done, but would other defenses have been the same or not?

The duplicate player has no such problem since other players will play the same cards. It is always a thrill, then, to make a contract that other declarers did not make.

Board No. 5 from last week's game at the Acton Bridge Club was one of these occasions. It was played three times, one at three hearts making three, and twice at four hearts. One declarer went down two, while I managed to make four.

In the bidding, I don't agree with my partner's original pass. With 14 points, this hand should be opened. One diamond would be the best opening bid. I think the final contract would be the same in either case.

Board No. 5
Dealer—West.
East—West: vulnerable
North
S—A Q 2
H—9 7 3 2
D—J 4 3 2
C—A Q

West East
S—9 6 S—K J 8 5 4 3
H—Q H—K 10 5
D—K 9 6 5 D—10 7
C—K J 10 8 7 2 C—6 3

South
S—10 7
H—A J 8 6 4
D—A Q 8
C—8 5 4

The bidding

West North East South

Pass Pass 1H 1H

Pass 3H Pass 4H

Pass Pass Pass

The opening lead was the spade 9, which I ducked. East won with the jack and led back the diamond 10. Again, I ducked and this led to West's king, which I won with the ace.

At this point, I had lost two tricks and I was faced with a sure trump loser. Hence, I had to assume that the club finesse would work. Now all I had to worry about was the trump suit.

I decided to play for a trump split a singleton honor in one hand. That is, I decided to play the heart ace and see what happened. I led a low heart: from dummy and East put on the 10. This was not a good play on East's part. It looked to me as if the 10 was from a doubleton or it was a singleton.

In the first case, it would be right to play the ace, and in the second case (singleton), it wouldn't matter. Hence, I played the ace and dropped West's singleton queen. It was now easy to drive out the heart king, remove trump and take the club finesse, which fortunately made.

Hindsight is always better than foresight, but I still think I would have played the ace, even if East had played a low trump. My tip to bridge players is to always play low unless you have a good reason not to.

Bridge Club Winners Monday
Tied for 1st: Olive Logan and Mrs. Bess Hewson; Tom Warnes and Charlie Corcoran.
3rd: Jack Hooper and Duke Wilson.

Hal: How do you know it was a baby snake?
Cal: I could hear its rattle

Inglewood Dinner Social for Mill Christmas Party

Employees of Beaumont Knitting Co. Ltd., Glen Williams, again held their Christmas party at Inglewood this year.

The ladies of the Inglewood United Church catered for a turkey dinner in the church


hall Saturday evening, where Sam Penrice and Gordon Graham welcomed employees and their guests. Mrs. Penrice was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Later the group adjourned to the nearby community hall for a program of carol singing, dancing, games and bingo, with Santa's traditional visit to distribute gifts.

The party was arranged by Don Hancock, Jack Davidson, Cec Davidson and Mrs. Elsie Hordern.

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The Rotary Club thanks all who helped make the Senior Citizens' Dinner a success, with particular thanks to the Red Cross for the gifts that were distributed. Also to Paul Barber for the Baldwin organ he loaned.



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